

## Announcement: A0 is coming up!

- A0 will be available after class
- Go to Canvas
- Check A0
  - If you will use git to synch your lab/assignment solutions with Vocareum, fill out the GitHub Credentials survey on Canvas
  - We will invite you to the course GitHub org once you do that

# JUNIT: MORE ELEGANT ASSERTIONS

#### Hamcrest matchers make tests more natural

Syntactic sugar and **extensible** pattern matching methods that allow more *literal* assertions/oracles with better diagnostic output

assertThat(actual, match-expression)

a built-in or custom matcher
instead of an expected value

#### Without matcher

```
@Test
public void checkMapHasRightKeyAndValue() {
    HashMap myMap = populateMap();
    assertTrue(myMap.containsKey("bar"));
    assertEquals("foo", myMap.get("bar"));
}
```

#### With matcher

Which one is more readable?

#### Sample Hamcrest matchers - Quick Reference

Core/Generic

anything - always matches, useful if you don't

care what the object is

describedAs - decorator for adding custom failure

description/message

is - syntactic sugar, just a wrapper

Logical

allOf - matches if all matchers match, short

circuits (like Java &&)

anyOf - matches if any matchers match, short

circuits (like Java ||)

not - matches if the wrapped matcher doesn't match

and does not match otherwise

Object
equalTo - test object equality using Object.equals
hasToString - test Object.toString
instanceOf, isCompatibleType - test type
notNullValue, nullValue - test for null
sameInstance - test object identity

Collections (really useful)

array - test an array's elements against an array of matchers

hasEntry, hasKey, hasValue - test a map contains an entry, key or value

hasItem, hasItems - test a collection

hasItemInArray - test an array contains an
element

contains elements

Number

closeTo - test floating point values are
close to a given value

greaterThan, greaterThanOrEqualTo,
lessThan, lessThanOrEqualTo - c

Text/String (really useful)
equalToIgnoringCase - test string equality
ignoring case
equalToIgnoringWhiteSpace - test string
equality ignoring differences in runs of
whitespace

containsString, endsWith, startsWith - test
string matching

#### Hamcrest examples

```
assertThat(true, hasToString(equalTo("TRUE")))
assertThat(new Integer[]{1,2,3},
   is(array(equalTo(1), equalTo(2), equalTo(3))))
assertThat(new String[] {"foo", "bar"},
   hasItemInArray(startsWith("ba")))
assertThat(myMap,
   hasEntry(equalTo("bar"), equalTo("foo")));
assertThat(result,
   describedAs("Not same object", sameInstance(expectedResult)));
```



#### TESTING PRINCIPLES & BEST PRACTICES

# APPLIED IN UNIT TESTING

# **Unit Testing Best Practices**

- Simplicity
- Understandability
- Essentiality
- Single purpose
- Behavior first
- Maintainability

- Determinism
- Independence
- Failability
- Comprehensiveness
- Speed

# Simplicity

#### Keep it simple, keeping it small and neat

# Take small steps Avoid complex fixture code



#### Complicated fixture: setup sermon

#### Listing 4.21 Setup sermon is a long setup for a simple test

ARRANGE: Executed before each test

Executed after each test

```
public class PackageFetcherTest {
  private PackageFetcher fetcher:
  private Map downloads;
  private File tempDir;
   @Before
  public void setUp() throws Exception {
     String systemTempDir = System.getProperty("java.io.tmpdir"):
     tempDir = new File(systemTempDir, "downloads");
     tempDir.mkdirs();
     String filename = "/manifest.xml";
     InputStream xml = getClass().getResourceAsStream(filename);
     Document manifest = XOM.parse(IO.streamAsString(xml));
     PresentationList presentations = new PresentationList():
     presentations.parse(manifest.getRootElement());
     PresentationStorage db = new PresentationStorage();
     List list = presentations.getResourcesMissingFrom(null, db);
     fetcher = new PackageFetcher();
     downloads = fetcher.extractDownloads(list):
   @After
   public void tearDown() throws Exception {
      IO.delete(tempDir);
   @Test
   public void downloadsAllResources()
      fetcher.download(downloads, tempDir, new MockConnector));
      assertEquals(4, tempDir.list().length);
```

#### Complex fixtures: what to do?

- Extract the nonessential details from fixture into private methods
- Give things appropriate, descriptive names
- Strive for a single level of abstraction in the fixture code

#### Setup sermon fixed

#### Listing 4.22 Extracting details makes the setup easier to grasp

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```
public class PackageFetcherTest {
  private PackageFetcher fetcher:
  private Map downloads;
  private File tempDir;
   @Before
  public void setUp() throws Exception {
      fetcher = new PackageFetcher();
      tempDir = createTempDir("downloads");
      downloads = extractMissingDownloadsFrom("/manifest.xml");
  @After
  public void tearDown() throws Exception {
     IO.delete(tempDir);
  @Test
  public void downloadsAllResources() {
     fetcher.download(downloads, tempDir, new MockConnector());
     assertEquals(4, tempDir.list().length);
  private File createTempDir(String name) {
     String systemTempDir = System.getProperty("java.io.tmpdir"
     File dir = new File(systemTempDir, name);
     dir.mkdirs():
     return dir:
```

## Understandability

# Tests should be readable and what they are testing should be clear

#### Make tests self-documenting



#### Self-documenting tests - a lot is in the test name

```
// Name your tests well
@Test
public void testFrameOkInStrikes() {
   game().roll(new Frame(10, 0)); // a strike
   game().roll(new Frame(10, 0)); // another strike
   game().roll(new Frame(4, 2)); // duh
   assertEquals(24, game().frame(1).getScore());
   assertEquals(16, game().frame(2).getScore());
   assertEquals(6, game().frame(3).getScore());
@Test
public void strikeAfterStrikeResultsInTwoAffixedRolls() {
```

## Understandability

#### Simplicity will support understandability

To improve readability: Substitute primitive/native assertions with the more natural matchers (e.g., hamcrest library)



## Understandability

No obscurity in tests! -- Avoid magic numbers



#### **Magic Numbers**

#### Any hardcoded constant is potentially a magic number

```
@Test public void perfectGame() throws Exception {
   roll(10, 12);
   assertThat(game.score(), is(equalTo(300));
```

Which ones are magic numbers?

Why are magic numbers bad?

#### **Magic Numbers**

#### Magic number: hardcoded value whose meaning is obscure

```
@Test public void perfectGame() throws Exception {
   roll(10, 12); // magic?
   assertThat(game.score(), is(equalTo(300)); // magic?
                           Vs.
@Test public void perfectGameScore() throws Exception {
   final int PERFECT SCORE = 300;
   roll(pins(10), times(12));
   assertThat(game.score(), is(equalTo(PERFECT SCORE));
   private int pins(int n) { return n; }
   private int times(int n) { return n;}
                                                    No mystery; self-documenting!
```

#### **Essentiality**

#### A test should not be overprotective

Redundancy is a V&V principle that promotes application of different testing strategies to test possibly the same behavior from different perspectives, but it's not good within test cases and within a single testing strategy!



#### Remove redundant assertions



# Overprotection with redundancy we don't want *or need*



```
@Test
public void testCount() {
   Data data = project.getData();
   assertNotNull(data);
   // next assert would fail if data = null
   assertEquals(4, data.count());
                 @Test
                 public void testSummary() {
                    Data data = project.getData();
                     assertNotNull(data);
                     // next assert would fail if data = null, but...
                     assertEquals(100, data.getSummary().getTotal());
```

Where is the redundancy here?

#### Overprotection with redundancy



```
@Test
public void testCount() {
    Data data = project.getData();
    assertNotNull(data);
                                            maybe redundant here
    // next assert would fail if data = null
    assertEquals(4, data.count());
            @Test
                                                         If thrown, where could the
            public void testSummary() {
                                                         NullPointerException originate
                Data data = project.getData();
                                                         from? data or data.getSummary()?
                assertNotNull(data); useful?
                // next assert would fail if data = null, but...
                assertEquals(100, data.getSummary().getTotal());
                                                        Since data can be null ad data, getsummary can be null, the
                                                        assertnotNull before eliminate one of the possibility and is thus useful
```

Check to see if certain assertions are subsumed by others under all conditions, and if extra conditions are worth checking!

#### **Essentiality**

#### A test should not be overprotective

Remove redundant assertions Make brittle tests less brittle



#### Overprotection with "hyperassertions"



```
public class LogFileTransformerTest {
private String expectedOutput;
private String logFile;
@Before
public void setUpBuildLogFile() {
  StringBuilder lines = new StringBuilder();
  appendTo(lines, "[2005-05-23 21:20:33] LAUNCHED");
  appendTo(lines, "[2005-05-23 21:20:33] session-id###SID");
  appendTo(lines, "[2005-05-23 21:20:33] user-id###UID");
  ... // many more appendTo's here
  appendTo(lines, "[2005-05-23 21:22:48] STOPPED");
  logFile = lines.toString();
@Before
public void setUpBuildTransformedFile() {
  StringBuilder file = new StringBuilder();
  ... // many more appendTo's here
  appendTo(file, "screen3###0");
  appendTo(file, "screen4###24");
  appendTo(file, "finished###2005-05-23 21:22:48");
  expectedOutput = file.toString();
```

Review this piece of setup code for a minute!

continued...

#### Overprotection with hyperassertions



```
@Test
public void transformationGeneratesRightStuffIntoTheRightFile()
throws Exception {
    TempFile input = TempFile.withSuffix(".src.log").append(logFile);
    TempFile output = TempFile.withSuffix(".dest.log");
    new String expectedOutput = LogFileTransformer().transform(input.file(), output.file());
    assertTrue("Destination file was not created", output.exists());
    assertEquals(expectedOutput, output.content());
}
assertEquals(expectedOutput, output.content());
This will be resilient to any change of the format of the log file
```

Hyperassertion: an overzealous assertion cursed with details that may change and don't matter for the logic being tested...

to such an extent that the assertion breaks easily (thus making the test brittle)

Identify the offending hyperassertion in the above code!

#### Overprotection with hyperassertions



```
@Test
public void transformationGeneratesRightStuffIntoTheRightFile()
throws Exception {
    TempFile input = TempFile.withSuffix(".src.log").append(logFile);
    TempFile output = TempFile.withSuffix(".dest.log");
    new LogFileTransformer().transform(input.file(), output.file());
    assertTrue("Destination file was not created", output.exists());
    assertEquals(expectedOutput, output.content());
}
...
```

Offending hyperassertion in red!

How would you address it?

A matcher lib like ham crest or regular expression matcher lib would be good

#### Single purpose

A test should have one reason to fail

A test should have a narrow focus

Avoid testing multiple behaviors and split logic in a single test



Vs.



## A split-personality test



```
public class TestConfiguration {
     @Test
     public void testParsingCommandLineArguments() {
         String[] args = { "-f", "hello.txt", "-v", "--version" };
         Configuration c = new Configuration();
         c.processArguments(args);
         assertEquals("hello.txt", c.getFileName());
         assertFalse(c.isDebuggingEnabled());
         assertFalse(c.isWarningsEnabled());
         assertTrue(c.isVerbose());
         assertTrue(c.shouldShowVersion());
         c = new Configuration();
2 behaviors
         try {
             c.processArguments(new String[] {"-f"});
             fail("Should've failed");
           catch (InvalidArgumentException expected) {
          // this is okay and expected
```

Is this test focused enough? Why? Why not?

#### Tests with no split personality



```
public class TestConfiguration {
    @Test
    public void validArgumentsProvided() {
        Configuration c = new Configuration();
        String[] args = { "-f", "hello.txt", "-v",
                        version" }:
        c.processArguments(args);
        assertEquals("hello.txt", c.getFileName());
        assertFalse(c.isDebuggingEnabled());
        assertFalse(c.isWarningsEnabled());
        assertTrue(c.isVerbose());
        assertTrue(c.shouldShowVersion());
    @Test(expected = InvalidArgumentException.class)
    public void missingArgument() {
        Configuration c = new Configuration();
        c.processArguments(new String[] {"-f"});
```

Check arguments are ok - "happy" path



Check bad arguments throw a descriptive exception - "sad" path



It's better

## Behavior first (aka black-box first)

[often] 100% test coverage is not the [first] goal

Focus on behavior first, not implementation



Black-box first; white-box next

## In black-box testing, we are testing against a contract

Unit testing: testing a method within a class...

- A method's contract is a statement of the responsibilities of that method, and the responsibilities of the code that calls it
  - Analogy: legal contract
    - Spec: If you pay me \$20, then I will walk your dog
    - Test: if I walked your dog, then I was paid \$20
- All methods have contracts
  - Implicit or explicit
  - Formal or informal
- Can be considered specification, but based on code

## Implicit method contract: int division example

- Not documented or described by the programmer
  - Still exists

```
public int divide(int x, int y) {
  return x / y;
}
```

– What is the contract?

#### Informal method contract

Described informally in comment

```
/**
 * Divides two numbers. This method assumes
 * that the numbers are greater than 0
 */
public int divide(int x, int y) {
   return x / y;
}
```

#### Pre/Post conditions and invariants

- More formal and explicit
  - Precondition
    - Things that must be true of parameters and object state for call to be 'legal.'
  - Post-condition
    - Things this method guarantees will be true of object state and the return value after being called
  - Invariants
    - Something that will always be true
    - Usually describe valid state of an object

#### Pre/Post condition example

```
public class BankAccount {
  public static final int MAX BALANCE = 1000;
  // Invariant: The balance will always be greater than
  // zero, but less than MAX BALANCE.
  private int balance;
  // Precond: amount is greater than zero
  // Postcond: the new balance is set to the
  // old balance plus amount.
  public void credit(int amount) { ... }
  // Precond: amount is greater than zero
  // Postcon: balance set to the old balance minus amount
  public void debit(int amount) { ... }
```

#### Pre/Post condition example: what to test

```
public class BankAccount {
  public static final int MAX BALANCE = 1000;
                                                             Balance is in the
  // Invariant: The balance will always be greater than
                                                             right range after
  // zero, but less than MAX BALANCE.
                                                             each operation
  private int balance;
                                                 If precond is
                                                                 If precond is
  // Precond: amount is greater than zero
                                                 satisfied,
                                                                 not satisfied,
  // Postcond: the new balance is set to the
                                                 postcond must
                                                                 what happens?
  // old balance plus amount.
                                                 be true
  public void credit(int amount) { ... }
                                                              If precond is
                                                                           If precond is
                                                              satisfied.
                                                                            not satisfied,
  // Precond: amount is greater than zero
                                                                            what
  // Postcon: balance set to the old balance minus amount
                                                              postcond
                                                              must be true
                                                                            happens?
  public void debit(int amount) { ... }
```

## Maintainability

#### Tests should be easy to maintain

#### Avoid duplication



All the things that we apply to production code apply to test code too to make test code maintainable!

#### Refactor test code

#### **Avoiding duplication**

Same principle as production code...

Factor duplicated code out to:

- @Before methods
- @BeforeClass methods
- Private methods in test class
- Abstract super-test-class if necessary

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Example in A1...

# Maintainability

# Avoid conditional logic in test code



# Conditional logic in tests

#### Listing 5.4 Conditional logic in test code is a burden to maintain

```
public class DictionaryTest {
                                  Method name indicates we're testing the iterator specifically...
                  @Test
                  public void returnsAnIteratorForContents() throws Exception {
                     Dictionary dict = new Dictionary();
                                                                                      Populate
                     dict.add("A", new Long(3));
                                                                                        Dictionary
                     dict.add("B", "21");
                     for (Iterator e = dict.iterator(); e.hasNext();) {
          Loop
                         Map.Entry entry = (Map.Entry) e.next();
       through
        entries
                         if ("A".equals(entry.getKey())) {
                                                                                     Assert value
                            assertEquals(3L, entry.getValue());
using an iterator
                                                                                     for familiar
                                                                                     keys
                         if ("B".equals(entry.getKey())) {
                            assertEquals("21", entry.getValue());
                                                                                showing iterator works
```

## Conditional logic factored out to a custom assertion

#### Listing 5.5 Extracting a custom assertion cleans up the test

```
@Test.
public void returnsAnIteratorForContents() throws Exception {
   Dictionary dict = new Dictionary();
   dict.add("A", new Long(3));
   dict.add("B", "21");
   assertContains(dict.iterator(), "A", 3L);
                                                                 Simple custom
                                                                 assertion
   assertContains(dict.iterator(), "B", "21");
private void assertContains(Iterator i, Object key, Object value) {
   while (i.hasNext()) {
      Map.Entry entry = (Map.Entry) i.next();
                                                                 Found what
      if (key.equals(entry.getKey())) {
                                                                 we we're
         assertEquals(value, entry.getValue());
                                                                 looking for
         return;
   fail("Iterator didn't contain " + key + " => " + value); ← Fail the test
```

### **Determinism**



### Tests should not fail at random!

### Isolate and remove sources of nondeterminism

What kind of sources of nondeterminism can you think of?



1\race condition 2\timestamp or random numbers

#### **Determinism**

#### Tests should not fail at random!

Isolate and remove sources of nondeterminism in the test fixture: concurrency, timestamps, arbitrary delays, external resources/connections/APIs, ...

Use test doubles in the test fixture rather than real collaborators/dependencies to make tests deterministic



More on test doubles later...

# Independence

Tests should be able to run in any order, and give the same results

Tests should not depend on each other

Isolate
each test
from others:
each test should start
with a clean slate!



Be careful when they share fixtures, and the fixtures are modified by tests!

Use @Before to start each test on a blank slate!

# **Failability**

### "Never-failing" tests tests don't make sense



Make sure that you can make tests fail

Don't write tests without assertions

Make sure that unfinished tests fail

### Can this test fail?



#### Listing 6.3 Test that never fails

Call to "include" method either succeeds or throws an exception:

- What should happen if action fails and exception is thrown? Is it happening?
- What should happen if action succeeds? Is it happening?

#### Can this test fail?



#### Listing 6.3 Test that never fails

Call to the include method either succeeds or throws an exception:

- If the production code is correct, action fails, exception is thrown, assertion checks error msg is correct, and test passes!
- If the production code is incorrect, action succeeds, exception is not thrown, and test completes gracefully and passes! Oh no, that's not what I want!
- What's missing here?

# Use fail() to... make a test fail



Fail test

exception

unless

#### Listing 6.4 Adding the missing fail() call makes our test useful

```
@Test
public void includeForMissingResourceFails() {
   try {
       new Environment().include("somethingthatdoesnotexist");
      fail():
   } catch (IOException e) {
       assertThat(e.getMessage(),
                   contains ("somethingthatdoesnotexist"));
      Super important:

    you'll see testing blogs that make this mistake

    you'll find test code in famous OS libraries that makes this mistake!
```

# May use expected parameter in test annotation to make a test fail when an expected exception is not thrown OR use assertThrows



#### Listing 6.5 Declaring an anticipated exception with the @Test annotation

```
@Test(expected = IOException.class)
public void includingMissingResourceFails() {
   new Environment().include("somethingthatdoesnotexist");
}
```

Be careful: this does not localize the failure if the test code is complex!

OR

```
@Test
public void thowsAnExceptionOnCallingFoo() {
    assertThrows(AnException.class, () -> { foo(); });
}
```

These features may not be available in other testing frameworks or for other programming languages!

# Avoiding superfluous & incomplete tests

### Trigger failure (intentionally fail)

- Try to make the test fail first by injecting a defect or stubbing out parts of production code
- Once test fails, make it pass by restoring the correct production code

### Replace commented out sections with fail()

 To avoid forgetting to replace stubbed out ("to-finish-later") test code or comment

# Comprehensiveness

#### Tests should travel to diverse worlds

Test all **potentially faulty** behaviors by choosing **representative** cases

# **happy** and **sad** paths

normal <u>expected</u>
behavior
and
<u>expected</u>
alternative/exceptional
behaviors



### **boundary** cases

Cases that use <u>special values</u> prone to faults at the limits of a data type or resource

#### corner cases

Unusual, incidental, unexpected, difficult to reproduce, interacting cases that can be pathological, not just any ordinary "sad path" ("whatif" paths)

# Speed

# Tests should provide fast feedback (run fast)

Use test
doubles
if tests rely
on expensive
resources



# **Speed**

### Tests should provide fast feedback (run fast)

Use test
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Review and optimize your tests if they are sluggish

Watch for "sleeping snails"

Homework: review the "sleeping snail" code smell and its fix in this deck

# Sleeping Snail

 Pervasiveness of sleep calls in multi-threaded code (in Java: calls to Thread.sleep())

Fix: get rid of over-cautious, wasteful idle waiting!
... by using thread synchronization facilities
(e.g., in Java: java.util.concurrent package)

# Sleeping snail: example

#### Listing 5.10 Testing multithreaded access to a counter

Homework: review this code on your own, think about why it's problematic (it's bad in more than one way, violates multiple principles)

Answer is in the corresponding Koskela 2013 chapter - check Canvas materials if you need to....

```
final Counter counter = new Counter(); Shared counter

Throad = 100;
@Test
public void concurrentAccessFromMultipleThreads() throws Exception {
   final Set<Long> values = new HashSet<Long>();
   Runnable runnable = new Runnable() {
      @Override
      public void run() {
                                                                    Threads
                                                                     increment
         for (int i = 0; i < callsPerThread; i++) {
                                                                    counter in
            values.add(counter.getAndIncrement());
                                                                    a loop
   };
   int threads = 10;
   for (int i = 0; i < threads; i++) {
                                                         Start
                                                         threads
      new Thread(runnable).start();
                                                               Wait for threads to finish
   Thread.sleep(500);
                                                                   Check values'
   int expectedNoOfValues = threads * callsPerThread;
                                                                   uniqueness
   assertEquals(expectedNoOfValues, values.size());
```

# Sleeping snail: example

#### Listing 5.10 Testing multithreaded access to a counter

```
@Test
public void concurrentAccessFromMultipleThreads() throws Exception {
   final Counter counter = new Counter();
   final int callsPerThread = 100;
   final Set<Long> values = new HashSet<Long>();
   Runnable runnable = new Runnable() {
      @Override
      1 // num bious sildum
                                                               ■ Threads
          Is 500 msec long enough for all threads to finish?
                                                                  increment
                                                                  counter in
          Is it guaranteed that they will finish?
                                                                  a loop

    Could there be any race conditions?

   • Will this test always pass?
   int • Is it deterministic?
   for (int i = 0; i < threads; i++) {
                                                       threads
      new Thread(runnable).start();
                                                            Wait for threads to finish
   Thread.sleep(500);
                                                                 Check values'
   int expectedNoOfValues = threads * callsPerThread;
                                                                 uniqueness
   assertEquals(expectedNoOfValues, values.size());
```

### Sleeping snail; fix (using the right concurrency construct)

#### Listing 5.11 Testing multithreaded access without sleeping

```
@Test
public void concurrentAccessFromMultipleThreads() throws Exception {
   final Counter counter = new Counter();
   final int numberOfThreads = 10:
                                                               Synchronization
   final CountDownLatch allThreadsComplete =
                                                               latch
          new CountDownLatch(numberOfThreads);
                                                               Main thread will be
   final int callsPerThread = 100;
                                                               notified when this latch
   final Set<Long> values = new HashSet<Long>():
                                                               expires
   Runnable runnable = new Runnable() {
      @Override
      public void run() {
         for (int i = 0; i < callsPerThread; i++) {
            values.add(counter.getAndIncrement());
                                                                   Mark thread
                                                                   completed
         allThreadsComplete.countDown();
   };
   for (int i = 0; i < numberOfThreads; i++) {
      new Thread(runnable).start():
                                                                   Wait for threads
                                                                  to complete
   allThreadsComplete.await(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
                                                                   Or timeout in 10 secs
   int expectedNoOfValues = numberOfThreads * callsPerThread:
   assertEquals(expectedNoOfValues, values.size());
```

# **Key Messages**

- Unit testing is applied throughout construction.
- Good unit tests involve simple, understandable, meaningful, deterministic, independent tests that have a single purpose, can demonstrably fail, provide fast feedback, are easy to maintain, focus on behavior first, and are comprehensive without being overprotective.