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Introduction

Integration tests are extremely important to endure that the different modules or services in a system work together as expected. Whereas, unit testing is vital, it only focuses on a single unit of code. In a microservices' architecture, the services communicate with each other and is vital to ensure that all functionalities are working as expected.

Testing Strategy and Implementation

The focus of the integration testing is on the interactions between the microservices (e.g. BookingService, UserService, NotificationService) and external systems (e.g. Azure Service Bus, Stripe, SendGrid).

All tests in the code run with the pipeline and the successful Build job depends on each one of the test types, including the integration testing.

To perform the tests, I am using the Moq library to mock the dependencies. It is a common and widely used practice to do integration testing.

The first example I have provided in this document is of the deletion of a user. When a user is deleted, a message is sent via Azure Service Bus, so that other services can pick up that a user is being removed and all the other data can be removed as well.

Figure 1 – Deletion of user integration test with Azure Service Bus

The next example is the creation of a booking integration test. In that process, I am utilizing Stripe as a payment system and Azure Service Bus to publish a message. In the test, the functionalities of those dependencies are tested with mocked behaviour to verify the successful execution and expected result.

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Figure 2 – Creation of booking integration test

Figure 3 – Creation of booking integration test

Figure 4 – Creation of booking integration test

I have also included integration tests on controller level, where I test if the components inside the service itself communicate correctly with each other. The below example is from the BookingService.

Figure 5 – Booking Controller integration test

The next integration test focuses on verifying the interaction between the NotificationHandler and its mocked dependencies, IEmailService and HttpClient. The test simulates an HTTP response from the BookingService using a mocked HttpClient and validates that the handler processes the response correctly. Similarly, the mocked IemailService, which uses SendGrid as a third-party tool to send emails, verifies that the correct email is sent.

Figure 6 – Notification Handler integration test

Conclusion

In conclusion, integration tests are crucial for ensuring the reliability of both individual components within a service and the interconnections between services and external tools or third-party systems. They validate that the components work together as intended and that the integration points—such as APIs, messaging systems, and external services—function correctly under expected scenarios.