Topic 2.4 & 2.5 | GCSE Computer Science | Producing Robust Programs and Boolean Logic

Test tables								
Tests are laid out in a testing table, which indicates:	Example							
 The test number A description of what the test intends to check 	#	Description	Data	Test type	Expected	Actual		
 The test data being used The type of test - normal, boundary or erroneous Expected outcome Actual outcome Ideally, a programmer should run as many tests as is sensible. Many large programs, especially games, contain bugs simply because it may not be possible to test every possible input or action. 	1	Number accepted?	5	Normal	Accept	Accept		
	2	Test low boundary	1	Boundary	Accept	Accept		
	3	Test upper boundary	10	Boundary	Accept	Accept		
	4	Test < boundary	-5	Erroneous	Reject	Reject		
	5	Test > boundary	20	Erroneous	Reject	Reject		

Validation

- **Range check** the input must fall within a specified range. This is usually applied to numbers and dates, but can apply to characters. For example, when making a payment to someone, the amount to be entered might be set to be greater than zero and not greater than the funds available.
- **Length check** the input must not be too long or too short. For example, a surname will require at least one letter, but is unlikely to require more than 40.
- **Presence check** a data value must be entered. For example, entering a quantity when placing an order.
- Format check the data must be in the correct format, such as entering a date in the format DD/MM/ YYYY.
- Type check the data must be of a specified data type, such as an integer when specifying a quantity.

Boolean Logic							
AND			A	В	Output		
Both inputs need to be 1s in order for	– 1		0	0	0		
the output to be a 1. Otherwise the	· I —		0	1	0		
output is 0	\dashv /		1	0	0		
			1	1	1		
OR	7		Α	В	Output		
At least 1 of the inputs should be 1 in	\neg		0	0	0		
order for the output to be a 1. Other-) —		0	1	1		
wise the output is 0	\rightarrow		1	0	1		
			1	1	1		
NOT The output is the opposite to the input.			Inpu	t	Output		
So if a 1 is input, a 0 will be output, and if a 0 is input the output will be 1.	→ ≫-		0		0		
			1		1		

Input sanitation	The process of checking entered data and
	removing dangerous inputs which could other-
	wise be used to cause damage to a program
Authorisation	Verifying the identify of the user
Validation	Checking input data is sensible and in the right format
	The constant of constant that a constant is
Maintainability	The process of ensuring that a program is easy to understand, modify and update
Naming	Choose either CamelCase or under_score
conventions	conventions for variables and stick to one.
Comments	Annotations using a # in Python. Should be
	used to explain what a section of code intends
	to do
Iterative Testing	Tests carried out while a program is being
recruite resting	developed. Step by step.
Final/ Terminal	A test carried out when all parts of a program
testing	are complete
Syntax Error	Error in a program resulting from code not
•	following syntax rules governing how to write
	statements in a programming language.
Logic Error	Error in a program which does not cause a
	program to crash but causes unexpected
	results.
Test Data	Data entered into a program to test if it is
	working
Normal Data	Data entered into a program that should
	produce a positive result.
Boundary Data	Data entered into a program at the edge of its
	acceptable range
Invalid Data	Data entered into a program that should
	produce a negative result
Erroneous Data	Data that a program cannot process and should
	not accept.

Programming