



# Selecting Structural Test

# Get the Right Incentives



# Objectives

- To understand program flow graphs
- Present some additional white box selection approaches
- To practice white box test case selection

# Binary Search (C++)

- Replace with portrait slide

# Control and Data-driven Programs

```
case A is
```

```
  when "One" => i := 1 ;
```

```
  when "Two" => i := 2 ;
```

```
  when "Three" => i := 3 ;
```

```
  when "Four" => i := 4 ;
```

```
  when "Five" => i := 5 ;
```

```
end case ;
```

```
Strings: array (1..5) of STRING  
:=
```

```
  ("One", "Two", "Three",  
  "Four", "Five");
```

```
  i := 1 ;
```

```
loop
```

```
  exit when Strings (i) = A ;
```

```
  i := i + 1 ;
```

```
end loop ;
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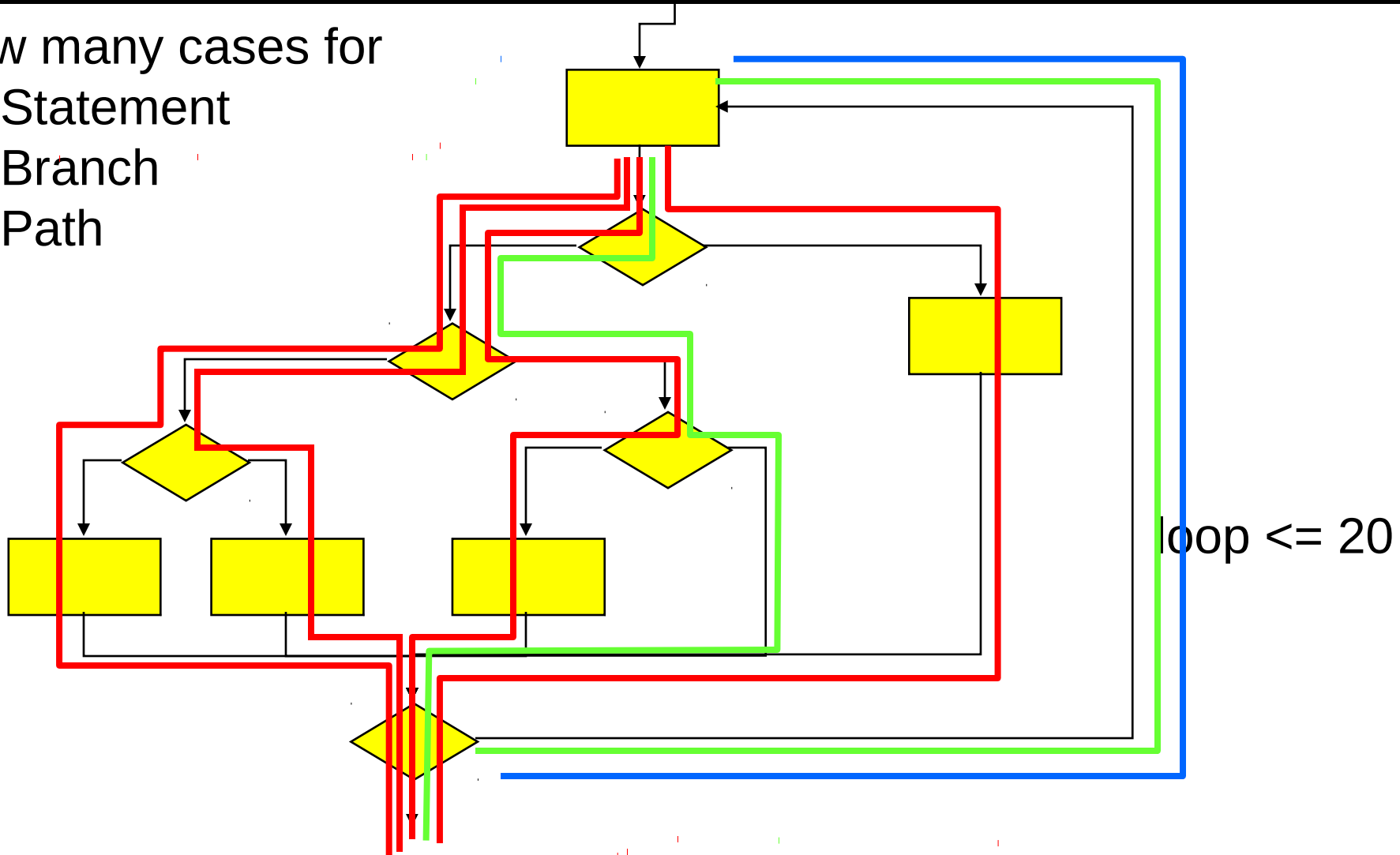


NO METRIC HAS BEATEN ME YET!!

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# Path Testing

How many cases for  
Statement  
Branch  
Path



# Path Testing

- Path coverage requires:
  - **3,656,158,440,062,976** test cases
- If you run 1000 tests per second, this will take **116,000 years**.



# How About Loops?

- Simple loops
  - Skip loop entirely
  - Only one pass through the loop
  - Two passes through the loop
  - $m$  passes where  $m < n$
  - $(n-1)$ ,  $n$ , and  $(n+1)$  passes
- Where  $n$  is the max allowed passes through the loop

# Nested and Concatenated Loops

## ■ Nested

- Test innermost loop first with all outer loops at the minimum value
- Move one loop out, keep the inner loop at “typical” values, and test it as the previous step
- Continue until outermost loop tested

## ■ Concatenated loops

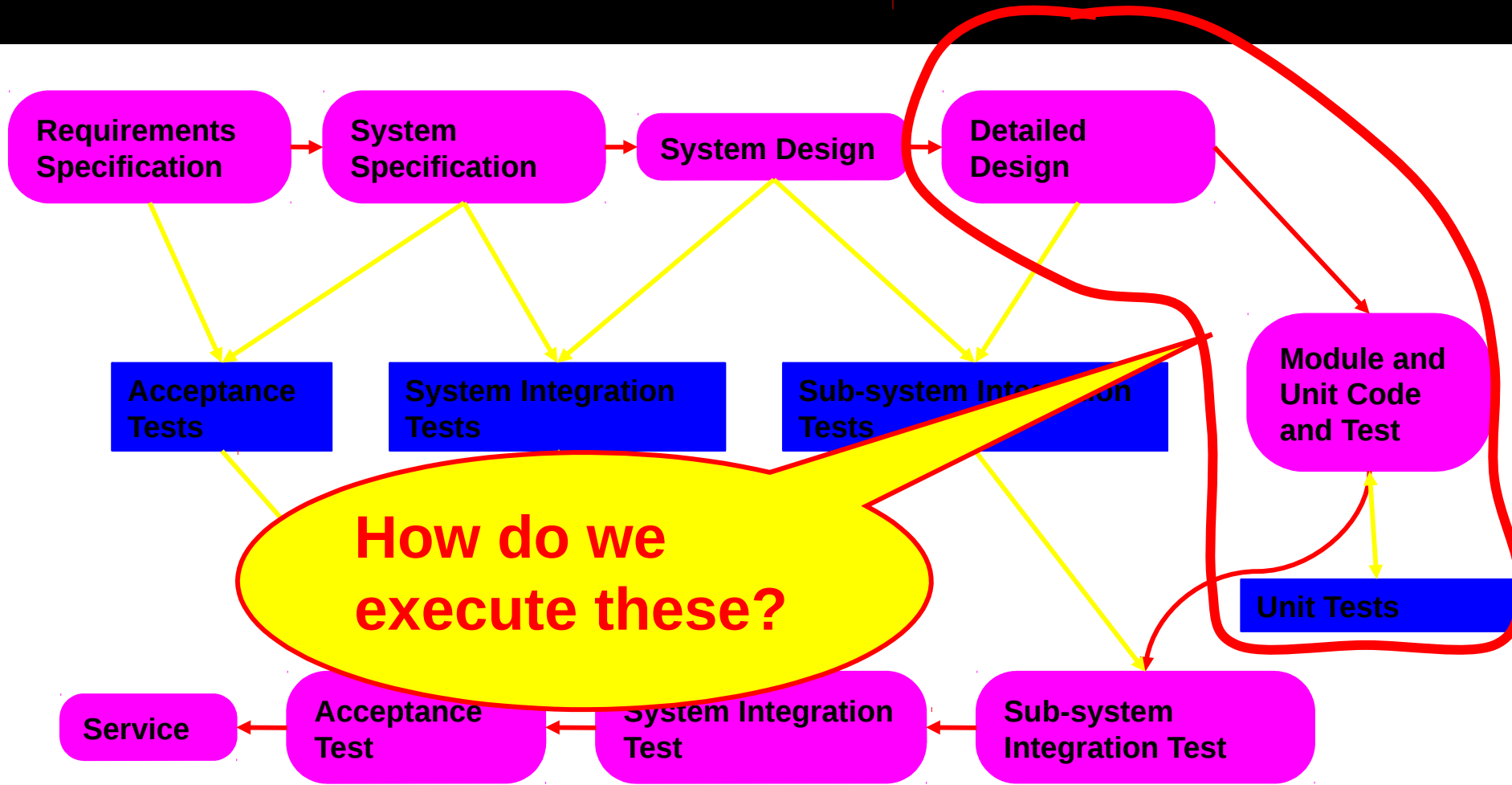
- Independent and can be tested independently
- Most of the time.....

# Interface Testing

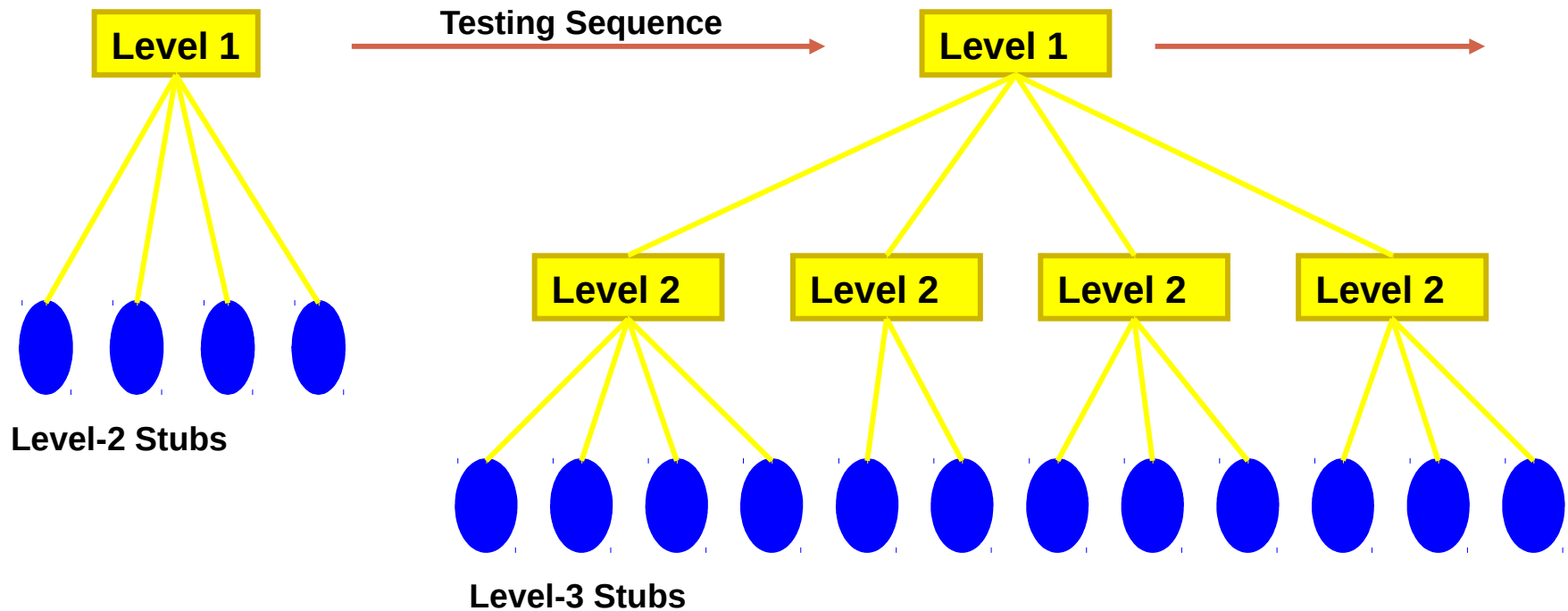
- Takes place when modules or sub-systems are integrated to create larger systems
- Objectives are to detect faults due to interface errors or invalid assumptions about interfaces
- Particularly important for object-oriented development as objects are defined by their interfaces



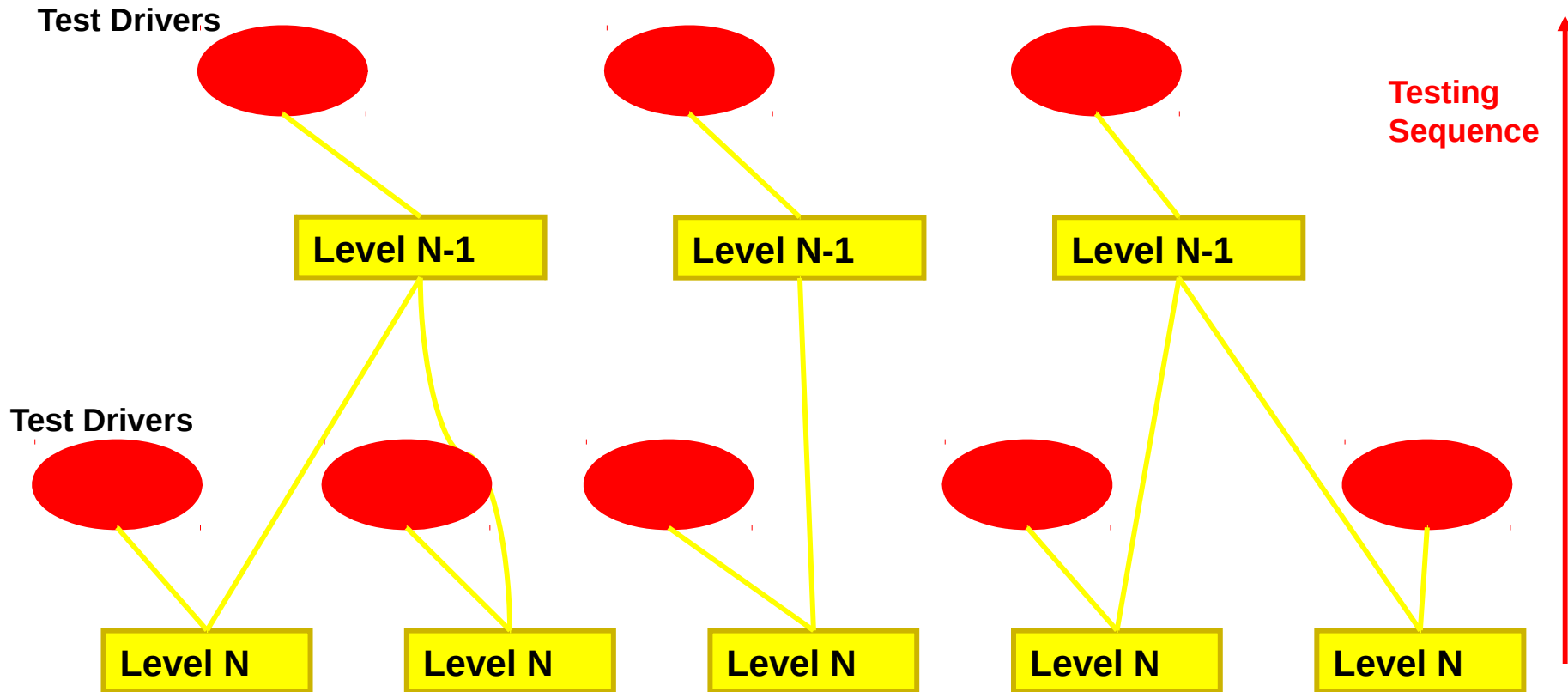
# The V-Model of Development



# Top-down testing



# Bottom-Up Testing

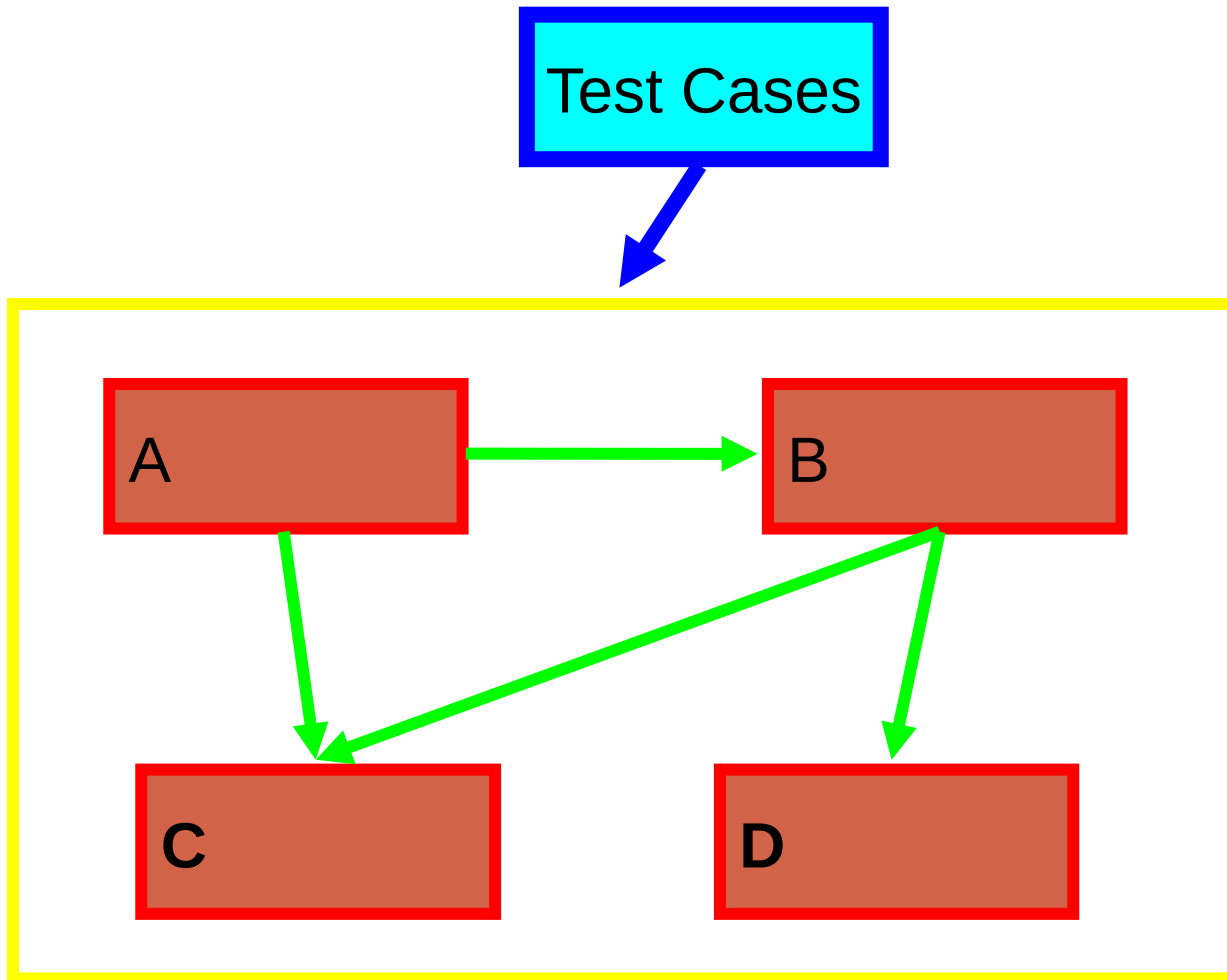


# Interfaces Types

- Parameter interfaces
  - Data passed from one procedure to another
- Shared memory interfaces
  - Block of memory is shared between procedures
- Procedural interfaces
  - Sub-system encapsulates a set of procedures to be called by other sub-systems
- Message passing interfaces
  - Sub-systems request services from other sub-systems



# Interface Testing



# Interface Errors

- Interface misuse
  - A calling component calls another component and makes an error in its use of its interface
  - e.g., parameters in the wrong order
- Interface misunderstanding
  - A calling component embeds assumptions about the behavior of the called component that are incorrect
- Timing errors
  - The called and the calling component operate at different speeds and out-of-date information is accessed

# Interface Testing Guidelines

- Design tests so that parameters to a called procedure are at the extreme ends of their ranges
- Always test pointer parameters with null pointers
- Design tests which cause the component to fail
- Use stress testing in message passing systems
- In shared memory systems, vary the order in which components are activated

# We Have Learned

- Test Coverage Measures
  - Statement, branch, and path coverage
  - Condition coverage (basic, compound)
  - Data flow coverage
- Test coverage measures ensure that statements have been executed to some level
  - However, it is not possible to exercise all combinations