Leveraging Test Lifecycle

Understanding Junit Test Lifecycle



Jim Weaver
Developer, Trainer and Author

www.codeweaver.org

```
class DurationUnitTest {
    @Test
    public void matchUnitBySingularString() {
        assertSame(DurationUnit.WEEK, DurationUnit.getByTextValue("week"));
    @Test
    public void matchUnitByPluralString() {
        assertSame(DurationUnit.WEEK, DurationUnit.getByTextValue("weeks"));
   @Test
    public void returnsNullForUnmatchedUnit() {
        assertNull(DurationUnit.getByTextValue("boop"));
```

How are test classes insantiated when tests are run?

- The default with JUnit is PER_METHOD test class instantiation
- So when the above test class is executed, three separate instances of the class are created, one to run each of the three test methods
- This tends to make tests more independent
- A PER_CLASS Lifecyle is also provided, if you need it

The default test instance lifecycle of one test class instance per test method is the safest and easiest mode

Other modes to keep state across multiple test method executions are possible, but typically not needed for true unit tests



JUnit Lifecycle Methods

Any test class method annotated by a JUnit lifecycle annotation

These annotations are:

- @BeforeAll
- @AfterAll
- @BeforeEach
- @AfterEach

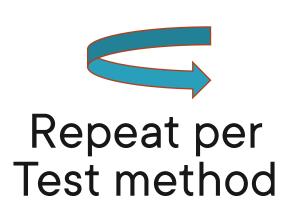
These annotations are used to create methods that can perform common setup or teardown code needed before and after tests run



How Lifecycle Methods Execute

@BeforeAll

Executes once before all test methods in a given test class



@BeforeEach

each test method

Executes once before

@Test

@AfterEach

Executes once after each test method

@AfterAll

Executes once after all test methods in a given test class



```
class MyTest {
@BeforeAll
static void initAll() {. . .}
@BeforeEach
void init() {. . .}
@Test
void test1() {. . .}
@Test
void test2() {. . .}
@AfterEach
void tearDown(. . .) { }
@AfterAll
static void tearDownAll() {. . .}
```

- **◄ initAll executes**
- → init executes
- test1 executes
- tearDown executes
- init executes
- → test2 executes
- tearDown executes
- tearDownAll executes

Mostly what you will use is a single @BeforeEach method



Setting Up Tests with Before Each

Creating Other Test Lifecycle Methods



Up Next: Controlling Test Execution

