

# Verification & Testing

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# Today

1. Administrative
2. Motivation

# Administrative

# Material & Communications

**Physical lecture** – no recordings

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# Plan

DATE	TOPIC
13 Oct	Eraser & Locktree
20 Oct (VH)	Memory Debuggers
27 Oct	Symbolic Methods
03 Nov	Hoare Logic
10 Nov (BM)	Hoare Logic II
17 Nov, <b>i11</b> (BM)	Deductive Program Verification
24 Nov, 1 Dec, 15 Dec	SLAM
<del>22 Dec, 19 Dec, 5 Jan</del>	— Christmas Holidays —
12 Jan	Java Pathfinder
19 Jan	Current Research Topics + Question Hour
<b>26 Jan</b>	<b>EXAM</b>

# How to get a grade?

## Lecture:

- Take the exam (main exam date: 26 Jan 2023)

## Exercises:

- 4 assignments
- At least one submission → you'll get a grade
- Exercise Interviews: 24 Jan 2023

# Exercises

Assignment	UE Handout	UE Question Hour	UE Deadline
A1 Eraser	13 Oct	20 Oct	27 Oct
A2 Hoare	3 Nov	10 Nov	17 Nov
A3 Dafny	17 Nov	24 Nov	9 Dec
A4 SLAM	16 Dec	17 Jan	20 Jan

# Grading Scale (Exercise):

```
if (points(a1) >= 10 && points(a2) >= 10 &&
    points(a3) >= 10 && points(a4) >= 10)
{
    sum = points(a1) + points(a2) + points(a3) + points(a4)
    if (sum / 4.0 >= 87.5)
        return 1;
    if (sum / 4.0 >= 75)
        return 2;
    if (sum / 4.0 >= 62.5)
        return 3;
    if (sum / 4.0 >= 50)
        return 4;
}
return 5;
```





# The Sorry State of Testing

Apple SSL/TSL v55741, Feb. 2014

SSLVerifySignedServerKeyExchange:

```

. . .
hashOut.data = hashes + SSL_MD5_DIGEST_LEN;
hashOut.length = SSL_SHA1_DIGEST_LEN;
if ((err = SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx)) != 0)
    goto fail;
if ((err = ReadyHash(&SSLHashSHA1, &hashCtx)) != 0)
    goto fail;
if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &clientRandom)) != 0)
    goto fail;
if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &serverRandom)) != 0)
    goto fail;
if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
    goto fail;
    goto fail; /* MISTAKE! THIS LINE SHOULD NOT BE HERE. err==0 */
if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
    goto fail;

err = sslRawVerify(...);
. . .

```

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*this is an old EULA. Newer software comes with a 90-day limited warranty*

Damage due to Bugs (US alone)

**\$20-\$60 billion  
annually**

Size of software industry: \$120billion

# Things Go Very Wrong



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Ariane 5 flight 501, 4 June 1996

Reuse of module written for Ariane 4, which is slower.  
Acceleration values do not fit 16 bit integer.

1. Out-of-range value leads to unhandled exception in active and backup systems
2. Software transmits diagnostic data to main computer.
3. Main computer interprets diagnostic input as navigation data
4. Rocket starts tearing apart, triggers self destruct system

Failed system was not needed on Ariane 5.

Cost: \$400m



# More?

1993 – Intel Pentium floating point divide

2000 – National Cancer Institute, Panama City.

2003 – Northeast blackout

*Faulty software may always be a part of the electric grid's DNA* – Tom Kropp, manager, enterprise information security program, Electric Power Research Institute

# Report: Software bug led to death in Uber's self-driving crash

Sensors detected Elaine Herzberg, but software reportedly decided to ignore her.

TIMOTHY B. LEE - 5/8/2018, 12:12 AM





# What about Other Disciplines?



Si-o-se Pol bridge, 1600, Isfahan

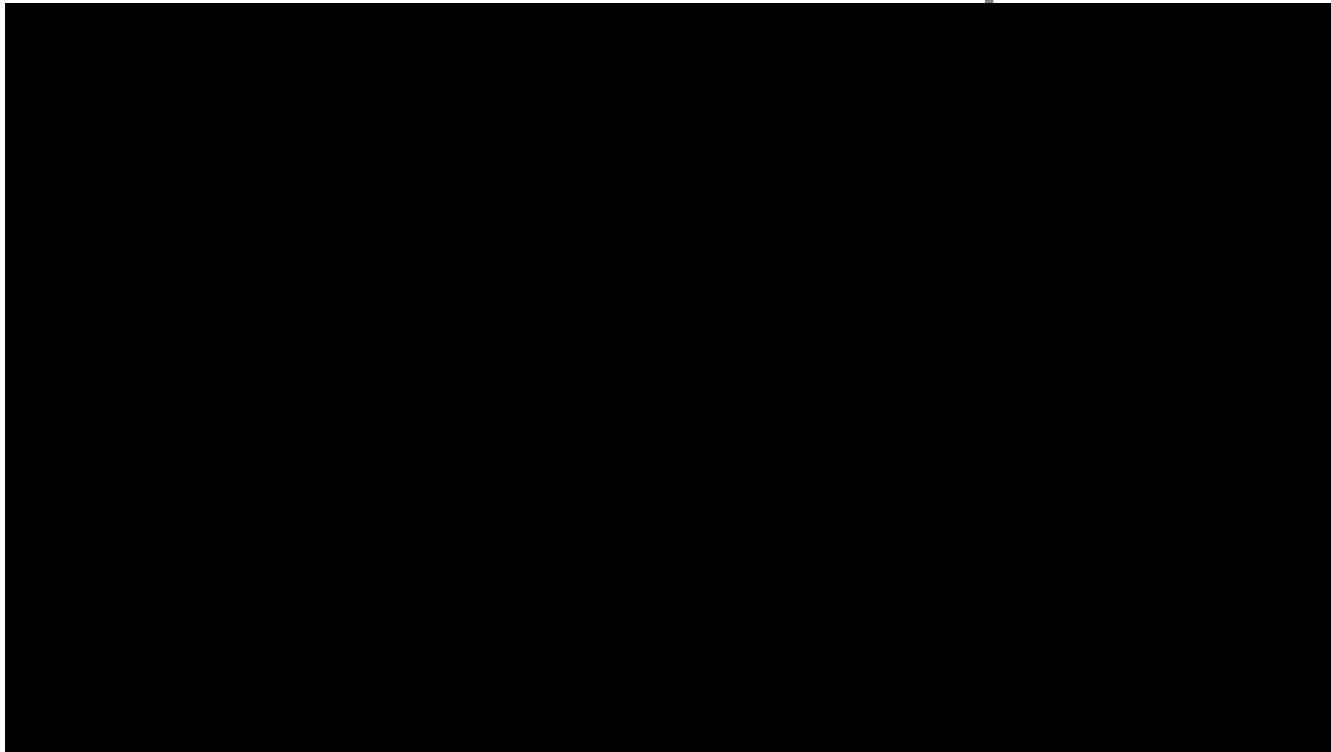
# What about Other Disciplines?

“Engineering is the discipline, art, and profession that applies scientific theory to design, develop, and analyze technological solutions.”

Civil engineering is an engineering discipline.  
Computer science is not.

*Why not?*

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## **Erasmus Bridge**

Rotterdam,

Netherlands, 1997

Aerodynamical problem

Solved by adding extra  
wires

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## Millenium Bridge

London, 2000. Cost:  
£18M.

‘Suspension bridge’

Resonance problem

Added shock absorbers  
(Cost: £5M)



# What about Other Disciplines?

Common theme in failures: **new design**

In computer science, every design is new!

## Two contributions

1. **Mathematical rigor:** Verify, don't test!
2. **Correctness first:** Establish correctness while programming

# Verification & Testing

**Testing:** Try out the software for many different scenarios

**Verification:** prove the correctness of software

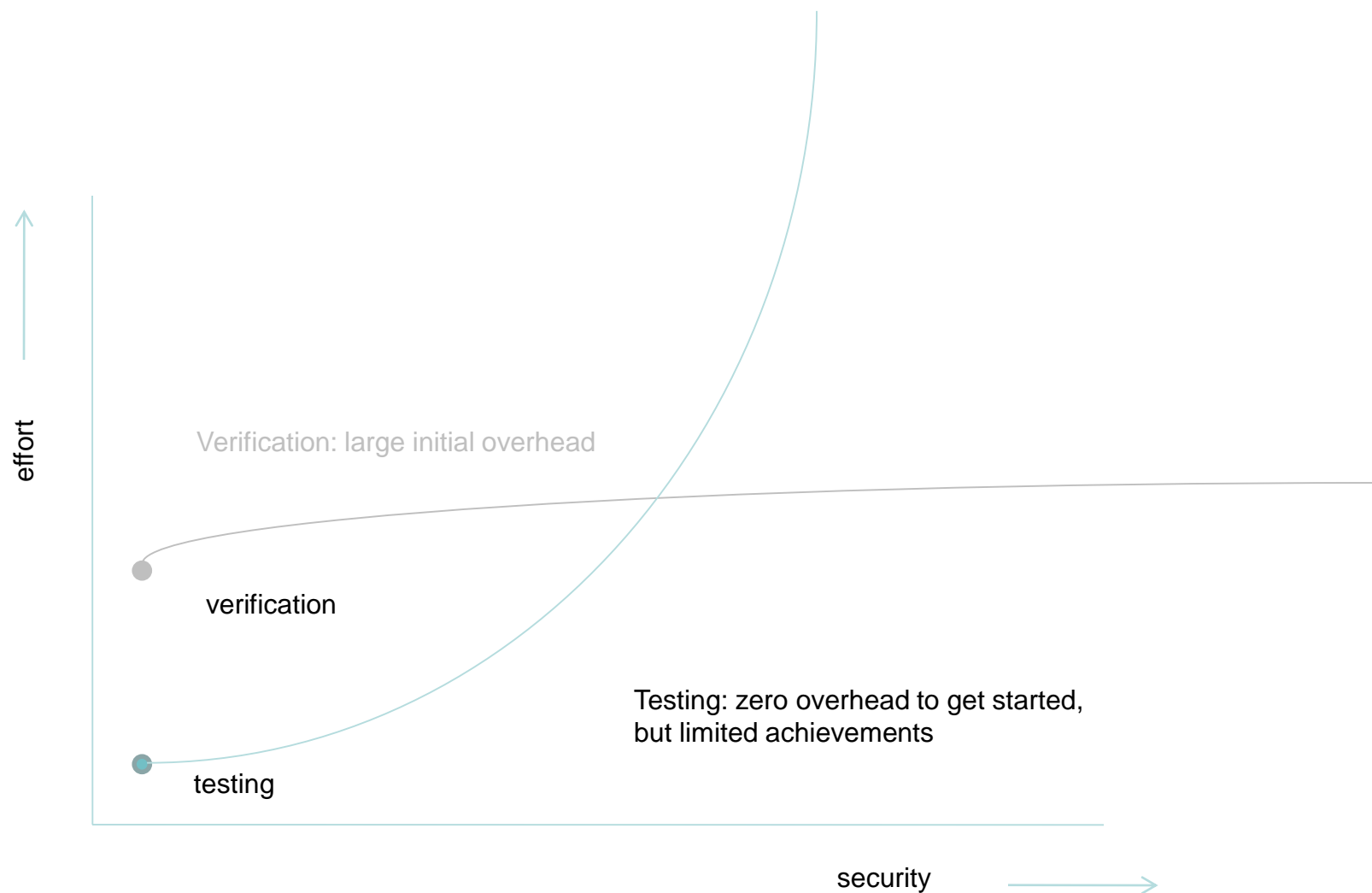
**Testing:** some payoff for any size system

**Verification:** scaling is hard

## MAIN CHALLENGE



# Testing vs Verification



# Hardware & Software

## Hardware

high  
high  
high  
high

expectation of quality  
cost of reimplementation  
cost to update / replace  
cost of failure

model checking  
becoming  
standard

## Software

low  
low  
low  
low?

model  
checking in  
limited  
domains

# Verification Example: Pentium

Floating Point Unit formally verified

Working on full formal verification

Why?

Testing uses ~6000 CPUs running 24/7

Total simulation cycles prior to tapeout < 1 minute of a 2 GHz system

No amount of dynamic validation is enough

- A single dyadic extended-precision (80-bit) FP instruction has  $O(10^{50})$  possible combinations
- Exhaustive testing is impossible, even on real silicon

Age of universe:  $10^{26}$ ns.

Bob Bentley, Intel, 2005

A problem has been detected and Windows has been shut down to prevent damage to your computer.

PFN\_LIST\_CORRUPT

If this is the first time you've seen this Stop error screen, restart your computer. If this screen appears again, follow these steps:

Check to make sure any new hardware or software is properly installed. If this is a new installation, ask your hardware or software manufacturer for any Windows updates you might need.

If problems continue, disable or remove any newly installed hardware or software. Disable BIOS memory options such as caching or shadowing. If you need to use Safe Mode to remove or disable components, restart your computer, press F8 to select Advanced Startup Options, and then select Safe Mode.

Technical information:

\*\*\* STOP: 0x0000004e (0x00000099, 0x00900009, 0x00000900, 0x00000900)

Beginning dump of physical memory

Physical memory dump complete.

Contact your system administrator or technical support group for further assistance.

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## Verification Example: Microsoft Device Drivers

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**that they are working on:  
Verification tool (model checker) part of the device  
driver development kit**

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# State of the Art

Verification is standard

- In VLSI design
- In MS Windows development
- At Facebook
- At Amazon
- ...

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.The Microsoft logo, featuring the four-pane Windows logo (red, green, blue, yellow) followed by the word "Microsoft" in a sans-serif font.The Amazon logo, featuring the word "amazon" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font with a yellow curved arrow underneath it.

# Plan

## **Dynamic Algorithms.** *Get more from testing*

- Deadlocks: Eraser & Locktree
- Memory use: Valgrind & Purify
- Symbolic Execution

## **Static Algorithms** Prove absence of bugs

- Symbolic Execution
- Java Path Finder
- Static Analysis
- Hoare Logic
- Abstraction and refinement: Microsoft's SLAM