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False Failures: Worse Than Real Failures

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This creates a cascading set of bad assumptions that will make your manager recite the adage a

* You assume that the problem is not with your application, it is with the test cases themselv
* So you spend time comparing the test cases with whatever changed in your new build.
* Then you dig into the test scripts to try to figure out why the test case is no longer passi
* Or you just give up and try validating by clicking through your old Word document test cases

How can you possibly call this testing? Rather than using the test to validate the application

Yes, unit tests are important for finding structural bugs in your code. But once a unit test t

It is outrageous to assume that relying on coded unit test cases alone offers you any value in

Unit testing has its limits. There are methods people have tried to get beyond these limits, b

* Attempting to code for reuse - may seem possible but can only get you to the edge of Unit te
* Attempting to test the UI with your QA group, doesn't really work if you can't see those mid

What makes false failures so dangerous? Besides the fact that they are a morale vampire that w

Time to declare war on false failures.