

IT314 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Group 16 Online Examination System

Mutation Testing

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1. Introduction:

Mutation Testing is the method to improve unit tests by making small changes in the code and identify those changes using tests that we have. Each version of the code with small changes is called mutant. If tests fail on mutant that means mutant is killed otherwise mutant is survived. The goal of this process is to identify weaknesses of the test suite and improve it.

Below are objectives of mutation testing:

- To check whether the current test suite detects code changes
- To check the effectiveness of test suits

2. What We have Done:

We have used MERN Stack for our Project. We used mocha for unit testing. For mutation Testing, we used the javascript framework **stryker-mutator (v8.6.0)** and **mocha-runner (v8.6.0)**.

We set up the configuration for these frameworks by following the documentation.

Then we specify the files in which we wish to add mutants and also where unit tests are.

Below are some Images of the configuration:

```
// stryker.conf.js
module.exports = {
  testRunner: "mocha",
  coverageAnalysis: "perTest",
  mochaOptions: {
    spec: ["test/**/*.js"],
```

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package: "package.json",
    require: ["babel-register"],
    grep: ".*",
},
```

```
// stryker.conf.json

{
    "testRunner": "mocha",
    "coverageAnalysis": "perTest",
    "mochaOptions": {
        "spec": [ "test/**/*.js" ],
        "package": "package.json",
        "grep": ".*"
    },
    "mutate": [
        "./backend/controller/*.js"
    ]
}
```

We defined the script as below in the package. Json

```
"test:mutation": "stryker run"
```

Script for running mutation testing framework

```
npm run test:mutation
```

3. Results:

Here are the results that we have obtained after performing mutation testing.



