

# Model-based Testing Theory and Application

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# Point of departure



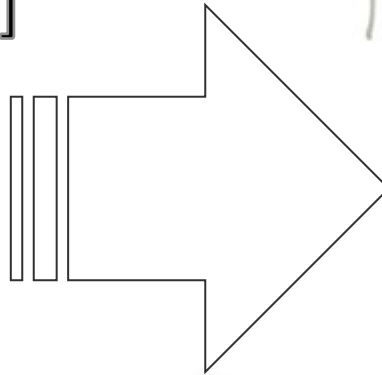
# Open questions

- Have we built the right system?

[VALIDATION]

- Have we built the system right?

[VERIFICATION]



# V&V activities

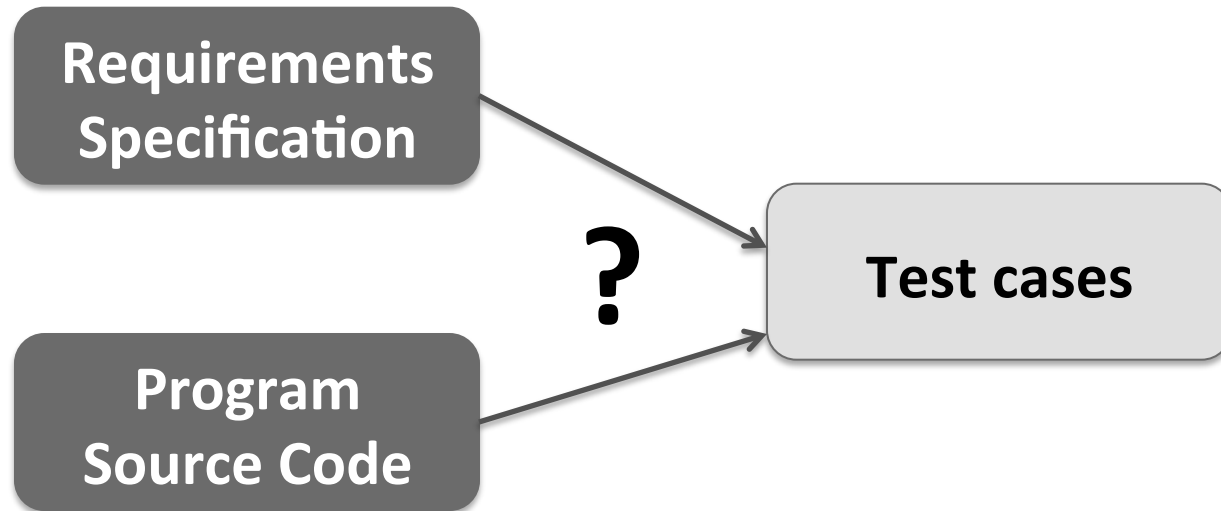
- Check correctness and expectations!
  - Formal *verification*
  - **Testing**  
*(for verification and validation)*

# Testing framework

- Requirements
- Specification
- Source code
- Tests are characterized by:
  - Input values
  - Expected output values
- Test suite = set of tests
- Program is “correct” iff all tests are fulfilled!

# Test characterization

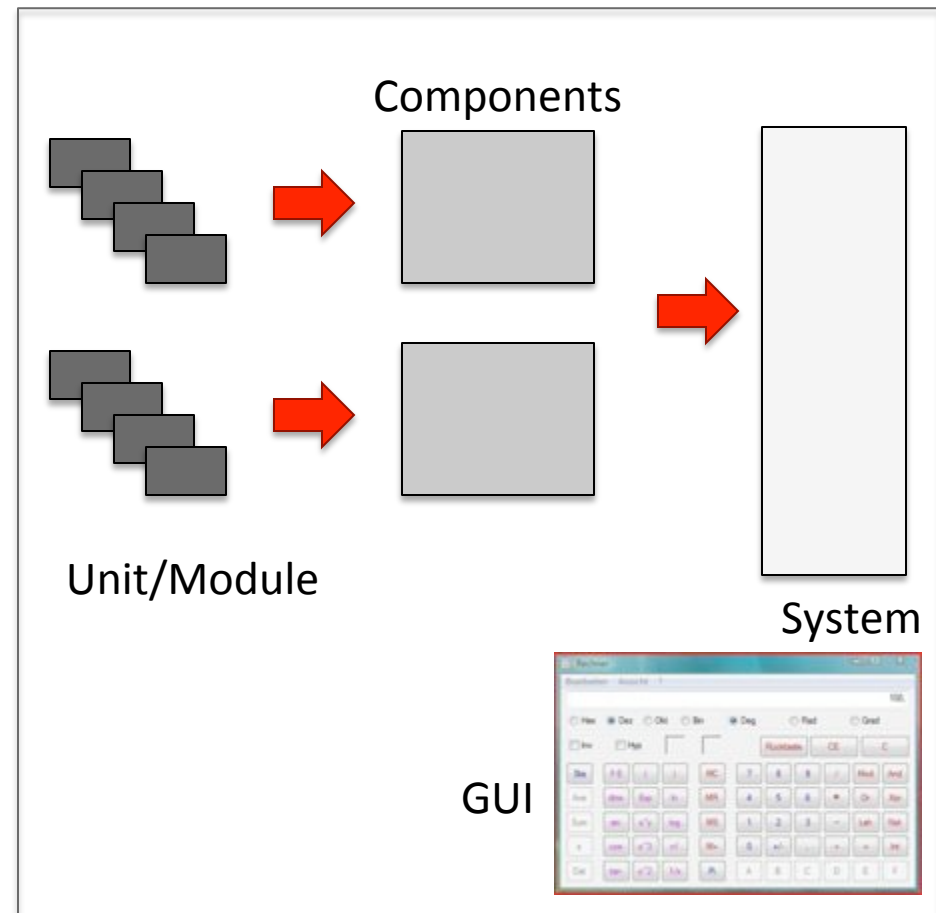
- *Which information is available?*
  - **Black-box** vs. **White-box** testing



- **Examples:** Model-based testing, Equivalence-based methods, Combinatorial testing, Coverage-based methods, Random-Testing (Monkey Testing, Fuzz Testing,..)

# Testing – a program-centric view

- Which part of the program to be tested?
  - Unit-Tests
  - Component tests
  - Integration tests
  - System tests
  - User-interface Testing



# Testing – a process-oriented view

- At which part of the development process testing is done?
  - Verification (Unit-Tests, regressions tests,...)
  - Validation





# What should I test?

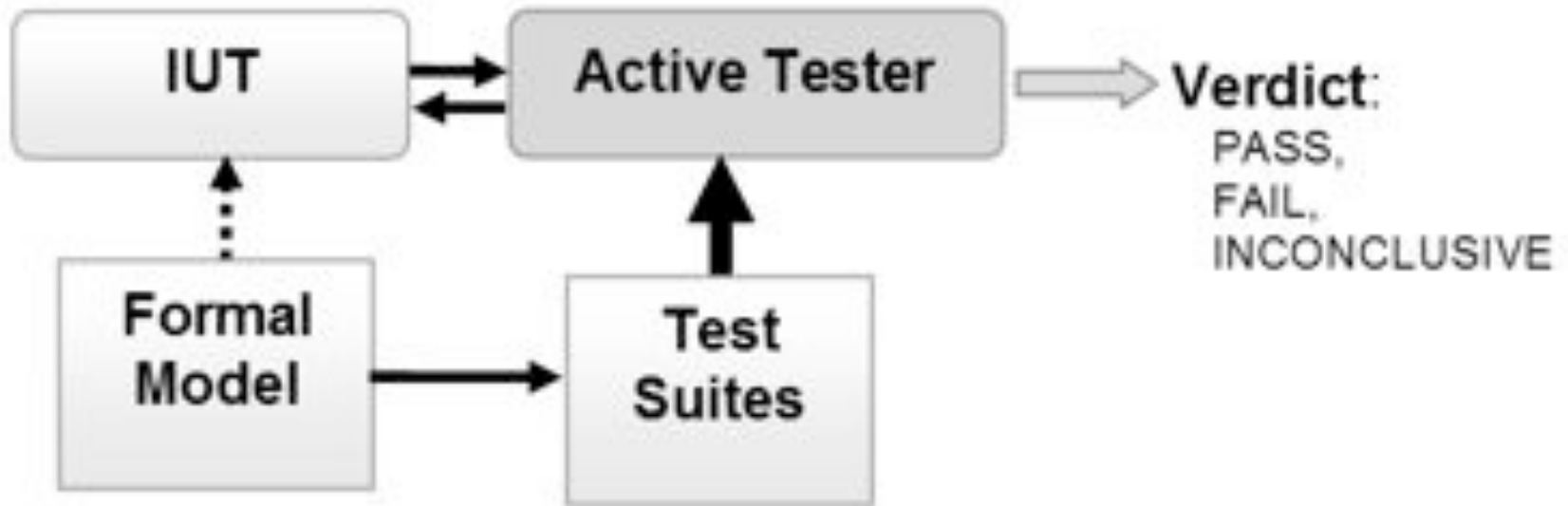
- Functionality
- Robustness
- Usability



# Test automation

- 2 Levels:
  - Automated test case generation
    - From models or the source code (Oracle problem)
  - Automated test execution (e.g. JUnit)
    - Challenges because of different interfaces (Web, different OS platforms, databases, GUIs,... )
    - Hardware In the Loop (HIL) testing

# Model-based testing



# Model?

Finite automata



MouseClicked(N\*4) |  
num = num \* 4

State	Properties
0	-
1	TextFieldP
2	NotIsHung
3	TextFieldP
4	WindowC

Qualitative models

Constraints

UML diagrams

1. o
2. e
3. ...



# Test case generation

- Directly from the model
  - Equation solving (constraints)
  - Traversing a graph
  - Combination of solving and graph traversal
- Feasible (at least for smaller models)
- Orthogonal to manual testing
- Focus (but not necessarily) system testing

# **TWO CASE STUDIES**

# GUI Savvy End-to-End Testing with Smart Monkeys

Birgit Hofer, Bernhard Peischl and **Franz Wotawa**

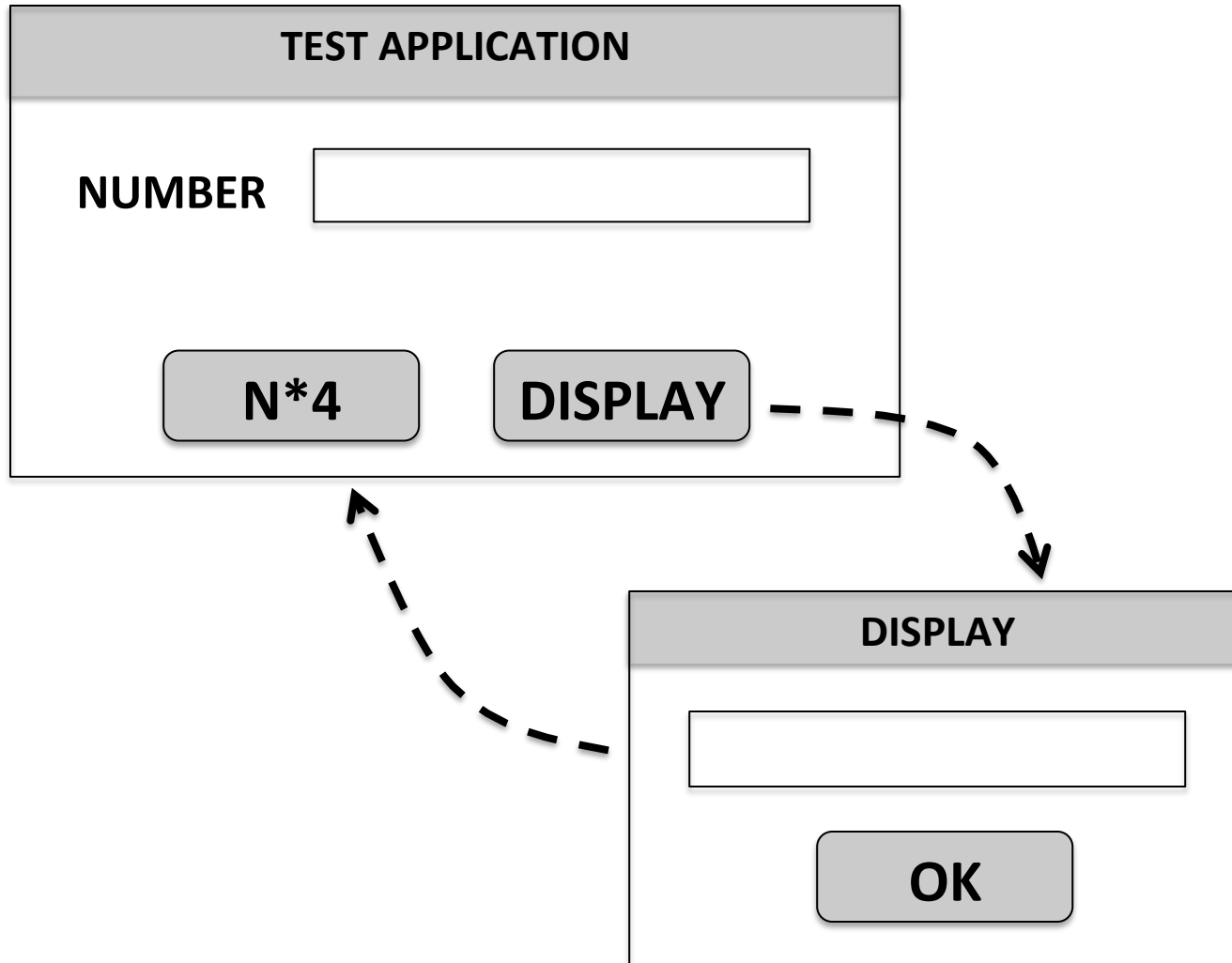


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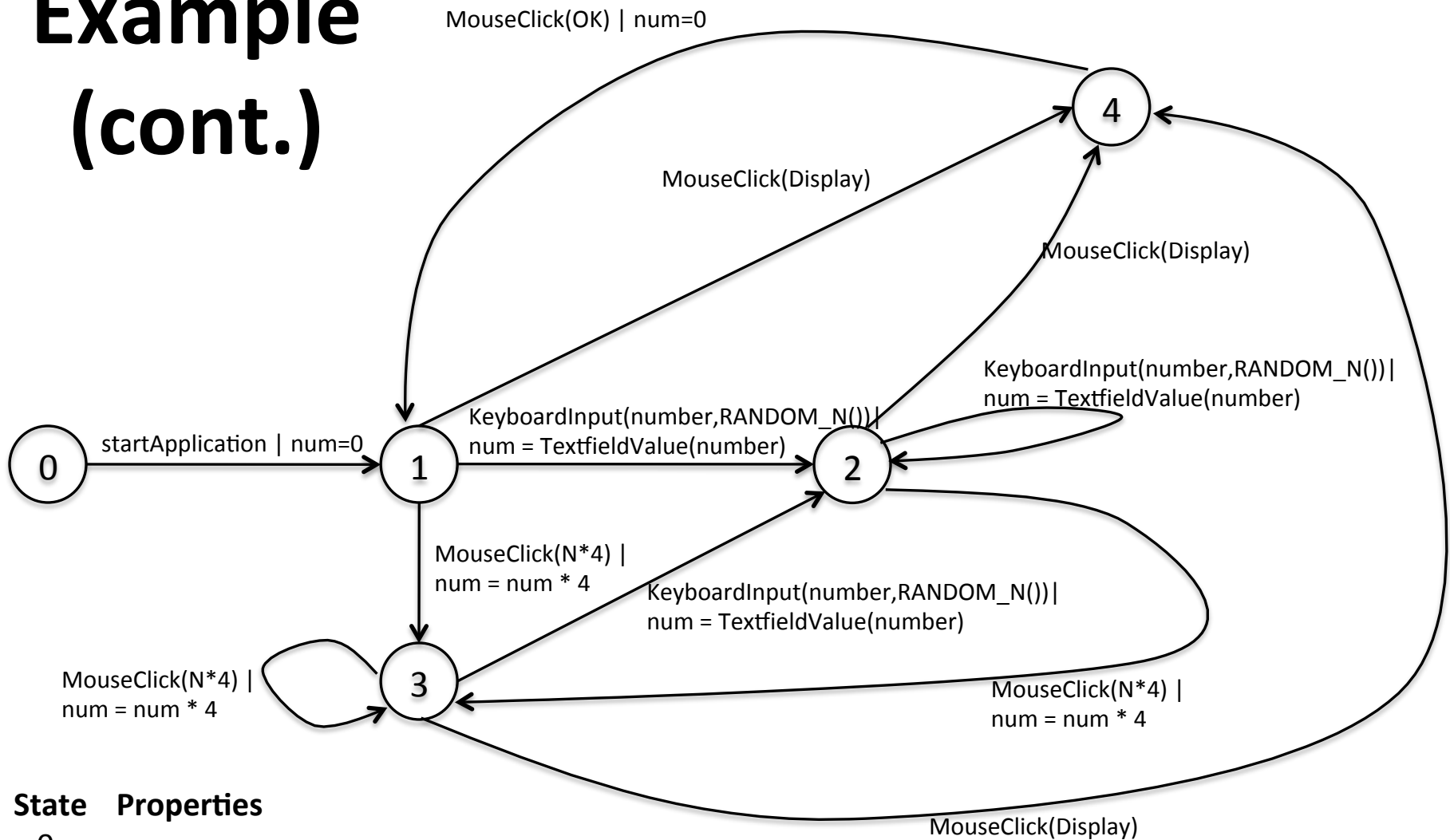


# Example





# Example (cont.)



## State Properties

0	-
1	$\text{TextfieldProperty}(\text{number}, 0) \wedge \text{NotIsHungProperty}()$
2	$\text{NotIsHungProperty}()$
3	$\text{TextfieldProperty}(\text{number}, \text{num}) \wedge \text{NotIsHungProperty}()$
4	$\text{WindowCaptionProperty}(\text{DISPLAY}) \wedge \text{NotIsHungProperty}()$

# Windows Calculator Case



# Found faults

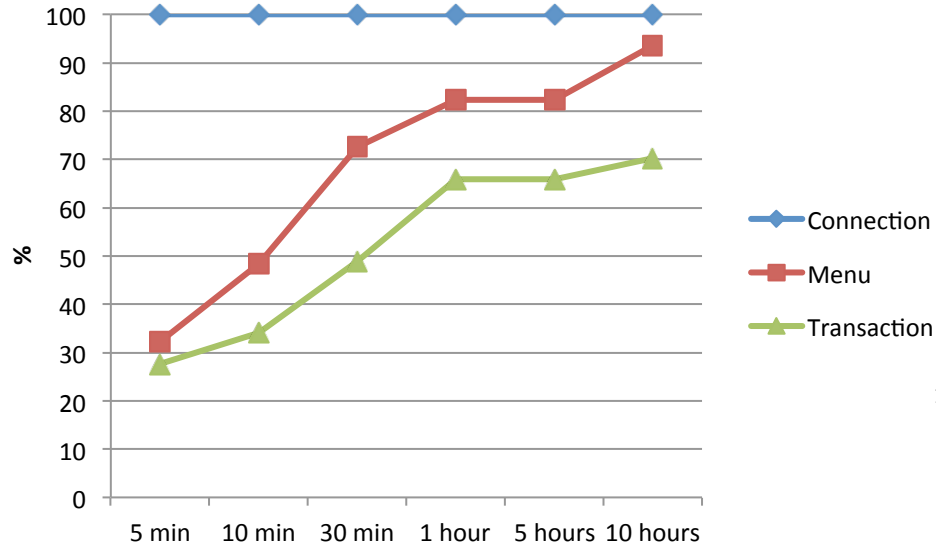
- Event sequenz 1<sup>st</sup> fault:
  - The monkey produces a division by zero (e.g.  $65 / 0$ ),
  - then it opens the menu item *?/Help*.
  - The value in the text field changes from the error message *'Division by 0 not possible'* to a number.
- Event sequence 2<sup>nd</sup> fault:
  - The monkey produces a division by zero,
  - then it opens the menu item *?/Info*.
  - The info menu does not appear

# FileZilla Case

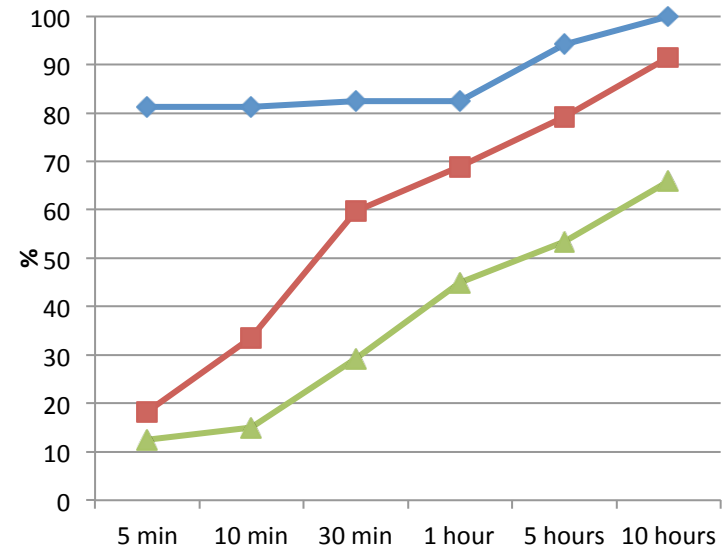
- Open Source FTP client ([www.filezilla.de](http://www.filezilla.de))
- 3 Models:
  - Connecting to server (quickconnect bar)
  - Test of menu items (offline test)
  - File operations (transfer, delete,...)
- Models have in sum 113 states and 301 transitions

# Model coverage

## State coverage



## Transition coverage



# Code coverage

- **Function coverage**
  - Up to 55 % after 1 hour of testing
- **Condition coverage**
  - Up to 26 % after 10 hours of testing
- **Reasons / Explanations:**
  - Models do not cover the whole functionality
  - Not all GUI elements used in models
  - Not all parts of the code can be tested using the GUI

# Fault detection capabilities

- 3 faults introduced in original source code
- All faults found (after 10 hours)
- On average 30 minutes to detect a fault

# Coverage Based Testing with Test Purposes

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Franz Wotawa

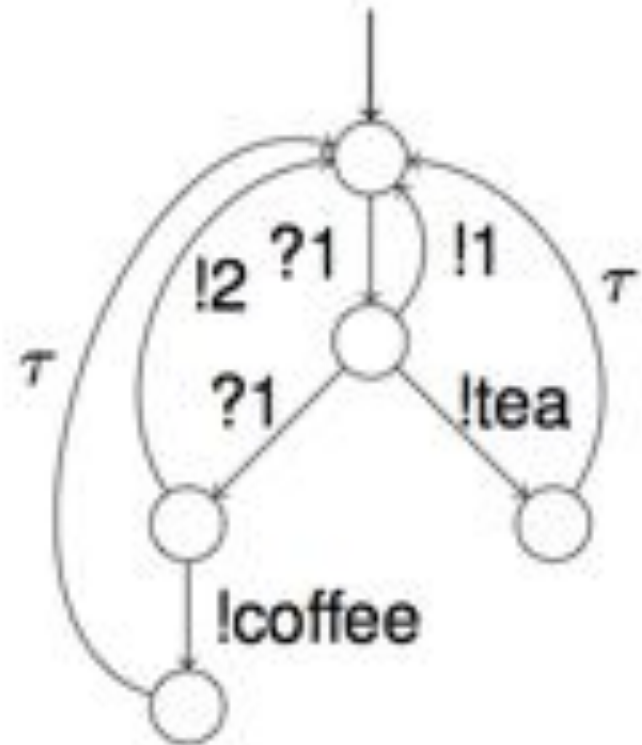
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# LTS Model

- Labeled Transition Systems (LTS)



# Test case generation

- Test purpose based
- Traversing the model
- Result: Sequence of inputs and outputs
- Case study SIP registrar (VoIP telephony)

# Results test generation

C.	No. TP	Regular			Minimized			
		ok	$\infty$	time	ok	cov	$\infty$	time
A	27	25	2	2h49m	10	15	2	2h37m
D	78	72	6	8h28m	10	62	6	3h11m
C	98	94	4	11h13m	12	82	4	3h26m
CD	176	166	10	19h39m	12	154	10	4h30m
$\Sigma$	<b>379</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42h9m</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13h44m</b>

C.	OpenSER				commercial			
	✓	✗	?	✂	✓	✗	?	✂
A	40	1	9	1	27	15	8	2
D	100	16	28	3	72	44	28	3
C	124	25	39	3	86	65	37	3
CD	224	41	67	3	158	109	65	3
Σ	<b>488</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3</b>

C.	OpenSER				commercial			
	✓	✗	?	✂	✓	✗	?	✂
A	12	0	8	0	3	10	7	1
D	10	2	8	2	2	10	8	2
C	12	2	10	2	2	12	10	2
CD	11	2	11	2	1	13	10	2
Σ	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>

**WHAT'S ABOUT SECURITY  
TESTING?**

# Applications to security testing

- Test case generation based on models of attack patterns!
- **Literature:**
  - Franz Wotawa, *Trust but Verify*, In Proc. ASQT 2012.
  - Josip Bozic and Franz Wotawa, *XSS Pattern for Attack Modeling in Testing*, In Proc. Automation of Software Test (AST), 2013.
  - Josip Bozic and Franz Wotawa, *Security Testing Based on Attack Patterns*, In Proc. 5<sup>th</sup> Intl. Workshop on Security Testing (SECTEST), 2014.
  - Josip Bozic, Dimitris E. Simos, and Franz Wotawa, *Attack Pattern-Based Combinatorial Testing*, In Proc. Automation of Software Test (AST), 2014.

# Vulnerability Detection

SQLI: `x' OR 'x'='x`

User ID:

```
ID: x' or 'x'='x  
First name: admin  
Surname: admin  
  
ID: x' or 'x'='x  
First name: Gordon  
Surname: Brown  
  
ID: x' or 'x'='x  
First name: Hack  
Surname: Me  
  
ID: x' or 'x'='x  
First name: Pablo  
Surname: Picasso  
  
ID: x' or 'x'='x  
First name: Bob  
Surname: Smith
```

>Success!

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<pre>ID: x' or 'x'='x<br>First name: admin<br>Surname: admin</pre><pre>ID: x' or  
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# Vulnerability Detection

XSS: `<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>`

reflected

What's your name?

stored

Name \*

Message \*



# Vulnerability Detection

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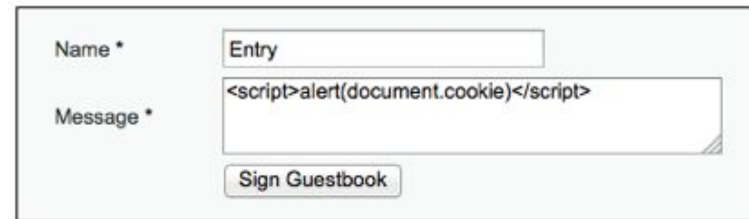
reflected



What's your name?

This diagram shows a web form for a name input. The input field contains the payload `cument.cookie)</script>`, which is reflected in the output. The form has a 'Submit' button.

stored



Name \*

Message \*

This diagram shows a web form for a guestbook. The 'Name' field contains 'Entry' and the 'Message' field contains the payload `<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>`. There is a 'Sign Guestbook' button.



security=low; PHPSESSID=50d88629b1c35158e63be55e8948d67b

This diagram shows an alert dialog box with the message `security=low; PHPSESSID=50d88629b1c35158e63be55e8948d67b` and an 'OK' button.

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security=low; PHPSESSID=50d88629b1c35158e63be55e8948d67b

> Success!

```
<pre>Hello <script>alert(document.cookie)</script></pre>
```

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XSS: `<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>`

reflected

What's your name?

stored

Name \*

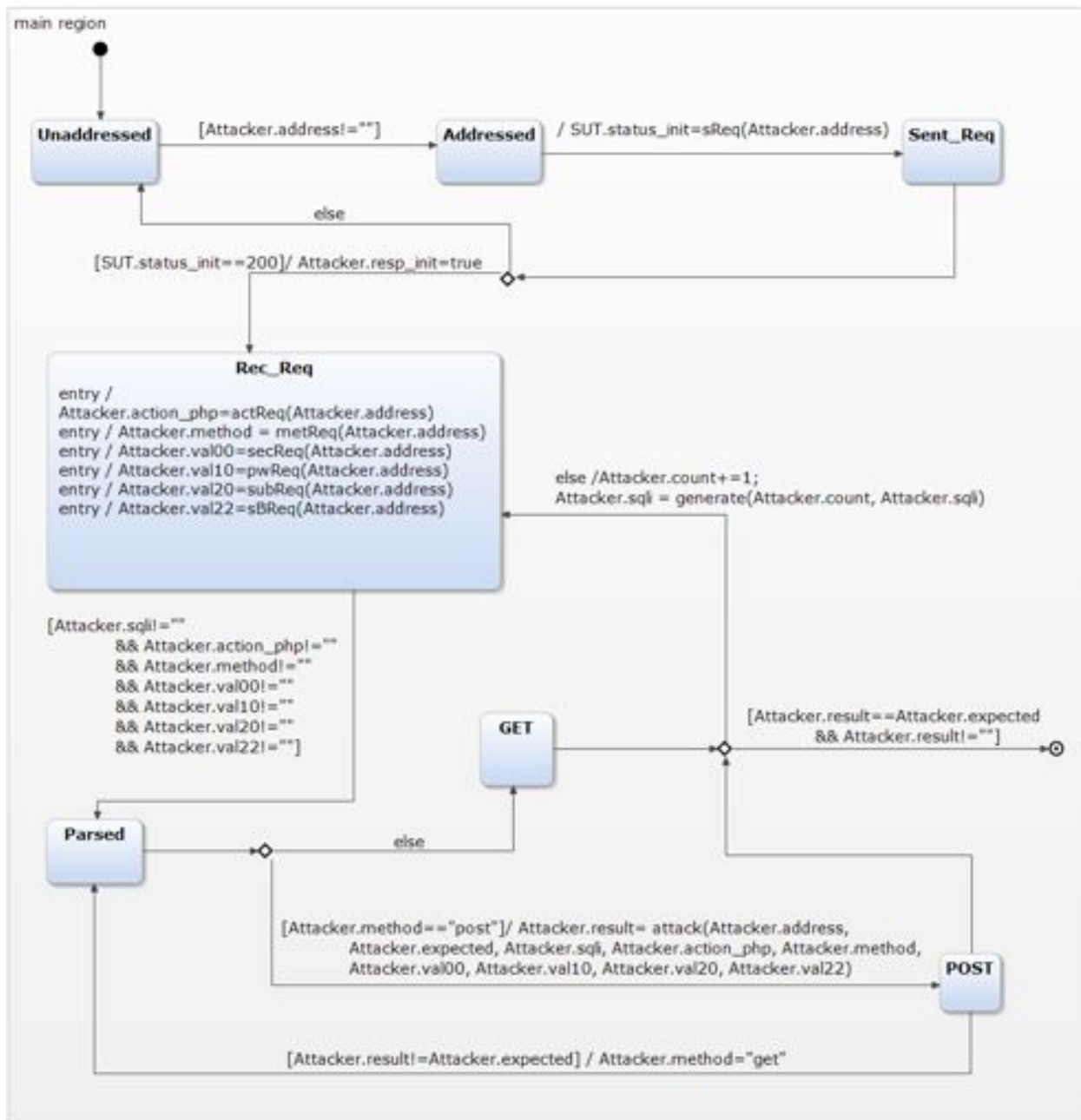
Message \*

Name: Entry  
Message:  
&lt;script&gt;alert(document.cookie)&lt;/script&gt;

> Failure!

```
<pre>Hello &lt;script&gt;alert(document.cookie)&lt;/script&gt;</pre>
```

# Model-based security testing



# Evaluation

- Five applications: NOWASP (Mutillidae) [8], Damn Vulnerable Web App (DVWA) [9], Bodgeit [10], Wordpress [11] and Anchor CMS [12].
- First three contain several security levels with every one having more sophisticated filtering mechanisms.
- Other programs are tested only for the second type of XSS because these are blog software, where posts are stored inside a database.
- All applications have been deployed on an Apache Server and comprise a MySQL database.
- Collection of 33 custom SQLI and 107 XSS input strings.

# Evaluation

Application	Type of vulnerability	Security Level	Average execution time (s)	# of successful injections	% coverage
DVWA	SQLI	low	8.47	8	24.24
		medium	10.55	2	6.06
		high	-	-	-
	RXSS	low	23.00	15	14.02
		medium	-	-	-
	SXSS	low	26.60	15	14.02
Mutillidae	SQLI	medium	-	-	-
		low	15.69	5	15.15
		medium	17.94	5	15.15
	RXSS	high	-	-	-
		low	42.20	40	37.38
		medium	52.60	40	37.38
	SXSS	high	-	-	-
		low	53.30	17	15.89
		medium	78.10	17	15.89
Bodgeit	SQLI	high	-	-	-
	RXSS	-	8.50	3	9.09
	SXSS	-	27.20	13	12.15
Wordpress	SXSS	-	26.30	26	24.30
		-	33.5	7	6.54
Anchor	SXSS	-	30	8	7.48

# Evaluation

- Both attack patterns have been slightly adapted.
- Wordpress was tested while our application was authenticated so all inputs were submitted after that step.
- Anchor CMS is similar to Wordpress with the difference that all posts have to be approved by the administrator.
- It was impossible to detect vulnerability on the hardest security level of the first three apps, which means that a more sophisticated test case generation strategy has to be adapted for this purpose.
- In Mutillidae, HttpClient enables communication on medium and hard level.

# What's next?

- Modeling of attacker
- Idea:
  - attack = sequence of actions = plan
  - use A.I. planning for attack generation
  - more flexible



# Conclusion

- Model-based testing finds faults that have been previously undetected (using manual tests)
- Completely automated generation
- Requires model (+ test purposes)
- Complementary to manual testing
- Can be used for security testing too!

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Richard Feynman  
(1918-1988)