Creating Tests

Understanding When to Create Tests



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```
public RxValidation validate(Prescription rx) {
   RxValidation validation = new RxValidation(rx);
   checkRequiredFields(rx);
   insureDurationParseable(rx.getDuration());
   insureDrugValid(rx.getDrug());
   return validation;
public void String getDuration() {
   return this.getDuration();
public static void initDrugEndpoint() {
   get("/drugs", (request, response) ->
     DrugDatabase.getDrugsAvailableForPrescribing(),
     gson::toJson);
```

What kind of code needs tests?

◄ Code with important, non trivial logic

- ▲ Less important to unit test very trivial code, completely pass-through code, thin technology layers
 - There are other types of tests you can rely on besides unit tests to cover
 - 100% unit test coverage is often not a useful goal

When to Test

Soon!

 Old code not written without tests originally can be hard to test

So soon, maybe even before the production code is written!

Test-first and test-driven development (TDD)
 covered later in this path



Creating Test Classes



Creating Test Methods



Up Next: Writing Test Methods and Using Assertions