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Unit Testing in Eclipse Using JUnit

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Introduction

Welcome to the Unit Testing in Eclipse Using JUnit Task!

Earlier on in this bootcamp you were introduced to the software development process. Testing is a crucial part of this process. This task introduces how to test Java classes using JUnit.

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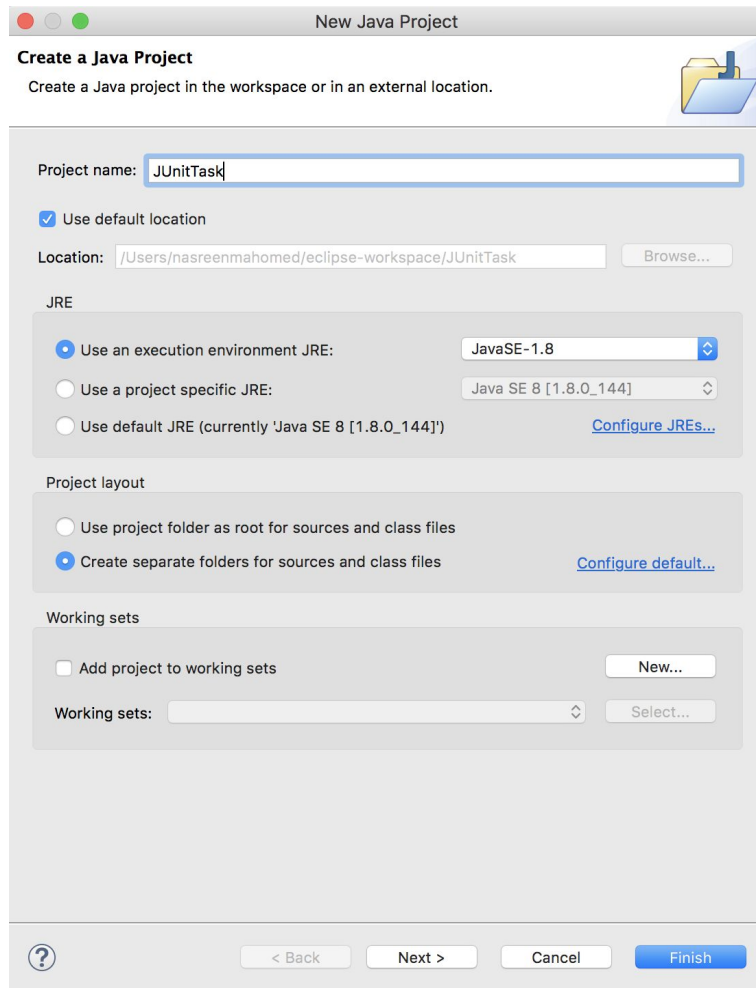
JUnit

JUnit is an open source framework for Java. It was developed by Erich Gamma and Kent Beck and has been an important factor in the evolution of test-driven development, which is part of a larger software design paradigm, Extreme Programming (XP). With test driven development, developers must write and execute unit test first before any code is written.

As the name implies, JUnit helps you perform unit testing. Unit testing involves examining a small "chunk" (or "unit") of software to verify that it meets its expectations or specification. This small "chunk" of software is usually a single class.

JUnit is not part of the standard Java class libraries, however, it is included with Eclipse. JUnit can be downloaded for free from the JUnit web site (**http://junit.org**), if you don't have Eclipse. For this task, however, we will assume that you have already downloaded and installed Eclipse.

Creating a JUnit Test Case in Eclipse

- Create a new project called JUnitTask as follows:
  - Choose File -> New -> Java Project
  - In the 'New Java Project' window enter JUnitTask in the Project name field and click on finish.

'New Java Project' window

- We now need to create a class to be tested. For this example let's create a class called Loan.
  - Right-click on the JUnitTask project in the Project Explorer.
  - Select New -> Class from the menu
  - In the New Java Class dialog box enter mytest in the Package field and Loan in the Name field.
  - Click on Finish to create the class
  - Copy the code below to the Loan class and make sure the first line is package mytest

```java
public class Loan {

  private double yearlyInterestRate;
  private int years;
  private double amount;
  private java.util.Date loanDate;

  //Default constructor
  public Loan() {
```

```java
    this(8, 1, 1000);
}

public Loan(double interest, int numberOfYears,
    double loanAmount) {
  yearlyInterestRate = interest;
  years = numberOfYears;
  amount = loanAmount;
  loanDate = new java.util.Date();
}


public double getYearlyInterestRate() {
  return yearlyInterestRate;
}


public void setYearlyInterestRate(double interest) {
  yearlyInterestRate = interest;
}


public int getYears() {
  return years;
}


public void setYears(int numberOfYears) {
  years = numberOfYears;
}


public double getAmount() {
  return amount;
}


public void setAmount(double loanAmount) {
  amount = loanAmount;
}

//Calculate monthly payment
public double getMonthlyPayment() {
  double monthlyInterestRate = yearlyInterestRate / 1200;
  double monthlyPayment = amount * monthlyInterestRate / (1 -
    (1 / Math.pow(1 + monthlyInterestRate, years * 12)));
  return monthlyPayment;
}

// Calculate total payment
public double getTotalPayment() {
  double totalPayment = getMonthlyPayment() * years * 12;
  return totalPayment;
}
```

```java
    public java.util.Date getLoanDate() {
        return loanDate;
    }
}
```


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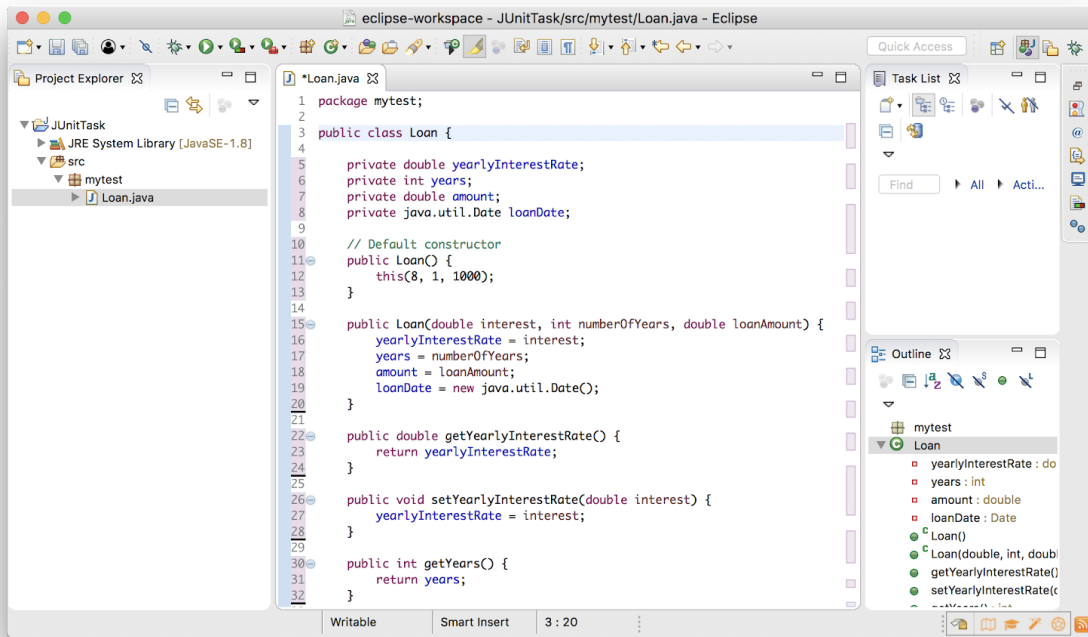
The Loan class shown in Eclipse

- You can now create a test class to test the Loan class.
  - Right-click Loan.java in the Project Explorer
  - Select New -> Other from the menu
  - In the New window select the JUnit folder and then JUnit Test Case and select Next.
  - In the New JUnit Test Case dialog box should now appear. Simply select Finish.
  - After you select Finish, a dialog will appear prompting you to add JUnit 5 to the project build path. Click OK to add it.
  - A test class named LoanTest should now be created.

'New JUnit Test Case' window

Dialog prompting you to add JUnit 5 to the project build path
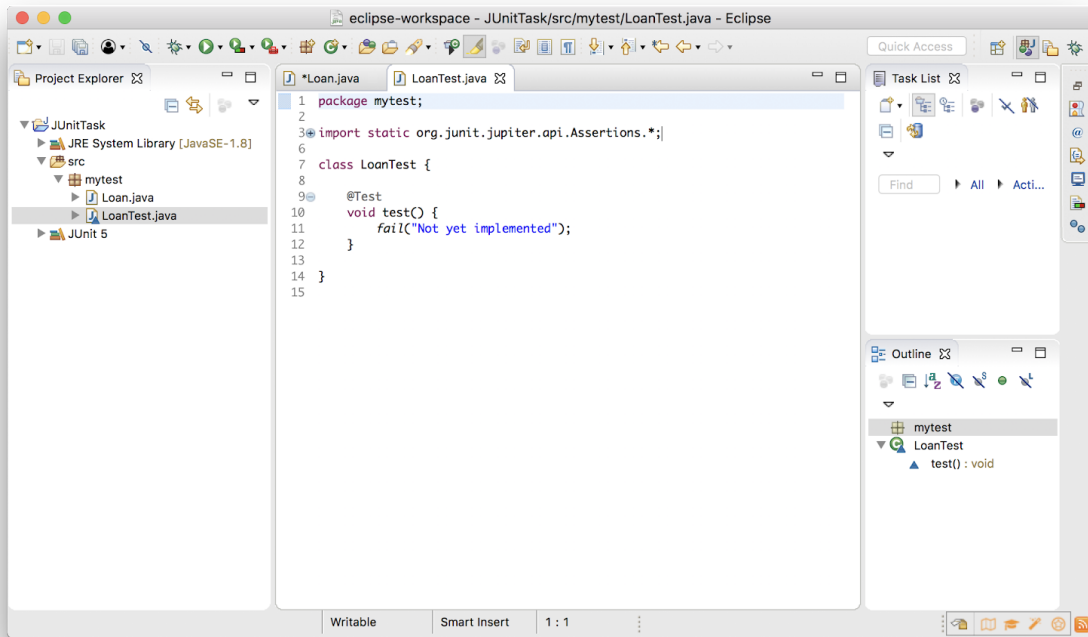
The LoanTest test class

Writing Tests

In your JUnit test case file, each unit test method should test a small aspect of the behavior of the "class under test". In our example the "class under test" is Loan and LoanTest should have testing methods each of which should be short and should test only one specific aspect of the Loan class.

JUnit testing method use assertions. Assertions statements check whether a condition is true or false. If the given condition is false, the test method fails otherwise, if all the given conditions are true the test method passes. Assertions are used to state things that you always expect to be true. It is a great way to detect and correct programming errors. An example of an assertion is assertEquals(10, list.size());. This statement expects a List to contain exactly 10 elements.

The following assertion methods are provided by JUnit:

assertEquals(expectedValue, actualValue); assertEquals("message", expectedValue, actualValue)	Asserts if two values are equal. If the two values are not equal the test method fails. The expected value is passed in first and actual second. This method uses the equals method to compare objects.

assertNotEquals(value1, value2) assertNotEquals("message", value1, value2)	Asserts if two values are not equal to each other. If the two values are equal to each other the method fails. This method uses the equals method to compare objects.
assertTrue(boolean condition) assertTrue(String message, boolean condition)	Assets that a boolean condition is true. If the condition is not true the test method fails.
assertFalse(boolean condition) assertFalse(String message, boolean condition)	Assets that a boolean condition is false. If the condition is not false the test method fails.
assertNull(value) assertNull("message", value)	Asserts that a value is null. If the value is not null the test method fails.
assertNotNull(value) assertNotNull("message", value)	Asserts that a value is not null. If the value is null the test method fails.
assertSame(expectedValue, actualValue) assertSame("message", expectedValue, actualValue)	Asserts if two values are the same. Similar to assertEquals, however it uses the == operator and not the equals method to compare values.
assertNotSame(value1, value2) assertNotSame("message", value1, value2)	Asserts if two values are not the same. Similar to assertNotEquals, however it uses the == operator and not the equals method to compare values.
fail() fail(String message)	Fails a test

For example look at the following LoanTest class:

```java
package mytest;

import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.*;

import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;

class LoanTest {

  @Test
  public void testPaymentMethods() {
    double annualInterestRate = 2.5;
    int numberOfYears = 5;
    double loanAmount = 1000;
    Loan loan = new Loan(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount);

    assertTrue(loan.getMonthlyPayment() ==
      getMonthlyPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount));

    assertTrue(loan.getTotalPayment() ==
      getTotalPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount));
```

```java
        }

    private double getMonthlyPayment(double annualInterestRate, int numberOfYears,
        double loanAmount) {

        double monthlyInterestRate = annualInterestRate / 1200;
        double monthlyPayment = loanAmount * monthlyInterestRate /
            (1 - (1 / Math.pow(1 + monthlyInterestRate, numberOfYears * 12)));

        return monthlyPayment;

    }

    public double getTotalPayment(double annualInterestRate, int numberOfYears,
        double loanAmount) {

        return getMonthlyPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears,
            loanAmount) * numberOfYears * 12;
    }
}
```

The @Test annotation specifies that method is the test method. The test method testPaymentMethods() in LoanTest creates an instance of Loan and tests whether loan.getMonthlyPayment() returns the same value as getMonthlyPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount), which is defined in the LoanTest class.

The test method also tests whether loan.getTotalPayment() returns the same value as getTotalPayment(annualInterestRate, numberOfYears, loanAmount), which is also defined in the LoanTest class.

Copy and paste this code into LoanTest.

Running Your Test Case

Once your test methods are written, they need to be run. This can be done in two ways. The first way is to click on the Run button in the toolbar at the top of the window then select Run As -> JUnit Test.
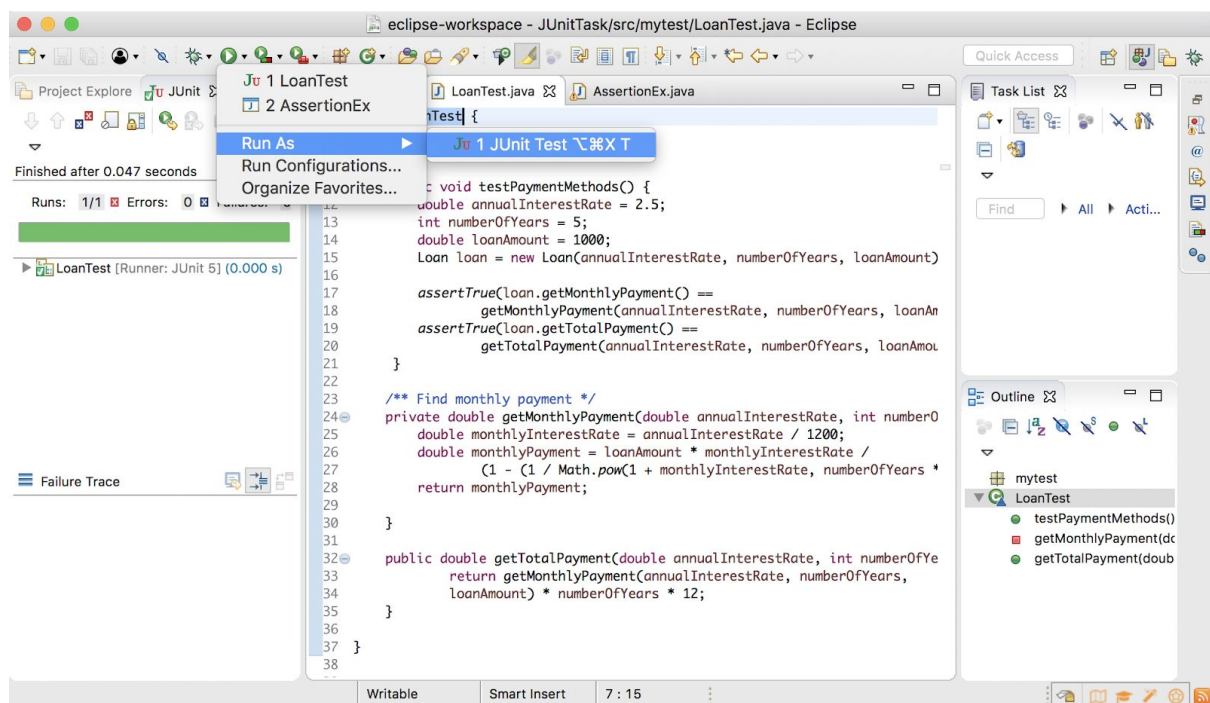
How to run your test case

The second way is is to right-click your JUnit test case class and choose Run As → JUnit Test.

On the left side of your screen a new pane will appear showing the test results for each method. If all the tests are passed a green bar should appear in this pane. If any of tests failed, a red bar will appear. You can view the details about the failure if any of the tests happen to fail. Simply click on the failed test's name and the details will appear in the pane below.

You might assume that getting a red bar is a very bad thing. However it is just the opposite! Getting a red bar means that you have successfully identified a potential bug and you can now fix it. By fixing the code and then re-running the test program you can turn the red bar into a green one.

Compulsory Task 1

Follow these steps:

- Create a class called PrimeNumberMethod.

- A prime number is an integer greater than 1, that only has a positive divisor is 1 or itself.

- Create a method called isPrime that determines whether a given number is prime.

- Write a test class to test the method isPrime.

Compulsory Task 2

Follow these steps:

- Write a test class to test the following methods in the **java.lang.String** class:
  - length
  - charAt
  - substring
  - indexOf

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