

DIT636/DAT560 - Category Partition Method Activity

You have created a service intended to find all instances of a **pattern** in a **file**. You want to now design system-level test specifications, then apply the category partition method to limit the number of specifications.

find(pattern, file)

This pattern can contain spaces and quotes. For example:

```
find("john",myFile)
```

Finds all instances of john in the file

```
find("john smith",myFile)
```

Finds all instances of john smith in the file

```
find("\"john\" smith",myFile)
```

Finds all instances of "john" smith in the file

Use the category-partition method to identify a pool of valid test specifications.

1. Identify the **choices** that you control when testing.
 - a. For each input variable, what aspects should you consider when testing?
 - b. Are there any environmental factors that you can control that will also impact the outcome of executing this service?
2. For each **choice**, identify a set of **representative values** that could lead to different outcomes of executing this service.
3. Impose **constraints** on the choices to reduce the pool of test cases.
 - a. **error** constraints identify values that should result in an error no matter what other values they are paired with.
 - b. **single** constraints identify values that should result in normal execution, but should be tried once because they have the potential for error or strange behavior.
 - c. **if-constraints** identify values that should only be used if other choices are set to particular values ("if choice X = THIS, then choice Y = THAT)