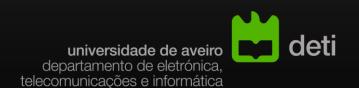
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BDD: behavior driven testing

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Learning objectives

Explain how "features/user-stories" are used as a conversation tool to build functional specifications

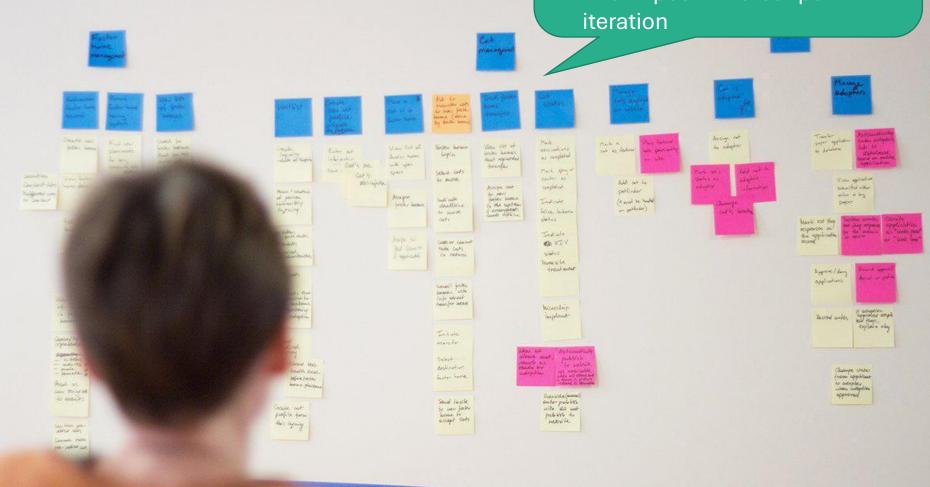
Write simple acceptance criteria for a user story in structured text

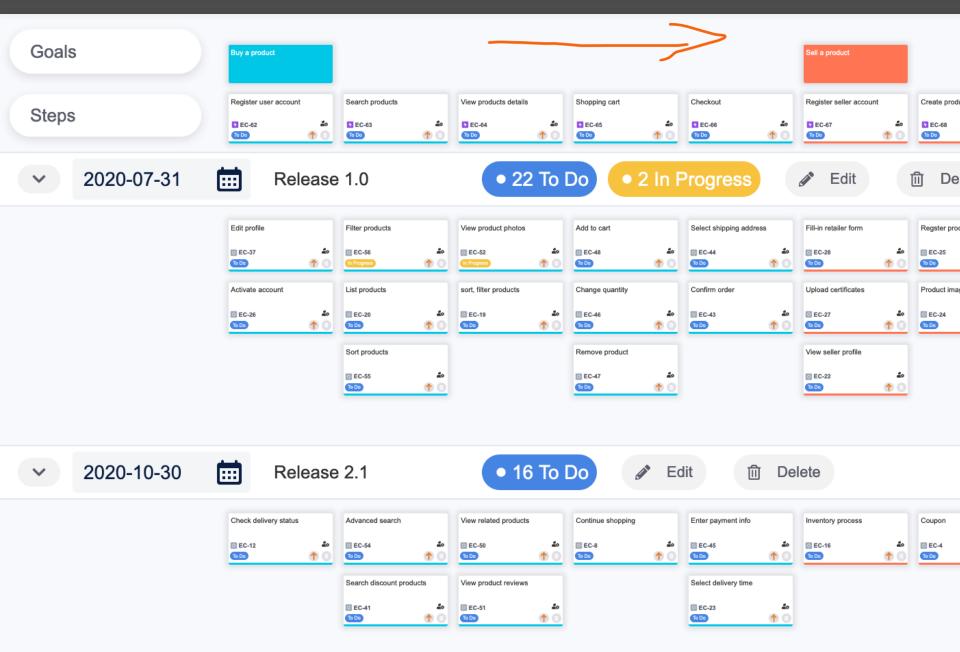
Write acceptance scenarios using the Gerking language

Describe the steps to implement BDD in Java using the Cucumber framework

"post-it" & borads metaphor

- The right granularity to distribute the work
- Traceability to requirements (usage scenarios)
- A few "post-it notes" per





User stories: behavior by example

As a manager, I want to browse my existing quizzes so I can recall what I have in place and figure out if I can just reuse or update an existing quiz for the position I need now.

→ some <u>examples</u>

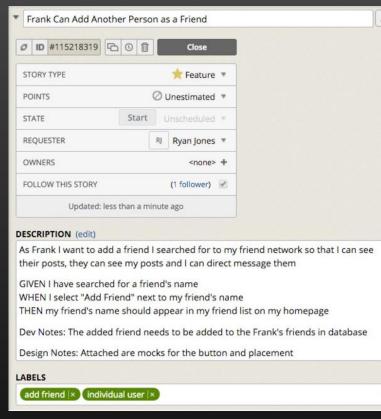
Stories and scenarios

(User) Story as the basic unit of functionality, and therefore of delivery.

Captures a feature of the system defines the <u>scope</u> of the feature and its <u>acceptance criteria</u>.

They are also used as the basis for estimation when we come to do our planning

Can be mapped on outcomes, requirements



https://www.pivotaltracker.com/blog/principles-of-effective-story-writing-the-pivotal-labs-way

What's in a Story? http://dannorth.net/whats-in-a-story/

Stories and testing...

```
Title (one line describing the story)
Narrative:
As a [role]
I want [feature]
So that [benefit]
Acceptance Criteria: (presented as Scenarios) +
Scenario 1: Title
Given [context]
  And [some more context]...
When [event]
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Then [outcome]
  And [another outcome]...
Scenario 2: ...
```

Can we write the acceptance criteria in a way that it is executable?

Story: the scope of a feature + its acceptance criteria.

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Credit: http://dannorth.net/whats-in-a-
```

story/

Functional view.
Value for the user.
Specification by examples.

Story: Account Holder withdraws cash

As an Account Holder
I want to withdraw cash from an ATM
So that I can get money when the bank is closed

Scenario 1: Account has sufficient funds
Given the account balance is \\$100

And the card is valid

And the machine contains enough money
When the Account Holder requests \\$20

Then the ATM should dispense \\$20

And the account balance should be \\$80

And the card should be returned

Scenario 2: Account has insufficient funds
Given the account balance is \\$10
And the card is valid
And the machine contains enough money
When the Account Holder requests \\$20
Then the ATM should not dispense any money
And the ATM should say there are insufficient funds
And the account balance should be \\$20
And the card should be returned

Features are described in the Gherkin Language (DSL)

writing features gherkin language¶

```
The primary keywords are:

Feature
Rule (as of Gherkin 6)
Example (or Scenario)
Given, When, Then, And, But for steps (or *)
Background
Scenario Outline (or Scenario Template)
Examples (or Scenarios)

There are a few secondary keywords as well:

""" (Doc Strings)
[Data Tables)
[Comments]
```

<u>Gherkin</u> to describe a feature (for testing):

<u>Feature</u>: what

Scenario: some determinable business situation

<u>Given</u>: preparation/setup (e.g.: required data)

• And...

When: the set of actions (execute).

• <u>And</u>...

<u>Then</u>: specifies the expected resulting state (assert).

• <u>And</u>...

→ Sample

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Scenario: Adding a product to the cart

Given:

That I have a cart

And there is a product called "Prosecco Armani DOC"

When:

I add the product to the cart

Then:

The operation should be successful

And the cart should have been correctly updated

Given - describes the initial context of the scenario — the required pre-conditions we need in place before conducting the action/event that we are testing (in this case, we should have a virtual shopping cart and a specific product to add.)

When - describes the specific action/event — in many scenarios there should only be one such step (for example, adding the product to the cart). If you find yourself having to add more than one step here, you should consider if you need to break up the scenario into two or more.

Then - describes the expected outcomes of conducting the action/event in the system. These steps commonly contain various assertions that verify everything we want to check as a result of this test.

Cucumber framework for tests

Goal

common understanding of the problem

⇒ simplify the communication between
all parties



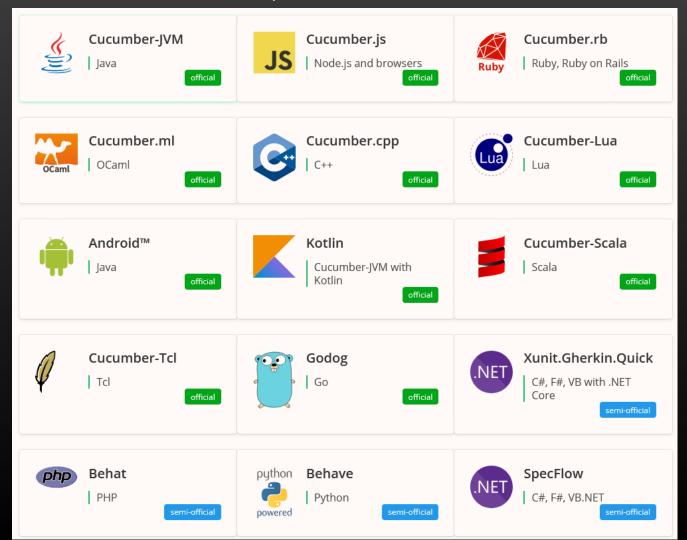
- express requirements using concrete examples (Gherkin syntax)
- create examples of behavior that are executable
- examples are found in a collaborative way (business analysts, testers and developers)
- examples can be used as acceptance tests (with additional preparation steps)



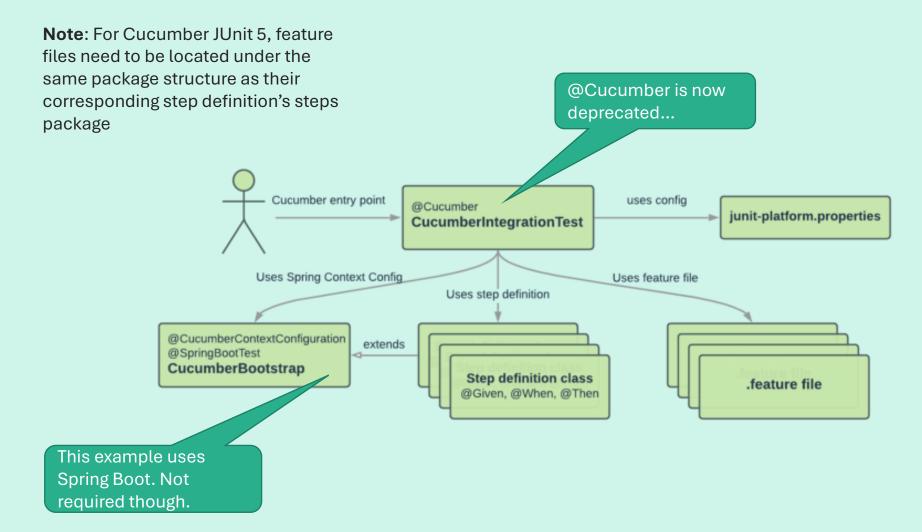


The same approach, many frameworks

https://cucumber.io/docs/installation/



Test elements (example)



.feature

```
Feature: Book search
 To allow a customer to find his favourite books quickly,
 the library must offer multiple ways to search for a book.
 Background: A sample library
   Given a book with the title 'One good book' written by 'Fred Kruger' publish
   And a book with the title 'Some other book' written by 'Tim Tomson' published
   And a book with the title 'How to cook a dino' written by 'Fred Flintstone'
   And a book with the title 'Welcome to hell' written by 'Red Flames' publish
 Scenario: Search books by author
   When the customer searches for books by 'Fred'
   Then 2 books should have been found
   And Book 1 should have the title 'How to cook a dino'
   And Book 2 should have the title 'One good book'
```

The steps in the feature are mapped to test methods, using annotations.

steps mapping

```
@Given("a book with the title {string} written by {string} published in {
public void addNewBook(final String title, final String author, final Lo
   Book book = new Book(title, author, published);
   library.addBook(book);
aWhen("the customer searches for books by {string}")
public void the_customer_searches_for_books_by(String author) {
   // Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
   result = library.findBooksByAuthor( author);
aThen("{int} books should have been found")
public void verifyAmountOfBooksFound(final int booksFound) {
    assertThat(result.size()).isEqualTo(booksFound);
```

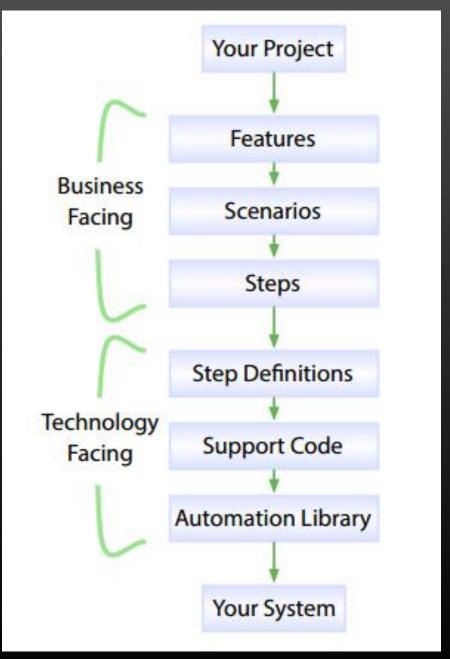
Cucumber reads specifications from plainlanguage text files called <u>features</u>, examines them for <u>scenarios</u> to test.

Each scenario is a list of <u>steps</u> for Cucumber to work through.

Along with the features, you give Cucumber a set of <u>step definitions</u>, which map the business-readable language of each step into code to carry out whatever action is being described by the step.

The step definition itself will probably just be one or two lines of code that delegate to a library of *support code*, specific to the domain of your application.

Sometimes that may involve using an automation library, like the browser automation library Selenium.



Helpful format: define an outline to be run against a few examples.

```
Scenario Outline: Several additions
When I add <a> and <b>
Then the result is <c>
Examples: Single digits

| a | b | c |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 7 | 10 |
```

```
OWhen("I add {int} and {int}")
public void iAddAnd(int arg0, int arg1) {
    calc.push(arg0);
    calc.push(arg1);
    calc.push(arg: "+");
}

OThen("the result is {int}")
public void theResultIs(int arg0) {
    assertEquals( arg0, calc.value().intValue() );
}
```

```
Feature: Book search with table
  To allow a customer to find his favourite books quickly,
  Background: A sample library
   Given the following books
      title author published
      One good book | Fred Kruger | 2013-03-14
      Some other book | Tim Tomson | 2014-08-23
      How to cook a dino | Fred Flintstone
                                             2012-01-01
     Welcome to hell
                          Red Flames
                                             2021-02-01
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Specifications can include data as tables to feed the tests.

```
Funcionalidade: Exemplo de uso de tabela de dados
 Cenário: Exemplo de uso de tabela de dados
    Dado Que a minha biblioteca esta inicializada vazia
    E a <u>seguinte</u> tabela de <u>livros</u>:
        titulo
                    Numero de Paginas
                                         Topico
                                                       Data de <u>Publicacao</u>
                                                                             Autores
        LivroUm
                                         COMPUTACAO
                                                                             Nilton
                     42
                                                       2020
        LivroDois 150
                                         ROMANCE
                                                       2021
                                                                             Santos
    Quando Eu pesquiso o livro "LivroUm" e COMPUTACAO
    Entao Eu encontro o livro com "LivroUm"
    Quando Eu pesquiso o livro "LivroDois" e ROMANCE
    Entao Eu encontro o livro com "LivroDois"
```

https://cucumber.io/docs/gherkin/languages/

Keywords available in different languages (localization)

BDD as a work process

A simplified Workflow (Suggestion)

- Get users, developers, testers, product-owners etc.. together
- They describe the behaviour of a new feature in plain text and using the Gherkin syntax
- Developers add the derived feature-files to the project and integrate the cucumber-junit-testrunner
- Run the tests and watch them fail cucumber prints snippets for the glue code that can be used for writing the step/glue-classes.
- Write the code to make the first test (step) pass
- Repeat until everything is green

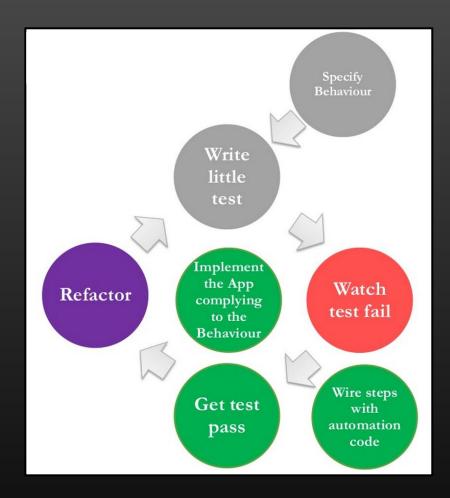
BDD: Behavior-driven development

BDD is a test-centric software development process that grew out of Test-Driven Development (TDD). BDD focuses on clearly identifying the desired behavior of a feature from the very start.

Technical (e.g., developers) and non-technical (e.g., business analysts) participants in a software project collaborate to define a common understanding of expected behaviors.

Behaviors are identified using specification by example: behavior specs are written to illustrate the desired behavior with realistic examples. They serve as both the product's requirements/acceptance criteria (before development) and its test cases (after development).

Gherkin is one of the most popular languages for writing formal behavior specifications. With automation tools, scenarios can be turned into automated test cases



Credit: Nalin Goonawardana

Views from Robert C. Martin

BDD is a variation on TDD.

Whereas in TDD we drive the development of a module by "first" stating the requirements as unit tests, in BDD we drive that development by first stating the requirements as requirements.

The form of those requirements is fairly rigid, allowing them to be interpreted by a tool that can execute them in a manner that is similar to unit tests.

https://sites.google.com/site/unclebobconsultingllc/the-truth-about-bdd

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BDD vs TDD (xUnit Level)

BDD

TDD + Unit testing

Top-down

Bottom-up

Human readable

Programming language

Sharable to all the team

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Business-facing

Developer-facing

Tangible requirements.

Module contracts.

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The primary purpose of BDD frameworks is to support Behavior-Driven Development, where all technical (e.g., developers) and non-technical (e.g., business analysts) participants in a software project collaborate to define a common understanding of how the software should behave.

Resources and readings

Sundberd, T., "Where should you use Behaviour Driven Development, BDD?"

https://smartbear.com/learn/automated-testing/is-bdd-right-for-you/

Kops, "BDD Testing with Cucumber, Java and Junit"