

Unit Testing Design Report

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Introduction

The `Route.findPosition()` function takes the string `soughtName` as a parameter, and finds a `RoutePoint` bearing the specified name, returning its position. It throws an invalid argument exception if the argument is an empty string, and a domain error exception if the name is not found.

Typical Inputs

For the `findPosition()` function, the main testing considerations would be to test a selection of different `RoutePoints` that contain various data within their `Position` and `Name`. The content of the `Position` is not relevant to the function as the function is not concerned with the actual content, it should only be returning the `Position` object.

Additionally, non-standard characters used within the `Name` should also be tested, for example, Names that contain spaces and symbols, as we should test whether the function is able to interpret such characters correctly.

Error Cases

The significant error cases that will be tested shall be an empty string given to the function. This is an invalid input as the function is not designed to handle empty names, and therefore should throw an invalid argument error.

Furthermore, a domain error should also be thrown if the given name cannot be found within any of the `Points` of the `Route` object, as the function is not designed to handle names of `Routes` that do not exist.

Edge and Boundary Cases

The main edge case to test for would be the first and last `Points` in the `Route` object, as we must ensure the behaviour at these extremes is the same as the behaviour in the middle. Another edge case would be to test with a `Route` object that contains only a single point.

A boundary case to test would be a `Route` object that contains multiple points that share the same `Name`. For example, we should identify whether the function returns the `Position` value of the second point in the object if the first and second points both share a `Name`.

Track Class

Finally, we should also test this function on the `Track` subclass in addition to the `Route` class, to ensure its functionality is the same between both. We must also consider the `Track` 'granularity' when testing on the `Track` subclass, as if some of the `TrackPoints` have been merged together, we must identify if the function is still correctly able to find the `Name` and `Positional` data of a single `Point`.