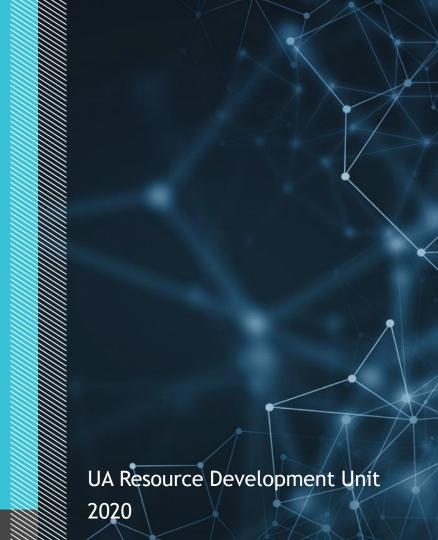
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#### **AGENDA**

- 1 Types of Testing
- Unit test frameworks and extensions
- 3 Triple A
- 4 Test-Driven Development (TDD)
- 5 Stub, Mock, Fake

## **Types of Testing**

#### Types of Testing: What is software testing?

**Software testing** is an organizational process within software development in which business-critical software is verified for correctness, quality, and performance. Software testing is used to ensure that expected business systems and product features behave correctly as expected.

- ➤ Manual software testing is led by a team or individual who will manually operate a software product and ensure it behaves as expected.
- Automated software testing is composed of many different tools which have varying capabilities, ranging from isolated code correctness checks to simulating a full human-driven manual testing experience.

#### **Types of Testing**

#### **Unit tests**

are very low level, close to the source of your application. They consist in testing individual methods and functions of the classes, components or modules used by your software. Unit tests are in general quite cheap to automate and can be run very quickly by a continuous integration server.

## Integration tests

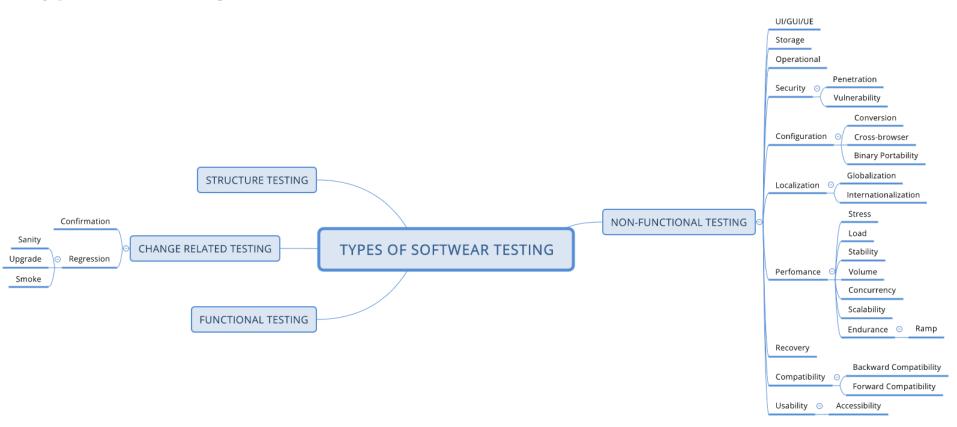
verify that different modules or services used by your application work well together. These types of tests are more expensive to run as they require multiple parts of the application to be up and running.

# Acceptance testing

are formal tests executed to verify if a system satisfies its business requirements. They require the entire application to be up and running and focus on replicating user behaviors. But they can also go further and measure the performance of the system and reject changes if certain goals are not met.

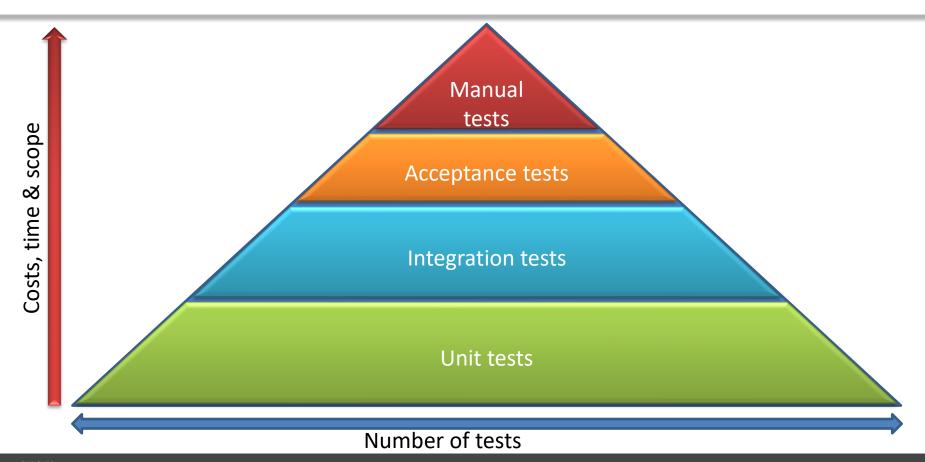
## Manual tests

#### **Types of Testing**

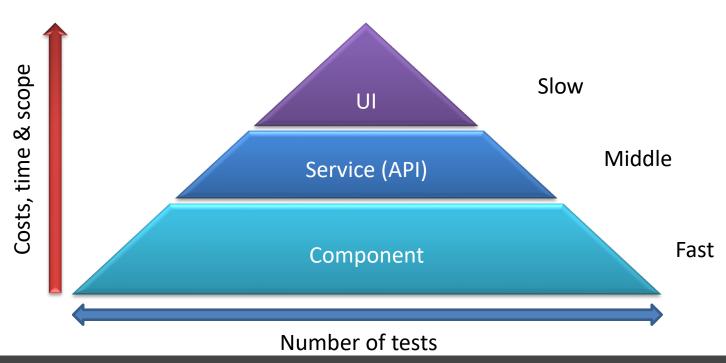




#### **Types of Testing: Testing pyramid**



#### **Types of Testing: Testing pyramid by layer**



#### Types of Testing: What a unit test tests?

**Unit test** is a code that can check whether another code works as expected.

Among the important qualities of a Unit Test are the following:

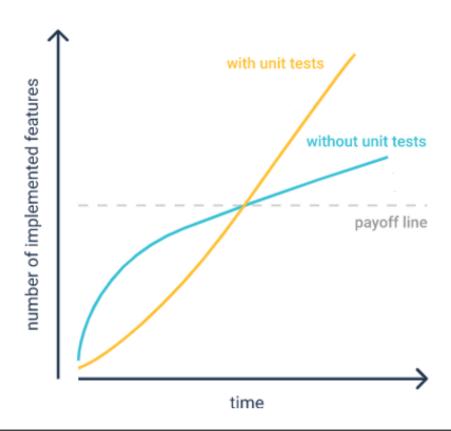
- Tests functionality of smallest application elements
- Written by developers
- Easy to run in IDE
- Take a few minutes or seconds to run
- Easily integrated with CI



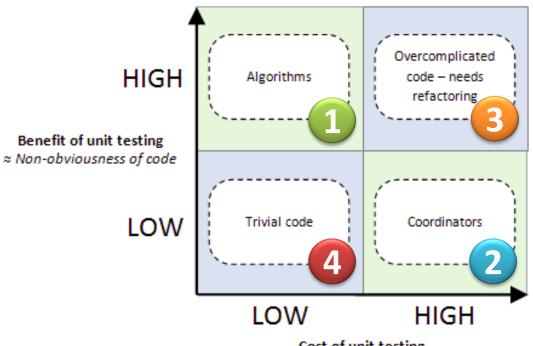
#### **Types of Testing: Why?**

- Unit Tests reduces the level of bugs in production code
- Unit Tests save you development time
- Unit Tests save time in debugging later
- Automated Unit Tests can be run as frequently as required with different set of input
- ➤ A good Unit Tests are a form of documentation
- Unit Tests allow you to make big changes to code quickly
- ➤ Unit Tests help you really understand the design of the code you are working on. Instead of writing code to do somethings, you are starting by outlining all the conditions you are subjecting the code to and what outputs you'd expect from that
- It's first reduces the cost of bugs

### **Types of Testing**



#### **Types of Testing: Unit test quadrant**



Cost of unit testing ≈ Number of dependencies

#### Types of Testing: FIRST principle



**FAST** run (subset of) tests quickly (since you'll be running them all the time)



INDEPENDENT (or ISOLATED)

no tests depend on others, so can run any subset in any order



Repeatable

run N times, get same result (to help isolate bugs and enable automation)



**SELF-VALIDATING** 

test can automatically detect if passed (no human checking of output)



**TIMELY** 

written about the same time as code under test (with TDD, written first!)

#### **Types of Testing**

When you should and shouldn't write unit tests?

Triple A (arrange, act, assert)

#### **TDD**

The AAA («Triple A», Arrange-Act-Assert) pattern has become almost a standard across the industry.

It suggests that you should divide your test method into three sections:

- > Arrange setup the testing objects and prepare the prerequisites for your test
- ➤ Act perform the actual work of the test
- > Assert verify the result

Each one of them only responsible for the part in which they are named after.

#### **Triple A**

```
// arrange
var repository = Substitute.For<IClientRepository>();
var client = new Client(repository);

// act
client.Save();

// assert
mock.Received.SomeMethod();
```

#### **Triple A**

```
class CalculatorTests
        public void Sum_2Plus5_7Returned()
                // arrange
                var calc = new Calculator();
                // act
                var res = calc.Sum(2,5);
                // assert
                Assert.AreEqual(7, res);
```

#### **VS**

```
class CalculatorTests
{
        public void Sum_2Plus5_7Returned()
        {
            Assert.AreEqual(7, new Calculator().sum(2,5));
        }
}
```

#### **Best practices: Naming your tests**

The name of your test should consist of three parts:

- > The name of the method being tested.
- > The scenario under which it's being tested.
- > The expected behavior when the scenario is invoked.

#### **Best practices: Naming your tests**

```
[Fact]
public void Test Single()
  var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
  var actual = stringCalculator.Add("0");
  Assert.Equal(0, actual);
                                      [Fact]
                                      public void Add SingleNumber ReturnsSameNumber()
                                         var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
                                         var actual = stringCalculator.Add("0");
                                         Assert.Equal(0, actual);
```

#### **Best practices: Arranging your tests**

**Arrange, Act, Assert** is a common pattern when unit testing.

As the name implies, it consists of three main actions:

- > Arrange your objects, creating and setting them up as necessary.
- > Act on an object.
- > Assert that something is as expected.

#### **Best practices: Arranging your tests**

```
[Fact]
                                                 [Fact]
public void Add EmptyString ReturnsZero()
                                                 public void Add EmptyString ReturnsZero()
  // Arrange
                                                    // Arrange
  var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
                                                   var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
  // Assert
                                                   // Act
  Assert.Equal(0, stringCalculator.Add(""));
                                                    var actual = stringCalculator.Add("");
                                                    // Assert
                                                   Assert.Equal(0, actual);
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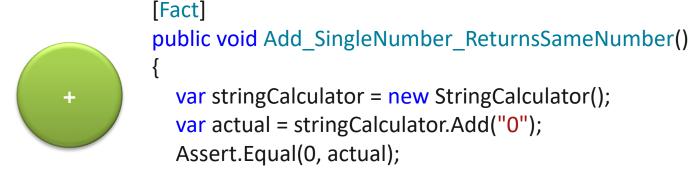
#### **Best practices: Write minimally passing tests**

The input to be used in a unit test should be the simplest possible in order to verify the behavior that you are currently testing.

#### Best practices: Write minimally passing tests

```
[Fact]
public void Add SingleNumber ReturnsSameNumber()
  var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
  var actual = stringCalculator.Add("42");
  Assert.Equal(42, actual);
```





#### **Best practices: Avoid magic strings**

Naming variables in unit tests is as important, if not more important, than naming variables in production code. Unit tests should not contain magic strings.

#### **Best practices: Avoid magic strings**

```
[Fact]
public void Add BigNumber ThrowsException()
    var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
    Action actual = () =>
    stringCalculator.Add("1001");
    Assert.Throws<OverflowException>(actual);
                            [Fact]
                           void Add MaximumSumResult ThrowsOverflowException()
                                var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
                                const string MAXIMUM RESULT = "1001";
                                Action actual = () => stringCalculator.Add(MAXIMUM RESULT);
                                Assert.Throws<OverflowException>(actual);
```

#### **Best practices: Avoid logic in tests**

When writing your unit tests avoid manual string concatenation and logical conditions such as *if*, *while*, *for*, *switch*, etc.

#### **Best practices: Avoid logic in tests**

```
[Fact]
public void Add MultipleNumbers ReturnsCorrectResults()
   var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
   var expected = 0; var testCases = new[]
       "0,0,0",
       "0,1,2",
       "1,2,3"
   foreach (var test in testCases)
                                                           [Theory]
       Assert.Equal(expected, stringCalculator.Add(test));
                                                            [InlineData("0,0,0", 0)]
       expected += 3;
                                                            [InlineData("0,1,2", 3)]
                                                            [InlineData("1,2,3", 6)]
                                                            public void Add MultipleNumbers ReturnsSumOfNumbers(string input, int expected)
                                                               var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
                                                               var actual = stringCalculator.Add(input);
                                                               Assert.Equal(expected, actual);
```

#### Best practices: Prefer helper methods to setup and teardown

If you require a similar object or state for your tests, prefer a helper method than leveraging Setup and Teardown attributes if they exist.

#### Best practices: Prefer helper methods to setup and teardown

```
private readonly StringCalculator;
public StringCalculatorTests()
   stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
// more tests...
[Fact]
public void Add_TwoNumbers_ReturnsSumOfNumbers()
   var result = stringCalculator.Add("0,1");
   Assert.Equal(1, result);
```

```
[Fact]
public void Add TwoNumbers ReturnsSumOfNumbers()
   var stringCalculator = CreateDefaultStringCalculator();
   var actual = stringCalculator.Add("0,1");
   Assert.Equal(1, actual);
 // more tests...
private StringCalculator CreateDefaultStringCalculator()
   return new StringCalculator();
```

#### **Best practices: Avoid multiple asserts**

When writing your tests, try to only include one Assert per test.

Common approaches to using only one assert include:

- > Create a separate test for each assert.
- > Use parameterized tests.

#### **Best practices: Avoid multiple asserts**

```
[Fact]
public void Add EdgeCases ThrowsArgumentExceptions()
  Assert.Throws<ArgumentException>(() => stringCalculator.Add(null));
  Assert.Throws<ArgumentException>(() => stringCalculator.Add("a"));
             [Theory]
             [InlineData(null)]
             [InlineData("a")]
             public void Add InputNullOrAlphabetic ThrowsArgumentException(string input)
               var stringCalculator = new StringCalculator();
               Action actual = () => stringCalculator.Add(input);
               Assert.Throws<ArgumentException>(actual);
```

#### Best practices: Validate private methods by unit testing public methods

In most cases, there should not be a need to test a private method. Private methods are an implementation detail. You can think of it this way: private methods never exist in isolation. At some point, there is going to be a public facing method that calls the private method as part of its implementation. What you should care about is the end result of the public method that calls into the private one.

#### Best practices: Validate private methods by unit testing public methods

```
public string ParseLogLine(string input)
  var sanitizedInput = TrimInput(input);
  return sanitizedInput;
private string TrimInput(string input)
                                            public void
  return input.Trim();
                                            ParseLogLine ByDefault ReturnsTrimmedResult()
                                              var parser = new Parser();
                                              var result = parser.ParseLogLine(" a ");
                                              Assert.Equals("a", result);
```

#### **Best practices: Stub static references**

One of the principles of a unit test is that it must have full control of the system under test. This can be problematic when production code includes calls to static references (for example, DateTime.Now).

```
public int GetDiscountedPrice(int price)
  if (DateTime.Now.DayOfWeek == DayOfWeek.Tuesday)
    return price / 2;
  else
    return price;
```

#### **Best practices: Stub static references**

```
public void GetDiscountedPrice NotTuesday ReturnsFullPrice()
  var priceCalculator = new PriceCalculator();
  var actual = priceCalculator.GetDiscountedPrice(2);
  Assert.Equals(2, actual)
public void GetDiscountedPrice OnTuesday ReturnsHalfPrice()
  var priceCalculator = new PriceCalculator();
  var actual = priceCalculator.GetDiscountedPrice(2);
  Assert.Equals(1, actual);
```

# **Best practices: Stub static references**

```
public interface IDateTimeProvider
  DayOfWeek DayOfWeek();
public int GetDiscountedPrice(int price, IDateTimeProvider dateTimeProvider)
  if (dateTimeProvider.DayOfWeek() == DayOfWeek.Tuesday)
     return price / 2;
  else
     return price;
```

# **Best practices: Stub static references**

```
public void GetDiscountedPrice NotTuesday ReturnsFullPrice()
   var priceCalculator = new PriceCalculator();
   var dateTimeProviderStub = new Mock<IDateTimeProvider>();
   dateTimeProviderStub.Setup(dtp => dtp.DayOfWeek()).Returns(DayOfWeek.Monday);
  var actual = priceCalculator.GetDiscountedPrice(2, dateTimeProviderStub); Assert.Equals(2, actual);
public void GetDiscountedPrice OnTuesday ReturnsHalfPrice()
   var priceCalculator = new PriceCalculator();
   var dateTimeProviderStub = new Mock<IDateTimeProvider>();
   dateTimeProviderStub.Setup(dtp => dtp.DayOfWeek()).Returns(DayOfWeek.Tuesday);
   var actual = priceCalculator.GetDiscountedPrice(2, dateTimeProviderStub);
   Assert.Equals(1, actual);
```

# Unit test frameworks and extensions (MSTest, NUnit, XUnit etc.)













- NUnit and Mb-unit are unit-testing frameworks for .NET languages
- MoQ is a popular and friendly mocking framework
- Specflow provides a pragmatic approach to Specification-By-Example for .NET projects
- MSTest is a command line utility from Microsoft that executes unit tests created in Visual Studio
- DotCover is a coverage tool
- xUnit.net is a free, open source, communityfocused unit testing tool for the .NET Framework.

MS Unit Testing Framework (Microsoft)

https://github.com/Microsoft/testfx-docs

Reference: Microsoft. Visual Studio. Test Tools. Unit Testing

NUnit Framework,

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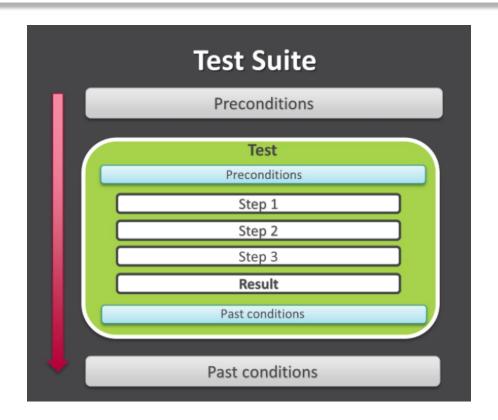
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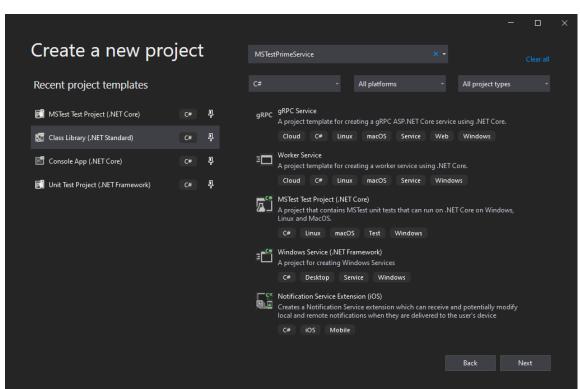


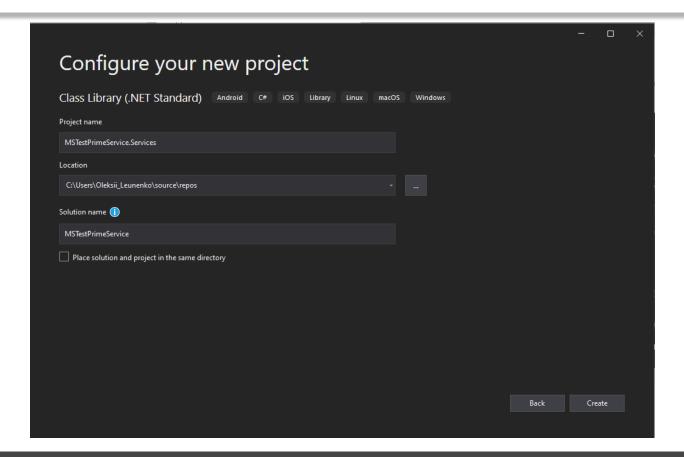
# **Test workflow**



## **Unit testing C# with MSTest and .NET Core**

- 1. Solution: MSTestPrimeService
- 2. Project:
  MSTestPrimeService.Services
- Template: Class Library (.NET Standard)

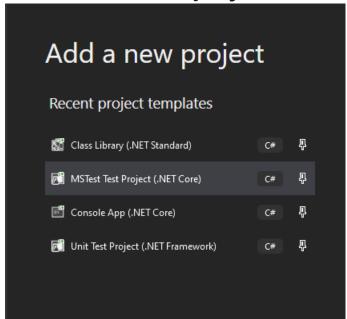


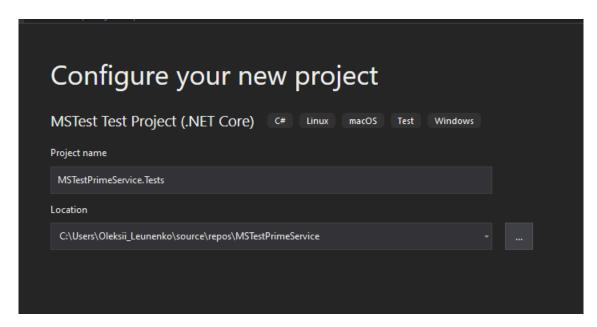


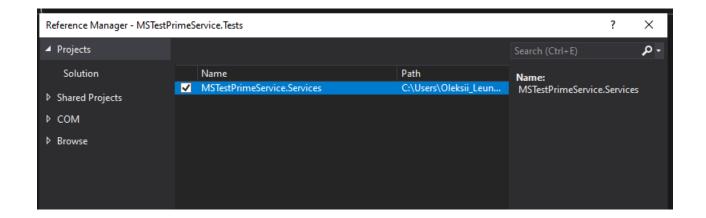
Rename Class 1.cs to PrimeService.cs.

```
using System;
namespace MSTestPrimeService.Services
  public class PrimeService
    public bool IsPrime(int candidate)
       throw new NotImplementedException("Please create a test first.");
```

# **Create the test project**

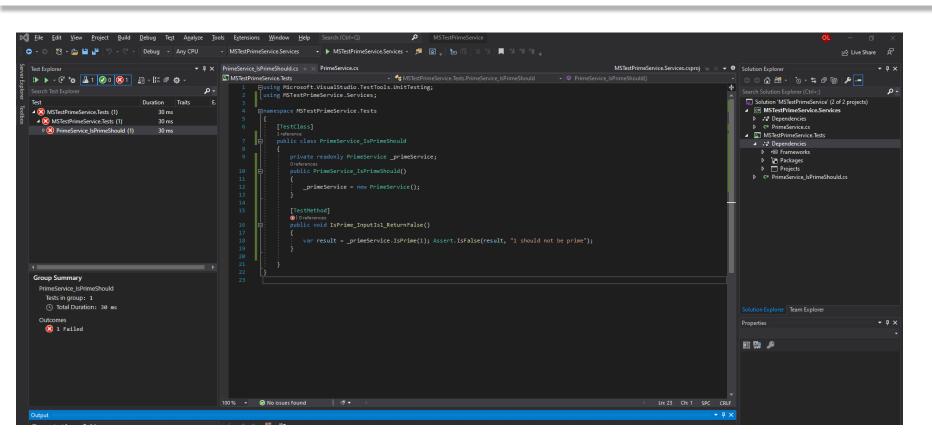




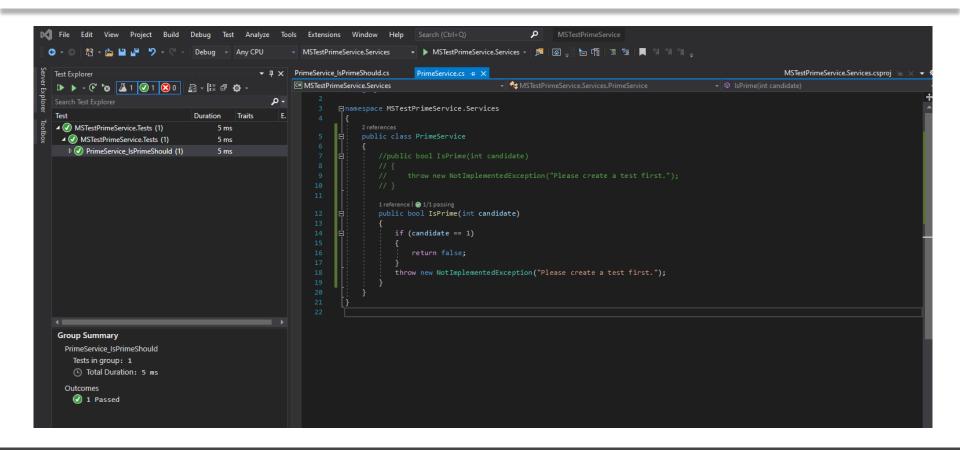


Rename test class *UnitTest1* to *PrimeService\_IsPrimeShould* 

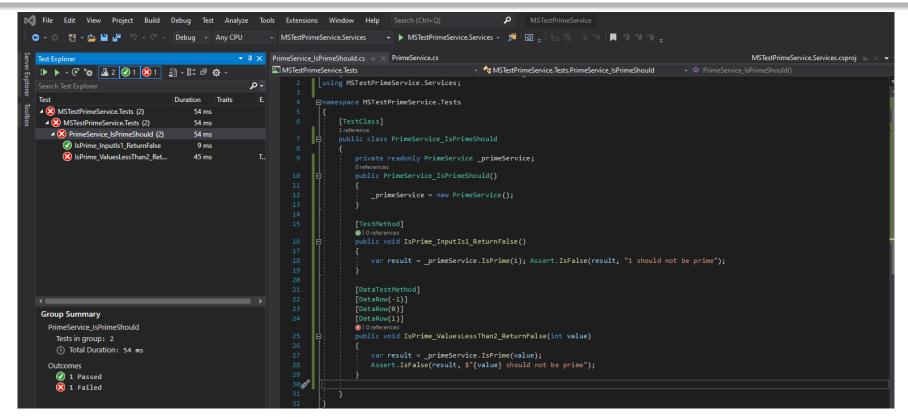
```
using Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.UnitTesting;
using MSTestPrimeService.Services;
namespace MSTestPrimeService.Tests
    [TestClass]
    public class PrimeService_IsPrimeShould
        private readonly PrimeService primeService;
        public PrimeService IsPrimeShould()
            _primeService = new PrimeService();
        [TestMethod]
        public void IsPrime_InputIs1_ReturnFalse()
            var result = primeService.IsPrime(1); Assert.IsFalse(result, "1 should not be prime");
```





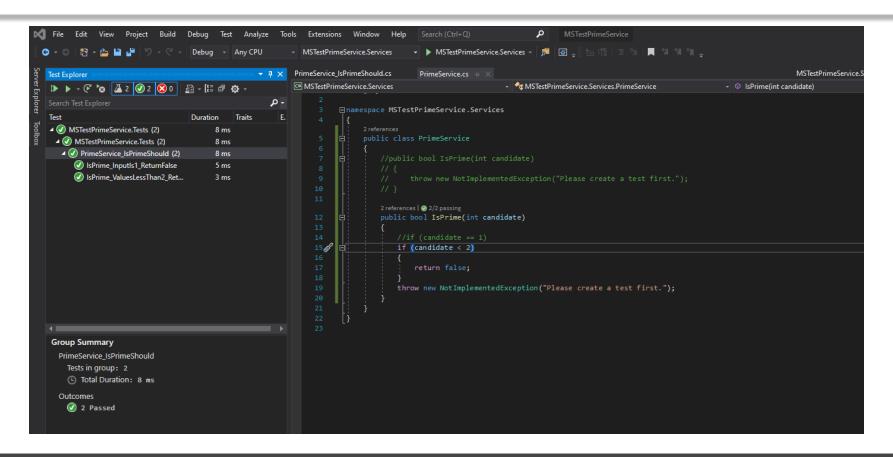


```
[DataTestMethod]
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[DataRow(0)]
[DataRow(1)]
public void IsPrime_ValuesLessThan2_ReturnFalse(int value)
{
   var result = _primeService.IsPrime(value);
   Assert.IsFalse(result, $"{value} should not be prime");
}
```

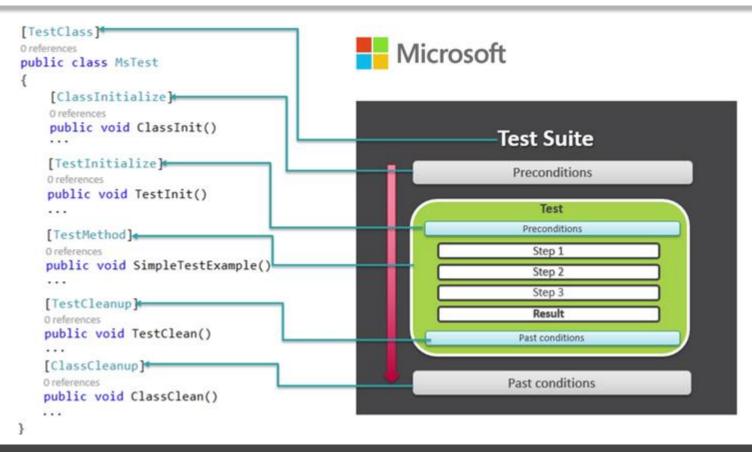


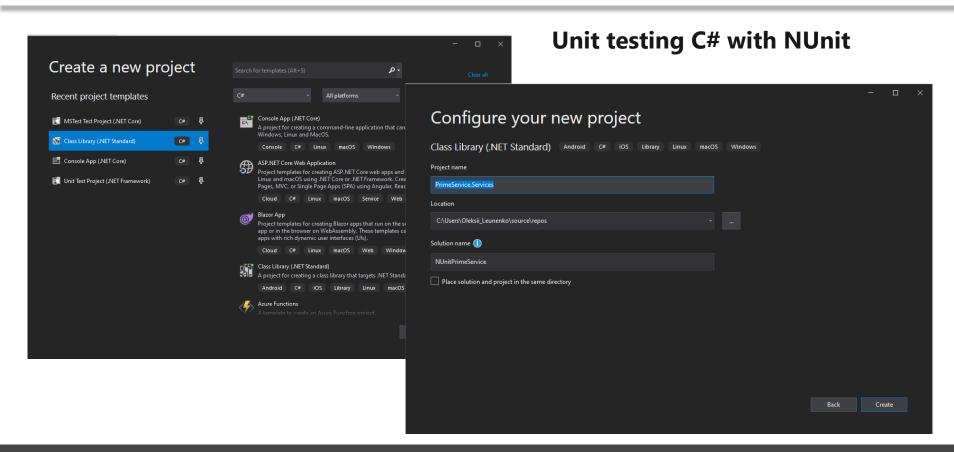
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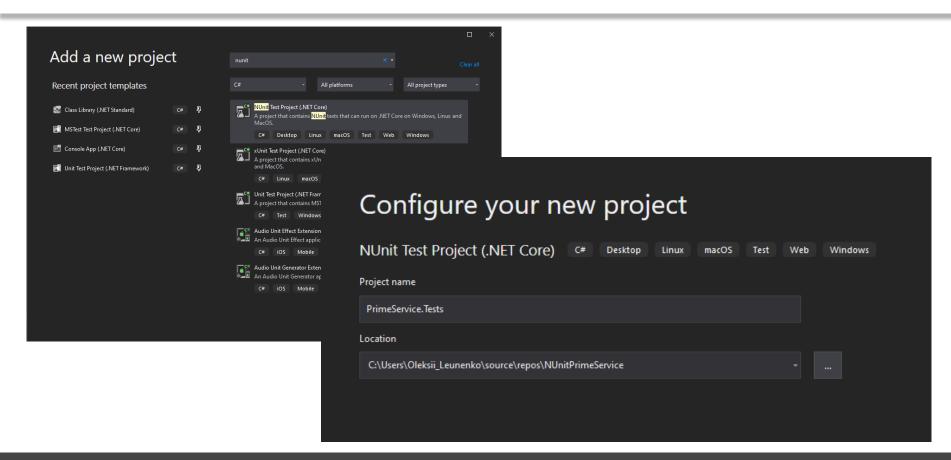


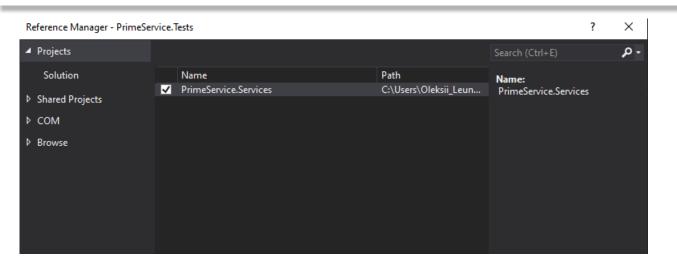








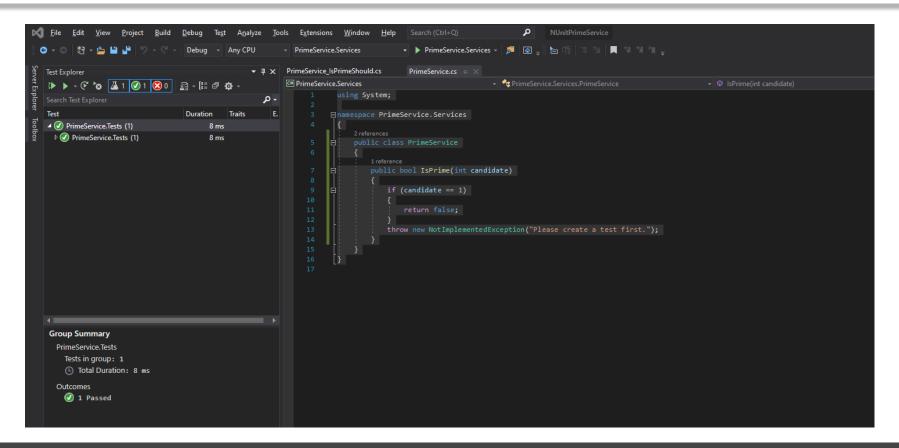




Rename the *UnitTest1.cs* file to *PrimeService\_IsPrimeShould.cs* 

```
using NUnit.Framework;
using PrimeService.Services;
namespace PrimeService.Tests
    public class Tests
        [TestFixture]
        public class PrimeService IsPrimeShould
            private PrimeService.Services.PrimeService primeService;
            [SetUp]
            public void SetUp()
                _primeService = new PrimeService.Services.PrimeService();
            [Test]
            public void IsPrime InputIs1 ReturnFalse()
                var result = primeService.IsPrime(1);
                Assert.IsFalse(result, "1 should not be prime");
```

```
using System;
namespace PrimeService.Services
    public class PrimeService
        public bool IsPrime(int candidate)
            if (candidate == 1)
                return false;
            throw new NotImplementedException("Please create a test first.");
```



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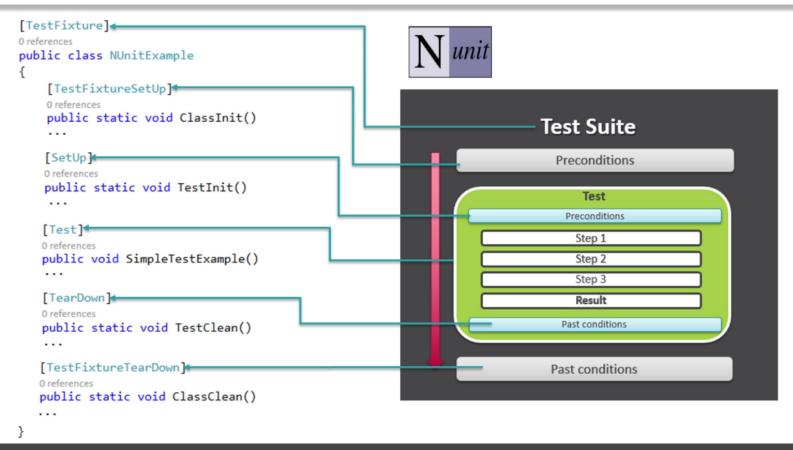
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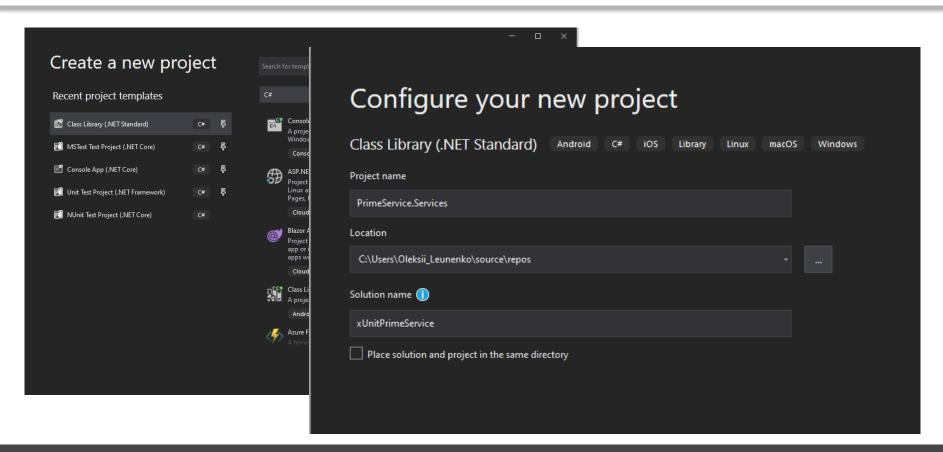
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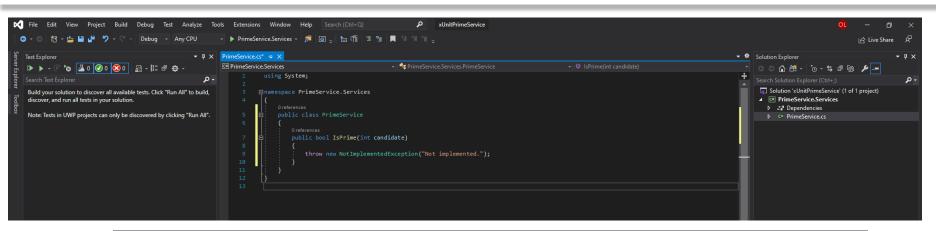
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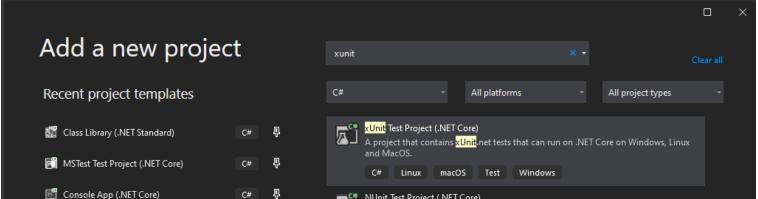
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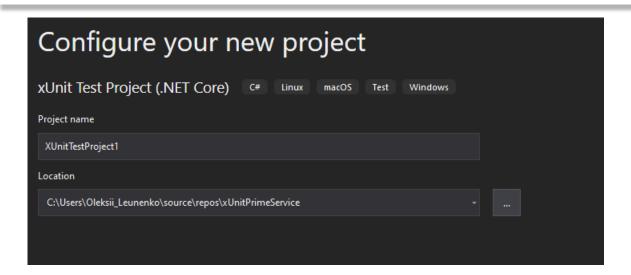
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  var result = primeService.lsPrime(1);
  Assert.False(result, "1 should not be
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                               [InlineData(1)]
                               public void IsPrime ValuesLessThan2 ReturnFalse(int value)
                                  var result = primeService.IsPrime(value);
                                  Assert.False(result, $"{value} should not be prime");
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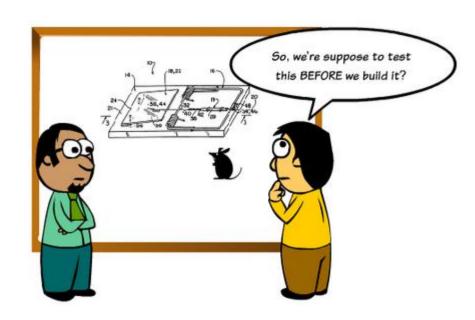
                                                                                       public bool IsPrime(int candidate)
                                                  < 1 ms
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                                                  < 1 ms
        IsPrime_ValuesLessThan2_ReturnFalse...
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        IsPrime ValuesLessThan2 ReturnFalse...
                                                  < 1 ms
                                                                                            if (candidate < 2)
                                                                                            throw new NotImplementedException("Not fully implemented.");
 Group Summary
  XUnitTestProject1
    Tests in group: 4
    (L) Total Duration: 4 ms
  Outcomes
     4 Passed
```



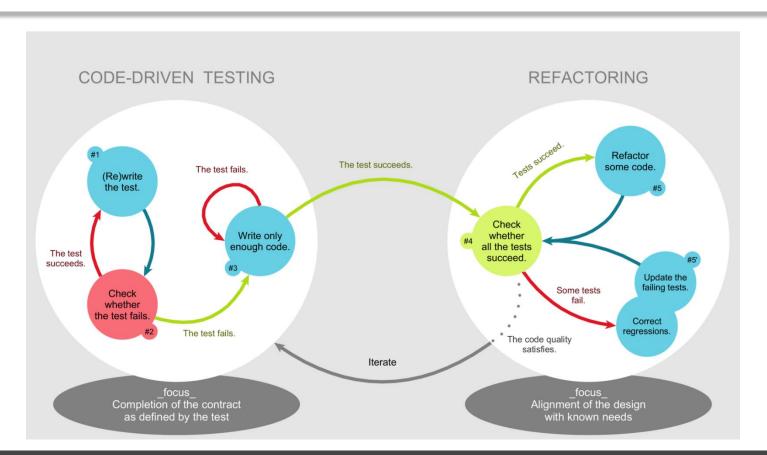
# Test-Driven Development (TDD)

## **TDD**

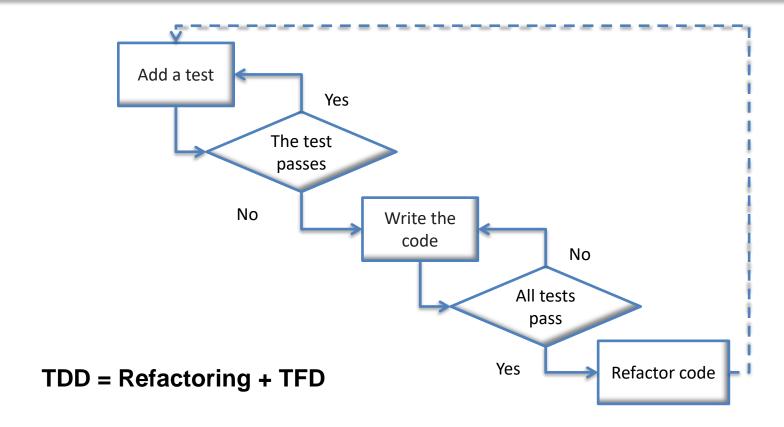
**Test-driven development (TDD)** is a software development process that relies on the repetition of a very short development cycle: requirements are turned into very specific test cases, then the code is improved so that the tests pass. This is opposed to software development that allows code to be added that is not proven to meet requirements.



#### **TDD**

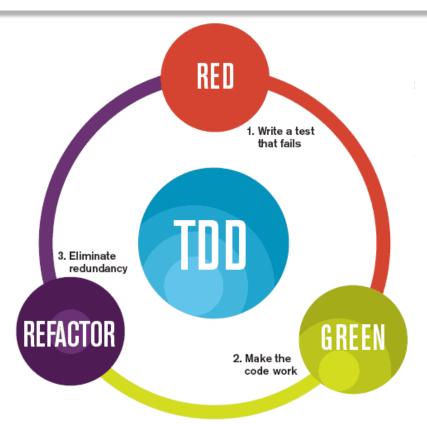


## **TDD: The Steps of test-first development (TFD)**



## **TDD: Development style**

- "keep it simple, stupid" (KISS)
- "You aren't gonna need it" (YAGNI)
- "Fake it till you make it"



The mantra of Test-Driven Development (TDD) is "red, green, refactor."

## **TDD: Fakes, mocks and integration tests**

Unit tests are so named because they each test *one unit* of code. A complex module may have a thousand unit tests and a simple module may have only ten. The unit tests used for TDD should never cross process boundaries in a program, let alone network connections. Doing so introduces delays that make tests run slowly and discourage developers from running the whole suite. Introducing dependencies on external modules or data also turns *unit tests* into *integration tests*. If one module misbehaves in a chain of interrelated modules, it is not so immediately clear where to look for the cause of the failure.

## **TDD: Fakes, mocks and integration tests**

When code under development relies on a database, a web service, or any other external process or service, enforcing a unit-testable separation is also an opportunity and a driving force to design more modular, more testable and more reusable code.

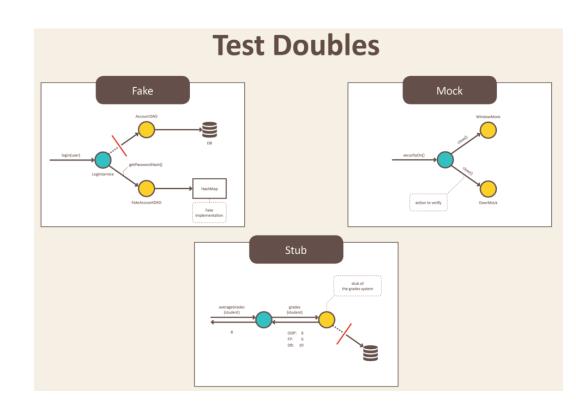
#### Two steps are necessary:

- 1. Whenever external access is needed in the final design, an interface should be defined that describes the access available. See the dependency inversion principle for a discussion of the benefits of doing this regardless of TDD.
- 2. The interface should be implemented in two ways, one of which really accesses the external process, and the other of which is a fake or mock. Fake objects need do little more than add a message such as "Person object saved" to a trace log, against which a test assertion can be run to verify correct behaviour. Mock objects differ in that they themselves contain test assertions that can make the test fail, for example, if the person's name and other data are not as expected.

## Stub, Mock, Fake

#### **Test Double**

A Test Double is a test-specific capability that substitutes for a system capability, typically a class or function, that the UUT (unit under test) depends on.

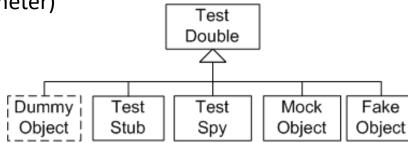


#### **Test Double**

- Test stub (used for providing the tested code with "indirect input")
- Mock object (used for verifying "indirect output" of the tested code, by first defining the
  expectations before the tested code is executed)
- Test spy (used for verifying "indirect output" of the tested code, by asserting the
  expectations afterwards, without having defined the expectations before the tested code
  is executed. It helps in recording information about the indirect object created)
- Fake object (used as a simpler implementation, e.g. using an in-memory database in the tests instead of doing real database access)

**Dummy object** (used when a parameter is needed for the tested method but without

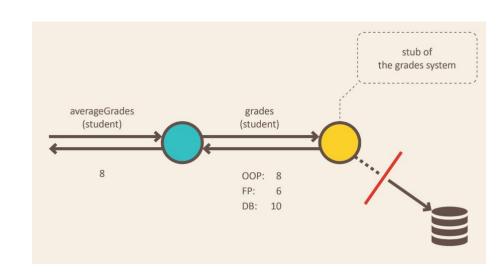
actually needing to use the parameter)



#### Stub

**Stub** is an object that holds predefined data and uses it to answer calls during tests. It is used when we cannot or don't want to involve objects that would answer with real data or have undesirable side effects.

- A Stub is the lightest and most static version of this chain.
- Stub always returns the predefined output regardless of the input.
- We can't control the behavior of the stub.
- A stub can be useful to mimic the database objects.



#### Stub

```
public class StubUserStore : IUserStore
  public string GetUserRole(string username)
    return "contributor";
  public List<UserDetail> GetAllUsers()
    return new List<UserDetail>()
      new UserDetail{ Role = "administrator", Name = "admin"},
      new UserDetail(){ Role = "contributor", Name = "User 1"}
    };
```

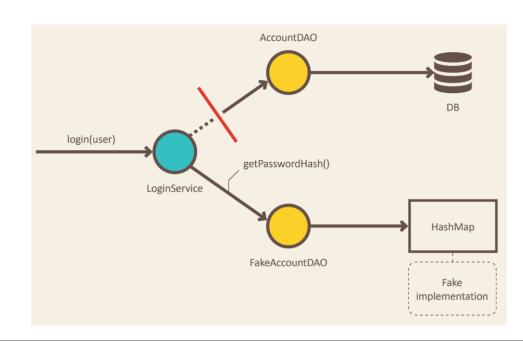
```
public interface IUserStore
{
    string GetUserRole(string username);
}

public class UserDetail
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public string Role { get; set; }
}
```

#### **Fake**

**Fakes** are objects that have working implementations, but not same as production one. Usually they take some shortcut and have simplified version of production code.

- A Fake is more powerful than Stub.
- Fake classes can change the behavior based on input.
- Fake class functions can return different output for different inputs unlike that of stub.
- Fakes can help us to mimic all the possible behavior of the interfaces.



#### **Fake**

```
public class FakeUserStore : IUserStore
  public string GetUserRole(string username)
    if (username == "admin")
      return "administrator";
    else
    return "contributor";
public interface IUserStore
  string GetUserRole(string username);
```

## Spy

- A Spy is an advanced version of the Fake which can store the previous state of the object.
- The spy can be useful to mimic the retry services or to check scenarios like 'if the function called at least once'.
- You can also create a spy for loggers to store and validate all the logs logged while running the test case.

## Spy

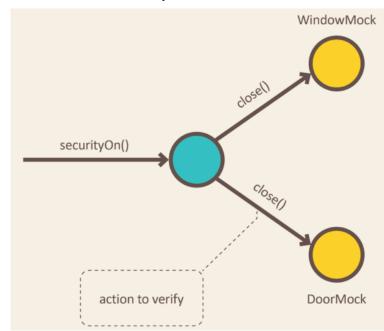
```
public class SpyUserStore : IUserStore
  private static int Counter { get; set; }
  public SpyUserStore()
    Counter = 0;
  public string GetUserRole(string username)
    if (Counter >= 1)
      throw new Exception("Function called more than once");
Counter++;
  if (username == "admin")
      return "administrator";
    else
      return "contributor";
```

#### Mock

**Mocks** are objects that register calls they receive.

In test assertion we can verify on Mocks that all expected actions were performed.

- A Mock is the most powerful and flexible version in the chain.
- The behavior of the mocked interface can be changed dynamically based on scenarios.
- We can apply a variety of assertions by creating Mocked objects using mock frameworks, for example - Moq.
- Mock gives the full control over the behavior of mocked objects.



#### Mock

### Stub, Mock, Fake: Which one shall I use?

- Try to avoid mocks if the same scenarios can be reproduced with simple stubs and fakes.
- Use *Stub* to represent database objects and use *Fake* and *Spy* to mimic the behavior of business interfaces or services like retry, logging, etc.
- *Mocks* sometimes make test cases difficult to read and difficult to understand.
- Improper use of Mock may impact test strategy in a negative way

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