JUnit Testing Framework

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Topics

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What is & Why JUnit Testing Framework?

What is JUnit?

- JUnit is a regression testing framework
- Used by developers to implement unit tests in Java (de-facto standard)
- Integrated with Ant, Maven
 - Testing is performed as part of nightly build process: You can tell what has been broken
- Goal: Increase the quality of code.
- Part of XUnit family (HTTPUnit, Cactus for Server side testing, etc)

Why JUnit?

- Without JUnit, you will have to use println() to print out some result
 - No explicit concept of test passing or failure
 - No mechanism to collect results in a structured fashion
 - No replicability
- JUnit addresses all these issues

Key Goals of JUnit

- Easy to create tests
- Create tests that retain their value over time
- Leverage existing tests to write new ones (reusable)

What does JUnit provide?

- API for easily creating Java test cases
- Comprehensive assertion facilities
 - verify expected versus actual results
- Test runners for running tests (only in JUnit 3.x)
- Aggregation facility (test suites)
- Reporting

How to write JUnit Testing code?

How to write JUnit-based testing code (Minimum) – JUnit 3.x

- Include JUnit_<version>.jar in the classpath
- Define a subclass of TestCase class
- Define one or more public testxxx() methods in the subclass
 - Write assert methods inside the testXXX methods()
- Optionally define main() to run the TestCase in batch mode.

Rules of testXXX() methods

- Test methods has name pattern testXXX() - JUnit 3.x
- Test methods must have no arguments
- Test methods return nothing void

Example 1: Very Simple Test (JUnit 3.x)

```
import junit.framework.TestCase;
public class SimpleTest extends TestCase {
    public SimpleTest(String name) {
        super(name);
    // Test code
    public void testSomething() {
        System.out.println("About to call assertTrue() method...");
        assertTrue(4 == (2 * 2));
    // You don't have to have main() method, You can use Test runner
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        junit.textui.TestRunner.run(SimpleTest.class);
```



setUp() and tearDown() & Suite

- Optionally override the setUp() & tearDown() methods
 - Use setUP() for setting things up before each test
 - Use tearDown() for tearing things down after each test
- Optionally define a static suite() factory method
 - Create a TestSuite containing all the tests

Example 2: Using setUp() & tearDown()

```
// Define a subclass of TestCase
public class StringTest extends TestCase {
   // Create fixtures
   protected void setUp() { /* run before */}
  protected void tearDown() { /* after */ }
   // Add testing methods
   public void testSimpleAdd() {
     String s1 = new String("abcd");
     String s2 = new String("abcd");
     assertTrue("Strings equal",
                 s1.equals(s2));
   // Could run the test in batch mode
   public static void main(String[] args) {
    junit.textui.TestRunner.run (StringTest.class);
```

Demo: TestComputeClass_setUptearDown 1048 javase junit.zip

- JUnit Assertions are methods starting with assert
- Determines the success or failure of a test
- An assert is simply a comparison between an expected value and an actual value
- Two variants
 - assertXXX(...)
 - assertXXX(String message, ...) the message is displayed when the assertXXX() fails

- Asserts that a condition is true
 - assertTrue(boolean condition)
 - assertTrue(String message, boolean condition)
- Asserts that a condition is false
 - assertFalse(boolean condition)
 - assertFalse(String message, boolean condition)

- Asserts expected.equals(actual) behavior
 - assertEquals(expected, actual)
 - assertEquals(String message, expected, actual)
- Asserts expected == actual behavior
 - assertSame(Object expected, Object actual)
 - assertSame(String message, Object expected, Object actual)

- Asserts object reference is null
 - assertNull(Object obj)
 - assertNull(String message, Object obj)
- Asserts object reference is not null
 - assertNotNull(Object obj)
 - assertNotNull(String message, Object obj)
- Forces a failure
 - fail()
 - fail(String message)

Fixtures

Fixtures

- setup() and tearDown() used to initialize and release common test data, which are called fixtures
- setup() is run before every test invocation & tearDown() is run after every test method

Test Suites

Test Suites (JUnit 3.x)

- Used to collect all the test cases
- Suites can contain testCases and testSuites
 - addTest(Test test) or addTestSuite(java.lang.Class testClass)

Example: Test Suites (JUnit 3.x)

```
public static void main (String [] args) {
   junit.textui.TestRunner.run (suite ());
public static Test suite (){
   suite = new TestSuite ("AllTests");
   suite.addTest
      (new TestSuite (AllTests.class));
   suite.addTest (StringTest.suite());
public void testAllTests () throws Exception{
     assertTrue (suite != null);
```

Example: Test Suites (JUnit 3.x)

```
// TestSuite implements Test interface
public static Test suite() {
    TestSuite suite = new TestSuite();
    suite.addTest(new TestSuite(FloatTest.class));
    suite.addTest(new TestSuite(BoolTest.class));
    return suite;
}
```



Test Runners

TestRunners (JUnit 3.x)

- Text
 - Lightweight, quick quiet
 - Run from command line

```
java StringTest
.....
Time: 0.05
Tests run: 7, Failures: 0, Errors: 0
```

Automating testing (Ant)

JUnit Task

Ant Batch mode

```
<target name="batchtest" depends="compile-tests">
  <junit printsummary="yes" fork="yes" haltonfailure="no">
  <classpath>
      <pathelement location="${build.dir}" />
      <pathelement location="${build.dir}/test" />
   </classpath>
  <formatter type="plain" usefile="yes"/>
    <batchtest fork="yes" todir="">
     <fileset dir="${test.dir}">
         <include name="**/*Test.java"/>
     </fileset>
   </batchtest>
  </junit>
</target>
```

JUnit 4.x

JUnit4 Improvements over JUnit3

- Test class no longer needs to extend TestCase class
- Test methods no longer needs to be named as test<NameOfMethod>
 - > @Test annotation over any arbitrary named method
- setup and teardown methods no longer have to be named as setUp() and tearDown()
 - > @Before and @After over any arbitrary named method
- One-time setup and teardown annotations
 - > @BeforeClass, @AfterClass
- Timeout and Ignore annotations
 - @Test(timeout = 5000), @Ignore("Ignore this test for now")
- TestSuite annotations

Example: JUnit 3 based

```
// In JUnit 3, you have to extend TestCase class
public class SimpleInterestCalculatorJUnit38Tests extends TestCase {
  private InterestCalculator interestCalculator;
  protected void setUp() throws Exception {
     interestCalculator = new SimpleInterestCalculator();
     interestCalculator.setRate(0.05);
  public void testCalculate() {
     double interest = interestCalculator.calculate(10000, 2);
     assertEquals(interest, 1000.0);
  public void testIllegalCalculate() {
     try {
       interestCalculator.calculate(-10000, 2);
       fail("No exception on illegal argument");
     catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {}
```

Example: JUnit 4 based

```
public class SimpleInterestCalculatorJUnit4Tests {
  private InterestCalculator interestCalculator;
  @Before
  public void init() {
     interestCalculator = new SimpleInterestCalculator();
     interestCalculator.setRate(0.05);
  @Test
  public void calculate() {
     double interest = interestCalculator.calculate(10000, 2);
     assertEquals(interest, 1000.0, 0);
  @Test(expected = IllegalArgumentException.class)
  public void illegalCalculate() {
     interestCalculator.calculate(-10000, 2);
```

Example: @BeforeClass, @AfterClass

```
public class SimpleInterestCalculatorJUnit4Tests {
    // One time setup for the whole tests
    @BeforeClass
    public static void myBeforeClassMethod() {
        System.out.println("myBeforeClassMethod - Set things up once for all");
    }

// One time teardown for the whole tests
    @AfterClass
    public static void myAfterClassMethod() {
        System.out.println("myBeforeClassMethod - Clean things up once for all");
    }
}
```

Example: Timeout and Ignore

```
public class SimpleInterestCalculatorJUnit4Tests {
    @Test(timeout = 5000)
    public void testLengthyOperation() {
    }
    @Ignore("Ignore this test for now")
    @Test
    public void testTheWhatSoEverSpecialFunctionality() {
    }
}
```

Running JUnit4

- Most likely you are going to run within an IDE
- JUnit4 no longer supports TestRunner, instead you run at the command line
- Command line syntax
 java -cp <JUnit-jar> org.junit.runner.JUnitCore <Your-test-class>
- Example

java -cp build\classes;C:\avase_junit\junitjarfile\junit-4.8.2.jar org.junit.runner.JUnitCore TestComputeClass

Demo: TestComputeClass_annotation 1048_javase_junit.zip

TestSuite Support in JUnit 4.x

```
@RunWith(value=Suite.class)
@SuiteClasses(value={TestComputeClass.class, TestComputeClass2.class})
public class AllTests {
  // One time setup for the whole tests
  @BeforeClass
  public static void myBeforeClassMethod() {
    System.out.println("myBeforeClassMethod - Set things up once for all");
  // One time teardown for the whole tests
  @AfterClass
  public static void myAfterClassMethod() {
    System.out.println("myAfterClassMethod - Clean things up once for all");
```

Demo:

TestComputeClass_TestSuite_annotation 1048_javase_junit.zip



Best Practices

What should I test?

- Tests things which could break
- Tests should succeed quietly.
 - Don't print "Doing foo...done with foo!"
 - Negative tests, exceptions and errors
- What shouldn't I test
 - Don't test set/get methods
 - Don't test the compiler

Test Driven Development (TDD)

- Write your test first, or at least at the same time with your non-test code
- Create new tests to show bugs then fix the bug
- Test driven development says write the test then make it pass by coding to it.

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Design Patterns for Testing

Designing for testing

- Separation of interface and implementation
 - Allows substitution of implementation to tests
- Factory pattern
 - Provides for abstraction of creation of implementations from the tests.
- Strategy pattern
 - Because FactoryFinder dynamically resolves desired factory, implementations are plugable

Design for testing - Factories

- new only used in Factory
- Allows writing tests which can be used across multiple implementations.
- Promotes frequent testing by writing tests which work against objects without requiring extensive setup
 - "extra-container" testing.

Design for testing - Mock Objects

- When your implementation requires a resource which is unavailable for testing
- External system or database is simulated.
- Another use of Factory, the mock implementation stubs out and returns the anticipated results from a request.

Testing with resources (EJB/DB)

- Use fixtures to request resource connection via factory, could be no-op.
- Use vm args or resource bundle to drive which factory is used.
- Data initialization/clearing handled by fixtures to preserve order independence of tests.