Software Testing: Tutorial 4

Data Flow Testing

Consider the following program:

```
static int find (int list[], int n, int key)
    // binary search of ordered list
    int lo = 0;
    int hi = n - 1;
    int result = -1;
    while ((hi >= lo) && (result == -1)) {
        final int mid = (lo + hi) / 2;
        if (list[mid] == key)
            result = mid;
        else if (list[mid] > key)
            hi = mid - 1;
        else // list[mid] < key</pre>
            lo = mid + 1;
    }
    return result;
}
```

This is not a particularly good example of programming but it is useful for the purposes of this tutorial.

- **Prerequisites:** Review the material on Data-Flow based testing in Lectures 7 and 8 and the paper by Frankl and Weyuker.
- **Preparation:** Review the code above; please try to ensure you understand the method and the particular implementation. It is an implementation of binary search of an ordered array.

Activities

- 1. (10 Minutes) First individually construct the flow graph corresponding to this program.
- 2. (5 Minutes) Find a partner to work with in the group and check that you agree on the structure of the flow-graph for the program.
- 3. (10 Minutes) For each block calculate the defs and c-use sets and for each condition calculate the p-use sets for each out arc.
- 4. (5 Minutes) Check with your partner that you agree on the sets for your flowgraph.
- 5. (10 Minutes) Calculate paths that satisfy the following coverage criteria:
 - (a) All uses.
 - (b) All DU paths.
- 6. (10 Minutes) Work with your partner to devise test sets that explore the sets of paths you devised in the previous activity (modify the paths if they are infeasible).
- 7. If time is available, as a whole class devise a test set that satisfies the "all uses" criterion but fails the "all DU paths" criterion.
- 8. If time is available discuss in the whole group what a best test set for each of the criteria might look like.