Learn to Test Your Code

How do you know that your program works?

There's only one correct answer: test it!*

Brooks' Rule of Thumb

- 1/3 planning and design
- 1/6 writing the program
- 1/2 testing

Just because your program compiles does not mean that your program works!

*Becoming a good tester will take years.

Don't worry if it seems tough.

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A Starting Point: Every Statement Must be Executed

How can we test our program?

Let's start with something simple.

Let's say that we have a statement that is never executed by tests.

Does the statement work correctly?

How can we know? We have no tests!

So, no, it does not work correctly.

At a minimum, we **must execute every statement** (called **full code coverage**).

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