

Clever Testing

Testing in Java, Kotlin and Scala with
Mockito & AssertJ



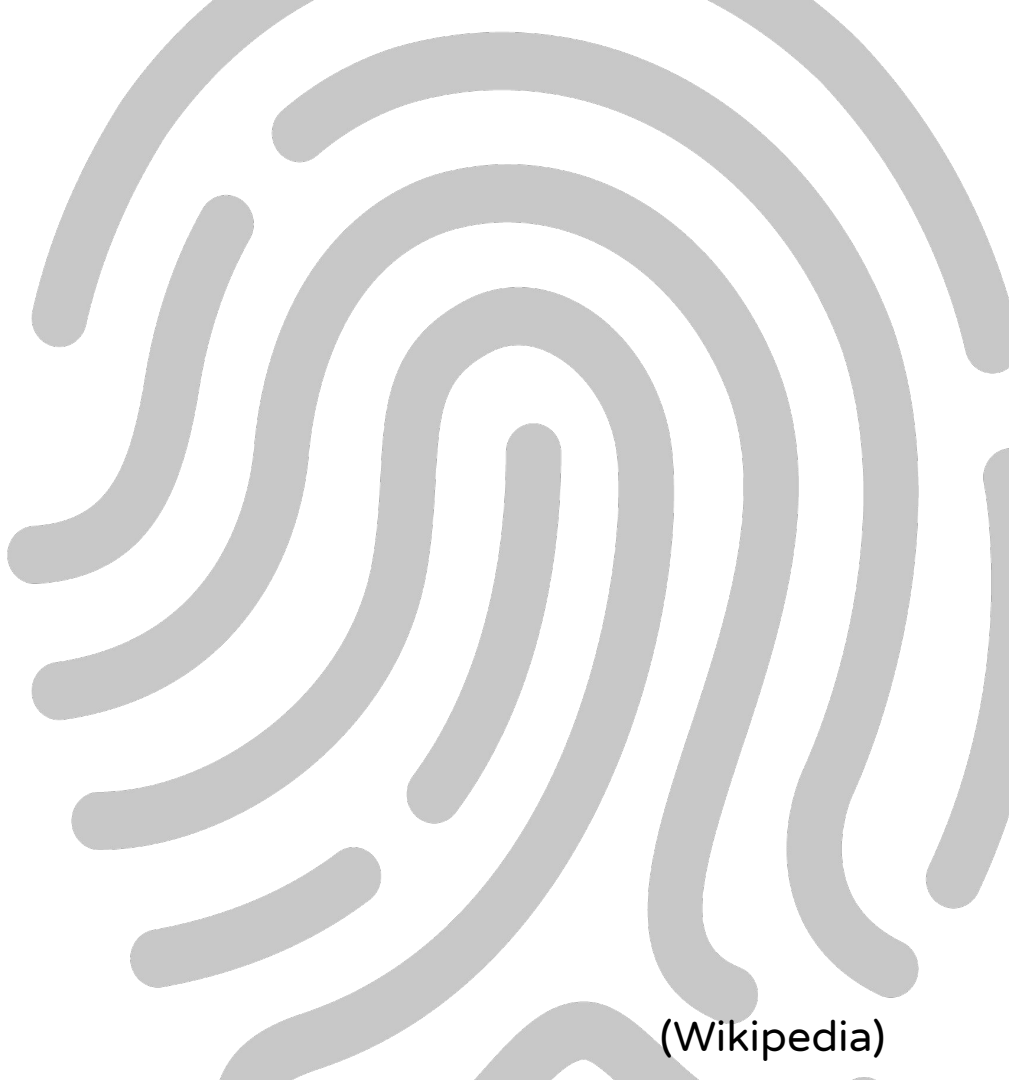
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What is a unit test?

Unit tests are typically automated tests written and run by software developers to ensure that a section of an application (known as the "unit") meets its design and behaves as intended.

In Java, it's possible to write special classes to test if the code in your program gives the expected results.



(Wikipedia)



Why unit testing?

1. Fixes bugs **early** in the development cycle
2. **Helps** developers **to understand** the code base
3. Enables them to **make changes quickly** (because it's modular)
4. Good unit tests serve as **project documentation**
5. Unit tests promote **code reuse**



Example scenario

If you were to implement a calculator that supports the **sum** operation.

Your **acceptance criteria** might be:

- if numbers are positive the result should be positive.
- if numbers are negative the result should be negative.
- if numbers are opposite the result should be zero.



Example of a test written in Java

Acceptance criteria: if numbers are positive the result should be positive.

```
public class CalculatorTest {  
  
    @Test  
    public void testSum_BothNumbersArePositive_ShouldReturnPositiveNumber() {  
        // Arrange  
        int a = 10;  
        int b = 20;  
        Calculator calc = new Calculator();  
        // Act  
        int result = calc.sum(a, b);  
        // Assert  
        Assert.assertTrue(result > 0);  
    }  
}
```



Unit testing frameworks

Unit testing frameworks for various languages:

- JsUnit for Javascript
- Mockit for Angular
- PyUnit for Python
- CppUnit for C++
- PhpUnit for Php
- **JUnit** for Java (Kotlin/Scala)



JUnit is a unit testing framework for the Java programming language. It is an open-source framework, and is used to write and run repeatable automated tests.

- ❖ Easy to setup and run.
- ❖ Supports annotations.
- ❖ Allows certain tests to be ignored or grouped and executed together.
- ❖ Supports parameterized testing, i.e. running a unit test by specifying different values at run time.
- ❖ Supports automated test execution by integrating with build tools like Ant, Maven, and Gradle.



Some Vocabulary

Unit: block of code to be tested

Assertion: verification of an expected result. If the check fails, an exception is thrown and the current test stops.

Fixture: initialization / termination common to all unit tests

Suite: a set of executable unit tests



Common JUnit 5 Annotations

Annotations are like meta-tags that you can add to your code, and apply them to methods or in a class.

Some common annotations for JUnit 5 are:

@Test - Marks the method as a test method.

@BeforeEach and **@AfterEach** sandwiches each test method in the class.

@BeforeAll and **@AfterAll** sandwiches all of the test methods in a JUnit test class.



Example of a JUnit test written in Java

The class we want to test (System Under Test)

```
public class MyUnit {  
  
    public String concatenate(String one, String two){  
        return one + two;  
    }  
  
}
```



Example of a JUnit test written in Java

The JUnit unit testing the `concatenate()` method

```
import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;
import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.*;

public class MyUnitTest {

    @Test
    public void testConcatenate() {
        MyUnit myUnit = new MyUnit();

        String result = myUnit.concatenate("one", "two");

        assertEquals("onetwo", result);
    }
}
```



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Import annotation
`@Test`

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import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;  
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```

Class naming
convention - suffix
("Test")

```
public class MyUnitTest {
```

Annotation
"@Test" indicating
that the method is
a test to be
executed

```
@Test
```

```
public void testConcatenate() {
```

```
    MyUnit myUnit = new MyUnit();
```

```
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Creating an instance of the class to be tested

Assertion verifies the execution results of the code to be tested

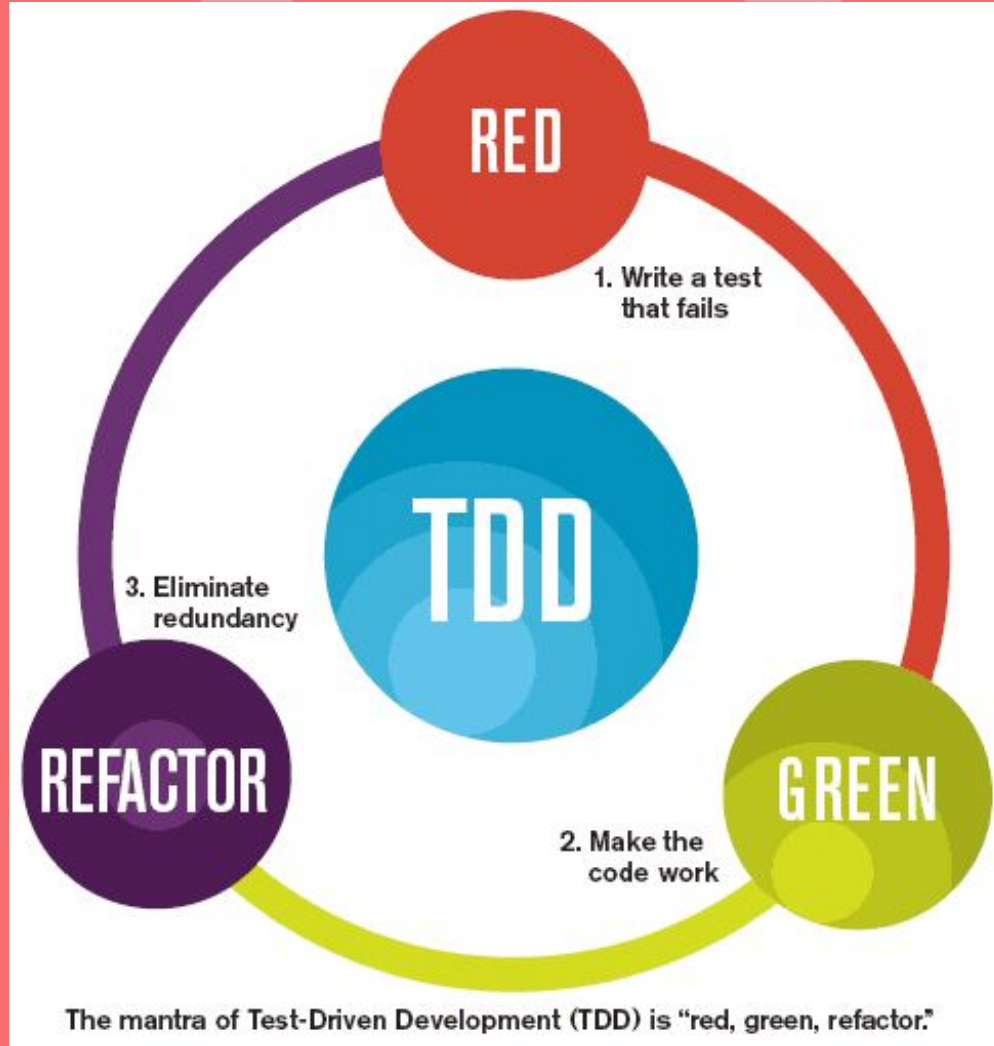
Execution of the method to be tested



Test Driven Development (TDD)



1. **Add a test**
Before writing the application code
 - **Forces you to think about your code before writing it!**
2. **Check** that the test does not pass
 - Normal since the code is not written
3. **Implement** the functionality
 - At the very least, just so it can send back a proper test...
4. **Perform** unit tests
 - Check that the tests pass, otherwise debug
5. **Refactor** the source code and re-run unit tests
6. If still ok, move on to the next objective and start the process again at step 1.





Benefits of TDD

- ❖ Forces you to write tests in a **systematic** way: more tests = less bugs and regressions
- ❖ Forces to **think ahead about the** implementation before coding (class names, methods, parameters, return values, behaviors...)
- ❖ Encourages you think of **all the** possible **scenarios** that could lead to malfunctions.
- ❖ Allows a better code **breakdown** by limiting the complexity of each step (step by step realisation)

In the end, **it's the code that adapts to the tests**, writing tests beforehand means writing code that is easily testable! Otherwise, there is a risk of testing portions of badly written code which is therefore difficult to write and test.



Mocking with Mockito

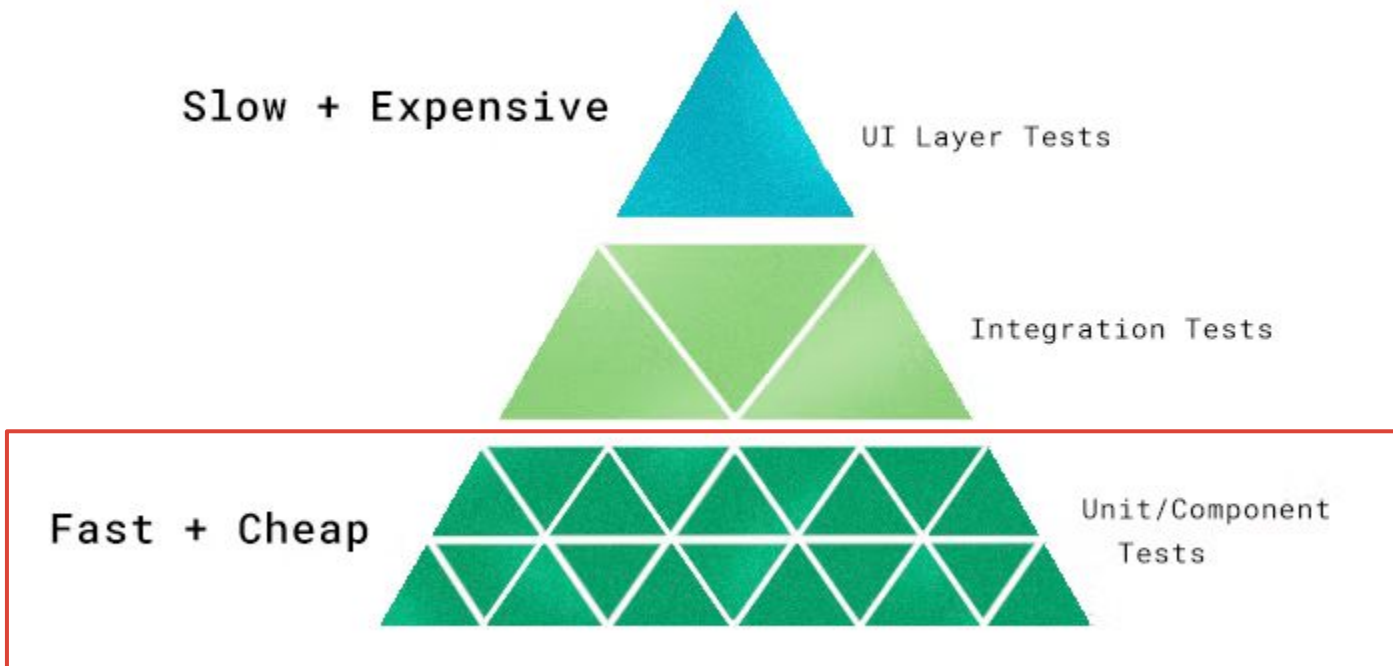


Different Types of Tests

- ❖ **Unit test** all smaller, pure, core components like entities, domain services, aggregates, value objects, utility classes and so on
- ❖ Also **unit test** your use cases with **mocks** to confirm that we perform commands against infrastructure dependencies; use **stubs** to force code to go down different code paths — do this for all of your acceptance tests
- ❖ **Integration test** all of your incoming and outgoing adapters (GraphQL API, database, cache, event subscribers, etc)
- ❖ **End to End test** — from the front-end to the GraphQL API, through the database and the cache — a select few acceptance tests to get that extra bit of confidence



Optimize Testing: Left Shift





Scope of Unit Tests

What's *not* a unit test?

Michael Feathers says a test is not a unit test if:

1. It talks to the **database**
2. It communicates across the **network**
3. It touches the **file system**
4. It can't run at the same time as any of your **other unit tests**
5. You have to do special things to your **environment** (such as editing config files) to run it.



Mocks vs Stubs

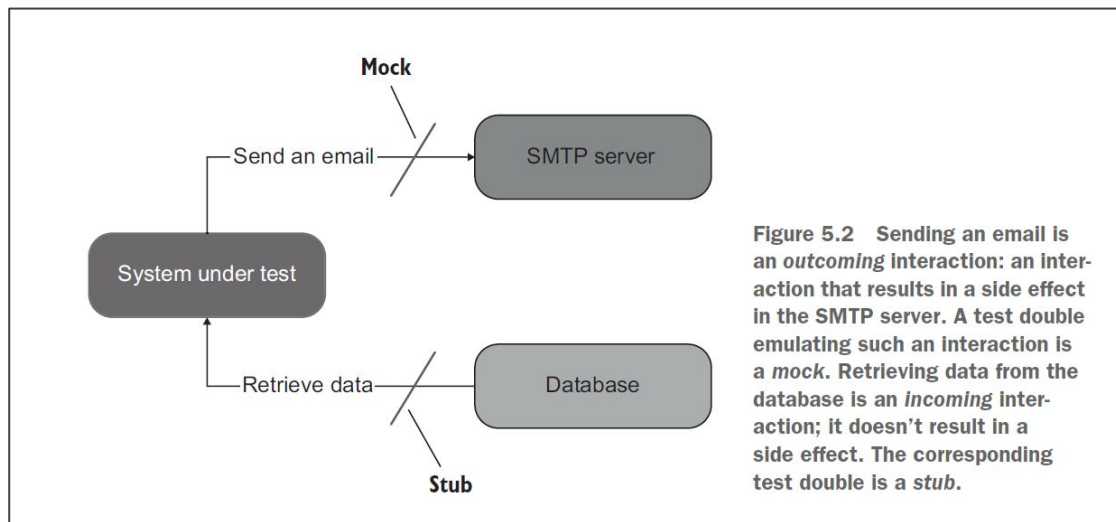
Use **mocks** for commands, use **stubs** for queries.

- ❖ A **stub** is a **fake class** that comes with **preprogrammed return values**. It's injected into the class under test to give you absolute control over what's being tested as input. A typical stub is a database connection that allows you to mimic any scenario without having a real database.
- ❖ A **mock** is a **fake class** that can be examined after the test is finished for its **interactions with the class under test**. For example, you can ask it whether a method was called or how many times it was called. Typical mocks are classes with side effects that need to be examined, e.g. a class that sends emails or sends data to another external service.



Mocks vs Stubs

- ❖ Stubs are used for **incoming** data only, they are not asserted against.
- ❖ Mocks emulate **outgoing** commands with side effects (eg. void methods).





Different Types of Fake Objects

Mocks

- ❖ **Mocks:** We use a mock to stand in and **assert** against command-like operations (outgoing interactions or state changes against dependencies). We pass mocks in to the system under test (SUT) and later check during the *assert* phase of a test that the correct calls to change the dependencies' state were made.
- ❖ **Spies:** These are exactly the same thing as traditional mocks except that we *hand-roll* spies manually, whereas with traditional mocks, mocking libraries like Mockito help you creating mocks from interfaces.

Stubs

- ❖ **Dummies:** These don't do anything. Nor are they used during a test. These are objects that are just used to fill up parameter lists so that a constructor, function, or method will execute. They can often be null or empty-string.
- ❖ **Stubs:** A stub is a dependency that we can configure to return different values in query-like scenarios. This generally takes some effort to do.
- ❖ **Fakes:** A fake is practically the same thing as a stub. They only differ in the sense that we create a fake to sub in for a dependency that doesn't exist yet. This can be done very quickly.



Assertions with JUnit, Hamcrest & AssertJ



Assert methods

JUnit provides a class named **Assert**, which provides a set of assertion methods useful in writing test cases and to detect test failure.

The methods are as follows (click each one to learn more)

- [assertArrayEquals\(\)](#)
- [assertEquals\(\)](#)
- [assertTrue\(\)](#) + [assertFalse\(\)](#)
- [assertNull\(\)](#) + [assertNotNull\(\)](#)
- [assertSame\(\)](#) and [assertNotSame\(\)](#)
- [assertThat\(\)](#)



Hamcrest Assertions

In JUnit, Assertions just check if the condition is false, the test fails.

```
assert(x == y)
```

This syntax fails to produce a sufficiently good error message if 'x' and 'y' are not equal. More recent unit test frameworks provide a family of assertion statements, which produce better error messages.

```
assert_equal(x, y)  
assert_not_equal(x, y)
```

But this leads to an explosion in the number of assertion macros, as the above set is expanded to support comparisons different from simple equality. Modern unit test frameworks use a library such as Hamcrest to support an 'assert_that' operator that can be combined with 'matcher' objects, leading to syntax like this:

```
assert_that(x, equal_to(y))  
assert_that(x, is_not(equal_to(y)))
```



What is AssertJ?

AssertJ is a Java library that provides a **rich set of assertions** and truly **helpful error messages**, improves test code **readability**, and is designed to be super **easy to use within your favorite IDE**.

Features

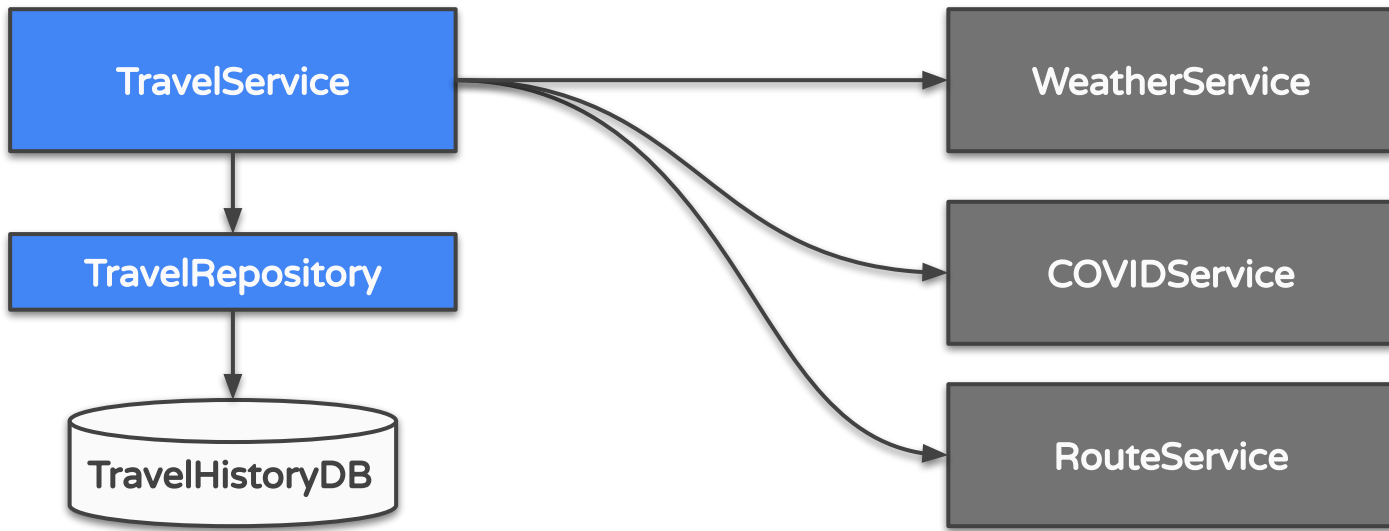
- **Easy to learn:** Fluent Assertions are easy to understand and use in an IDE
- **Easy to use:** same as with JUnit: adding Gradle/Maven dependencies and static imports
- **Fluent style:** AssertJ helps you to diversify your assertions with more readable code
- **IDE support/auto-completion:** AssertJ works great with IDEs.

Extending the TravelService with ZIP Codes



The Travel Service System Context

The *TravelService* uses REST APIs: *WeatherService*, *COVIDService* and *RouteService* for Service Integration

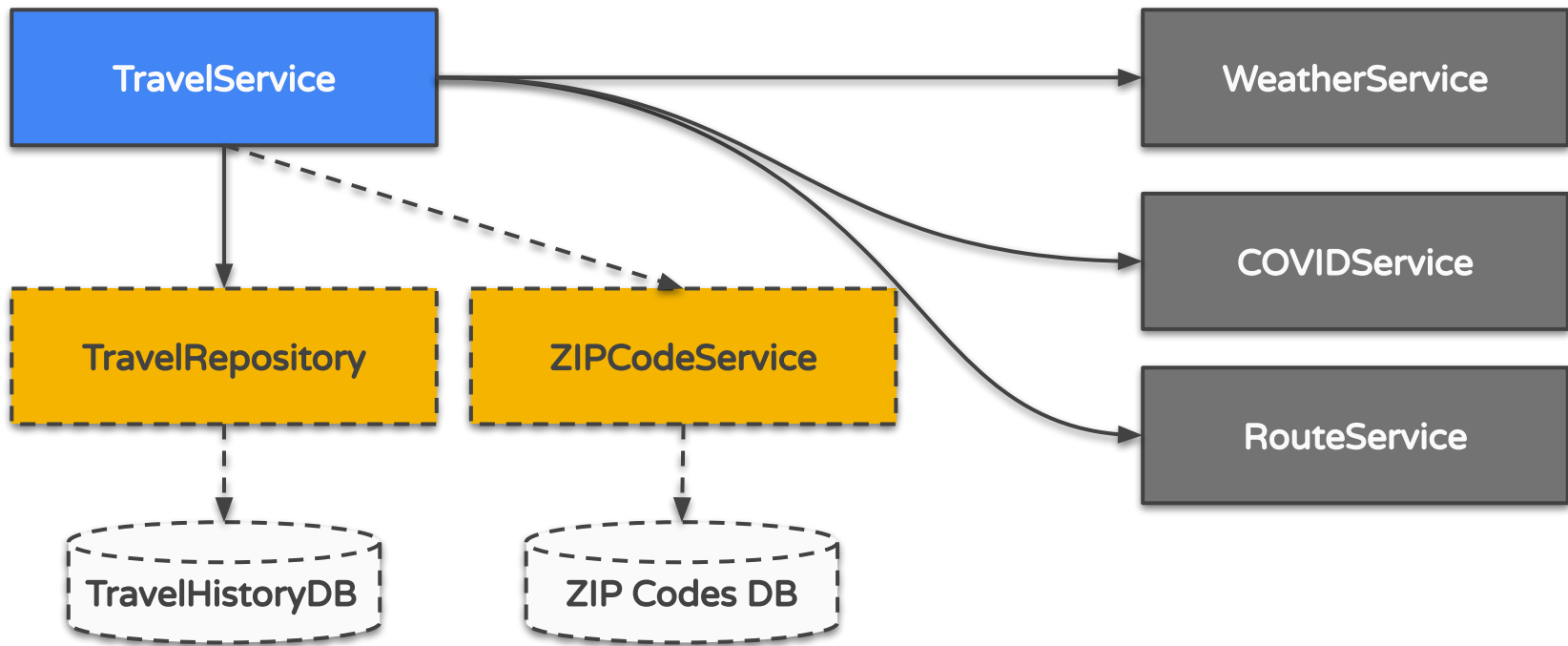




The extended Travel Service System Context

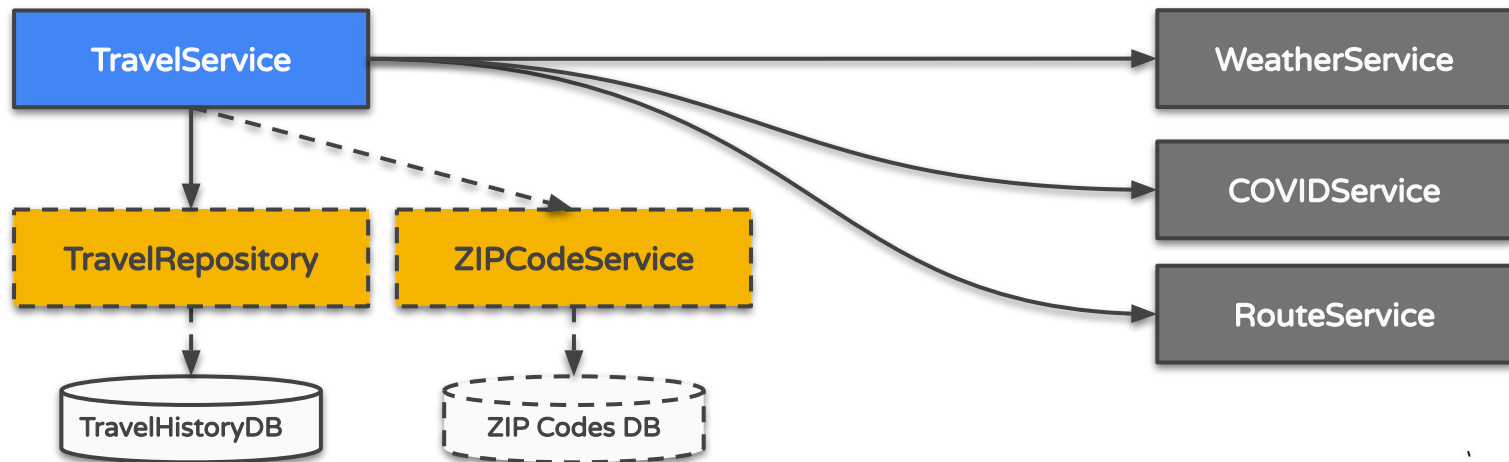
Extend the TravelService for ZIP codes

As a user, if I type in a 5 digit number, the zip code service is queried for the city name.
The returned city name is used for further processing.

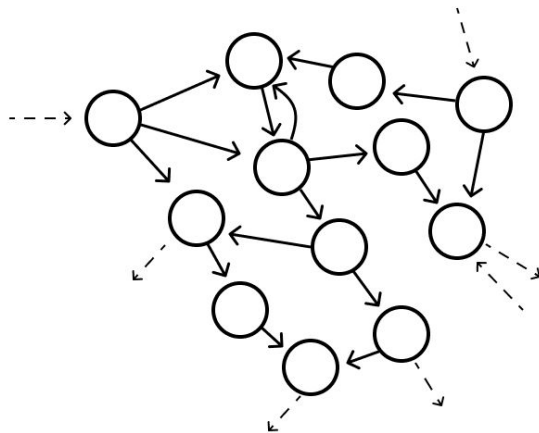




The extended Travel Service System Context



- How to **mock** the dependent classes?
- How to **stub** data classes?
- How to **assert** results and invocations?





Links and other information

About Mocking

- **About Mocking:** <https://khalilstemmler.com/wiki/test-doubles/>
- **Mockito at Baeldung:** <https://www.baeldung.com/mockito-behavior>,
<https://www.baeldung.com/mockito-verify>
- **Stubbing & Mocking with Mockito:**
<https://semaphoreci.com/community/tutorials/stubbing-and-mocking-with-mockito-2-and-junit>
- **Mockito Programming Cookbook:**
<https://www.javacodegeeks.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Mockito-Programming-Cookbook.pdf>

Assertion Frameworks

- **Comparison Hamcrest, AssertJ, Truth (German):**
https://www.sigs-datacom.de/uploads/tx_dmjournals/philipp_JS_06_15_gRfN.pdf
- **AssertJ Samples:** <https://www.vogella.com/tutorials/AssertJ/article.html>
- **AssertJ Samples on Homepage:** <https://assertj.github.io/doc/#assertj-core-assertions-guide>



Links and other information

Digressions (be careful about compliant usage!)

- **GitHub Copilot:** <https://copilot.github.com/> (check telemetry usage first!)
- **Faker:** <https://java-faker.herokuapp.com/>, **Baeldung Post:** <https://www.baeldung.com/java-faker>
- **JBang:** <https://www.jbang.dev/>, **IntelliJ Plugin:** <https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/18257-jbang>