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Beat The Bugs
Before They Beat You

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Why this talk:
Reduce the cost of building
and maintaining software by
minimising bugs and the
impact of bugs.

Is this talk for you?

- Beginner to intermediate
- Cover
 - Type hints
 - Generics in docblocks. E.g. `@param string[]`
 - Assertions
 - Value Objects



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Question 1:
Who puts bugs in
their code?

Question 2: When is the **best** **time** to find a bug?

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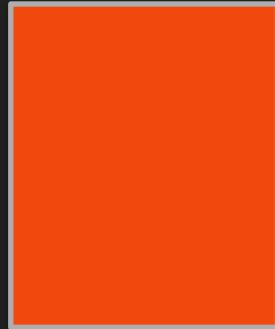
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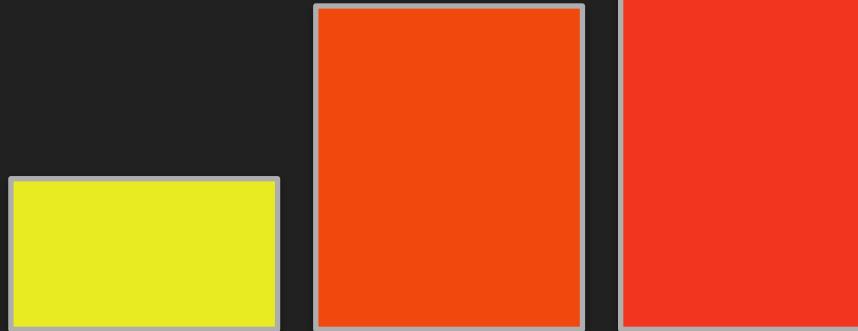


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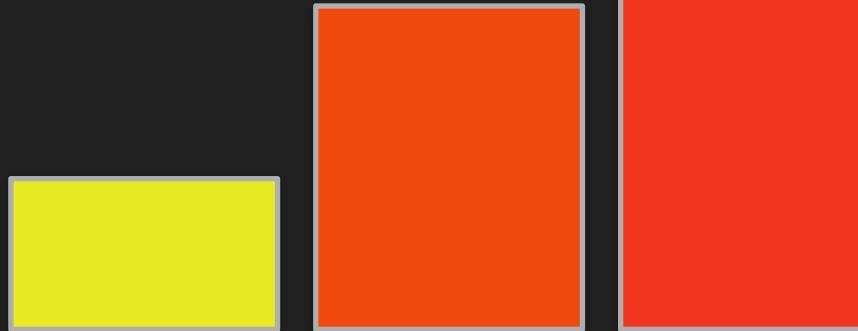


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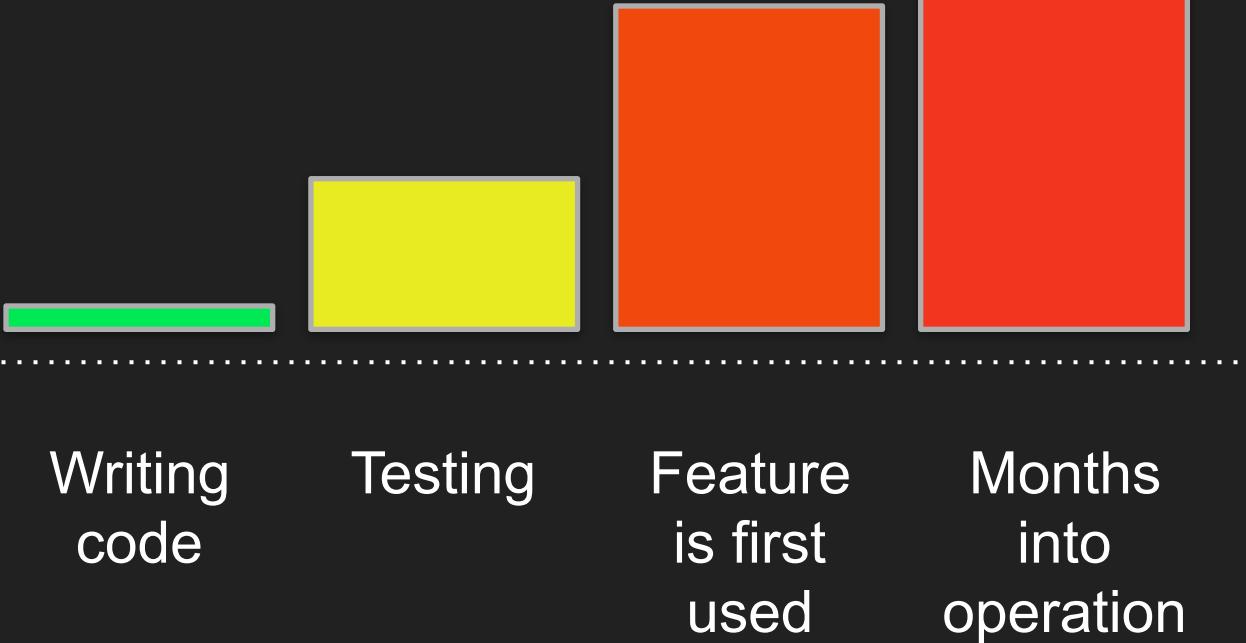
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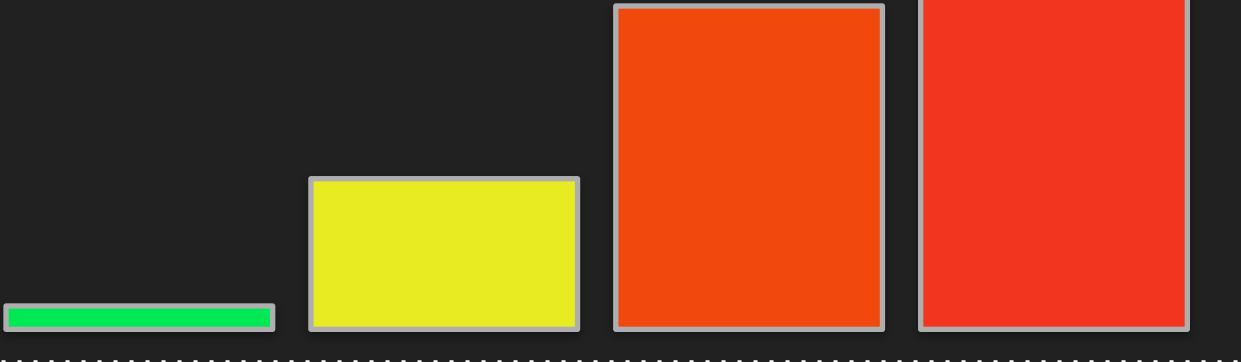
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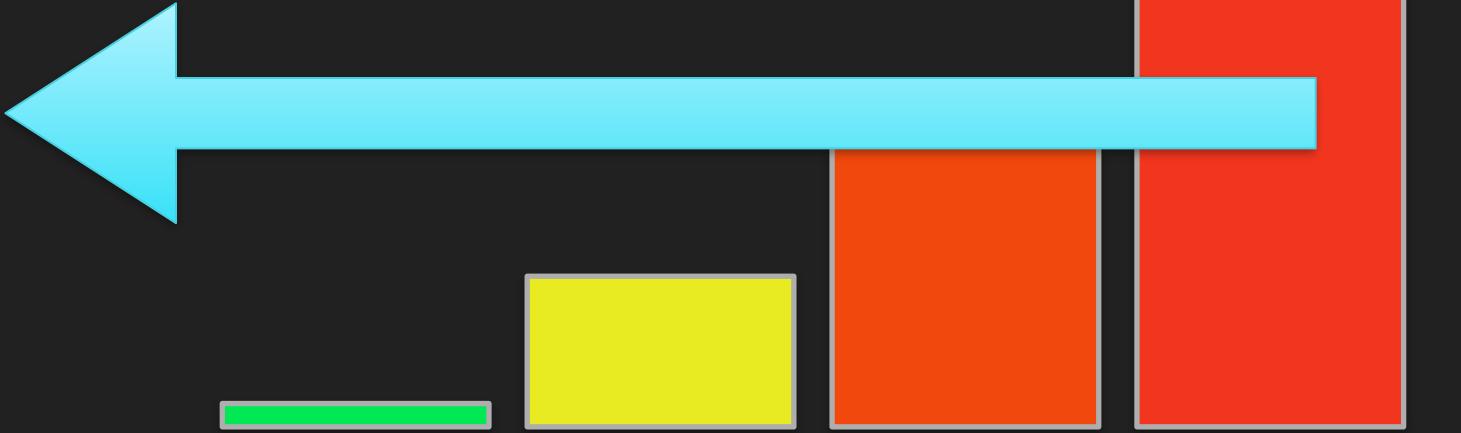
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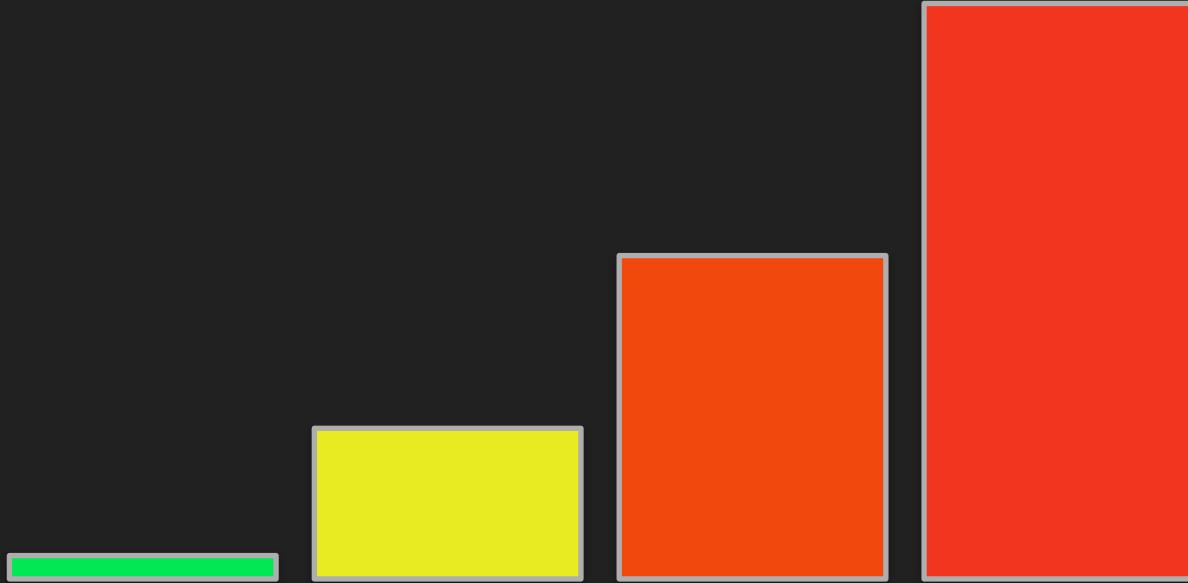
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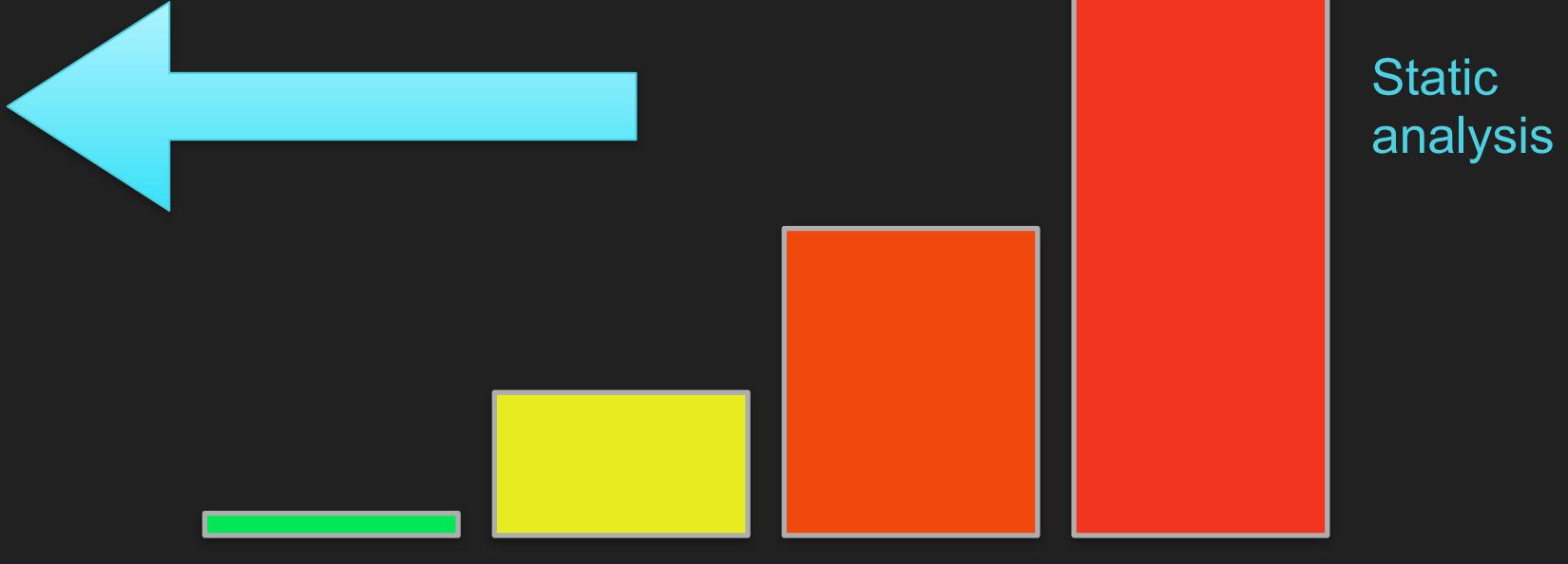
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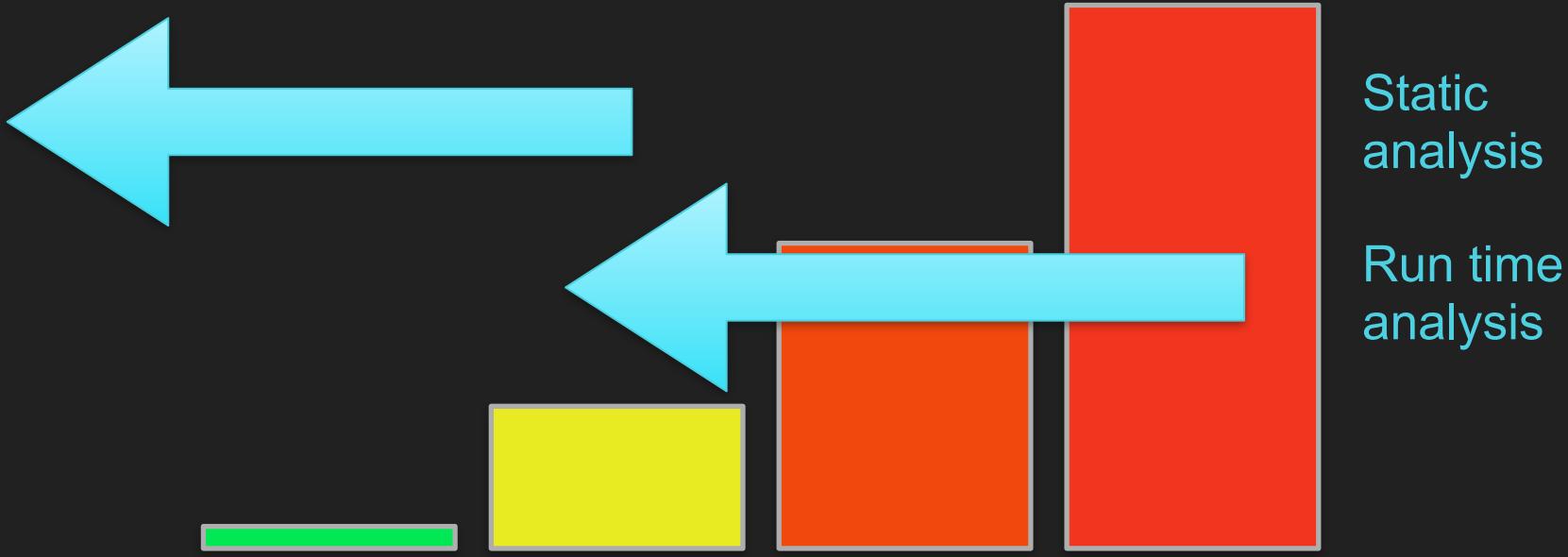
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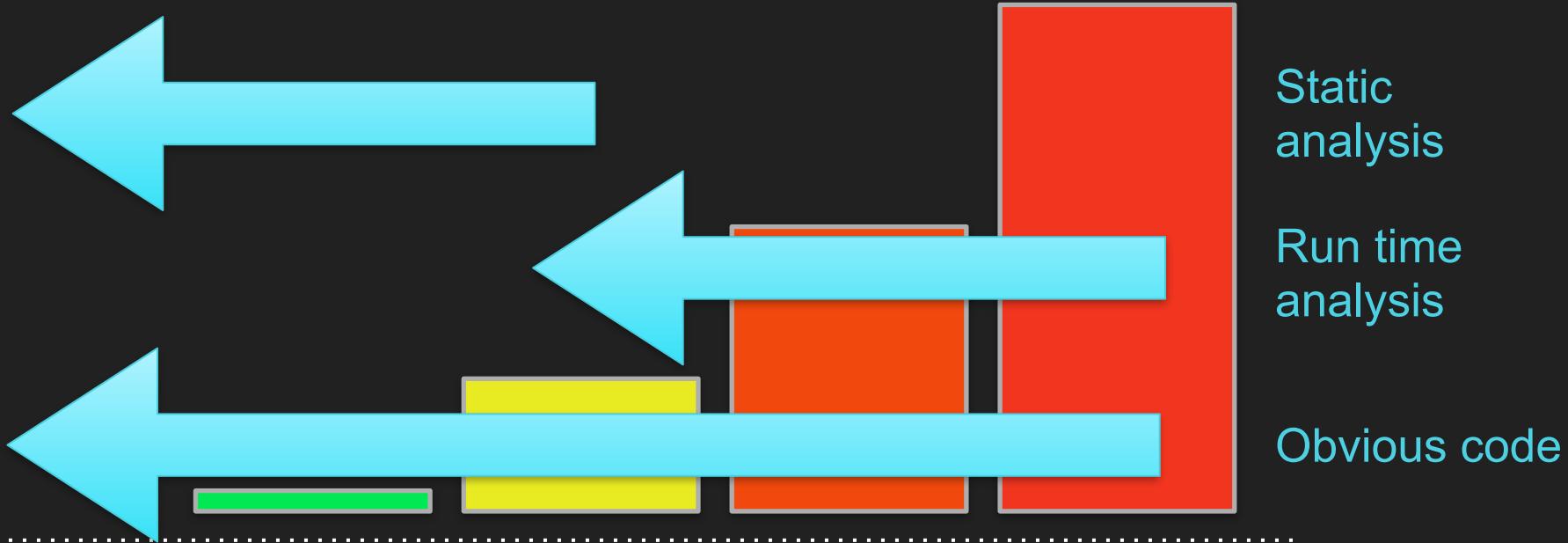
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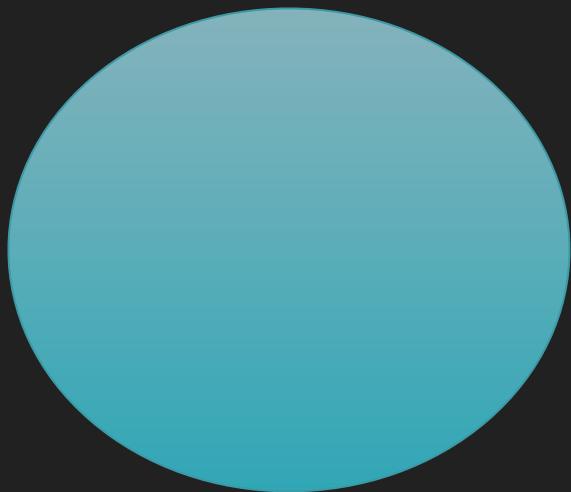
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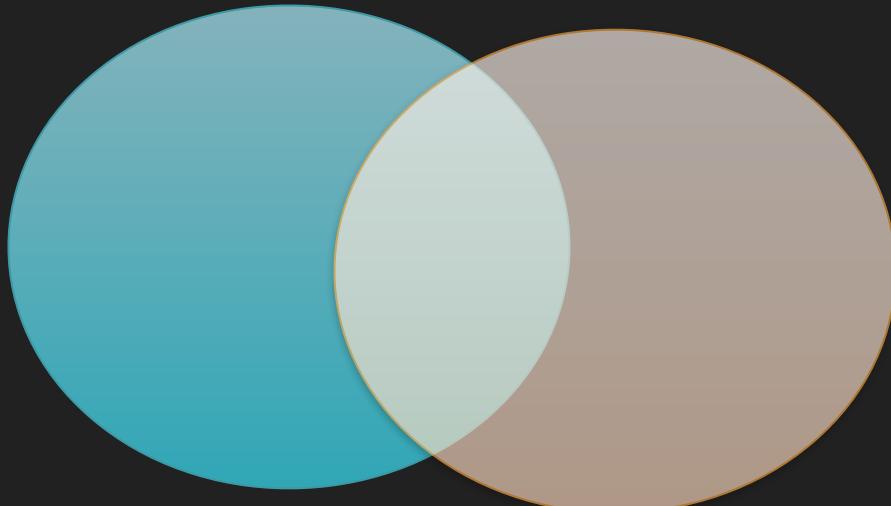
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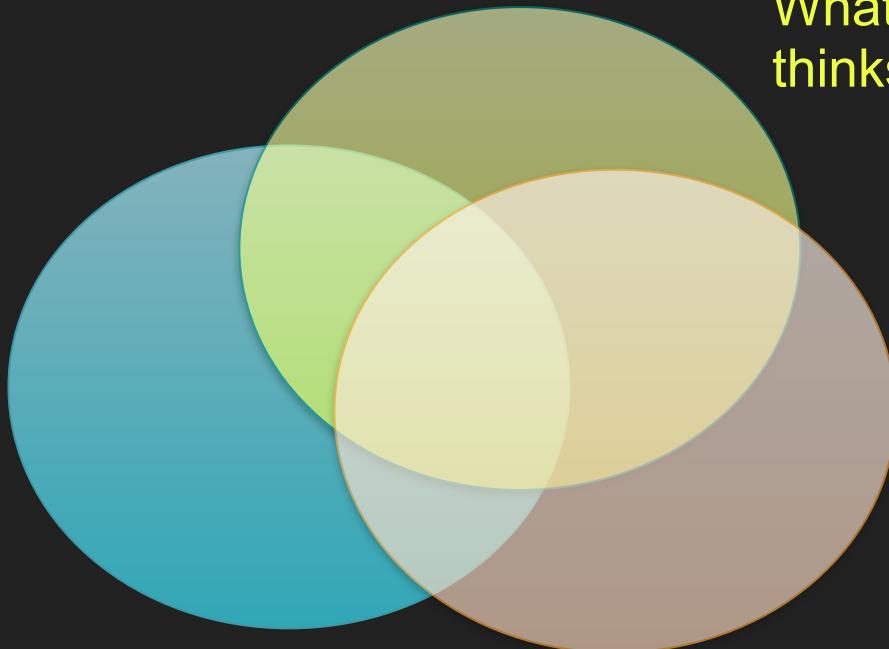
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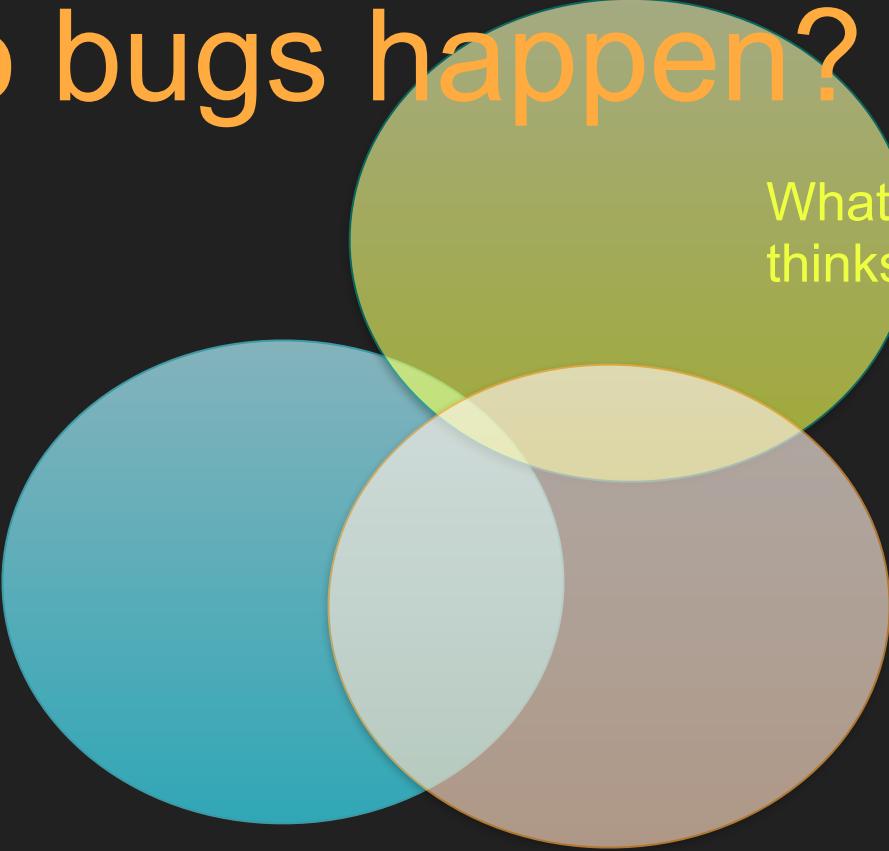
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Static analysis

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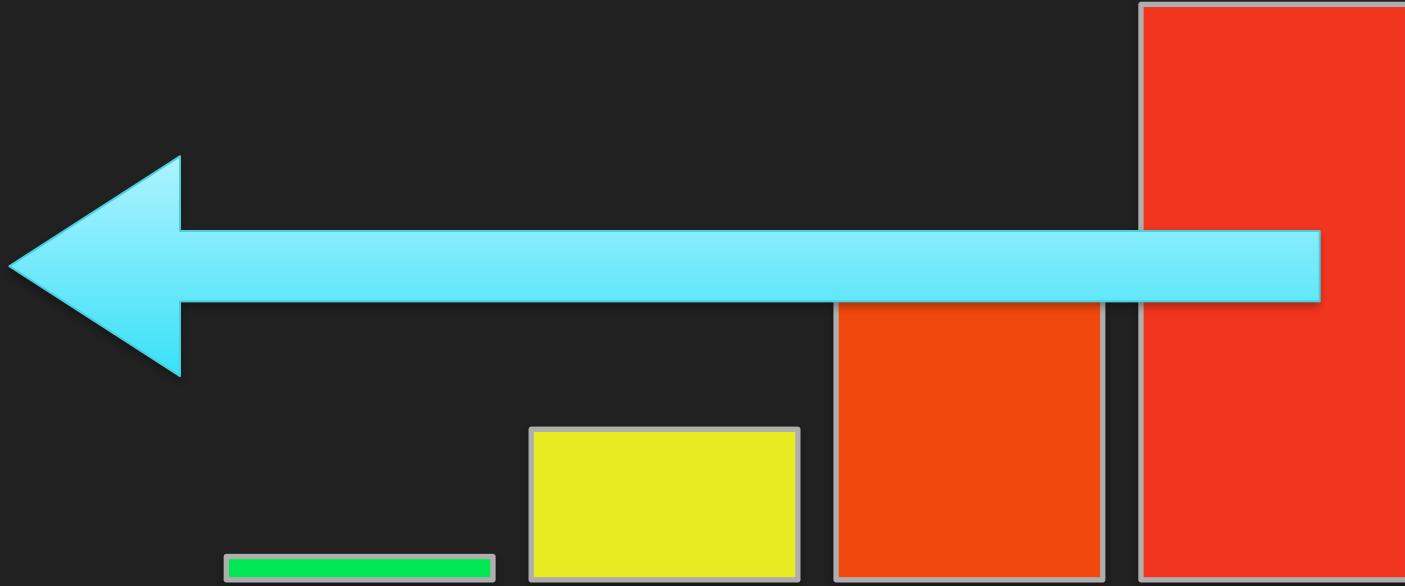
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Expected User, got int [more...](#) (⌘F1)

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user : \User



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Type hinting has helped

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Take away

Be explicit:
Type hint everything

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Use a modern IDE

More type hinting with PHP 7

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A very important PHP
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Static analysis helps developers

```
$users = getUsers();
foreach($users as $user) {
    $accountNumber = $user->i;
}
m  getAccountNumber()  string
Press ^Space again to see more variants
```

More Type Hinting Hints

```
$users = [  
    "jane" => $user1,  
    "john" => $user2,  
];  
  
deactivate($users);
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More Type Hinting Hints

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class User {  
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Take away

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hints for generics

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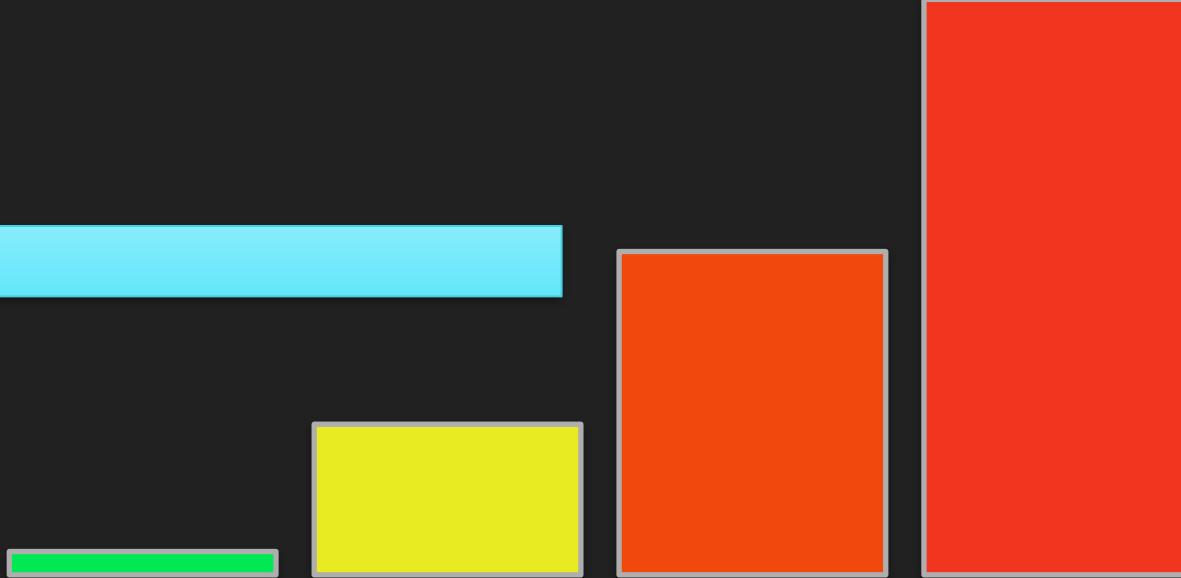
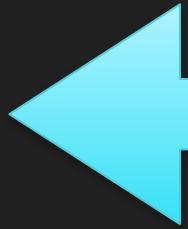
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Run time analysis

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Run time analysis: Testing

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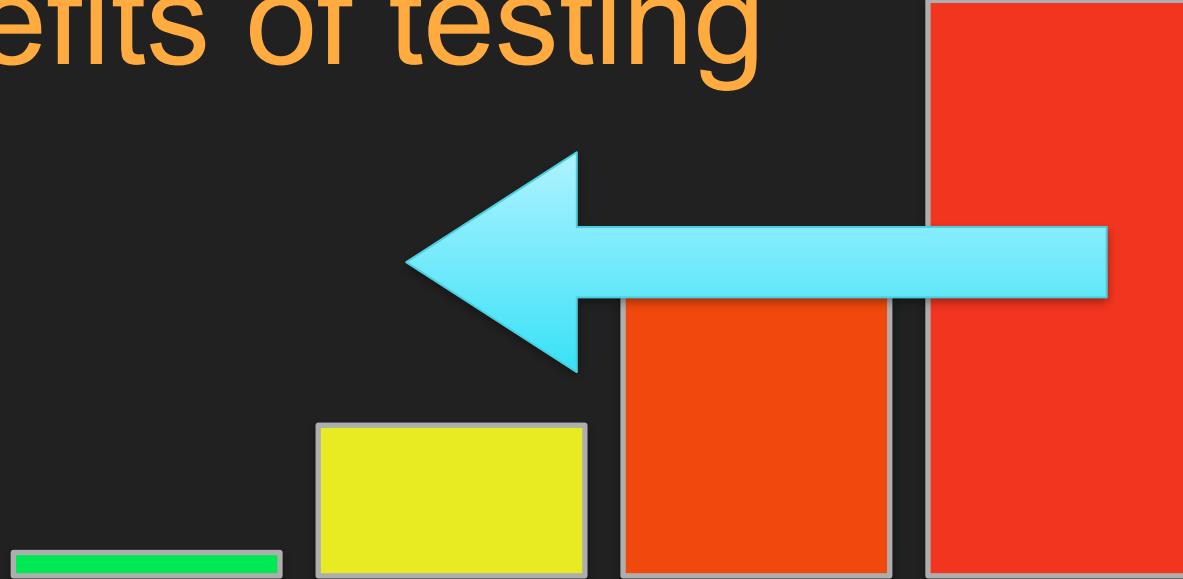
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Higher our ‘code coverage’
the more bugs we’ll find

Benefits of testing



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Take away

Write tests

More run time analysis: Assertions

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Statements that the developer
believes should always be true

Can we improve this code

```
public function setStatus(string $status) {  
    $this->status = $status;  
}
```

Improvement 1: Add constants

```
const REGISTERED = 'registered';
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    if (!in_array($status, [self::REGISTERED,
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        string $error) {  
  
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            throw new Exception($error);  
        }  
    }  
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Improvement 3: Use Assert class

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Improvement 3: Use Assert class

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}
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Asserts

Assert::null

Assert::notNull

Assert::isEmpty

Assert::notEmpty

Assert::greaterThan

Assert::lessThan

...

Assertion Packages

Write your own

[webmozart/assert](#)

[beberlei/assert](#)

Specify a contract

```
/**  
 * Returns Roman Numeral of $number.  
 * NOTE: $number must be between 1 and 5000  
 */  
function asRomanNumeral(int $number): string {  
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    ... some implementation ...  
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 * NOTE: $number must be between 1 and 5000  
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function asRomanNumeral(int $number): string {  
    if ($number < 1 || $number > 5000) {  
        throw new Exception("[$number] out of range");  
    }  
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Won't our code crash more?

Take away

Be explicit:
Use assertions to
document assumptions
or limitations

Improving error messages

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Invalid type [\$type] for user [\$userId]

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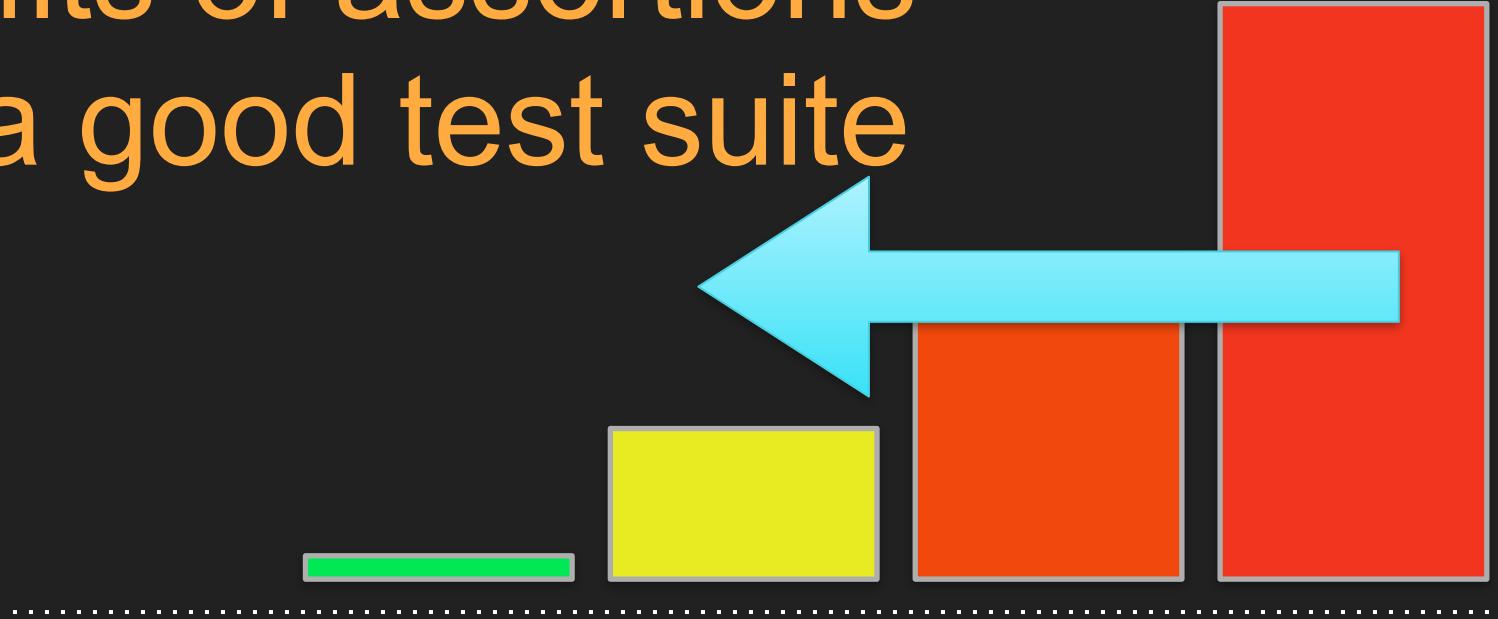
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Don't be so primitive

Can we improve this code?

```
class MarketingCampaign {  
    ... some methods ...  
    public function addAddress(string $address);  
}
```

```
$campaign = new MarketingCampaign();  
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These are all strings...

dave@phpsw.uk

fredblogs.com

fred.blogs

fred@blogs.com

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EmailAddress object instead of primitive

```
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Using EmailAddress

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But this is wrong

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Add validation

```
public function __construct(string $emailAddress) {  
    $isValidEmailAddress = ... check valid email ...  
  
    Assert::true($isValidEmailAddress,  
        "Invalid email address [$emailAddress]");  
  
    $this->emailAddress = $emailAddress;  
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```

Big win

We're guaranteed that
`EmailAddress` represents a
correctly formatted email
address.

Take away

Be explicit:
Use Value Objects
rather than primitives if
it makes sense to do so

More advantages of using value objects rather than primitives

Are these email addresses the same?

dave@phpsw.uk

DAVE@phpsw.uk

DAVE@phpsw.UK

dave@PHPSW.uk

Store canonical form

```
public function __construct(string $emailAddress) {  
    ... validate email address ...  
  
    $this->emailAddress = $this->asCanonical($emailAddress);  
}
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Postcodes formats

Canonical: B1 1AB

No spaces: B11AB

Fixed width: B1 1AB

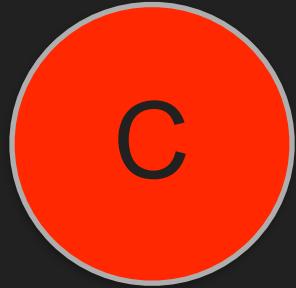
Add domain specific logic

```
public function getPostcode(): string {...}
```

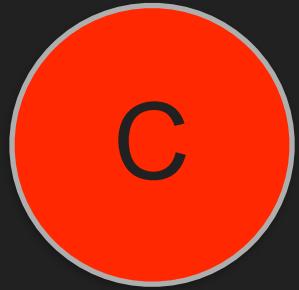
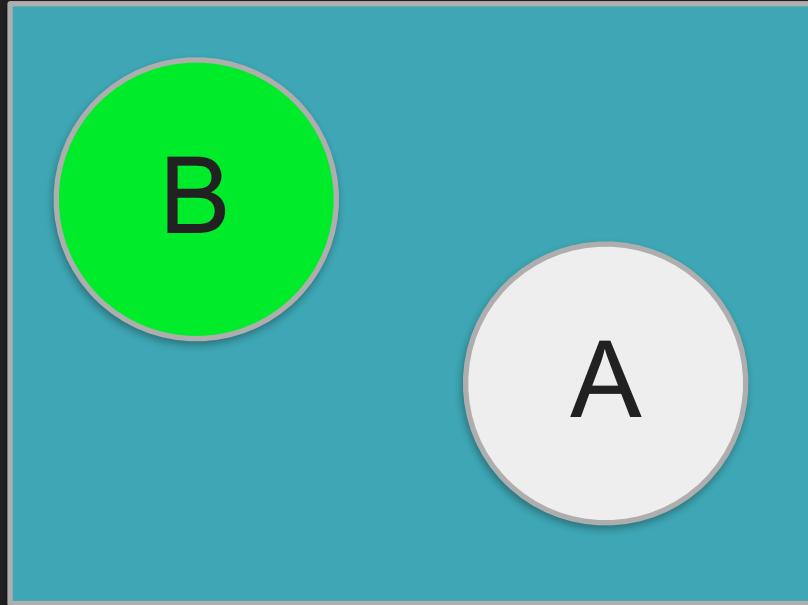
```
public function getNoSpacesPostcode(): string {...}
```

```
public function getFixedWidthPostcode(): string {...}
```

Are these positions equal?



Are these positions equal?



Add equals method

```
class Point
{
    const TOLERANCE = 10;

    ... Other methods ...

    public function equals(Point $other): bool
    {
        $distance = calculateDistance($this, $other);
        return $distance < self::TOLERANCE;
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@DaveLiddament

Be careful comparing objects...

```
if ($point1 == $point2) {  
    ... some code ...  
}
```

```
if ($point1->equals($point2)) {  
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Boundaries

```
class Person
{
    /**
     * @Column(type="string")
     */
    private $emailAddress;

    public function setEmailAddress(EmailAddress $emailAddress) {
        $this->emailAddress = $emailAddress->asString();
    }

    public function getEmailAddress(): EmailAddress {
        return new EmailAddress($emailAddress);
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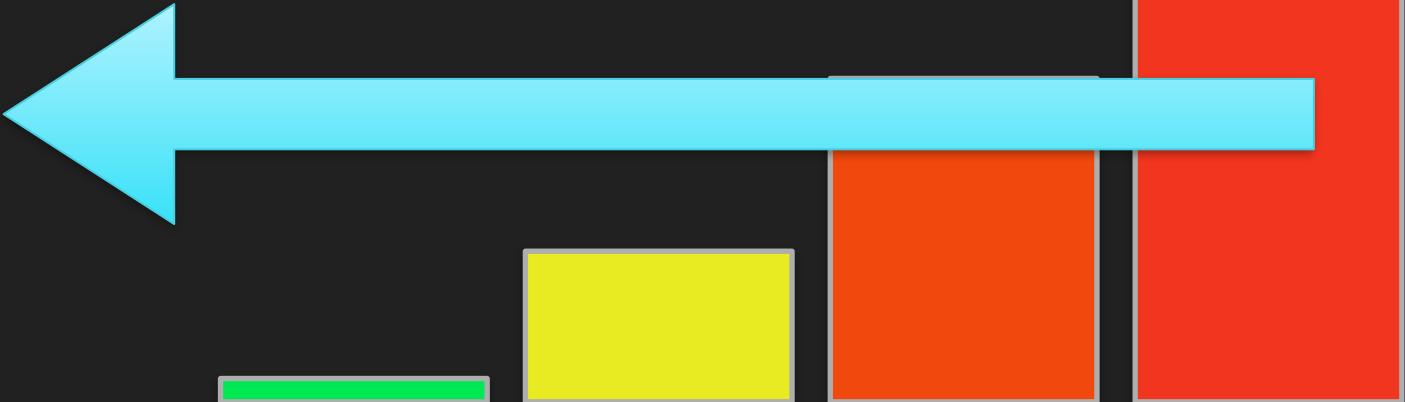
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Readable code

Is this code correct?

```
function isCatA($a)
{
    if ($a == 18 || $a == 19) {
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

All tests pass. 100% line, branch & boolean coverage.

Is this code correct?

```
function isCategoryAdult($a)
{
    if ($a == 18 || $a == 19) {
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Is this code correct?

```
/**  
 * Return true if person is adult  
 * (age is 18 or over)  
 */  
function isCategoryAdult(int $age): bool  
{  
    if ($age == 18 || $age == 19) {  
        return true;  
    }  
    return false;  
}
```

Test cases

Age	Expected output
17	false
18	true
19	true

Could we write more tests?

It's harder for bugs to hide
in clean code

Take away

Be explicit:
Write really obvious,
really boring code.

Renaming

Naming is hard

Renaming

```
class User {  
    public function getName() {...}  
}
```

```
class Game {  
    public function getName() {...}  
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$user = getUser();
```

```
$game = getGame();
```

```
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Win-Win: Rename and refactor

Take away

Use your IDE to
rename code to be
cleaner

Refactor

Assertions are good, but some
could point to a code smell

Possible code smell

```
$shape = new Shape();  
$shape->setType("square")
```

Possible code smell

```
switch($shape->getType()) {  
    case 'square':  
        $area = ... calculate area of square ...  
        break;  
  
    case 'triangle':  
        $area = ... calculate area of triangle ...  
        break;  
  
    ... more shapes ...  
  
    default:  
        throw new Exception("Invalid shape");  
}
```

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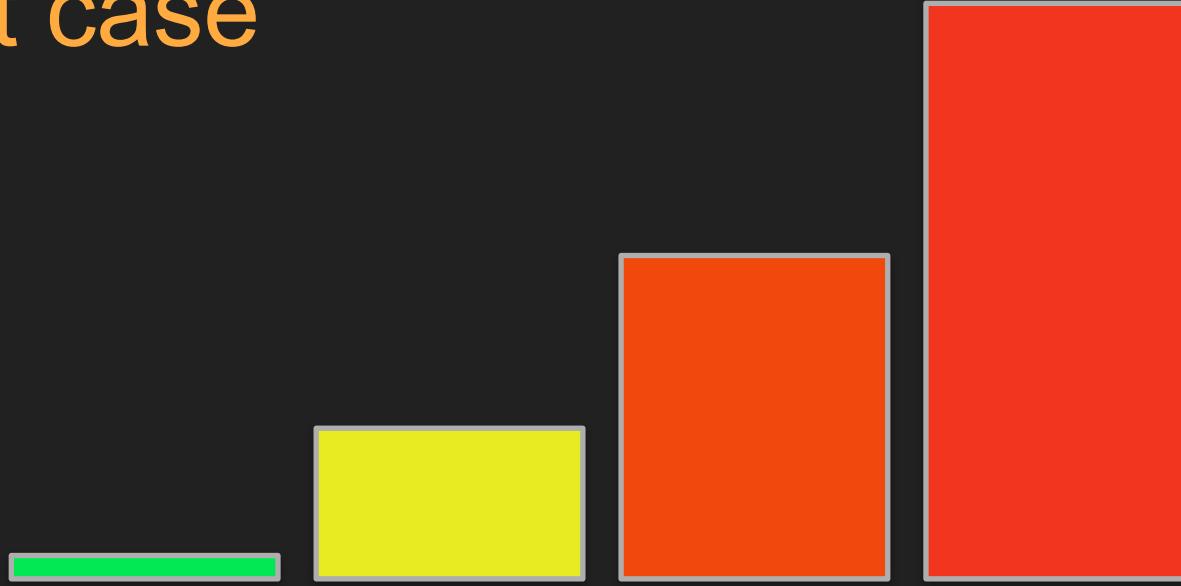
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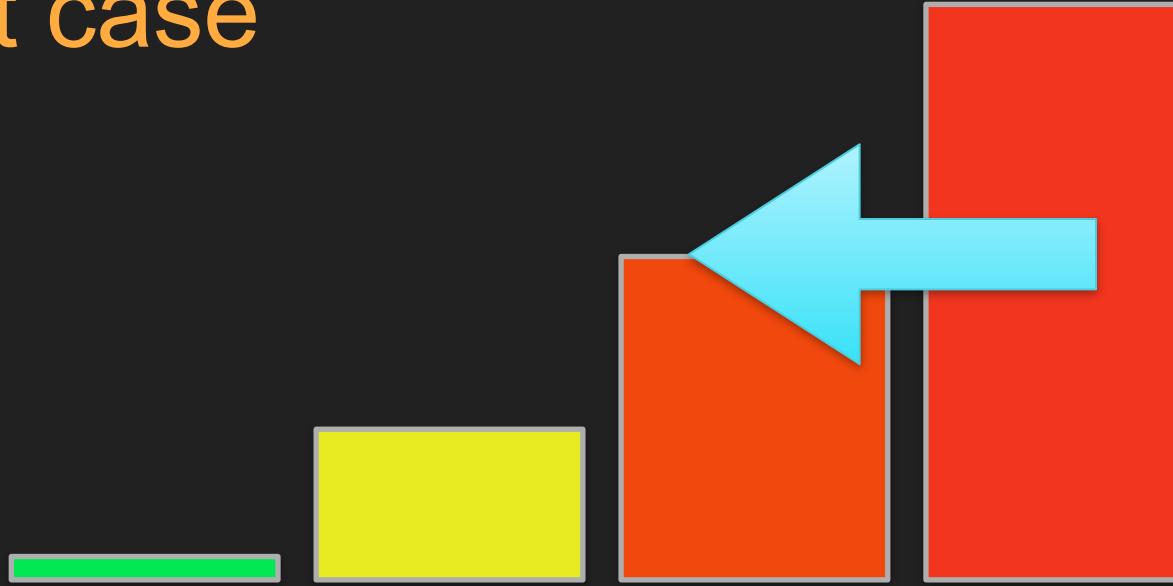
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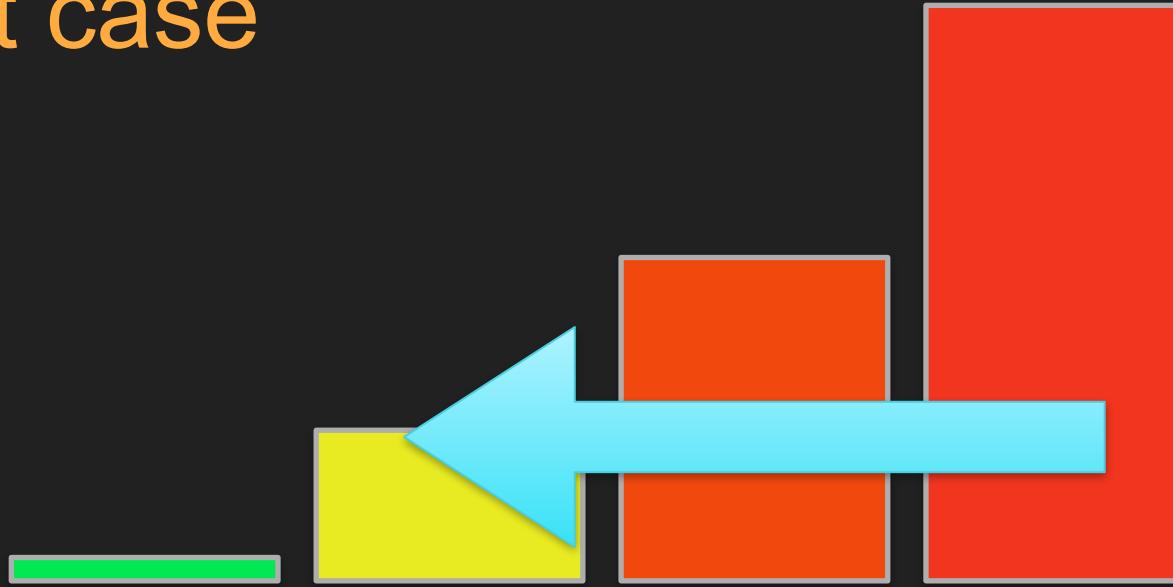
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Improve the shape object

```
class Shape {  
    public function getType() {...}  
}
```

Improve the shape object

```
abstract class Shape {  
    public function getType() {...}  
}
```

Improve the shape object

```
abstract class Shape {  
    public function getType() {...}  
    abstract public function getArea();  
}
```

Make a class for each shape

```
class Square extends Shape {  
    public function getArea() {  
        ... calculate area of square ...  
    }  
}
```

Make an class for each shape

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class Square extends Shape {
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```
    public function getArea() {  
        ... calculate area of square ...  
    }
```

```
}
```

Make an class for each shape

```
class Triangle extends Shape {  
  
    public function getArea() {  
        ... calculate area of triangle ...  
    }  
  
}
```

We replace...

```
$shape = new Shape("square");
```

With...

```
$shape = new Square();
```

And replace...

```
switch($shape->getType()) {  
    case 'square':  
        $area = ... calculate area of square ...  
        break;  
  
    case 'triangle':  
        $area = ... calculate area of triangle ...  
        break;  
  
    ... more shapes ...  
  
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        throw new Exception("Invalid shape");  
}
```

With this...

```
$area = $shape->getArea();
```

Introduce a new shape

```
class Hexagon extends Shape {  
  
    public function getArea() {  
        ... calculate area of hexagon ...  
    }  
  
}
```

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class Hexagon extends Shape {
```

```
    public function getArea() {  
        ... calculate area of hexagon ...  
    }
```

```
}
```

Moved bug



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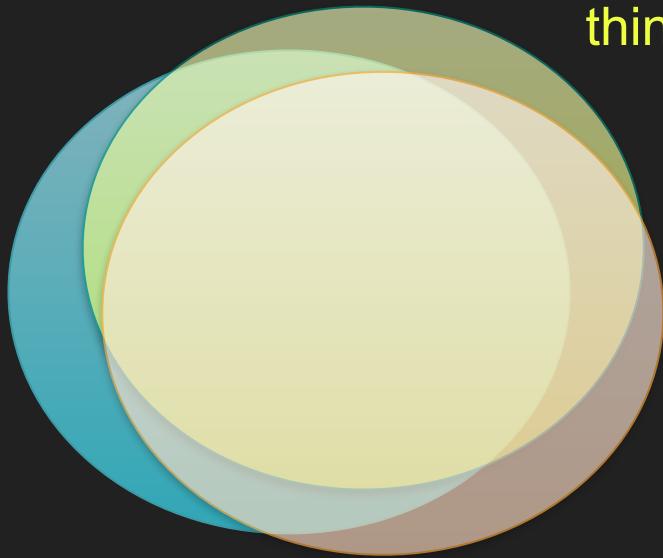
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- Rename and refactor to keep your code clean

Summary: Be more explicit

What the code should do

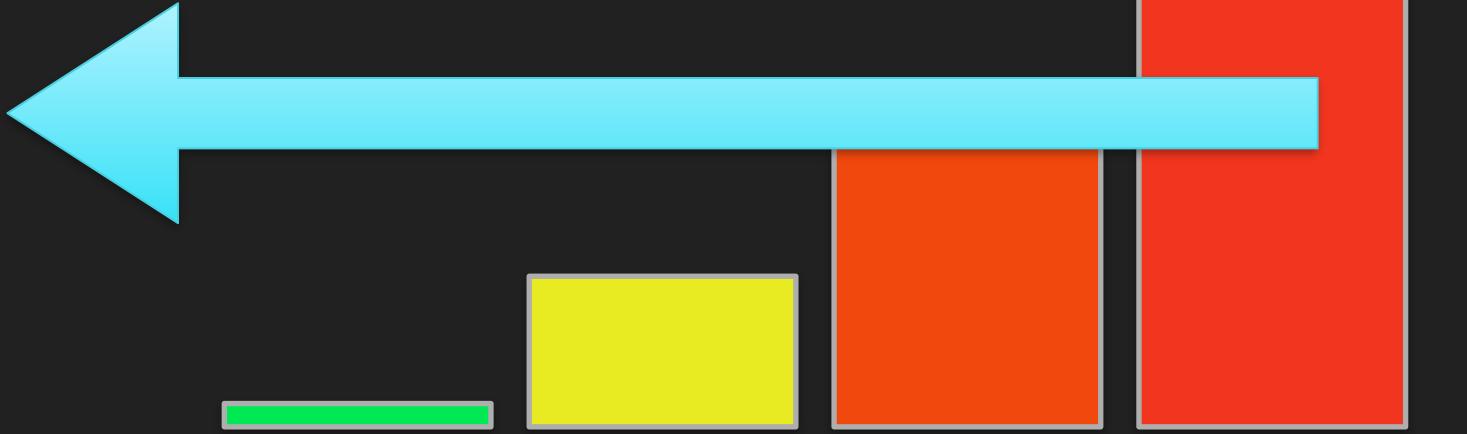


What the developer thinks the code does

What the code actually does

Upward Spiral

Summary



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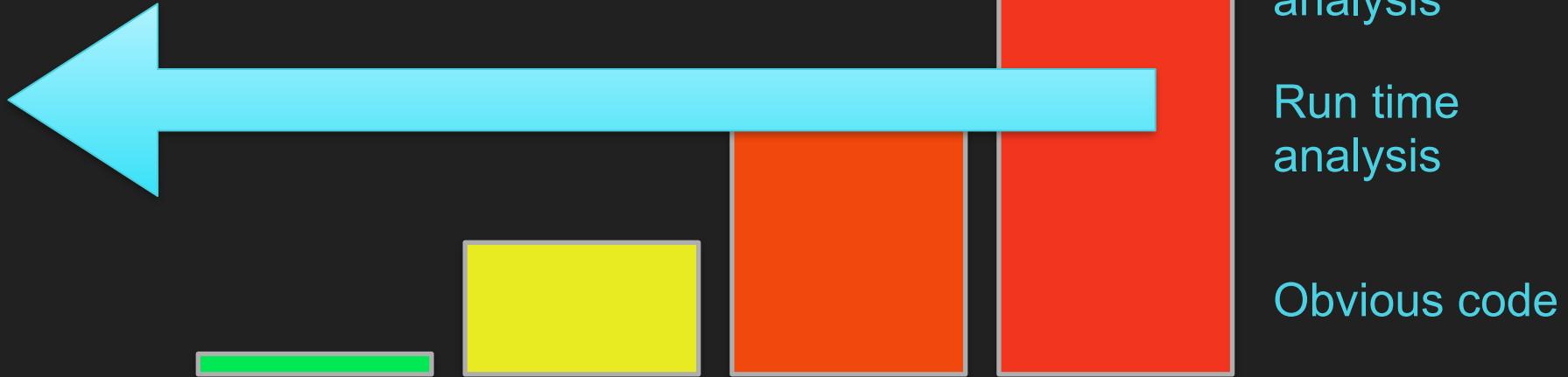
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TLDR

- Use a modern IDE

Questions

Feedback



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