Training: Integration Testing in .NET 8

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Basic Topics

Module 1: Introduction to Integration Testing

1.1 What is Integration Testing?

- Differences between unit, integration, and end-to-end testing.
- Benefits and challenges of integration testing.

1.2 Setting Up a Testing Environment in .NET 8

- Project structure for .NET 8 tests.
- Introduction to xUnit and NUnit.
- Introduction FluentAssertions

Hands-On Activity: Create a basic integration test project with .NET 8.

Module 2: ASP.NET Core Integration Testing Fundamentals

2.1 Working with ASP.NET Core TestHost

- Introduction to Microsoft.AspNetCore.TestHost.
- Creating an in-memory server for HTTP tests.

2.2 WebApplicationFactory in .NET 8

- Overview of WebApplicationFactory setup.
- Using HttpClient with WebApplicationFactory.

2.3 Configuring Test Environments and Dependencies

- Environment configuration for testing.
- Overriding app settings for integration tests.

Hands-On Activity: Set up a basic WebApplicationFactory with dependency injection and test API endpoints.

Module 3: Dependency Injection and Service Mocking

3.1 Introduction to Dependency Injection in .NET 8

- Overview of DI and testing use cases.
- Service lifetimes (transient, scoped, singleton) and test implications.

3.2 Using Moq to Mock Dependencies

- Introduction to Mog and its usage in .NET 8.
- Creating and injecting mock services in WebApplicationFactory.

3.3 Advanced Dependency Injection

- Overriding DI services for specific tests.
- Testing different service configurations.

Hands-On Activity: Inject mock services and test multiple configurations in integration tests.

Module 4: HTTP Client Testing and Route Verification

4.1 Testing HTTP Endpoints with HttpClient

- Configuring HttpClient for endpoint testing.
- Sending requests and verifying responses.

4.2 Route Testing with Minimal APIs and Route Groups

- Testing route matching and parameters.
- Working with route groups in Minimal APIs.

4.3 Testing Query Parameters and Request Headers

- Using query parameters in tests.
- Verifying headers and status codes.

Hands-On Activity: Set up tests for Minimal API routes, including parameterized routes and headers.

Module 5: Error Handling, Logging, and Diagnostics

5.1 Error Handling in Integration Tests

- Validating HTTP error codes (404, 500, etc.).
- Testing error handling in API endpoints.

5.2 Structured Logging in Tests

- Configuring ILogger<T> for structured logging.
- Capturing and verifying logs during integration tests.

5.3 Using Diagnostics and Tracing for Debugging

- Tools and techniques for tracing request failures.
- Tips for debugging complex scenarios in integration tests.

Hands-On Activity: Set up error handling and logging verification for multiple endpoints.

Advanced Topics

Module 6: Introduction to Behavior-Driven Development (BDD) and Cucumber

6.1 BDD Concepts

- What is BDD, and why is it beneficial?
- How BDD differs from traditional testing.
- Real-world scenarios where BDD is useful.

6.2 Cucumber and SpecFlow Overview

- Introduction to Cucumber, Gherkin syntax, and SpecFlow for .NET.
- How Cucumber integrates with .NET through SpecFlow.

6.3 Setting Up a SpecFlow Project in .NET 8

- Setting up a SpecFlow test project using .NET 8 and SpecFlow.NUnit or SpecFlow.xUnit.
- Installing required packages: SpecFlow, SpecFlow.Tools.MsBuild.Generation.

Hands-On Activity: Initialize a new .NET 8 project with SpecFlow and create a basic Gherkin feature file.

Module 7: Implementing Step Definitions and Running Integration Tests

7.1 Creating a Feature File for ASP.NET Core APIs

- Defining a feature for a sample ASP.NET Core API, such as a product API.
- Mapping API operations to BDD scenarios.

7.2 Writing Step Definitions for API Scenarios

- Creating C# methods for each step in the Gherkin scenarios.
- Using HttpClient to make HTTP requests in steps.
- Parsing responses and making assertions.

7.3 Handling Reusable Steps and Common Test Logic

- Extracting common steps to avoid duplication.
- Creating helper methods for test setup and teardown

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7.4 Running Tests and Generating Reports

- Configuring your test project to output SpecFlow results in JSON format
- Executing tests and generating a report

Hands-On Activity: Write step definitions and run the scenarios, checking the expected outcomes and report.