



# INNOVATE

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# Bringing software engineering best practices to data science and machine learning

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# Agenda

1. Why bring software engineering best practices to data science (DS)/machine learning (ML)?
2. Software testing
3. Debugging
4. Recap

# Why bring software engineering practices to data science/machine learning?

# The opportunities and challenges of ML



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**Encountering  
new (and old)  
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# What can we do about it?

Best practices from  
software engineering



Interpret and adapt

Data science and  
machine learning

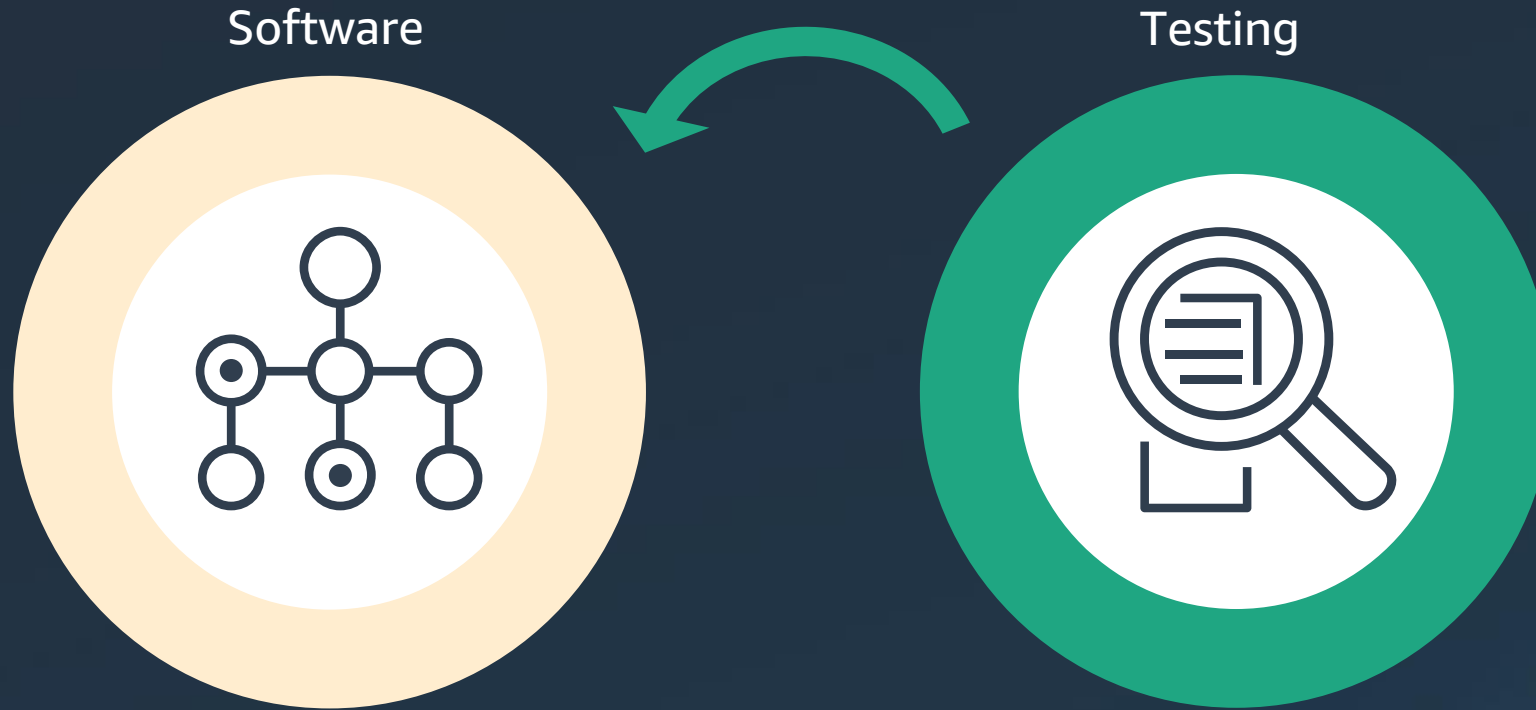


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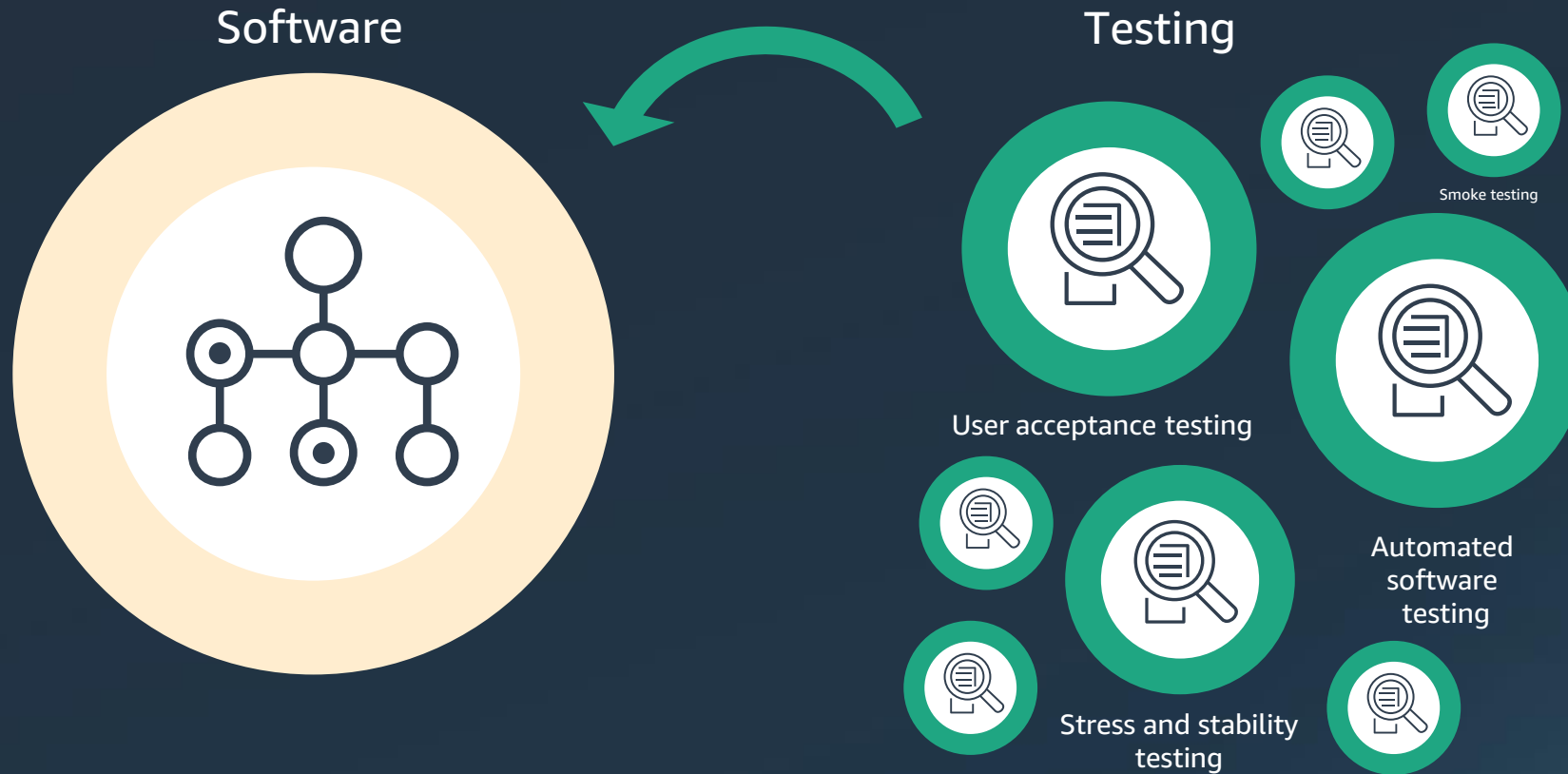




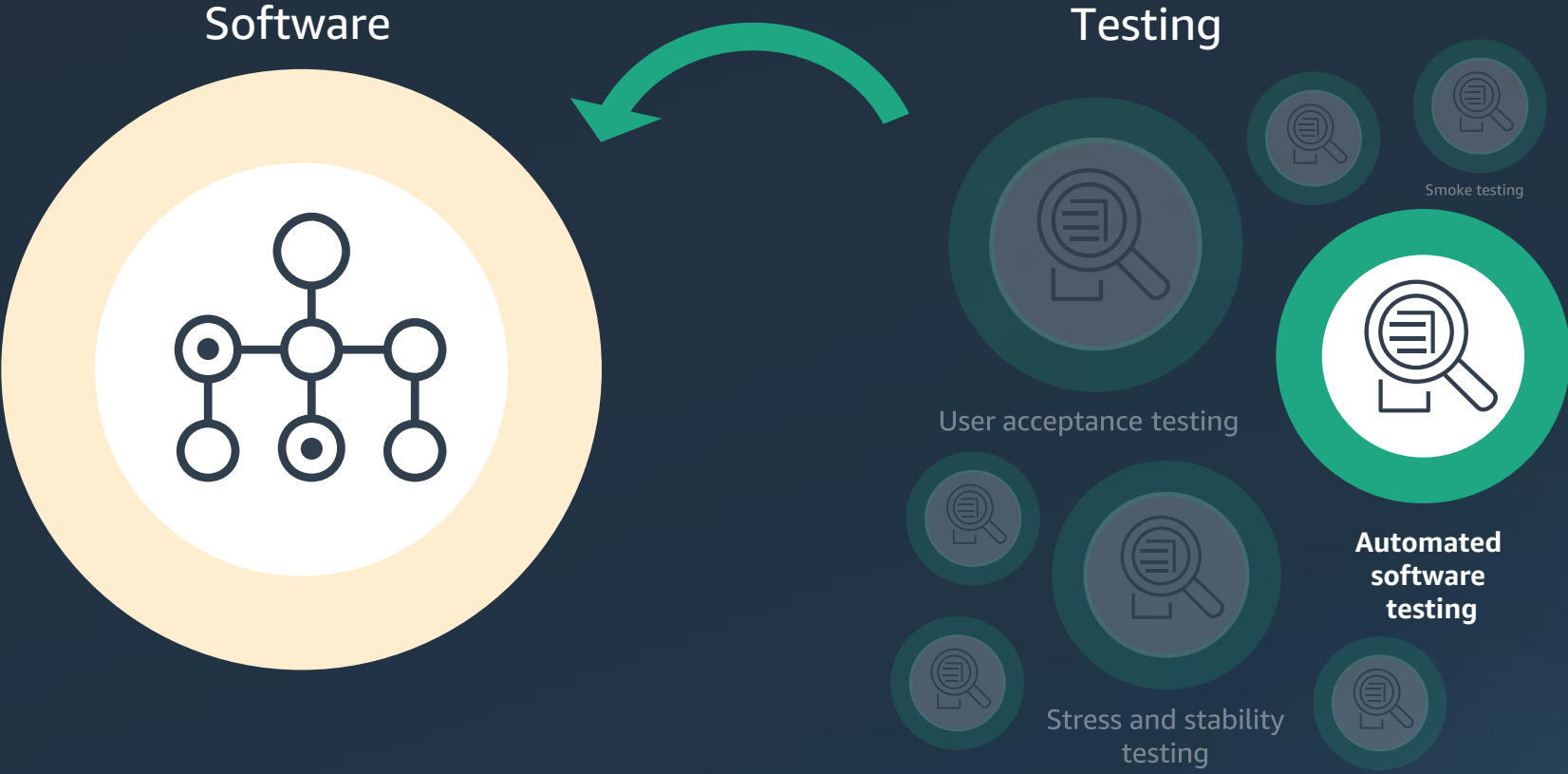
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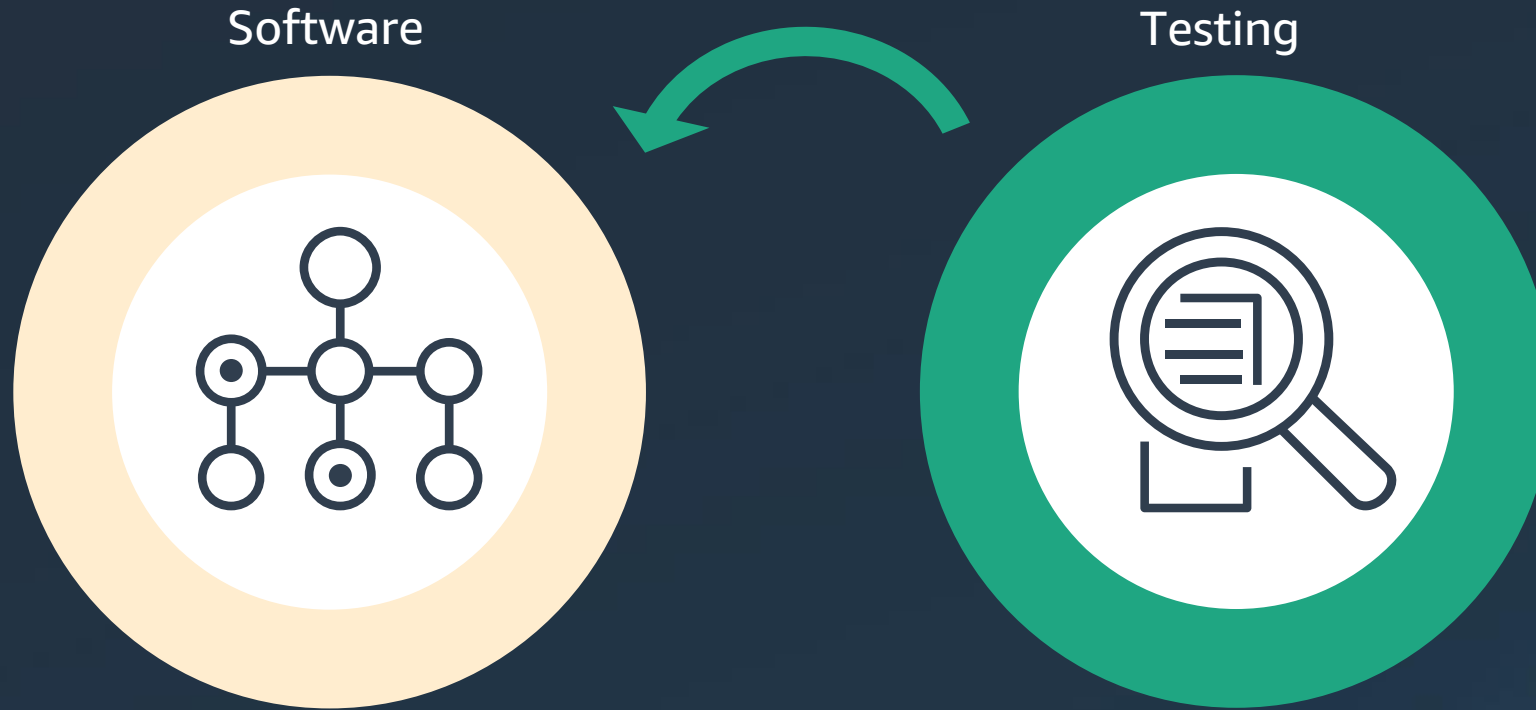
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**Can we stop our software doing the wrong thing?**

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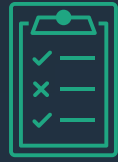


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# A brief overview of software testing



*Our project*



*Tests of our product features*



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*Tests of our functions and classes*



Builds a living spec of what your code does



An analytical tool to assess the health of your code



...and significantly reduces bugs in your code!

# A brief overview of software testing

Our project

Software



How the computer  
does something

Testing



What *should* the  
computer be doing?



# Test driven development

1. Write the test



2. Write code to make the test pass



3. Refactor the code

# Applying tests to DS/ML



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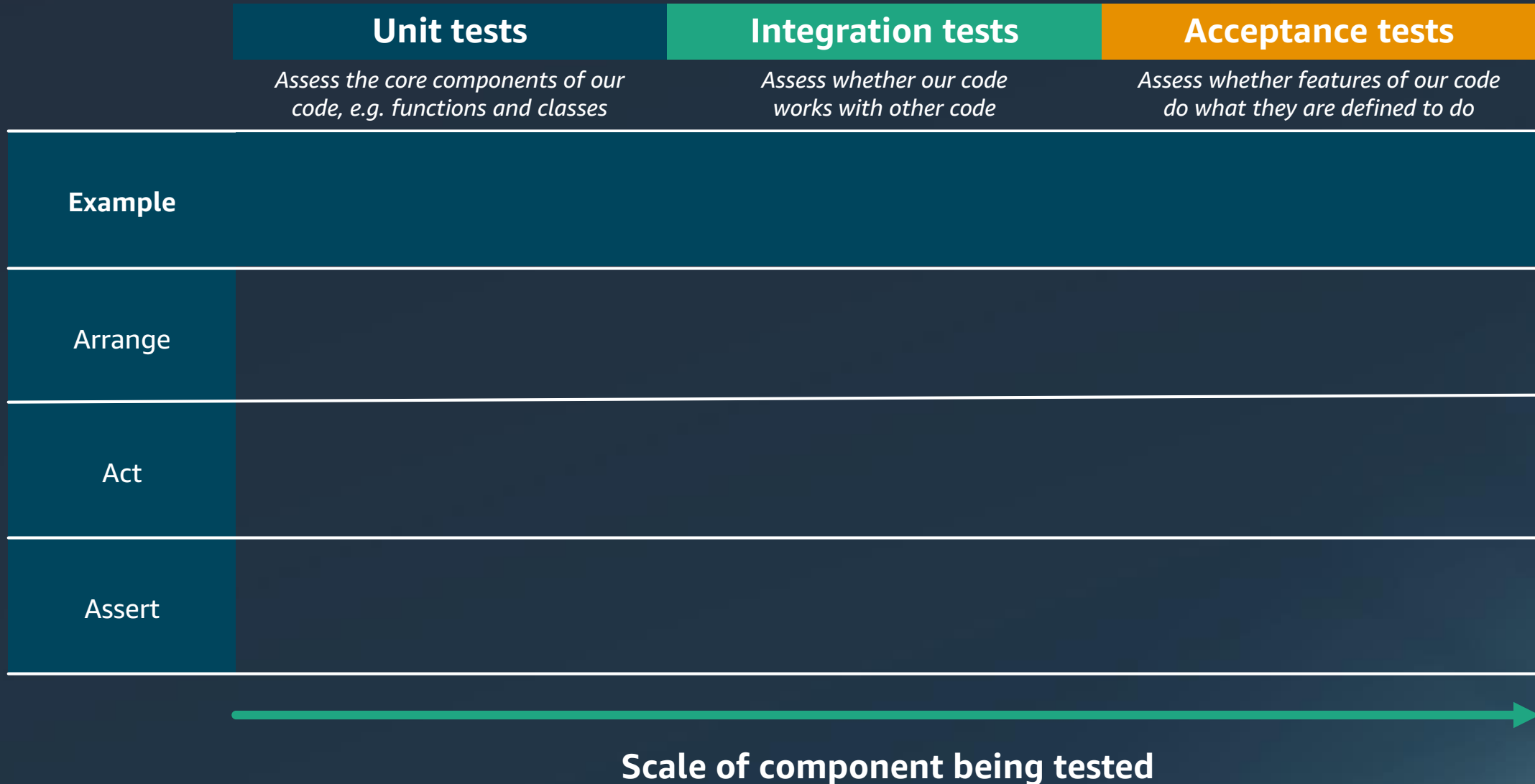
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## Integration tests

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## Acceptance tests

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### Example

**Testing for Pandas DataFrame column transformation**

Arrange

Act

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import pandas as pd
import ourcode

def test_upper_limit_transformation():
    # Arrange
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        .equals(df_expected_output["df_expected_output"])
```



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import json

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s3_client = boto3.client("s3")

def test_dataset_generation_lambda():
    # Arrange
    output_key = "test/test_dataset.csv"
    function_params = {
        "output_key": output_key
    }
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        Payload=json.dumps(function_params)
    )
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    # Assert
    assert output_key in s3_client.list_objects(
        Bucket="ExampleBucket", Prefix=output_key)
    # Can include further tests to assess format of produced dataset
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def test_pytorch_training():
    # Arrange
    pytorch_estimator = PyTorch(
        "pytorch-train.py",
        instance_type="local",
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    # Act
    pytorch_estimator.fit({
        "train": "s3://my-bucket/path/to/training/data.csv",
        "test": "s3://my-bucket/path/to/test/data.csv",
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    # Assert
    # No explicit assert - the job running to completion is a pass.
    # We could also deploy an endpoint and test we get a response.
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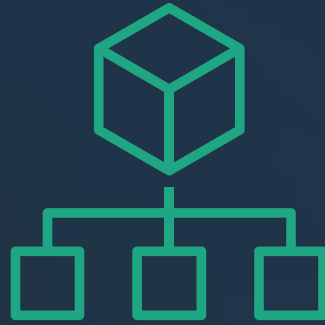
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mycode

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├── README.md

├── setup.py

├── mycode

│ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py

│ ├── models.py

│ ├── settings.py

│ └── transformations.py

└── tests

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└── acceptance\_tests

└── test\_model\_deployment.py

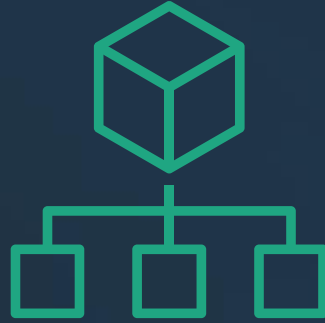
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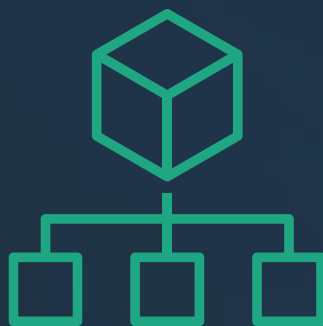
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## Testing is making me write code differently.

Great!

Writing testable code encourages good practices, and makes deploying your code much easier.

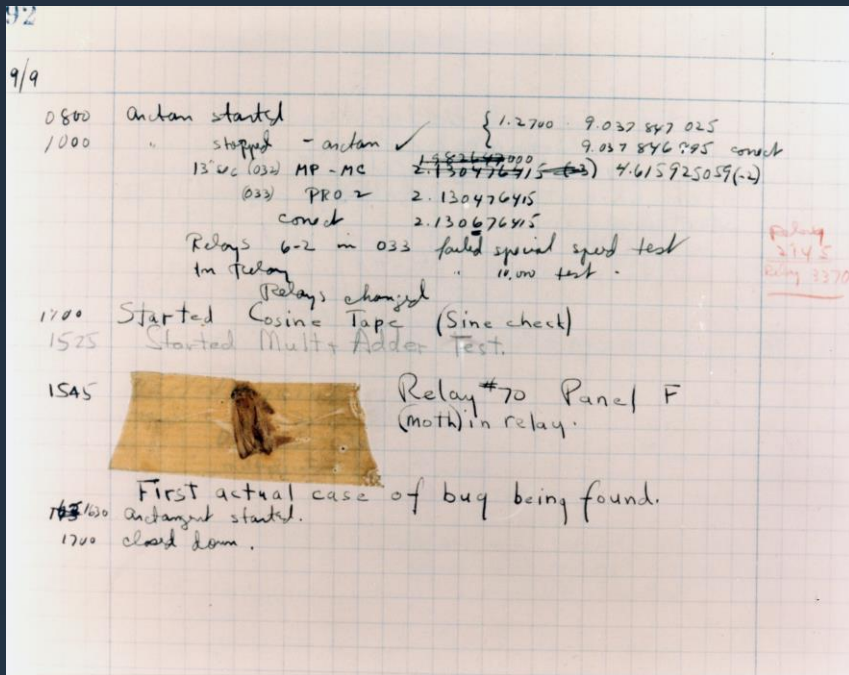
# Debugging





# What can we do about?

Debugging is the process of finding and resolving defects that prevent correct operation of a computer programs or a software. These defects are call bugs.



An actual bug (i.e. a moth) found in 1947 in one of the early computer, preventing correct operation. "bug" recorded and correct by Grace Hopper, a pioneer in computer programming

# What can we do about?

Debugging includes (among the most common):

- Interactive debugging
- Testing
- Profiling

In this presentation, we are cover *interactive debugging* and *testing*.

# The code writing loop

1. Write the code



2. Execute and debug the code



3. Refactor the code  
With the insights from  
the previous phase



# Write the code

## Code purpose:

- Element wise matrix division between matrix a and b

## Expected output:

- c matrix written in a JSON file where c is defined as  $c_{ij} = a_{ij}/b_{ij}$ , without using the Einstein summation rule.

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import json
3
4 # parameters
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7 matrix_shape = (2,4)
8
9 # create matrix
10 a = np.random.randint(lower_bound, upper_bound, size=matrix_shape)
11 b = np.random.randint(lower_bound, upper_bound, size=matrix_shape)
12 matrix_loc = (
13     np.random.randint(0, matrix_shape[0]-1),
14     np.random.randint(0, matrix_shape[1]-1)
15 )
16 b[matrix_loc] = 0
17
18 # element wise matrix division
19 c = np.zeros(matrix_shape)
20 for i in range(matrix_shape[0]):
21     for j in range(matrix_shape[1]):
22         c[i,j] = a[i,j] / b[i,j]
23
24 # generate the output
25 with open('output.json', 'w') as fw:
26     c_as_list = c.tolist()
27     json.dump({'c':c_as_list}, fw)
```

# Write the code

## Actual output

- The execution returns a *divide by zero runtime warning* (but still executes)
- The execution generates a non valid JSON with a list mixing data types

```
$ python program.py
program.py:22: RuntimeWarning:
divide by zero encountered in long_scalars
c[i,j] = a[i,j] / b[i,j]
```

```
1 {
2   "c": [
3     [1.0, Infinity, -1.5, -0.5],
4     [1.0, -0.5, -0.6, -1.0]
5   ]
6 }
```

# How to debug - Static debugging

## Static debugging

### 1. How to

- Debugging by reading the code

### 2. Pros

- Generally fast

### 2. Cons

- Works only with very simple cases
- Generally only feasible by highly experienced programmer
- Requires deep knowledge of the language syntax and mechanism

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2. ... randomly setting one element to 0

1. Division by zero at line 22, due to...

# How to debug – printf() debugging

## Printf() debugging

### 1. How to

- Debugging by adding print statement to the code and identify which print output is not correct

### 2. Pros

- Relatively simple to implement

### 2. Cons

- Requires typing non necessary code
- Clean up required after debugging
- No interaction with the execution
- No debugging access to installed library

```
8
9 # create matrix
10 a = np.random.randint(lower_bound, upper_bound, size=matrix_shape)
11 b = np.random.randint(lower_bound, upper_bound, size=matrix_shape)
12 # DEBUG: is there a zero in b?
13 for i in range(b.shape[0]):
14     for j in range(b.shape[1]):
15         if b[i,j]==0:
16             print(f'DEBUG: zero found in b at position [{i}, {j}]')
17 # /DEBUG
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22 b[matrix_loc] = 0
23 # DEBUG: is there a zero in b now?
24 for i in range(b.shape[0]):
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36             print(f'zero found in b at [{i}, {j}]!')
37         # /DEBUG
38         c[i,j] = a[i,j] / b[i,j]
39
```

First debug statement

second debug statement

third debug statement

# How to debug – debugger

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A debugger is a program used to analyze the execution and debug another target program. A debugger generally can:

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### How to use it?

- Debugger program is overwhelmingly used within an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) such as Visual Studio Code, PyCharm or Vim
- In rare instances, debugger program can be in a Command Line Interface (CLI)

# Anatomy of an IDE debugger

The image shows a screenshot of an IDE's Python debugger interface. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Debugger control:** Located at the top right, it contains icons for running, stepping through code, and other debugging actions.
- Variables:** Located on the left side, it shows the current state of variables. Under "Locals", it lists `special variables`, `a`, `b`, `c`, `i`, and `j`.
- WATCH:** Below the variables panel, it shows the current values of watched expressions: `a[1,2]: 1`, `c: array([[0., 0., 0., 0.]])`, and `(i,j): (0, 0)`.
- CALL STACK:** Below the watch panel, it shows the current call stack, indicating the program is paused on a breakpoint in `program.py` at line 22:1.
- BREAKPOINTS:** At the bottom left, it shows the list of breakpoints, including `program.py` at lines 12 and 22.
- Code Editor:** The central area shows the source code of `program.py`. A red dot on line 12 indicates a breakpoint. Line 22 is highlighted in green, indicating the current stop location. The code includes comments like `# create matrix` and `# element-wise matrix division`.
- Debugging console:** At the bottom right, it shows the output of the debugger, including the current value of `a[1,3]` as `1`.

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program.py > ...
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PROBLEMS DEBUG CONSOLE ... Filter (e.g. text, !exclude)

→ a[1,3]  
> 1

Uncaught Exceptions  
User Uncaught Exceptions

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program.py	22

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- It provides fine control of the code execution
- It allows the programmer to follow the every step of the execution
- It allow jumping in functions, even external function (e.g. jumping in `np.random.randint()`)

```
program.py X
program.py > ...
6 upper_bound = 4
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Debugger control

PROBLEMS DEBUB CONSOLE ... Filter (e.g. text, !exclude)

→ a[1,3]  
> 1

Uncaught Exceptions  
 User Uncaught Exceptions

program.py 12  
 program.py 22

# Anatomy of an IDE debugger

## Variable and debugging console

The screenshot shows an IDE debugger interface with the following components:

- VARIABLES:** A tree view showing local variables. A green box highlights the 'Variables' section, which includes 'Locals' and 'special variables'. The 'Locals' section shows variables 'a', 'b', 'c', 'i', and 'j'.
- WATCH:** A list of watched expressions, including 'a[1,2]: 1', 'c: array([[0., 0., 0., 0.]])', and '(i,j): (0, 0)'.
- CALL STACK:** Shows the current call stack with 'program.py 22:1' highlighted.
- BREAKPOINTS:** A list of breakpoints for 'program.py' at lines 12 and 22.
- Code Editor:** Displays Python code for a matrix division. A red dot indicates a breakpoint at line 12. Line 22 is highlighted in green, indicating the current execution point.
- DEBUG CONSOLE:** A panel at the bottom showing the current state of the program. A green box highlights the 'Debugging console' section, which shows the expression 'a[1,3]' and its value '1'.

### What is it?

Variable and debugging console allows you to:

- See the state of each variable
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Debugging console

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## Variable and debugging console

**VARIABLES** Variables

- Locals
  - special variables
  - a: array([[1, 1, 2, 1],
  - b: array([[0, 3, 2, 1],
  - c: array([[0., 0., 0., 0.]
  - i: 0
  - j: 0

**WATCH**

- a[1,2]: 1
- c: array([[0., 0., 0., 0.]
- (i,j): (0, 0)

**CALL STACK** Paused on breakpoint

- <module> program.py 22:1

**BREAKPOINTS**

- Raised Exceptions
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- program.py 12
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```

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```
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>
```

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- No print required: the state of each variable is available
- The state of each variable can be manipulated to a desired value (real-time alteration of the execution)

Debugging console



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The debugger console shows the current state of the program:

```
→ a[1,3]
> 1
```

The 'PROBLEMS' and 'DEBUG CONSOLE' tabs are visible at the bottom. The 'DEBUG CONSOLE' tab is active, showing the current state of the program. The 'PROBLEMS' tab is also visible, showing a list of errors.

Problem	File	Line
User Uncaught Exceptions	program.py	12
User Uncaught Exceptions	program.py	22



# Anatomy of an IDE debugger

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- Dynamic execution: multiple breakpoint are allowed and can be added during execution

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A red dot on line 22 indicates a breakpoint. A green box labeled 'breakpoint' points to this dot. The IDE shows the program is 'Paused on breakpoint' at line 22:1. The 'DEBUG CONSOLE' at the bottom shows the current state of the program, including the value of `a[1,3]` as `1`.

At the bottom left, there is a list of breakpoints:

- User Uncaught Exceptions
- program.py 12
- program.py 22

# Debugging a library

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### How to debug a library

- Use unit tests as the target program for the debugger
- Use breakpoints in the test code to jump into the library function to debug

# Refactoring our example into a library

## Test\_lib.py

Unit test for the `elementwise_division` function

```
1 import pytest
2 import lib
3 import numpy as np
4
5 def test_elementwise_division():
6     a = np.array([[4,6], [9,8]])
7     b = np.array([[2,1], [3,0]])
8     c_desired = np.array([[2,6], [3, 9999]])
9     c = lib.elementwise_division(a, b)
10    np.testing.assert_equal(c, c_desired)
```

## lib.py

`elementwise_division` implementation

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import json
3
4 def elementwise_division(a, b, default_value=9999):
5     '''
6     Element wise division between a and b. If a division
7     by zero occurs, infinity is replaced by default_value
8     '''
9     c = np.zeros(a.shape)
10    for i in range(a.shape[0]):
11        for j in range(a.shape[1]):
12            if b[i,j]==0:
13                c[i,j] = default_value
14            else:
15                c[i,j] = a[i,j] / b[i,j]
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# Using a debugger with unit test

The screenshot displays a Python IDE with a debugger. The interface is divided into several panels:

- VARIABLES:** Shows local variables: `a` (array([[4, 6], [2, 1]])), `b` (array([[0., 0.]], default\_value: 9999)), and `i` (0).
- WATCH:** Shows the expression `a[1,2]` with an `IndexError: index 2 is out of range`.
- CALL STACK:** Shows the current call stack: `elementwise_division` (lib.py:15:1) and `test_elementwise_division` (test\_lib.py).
- BREAKPOINTS:** Shows breakpoints for `lib.py` (line 15) and `test_lib.py` (line 9).
- Source Code:** The main editor shows the source code for `test_lib.py` and `lib.py`. A breakpoint is set at line 9 of `test_lib.py`, and the debugger is paused on line 15 of `lib.py`.

```
test_lib.py
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3 import numpy as np
4
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- The debugger executes the unit test as target program
- We use the breakpoint at line 9 to jump into the function

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```
test_lib.py > test_elementwise_division
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```
lib.py > elementwise_division
1  import numpy as np
2  import json
3
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```

• The debugger is now in the function...  
• ... where we can use any of the debugger functionalities

# First steps



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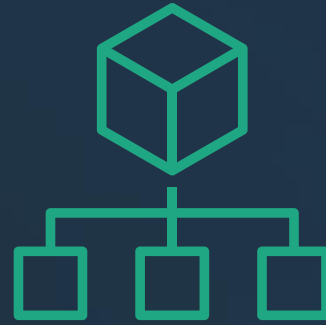
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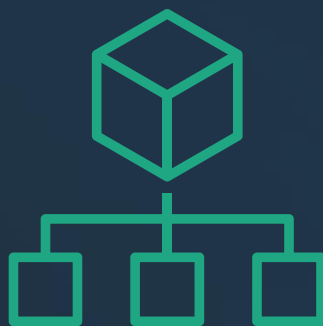
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## Why should I use a debugger?

Because it’s the most powerful way to debug code...

...And when used with testing, they allow writing of better and more efficient code

# Closing out



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