

.NET Unit Testing with AutoFixture

GETTING STARTED WITH AUTOFIXTURE



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The Benefits of AutoFixture

Increase productivity

Reduce test maintenance

Improve test readability

Less test code



The Benefits of AutoFixture

```
[Fact]
public void SubtractWhenZeroTest()
{
    // Arrange
    var sut = new Calculator();

    // Act
    sut.Subtract(1);

    // Assert
    Assert.True(sut.Value < 0);
}
```



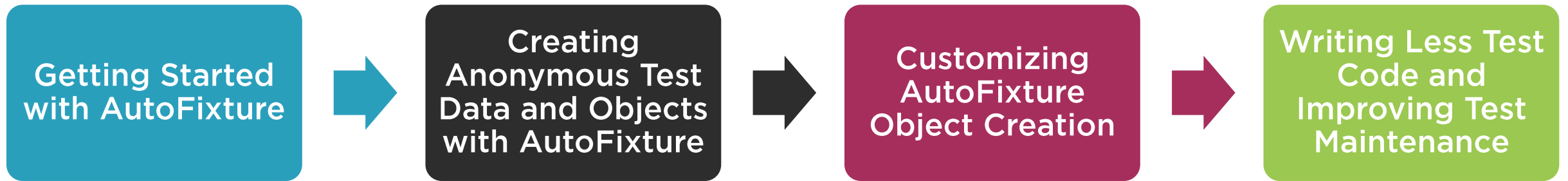
The Benefits of AutoFixture

```
[Theory, AutoData]
public void SubtractWhenZeroTest(int aPositiveNumber,
                                   Calculator sut)
{
    // Act
    sut.Subtract(aPositiveNumber);

    // Assert
    Assert.True(sut.Value < 0);
}
```



Course Overview



Overview



Simplify the Arrange phase of tests

Introduce anonymous test data concept

Supported frameworks

Introduce the Fixture class

Create a test project and install
AutoFixture

Write an initial test with non-anonymous
test data

Write a test with manual anonymous test
data

Use AutoFixture to create anonymous
test data



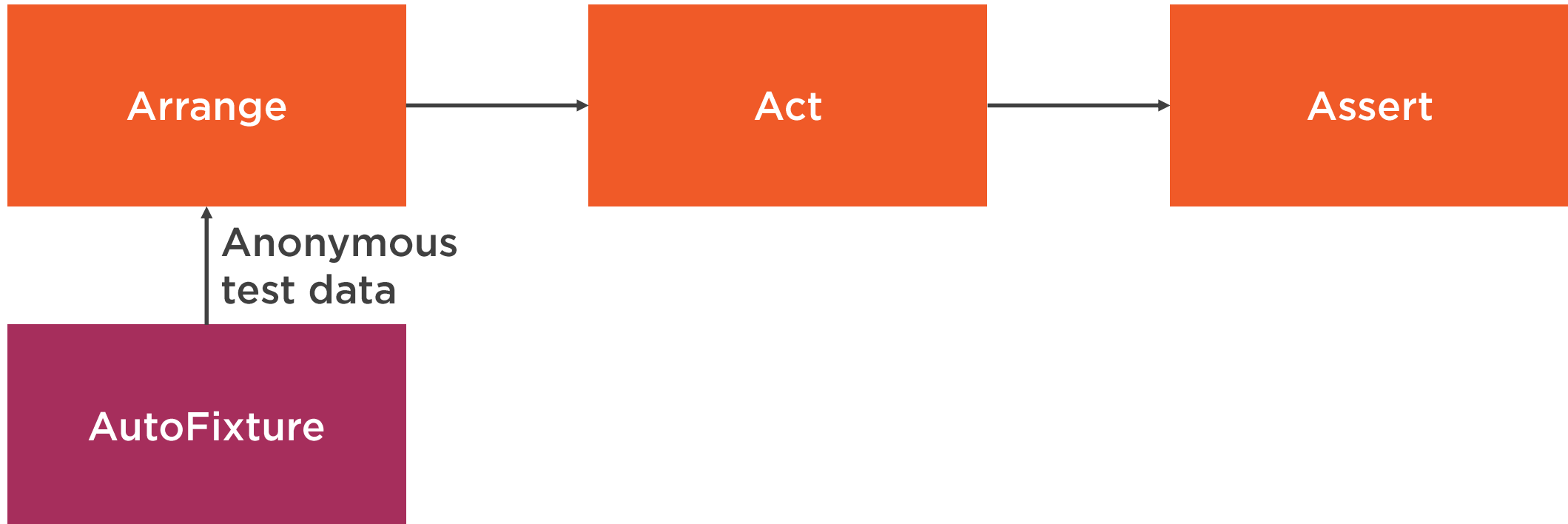
Simplify and reduce



Simplify and reduce arrange
phase code



The Arrange, Act, and Assert Phases



The Arrange, Act, and Assert Phases



Anonymous Test Data

Data that is required to be present for the test to be able to execute, but where the value itself is unimportant.



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Known test data



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Anonymous test data



“...library for .NET designed to minimize the 'Arrange' phase of your unit tests in order to maximize maintainability. Its primary goal is to allow developers to focus on what is being tested rather than how to setup the test scenario...”

AutoFixture documentation

<https://github.com/AutoFixture/AutoFixture>



Supported Test Frameworks

NUnit

xUnit.net

MSTest

Fixie



AutoFixture is independent
of the testing framework or
test runner.



AutoFixture.Xunit2 4.11.0

By leveraging the data theory feature of xUnit.net, this extension turns AutoFixture into a framework for writing unit tests. In many ways it becomes a unit testing DSL (Domain Specific Language).

[Package Manager](#)

[.NET CLI](#)

[PackageReference](#)

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```
PM> Install-Package AutoFixture.Xunit2 -Version 4.11.0
```

> Dependencies

> GitHub Usage

✓ Version History

Version	Downloads	Last updated
4.11.0	934,807	7/8/2019
4.10.0	86,688	6/13/2019
4.9.0	67,111	5/28/2019
4.8.0	420,820	1/30/2019
4.7.0	17,554	1/26/2019

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Testing framework specific packages:

- AutoFixture.Xunit
- AutoFixture.Xunit2
- AutoFixture.NUnit2
- AutoFixture.NUnit3

Add deeper integration with a specific testing framework



.NET Support

.NET Framework

4.5.2

.NET Standard

1.5
2.0



NuGet Packages

AutoFixture

AutoFixture.SeedExtensions

AutoFixture.xUnit / AutoFixture.xUnit2

AutoFixture.NUnit2 / AutoFixture.NUnit3

AutoFakeItEasy

AutoFoq

AutoMoq

AutoNSubstitute

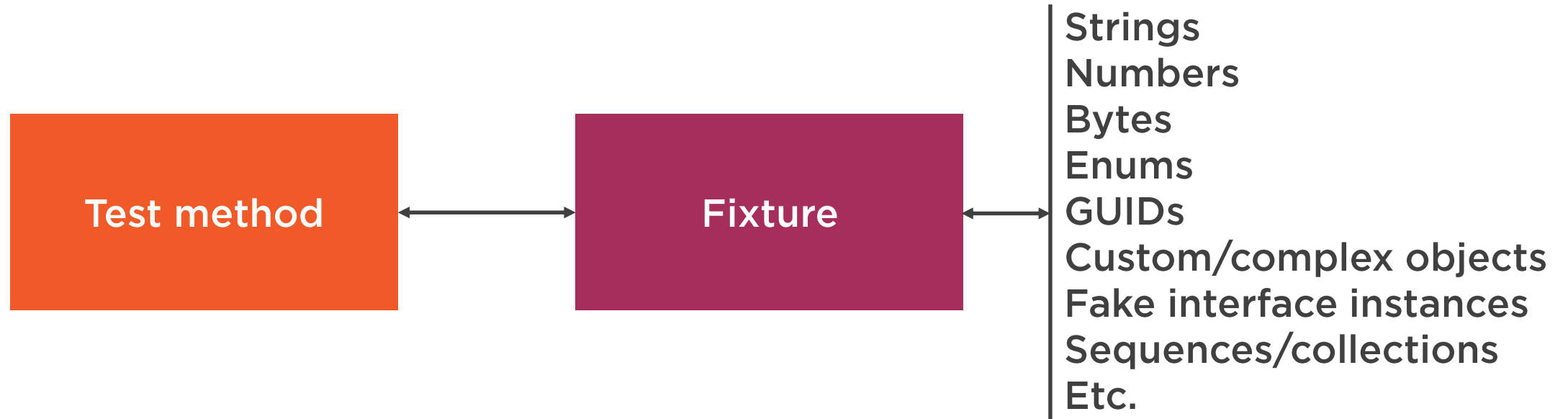
AutoRhinoMock

Idioms

Idioms.FsCheck



Introducing the Fixture Class



You can also create
anonymous test data
without having to manually
create Fixture instance.

(later in the course)



Summary



Simplify the Arrange phase of tests

Anonymous test data

Supported frameworks

Introduced the Fixture class

Created a test project and installed
AutoFixture NuGet package

Wrote an initial test with non-anonymous
test data

Wrote a test with manual anonymous test
data

```
fixture.Create<int>()
```



Up Next:

Creating Anonymous Test Data and Objects
with AutoFixture

