

Using NUnit in Visual Studio

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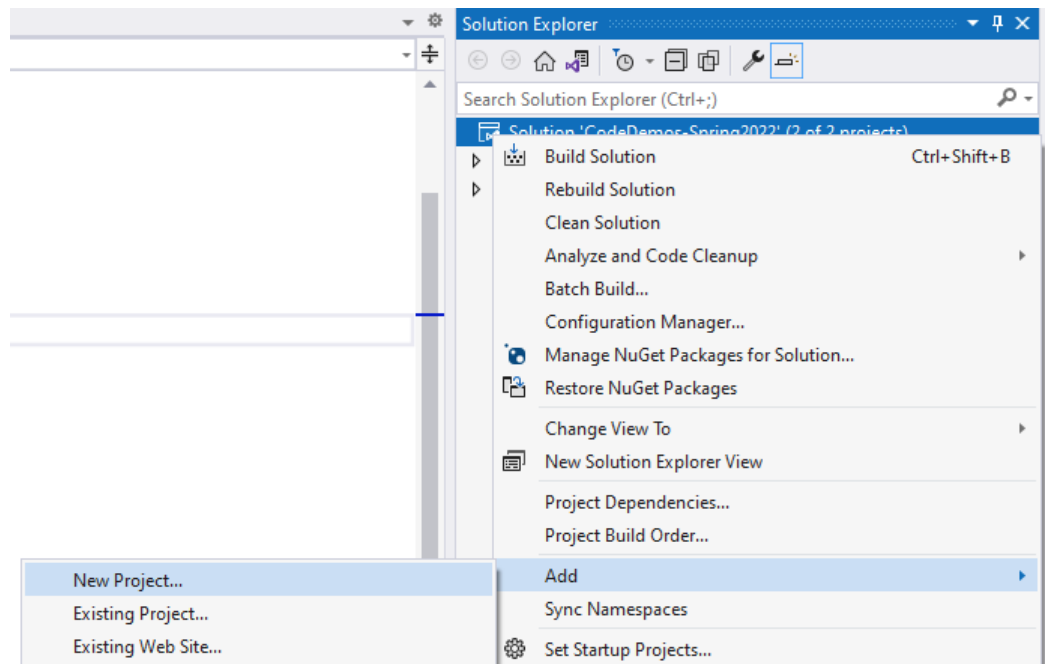
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Adding NUnit to a Project/Solution

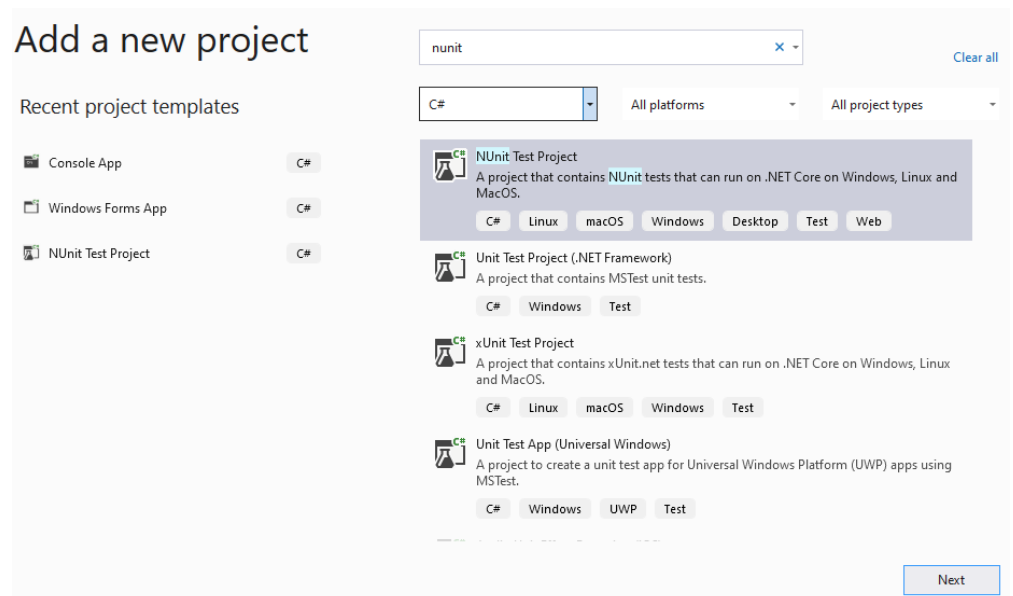
Now that NUnit is installed, we can add it to our solution

1. In Visual Studio, open the Solution Explorer and right-click on the solution and select **Add > New Project**

Note: If you can't find the Solution Explorer, it can be found under **View > Solution Explorer**



2. If NUnit does not appear on the left as shown here, search for “nunit” in the search bar. Make sure you select C# as a language. Select it and click **Next**.



3. Give your test project a name and select a location and click **Next**.

Note: It is recommended to select the same location as the rest of the solution.

Configure your new project

NUnit Test Project C# Linux macOS Windows Desktop Test Web

Project name

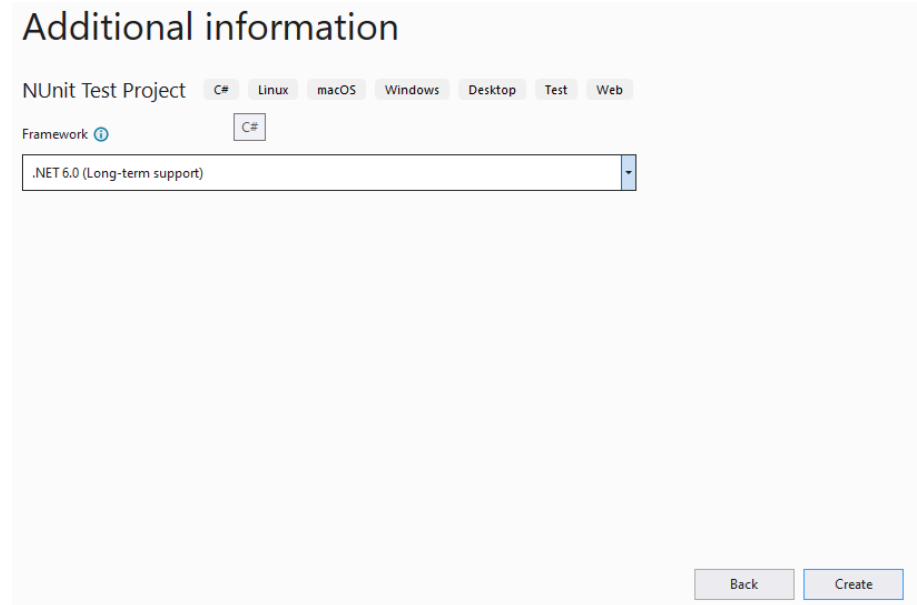
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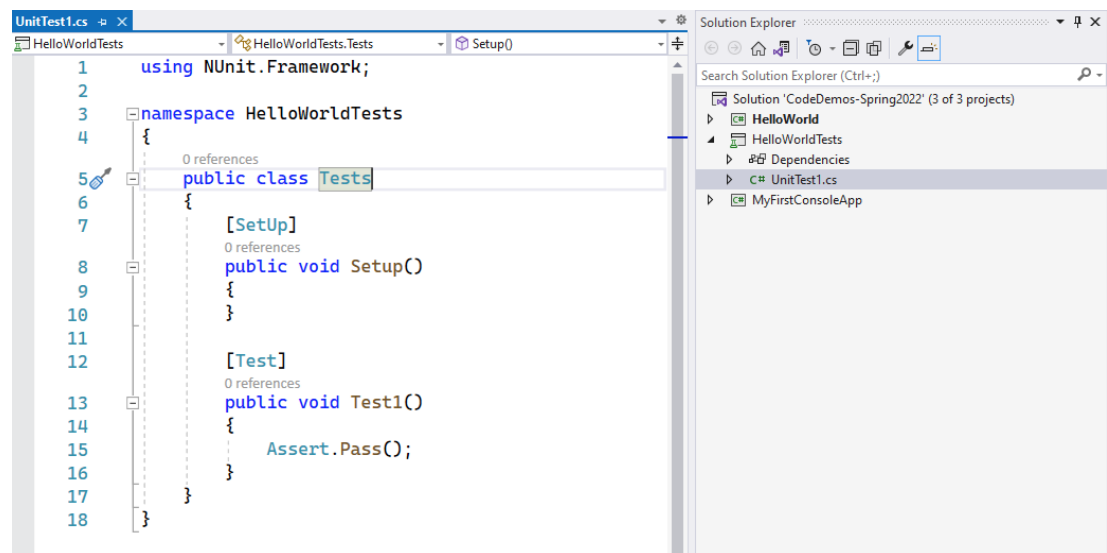
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4. Select the targeted framework and click on create.

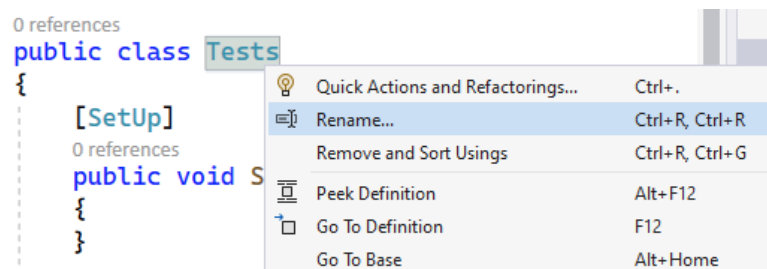
Note: The suggested one is typically what you want.



5. Visual Studio should have created a new project with the given name in the solution with a file called UnitTests1.cs or something similar.

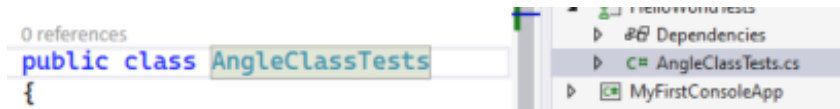


6. We want to rename this file to start with the name of the class we are testing and end with

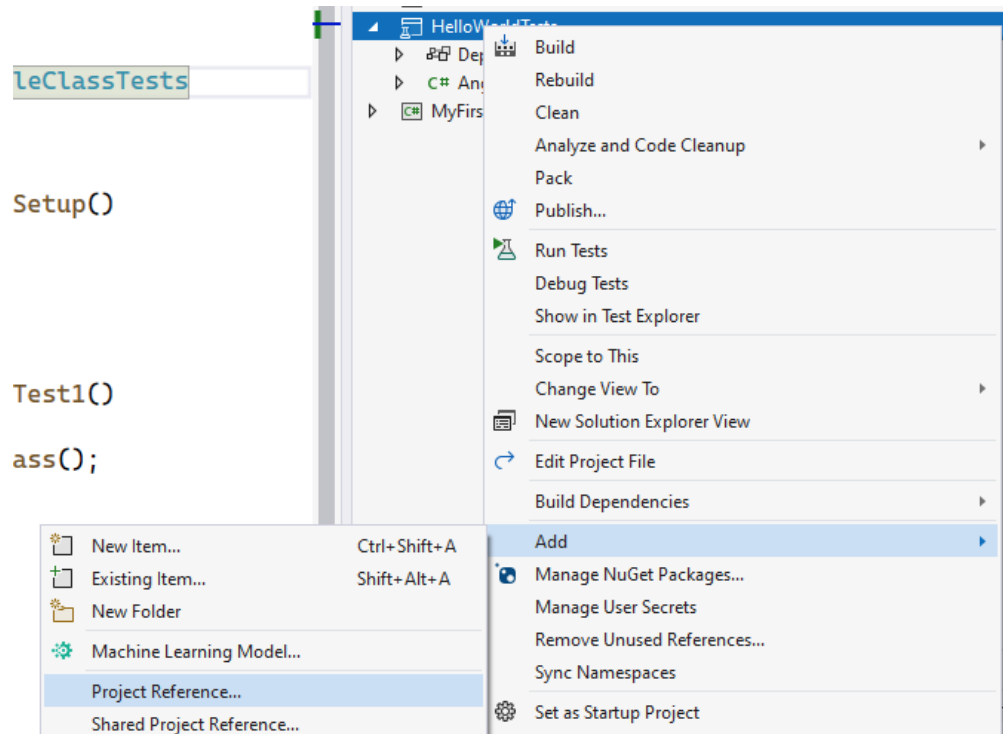


“Tests.cs”.

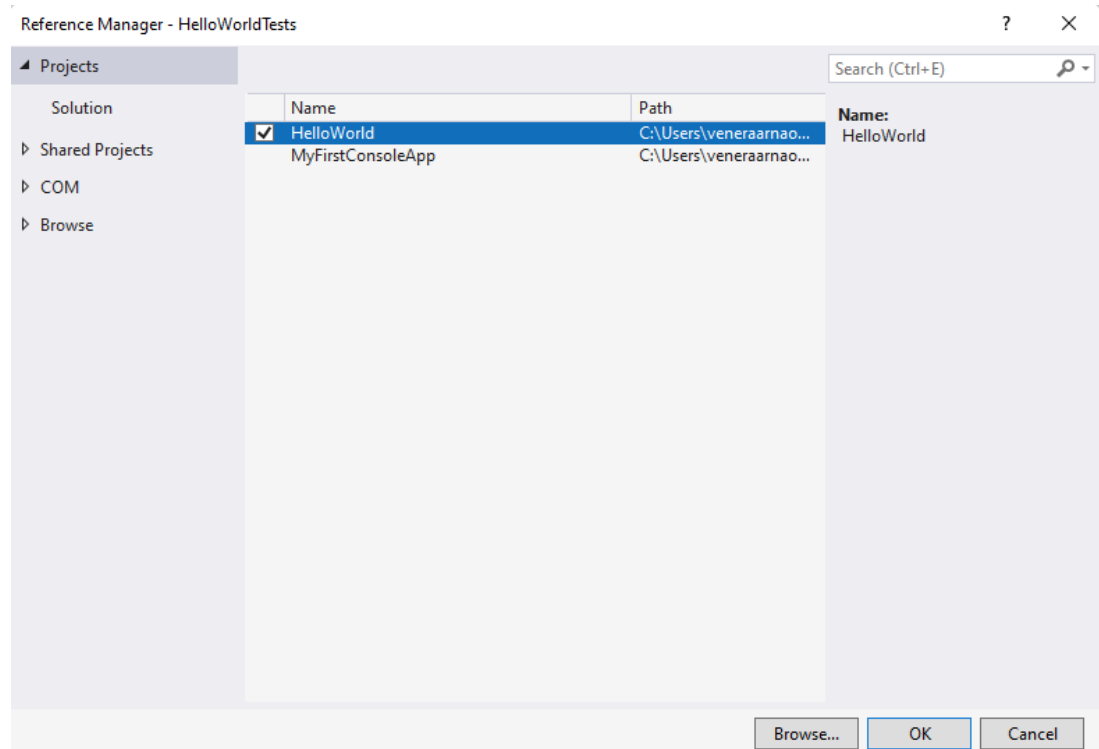
Note that we want the class name to match the file name without the extension.



7. In the Solution Explorer, right-click on the new test project, then hover over **Add**, then click on **Project Reference..**



8. Under **Projects**, select the project you are testing in the this test project. Then click **OK**.



How to Use NUnit

Let's write some tests!

If you open up AngleClassTest.cs from the Solution Explorer, you will see that there is already a template written for us (a test method called **Test1**). We can use this template to write our tests.

Let's look at an example test.

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio interface with the Test Explorer on the left and the source code of AngleClassTests.cs on the right. The Test Explorer shows three test categories: HelloWorldTests (1), AngleClassTests (1), and TestAngleRadians, all with a duration of 40 ms and a green status icon. The source code shows the following structure:

```
1 using HelloWorld.Math;
2 using NUnit.Framework;
3
4 namespace HelloWorldTests
5 {
6     public class AngleClassTests
7     {
8         [SetUp]
9         public void Setup()
10        {
11        }
12
13        [Test]
14        public void TestAngleRadians()
15        {
16            AngleClass angle = new AngleClass(0);
17            Assert.AreEqual(0, angle.AngleRadians,
18                "The expected value for angle in radians " +
19                "after constructing the object did not match.");
20        }
21    }
22 }
```

Annotations with red arrows point to specific parts of the code and the Test Explorer:

- All green, awesome! But we only have 1 test so we should not be extra confident in our program. Let's write more tests.** (Points to the Test Explorer)
- Signals to NUnit that this is a test to be run** (Points to the `[Test]` attribute)
- The value that you are expecting** (Points to the `0` in `Assert.AreEqual(0, ...)`)
- Optional message** (Points to the string message in `Assert.AreEqual(..., "The expected value for angle in radians " + "after constructing the object did not match.");`)
- The method/property that you are testing with the proper input to obtain that value** (Points to `angle.AngleRadians`)

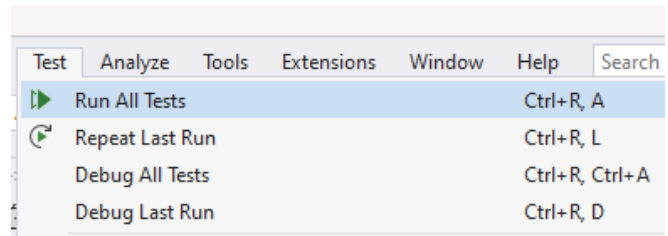
Note: It is a good practice to have a limited number of assert statements per test method. This allows for easier debugging.

How to Run Your Tests

There are two ways to run your tests, both will yield the same results.

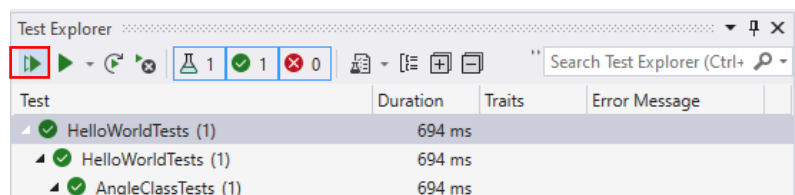
First Method:

Click on **Tests > Run > All Tests**.



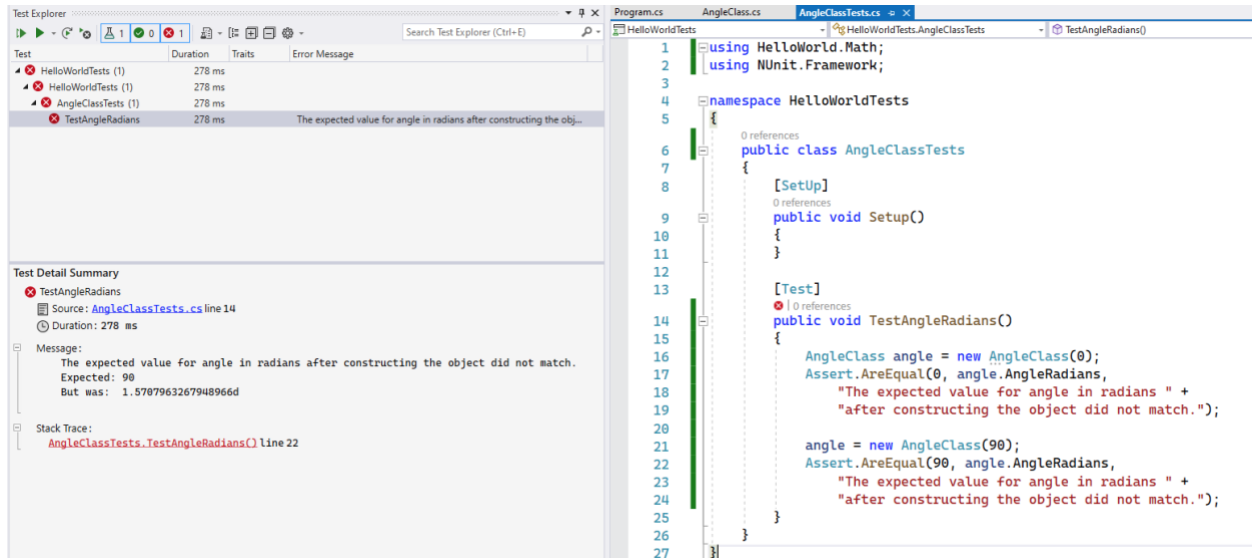
Second Method:

Open the Test Explorer (**View > Test Explorer**) and click on the first button with two green arrows (if you hover over it it will say “**Run All Tests in View**”)



Reading the Results

After writing another assert statement in the test, it does not pass anymore – you see a red X in the Test Explorer:



If you click on a failed test you can see what the expected value of the test as well as the actual value at the bottom of the Test Explorer. This can be useful for debugging. If a test contains more than 1 assert statements, you will also have the line of the assert that failed (in this case line 22).

Additional Resources

Visit the following resources for more examples:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/core/testing/unit-testing-with-nunit>

<http://dotnetpattern.com/nunit-assert-examples>