

Coverage-Guided Fuzzing

Dynamic
Coverage

Static
Structure

Smart
Algorithms

Security Testing
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Our Goal

- We want to *cause the program to fail*
- We have seen
 - *random* (unstructured) input
 - *structured* (grammar-based) input
 - generation based on *grammar coverage*

A Challenge

```
class Roots {  
    // Solve ax2 + bx + c = 0  
    public roots(double a, double b, double c)  
    { ... }  
  
    // Result: values for x  
    double root_one, root_two;  
}
```

- Which values for a, b, c should we test?

assuming a, b, c , were 32-bit integers, we'd have $(2^{32})^3 \approx 10^{28}$ legal inputs
with 1.000.000.000.000 tests/s, we would still require 2.5 billion years

The Code

```
// Solve ax2 + bx + c = 0
public roots(double a, double b, double c)
{
    double q = b * b - 4 * a * c;
    if (q > 0 && a != 0) {
        // code for handling two roots
    }

    else if (q == 0) {
        // code for handling one root
    }

    else {
        // code for handling no roots
    }
}
```

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Test this case

and this

and this!

The Test Cases

```
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    else {
        // code for handling no roots
    }
}
```

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

(a, b, c) = (3, 4, 1)

(a, b, c) = (0, 0, 1)

(a, b, c) = (3, 2, 1)

A Defect

```
// Solve ax2 + bx + c = 0
public roots(double a, double b, double c)
{
    double q = b * b - 4 * a * c;
    if (q > 0 && a != 0) {
        // code for handling two roots
    }

    else if (q == 0) {
        x = (-b) / (2 * a); ↴
    }

    else {
        // code for handling no roots
    }
}
```

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

code must handle $a = 0$

$(a, b, c) = (0, 0, 1)$

The Idea

Use the *program*
to guide test generation

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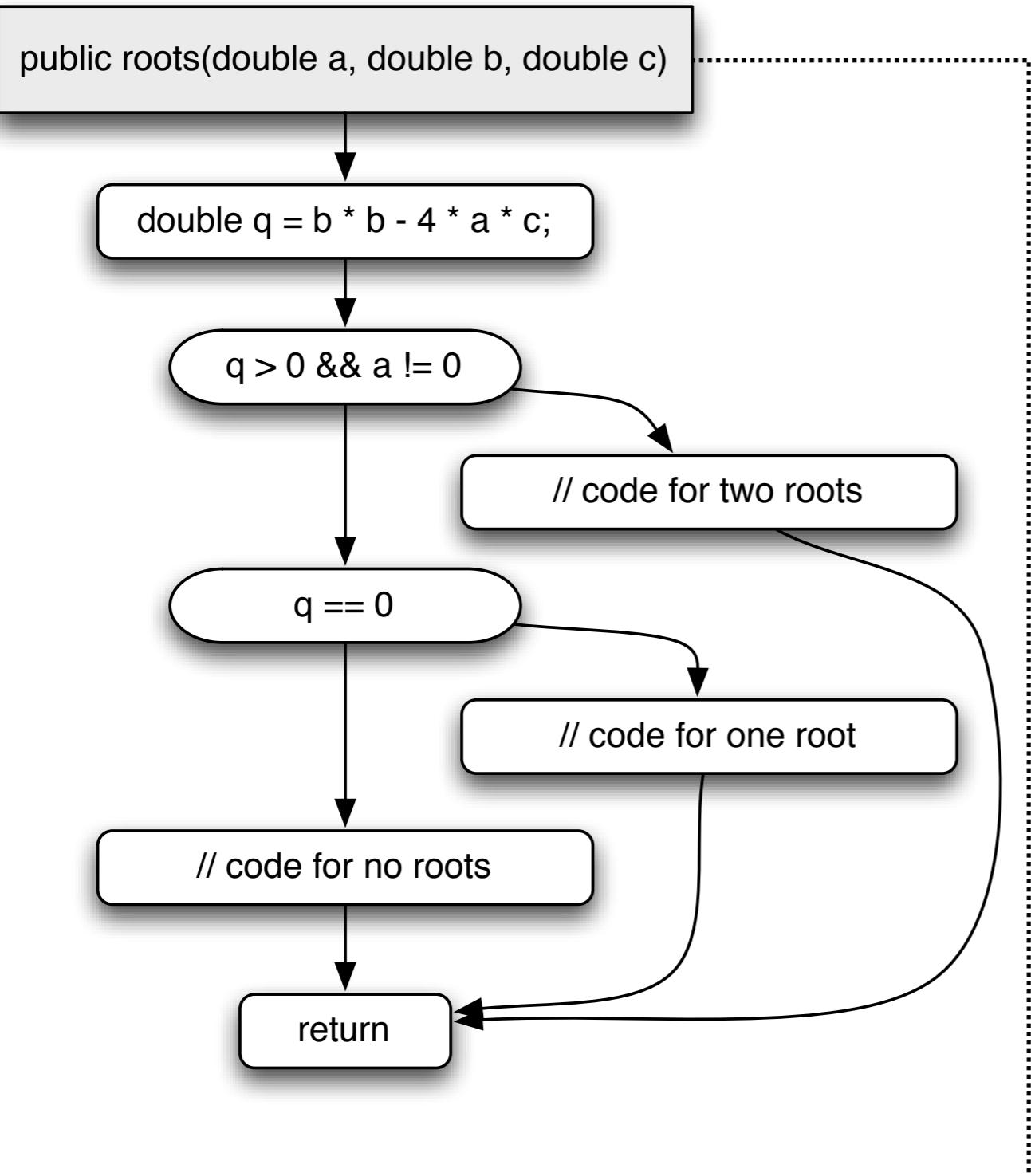
Expressing Structure

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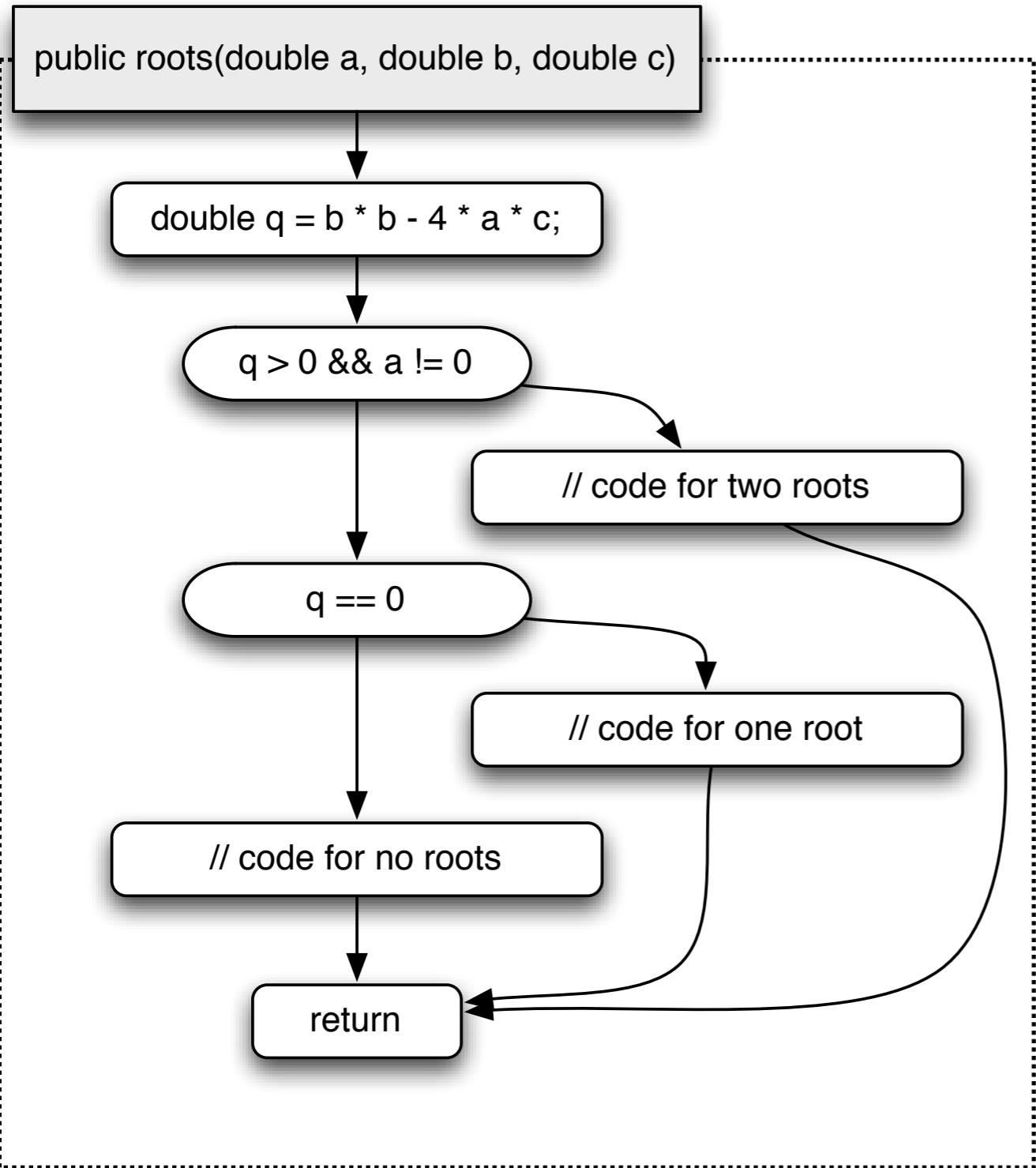
    else {
        // code for handling no roots
    }
}
```

Control Flow Graph



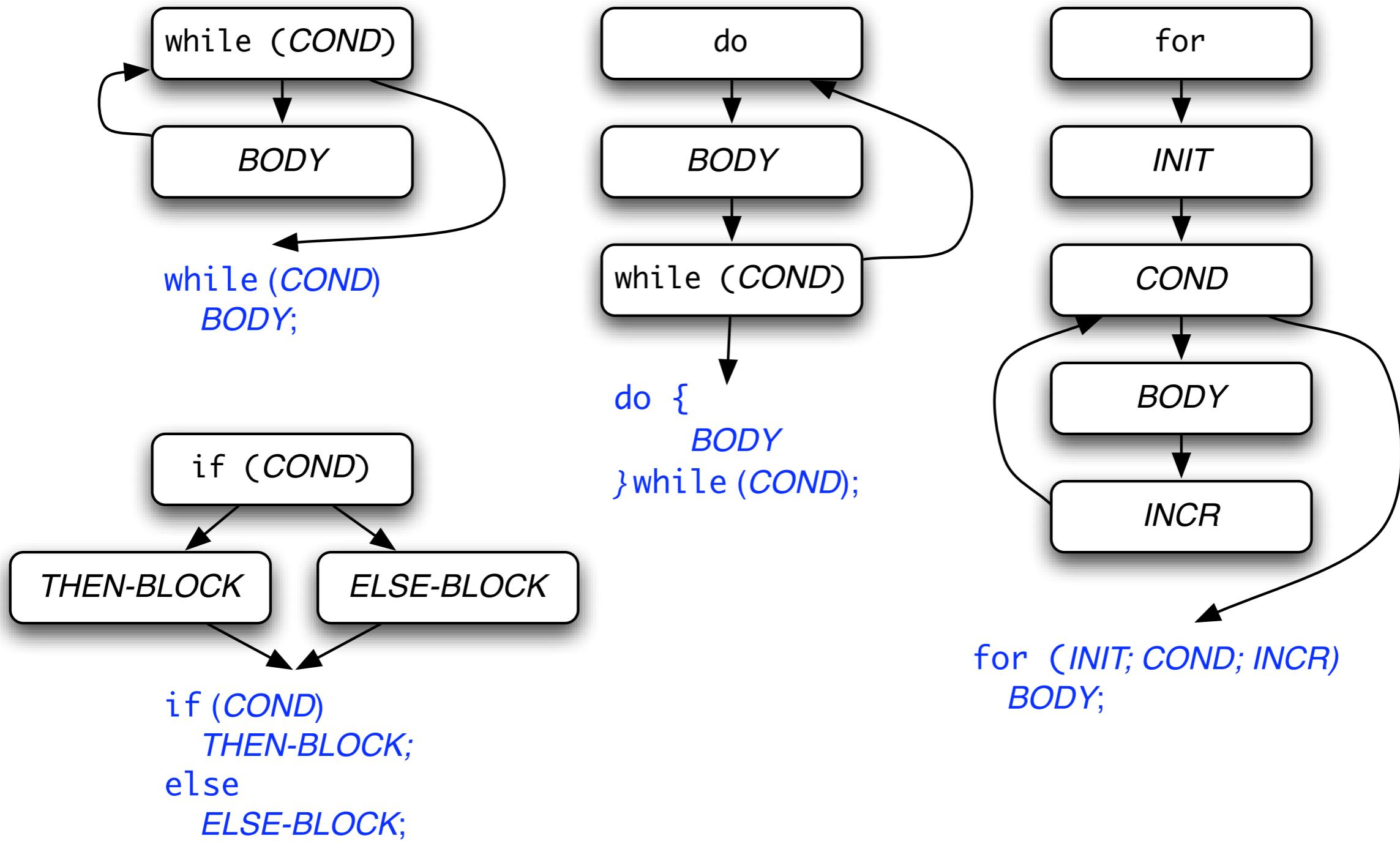
- A *control flow graph* expresses paths of program execution
- Nodes are *basic blocks* – sequences of statements with one entry and one exit point
- Edges represent *control flow* – the possibility that the program execution proceeds from the end of one basic block to the beginning of another

Structural Testing



- The CFG can serve as an *adequacy criterion* for test cases
- The more parts are covered (executed), the higher the chance of a test to uncover a defect
- “parts” can be: nodes, edges, paths, conditions...

Control Flow Patterns

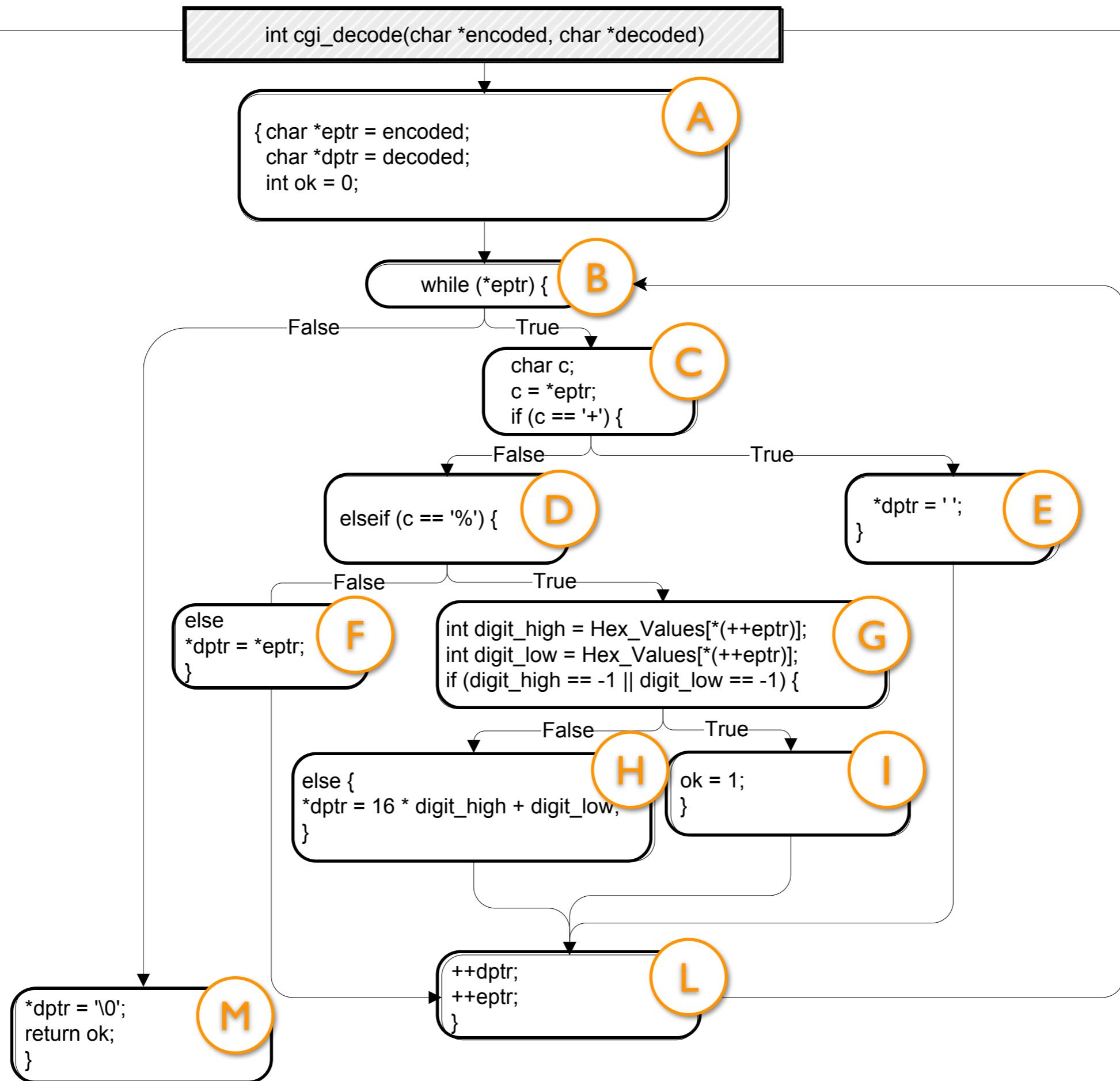


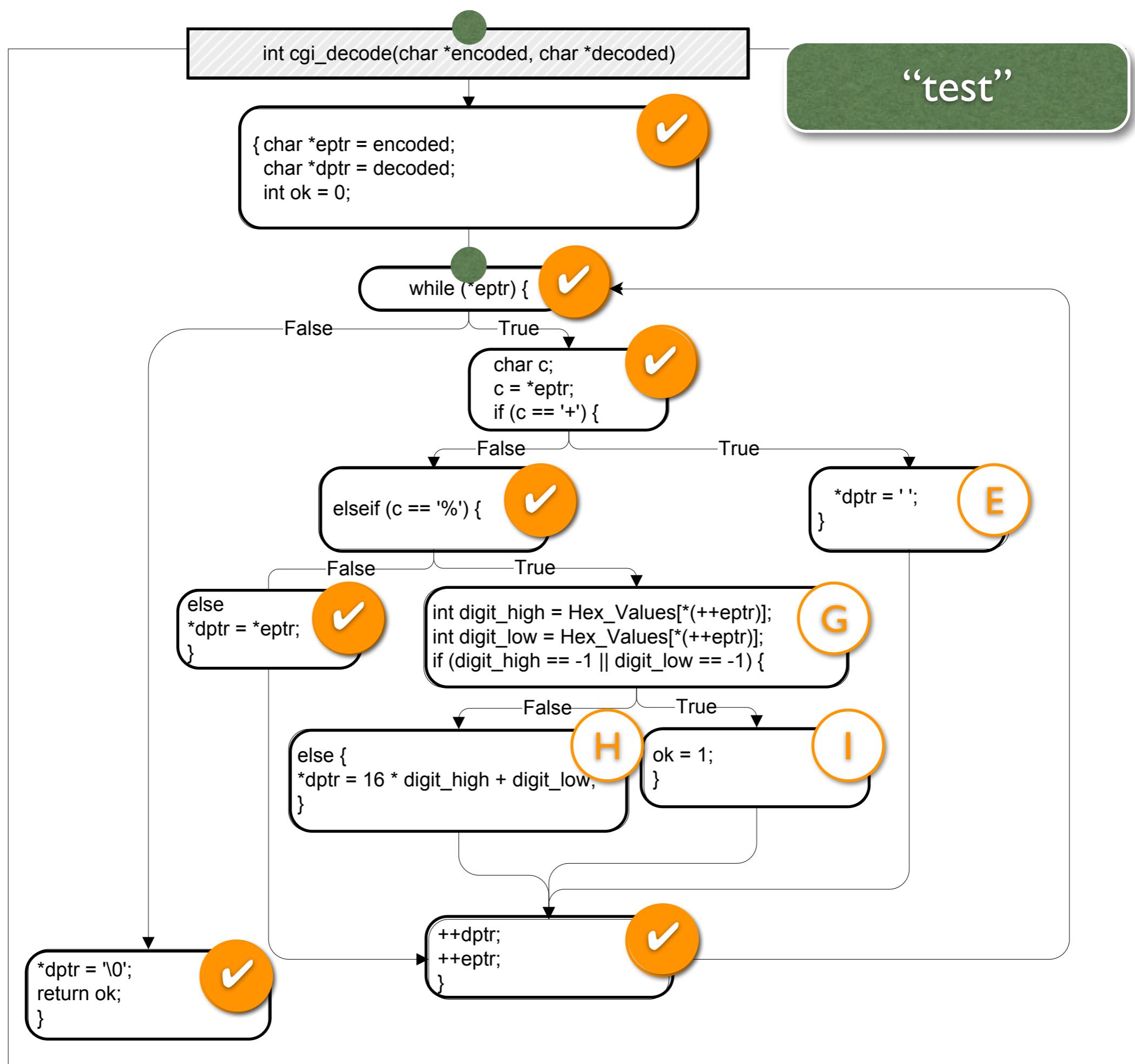
cgi_decode

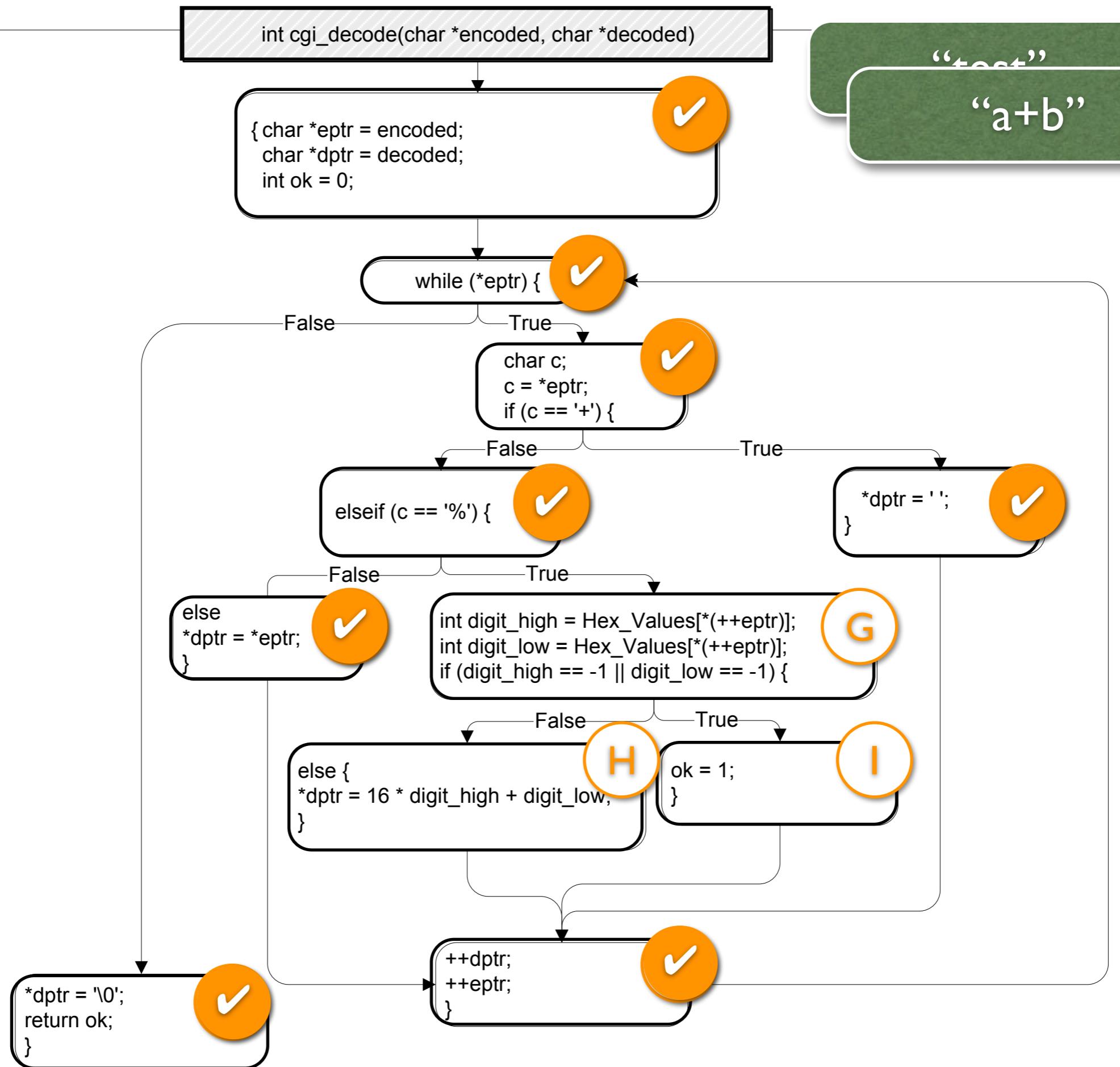
```
/**  
 * @title cgi_decode  
 * @desc  
 * Translate a string from the CGI encoding to plain ascii text  
 * '+' becomes space, %xx becomes byte with hex value xx,  
 * other alphanumeric characters map to themselves  
 *  
 * returns 0 for success, positive for erroneous input  
 * 1 = bad hexadecimal digit  
 */  
  
int cgi_decode(char *encoded, char *decoded)  
{  
    char *eptr = encoded;  
    char *dptr = decoded;   
    int ok = 0;
```

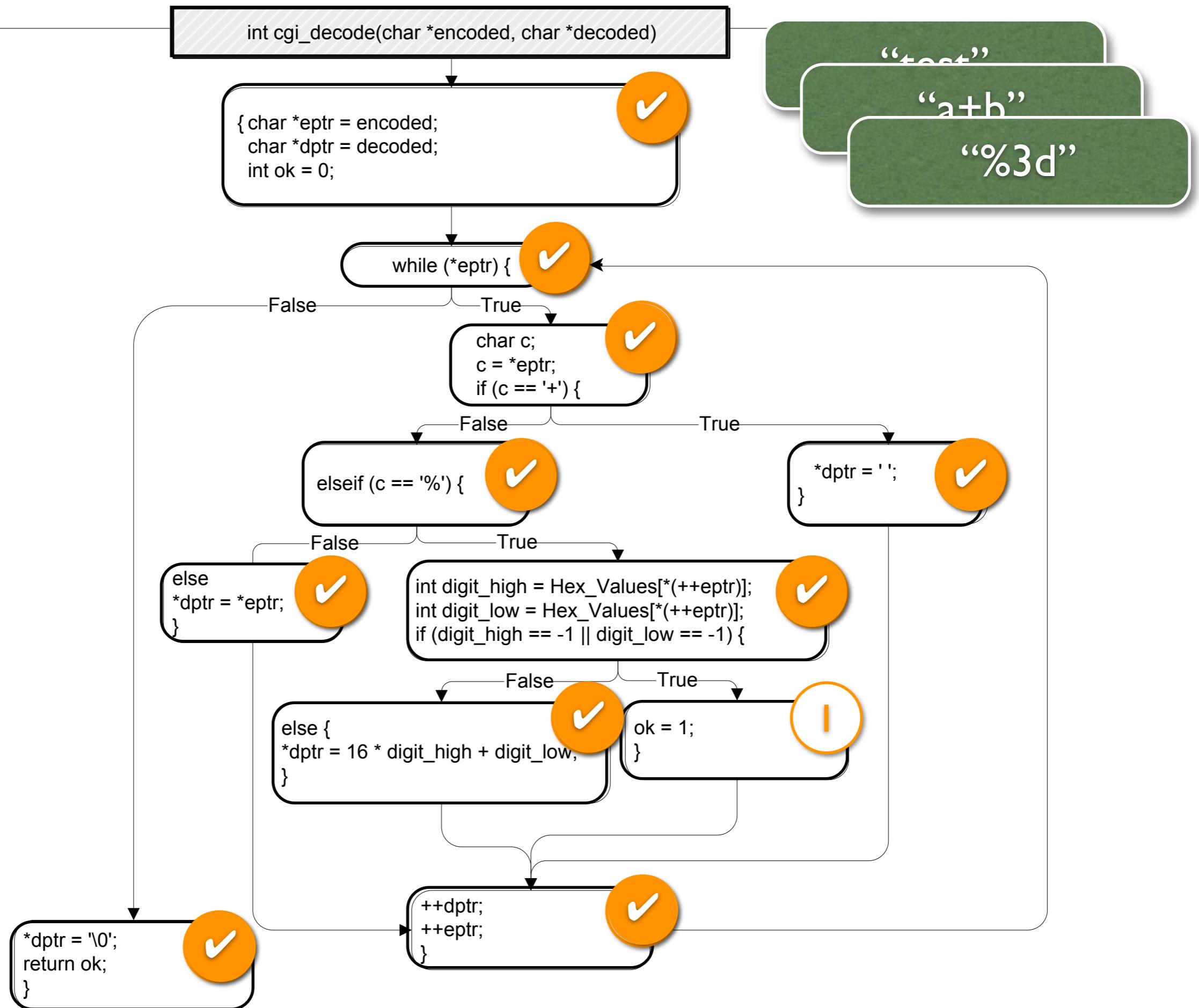
```
while (*eptr) /* loop to end of string ('\0' character) */ B
{
    char c; C
    c = *eptr; C
    if (c == '+') { /* '+' maps to blank */
        *dptr = ' '; E
    } else if (c == '%') { /* '%xx' is hex for char xx */ D
        int digit_high = Hex_Values[*(++eptr)]; G
        int digit_low = Hex_Values[*(++eptr)]; G
        if (digit_high == -1 || digit_low == -1)
            ok = 1; /* Bad return code */ I
        else
            *dptr = 16 * digit_high + digit_low; H
    } else { /* All other characters map to themselves */
        *dptr = *eptr; F
    }
    ++dptr; ++eptr; L
}

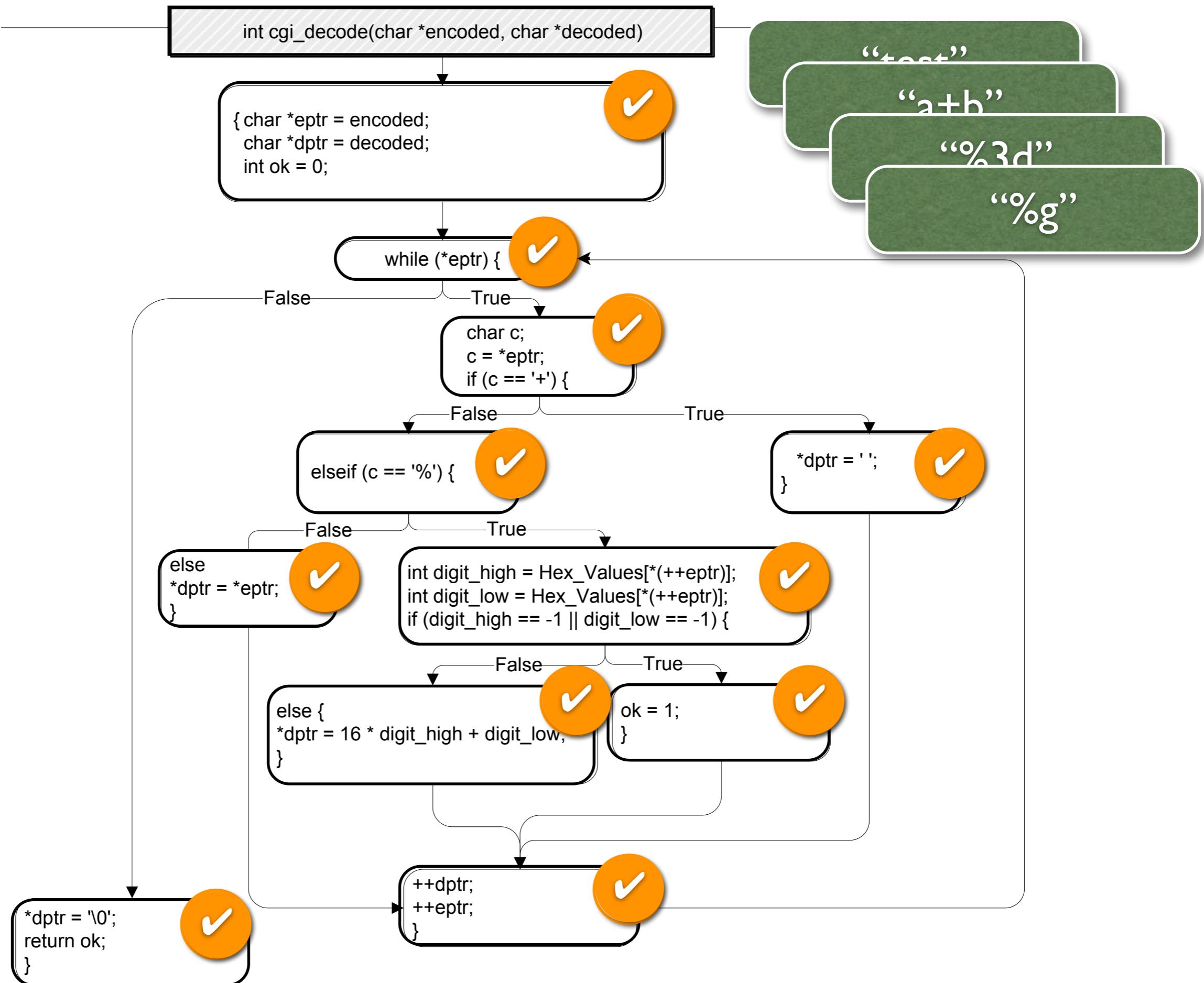
*dptr = '\0'; /* Null terminator for string */ M
return ok;
}
```









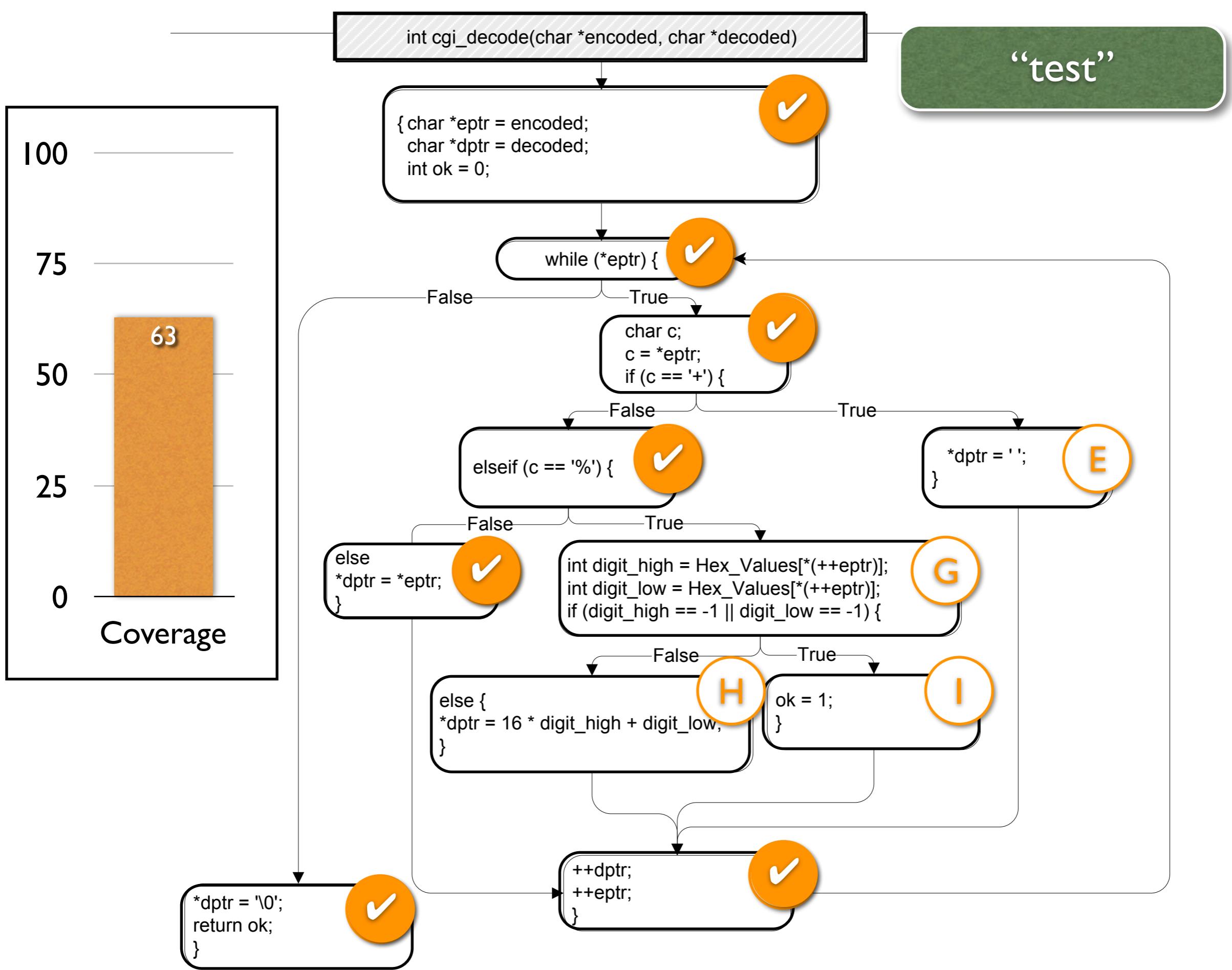


Test Adequacy Criteria

- How do we know a test suite is "good enough"?
- A *test adequacy criterion* is a predicate that is true or false for a pair $\langle \text{program}, \text{test suite} \rangle$
- Usually expressed in form of a *rule* – e.g., "all statements must be covered"

Statement Testing

- Adequacy criterion: each statement (or node in the CFG) must be *executed at least once*
- Rationale: a defect in a statement can only be revealed by *executing* the defect
- Coverage: $\frac{\# \text{ executed statements}}{\# \text{ statements}}$



100

75

50

25

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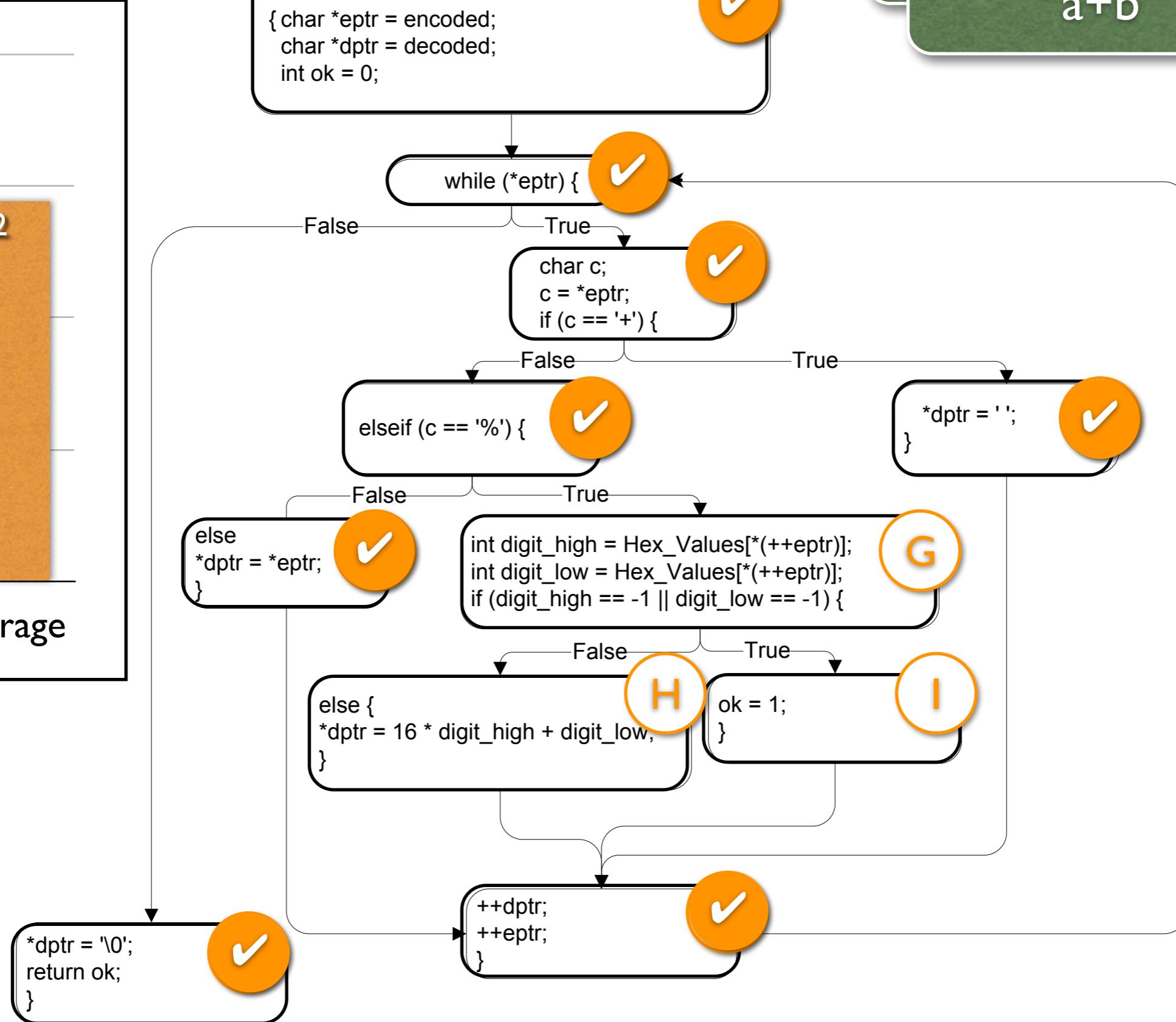
Coverage

72

`int cgi_decode(char *encoded, char *decoded)`

“test”

“a+b”



100

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25

0

Coverage

91

`int cgi_decode(char *encoded, char *decoded)`

```
{ char *eptr = encoded;
  char *dptr = decoded;
  int ok = 0;
```



“test”

“a+b”

“%3d”

while (*eptr) {



```
char c;
c = *eptr;
if (c == '+') {
```



elseif (c == '%') {



```
else
*dptr = *eptr;
```



```
int digit_high = Hex_Values[*(++eptr)];
int digit_low = Hex_Values[*(++eptr)];
if (digit_high == -1 || digit_low == -1) {
```



```
else {
*dptr = 16 * digit_high + digit_low,
```



ok = 1;



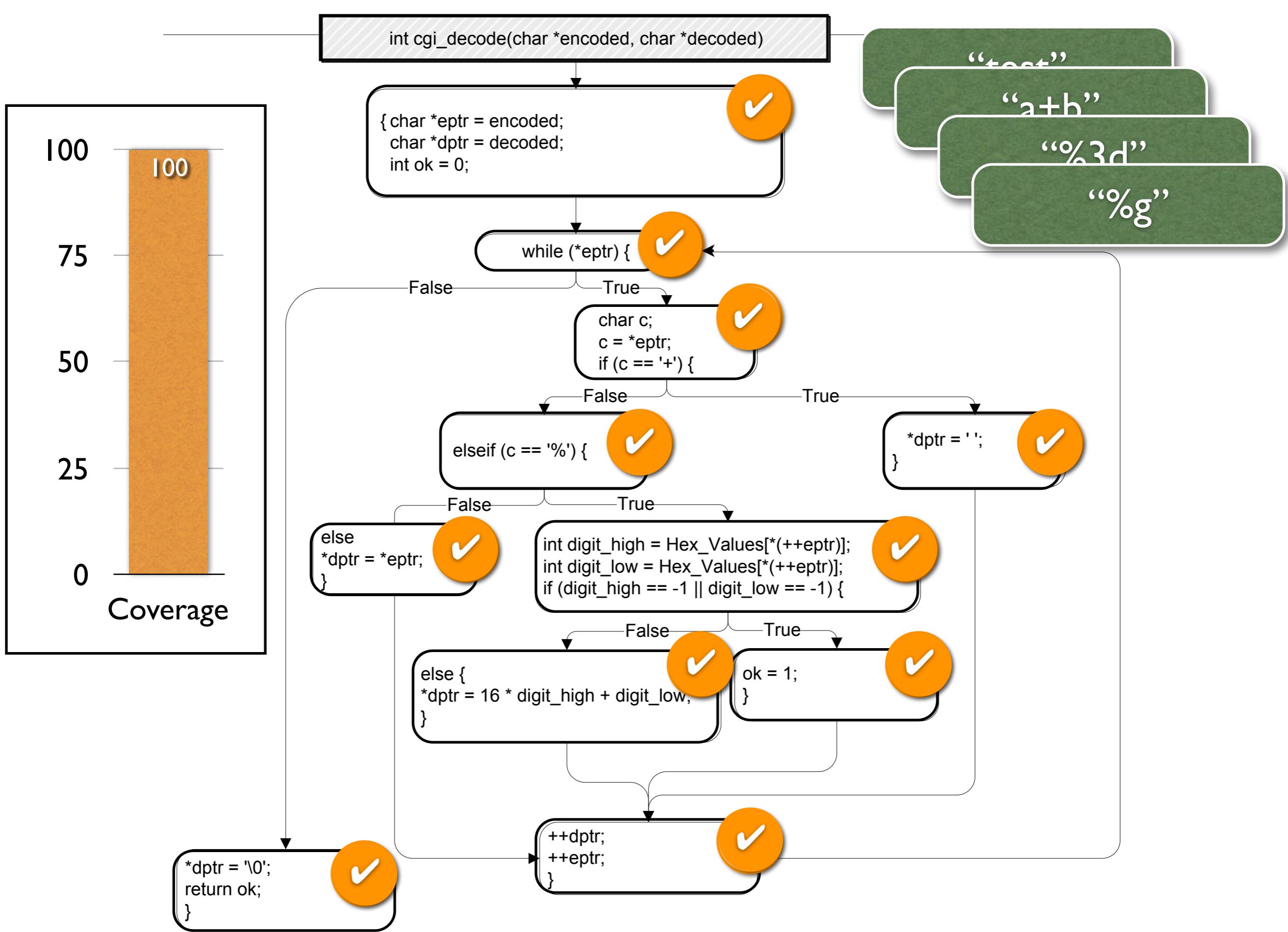
```
*dptr = '\0';
return ok;
}
```



```
++dptr;
++eptr;
}
```



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Computing Coverage

- Coverage is computed automatically while the program executes
- Requires *instrumentation* at compile time
With GCC, for instance, use options -ftest-coverage -fprofile-arcs
- After execution, *coverage tool* assesses and summarizes results
With GCC, use “gcov *source-file*” to obtain readable .gcov file



Pippin: cgi_encode — less — 80x24

```
4: 18: int ok = 0;
-: 19:
38: 20: while (*eptr) /* loop to end of string ('\0' character) */
-: 21: {
-: 22:     char c;
30: 23:     c = *eptr;
30: 24:     if (c == '+') { /* '+' maps to blank */
-: 25:         *dptr = ' ';
29: 26:     } else if (c == '%') { /* %xx is hex for char xx */
3: 27:         int digit_high = Hex_Values[*(++eptr)];
3: 28:         int digit_low = Hex_Values[*(++eptr)];
5: 29:         if (digit_high == -1 || digit_low == -1)
2: 30:             ok = 1; /* Bad return code */
-: 31:         else
1: 32:             *dptr = 16 * digit_high + digit_low;
-: 33:     } else { /* All other characters map to themselves */
26: 34:         *dptr = *eptr;
-: 35:     }
30: 36:     ++dptr; ++eptr;
-: 37: }
4: 38: *dptr = '\0'; /* Null terminator for string */
4: 39: return ok;
-: 40:}
```

(END)



And now...

Let's build our own
coverage tools!

cgi_decode.py

```
def cgi_decode(s):
    t = "" A
    i = 0
    while i < len(s):
        c = s[i] C
        if c == '+': B
            t = t + ' '
        elif c == '%': D
            digit_high = s[i + 1] E
            digit_low = s[i + 2] G
            i = i + 2
            if (digit_high in hex_values and
                digit_low in hex_values):
                v = (hex_values[digit_high] * 16 +
                      hex_values[digit_low]) H
                t = t + chr(v)
        else:
            raise Exception I
        else:
            t = t + c F
            i = i + 1 L
    return t M
```

Python Tracing

- In Python, tracing executions is much simpler than in compiled languages.
- The function `sys.settrace(f)` defines `f()` as a *tracing function* that is invoked for every line executed
- `f()` has access to the *entire interpreter state*

Python Tracing

current frame (PC + variables)

```
import sys
```

```
def traceit(frame, event, arg):
    if event == "line":
        lineno = frame.f_lineno
        print("Line", lineno, frame.f_locals)
    return traceit
```

```
sys.settrace(traceit)
```

"line", "call", "return", ...

tracer to be used
in this scope (this one)

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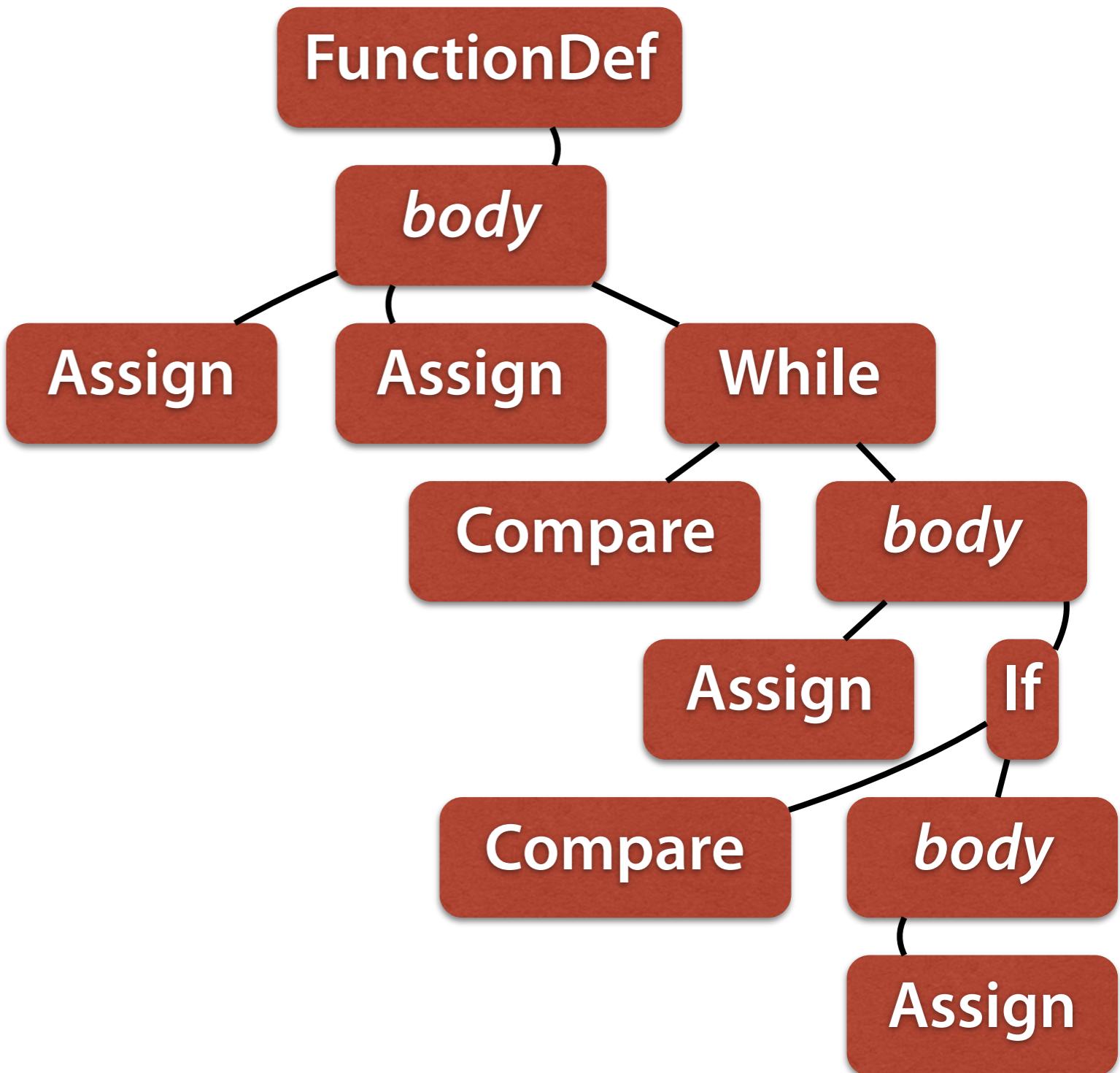
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Coverage Goals

- With dynamic coverage, we can find out all statements executed
(also *branches* and *paths*, if we track pairs or lists of lines)
- But how do we know the set of *possible statements*?
- Need to analyze program *statically*

Abstract Syntax Trees

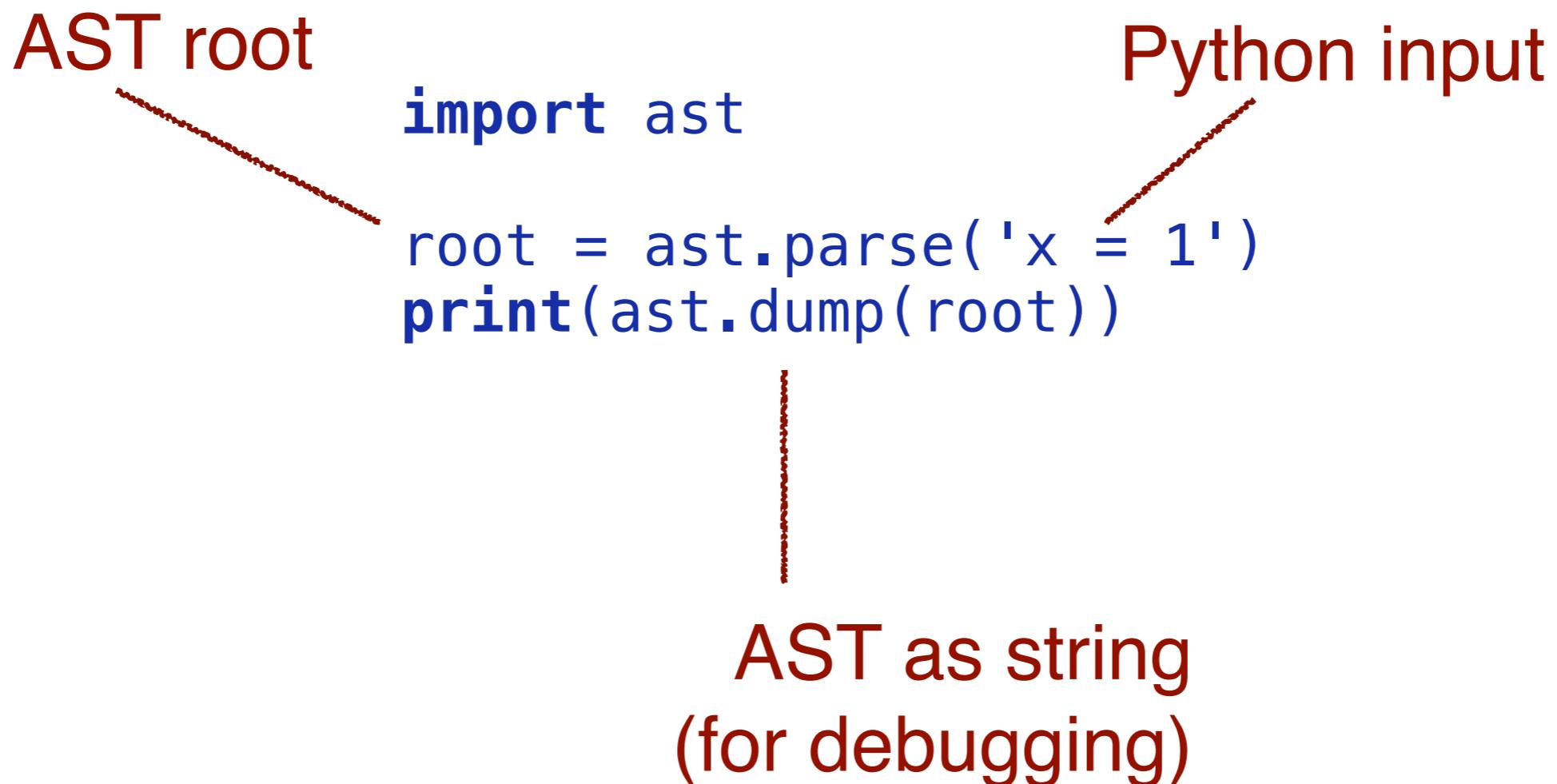
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    t = ""
    i = 0
    while i < len(s):
        c = s[i]
        if c == '+':
            t = t + ' '
        elif c == '%':
            ...
        else:
            t = t + c
        i = i + 1
    return t
```



Python AST

- The Python AST module converts a Python source file into an *abstract syntax tree*
- The tree can be traversed using a *visitor* pattern

Python AST



<https://docs.python.org/2/library/ast.html#ast.AST>

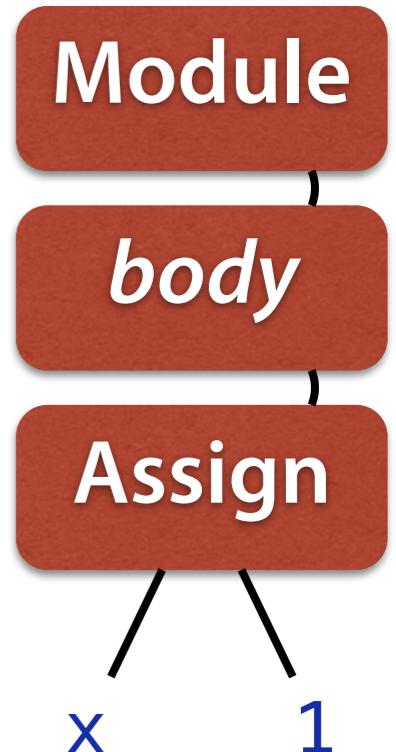
Python AST

```
import ast
```

```
root = ast.parse('x = 1')
print ast.dump(root)
```

→

```
Module(
    body = [
        Assign(
            targets = [
                Name(id = 'x', ctx = Store())
            ],
            value = Num(n=1)
        )
    ]
)
```



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AST Visitor

- The *ast.NodeVisitor* class provides a `visit(n)` method which traverses all subnodes of *n*
- Should be subclassed to be extended
- On each node *n* of type *TYPE*, the method `visit_TYPE(n)` is called if it exists
- If there is no `visit_TYPE(n)`, the method `generic_visit()` traverses all children

AST Visitor

```
class IfVisitor(ast.NodeVisitor):  
    def visit_If(self, node):  
        print("if", node.lineno, ":")  
        for n in node.body:  
            print("    ", n.lineno)  
        print "else:"  
        for n in node.orelse:  
            print("    ", n.lineno)  
  
    self.generic_visit(node)
```

line number
show body
and “else” part
traverse children

AST Visitor

```
root = ast.parse(open('cgi_decode.py').read())
```

```
v = IfVisitor()  
v.visit(root)
```

Read Python source

Visit all IF nodes

```
→ if 34 :  
  35  
else:  
  36  
if 36 :  
  37  
  38  
  39  
  40  
else:  
  47  
if 40 :  
  42  
  43  
else:  
  45  
if 81 :  
  82  
  83  
else:
```

AST Visitor

```
def cgi_decode(s):
    t = ""
    i = 0
    while i < len(s):
        c = s[i]
        if c == '+':
            t = t + ' '
        elif c == '%':
            digit_high = s[i + 1]
            digit_low = s[i + 2]
            i = i + 2
            if (digit_high in hex_values and
                digit_low in hex_values):
                v = (hex_values[digit_high] * 16 +
                      hex_values[digit_low])
                t = t + chr(v)
            else:
                raise Exception
        else:
            t = t + c
            i = i + 1
    return t
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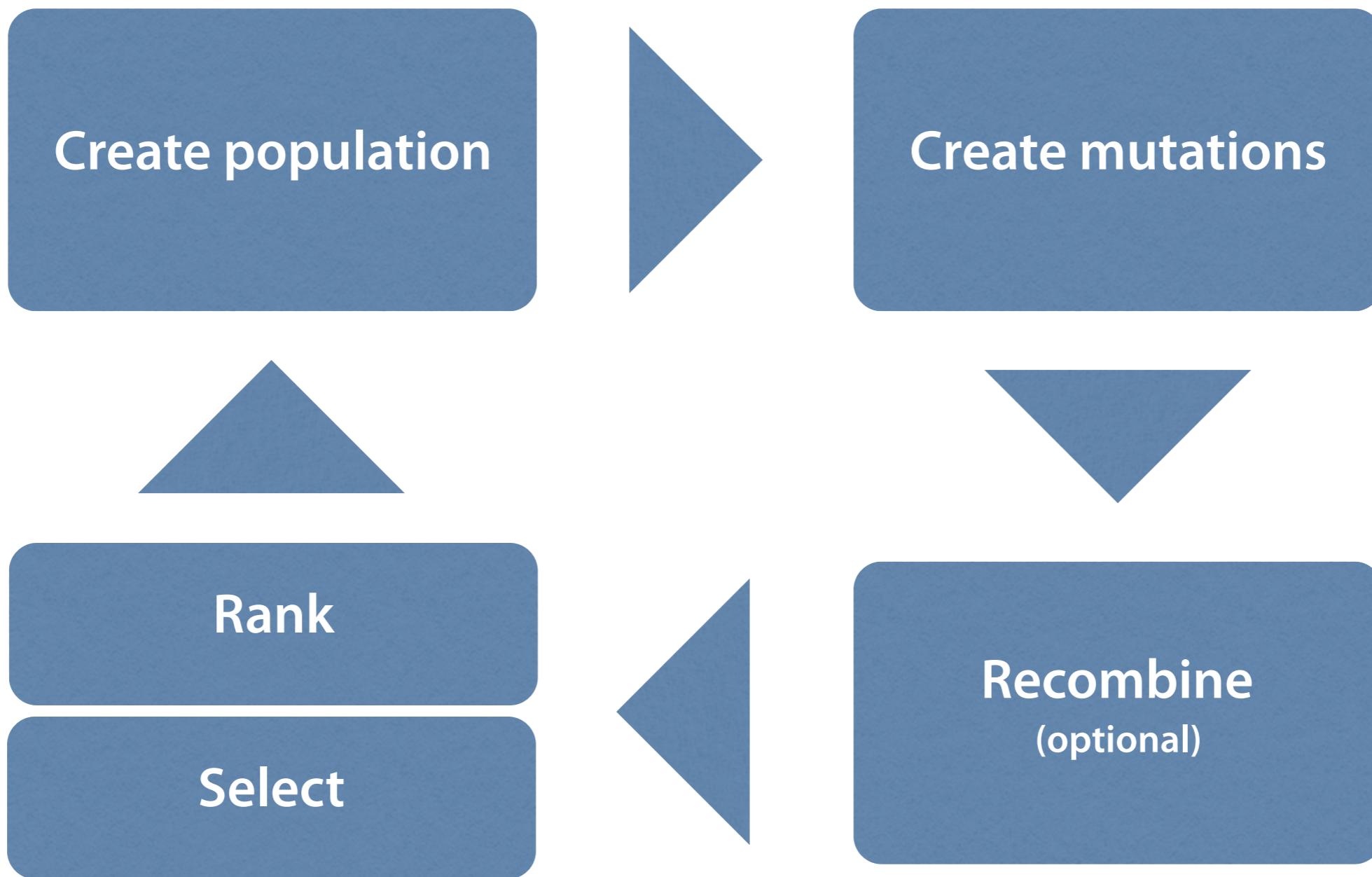
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Approaches

- **Random Testing:** *ignore* program structure
- **Symbolic Testing:** *solve* path conditions leading to uncovered statements
- **Search-Based Testing:** still random, but have structure *guide* test generation

Evolutionary Algorithms



Evolutionary Algorithms

Create population

“fdsakfh+ew%3gfhdi4f”

“fwe8^ru786234jä”

Mutate

“fdsakfh+br%3gfhdi%4f”

“fdsakfh+ew%4gfhdi%4f”

“fwe8^ru&26234jä”

“xb3#ru786234jä”

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“fdsakfh+ew%4gfhd%4f”

“fwe8^ru&26234jä”

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Recombine

“fdsakfh+ew%4gfhd%4f”

“xb3#ru786234jä”

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Recombine

“fdsakfh+ew%4gfhd%4f”

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“xb3#akfh+ew%4gfhd%4f’

Selection and Ranking

```
if (angle = 47 ∧ force = 532) { ... }
```

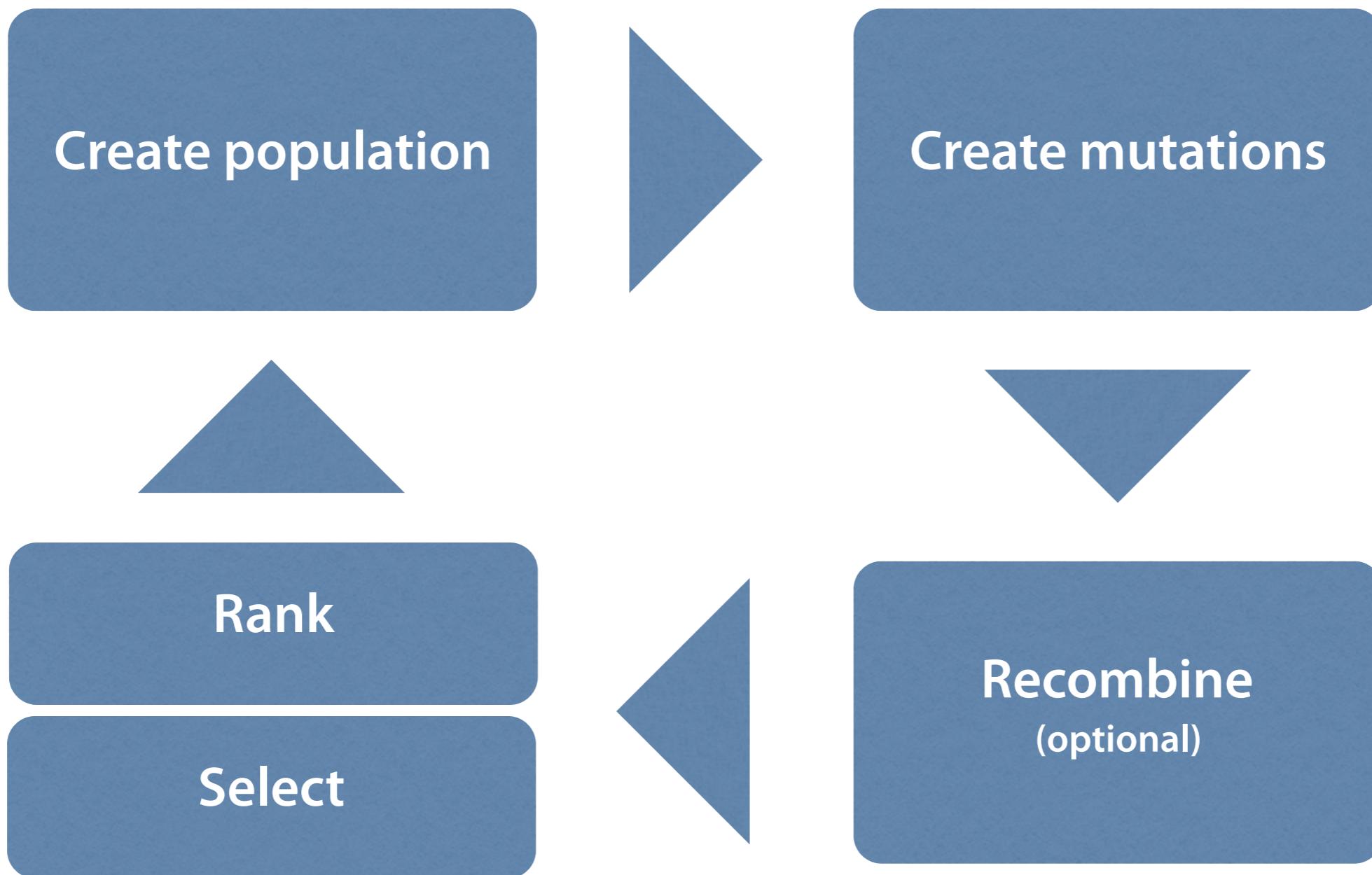
angle = 51

“xb3#ru786234jä”

angle = 48

angle = 47

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And now...

Let's implement this in
Python!

The General Plan

- Create a *population* of random inputs
- Obtain their *coverage*
- Higher coverage = higher fitness
(a bit simplistic, but will do the job)
- *Select* individuals with high fitness
(say, the 25% fittest individuals)
- *Mutate* them to obtain offspring

The Mutation Plan

- For each input, keep a history of the *grammar productions* that lead to it

$$\begin{aligned} \$\text{START} &\rightarrow \$\text{EXPR} \rightarrow \$\text{TERM} \rightarrow \\ \$\text{FACTOR} &\rightarrow \$\text{INTEGER} \rightarrow \$\text{DIGIT} \rightarrow 2 \end{aligned}$$

- To mutate, *truncate* that history and apply different productions from there on

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CGI Grammar

```
cgi_grammar = {
    "$START": ["$STRING"],

    "$STRING": ["$CHARACTER", "$STRING$CHARACTER"],

    "$CHARACTER": ["$REGULAR_CHARACTER", "$PLUS", "$PERCENT"],

    "$REGULAR_CHARACTER": ["a", "b", "c", ".", ":", "!"],
        # actually more

    "$PLUS": ["+"],

    "$PERCENT": ["%$HEX_DIGIT$HEX_DIGIT"],

    "$HEX_DIGIT": ["0", "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9",
                    "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f"]
}
```

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Evolution Cycle

```
pop = population(grammar)

for i in range(EVOLUTION_CYCLES):
    # Evolve the population

    print("Evolved:")
    next_pop = evolve(pop, grammar)
    print_population(next_pop)
    pop = next_pop
```

Initial Population

```
# Create a random population
def population(grammar):
    pop = []
    while len(pop) < POPULATION_SIZE:
        try:
            # Create a random individual
            term, productions = produce(cgi_grammar)
        except AssertionError:
            # Try again
            continue

        # Determine its fitness (by running the test, actually)
        fitness = coverage_fitness(term)

        # Add it to the population
        pop.append((term, productions, fitness))

    return pop
```

Fitness

```
# Where we store the coverage
coverage = {}

# Now, some dynamic analysis
def traceit(frame, event, arg):
    global coverage
    if event == "line":
        lineno = frame.f_lineno
        # print("Line", lineno, frame.f_locals)
        coverage[lineno] = True
    return traceit

# Define the fitness of an individual term - by actually testing it
def coverage_fitness(term):
    # Set up the tracer
    global coverage
    coverage = {}
    sys.settrace(traceit)

    # Run the function under test
    result = cgi_decode(term)

    # Turn off the tracer
    sys.settrace(None)

    # Simple approach:
    # The term with the highest coverage gets the highest fitness
    return len(coverage.keys())
```

Evolution

```
def by_fitness(individual):
    (term, production, fitness) = individual
    return fitness

# Evolve the set
def evolve(pop, grammar):
    # Sort population by fitness (highest first)
    best_pop = sorted(pop, key=by_fitness, reverse=True)

    # Select the fittest individuals
    best_pop = best_pop[:SELECTION_SIZE]

    # Breed
    offspring = []
    while len(offspring) + len(best_pop) < POPULATION_SIZE:
        parent = random.choice(best_pop)
        child = mutate(parent, grammar)

        (parent_term, parent_productions, parent_fitness) = parent
        (child_term, child_productions, child_fitness) = child
```

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        parent = random.choice(best_pop)
        child = mutate(parent, grammar)

        (parent_term, parent_productions, parent_fitness) = parent
        (child_term, child_productions, child_fitness) = child

        if child_fitness >= parent_fitness:
            offspring.append(child)

    next_pop = best_pop + offspring

    # Keep it sorted
    next_pop = sorted(next_pop, key=by_fitness, reverse=True)

    return next_pop
```

Mutation

```
# Create a mutation from PARENT, generating one offspring
def mutate(parent, grammar):
    (parent_term, parent_productions, parent_fitness) = parent

    # Truncation cutoff: only keep CUTOFF productions
    cutoff = random.randint(0, len(parent_productions) - 1)

    # Repeat the first CUTOFF production steps of parent
    child_term = "$START"
    child_productions = []
    for i in range(cutoff):
        rule = parent_productions[i]
        child_term = apply_rule(child_term, rule)
        child_productions.append(rule)

    # From here on, proceed in random direction
    extra_productions = None
    while extra_productions is None:
        try:
            child_term, extra_productions = produce(grammar, child_term)
        except AssertionError:
            pass # Just try again
```

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while extra_productions is None:
    try:
        child_term, extra_productions = produce(grammar, child_term)
    except AssertionError:
        pass # Just try again

child_productions += extra_productions

# Compute its fitness
child_fitness = coverage_fitness(child_term)

print("Mutated " + repr(parent_term) + " to " + repr(child_term))

# And we're done
return child_term, child_productions, child_fitness
```

Populations

(with fitness)

Initial

'+%60c!a%08' 16
'%8fc+%8da.+' 16
'++%f2!' 16
'b%26%d2%60' 15
'%f6b' 15
'b%f2' 15
'%c5' 15
'%60+' 15
'%87' 14
'%1a' 14
'%53' 14
'%77' 14
'+' 10
'+!+' 10
'!' 9
'.' 9
'+' 8
'+' 8
'++' 8
'++' 8

After 20 Cycles

'+%60c!a%08' 16
'%8fc+%8da.+' 16
'++%f2!' 16
'+++%80a.+' 16
'%9fc+%8da.+' 16
'%61+%75a.+' 16
'++%21b.+' 16
'%1c%04+%a3+.+' 16
'%7b++c.+' 16
'+!%fa+%21a.+' 16
'+%ca+%71!.+' 16
'+%60c!a%08' 16
'%e0b+a' 16
'%99c+%8da.+' 16
'%d4++%8ca.+' 16
'%20a+%f7b' 16
'++%f2a' 16
'%95c+' 16
'%7fc+%8da.+' 16
'++%f2!' 16

Things to do

- Use a *derivation tree* to represent both inputs and histories (much more efficient)
- Use a *genetic algorithm* with *recombination* rather than only mutation
- Base fitness function on *approach level* – how close are we to a yet uncovered line?
- Integrate code and grammar coverage...