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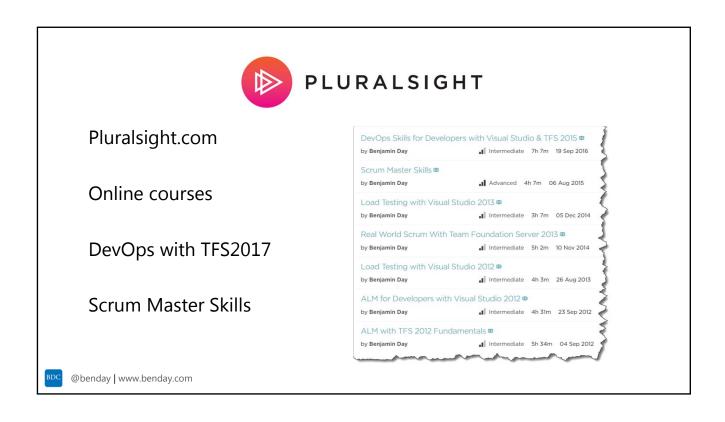














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Architecting an ASP.NET Core MVC Application for Unit Testability

Coming in ~November 2018



On with the show.

Overview

What is a unit test?

What is unit testing?

Why do I care?

How do I justify it to my self/boss/team?

Design for testability

Design Patterns

Demos



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Unit tests =
Small chunks of code that test other
small chunks of code

Typical Unit Testing Flow

You're writing a feature
You're also writing tests
Feature code = the "System Under Test"
- (aka. "SUT")

At least one unit test method per public method on the SUT

- Asserts

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Demo: Calculator Unit Tests

Why use unit tests?

Typical Development Flow

You write code
It appears to work
You check it in
You send it to QA
QA sends back bugs
You fix
(repeat)

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Typical Refactoring Flow

You refactor code

You write some new code, too

You check it in

It appears to work

You send it to QA

They send bugs

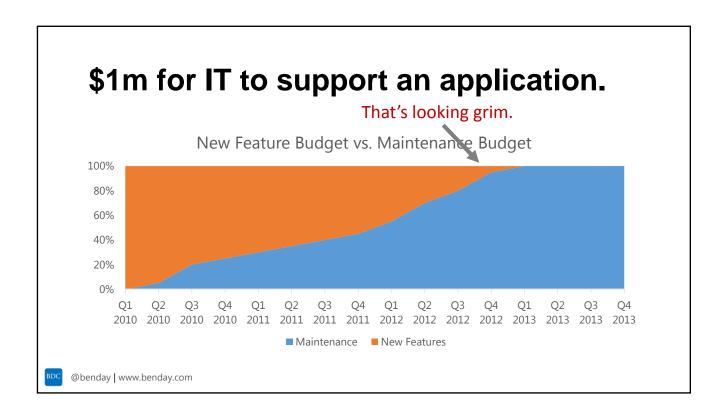
You fix bugs

You deploy to production

The world lights on fire









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Technical Debt

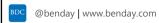
Little bits of not-quite-done

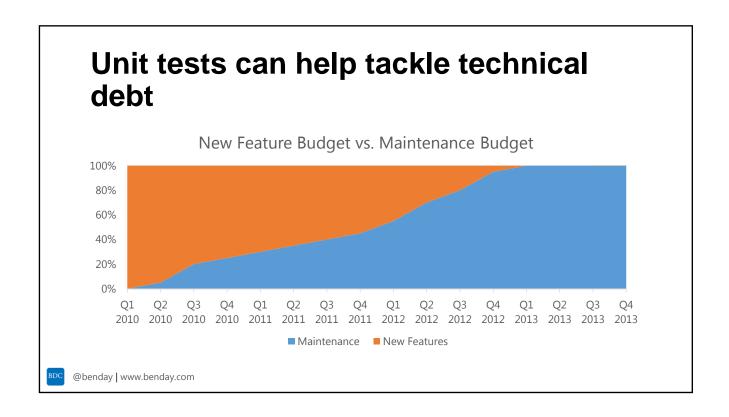
Low-quality code

- 8 million line methods
- Coding standards violations

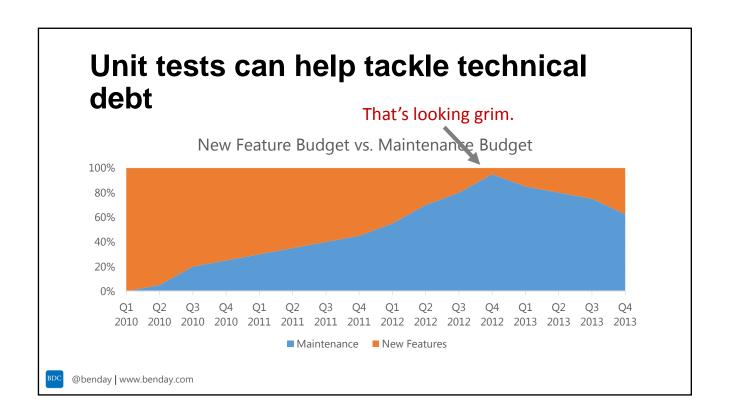
Classes with unclear names and intent

Buggy & Brittle





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Unit Tests

Proof that the code you're writing actually works

Run-able by a computer

Proof that the code you wrote a long time ago still works

Automated regression tests

Proof that bugs are still fixed

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Awesome side effects of unit tests

Focus on quality early

- Don't rely on QA to tell you your code is broken

Fewer low-value bugs coming back from QA

- NullReferenceException

QA can focus on "exploratory testing" - Better use of QA's time

Refactor with confidence

- Keep your code clean

Clean code is easier to read

- % time reading code vs. % time writing code

Clean code is easier to build on top of



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How I structure a unit test

Unit test class tests a class in the system under test

- {NameOfSystemUnderTestClass}Fixture.cs

Has a property called SystemUnderTest

- Typeof {NameOfSystemUnderTestClass}

[TestInitialize] method called OnTestInitialize()

One or more [TestMethod]

- Arrange
- Act
- Assert



Unit Tests vs. Integration Tests

How would you test this?



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What is Design For Testability?

Build it so you can test it.



How would you test this?

Do you have to take the plane up for a spin?



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Interfaces, Dependency Injection, & Mocks

Code against interfaces

Dependency Injection

- "Advertise" your dependencies on the constructor
- Dependencies are references to interfaces

Use mock classes to provide fake data



Advertise Dependencies on Constructor

Less Awesome

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Now With More Awesome

Hard to test usually also means hard to maintain.

Design Patterns will help you to create a more testable & maintainable application.

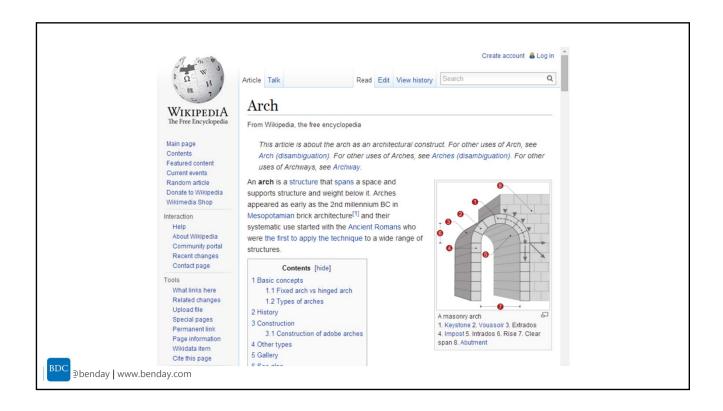
What's a Design Pattern?

Well-known and accepted solution to a common problem

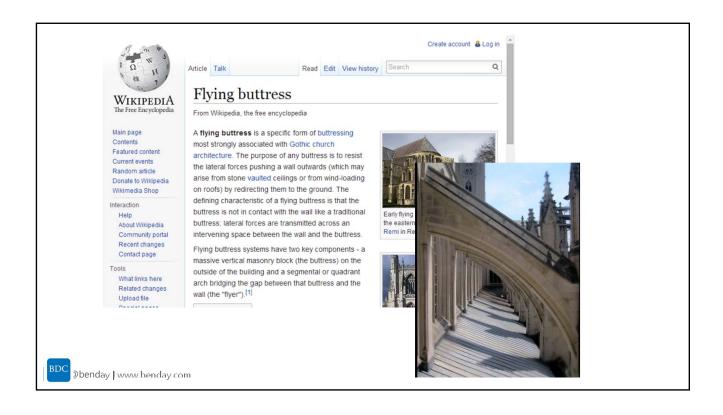
Avoid re-inventing the wheel



Design patterns in architecture.



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Common Design Patterns for Testability

Dependency Injection

- Flexibility

Strategy

Encapsulates algorithms & business logic

Repository

- Data access details

Model-View-Controller

- Isolates User Interface Implementation from the User Interface Logic
- Testable User Interfaces
- Model-View-ViewModel

Adapter

Keeps tedious, bug-prone code contained

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Repository Pattern

Hide the existence of databases and services

Hide the existence of Entity Framework & ADO.NET

Code against an interface

Allows you to use mock data without an actual database

Separate Unit Tests from Integration Tests



Adapter Pattern

Isolate the details of turning one object into another object

To / from Entity Framework entities

To / from WebAPI message types

To / from ASP.NET MVC ViewModels and Models



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Model-View-Controller (MVC)

Test user interfaces without having to run an actual user interface

ASP.NET MVC

WPF / XAML

- Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM)



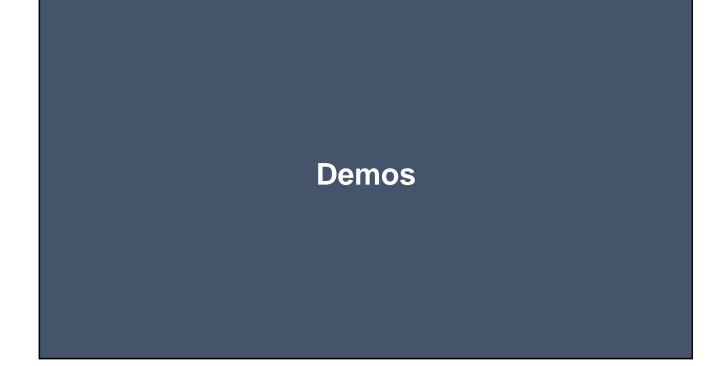
Strategy Pattern

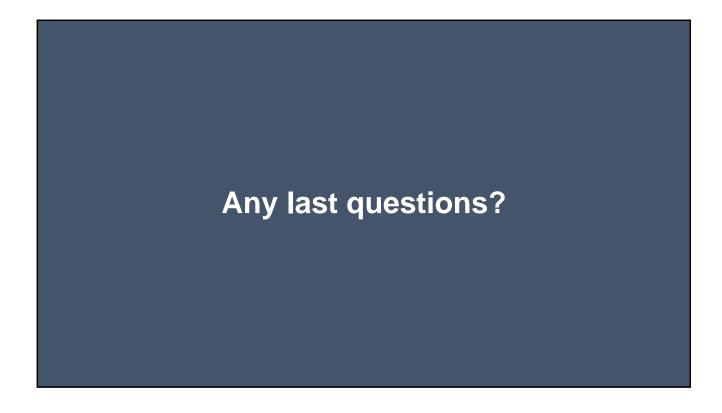
Isolate and test algorithms

Validation

Business rules

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