

# JUnit 5 Release Notes

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This document contains the *change log* for all JUnit 5 releases since 5.2 GA.

Please refer to the [User Guide](#) for comprehensive reference documentation for programmers writing tests, extension authors, and engine authors as well as build tool and IDE vendors.

## 5.3.0

**Date of Release:** September 3, 2018

### Scope:

For a complete list of all *closed* issues and pull requests for this release, consult the [5.3](#) milestone page in the JUnit repository on GitHub.

## JUnit Platform

### Bug Fixes

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### Deprecations and Breaking Changes

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### New Features and Improvements

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## JUnit Jupiter

### Bug Fixes

- The `junit-jupiter-params` JAR file was missing the required Kotlin metadata for the `getAs<Class>(index)` Kotlin extension method. The underlying packaging issue has now been solved, and the extension method has been renamed to `get<Class>(index)` as originally intended in 5.3.0-M1.

### Deprecations and Breaking Changes

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### New Features and Improvements

- The dynamic test API has been promoted from *experimental* to *maintained* status. This affects the `@TestFactory` annotation as well as the `DynamicTest`, `DynamicContainer`, and `DynamicNode` types in the `org.junit.jupiter.api` package.

# JUnit Vintage

## Bug Fixes

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## Deprecations and Breaking Changes

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## New Features and Improvements

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## 5.3.0-RC1

**Date of Release:** August 13, 2018

**Scope:** Finishing touches on parallel test execution and output capturing, bug fixes and miscellaneous usability improvements.

For a complete list of all *closed* issues and pull requests for this release, consult the [5.3 RC1](#) milestone page in the JUnit repository on GitHub.

# JUnit Platform

## Bug Fixes

- All `DiscoverySelector` implementations (e.g., `PackageSelector`, `ClassSelector`, `MethodSelector`, etc.) now implement `equals()` and `hashCode()` for proper behavior when stored in collections.
- `ClassSource` has been revised so that `equals()` and `hashCode()` are now properly based on the required *class name* instead of the optional `Class` reference. In addition, the non-blank precondition for a class name is now enforced.

## Deprecations

- The JUnit Platform Surefire Provider (`junit-platform-surefire-provider`) is now deprecated in favor of the native support for the JUnit Platform provided by Maven Surefire 2.22.0 and later versions.

## New Features and Improvements

- New `LauncherConfig` and associated *builder* for configuring the `LauncherFactory`. Specifically, auto-registration of test engines and test execution listeners can now be disabled, and additional engines and listeners can be registered programmatically.
- New `MethodSource.from(Class, Method)` static factory method for creating a `MethodSource` from a

specific class and method. This method should be used in favor of `MethodSource.from(Method)` when the test method is inherited from a superclass or present as an interface `default` method.

- A `ClasspathResourceSource` can now be created from a `URI` via the new `from(URI)` static factory method if the `URI` uses the `classpath` scheme.
- If the new experimental feature is enabled, captured output to `System.out` and `System.err` is now written to the dedicated `system-out` and `system-err` elements, respectively, in the XML report generated by `ConsoleLauncher`.
- The `ConsoleLauncher` now uses the `picocli` library under the hood to parse the command line and generate usage help. Users may now pass command line arguments via an argument file (`@-file`) to the console launcher. Argument files allow users to work around system limitations on the length of a command line when creating a command line with lots of options or with long arguments for options. The usage help is now displayed using ANSI colors on supported platforms.

## JUnit Jupiter

### Bug Fixes

- The `MethodSource` for an *inherited* `@Test` method now correctly references the *current* test class instead of the class or interface in which the `@Test` method is *declared*. This allows build tools such as Maven Surefire to properly include inherited `@Test` methods when executing a single test class or specific test classes based on filters—for example, via `mvn test -Dtest=SubclassTests`).
- Exceptions thrown in `@After` and `@AfterAll` lifecycle methods now take precedence over violated assumptions (i.e. `TestAbortedExceptions`) in test or prior lifecycle methods.

### New Features and Improvements

- Generation of a detailed failure message for a failed assertion no longer fails if the `toString()` implementation of an object supplied to the assertion throws an exception. Instead, the object with the broken `toString()` implementation will be referenced via a default String representation based on the object's fully qualified class name and system hash code, separated by an `@` symbol.
- Although it is *highly discouraged*, it is now possible to extend the `org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions` and `org.junit.jupiter.api.Assumptions` classes for special use cases.
- New `publishEntry(String)` method in `TestReporter` that makes it easier to publish a report entry based solely on a *value* without requiring that a *key* be specified (as is required by the existing `publishEntry()` variants).
- A custom test source `URI` for a dynamic container or dynamic test will now be registered as a `ClasspathResourceSource` if the `URI` uses the `classpath` scheme.
- New `TestInstanceFactory` extension API that enables custom creation of test class instances.
  - See `Test Instance Factories` in the User Guide for details.
- `ArgumentConverters` and `ArgumentsAggregators` registered using `@ConvertWith` and `@AggregateWith`,

respectively, are now only instantiated once per `@ParameterizedTest` instead of once for each invocation.

- Performance improvements for executing parameterized tests, particularly when the method declares more than a few parameters.
- New `{displayName}` placeholder for the `name` attribute in `@ParameterizedTest` that allows developers to include the display name of the `@ParameterizedTest` method in a custom display name for invocations of that parameterized test.
  - This aligns with the existing `{displayName}` placeholder support for `@RepeatedTest`.
- Generation of the display name for a `@ParameterizedTest` no longer fails if the `toString()` implementation of an argument for the parameterized test throws an exception. Instead, the object with the broken `toString()` implementation will be referenced via a default String representation based on the object's fully qualified class name and system hash code, separated by an `@` symbol.
- New `getAs<Class>(index)` Kotlin extension method to make `ArgumentsAccessor` friendlier to use from Kotlin.
- Tests in classes that use `Lifecycle.PER_CLASS` are now executed in the same thread by default when parallel execution is enabled.

## JUnit Vintage

### Bug Fixes

- The `MethodSource` for an *inherited* `@Test` method now correctly references the *current* test class instead of the class or interface in which the `@Test` method is *declared*. This allows build tools such as Maven Surefire to properly include inherited `@Test` methods when executing a single test class or specific test classes based on filters—for example, via `mvn test -Dtest=SubclassTests`).

### New Features and Improvements

- The `VintageTestEngine` now uses the *simple name* of a test class as the display name instead of the *fully qualified class name*. This aligns with the behavior of the `JupiterTestEngine`.

## 5.3.0-M1

**Date of Release:** June 24, 2018

**Scope:** Parallel test execution, output capturing, test sources for dynamic tests as well as various minor improvements and bug fixes.

For a complete list of all *closed* issues and pull requests for this release, consult the [5.3 M1](#) milestone page in the JUnit repository on GitHub.

# JUnit Platform

## Bug Fixes

- The full stacktrace is now printed to the console when running the `ConsoleLauncher` in `--details verbose` mode.
- `ReflectionUtils.findNestedClasses()` and `ReflectionSupport.findNestedClasses()` no longer allow a `NoClassDefFoundError` to propagate if a nested class or nested interface has an invalid class file. Instead, the error will now be swallowed and logged at `WARNING` level.

## Deprecations and Breaking Changes

- The `junit-platform-gradle-plugin` has been discontinued and is no longer released as part of JUnit 5. Please use [Gradle's native support](#) for running tests on the JUnit Platform (requires Gradle 4.6 or higher) instead.
- The `findAnnotation()` methods in `AnnotationSupport` and `AnnotationUtils` no longer cache annotation lookups. Note, however, that the algorithm remains otherwise unmodified and is therefore semantically identical to the previous behavior.

## New Features and Improvements

- Experimental support for capturing output printed to `System.out` and `System.err` during test execution. This feature is disabled by default and can be enabled using a configuration parameter (see the [User Guide](#) for details).
- Reusable support for parallel test execution for test engines that extend `HierarchicalTestEngine`.
  - `HierarchicalTestEngine` implementations may now specify a `HierarchicalTestExecutorService`.
  - By default, a `SameThreadHierarchicalTestExecutorService` is used.
  - Test engines may use `ForkJoinPoolHierarchicalTestExecutorService` to support parallel test execution based on Java's Fork/Join framework.
  - `Node` implementations may provide a set of `ExclusiveResources` and an `ExecutionMode` to be used by `ForkJoinPoolHierarchicalTestExecutorService`.
- New `UriSource.from(URI)` static factory method that allows a `TestSource` to be created from a `URI`. If the `URI` references a file or directory in the local filesystem, a `FileSource` or `DirectorySource` will be created; otherwise, an instance of the default `UriSource` implementation will be created.
- New overloaded variant of `isAnnotated()` in `AnnotationSupport` that accepts `Optional<? extends AnnotatedElement>` instead of `AnnotatedElement`.
- New `--fail-if-no-tests` command-line option for the `ConsoleLauncher`.
  - When this option is enabled and no tests are discovered, the launcher will fail and exit with a status code of `2`.

# JUnit Jupiter

## Bug Fixes

- When using `@TestInstance(Lifecycle.PER_CLASS)` semantics, registered `AfterAllCallback` extensions are no longer invoked if an exception is thrown by the test class constructor. Consequently, `AfterAllCallback` extensions are now only invoked if `BeforeAllCallback` extensions are invoked.
- Test discovery no longer halts prematurely if a nested class or nested interface in a test class has an invalid class file.
- Certain categories of errors encountered during the test discovery phase no longer cause JUnit Jupiter to prematurely abort the entire discovery process.
  - Such errors are now logged, thereby enabling JUnit Jupiter to discover and execute as many tests as possible while still informing the user of containers and tests that could not be properly discovered.

## New Features and Improvements

- Experimental support for parallel test execution. By default, tests are still executed sequentially; parallelism can be enabled using a configuration parameter (please refer to the [User Guide](#) for examples and configuration options).
- New support for the IBM AIX operating system in `@EnabledOnOs` and `@DisabledOnOs`.
- New `assertThrows` methods in `Assertions` provide a more specific failure message if the supplied lambda expression or method reference returns a result instead of throwing an exception.
- New `arguments()` static factory method in the `Arguments` interface that serves as an *alias* for `Arguments.of()`. `arguments()` is intended to be used via `import static`.
- New `get<Class>(index)` Kotlin extension method to make `ArgumentsAccessor` friendlier to use from Kotlin.
- New support for supplying a custom test source `URI` when creating a dynamic container or test.
  - See the new factory methods `dynamicContainer(String, URI, ...)` in `DynamicContainer` and `dynamicTest(String, URI, Executable)` in `DynamicTest` for details.

## JUnit Vintage

No changes.

## 5.2.0

**Date of Release:** April 29, 2018

**Scope:** JUnit BOM, support for Maven Surefire 2.21.0 allowing builds with Java 9 and Java 10, *argument aggregation* and *widening primitive conversion* for arguments in parameterized tests, external factory methods for `@MethodSource`, as well as various minor improvements and bug fixes.



For complete details consult the [5.2.0 Release Notes](#) online.