



Deepdive Unit Testing in .NET

Day 1



Agenda Day 1

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Unit Testing 101

Unit test definition

- A piece of code that invokes a unit of work in the system and then checks a single assumption about the behavior of that unit of work
- Test code verifying application code

Impact of unit testing

Functional design

- Requires (re)formulating functionality in testable way
- Exposes flaws and holes in design
- Uncovers invalid and implicit assumptions

Technical design

- Simpler class hierarchies
- Component oriented
- Evolves through refactoring

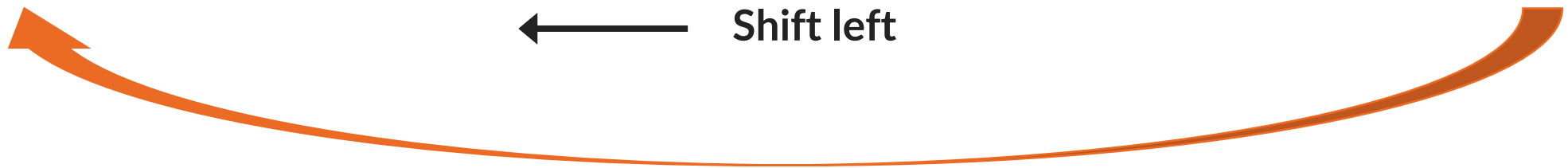
Coding

- Less code
- Smaller functions
- Less conditional code
- A lot more testing code

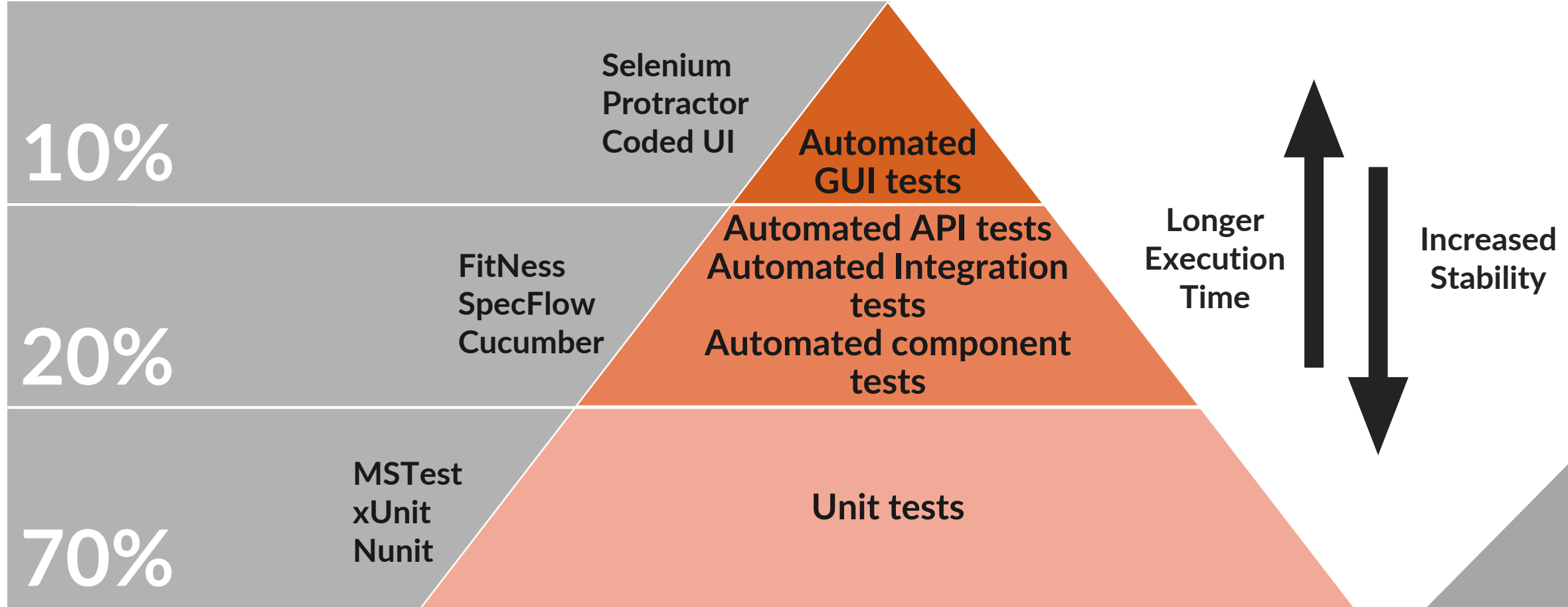
Bugs and debugging

- Bugs are more easily reproduced
- Debugging becomes simpler
- Solving bugs requires mostly local code changes

Unit testing in the Software Development Lifecycle



Testing Pyramid



A good unit test is

- **Independent**
 - No shared state
 - No order between tests
 - No external dependencies
- **Consistent**
- **Fast to execute**
- **Readable**
- **Maintainable**
- **Trustworthy**

Naming convention

Use a clear naming convention for unit tests such as

`[UnitOfWork]_[Scenario]_[ExpectedBehaviour]`

Examples

`RegisterUser_WithValidUser_ShouldReturnUserId`

`RegisterUser_WithInvalidUser_ShouldThrowInvalidUserException`

BDD style naming convention

Alternative Behaviour Driven Development style

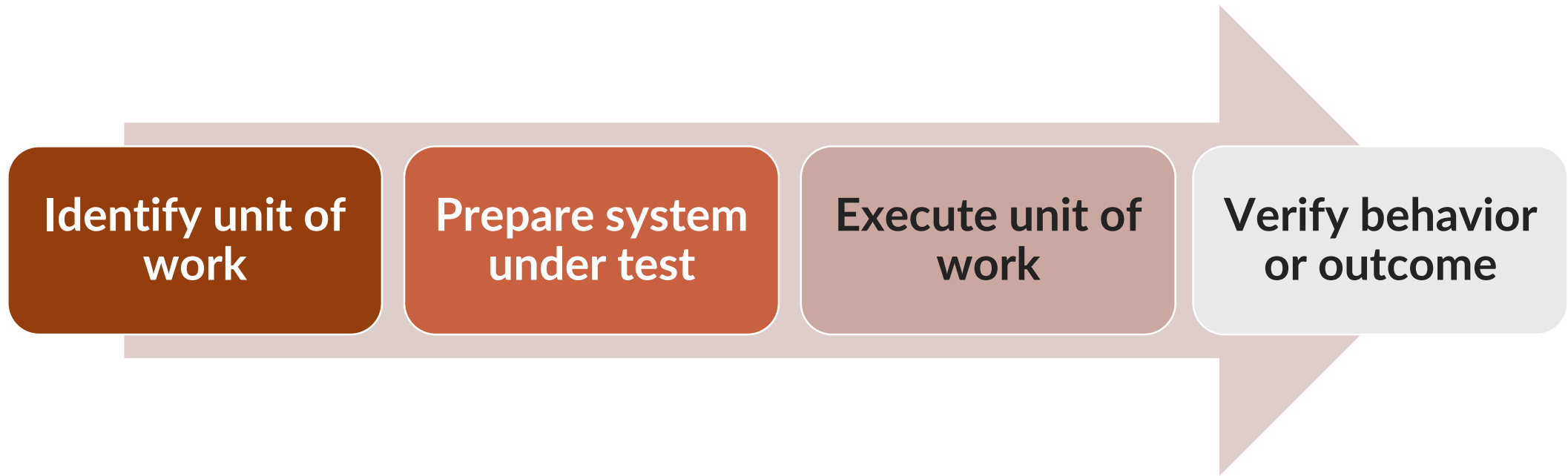
`[GivenPreconditions_WhenStateUnderTest_ThenExpectedBehavior]`

Examples

`GivenAValidUser_WhenUserIsRegistered_ThenReturnUserIdShouldBeReturned`

`GivenAnInvalidUser_WhenUserIsRegistered_
ThenAnInvalidUserExceptionShouldBeThrown`

Unit Test Responsibility



Unit test structure: AAA

// Arrange

```
var registrationService = new RegistrationService();  
var newUser = new User("Grace Hopper", "grace@hopper.org")
```

// Act

```
var result = registrationService.RegisterUser(newUser);
```

// Assert

```
Assert.NotNull(result, "It is expected that the result is the  
registered user.");
```



.NET Unit Test Frameworks

.NET Unit Test Frameworks

- Provides an API to structure tests
- Assert outcomes
- Examples:
 - MSTest
 - NUnit
 - xUnit

Unit Test Framework Attributes

	MSTest	NUnit	xUnit
Identify test class	[TestClass]	[TestFixture]	-
Identify test method	[TestMethod]	[Test]	[Fact]
Parameterized test method	[DataTestMethod]	[TestCase]	[Theory]
Run before every test in a class	[TestInitialize]	[SetUp]	-
Run after every test in a class	[TestCleanup]	[TearDown]	-
Run once before any tests are run in a class	[ClassInitialize]	[OneTimeSetUp]	-
Run once after all tests are run in a class	[ClassCleanup]	[OneTimeTearDown]	-

Frameworks & Libraries

Unit testing

- MSTest
- Nunit
- xUnit

Mocking

- NSubstitute
- Moq
- Nmock
- FakeItEasy

Arrange

- AutoFixture

Assert

- FluentAssertions
- Shouldy

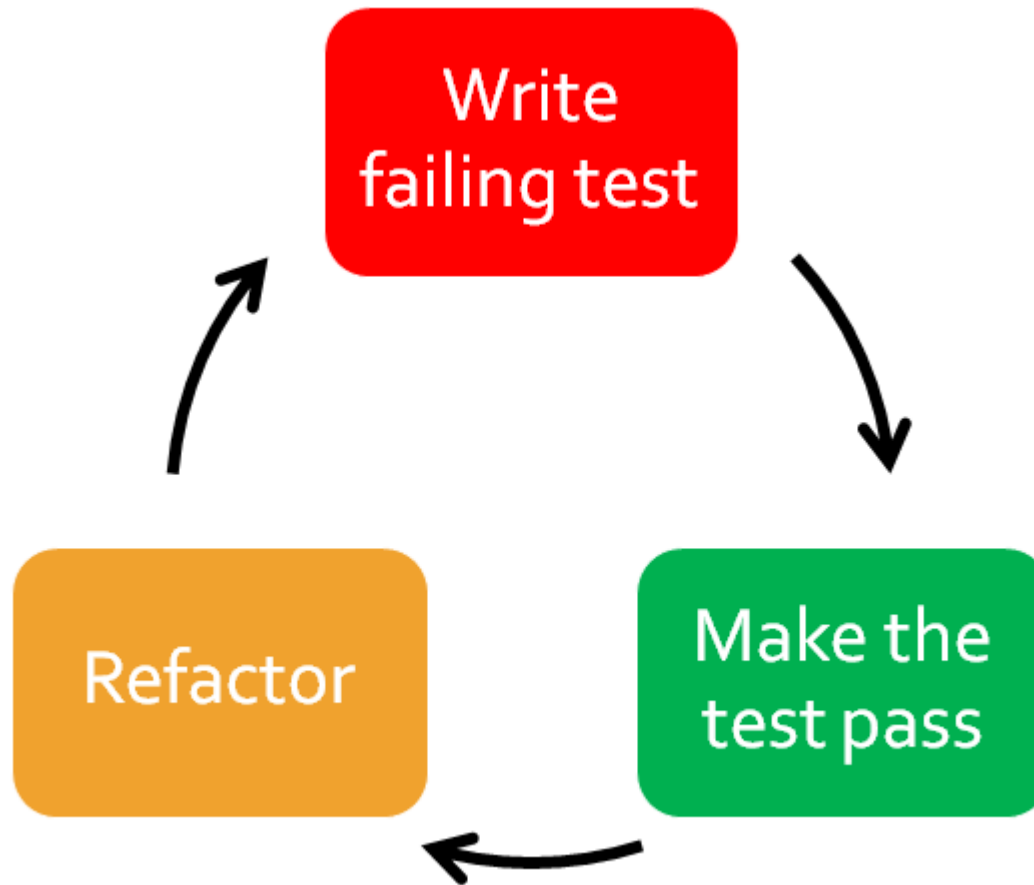
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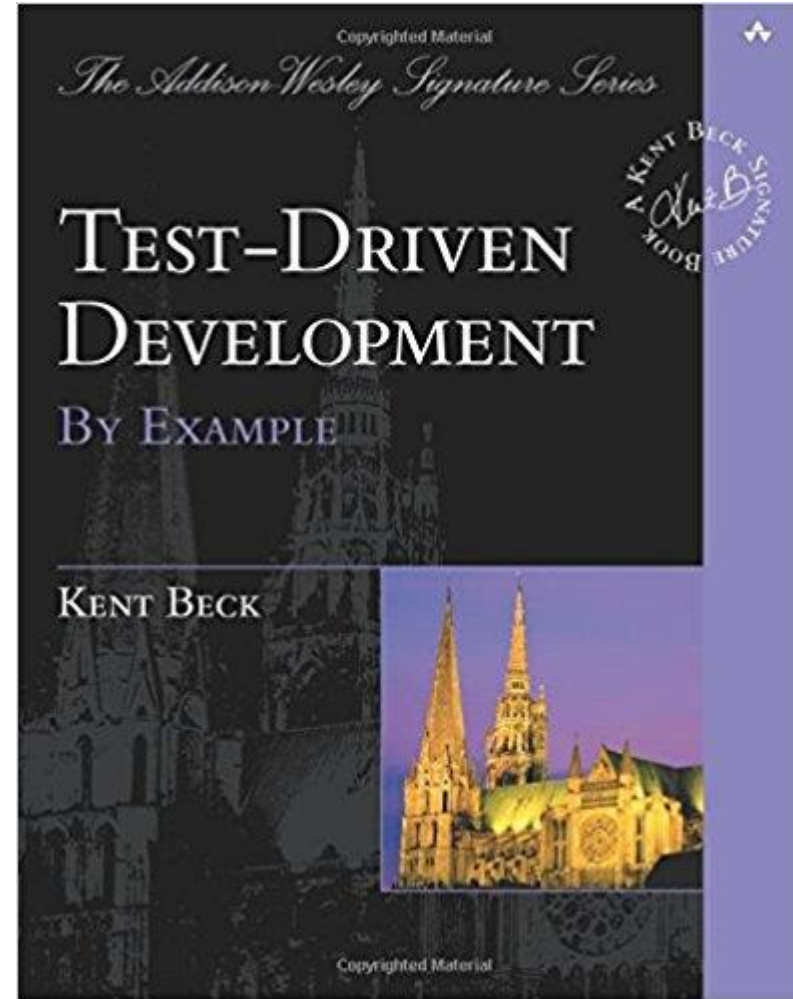
- Unit testing with xUnit
- Assertions

A detailed close-up photograph of a mechanical watch movement. The image shows several interlocking brass gears of different sizes, some with polished surfaces and others showing signs of wear. A large, dark metal gear with a prominent screw is visible on the right. In the lower-left corner, a coiled metal spiral spring is visible. The background is a dark, textured metal plate. The image is split diagonally, with the top-left portion showing the intricate mechanical parts and the bottom-right portion being a solid white background where the text is located.

Test Driven Development

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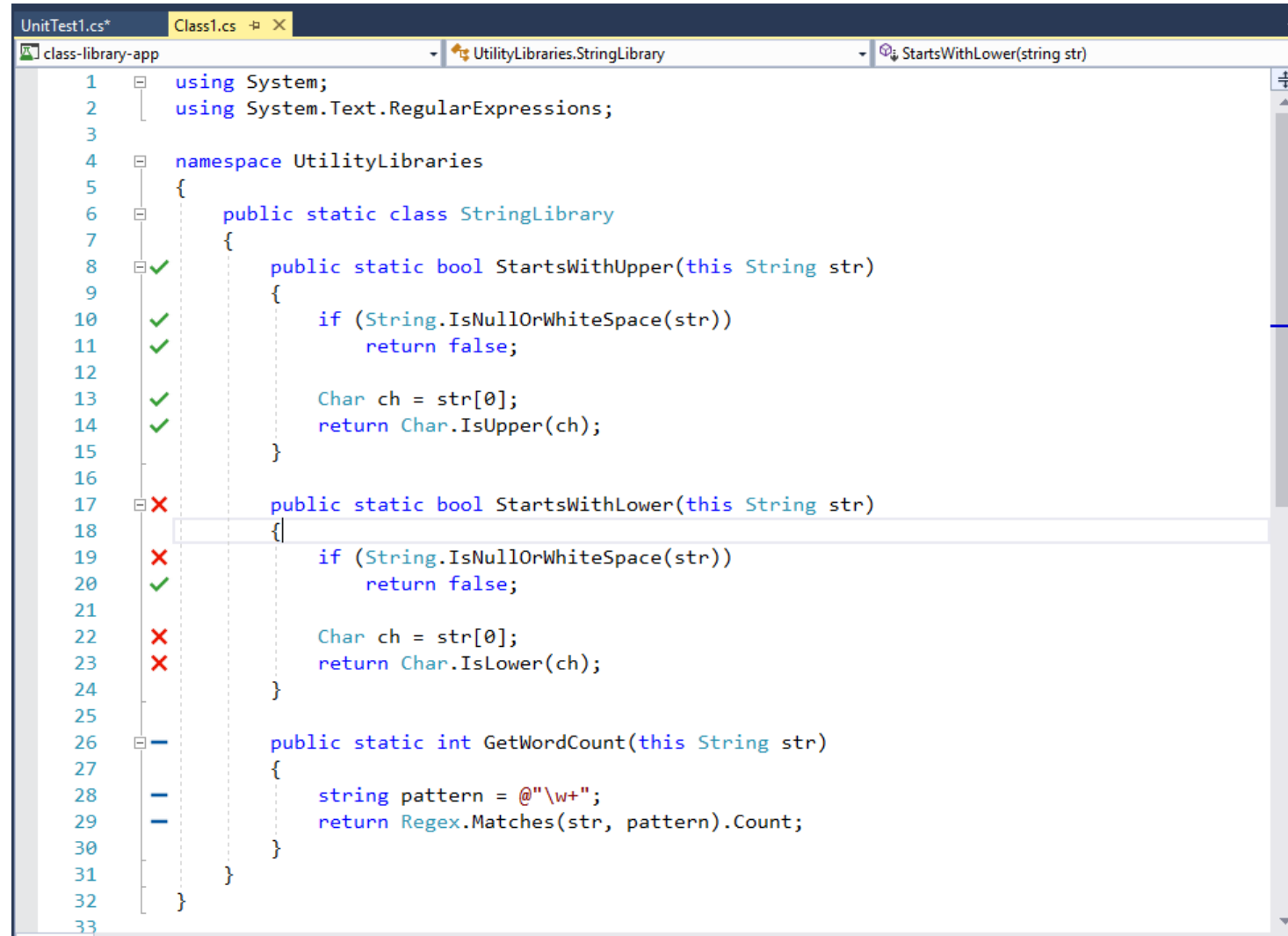




TDD

- **Write the minimum amount of code in order to pass the test.**
 - Having a small unit of work makes the debugging easier
 - Makes test code easier to read & understand

Live Unit Testing in VS2017 Enterprise



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio 2017 Enterprise IDE with a C# file named `Class1.cs` open. The file is part of a project named `class-library-app` and is located in the `UtilityLibraries.StringLibrary` namespace. The code defines a `StringLibrary` class with three static methods: `StartsWithUpper`, `StartsWithLower`, and `GetWordCount`. The `StartsWithUpper` method is highlighted, and its live unit test results are shown in the left margin. The results indicate that the method is passing all tests (green checkmarks) for the first three lines of code (lines 8-14) and failing the last two (lines 17-18, marked with red X's). The `StartsWithLower` method is also highlighted, and its live unit test results are shown in the left margin. The results indicate that the method is failing the first two lines of code (lines 19-20, marked with red X's) and passing the last two (lines 23-24, marked with green checkmarks). The `GetWordCount` method is also highlighted, and its live unit test results are shown in the left margin. The results indicate that the method is failing the first two lines of code (lines 27-28, marked with red X's) and passing the last two (lines 31-32, marked with green checkmarks).

```
1  using System;
2  using System.Text.RegularExpressions;
3
4  namespace UtilityLibraries
5  {
6      public static class StringLibrary
7      {
8          public static bool StartsWithUpper(this String str)
9          {
10             if (String.IsNullOrEmpty(str))
11                 return false;
12
13             Char ch = str[0];
14             return Char.IsUpper(ch);
15         }
16
17         public static bool StartsWithLower(this String str)
18         {
19             if (String.IsNullOrEmpty(str))
20                 return false;
21
22             Char ch = str[0];
23             return Char.IsLower(ch);
24         }
25
26         public static int GetWordCount(this String str)
27         {
28             string pattern = @"\w+";
29             return Regex.Matches(str, pattern).Count;
30         }
31     }
32 }
33
```

TDD kata

“A kata is a form of *deliberate practice*, with its roots in the martial arts world. It describes a choreographed pattern of movements used to *train yourself* to the level of *muscle memory*.

In the world of programming, katas are small coding exercises that a programmer completes on a daily basis. ”

Hands-on-Labs Solution & Docs

- Clone repo: <https://github.com/XpiritBV/UnitTesting>
- Read [tdd_katas/tdd_kata_start.md](#)
- Open the Xpirit.UnittestingWorkshop.sln

Hands-on-Labs

- **Perform TDD Kata 1– Player (15 min timebox)**
 - Pair programming
 - Ask for help
 - Central review afterwards

Hands-on-Labs

- **Perform TDD Kata 2 – Moving (20 min timebox)**
 - Pair programming
 - Ask for help
 - Central review afterwards

Hands-on-Labs

- **Perform TDD Kata 3 – Winning (20 min timebox)**
 - Pair programming
 - Ask for help
 - Central review afterwards



Testable Code

SOLID principles

- **S - Single-responsibility principle**
- **O - Open-closed principle**
- **L - Liskov substitution principle**
- **I - Interface segregation principle**
- **D - Dependency Inversion Principle**

Single responsibility principle

“A class should have one and only one reason to change, meaning that a class should have only one job.”

Open-closed principle

“Objects or entities should be open for extension, but closed for modification.”

Liskov substitution principle

“Objects in a program should be replaceable with instances of their subtypes without altering the correctness of that program.”

Interface segregation principle

“Many client-specific interfaces are better than one general-purpose interface.”

Dependency inversion principle

“One should “depend upon abstractions, not concretions.”

Analyze > Calculate Code Metrics

Code Metrics Results						
Filter: None Min: Max: [Icons]						
Hierarchy ^	Maintainability ...	Cyclomatic Comp...	Depth of Inherit...	Class Coupling	Lines of Code	
Common (Debug)	85	173	3	53	319	
Common.Lib (Debug)	88	2,766	3	494	5,046	
Common.Lib.Test (Debug)	72	346	1	152	1,571	
Common.Test (Debug)	76	10	1	9	36	
	80	2,370	5	943	4,750	
	81	47	1	83	206	
	89	278	4	61	401	
	60	11	1	18	63	
	95	1,133	4	323	1,816	
	80	5	1	5	13	
	87	3,420	6	575	4,913	
	77	336	6	291	939	
	78	227	1	89	399	
	89	49	1	21	89	
	90	2,926	5	483	4,317	
	79	104	6	96	385	
	90	1,900	4	327	2,786	
	85	143	4	98	361	

Seams

- **Seams are places in the code where behavior can be changed to allow unit testing**
 - Do use dependency injection using interfaces
 - Do use virtual methods or properties
 - Don't use static classes

Unit Isolation

- **Unit tests do not use actual implementation of dependencies**
 - Databases
 - Web services
 - File system
- **Replace dependencies with fake objects**
- **Choose size of your unit:**
 - Unit isolation testing
 - Unit integration testing

Dependency Inversion

- High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules. Both should depend on abstractions.
- Abstractions should not depend on details. Details should depend on abstractions



Dependency Injection

- **Make internal dependencies accessible to outside world**
 - Convenient in a lot of situations, e.g. changes, testing
 - Be explicit about dependencies
- **Three common ways to inject a dependency**
 - Constructor
 - Property
 - Method call

Constructor Injection

```
public class Game
{
    private IHighScoreService highScoreService;
    public Game(IHighScoreService highScoreService)
    {
        this.highScoreService = highScoreService;
    }
    public void Play()
    {
        highScoreService.Start();
        ...
    }
}
```

Constructor Injection with default

```
public class Game
{
    private IHighScoreService highScoreService;
    public Game(IHighScoreService highScoreService = null)
    {
        this.highScoreService = highScoreService ?? new HighScoreService();
    }
    public void Play()
    {
        highScoreService.Start();
        ...
    }
}
```

Property Injection

```
public class Game
{
    public IHighScoreService HighScoreService { get; set; }
    public void Play()
    {
        HighScoreService.Start();
        ...
    }
}
```

Property Injection with default

```
public class Game
{
    private IHighScoreService highScoreService;
    public IHighScoreService HighScoreService
    {
        get => highScoreService ?? new HighScoreService();
        set => highScoreService = value;
    }
    public void Play()
    {
        HighScoreService.Start();
        ...
    }
}
```



Mocking
dependencies

Mocking Frameworks

- A mocking framework helps to isolate the behavior of the system under test . It can replace dependencies with mocked objects which can simulate the behavior of the dependencies.
- Examples:
 - Moq
 - NMock
 - Nsubstitute
 - FakeItEasy

DEMO: Mocking framework

State & Interaction based tests

	State-based	Interaction-based
When to use	Care about state of an object.	Care about the behavior of an object.
What is asserted	The system under test itself.	A (mocked) object the system under test is dependent on.
Examples	Assert a property or method result has a certain value.	Verify that a method has been called. Verify the arguments of a method.

Hands-on-Labs

- **Perform TDD Kata 5 - Logging (15 min timebox)**
 - Pair programming
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Testing Exceptions

DEMO

- **Testing exceptions**

Unit Testing Exceptions

xUnit

```
// Act
Action action = () => new Game(null);

// Assert
Assert.Throws<ArgumentNullException>(action)

// Act & Assert
Assert.Throws<ArgumentNullException>(
    () => new Game(highscoreService));
```

Unit Testing Exceptions

FluentAssertions

```
// Act  
Action action = () => new Game(null);  
  
// Assert  
action.ShouldThrow<ArgumentNullException>();
```

Hands-on-Labs

- **Perform TDD Kata 4 – Boundaries (20 min timebox)**
 - Pair programming
 - Ask for help
 - Central review afterwards

Check out

- What did you like best?
- What could be improved?
- Which topics should we cover next lesson?

