

Test Driven Development

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The problem

Good



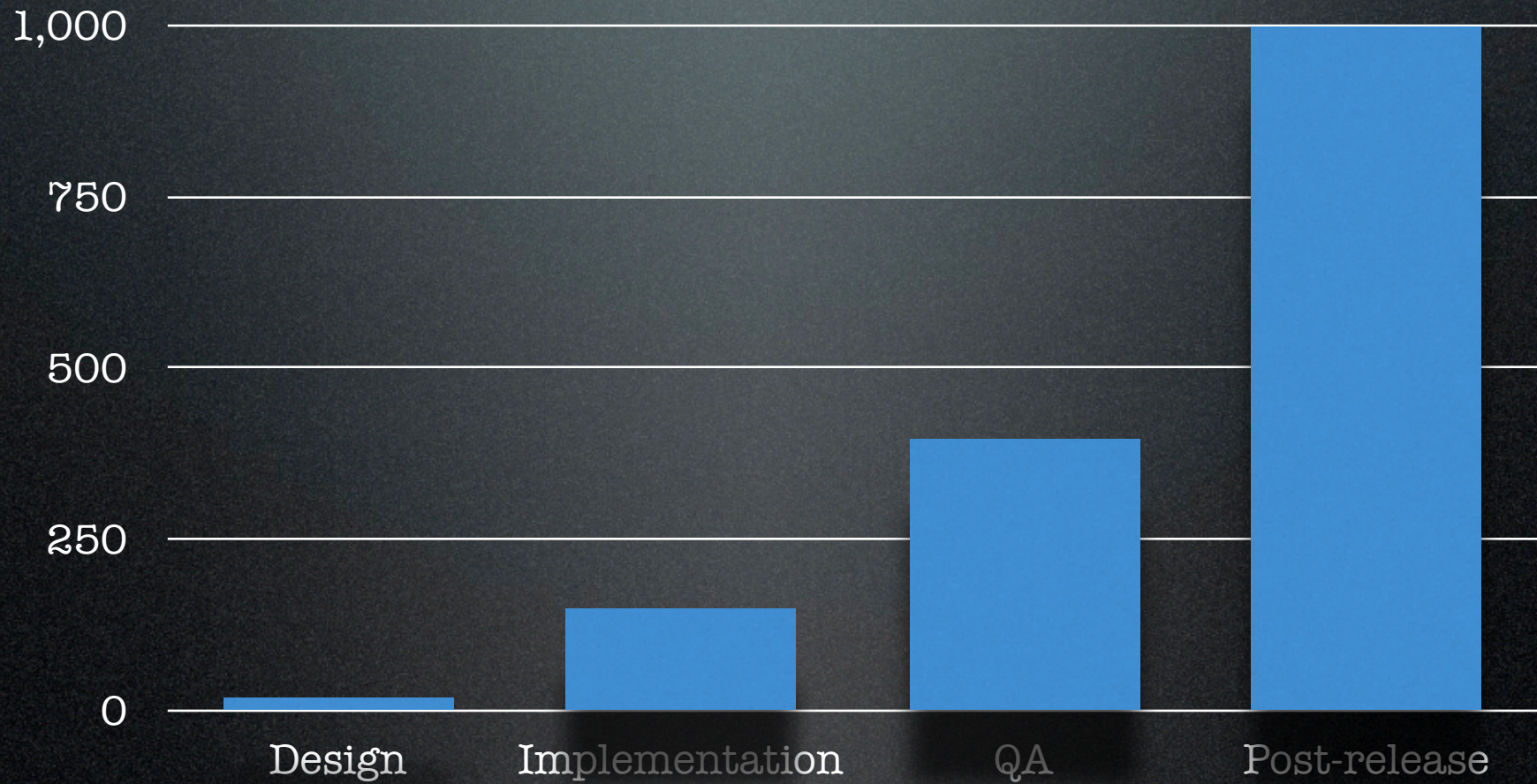
Cheap

Fast

No silver bullet



Time taken to fix bugs



Cheap programmers

- Best programmers 10x as effective
- Testing can close the gap (somewhat)





Software quality

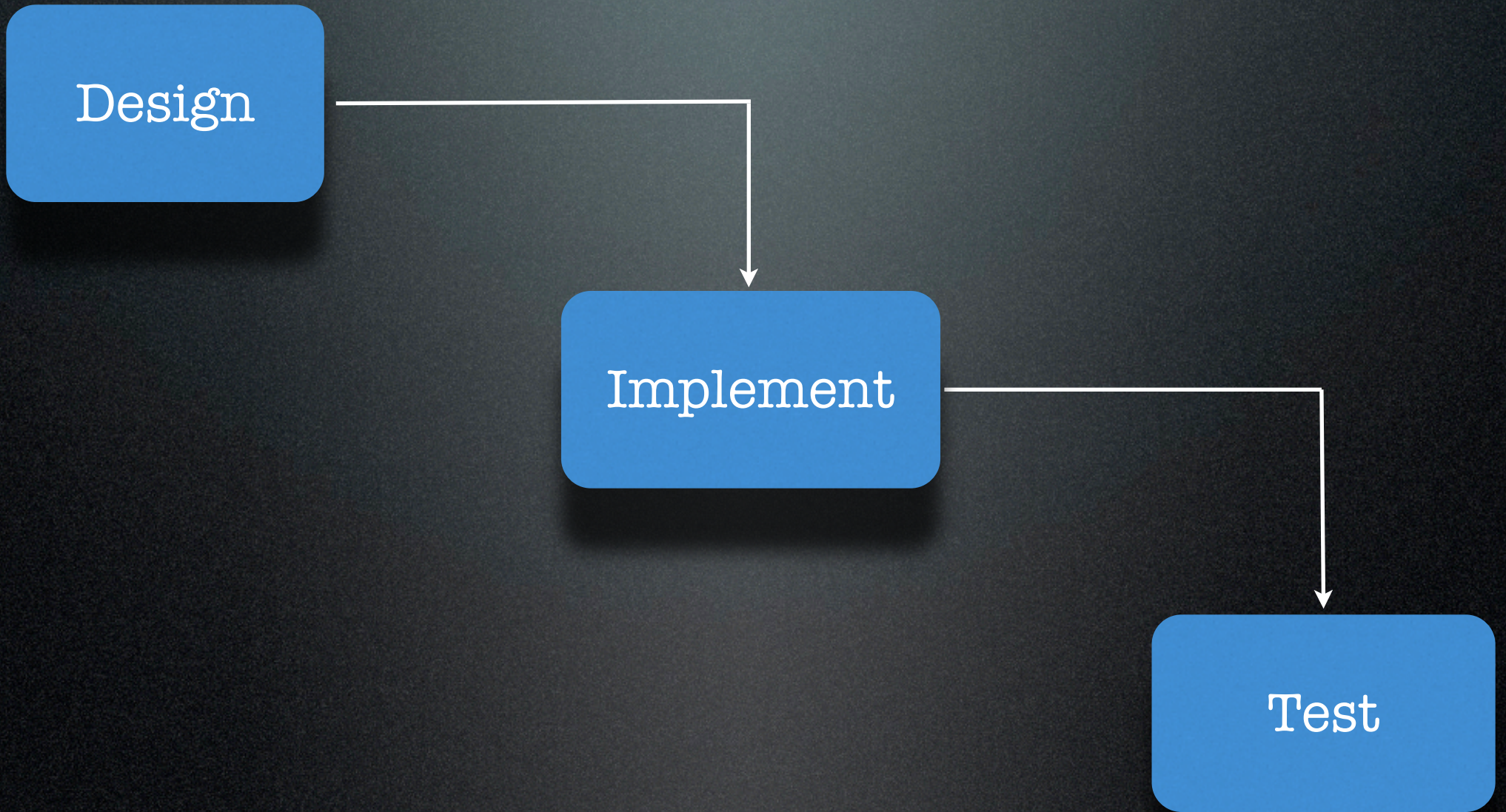
- “Instinctive”
- Hard to measure

The solution

- Testing
- Test Driven Development

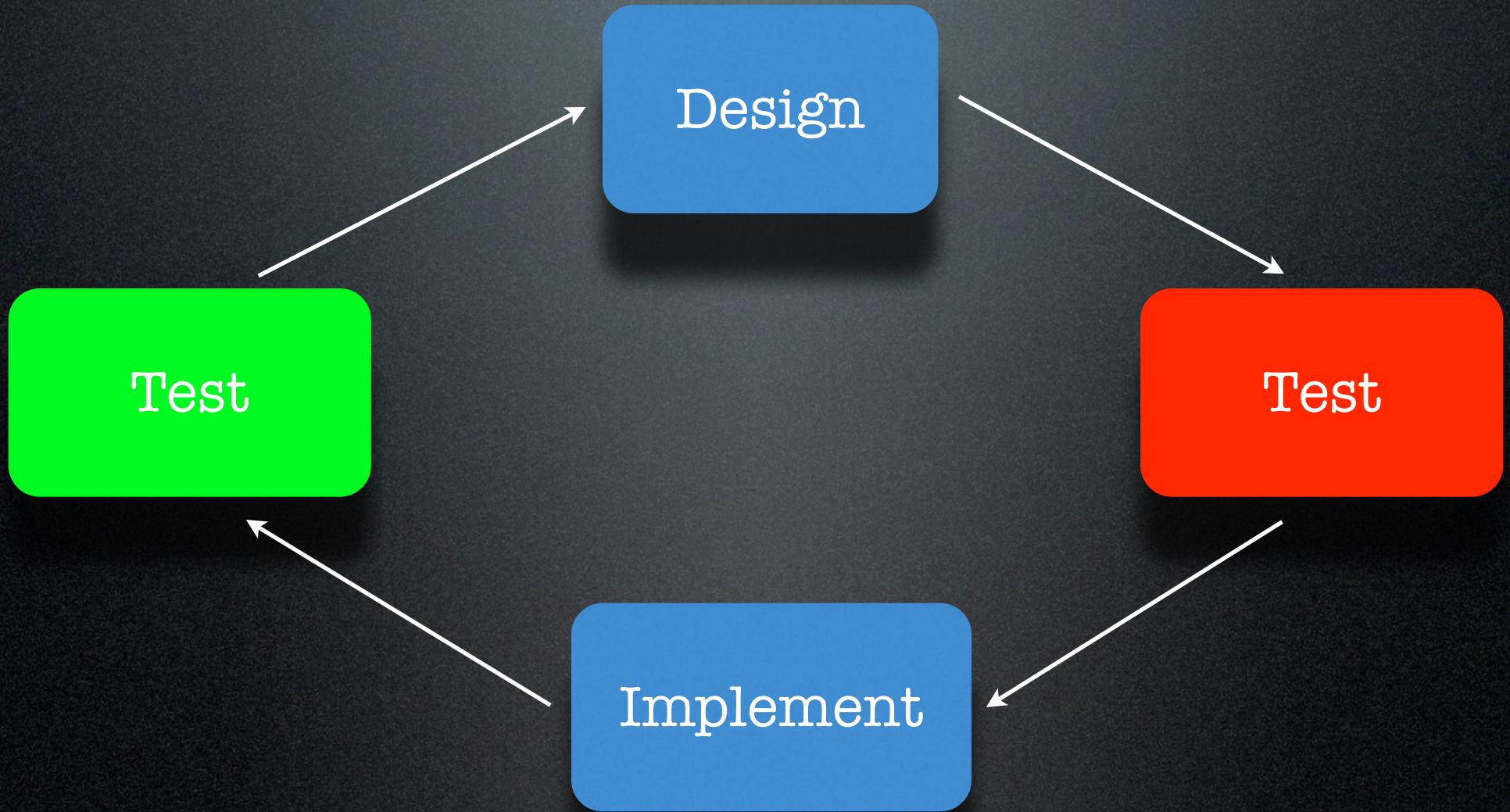


Testing





TDD



How to do it



- Design: figure out what you want to do
- Test: write a test to express the design
 - It should **FAIL**
- Implement: write the code
- Test again
 - It should **PASS**



~~Design~~

Requirements (!)

The subroutine `add()` takes two arguments and adds them together. The result is returned.

Test

```
use Test::More tests => 1;
```

```
is(add(2,2), 4, "Two and two is four");
```


FAIL

```
$ prove -v add.t
add...Undefined subroutine &main::add called at add.t line 3.
# Looks like your test died before it could output anything.
1..1
dubious
    Test returned status 255 (wstat 65280, 0xff00)
DIED. FAILED test 1
    Failed 1/1 tests, 0.00% okay
Failed Test Stat Wstat Total Fail  List of Failed
-----
add.t          255 65280      1     2  1
Failed 1/1 test scripts. 1/1 subtests failed.
Files=1, Tests=1,  0 wallclock secs ( 0.02 cusr +  0.01 csys =  0.03 CPU)
Failed 1/1 test programs. 1/1 subtests failed.
```


Implement

```
sub add {  
  my ($first, $second) = @_;  
  return $first + $second;  
}
```


Test

```
$ prove -v add.t
```

```
add....1..1
```

```
ok 1 - Two and two is four
```

```
ok
```

```
All tests successful.
```

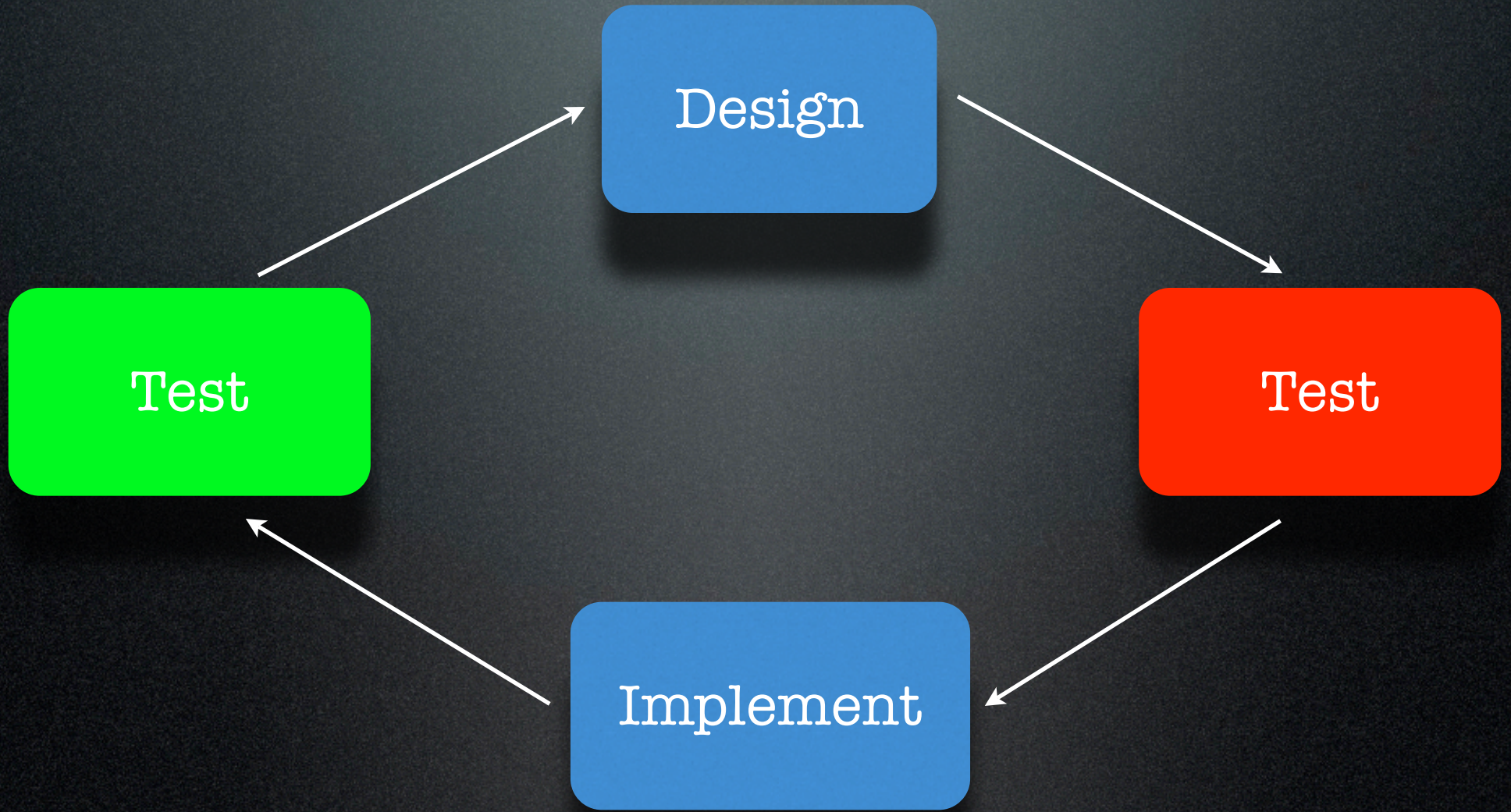
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Wait...



- What if there are fewer than two arguments?
- What if there are more than two arguments?
- What if the arguments aren't numeric?

Iterate



Design

- The subroutine `add()` takes two arguments and adds them together. The result is returned.
- If fewer than two arguments are provided, `add()` will return `undef`.
- If more than two arguments are provided, `add()` will return the sum of the first two.
- If any argument is non-numeric, `add()` will return `undef`.

Test

```
use Test::More tests => 4;

is(add(2,2), 4,
  "Simple case: two and two is four");

is(add(3), undef,
  "Return undef for < 2 args");

is(add(2,2,2), 4,
  "Only add first 2 args");

is(add("foo", "bar"), undef,
  "Return undef for non-numeric args");
```


Test

```
prove -v add.t
```

```
add...1..4
```

```
ok 1 - Two and two is four
```

```
ok 2 - Return undef for < 2 args
```

```
ok 3 - Only add first 2 args
```

```
ok 4 - Return undef for non-numeric args
```


```
ok
```

```
All tests successful.
```




Effective tests must
be automated

Write once, run often

- Write tests once
- Keep them somewhere sensible
- Run frequently (one click)
- No human input 
- Machine-parsable output

Test coverage

- How much of the code is tested?
- What areas still need testing?
- Where are the greatest risks?





TDD in summary

- A. First we write a test.
- B. Then we write code to make the test pass.
- C. Then we find the best possible design for what we have - refactoring (Relying on the existing tests to keep us from breaking things while we are at it)



TDD goals

- **TDD** is a technique for improving the software's **internal** quality

Well-written code

- Good design
- A balanced division of responsibilities
- Without duplication of responsibility
- Maintainability and smooth evolution



Build it right: TDD

- TDD: building up the system incrementally, knowing that we're never far from a working baseline.
 - A test is our way of taking that next small step.
- The term ***refactoring*** is used to better communicate that the last step is about transforming the current design toward a better design.

First we write a test

- We are writing a test. Also, we are making design decisions:
 - We are designing the API—the interface for accessing the functionality we're testing.
 - The test case that we design will be the first “**client**” of the functionality that we are going to implement.
 - One of the fundamental lessons in designing an interface is that we only evaluate a design effectively and objectively when we try to use it.



Then we write just enough code

- The second step of the TDD cycle is to write just enough code to make the test pass.
- You're satisfying an explicit, unambiguous requirement expressed by a test.

And then we refactor

- Take a step back, look at our design, and figure out ways of making it better.
- It is all about keeping your software in good health—at all times.
- Refactoring is about applying refactorings on code in a controlled manner



Keeping code healthy with refactoring

- “a disciplined technique for restructuring an existing body of code, altering its internal structure **without** changing its external behavior” : Martin Fowler

Refactoring Example

- Replace Inheritance with Delegation
 - Motivation: A subclass uses only part of a superclass interface or does not want to inherit data
 - Summary: *Create a field for the superclass, adjust methods to delegate to the superclass, and remove the subclassing.*





Refactoring Example

- Mechanics
 1. Create a field in the subclass that refers to an instance of the superclass. Initialize it to **this**.
 2. Change each method defined in the subclass to use the delegate field.
 3. Compile and test after changing each method.

Refactoring Example

- Mechanics
 4. Remove the subclass declaration and replace the delegate assignment with an assignment to a new object.
 5. For each superclass method used by a client, add a simple delegating method.
 6. Compile and test.

Refactorings alter internal structure

- Many of the refactorings are very low-level
 - *rename method*
 - *Rename variable*
- Low-level refactorings are the fundamental building blocks to achieving larger refactorings
 - Moving the responsibilities around in your code
 - Introducing or removing an inheritance hierarchy



Refactorings preserve behavior

- whatever transformations you apply to the existing code, those transformations should only affect the code's design and structure—not its externally visible behavior or functionality.
 - Renaming a method that is part of a class's public interface - ???
 - how can we be sure that our refactorings haven't changed the code's external behavior? - ???