

# Mutation Testing on Address Book Management System in Java

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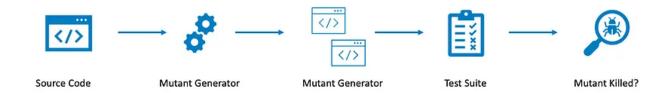
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GitHub Repository - MutationTesting

# **Introduction to Mutation Testing**

A mutation is a small change in a program. Such small changes are intended to model low level defects that arise in the process of coding systems.

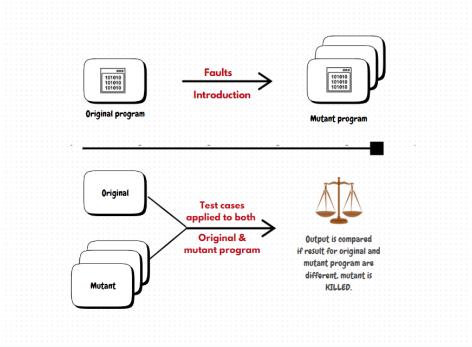
Mutation testing is a structural testing method aimed at assessing/improving the adequacy of test suites, and estimating the number of faults present in systems under test.



# How mutation testing works:

Mutation testing basically involves introducing minor errors, called **mutants**, into the program code to check if the tests can detect these changes.

The ultimate goal is for robust tests to fail when they find these intentional changes. If the tests are unable to detect the mutants, it suggests they are ineffective at identifying problems.



Source - https://www.stackspot.com/en/blog/mutation-testing

The mutation testing process involves the following steps:

- Introducing faults: Changes are made to the program's source code to create mutants, such as replacing a plus sign with a minus sign in a mathematical expression.
- Test application: Test cases are applied to both the original code and the mutated program. If test results for the original code and the mutants differ, the mutant has been detected and eliminated, demonstrating the test's effectiveness.
- Analysis of results: If the tests fail to detect the change and the results for the original code and the mutant are the same, the tests lack sensitivity to identify errors, indicating a need to improve the test cases.

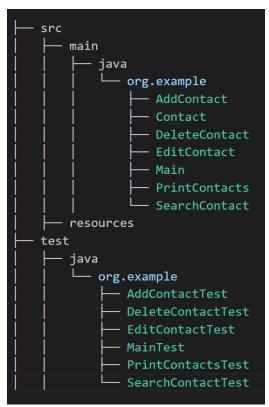
### Tools Used:

 PITest - PIT is a state of the art mutation testing system, providing gold standard test coverage for Java and the jvm. It's fast, scalable and integrates with modern test and build tooling.

PIT is -

- fast can analyse in minutes what would take earlier systems days
- o easy to use works with ant, maven, gradle and others
- o actively developed
- actively supported
- JUnit It is a popular testing framework for Java. It allows developers to write and run unit tests to check if individual parts (like methods or classes) of their code work as expected. In simple terms, JUnit helps in testing code to catch bugs early by automating the testing process.

## **Project Structure:**



The project directory follows a standard Maven structure.
The src/main/java folder contains the application's main Java classes,
The test/java folder contains tests for the corresponding classes in the main directory.

## **Address Book Management System:**

A simple Java-based console application to manage personal contacts. This application allows users to add, search, view, edit, and delete contact information, including details like name, phone number, email, street name, city and zip code.

## **Features**

- 1. Add Contact
  - Add a new contact with the following details:
    - Name (unique and non-empty)
    - Phone number (digits only, minimum 7 characters)
    - Email address (valid format)
    - Address details: Street name, city, and zip code(5 digits)
  - Prevents duplicate names.
- 2. Search Contact
  - Search for a contact by name.
  - Optionally refine search using street name, city, or zipcode.
- 3. View Contacts
  - Display all saved contacts.
- 4. Edit Contact
  - Modify existing contact details.
- 5. Delete Contact
  - Remove a contact by name.
- Error Handling
  - Provides clear error messages for invalid or missing inputs.

Console Menu for Address Book Application

Contact Added in the System

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------ Contact List ------

1. Name: Sanket, Phone: 123456789, Email: sanket@gmail.com, Street: electrinic city phase1, City: bangalore, Zipcode: 56010

2. Name: Sanket Patil, Phone: 987654321, Email: s@gmail.com, Street: electronic city phase1, City: bangalore, Zipcode: 5601
```

## **PIT Mutation Testing Plugin**

```
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                      </goals>
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                  <targetTests>
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                      <!-- mutators to generate mutations -->
                      <mutator>CONDITIONALS_BOUNDARY</mutator>
                      <mutator>EMPTY RETURNS
                      <mutator>FALSE_RETURNS
                      <mutator>INCREMENTS/mutator>
                      <mutator>INVERT_NEGS
                      <mutator>MATH/mutator>
                      <mutator>NEGATE_CONDITIONALS/mutator>
                      <mutator>PRIMITIVE_RETURNS</mutator>
                      <mutator>TRUE RETURNS
                      <mutator>VOID_METHOD_CALLS
                      <mutator>NON VOID METHOD CALLS
                      <mutator>EXPERIMENTAL_ARGUMENT_PROPAGATION</mutator>
                      <mutator>EXPERIMENTAL NAKED RECEIVER</mutator>
                      <mutator>REMOVE_CONDITIONALS
                      <mutator>NULL_RETURNS
                  </mutators>
              </configuration>
           </plugin>
       </plugins>
   </build>
```

## **Dependencies**

## **Mutation Operators Used:**

- Unit-Level Operators:
  - 1. CONDITIONALS\_BOUNDARY -

Modifies boundary conditions (e.g., < to <=)

2. EMPTY RETURNS -

Modifies return statements to return empty/default values

- 3. FALSE RETURNS Changes return values to false
- 4. INCREMENTS Modifies increment operators
- 5. INVERT\_NEGS Inverts negative numbers
- 6. MATH Changes mathematical operators
- 7. NEGATE CONDITIONALS Negates conditional statements
- 8. PRIMITIVE\_RETURNS Modifies primitive return values
- 9. TRUE RETURNS Changes return values to true
- 10. VOID\_METHOD\_CALLS Removes void method calls
- 11. NULL RETURNS Changes return values to null

- Integration-Level Operators:
  - 1. NON\_VOID\_METHOD\_CALLS -

Affects method interactions and return value handling

2. EXPERIMENTAL ARGUMENT PROPAGATION -

Affects method parameter passing and interactions

3. EXPERIMENTAL NAKED RECEIVER -

Impacts object interactions and method calls

4. REMOVE CONDITIONALS -

Can affect program flow and component interactions

## **JUnit Test Results Summary:**

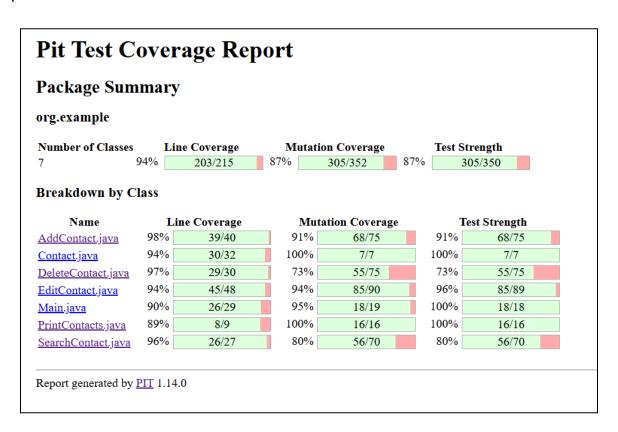
mvn test

#### **Run the PIT Command -**

mvn org.pitest:pitest-maven:mutationCoverage

After the execution, the mutation report will be generated in the target/pit-reports directory.

Open the index.html file in the browser to view the detailed PIT mutation coverage report.



## SearchContact.java

## Active mutators

- CONDITIONALS BOUNDARY
- EMPTY\_RETURNS
- EXPERIMENTAL\_ARGUMENT\_PROPAGATIONEXPERIMENTAL\_NAKED\_RECEIVER
- FALSE\_RETURNS
- INCREMENTS
- INVERT NEGS
- MATH
- NEGATE CONDITIONALS
- NON\_VOID\_METHOD\_CALLS
- NULL RETURNS
- PRIMITIVE\_RETURNSREMOVE\_CONDITIONALS\_EQUAL\_ELSE
- REMOVE\_CONDITIONALS\_EQUAL\_IF
- REMOVE\_CONDITIONALS\_ORDER\_ELSE
- REMOVE\_CONDITIONALS\_ORDER\_IF
- TRUE RETURNS
- VOID METHOD CALLS

### Main.java

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- INVERT NEGS
- MATH
- NEGATE CONDITIONALS
- NON\_VOID\_METHOD\_CALLS
- NULL RETURNS
- PRIMITIVE RETURNS
- REMOVE CONDITIONALS EQUAL ELSE
- REMOVE CONDITIONALS EQUAL IF
- REMOVE CONDITIONALS ORDER ELSE
- REMOVE CONDITIONALS ORDER IF
- TRUE RETURNS
- VOID\_METHOD\_CALLS

#### **Mutations** -

```
    removed call to java/lang/String::trim → KILLED
    removed call to java/util/Scanner::nextLine → KILLED

    removed call to java/io/PrintStream::print → SURVIVED

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    removed call to java/lang/String::trim → KILLED

       removed call to java/util/Scanner::nextLine → KILLED
<u>33</u>
       replaced call to java/lang/String::trim with receiver → SURVIVED

    removed call to java/util/List::stream → KILLED

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    replaced call to java/util/stream/Stream::filter with receiver → KILLED

       2. removed call to org/example/Contact::getName → KILLED
3. removed conditional - replaced equality check with false → KILLED
4. removed conditional - replaced equality check with true → KILLED
5. negated conditional → KILLED

    removed call to java/lang/String::equalsIgnoreCase → KILLED
    removed call to java/util/stream/Stream::filter → KILLED

    negated conditional → KILLED

       2. negated conditional → KILLED

    removed call to java/lang/String::equalsIgnoreCase → KILLED
    removed conditional - replaced equality check with true → KILLED

       5. removed call to org/example/Contact::getStreetName → KILLED
6. removed conditional - replaced equality check with false → KILLED
7. removed conditional - replaced equality check with true → SURVIVED
8. removed call to java/lang/String::isEmpty → KILLED
       9. removed conditional - replaced equality check with false → SURVIVED
```

## SearchContact.java

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    org.example.SearchContactTest.[engine:junit-jupiter]/[class:org.example.SearchContactTest]/[method:testCaseInsensitiveSearch()] (1 ms)
    org.example.SearchContactTest.[engine:junit-jupiter]/[class:org.example.SearchContactTest]/[method:testMultipleMatchingContactS()] (18 ms)
    org.example.SearchContactTest.[engine:junit-jupiter]/[class:org.example.SearchContactTest]/[method:testSearchByNameAndMismatchedOptionalFields()] (2 ms)
    org.example.SearchContactTest.[engine:junit-jupiter]/[class:org.example.SearchContactTest]/[method:testSearchByNameNotFound()] (1 ms)
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    org.example.SearchContactTest.[engine:junit-jupiter]/[class:org.example.SearchContactTest]/[method:testSearchByNameExactMatch()] (1 ms)
    org.example.SearchContactTest.[engine:junit-jupiter]/[class:org.example.SearchContactTest]/[method:testSearchByNameExactMatch()] (1 ms)
```

#### SearchContact.java

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