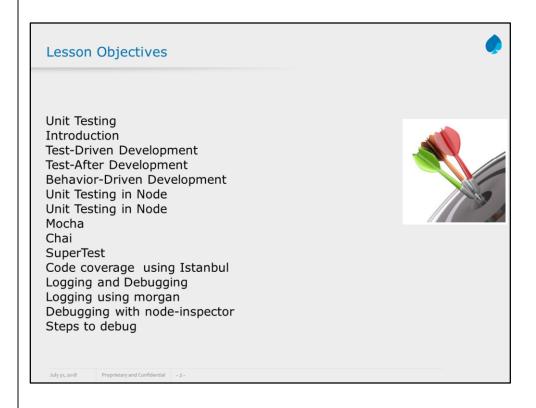
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5.1: Unit Testing Introduction



>Unit Testing is nothing but breaking down the logic of application into small chunks or 'units' and verifying that each unit works as we expect.

- >Unit Testing the code provides the following benefits :
- Reduce code-to-bug turn around cycle
- Isolate code and demonstrate that the pieces function correctly
- Provides contract that the code needs to satisfy in order to pass
- Improves interface design
- ➤Unit testing can be done in 2 ways
- Test-Driven Development
- Test-After Development

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5.1: Unit Testing Test-Driven Development



>In Test Driven Development (TDD) automated unit tests are written before the code is actually written. Running these tests give you fast confirmation of whether your code behaves as it should.

>TDD can be summarized as a set of the following actions:

- 1. Writing a test: In order to write the test, the programmer must fully comprehend the requirements. At first, the test will fail because it is written prior to the feature
- 2. Run all of the tests and make sure that the newest test doesn't pass: This insures that the test suite is in order and that the new test is not passing by accident, making it irrelevant.
- 3. Write the minimal code that will make the test pass: The code written at this stage will not be 100% final, it needs to be improved at later stages. No need to write the perfect code at this stage, just write code that will pass the test.

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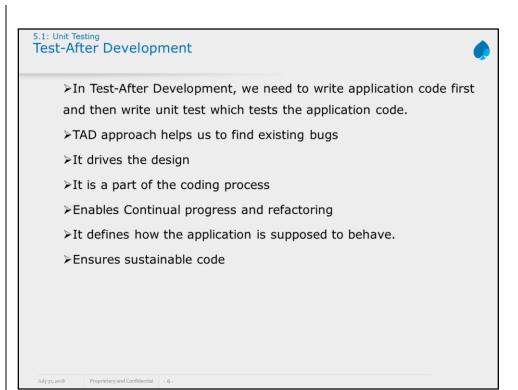
5.1: Unit Testing Test-Driven Development



- **4. Make sure that all of the previous tests still pass:** If all tests succeeds, developer can be sure that the code meets all of the test specifications and requirements and move on to the next stage.
- 5. Refactor code: In this stage code needs to be cleaned up and improved. By running the test cases again, the programmer can be sure that the refactoring / restructuring has not damaged the code in any way.
- **6. Repeat the cycle with a new test :** Now the cycle is repeated with another new test.
- ➤Using TDD approach, we can catch the bugs in the earl stage of development
- >It works best with reusable code

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5.1: Unit Testing Behavior-Driven Development



>Test-Driven Development (TDD) focus on testing where as Behavior-Driven Development (BDD) mainly concentrates on specification.

>In BDD we write test specifications, not the tests which we used to do in TDD i.e. no need focus anymore on the structure of the source code, focus lies on the behavior of the source code

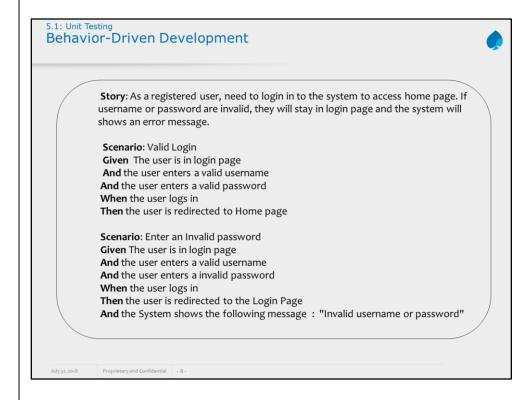
➤In BDD we need to follow just one rule. Test specifications which we write should follow *Given-When-Then* steps

>It is very easy to write / read and understand the test specifications, because BDD follows a common vocabulary instead of a test-centered vocabulary (like test suite, test case, test ...)

>BDD is a specialized version of TDD that specifies what needs to be unit-tested from the perspective of business requirements.

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5.2: Unit Testing in Node Unit Testing in Node



➤In Node there are numerous tools / testing frameworks are available to achieve the objective of having well tested quality code.

>Mocha, Chai and SuperTest integrates very well together in a natural fashion

>Mocha is a testing framework which follows Behavior-driven Development (BDD) interface makes our tests readable and make us very clear what is being tested.

➤ Mocha allows to use any assertion library like (chai, should.js, expect.js)

➤ Chai is a BDD / TDD assertion library for node and the browser that can be delightfully paired with any testing framework like Mocha.

>SuperTest is a HTTP testing library which has a bunch of convenience methods for doing assertions on headers, statuses and response bodies. If the server is not already listening for connections then it is bound to an ephemeral port, so there is no need to keep track of ports.

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5.2: Unit Testing in Node Mocha



>Mocha is a mature and powerful testing framework for Node.js.

Fit is more robust and widely used. NodeUnit, Jasmine and Vows are the other alternatives.

➤ Mocha supports both BDD interface's like (describe, it, before) and traditional TDD interfaces (suite, test, setup).

>We need explicitly tell Mocha to use the TDD interface instead of the default BDD by specifying mocha -u tdd <testfile>

- describe analogous to suite
- it analogous to test
- before analogous to setup
- after analogous to teardown
- beforeEach analogus to suiteSetup
- afterEach analogus to suiteTeardown
- >The mocha package can be installed via
 - npm install mocha --save-dev

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describe(description, callback): This is the basic method that wraps each test suite with a description. The callback function is used to define test specifications or subsuites.

it(description, callback): This is the basic method that wraps each test specification with a description. The callback function is used to define the actual test logic.

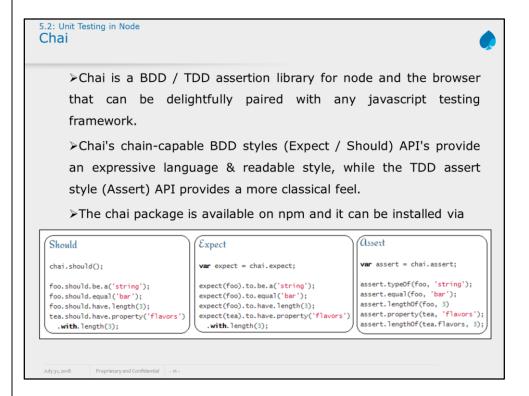
before(callback): This is a hook function that is executed once before all the tests in a test suite.

beforeEach(callback): This is a hook function that is executed before each test specification in a test suite.

after(callback): This is a hook function that is executed once after all the tests in a test suite are executed.

afterEach(callback): This is a hook function that is executed after each test specification in a test-suite is executed.

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5.2: Unit Testing in Node SuperTest



>SuperTest is another assertion library but it differs from other assertion libraries by providing developers with an abstraction layer that makes HTTP assertions.

➤Instead of testing objects, SuperTest helps us to create assertion expressions that test HTTP endpoints.

>SuperTest will bound to an ephemeral port if the server is not already listening for connections, so that there is no need to keep track of ports.

>The SuperTest package is available on npm and it can be installed via

npm install supertest --save-dev

>Mocha, Chai and SuperTest is a prowerful combination to test both your models and your controllers. All those three packages will be available under property named devDepencies in the package.json file.

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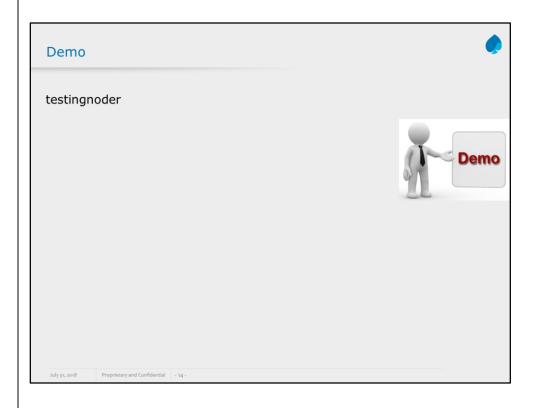
5.2: Unit Testing in Node Code Coverage using Istanbul



- ➤ Code coverage tools analyze an application's source code and test suite and then identify code that's missing tests.
- Developing maintainable apps requires a good test coverage. Code coverage provides a way to measure the quality of your application.
- ➤ Istanbul is a JavaScript code coverage tool that provides instrumentation and reporting. It works well with Mocha, Chai & SuperTest.
- >Istanbul generates html reporter for the code coverage
- >Istanbul package is available on npm and it can be installed via
 - npm install istanbul --save-dev

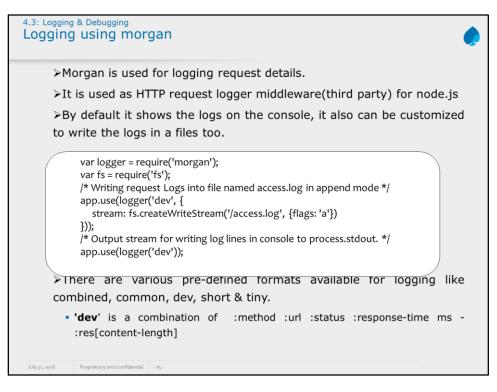
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:date[format] - The current date and time in UTC.

:http-version - The HTTP version of the request.

:method - The HTTP version of the request.

referrer - The Referrer header of the request. This will use the standard misspelled Referer header if exists, otherwise Referrer.

:remote-addr - The remote address of the request. This will use req.ip, otherwise the standard req.connection.remoteAddress value (socket address).

:remote-user - The user authenticated as part of Basic auth for the request.

:req[header] - The given header of the request.

:res[header] - The given header of the response.

:response-time - The time between the request coming into morgan and when the response headers are written, in milliseconds.

:status - The status code of the response.

:url - The URL of the request. This will use req.originalUrl if exists, otherwise req.url.

:user-agent - The contents of the User-Agent header of the request.

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4.3: Logging & Debugging Debugging with node-inspector

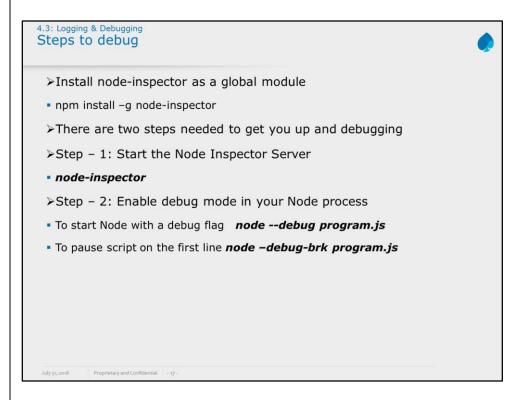


- ➤ Node Inspector is a debugger interface for Node.js applications.
- >Node Inspector works almost exactly as the Chrome Developer Tools
- >Node Inspector supports almost all of the debugging features of DevTools, including:
 - Navigate source files
 - Set breakpoints (and specify trigger conditions)
 - Step over, step in, step out, resume (continue)
 - Inspect scopes, variables, object properties
 - Hover mouse over an expression in source code to display its value in a tooltip
 - Edit variables and object properties
 - Continue to location
 - Break on exceptions
 - Disable/enable all breakpoints

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Debugging node with node-inspector

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