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What is Test Automation?

The use of software to control the execution of tests, the comparison of actual outcomes to predicted outcomes, the setting up of test preconditions, and other test control and test reporting functions

- Reduces **cost**
- Reduces **human error**
- Reduces **variance** in test quality from different individuals
- Significantly reduces the cost of **regression** testing

Software Testability (3.1)

The degree to which a system or component facilitates the establishment of test criteria and the performance of tests to determine whether those criteria have been met

- Plainly speaking – **how hard it is to find faults** in the software
- Testability is dominated by **two** practical problems
 - How to **provide the test values** to the software
 - How to **observe the results** of test execution

Observability and Controllability

- **Observability**

How easy it is to observe the behavior of a program in terms of its outputs, effects on the environment and other hardware and software components

_ Software that affects hardware devices, databases, or remote files have low observability

- **Controllability**

How easy it is to provide a program with the needed inputs, in terms of values, operations, and behaviors

_ Easy to control software with inputs from keyboards

_ Inputs from hardware sensors or distributed software is harder

- **Data abstraction reduces controllability and observability**

Components of a Test Case (3.2)

- A test case is a **multipart artifact** with a definite structure

- **Test case values**

The input values needed to complete an execution of the software under test

- **Expected results**

The result that will be produced by the test if the software behaves as expected

A **test oracle** uses expected results to decide whether a test passed or failed

Affecting Controllability and Observability

- **Prefix values**

Inputs necessary to put the software into the appropriate state to receive the test case values

- **Postfix values**

Any inputs that need to be sent to the software after the test case values are sent

1. **Verification Values** : Values needed to see the results of the test case values
2. **Exit Values** : Values or commands needed to terminate the program or otherwise return it to a stable state

Putting Tests Together

- Test case

The test case values, prefix values, postfix values, and expected results necessary for a complete execution and evaluation of the software under test

- Test set

A set of test cases

- Executable test script

A test case that is prepared in a form to be executed automatically on the test software and produce a report

Test Automation Framework (3.3)

A set of assumptions, concepts, and tools that support test automation

What is JUnit?

- Open source Java testing framework used to write and run repeatable **automated tests**
- JUnit is open source (junit.org)
- A structure for writing **test drivers**
- JUnit **features** include:
 - Assertions for testing expected results
 - Test features for sharing **common test data**
 - Test **suites** for easily organizing and running tests
 - Graphical and textual **test runners**
- JUnit is **widely used in industry**
- JUnit can be used as **stand alone** Java programs (from the command line) or **within an IDE** such as Eclipse

JUnit Tests

- JUnit can be used **to test** ...
 - ... an entire object
 - ... part of an object – a method or some interacting methods
 - ... interaction between several objects
- It is primarily intended for unit and integration testing, not system testing
- Each test is embedded into one **test method**
- A **test class** contains one or more test methods
- Test classes **include** :
 - A collection of test methods
 - Methods to **set up** the state before and **update** the state after each test and before and after all tests
- Get started at **junit.org**

Writing Tests for JUnit

- Need to use the methods of the **junit.framework.assert** class
 - _ javadoc gives a complete description of its capabilities
- Each test method checks a condition (**assertion**) and reports to the test runner whether the test failed or succeeded
- The test runner uses the result to **report to the user** (in command line mode) or update the display (in an IDE)
- All of the methods **return void**
- A few representative methods of **junit.framework.assert**
 - _assertTrue (boolean)
 - _assertTrue (String, boolean)
 - _fail (String)

JUnit Test Fixtures

- A **test fixture** is the **state** of the test
 - _Objects and variables that are used by more than one test
 - _Initializations (prefix values)
 - _Reset values (postfix values)
- Different tests can **use** the objects without sharing the state
- Objects used in test fixtures should be declared as **instance variables**
- They should be initialized in a **@Before** method
- Can be deallocated or reset in an **@After** method

Simple JUnit Example

Note: JUnit 4 syntax

```
public class Calc
{
    static public int add (int a, int b)
    {
        return a + b;
    }
}
```

Printed if
assert fails

Expected
output

```
import org.junit.Test;
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
```

```
public class CalcTest
{
    @Test public void testAdd()
    {
        assertTrue ("Calc sum incorrect",
                    5 == Calc.add (2, 3));
    }
}
```

Test
values

Testing the Min Class

```
import public static <T extends Comparable<? super T>> T min (List<? extends T>
list)
{
    if (list.size() == 0)
    {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException ("Min.min");
    }
    Iterator<? extends T> itr = list.iterator();
    T result = itr.next();

    if (result == null) throw new NullPointerException ("Min.min");

    while (itr.hasNext())
    { // throws NPE, CCE as needed
        T comp = itr.next();
        if (comp.compareTo (result) < 0)
        {
            result = comp;
        }
    }
    return result;
}
```

MinTest Class

- Standard imports for all JUnit classes :
- Test fixture and pre-test setup method (prefix) :
- Post test teardown method (postfix) :

```
import static org.junit.Assert.*;  
import org.junit.*;  
import java.util.*;
```

```
private List<String> list; // Test fixture  
  
// Set up - Called before every test method.  
@Before  
public void setUp()  
{  
    list = new ArrayList<String>();  
}
```

```
// Tear down - Called after every test method.  
@After  
public void tearDown()  
{  
    list = null; // redundant in this example  
}
```

Min Test Cases: NullPointerException

```
@Test public void testForNullList()
{
    list = null;
    try {
        Min.min (list);
    } catch (NullPointerException e)
        return;
    }
    fail ("NullPointerException expected");
}
```

This NullPointerException test uses the **fail** assertion

This NullPointerException test catches an easily overlooked special case

This NullPointerException test decorates the **@Test** annotation with the class of the exception

```
@Test (expected =
NullPointerException.class)
public void testForNullElement()
{
    list.add (null);
    list.add ("cat");
    Min.min (list);
}
```

```
@Test (expected =
NullPointerException.class)
public void testForSoloNullElement()
{
    list.add (null);
    Min.min (list);
}
```

More Exception Test Cases for Min

```
@Test (expected =  
ClassCastException.class)  
@SuppressWarnings ("unchecked")  
public void testMutuallyIncomparable()  
{  
    List list = new ArrayList();  
    list.add ("cat");  
    list.add ("dog");  
    list.add (1);  
    Min.min (list);  
}
```

Note that Java
generics don't
prevent clients from
using raw types!

```
@Test (expected = IllegalArgumentException.class)  
public void testEmptyList()  
{  
    Min.min (list);  
}
```

Special case: Testing for the
empty list

Remaining Test Cases for Min

```
@Test  
public void testSingleElement()  
{  
    list.add ("cat");  
    Object obj = Min.min (list);  
    assertTrue ("Single Element List", obj.equals  
("cat"));  
}  
  
@Test  
public void testDoubleElement()  
{  
    list.add ("dog");  
    list.add ("cat");  
    Object obj = Min.min (list);  
    assertTrue ("Double Element List", obj.equals  
("cat"));  
}
```

Finally! A couple of
“Happy Path” tests

Summary: Seven Tests for Min

- **Five tests with exceptions**
 1. null list
 2. null element with multiple elements
 3. null single element
 4. incomparable types
 5. empty elements
- **Two without exceptions**
 6. single element
 7. two elements

Data-Driven Tests

- **Problem** : Testing a function multiple times with similar values
 - How to avoid test code bloat?
- **Simple example** : Adding two numbers
 - Adding a given pair of numbers is just like adding any other pair
 - You really only want to write one test
- **Data-driven** unit tests call a constructor for each collection of test values
 - Same tests are then run on each set of data values
 - Collection of data values defined by method tagged with `@Parameters` annotation

Example JUnit Data-Driven Unit Test

```
import org.junit.*;  
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;  
import org.junit.runners.Parameterized;  
import org.junit.runners.Parameterized.Parameters;  
import static org.junit.Assert.*;  
import java.util.*;  
  
@RunWith (Parameterized.class)  
public class DataDrivenCalcTest  
{ public int a, b, sum;  
  
    public DataDrivenCalcTest (int v1, int v2, int expected)  
    { this.a = v1; this.b = v2; this.sum = expected; }  
  
    @Parameters public static Collection<Object[]> parameters()  
    { return Arrays.asList (new Object [][] {{1, 1, 2}, {2, 3, 5}}); }  
  
    @Test public void additionTest()  
    { assertTrue ("Addition Test", sum == Calc.add (a, b)); }  
}
```

Constructor is called for each triple of values

Test 1
Test values: 1, 1
Expected: 2

Test 2
Test values: 2, 3
Expected: 5

Test method

Tests with Parameters: JUnit Theories

- Unit tests can have actual parameters
 - _ So far, we've only seen parameterless test methods
- Contract model: Assume, Act, Assert
 - _ Assumptions (preconditions) limit values appropriately
 - _ Action performs activity under scrutiny
 - _ Assertions (postconditions) check result

```
@Theory public void removeThenAddDoesNotChangeSet ( //  
    Set<String> someSet, String str) {  
  
    Parameters!  
    assumeTrue (someSet != null)                                // Assume  
    assumeTrue (someSet.contains (str)) ;                         // Assume  
    Set<String> copy = new HashSet<String>(someSet); // Act  
    copy.remove (str);  
    copy.add (str);  
    assertTrue (someSet.equals (copy));                            // Assert  
}
```

Question: Where Do The Data Values Come From?

- Answer:
 - _All combinations of values from @DataPoints annotations where assume clause is true
 - _Four (of nine) combinations in this particular case

@DataPoints

```
public static String[] animals = {"ant", "bat", "cat"};
```

@DataPoints

```
public static Set[] animalSets = {  
    new HashSet (Arrays.asList ("ant", "bat")),  
    new HashSet (Arrays.asList ("bat", "cat", "dog", "elk")),  
    new HashSet (Arrays.asList ("Snap", "Crackle", "Pop"))  
};
```

Nine combinations of
animalSets[i].contains (animals[j])
is false for five combinations

JUnit Theories Need BoilerPlate

```
import org.junit.*;  
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;  
import static org.junit.Assert.*;  
import static org.junit.Assume.*;  
  
import org.junit.experimental.theories.DataPoint;  
import org.junit.experimental.theories.DataPoints;  
import org.junit.experimental.theories.Theories;  
import org.junit.experimental.theories.Theory;  
  
import java.util.*;  
  
@RunWith(Theories.class)  
public class SetTheoryTest  
{  
    ... // See Earlier Slides  
}
```

Running from a Command Line

- This is all we need to run JUnit in an **IDE** (like Eclipse)
- We need a **main()** for command line execution ...

AllTests

```
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;
import org.junit.runners.Suite;
import junit.framework.JUnit4TestAdapter;

// This section declares all of the test classes in the program.
@RunWith (Suite.class)
@Suite.SuiteClasses ({ StackTest.class }) // Add test classes here.

public class AllTests
{
    // Execution begins in main(). This test class executes a
    // test runner that tells the tester if any fail.
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        junit.textui.TestRunner.run (suite());
    }

    // The suite() method helps when using JUnit 3 Test Runners or Ant.
    public static junit.framework.Test suite()
    {
        return new JUnit4TestAdapter (AllTests.class);
    }
}
```

Software Engineering Institute; Carnegie Mellon University; Handbook CMU/SEI-96-HB-00

JUnit 5 changes: min() Example

- JUnit 5 uses assertions, not annotations, for exceptions

```
@Test public void testForNullList()
{
    assertThrows(NullPointerException.class, () -> Min.min(null));
}
```

- Other JUnit 5 differences

- _Java lambda expressions play a role
 - _@Before, @After change to @BeforeEach, @AfterEach
 - _imports, some assertions change
 - _Test runners change (no simple replacement for AllTests.java)
 - _@Theory construct moved to 3rd party extensions

google “property based testing”

- See MinTestJUnit5.java on the book website

How to Run Tests

- **JUnit provides test drivers**
 - _Character-based test driver runs from the command line
 - _GUI-based test driver-**junit.swingui.TestRunner**
 - Allows programmer to specify the test class to run
 - Creates a “Run” button
- If a test fails, JUnit gives the **location** of the failure and any **exceptions** that were thrown

JUnit Resources

- **Some JUnit tutorials**

<http://open.ncsu.edu/se/tutorials/junit/>

(Laurie Williams, Dright Ho, and Sarah Smith)

<http://www.laliluna.de/eclipse-junit-testing-tutorial.html>

(Sascha Wolski and Sebastian Hennebrueder)

<http://www.diasparsoftware.com/template.php?content=jUnitStarterGuide>

(Diaspar software)

<http://www.clarkware.com/articles/JUnitPrimer.html>

(Clarkware consulting)

- **JUnit: Download, Documentation**

<http://www.junit.org/>

Summary

- The only way to make testing **efficient** as well as **effective** is to **automate** as much as possible
- Test frameworks provide very simple ways to **automate** our tests
- It is no “**silver bullet**” however ... it does not solve the hard problem of testing :

What test values to use ?

- This is test design ... the purpose of **test criteria**