

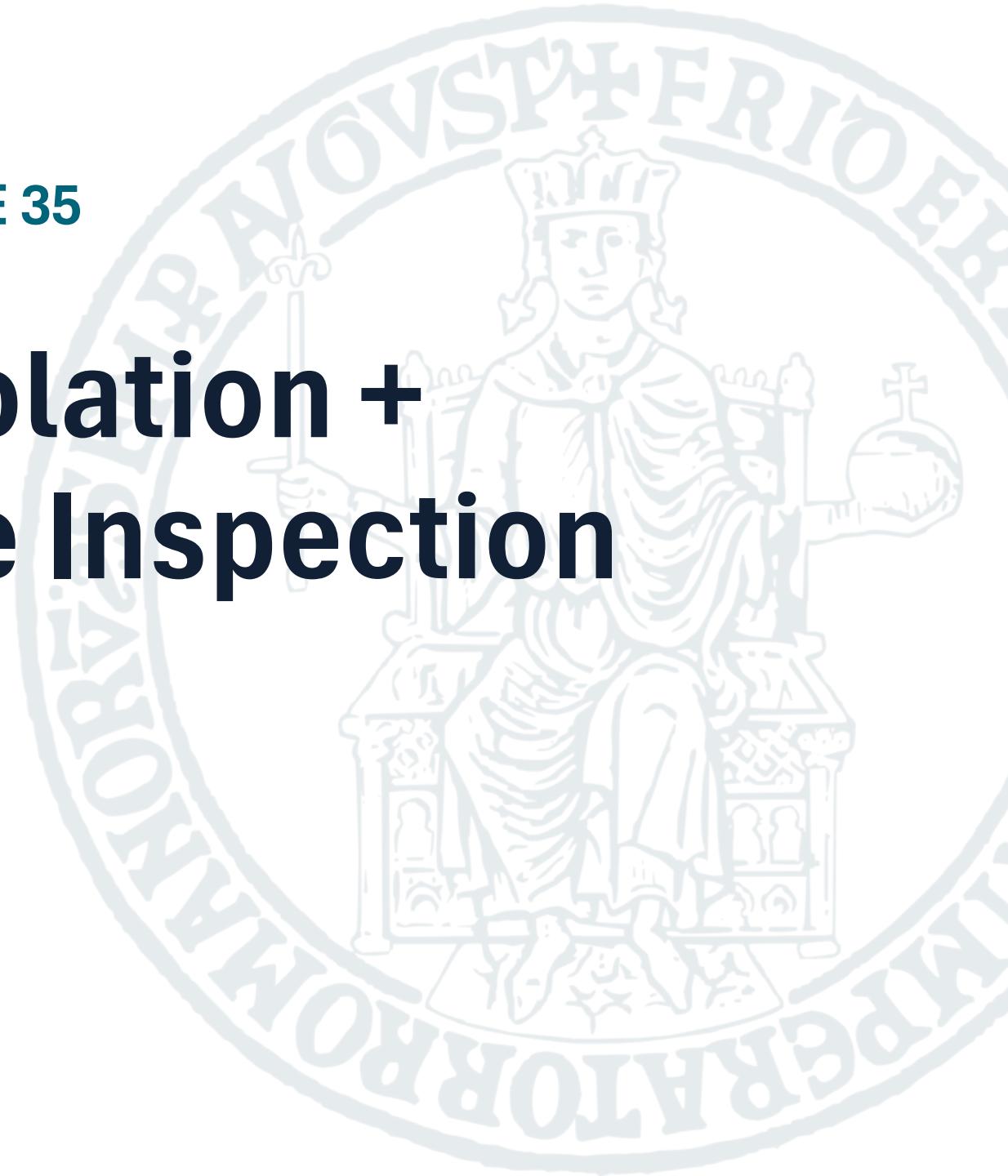
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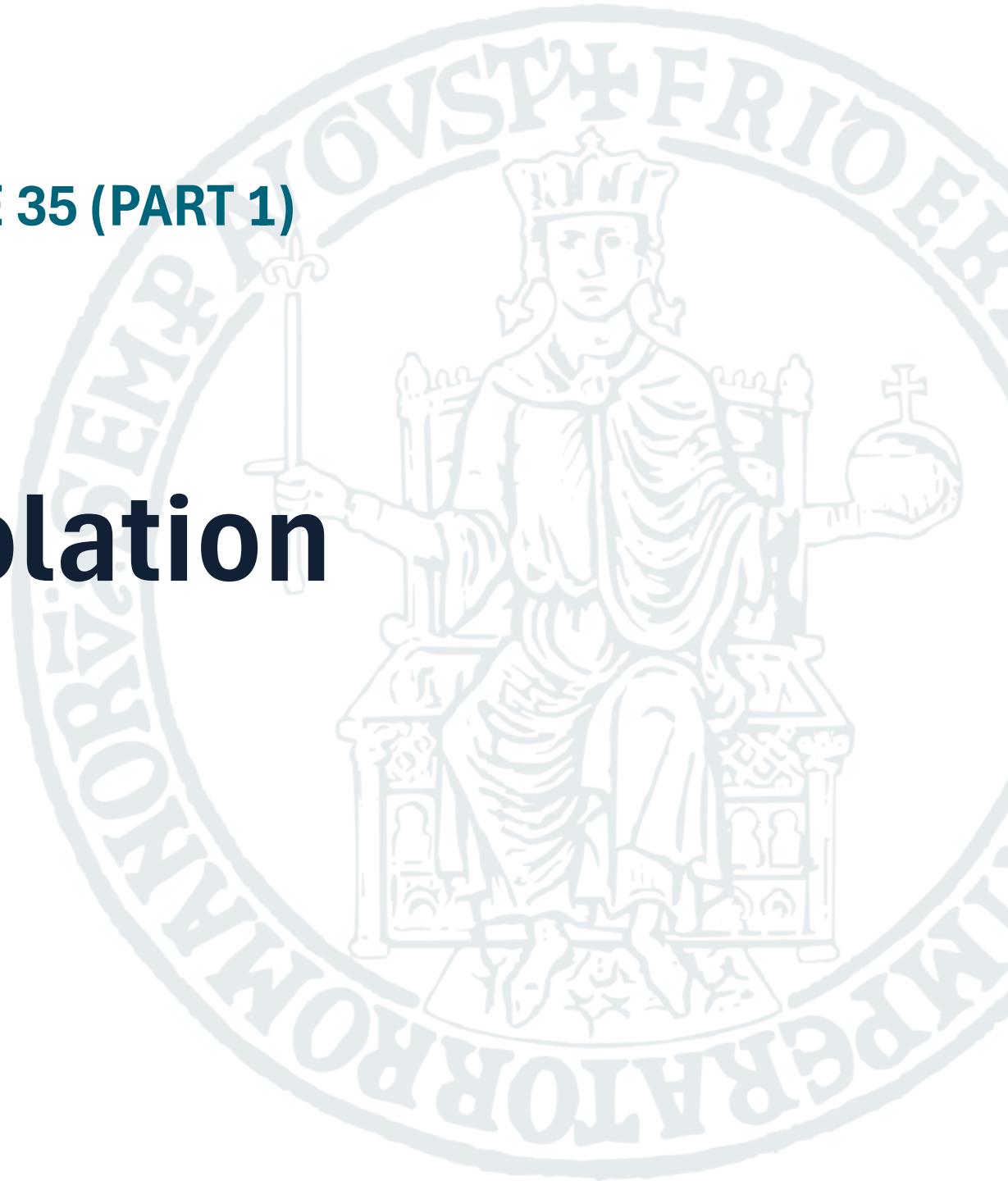
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Over-specification and Under-specification

Let's try our hand with an assertion

Suppose you need to test the `getDivisors()` method:

```
class MathUtils {  
  
    // Returns a list of divisors of number  
    static List<Integer> getDivisors(int number){  
        List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();  
        for(int i = 1; i <= number; i++) {  
            if(number % i == 0) {  
                list.add(i);  
            }  
        }  
        return list;  
    }  
}
```

Let's try our hand with an assertion (v. 1)

```
@Test  
void testDivisorsOfEight() {  
    List<Integer> divisors = MathUtils.getDivisors(8);  
    List<Integer> expected = Arrays.asList(1,2,4,8);  
    assertEquals(expected, divisors);  
}
```

Quite brittle! We're over-specifying

- The test depends on the implementation, not on the public interface
- We don't really need the divisors to be in ascending order
- A small change to the implementation could break the test
 - E.g. adding 1 and number to the list before the loop, since both are sure to be divisors!

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void testDivisorsOfEight() {  
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}
```

Error message might not be very informative!

- With two `List<Integer>` you should get something like:
`expected: <[1,2,4,8]> but was: <[2,4,8]>`
That's not too bad, but what if there were 1000 elements?
- With two `List<Object>` you would have gotten something on the lines of `expected: <java.lang.ArrayList@6adbdf5> but was <java.lang.ArrayList@5ajrd98>`
which is not very helpful!

Let's try our hand with an assertion (v. 2)

```
@Test  
void testDivisorsOfEight() {  
    List<Integer> divisors = MathUtils.getDivisors(8);  
    List<Integer> expected = Arrays.asList(1,2,4,8);  
    assertTrue(divisors.containsAll(expected));  
}
```

Too loose! We're under-specifying

- The test would pass when `divisors` contains more numbers!

Let's try our hand with an assertion (v. 3)

```
@Test  
void testDivisorsOfEight() {  
    List<Integer> divisors = MathUtils.getDivisors(8);  
    List<Integer> expected = Arrays.asList(1,2,4,8);  
    assertAll(  
        () -> assertTrue(expected.containsAll(divisors)),  
        () -> assertTrue(divisors.containsAll(expected))  
    );  
}
```

Solved the over/under-specification issues, but..

- Made it a little harder to read (think if we couldn't use `containsAll()`)
- The error message we get is something like: `Multiple Failures (1 failure)`
`expected: <true> but was: <false>`
which is, again, not very helpful!

What's wrong with JUnit Assertions?

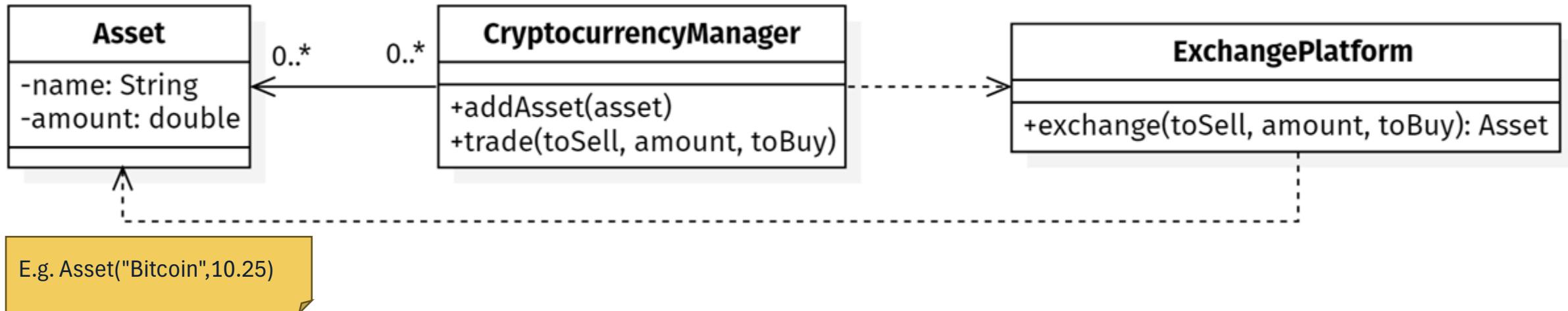
- Can lead to hard-to-read tests
- Can lead to over/under-specification
 - Resist the temptation of `assertEquals()` when it's not what we *really* need
 - Do not settle with loose specifications for the sake of convenience
- Error messages not always immediate to understand
 - There exist ways to achieve better error messages in standard JUnit assertions (e.g. the `Supplier<String>` parameter), but why should we re-invent the wheel?
- **Assertion frameworks** can help with those pain points!
 - You can learn more about them at the end of this slide deck

Testing in Isolation



Dependencies and Testing

A class may depend on other helper classes (e.g. DAOs, APIs)



Suppose we need to test the `trade()` method.

Dependencies and Testing

```
@Test  
void testTrading() {  
    // arrange  
    CryptocurrencyManager c = new CryptocurrencyManager();  
    c.addAsset(new Asset("BTC",10.0));  
    c.addAsset(new Asset("EUR",10000.0));  
    // act (1 BTC = 7000.0 EUR)  
    c.trade("EUR", 7000.0, "BTC"); ←  
    // assert  
    assertTrue(c.getAsset("EUR").get().getAmount() == 3000.0);  
    assertTrue(c.getAsset("BTC").get().getAmount() == 11.0);  
}
```

We're using the real ExchangeAPI, trading **real** Euros!

The exchange rate might change tomorrow!

See anything wrong with this?

Dependencies and Testing

Using real production objects as helpers in our unit tests has a few drawbacks and may not always be possible:

- When a test fails, we don't know if the bug is in the unit we're testing or in its dependencies;
- The introduction of a bug in a highly-used helper object can cause a ripple of failing tests all across the system;
- Sometimes, we cannot afford to use real production objects! Think of a `BankTransactionsDAO`, or a `MissileLauncher`!

How can we alleviate the above issues and still test our units?

Test Doubles

Test Doubles are replacements for production objects that are typically used in tests.

Test Doubles can be classified as follows:

- **Fakes:** objects that have working implementations, but are not suitable for production because of limitations;
- **Stubs:** replace a real component and return pre-defined answers;
- **Mocks:** more advanced, configurable test stubs that can also record the indirect outputs of the unit under test.

(Lack of) Inversion of Control

Suppose our CryptocurrencyManager was like this:

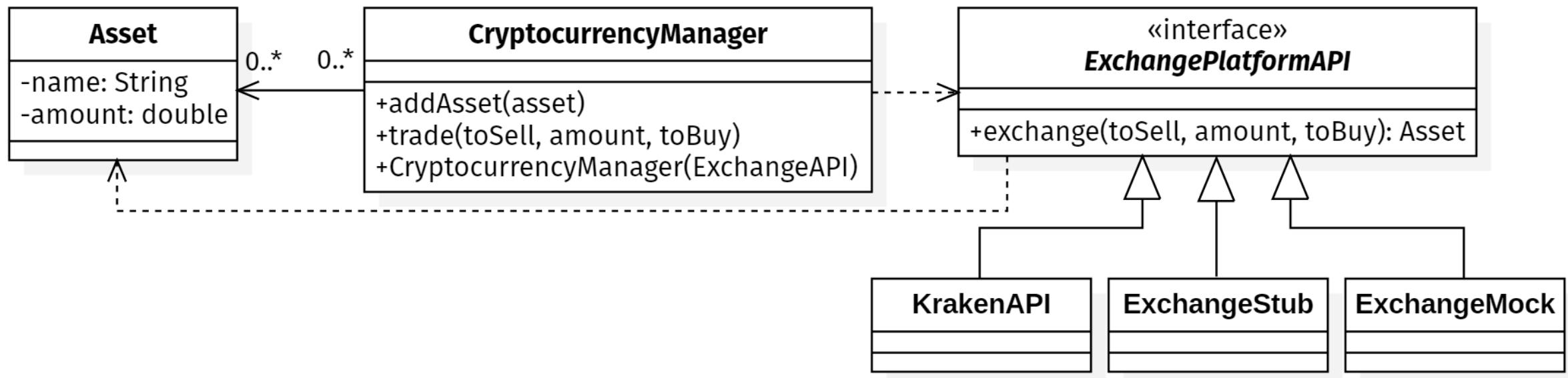
```
public class CryptocurrencyManager {  
    private ExchangePlatform exchangeAPI = new ExchangePlatform();  
    CryptocurrencyManager() {/*...*/}  
    public void trade(String toSell, double amountToSell, String toBuy) {/*...*/}  
}
```

That's really BAD design!

- What if we want to support more than one exchange platform?
- There's no way we can use a test double in place of the real deal!

Inversion of Control

- Client classes should be able to provide dependencies
 - Through constructors, public setters, builders, method parameters...
- Inversion of control is fundamental to make units testable



Dependencies and Testing

```
@Test  
void testTrading() {  
    // arrange  
    CryptocurrencyManager c = new CryptocurrencyManager(new ExchangeStub());  
    c.addAsset(new Asset("BTC",10.0));  
    c.addAsset(new Asset("EUR",10000.0));  
    // act (1 BTC = 7000.0 EUR)  
    c.trade("EUR", 7000.0, "BTC");  
    // assert  
    assertTrue(c.getAsset("EUR").get().getAmount() == 3000.0);  
    assertTrue(c.getAsset("BTC").get().getAmount() == 11.0);  
}
```



We're not trading **real** Euros anymore!

The exchange rate won't change if the stub doesn't!

Our very simple Exchange Platform Stub

```
class ExchangeStub implements ExchangeAPI {  
    @Override  
    public Asset exchange(String toSell, double amount, String toBuy) {  
        return new Asset("BTC",1.0);  
    }  
}
```

Don't be fooled by this tiny example! Writing mocks and stubs can be very tedious!

Think of multiple methods, with many conditions each!

- E.g.: when amount < 1000, then return X, when >2000 ...
- And you might not be able to re-use it in the next test!

Mocking frameworks

Writing stubs and mocks is boring and takes time.

Mocking frameworks allow us to easily create mocks and stubs to use in our tests.

Popular frameworks include: [Mockito](#), [EasyMock](#), [JMockit](#).

Introducing Mockito

Mockito is a well-known mocking library.

Top 10 Java library across all libraries¹.



[1] <https://blog.overops.com/githubs-10000-most-popular-java-projects-here-are-the-top-libraries-they-use/>

Mockito – Creating Mocks

Mocks can be created with the static method

```
<T> T mock(Class<T> classToMock)
```

By default, each method of the mock will return the default value for the corresponding type.

```
List mockedList = mock(ArrayList.class); // with classes
Map mockedMap    = mock(Map.class);      // and with interfaces too

mockedMap.get("Foo"); // returns null
mockedList.get(2);   // returns null
mockedList.isEmpty(); // returns false
mockedList.size();   // returns 0
```

Mockito – Configuring Mocks

We can configure the behaviour of our mock as follows:

```
List mockedList = mock(ArrayList.class); // with classes
Map mockedMap    = mock(Map.class);        // and with interfaces too

// configuration
when(mockedMap.get("Foo")).thenReturn("Bar");
doReturn("Bar").when(mockedList).get(2); // alternative way
when(mockedList.size()).thenReturn(99);

mockedMap.get("Foo"); // returns "Bar"
mockedList.get(2);   // returns "Bar"
mockedList.isEmpty(); // returns false as before
mockedList.size();   // returns 99
```

Mockito – Argument matchers

Often, we won't need to be so specific about input arguments.

In fact, being more generic could help us write less configuration code and more flexible tests.

```
// configuration: order matters!
when(mockedList.get(anyInt())).thenReturn("Mockito!");
when(mockedList.get(lt(0))).thenThrow(IllegalArgumentException.class);
when(mockedList.get(-25)).thenReturn("MOCKITO!");

mockedList.get(1988); // returns "Mockito!"
mockedList.get(-25); // returns "MOCKITO!"
mockedList.get(-2); // throws IllegalArgumentException
```

Mockito – Configuring Mocks

When we invoke a method on mock with a given list of parameters, Mockito tries to find the latest configuration rule that «matches», and applies that.

If no configuration rule is found, it defaults to default values.

Therefore, configuration order matters, and more general rules should be declared before the more specific ones.

Mockito – Argument matchers

Mockito features a lot of built-in argument matchers, that can often also be combined in a Hamcrest-like fashion.

E.g.: `any()`, `anyString()`, `anyCollection()`, `leq()`, `isNull()`, ...

We won't examine them in detail today, but if you're interested you can check out the [ArgumentMatchers](#) and the [AdditionalMatchers](#) classes from the docs.

It's also possible to use Hamcrest matchers as Mockito argument matchers with the [MockitoHamcrest](#) class!

Mockito – Arg. matchers with Hamcrest

```
import static org.mockito.Mockito.*;  
import static org.mockito.hamcrest.MockitoHamcrest.argThat;  
import static org.hamcrest.Matchers.*;  
import static it.unina.computerscience.softeng.junitdemo.examples.IsPalindrome.*;  
  
// configuration - argThat is a static method from the MockitoHamcrest class  
when(mockedList.add(argThat(  
    is(palindrome())) // Hamcrest Matcher  
))).thenReturn(true);  
  
mockedList.add("Abe"); // returns false  
mockedList.add("Bob"); // returns true  
mockedList.add("Otto"); // returns true
```

Mockito – Configuring Answers

When mocking with Mockito, you're not limited to pre-determined return values.

- With the generic interface [Answer](#), you can customize the behaviour of your mocks by specifying an action to be executed to compute the desired output.

Mockito – Configuring Answers

```
List<Integer> myMock = mock(ArrayList.class);

when(myMock.get(anyInt())).thenAnswer(
    new Answer() {
        public Object answer(InvocationOnMock invocation) {
            return ((Integer)invocation.getArgument(0)) + 1;
        }
    });
}

//same as the above
when(myMock.get(anyInt())).thenAnswer(
    invocation -> ((Integer)invocation.getArgument(0)) + 1
);

myMock.get(42); // returns 43
myMock.get(99); // returns 100
```

Mockito – Verifying behaviour

Usually, in the assert phase of our tests, we focus on checking that the final state of the Class Under Test is the one we expect.

This is testing by side-effects, and often it is not enough!

```
// assert
assertTrue(c.getAsset("EUR").get().getAmount() == 3000.0);
assertTrue(c.getAsset("BTC").get().getAmount() == 11.0);
// hopefully, a call was made to ExchangeAPI.exchange() with the right params!
```

Mockito – Verifying behaviour

After you're done with your mock, you can further inspect it to check if and how it's been used!

Out-of-the-box, with no configuration required, a Mockito mock keeps track of every method call it receives.

You can verify a mock's past behaviour with the `verify()` method and its variants.

Mockito – Verifying behaviour: examples

```
// check that myMock.size() was called exactly once
verify(myMock).size();
// check that myMock.get(19) was called exactly once
verify(myMock).get(19);
// check that myMock.get was called exactly three times with any int arg.
verify(myMock, times(3)).get(anyInt()); // with Mockito matcher
// check that myMock.get was called no more than three times with any even arg.
verify(myMock, atMost(3)).get(argThat(is(even()))); // with Hamcrest matcher
// check that myMock.get(0) was called at least two time
verify(myMock, atLeast(2)).get(0);
// check that no interaction occurred with mockedStack
verifyNoInteractions(mockedStack);
// check that myMock.addAll was never called
verify(myMock, times(0)).addAll(anyCollection());
```

Mockito – Verifying behaviour: examples

```
// check that method calls happened in a precise order
InOrder inOrder = inOrder(myMock);
inOrder.verify(myMock).get(19);
inOrder.verify(myMock).get(42);
inOrder.verify(myMock).get(99);

// check that no interaction happened after myMock.get(99)
verifyNoMoreInteractions(myMock);
```

Mockito – Verifying behaviour: errors

Here's what a verify() error message looks like:

> Error message:

```
org.mockito.exceptionsverification.NoInteractionsWanted:  
No interactions wanted here:  
-> at CryptocurrencyManagerTest.java:153  
But found this interaction on mock 'arrayList':  
-> CryptocurrencyManagerTest.java:138
```

Getting back at our example

```
@Test
void testTrading() {
    // create and configure mock
    ExchangePlatformAPI api = mock(ExchangePlatformAPI.class);
    when(api.exchange("EUR", 7000.0, "BTC")).thenReturn(new Asset("BTC",1.0));
    // arrange
    CryptocurrencyManager c = new CryptocurrencyManager(api);
    c.addAsset(new Asset("BTC",10.0)); c.addAsset(new Asset("EUR",10000.0));
    // act
    c.trade("EUR", 7000.0, "BTC");
    //assert
    assertTrue(c.getAsset("EUR").get().getAmount() == 3000.0);
    assertTrue(c.getAsset("BTC").get().getAmount() == 11.0);
    verify(api).exchange("EUR",7000.0,"BTC"); // API were actually called
}
```

Mockito and JUnit 5

There's an official [mockito-junit-jupiter](#) extension for JUnit 5.

```
@ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class) // register the extension
class CryptocurrencyManagerTest {

    @Mock ExchangePlatformAPI api; // parameter initialization

    @Test
    void testTrading() {/*...*/}

    @Test
    void testWithMockParam(@Mock List<Integer> list) {/*...*/} //param. resolution

}
```

Mockito – Limitations

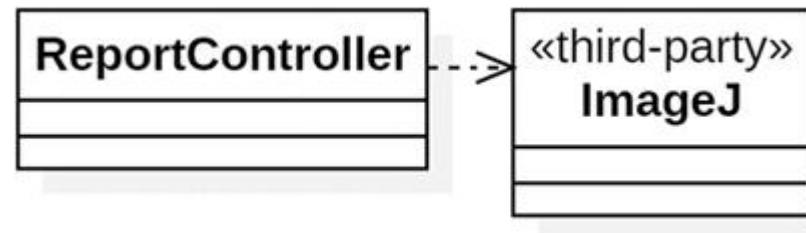
With Mockito you cannot mock:

- constructors;
- static methods;
- equals(), hashCode();

If you need to, you can either consider refactoring, or checkout more "invasive" tools like [PowerMock](#), which uses custom classloaders and bytecode manipulation.

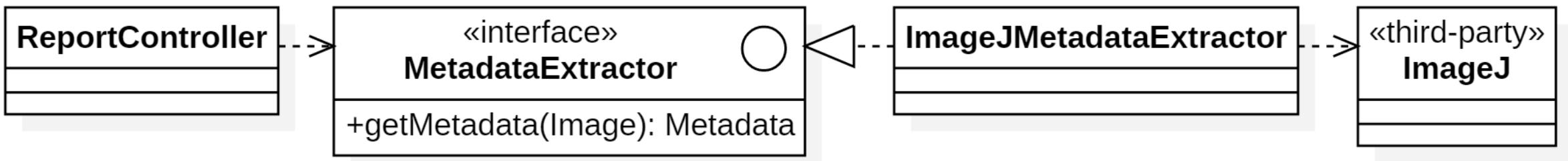
Rules to mock by

1. Mock behaviour, not data!
 - Just instantiate your POJOs, use builders if you need to.
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 - It might cover up bugs!
 - You should put up an adapter layer between your units and 3rd-party libraries, and mock the adapter



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Readings and References!

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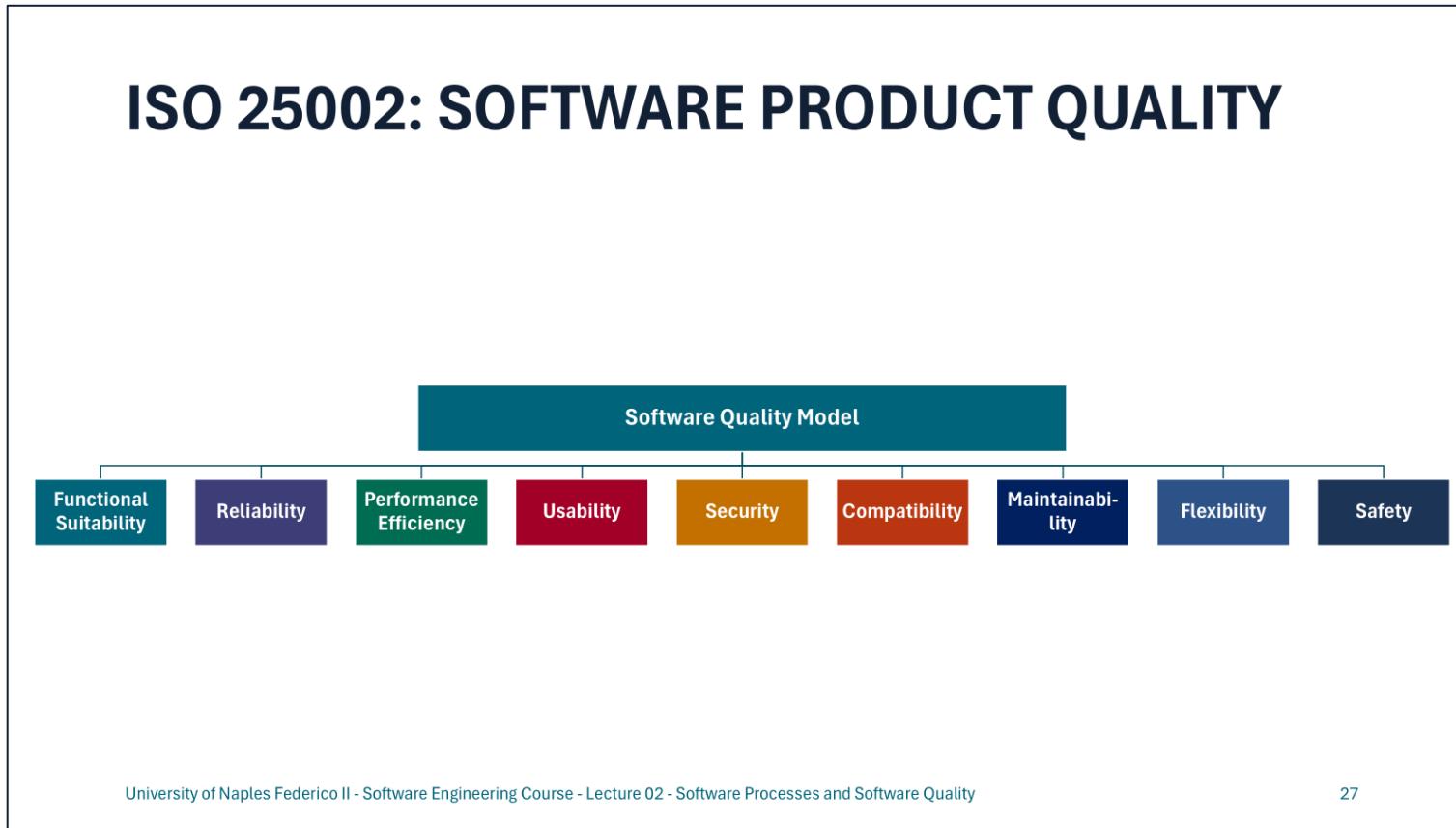
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(A look back on) Software Quality

- Back in Lecture 2, we discussed **Software Quality**

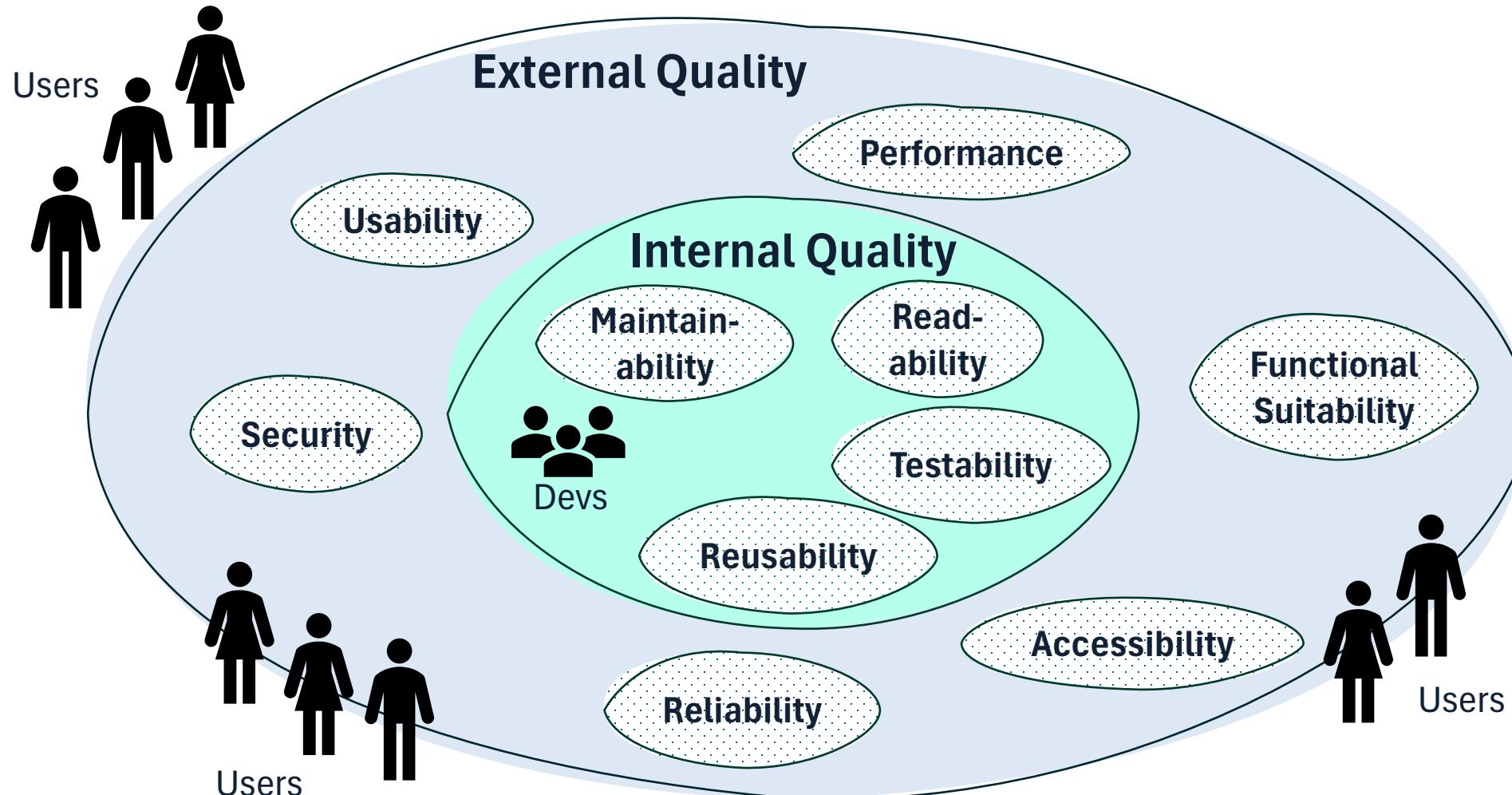


Internal and External Software Quality

Quality characteristics can also be conceptually organized in:

- **Internal Software Quality** characteristics
 - Quality as perceived by developers
 - A software with high internal quality has a codebase which is easy to read, understand and evolve
- **External Software Quality** characteristics
 - Quality as perceived by users
 - E.g.: usability, functional suitability, efficiency

Internal and External Software Quality



Internal and External Software Quality

- External quality is perceived **directly** by users and customers
- Internal quality is **not directly** perceived by users and customers
 - But it has a direct impact on the costs required to evolve a software system
 - It also has a direct impact on some external qualities. For example, **testability** has an impact on guaranteeing **functional correctness**



House with a beautiful exterior (external q.),
but shaky foundation (internal q.)

Origins of poor internal quality

- **Pressure to meet fast-paced deadlines**
- **Inadequate knowledge:** Developers need more experience or training.
- **Manual issue remediation:** Without automated tools, identifying and fixing issues can be inconsistent and error-prone.
- **Inconsistent coding styles:** Varied coding practices within a team can result in a codebase that's difficult to update efficiently.
- **AI coding assistants:** While promising efficiency, these tools can introduce buggy and insecure code if not properly managed

Impact of poor internal quality

- **Reduced maintainability and scalability:** Bad code is hard to understand and modify, making it difficult to evolve.
- **Increased bug count and technical debt:** Poorly written code is prone to bugs, contributing to technical debt that accumulates over time.
- **Decreased productivity and efficiency:** Developers spend more and more time deciphering and fixing bad code, diverting focus from innovation and new functionality.
- **Increased costs and risks:** The cumulative impact of bad code results in higher maintenance costs, frequent bug fixes, rework, and increased technical debt. Additionally, it poses risks to software reliability, security, and stability, leading to reputational damage and compliance issues.

Costs of Poor Internal Software Quality

- The Consortium for IT Software Quality reported that, in 2022 [1]:
 - Unsuccessful development projects costed up to **\$260 billion**
 - The cost of poor software quality in the U.S. grew to at least **\$2.41 trillion**
 - The accumulated technical debt has grown to **\$1.52 trillion**
- According to the Standish Group's CHAOS Report [2], **only 31% of software projects are completed on time and within budget**, with bad code being a significant factor.

[1] <https://www.it-cisq.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/11/CPSQ-Report-Nov-22-2.pdf>

[2] <https://www.csus.edu/indiv/v/velianitis/161/chaosreport.pdf>

Measuring Software Quality

- Remember:
 - *You can't manage what you can't measure*
 - *You can't improve what you can't measure*
- We already discussed ways to measure external quality attributes
- **How do we manage and deal with internal quality?**

Code Inspections

- One way would be to perform **code inspections**
- A dedicated team goes over the source code, reads it, and ensures it adheres to principles detailed in a given **checklist**
- For example, for each Java source file
 - ❑ There is no duplicated code
 - ❑ All method names use the camel case naming convention
 - ❑ No method has more than 5 arguments
 - ❑ All variable names use the camel case naming convention
 - ❑ All opened resources are properly closed
 - ❑ No method is longer than 50 LoCs
 - ❑ ...

Code Inspections

Performing manual code inspection does not scale well

- What if our codebase is **large** (e.g.: **100k+ LoCs**)?
- What if changes are made multiple (e.g.: **1k+**) times a day?
- Performing inspections manually is **unfeasible!**
 - Luckily, Software Engineers developed tools to assist with that
 - You'll see that there's way more to development than a good old IDE!

Automated Code Inspections Solutions

- Today, we'll take a look at a family of widely-used automated code inspection solutions by SonarSource



Issues and Rules

- Code is automatically processed to detect **issues**
- **Issues** are basically violations of rules
- The set of rules to apply is customizable
 - The default rules for Java code are [are available here](#)
- There are three types of issues:
 -  **Bug:** Mistakes that can lead to errors or unexpected behavior at runtime.
 -  **Vulnerability:** A point in your code that's open to attack.
 -  **Code Smell:** A maintainability issue that makes your code confusing and/or difficult to maintain.

Issue Severity

- **BLOCKER:** Bug with a high probability to impact the application in production. E.g.: memory leaks, or unclosed JDBC connections.
- **CRITICAL:** Either bugs with low probability to impact the application in production or an issue that represents a security flaw. E.g.: empty catch blocks or SQL injection.
- **MAJOR:** Quality flaws that can highly impact developer productivity. E.g.: Untested code, duplicated code, or unused parameters.
- **MINOR:** Quality flaws that can slightly impact developer productivity. E.g.: lines that are too long, "switch" statements with less than 3 cases.
- **INFO:** Neither a bug nor a quality flaw, just a finding.

A few words before we start

- You now know what a code smell is
- How many code smells would you say there were in the average object orientation project?

66 responses submitted

Quanti code smell sono presenti nel progetto medio di Object Orientation?

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Wandering how do I know that?



Automatic Assessment of Architectural Anti-patterns and Code Smells in Student Software Projects

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ABSTRACT
When teaching Programming and Software Engineering in Bachelor's Degree programs, the emphasis on creating functional software projects often overshadows the focus on software quality, a trend consistent with ACM curricula recommendations. Dedicated Software Engineering courses take typically place in the later stages of the curriculum, and allocate only limited time to software quality, leaving educators with the difficult task of deciding which quality aspects to prioritize. To educate students on the importance of developing high-quality code, it is important to introduce these skills as part of the assessment criteria. To this end, we have implemented a pipeline based on advanced frameworks such as ArchUnit and SonarQube. It was successfully tested on a class of students engaged in the Object Oriented Programming course, demonstrating its usefulness as a resource for educators and providing some concrete evidence of quality problems in student projects.

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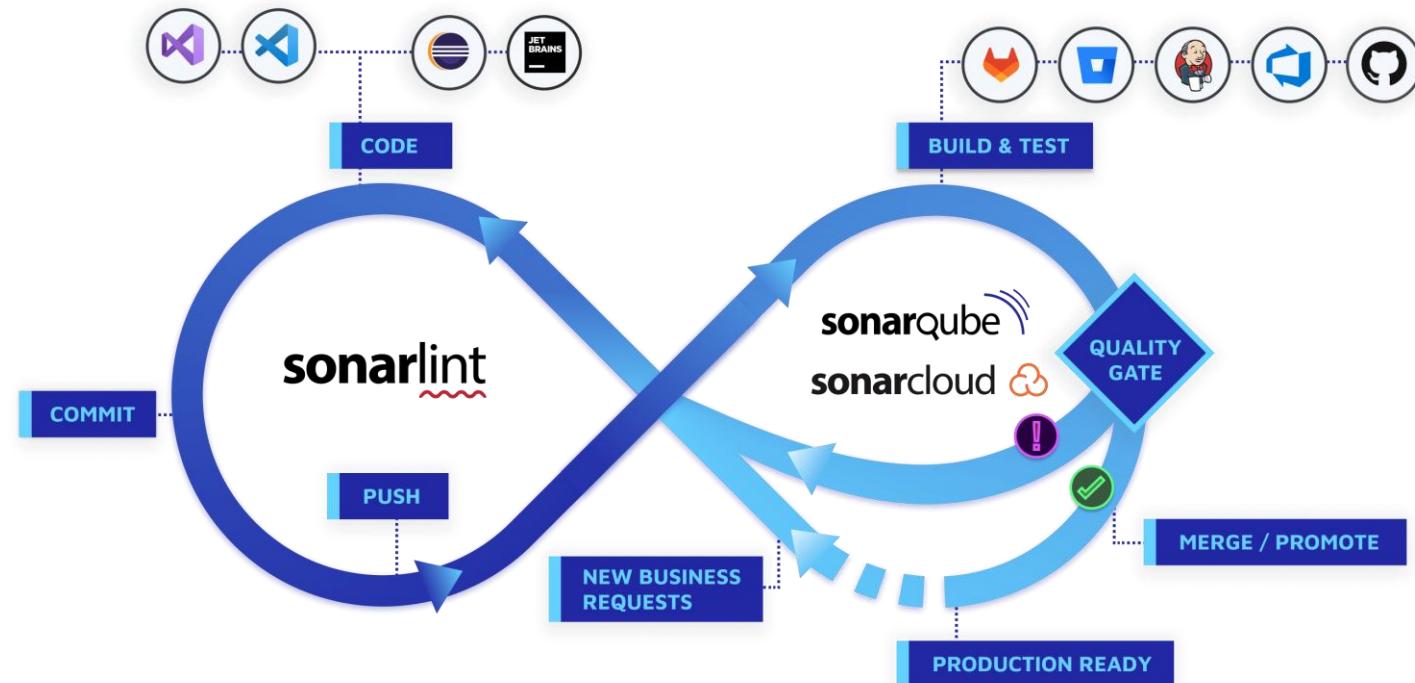
1 INTRODUCTION
The teaching of Programming and Software Engineering in Bachelor's Degree programs, such as Computer Science and Computer Engineering, often emphasizes the ability to create functional projects rather than focusing on software quality. This approach is consistent with the ACM Computer Science and Computer Engineering curricula recommendations for Bachelor degrees [2]. According to these recommendations, software quality is only marginally addressed in typical three-year Bachelor's degree programs, with introductory CS1 courses focusing mainly on programming aspects, and some preliminary software quality concepts being introduced only later in the program, in Software Engineering courses.

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Automated Code Inspection approaches

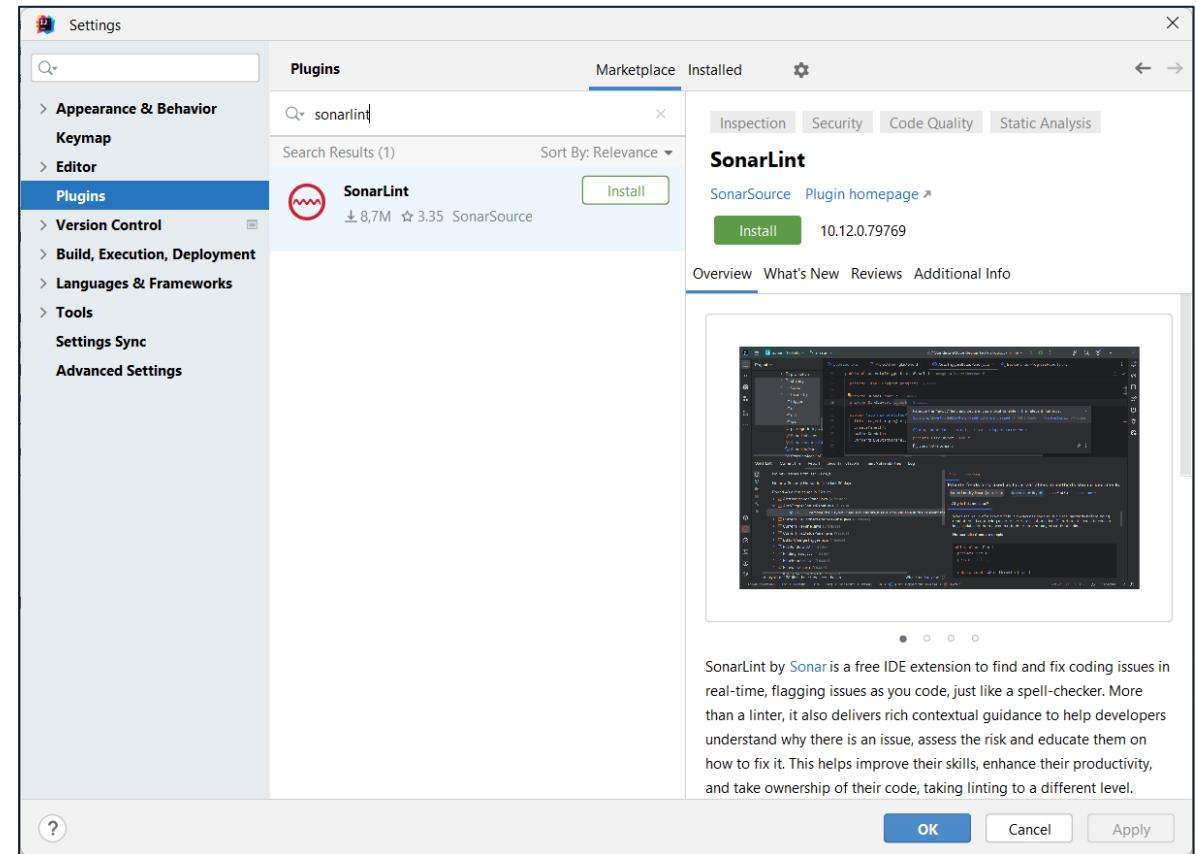
Two (not mutually exclusive) approaches are possible:

- We run the automated code inspections in our IDE, **while** we write code
- Automated code inspections are executed **after** we write code



SonarQube IDE (previously SonarLint)

- Clean as you code approach
- Detect issues as soon as we are writing the code
- Free IDE plugin available for:
 - Jetbrains IDEs
 - Visual Studio
 - Visual Studio Code
 - Eclipse



Installing SonarQube IDE in IntelliJ IDEA

The screenshot shows the IntelliJ IDEA interface with the following details:

- File Bar:** File, Edit, View, Navigate, Code, Refactor, Build, Run, Tools, VCS, Window, Help.
- Title Bar:** unina-delivery - AggiungiImporto.java
- Project Tool Bar:** Project, Current File, Indexing...
- Project Structure:** Shows the project structure with modules like unina-delivery [O-OProgettoUninaDelivery-Object], .idea, .settings, Icons, src, target, .classpath, .gitignore, .project, pom.xml, sonar-command.txt, External Libraries, and Scratches and Consoles.
- SonarLint Tab:** Current File (selected), Report, Security Hotspots, Taint Vulnerabilities, Log.
- SonarLint Results:** Found 982 issues in 51 files. A list of issues for AggiungiCartaFrame.java (27 issues) is shown, each with a severity icon, issue ID, description, and timestamp.
- Code Editor:** Displays the Java code for AggiungiImporto.java.
- Right Panel:**
 - Rule Locations:** String literals should not be duplicated (Adaptability issue | Not distinct, Maintainability, java:S1192, Learn more).
 - Why is this an issue? How can I fix it?** Duplicated string literals make refactoring complex and error-prone.
 - Exceptions:** Excludes literals less than 5 characters.
 - Parameters:** threshold 3. Parameter values can be set in Rule Settings.
- Bottom Status Bar:** Microsoft Defender configuration message, build status (57:21 LF UTF-8 Tab*), and coverage information.

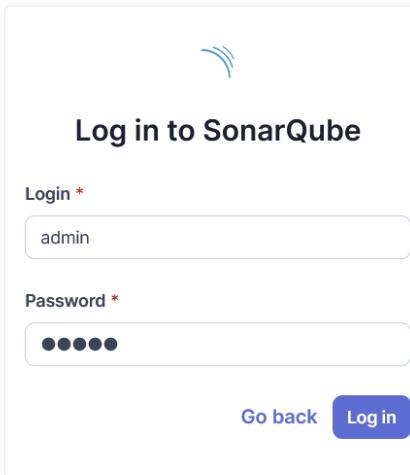
SonarQube Server

- The easiest way to set up a local instance of **SonarQube Server** is to use Docker and the [official SonarQube images](#)

```
@luigi → D/O/T/S/sonar $ docker run -d --name sonarqube  
-e SONAR_ES_BOOTSTRAP_CHECKS_DISABLE=true -p 9000:9000 sonarqube:10.7-community
```

- Once your instance is up and running, Log in to <http://localhost:9000> using System Administrator credentials:
 - Username: admin
 - Password: admin

SonarQube Server: Login



The screenshot shows the SonarQube login interface. At the top center is the Sonar logo, which consists of a red stylized 's' icon followed by the word 'sonar'. Below the logo is a light gray rectangular form with rounded corners. In the center of this form is a small blue icon resembling a signal or a brain. Below the icon, the text "Log in to SonarQube" is displayed in a bold, dark font. The form contains two input fields: the first is labeled "Login *" and contains the text "admin"; the second is labeled "Password *" and contains five black dots representing masked input. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: a white "Go back" button and a blue "Log in" button. At the very bottom of the page, there is a thin horizontal line followed by the text "SonarQube™ technology is powered by [SonarSource SA](#)" on the left and links for "LGPL v3", "Community", "Documentation", and "Plugins" on the right.

SonarQube Server: Create Project

The screenshot shows the 'Create Project' page of the SonarQube Server interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Projects, Issues, Rules, Quality Profiles, Quality Gates, Administration, More, and a search icon. On the far right of the navigation bar are a help icon and a user profile icon.

The main content area has a heading 'How do you want to create your project?'. Below it, a text block asks if the user wants to benefit from SonarQube's features like repository import and Pull Request decoration, and suggests creating the project from a favorite DevOps platform.

Below this, a note says 'First, you need to set up a DevOps platform configuration.' followed by five 'Setup' buttons:

- Import from Azure DevOps
- Import from Bitbucket Cloud
- Import from Bitbucket Server
- Import from GitHub
- Import from GitLab

Further down, another note says 'Are you just testing or have an advanced use-case? Create a local project.' followed by a single 'Create a local project' button.

At the bottom left, there is a warning box with an exclamation mark icon and the text 'Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only'. It explains that the embedded database will not scale, support upgrading, or provide migration support.

At the very bottom, there is footer information: 'SonarQube™ technology is powered by SonarSource SA' with a link, and links for 'Community Edition v10.7 (96327) ACTIVE', 'LGPL v3', 'Community', 'Documentation', 'Plugins', and 'Web API'.

SonarQube Server: Create Project

The screenshot shows the 'Create a local project' dialog in SonarQube. The form fields are as follows:

- Project display name ***: unina-delivery (highlighted with a green border)
- Project key ***: unina-delivery (highlighted with a green border)
- Main branch name ***: main

Below the form, there is a note: "The name of your project's default branch [Learn More](#)". At the bottom are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Next".

Warning message: **⚠️ Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only**
The embedded database will not scale, it will not support upgrading to newer versions of SonarQube, and there is no support for migrating your data out of it into a different database engine.

At the bottom of the page, the footer includes:
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SonarQube Server: Analysis Methods

The screenshot shows the 'Analysis Method' configuration page in SonarQube. The top navigation bar includes links for Projects, Issues, Rules, Quality Profiles, Quality Gates, Administration, More, and a search icon. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail showing the project 'unina-delivery' and branch 'main'. The main content area has tabs for Overview, Issues, Security Hotspots, Measures, Code, and Activity, along with Project Settings and Project Information dropdowns. A sub-header 'Analysis Method' is displayed, with a descriptive text: 'Use this page to manage and set-up the way your analyses are performed.' Below this, a section titled 'How do you want to analyze your repository?' lists several options:

- With Jenkins** (represented by a Jenkins icon)
- With GitHub Actions** (represented by a GitHub Actions icon)
- With Bitbucket Pipelines** (represented by a Bitbucket Pipelines icon)
- With GitLab CI** (represented by a GitLab CI icon)
- With Azure Pipelines** (represented by an Azure Pipelines icon)
- Other CI**: A note stating 'SonarQube integrates with your workflow no matter which CI tool you're using.'
- Locally**: A note stating 'Use this for testing or advanced use-case. Other modes are recommended to help you set up your CI environment.'

A warning message at the bottom left states: '⚠️ Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only. The embedded database will not scale, it will not support upgrading to newer versions of SonarQube, and there is no support for migrating your data out of it into a different database engine.'

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SonarQube Server: Local Analysis

The screenshot shows the SonarQube interface for a project named "unina-delivery". The top navigation bar includes links for Projects, Issues, Rules, Quality Profiles, Quality Gates, Administration, More, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: unina-delivery / main. The main content area has tabs for Overview, Issues, Security Hotspots, Measures, Code, and Activity, along with Project Settings and Project Information dropdowns.

The central section is titled "Analyze Method > Locally" and "Analyze your project". It displays a message: "We initialized your project on SonarQube, now it's up to you to launch analyses!"

The first step, "1 Provide a token", is highlighted. It features two buttons: "Generate a project token" (which is selected) and "Use existing token". Below these are fields for "Token name" (containing "Analyze \"unina-delivery\"") and "Expires in" (set to "No expiration"). A "Generate" button is also present. A note below the fields states: "Please note that this token will only allow you to analyze the current project. If you want to use the same token to analyze multiple projects, you need to generate a global token in your [user account](#). See the [documentation](#) for more information." A smaller note at the bottom of this section says: "The token is used to identify you when an analysis is performed. If it has been compromised, you can revoke it at any point in time in your [user account](#)".

The second step, "2 Run analysis on your project", is shown in a separate box.

A warning message at the bottom left of the page reads: "⚠️ Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only. The embedded database will not scale, it will not support upgrading to newer versions of SonarQube, and there is no support for migrating your data out of it into a different database engine."

At the bottom, the footer includes: "SonarQube™ technology is powered by [SonarSource SA](#)", "Community Edition v10.7 (96327) ACTIVE", "LGPL v3", "Community", "Documentation", "Plugins", and "Web API".

SonarQube Server: Local Analysis

The screenshot shows the SonarQube interface for a project named 'unina-delivery'. The top navigation bar includes links for Projects, Issues, Rules, Quality Profiles, Quality Gates, Administration, More, and a search icon. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail showing the project name and a dropdown menu for branches, currently set to 'main'. The main content area has tabs for Overview, Issues, Security Hotspots, Measures, Code, and Activity, with 'Project Settings' and 'Project Information' dropdowns on the right. A sub-header indicates the analysis method is 'Locally'. The central section is titled 'Analyze your project' and contains a message: 'We initialized your project on SonarQube, now it's up to you to launch analyses!'. It displays a token: 'Analyze "unina-delivery": sqp_10fd3b2da3f1664f4641ef283488e02ce27fb84d' with a trash icon. A note explains that the token identifies the user for analyses and can be revoked from the user account. A 'Continue' button is present. Below this is a step 2: 'Run analysis on your project'. At the bottom, a warning box states: '⚠️ Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only' and notes that the embedded database is not scalable, unsupported for upgrades, and lacks migration support. The footer provides credits to SonarSource SA and links to Community Edition v10.7, LGPL v3, Community, Documentation, Plugins, and Web API.

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unina-delivery / main ?

Overview Issues Security Hotspots Measures Code Activity Project Settings Project Information

Analysis Method > Locally

Analyze your project

We initialized your project on SonarQube, now it's up to you to launch analyses!

1 Provide a token

Analyze "unina-delivery": sqp_10fd3b2da3f1664f4641ef283488e02ce27fb84d ⚡

The token is used to identify you when an analysis is performed. If it has been compromised, you can revoke it at any point in time in your [user account](#).

Continue

2 Run analysis on your project

⚠️ **Embedded database should be used for evaluation purposes only**

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SonarQube Server: Running an analysis

2 Run analysis on your project

What option best describes your project?

Maven Gradle .NET Other (for JS, TS, Go, Python, PHP, ...)

Execute the Scanner for Maven

Running a SonarQube analysis with Maven is straightforward. You just need to run the following command in your project's folder.

```
mvn clean verify sonar:sonar \
-Dsonar.projectKey=unina-delivery \
-Dsonar.projectName='unina-delivery' \
-Dsonar.host.url=http://localhost:9000 \
-Dsonar.token=sq..._10fd3b2da3f1664f4641ef283488e02ce27fb84d
```

 Copy

Please visit the [official documentation of the Scanner for Maven](#) for more details.

If you're on Windows, run the above command using CMD.exe (PowerShell won't work)



Is my analysis done? If your analysis is successful, this page will automatically refresh in a few moments.

While you're waiting, why not consider upgrading to our [Developer Edition](#)? It offers additional features such as [Branch Analysis](#) and [Pull Request Analysis](#).

SonarQube Server: Running an Analysis

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-e SONAR_ES_BOOTSTRAP_CHECKS_DISABLE=true -p 9000:9000 sonarqube:10.7-community  
  
...  
[INFO] 16:55:01.681 CPD Executor CPD calculation finished (done) | time=97ms  
[INFO] 16:55:04.953 Analysis report generated in 229ms, dir size=1.3 MB  
[INFO] 16:55:05.118 Analysis report compressed in 139ms, zip size=414.5 kB  
[INFO] 16:55:05.169 Analysis report uploaded in 47ms  
[INFO] 16:55:05.175 ANALYSIS SUCCESSFUL, you can find the results at:  
      http://localhost:9000/dashboard?id=unina-delivery  
[INFO] 16:55:05.238 Analysis total time: 23.735 s  
[INFO] -----  
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS  
[INFO] -----  
[INFO] Total time: 30.596 s  
[INFO] Finished at: 2024-11-16T16:55:05+01:00  
[INFO] -----
```

SonarQube Server: Project Dashboard

The screenshot shows the SonarQube Project Dashboard for the 'main' branch of the 'unina-delivery' project. The dashboard provides a high-level overview of code quality metrics and issue status.

Project Information: Lines of Code: 10k, Version: 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT, Last analysis: 17 hours ago. There is a note to "set up analysis in your favorite CI".

Quality Gate: Passed (Green checkmark icon).

Overall Code Status: Warnings present (yellow warning icon). The Overall Code tab is selected.

Code Quality Metrics:

Metric	Value	Grade
Security	0 Open issues	A
Reliability	6 Open issues	D
Maintainability	975 Open issues	A
Accepted issues	0	B
Coverage	0.0%	N/A
Duplications	31.4%	N/A
Security Hotspots	3	E

Navigation and Settings: Overview, Issues, Security Hotspots, Measures, Code, Activity, Project Settings, Project Information.

Maven Integration

- You don't need to manually execute the above command everytime you need to run an analysis
- You can include the Sonar analysis in the Maven build pipeline
 - Add the Sonarsource Maven Plugin to your POM
 - Add the sonar goal within the pipeline (e.g.: in the verify phase)
 - Then you can perform Sonar analyses by just running «mvn verify»

Modify Maven POM (1)

```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2  <project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
3      xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.apache.org/maven-v4_0_0.xsd">
4
5      <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
6
7      <groupId>org.example</groupId>
8      <artifactId>00BD_2122_1</artifactId>
9      <packaging>jar</packaging>
10     <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
11
12     <name>00BD_2122_01</name>
13
14     <properties>
15         <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
16         <project.reporting.outputEncoding>UTF-8</project.reporting.outputEncoding>
17         <log4j2-version>2.19.0</log4j2-version>
18         <sonar.projectKey>INGSW_LECTURE_EXAMPLE</sonar.projectKey>
19         <sonar.login>sqp_a7672d91524e81baec9f017654b3649e94cfb98c</sonar.login>
20         <sonar.host>http://localhost:9000</sonar.host>
21     </properties>
```

Modify Maven POM (2)

```
84     <build>
85         <defaultGoal>install</defaultGoal>
86         <plugins>
87             <plugin>
88                 <groupId>org.sonarsource.scanner.maven</groupId>
89                 <artifactId>sonar-maven-plugin</artifactId>
90                 <version>3.9.1.2184</version>
91                 <executions>
92                     <execution>
93                         <goals>
94                             <goal>sonar</goal>
95                         </goals>
96                         <phase>verify</phase>
97                     </execution>
98                 </executions>
99             </plugin>
```

SonarQube Cloud

- SonarQube Cloud is SonarQube Server, offered as a SaaS in the cloud
- You don't need to bother running a local instance of SonarQube
- It's free for open-source projects
- If your project is in a public GitHub repository, you can effortlessly include it in SonarCloud
 1. Login into SonarCloud using your GitHub credentials (select free plan)
 2. Select the repository your project is in
 3. Enjoy a completely managed SonarQube instance in the cloud

A little digression on CI/CD

Delivering a Software Product

- When working on a software product, we want to produce high-quality software, and to deliver it **rapidly**
- **The job isn't done as soon as we finish writing the source code**
- The project needs to be built (e.g.: produce a JAR)
- We need to execute tests
- We need to run automated code inspections
- We need to **deploy** the new version (e.g.: install it whenever it needs to be installed)

Integration Challenges

- When large teams of developers are working on a project, integrating changes from multiple contributors becomes a challenge
- Even if each change worked in isolation, we do not know if all changes work when merged together!
- Integrating multiple weeks/months of work can be a cumbersome task
- Integration requires time and work, and additional issues might emerge
- Integrating every small changes with a higher frequency is a better approach and allows faster integrations

Continuous Integration (CI)

Continuous Integration is a software development practice where each member of a team merges their changes into a codebase together with their colleagues changes **at least daily**.

Key points:

- Use a shared repository (with a main branch)
- Have an automated build process in place (e.g.: Maven)
- Have automated tests in place
- Every push to the shared repository should trigger a build
 - Commits that break the build are not merged. The dev that pushed a breaking change gets notified (and can fix it work before pushing again)

Continuous Delivery / Deployment (CD)

- The aim of Continuous Delivery is that the product should always be in a state where it is possible to release the latest build. This is essentially ensuring that the release to production is only a business decision.
 - To ensure this, testing should be conducted automatically on every build
- This might be take a step further, and include automatic deployment to production of the latest non-breaking build that passed all tests and quality checks

SonarQube: Quality Gates

- In a CI/CD context, we may want to ensure that code adheres to established quality requirements
- With SonarQube, we can make a build fail based on quality requirements
- This is done with **Quality Gates**
 - A set of quality requirements that code (or new code) must satisfy
 - E.g.: no blocker or critical issues; at least 80% code coverage in tests, ...
 - A codebase either passes a quality gate or not

SonarQube: Quality Gates

The screenshot shows the SonarQube interface with the 'Quality Gates' tab selected. On the left, there's a sidebar with a 'Quality Gates' section containing a 'Create' button and a card for 'Sonar way' which is marked as 'DEFAULT BUILT-IN'. The main content area displays the 'Sonar way' quality gate configuration. It includes a note that it's the 'only quality gate you need to practice Clean as You Code'. The 'Conditions' section lists four rules: 'New code has 0 issues', 'All new security hotspots are reviewed', 'New code is sufficiently covered by test' (with a coverage threshold of 80.0%), and 'New code has limited duplication' (with a duplication threshold of 3.0%). Below this, the 'Projects' section states that every project not specifically associated to a quality gate will be associated to this one by default.

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Quality Gates ? Create

Sonar way DEFAULT BUILT-IN

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The only quality gate you need to practice Clean as You Code

Conditions

Your new code will be clean if: ?

New code has 0 issues

All new security hotspots are reviewed

New code is sufficiently covered by test Coverage is greater than or equal to 80.0% ?

New code has limited duplication Duplicated Lines (%) is less than or equal to 3.0% ?

Projects ?

Every project not specifically associated to a quality gate will be associated to this one by default.

SonarQube: Custom Quality Gates

- You can also define custom quality gates to enforce

Add Condition

Where?

On New Code

On Overall Code

Quality Gate fails when

Cyclomatic Complexity

Operator	Value
is greater than	15

Add Condition **Close**

SonarQube and CI/CD

- SonarQube can be integrated in CI/CD pipelines to ensure that code quality does not degrade
- E.g.: refuse merges which do not pass a quality gate

BEWARE: EXTRA MATERIALS AHEAD

- The remaining part of this slide deck is about **Assertion Frameworks**
- In particular, the slides describe **Hamcrest**, one of the most popular assertion frameworks, available for different programming languages
- Assertion frameworks are nice to know and an important tool to write effective tests...
- ... but they are **not required** for the **Software Engineering** course!



Assertion Frameworks

Assertion Frameworks

Assertion frameworks allow developers to write better assertions, and thus better tests, without re-inventing the wheel!

- More readable
- More flexible
- More informative error messages

Notable examples include: Hamcrest, Google Truth, AssertJ

What's wrong with standard JUnit assertions?

HAMCREST

MATCHERS

Getting to know Hamcrest

Hamcrest allows developers to declaratively define

Matchers that can be combined to create flexible expressions of intent.

- Not only for testing (UI Validation, data filtering, ...)
- Matcher objects represent conditions, and they can be combined declaratively to create natural-language like (fluent) assertions

Testing with Hamcrest

The entry point for Hamcrest in our tests is the method

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<T> void assertThat(T actual, Matcher<? super T> matcher)
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```
// these express the same assertion
assertEquals(expected, actual);
assertThat(actual, equalTo(expected));
assertThat(actual, is(expected));
assertThat(actual, is(equalTo(expected)));

// and so do these                                // and these
assertTrue(condition);                          assertNotNull(actual);
assertThat(condition, is(true));                assertThat(actual, is(not(nullValue())));
```

Hamcrest – Core Matchers

- `equalTo(o)` given an Object, returns a Matcher that matches with any object which is equal to o (according to `o.equals()`);
- `not(m)` returns a Matcher that complements the given Matcher m;
- `is(k)` if given an object, returns `equalTo(k)`. If given a Matcher, returns the matcher without changing its behaviour;

```
assertThat("foo", is(not(equalTo("bar"))));
```

Hamcrest – String Matchers

Take a String `s` as input and return a suitable Matcher

- `containsString(s)` and `containsStringIgnoringCase(s)`
- `startsWith(s)` and `startsWithIgnoringCase(s)`
- `endsWith(s)` and `endsWithIgnoringCase(s)`

```
assertThat("Hamcrest", startsWith("Ham")); // passes
assertThat("Hamcrest", startsWith("ham")); // fails
assertThat("Hamcrest", containsStringIgnoringCase("CRE")); //passes
assertThat("Hamcrest", endsWithIgnoringCase("REST")); //passes
```

Hamcrest – Comparable Matchers

Take a Comparable `c` as input and return a suitable Matcher

- `greaterThan(c)` and `greaterThanOrEqualTo(c)`
- `lessThan(c)` and `lessThanOrEqualTo(c)`
- `closeTo(c, delta)` with `delta` being the admissible error

```
assertThat(10, is(greaterThanOrEqualTo(10)));
assertThat(10, is(LessThan(100)));
double a = 1.001, b = 1.002, delta = 0.002;
assertThat(a, is(closeTo(b, delta)));
```

Hamcrest – Logical Matchers

- `allOf(m1,...)` returns a matcher that matches the examined object only if it matches all the given matchers.
- `anyOf(m1,...)` returns a matcher that matches the examined object only if it matches one of the given matchers.
- `both(m1).and(m2)` and `either(m1).or(m2)` build matchers that match only if both (resp. either) `m1` and (resp. or) `m2` match.

```
assertThat("Hamcrest", allOf(startsWith("Ham"), endsWith("crest")));
assertThat(123, anyOf(isLessThan(50)), isGreaterThan(120)));
assertThat(123, either(isLessThan(50)).or(isGreaterThan(130)));
```

Hamcrest - Object Matchers

- hasProperty(s) matches with all objects with an «s» property
- hasProperty(s, m) matches with all objects whose «s» field matches the given matcher

```
Car car = new Car("Stelvio", 280, "Gasoline"); //model, hp, fuel
assertThat(car, hasProperty("fuel"));
assertThat(car, hasProperty("hp", is(greaterThan(200))));
```

Hamcrest – Collection Matchers: Iterables

- `hasItem(m)` matches with Iterables that contain an item matching with `m`
- `contains(k1, ...)` matches only if each `n`-th element of the examined Iterable matches with the corresponding `n`-th matcher/object
- `containsInAnyOrder(k1, ...)` matches only if each element of the examined Iterator matches with exactly one of the matchers/objects (same length required).

```
List<String> s = Arrays.asList("Anna", "Bob", "Carl");
assertThat(s, hasItem(both(startsWith("A")).and(endsWith("a"))));
assertThat(s, contains(startsWith("A"), startsWith("B"), startsWith("C")));
assertThat(s, containsInAnyOrder("Bob", "Anna", "Carl"));
```

Hamcrest – Collection Matchers: Maps

- `hasKey(m)` matches with Maps that contain a key matching with m
- `hasValue(m)` matches with Maps containing a value matching with m
- `hasEntry(m1, m2)` matches with Maps that contain a key matching with m1 whose value matches with m2.

```
Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<String, Integer>();  
map.put("Anna", 1); map.put("Bob", 3); map.put("Carl", 3);  
assertThat(map, hasKey(containsString("nn")));  
assertThat(map, hasValue(is(greaterThan(2))));  
assertThat(map, hasEntry(startsWith("A"), is(LessThan(2))));
```

Hamcrest – There's much more!

- Check out [the docs](#) if you want to know more!
- For a starter, you can take a look at the [Matchers class](#).

Let's get back at our example

```
@Test
void testDivisors() {
    List<Integer> divisors = MathUtils.getDivisors(8);
    List<Integer> expected = Arrays.asList(1,2,4,8);
    assertAll( // v3
        () -> assertTrue(expected.containsAll(divisors)),
        () -> assertTrue(divisors.containsAll(expected))
    );
    // with Hamcrest
    assertThat(divisors, containsInAnyOrder(1,2,4,8));
}
```

And here's what an error message looks like with Hamcrest:

```
Expected: iterable with items [<1>, <2>, <4>, <8>] in any order
but: no item matches: <1> in [<2>, <4>, <8>]
```

Another example

We need to check that in a `List<Car>` there is at least one `Car` such that its fuel is "Electric" or "Hydrogen".

Another example – The classic way

We need to check that in a `List<Car>` there is at least one `Car` such that its fuel is "Electric" or "Hydrogen".

```
boolean found = false;
for(Car c: Car.getCars()) {
    if(c.getFuel().equals("Electric") || c.getFuel().equals("Hydrogen")) {
        found = true;
        break;
    }
}
assertTrue(found);

> Error message:
Expected: <true> but was: <false>
```

Another example – The Hamcrest way

We need to check that in a `List<Car>` there is at least one `Car` such that its fuel is "Electric" or "Hydrogen".

```
assertThat(Car.getCars(), hasItem(  
    hasProperty("fuel", either(is("Electric")).or(is("Hydrogen"))))  
));
```

> Error message:

```
Expected: a collection containing  
    hasProperty("fuel", (is "Electric" or is "Hydrogen"))  
but: mismatches were: [ property 'fuel' was "Hidrogen",  
    property 'fuel' was "Gas", property 'fuel' was "Gas"]
```

Writing our own Matcher

Suppose we need to check that a `List<Student>` contains at least one `Student` whose name is not a palindrome.

Yes, we *really* do need that! 😬

```
assertThat(list, hasItem(hasProperty("firstName", is(not(palindrome())))));
```

Hamcrest features a lot of built-in Matchers, but none to match palindrome strings, unfortunately.

Not too bad, we'll write it ourselves!

Writing our own Matcher

To create a new matcher, one needs to implement the Matcher interface:

```
public interface Matcher<T> {  
    boolean matches(Object actual);  
    void describeMismatch(Object actual, Description mismatchDescription);  
}
```

Often, anyway, it is more practical to extend one of the abstract classes `BaseMatcher<T>` or `TypeSafeMatcher<T>`, which implement `Matcher<T>`.

Writing our own Matcher

```
public class IsPalindrome extends TypeSafeMatcher<String>{  
  
    @Override  
    public void describeTo(Description description) {  
        description.appendText("a palindrome string");  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    protected boolean matchesSafely(String item) {  
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(item).reverse();  
        return sb.toString().equalsIgnoreCase(item);  
    }  
  
    public static IsPalindrome palindrome() {  
        return new IsPalindrome();  
    }  
}
```

Generates a description of the object we match

matchesSafely is called by TypeSafeMatcher.matches()

Static method to access our matcher, so we can use it as the built-in ones

Using our own matcher

```
import static org.hamcrest.Matchers.*;  
import static it.unina.computerscience.softeng.junitdemo.examples.IsPalindrome.*;  
  
// ...  
  
assertThat(list, hasItem(hasProperty("firstName", is(not(palindrome())))));  
  
> Error message:  
Expected: a collection containing  
    hasProperty("firstName", is not a palindrome string)  
but: mismatches were: [ property 'firstName' was "Anna",  
    property 'firstName' was "Bob", property 'firstName' was "Otto"]
```

Other Java Assertion frameworks

Other well-known Java assertion frameworks include:

- AssertJ ([web](#))
- Google Truth ([web](#))

They're less general than Hamcrest, and are based on method chaining.

```
// AssertJ
assertThat(gamma.getName()).startsWith("Er").endsWith("ich");
assertThat(theGangOfFour).contains(gamma, helm).doesNotContain(fowler);

// Truth
assertThat(theGangOfFour).containsExactly(gamma, helm, vliss, johnson).inOrder();
```

AssertJ / Truth vs Hamcrest

AssertJ / Truth

- Based on method chaining
 - No LISP-like parentheses hell
 - IDE auto-complete
- Generally can provide better error messages

Hamcrest

- More general
 - Applications outside of testing
 - Can be used to set expectations when mocking

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