

CSCI 5308

Advanced Software Development Concepts

ASSIGNMENT - 1

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GitHub - My Forked Repo Link: <https://github.com/adityap27/JSON-java>

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Task 1: Choose a Java-based open-source repository.

I have select this repository <https://github.com/stleary/JSON-java> [1] and have added my entry in the excel sheet: [Sheet Link](#)

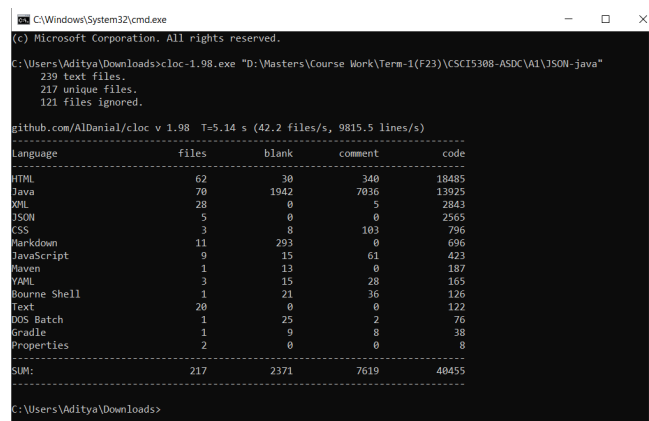
It follows all the mentioned assignment conditions (as of commit: [783d298f990c75fa2de4f458d1647cbf8e46a858](#))

Condition 1: It must be a maven or gradle-based project.

Answer: Yes, it used both maven and gradle. I will be using maven primarily.

Condition 2: It must have at least 10,000 lines of code

Answer: Yes, it has 13,925 Lines of java code as calculated by “cloc” tool [2].



```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
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C:\Users\Aditya\Downloads>cloc-1.98.exe "D:\Masters\Course Work\Term-1(F23)\CSC1308-ASDC\AI\JSON-java"
239 text files.
217 unique files.
121 files ignored.

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Language                  files  blank  comment  code
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HTML                      62      30      340     18485
Java                      70     1942     7036     13925
XML                       23        0        5     2843
JSON                      5        0        0     2565
CSS                        3        8     103      796
Markdown                  11     293        0      696
JavaScript                 9       15      61      423
Maven                     1       13        0      187
YAML                      3       15      28      165
Bourne Shell               1       21      36      126
Text                      20        0        0      122
DOS Batch                 1       25        2       76
Gradle                    1        9        8       38
Properties                 2        0        0        8
SUM:                      217     2371     7619    48455

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Figure 1: Lines of java code calculated using cloc tool [2].

Condition 3: It must have at least 50 stars.

Answer: Yes, it has 4.4k stars as shown in figure 2.

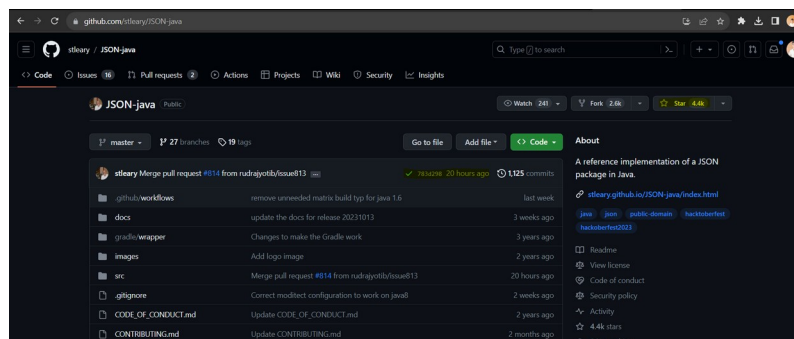


Figure 2: Stars of the repository and activeness [1].

Condition 4: It must have tests written using the JUnit framework

Answer: Yes, it uses Junit 4.13.2 and it is mentioned in the pom.xml.

Condition 5: It must not be a tutorial or example repository

Answer: It is not a tutorial or example repository.

Condition 6: It must be active (at least one commit in the past one year)

Answer: Yes, it is active, as shown in **figure 2**.

Later steps:

1. I forked that repository in my GitHub account. Link: <https://github.com/adityap27/JSON-java>

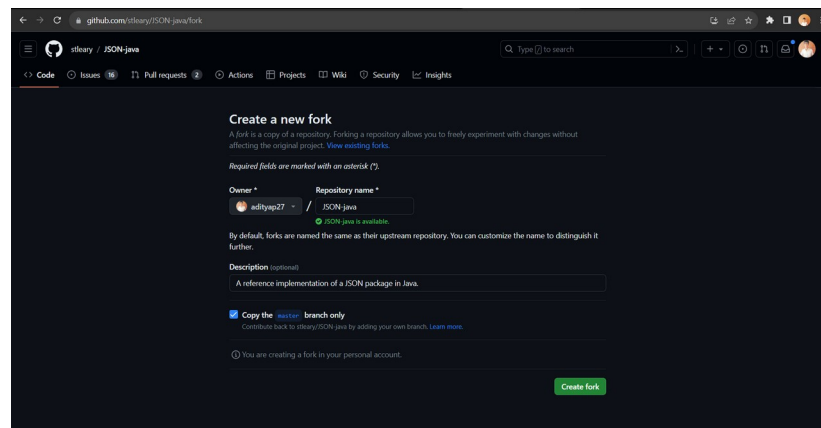


Figure 3: Fork of JSON-java repository [1].

2. I cloned the forked repository in my local machine.

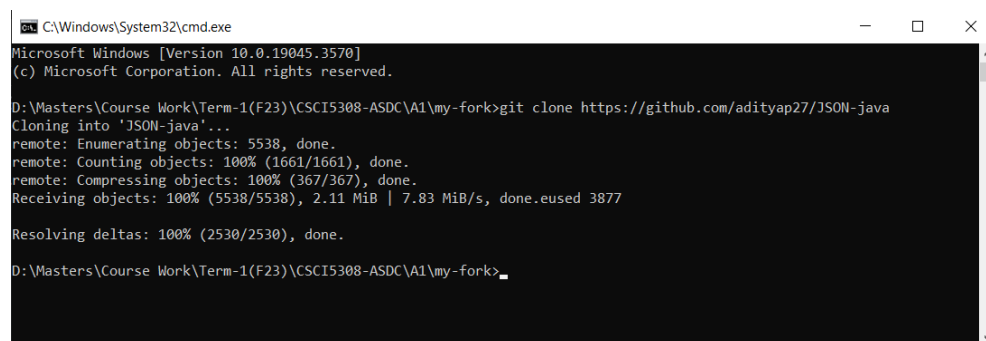


Figure 4: Clone forked repository into local machine.

Task 2: Quantitative measures of test implementation.

Total number of automated tests: 690, as shown in figure 5.

Code coverage (branch): 85, as shown in figure 5.

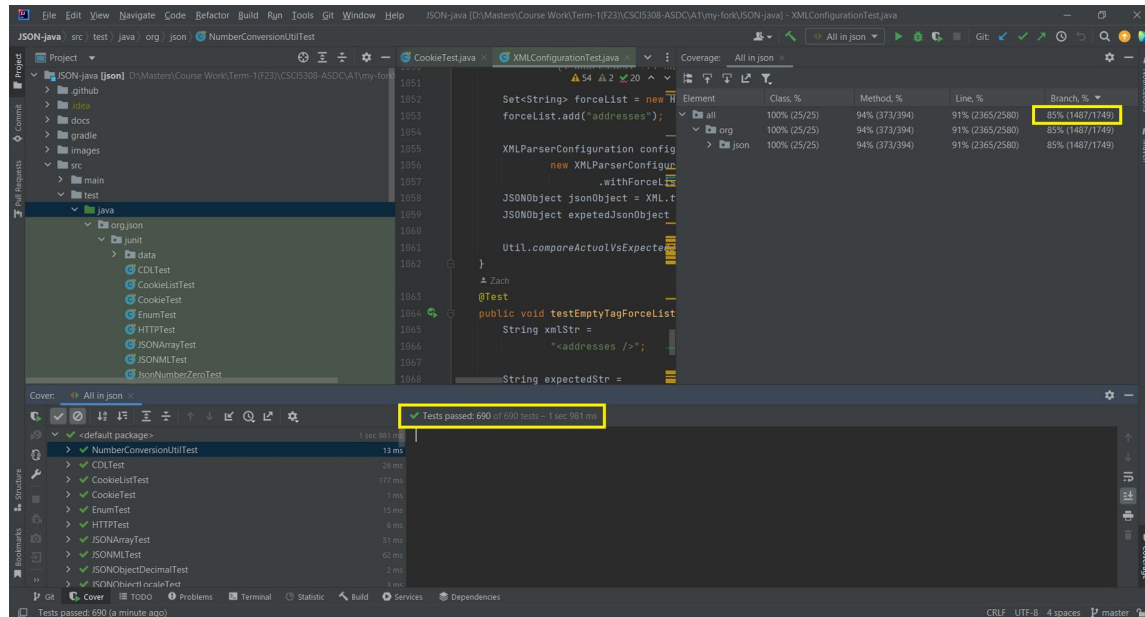


Figure 5: Total number of test cases and test coverage [3] [4] [5] [6].

Note: I have used IntelliJ IDE along with JaCoCo code coverage runner, instead of the default IntelliJ code coverage runner as that default was interfering & failing 1 existing test case while finding the coverage.

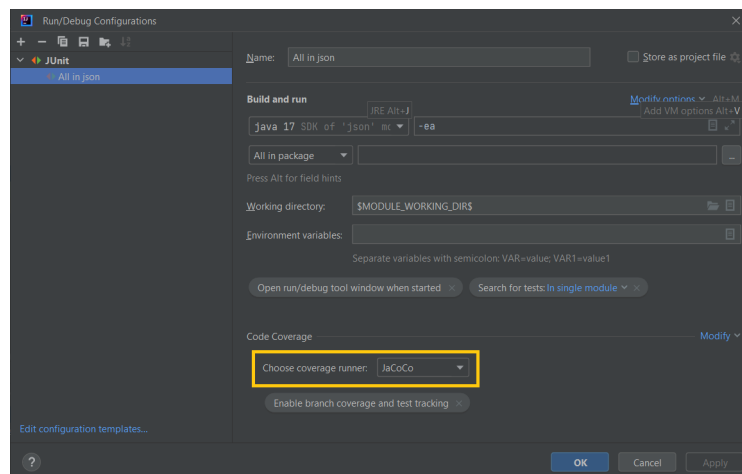


Figure 6: Choosing coverage runner in IntelliJ [3].

Task 3: Critique the test implementation.

Weak Aspects:

1. Inconsistent Naming Convention of Test case methods:

The test case methods are having multiple naming conventions across the repository. (a) Some methods are named based on the type of input to verify. (b) Some are starting with the test keyword and then followed by the type of input to verify. (c) Some are starting with the “issue<issue_number>” keyword and then the type of input to verify and (d) some are starting with both “test” and “issue<issue_number>” keywords followed by the input type to verify.

Example: The `unquotedText()` and `emptyJsonObject()` test cases in file `JSONObjectTest.java` are following the convention (a) as shown in figure 7. Here, `unquotedText` case has ‘str’ variable with unquoted keys and values in JSON format, which is the input type to be tested. Same file has test cases like `testSelfRecursiveObject`, `testLongSelfRecursiveObject`, etc., now with test keyword in starting as showing figure 8. Same file also has some test cases starting with issue keyword, with or without test keyword, such as `issue654StackOverflowInput`, `issue654IncorrectNestingNoKey1`, `testIssue682SimilarityOfJSONString`, etc. as shown in figure 9. Such variety of 4 naming conventions can be seen across the repository by the developer(s). Different files also have this inconsistency, such as `JSONArrayTest.java` file: `issue654StackOverflowInputWellFormed` and `testIssue682SimilarityOfJSONString` test cases.

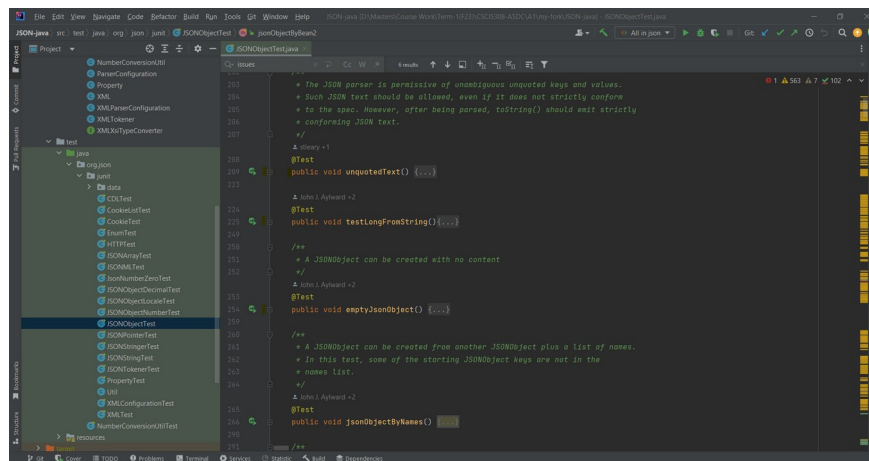


Figure 7: (a) method names based on the input type [3] [4] [5] [6].

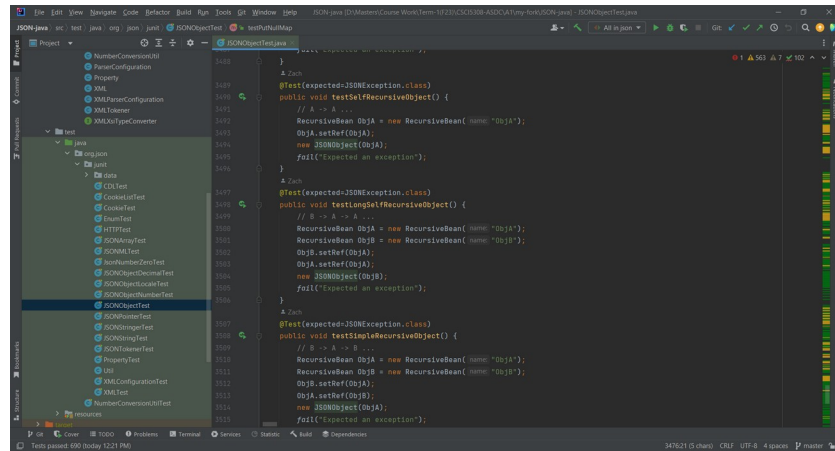


Figure 8: (b) method names based on the input type + test keyword in starting [3] [4] [5] [6].

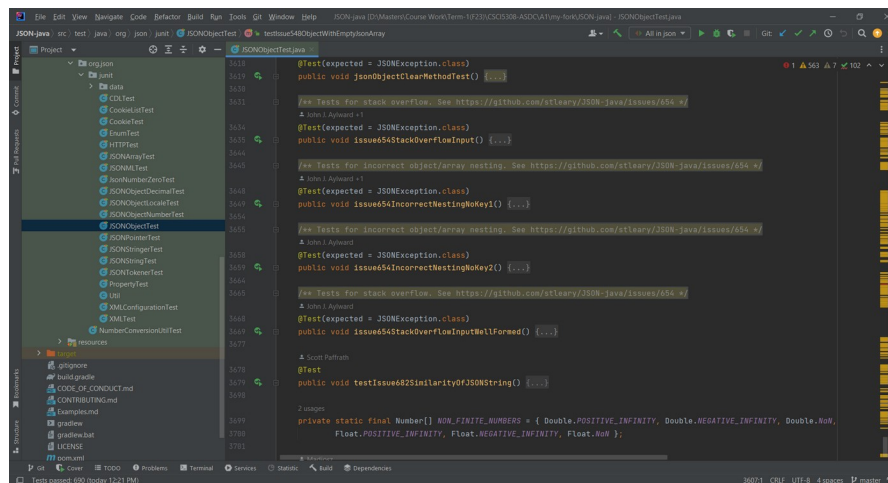


Figure 9: (c) and (d), method names based on the input type + issue keyword in starting, with or without test keyword [3] [4] [5] [6].

2. Mix of ‘expected’ attribute of junit and manual usage of Try-Catch for asserting exceptions:

There are several test cases in the repository which are testing for Exception. The developer(s) have used expected attribute of junit 4 for some tests but for many tests, manual try-catch blocks are written for exception assertions. **For example:** The `nullXMLException` test case in the `JSONMLTest.java` file uses the expected attribute to check for the `NullPointerException`, which will be thrown by the `act` statement at line number 37. However, the next test case `emptyXMLException` uses the try-catch block along with `fail` & `assertEquals`, to check for type of exception and message of exception as shown in figure 10. Such try-catches can be observed throughout the test folder of the repository: such as `nonXMLException`, `emptyTagException`, etc in `JSONMLTest.java`;

malformedCookieListException in CookieListTest.java to name a few. A better approach would be to avoid the manual try-catch and instead use the expected attribute of junit 4 or the ExpectedException rule of junit 4.

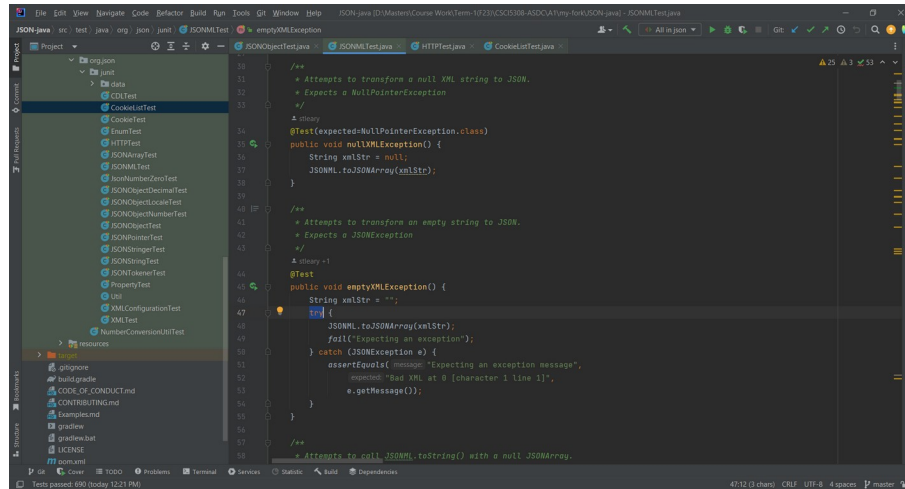


Figure 10: Usage of try-catch in test cases [3] [4] [5] [6].

3. Testing multiple things in a single test case:

There are several test cases in the repository where there are multiple tests inside a single test case method. These tests are independent and could have been written separately in order to identify the failure of any test case better in future and also for better readability of test cases. **For example:** The “length” test case in the file JSONArrayTest has 3 assert statements as shown in figure 11. The assert at line 519, checks for 0 length array, assert at line 522 checks for some array that is having multiple elements and the assert at 524 line checks for array having single element. These 3 test cases could have been written separately in different methods. Moreover, such pattern is seen throughout the repository, such as: join, opt, optStringConversion, put method of JSONArrayTest.java file as well as unquotedText, stringValueNumbersTest of JSONObjectTest.java to name a few.

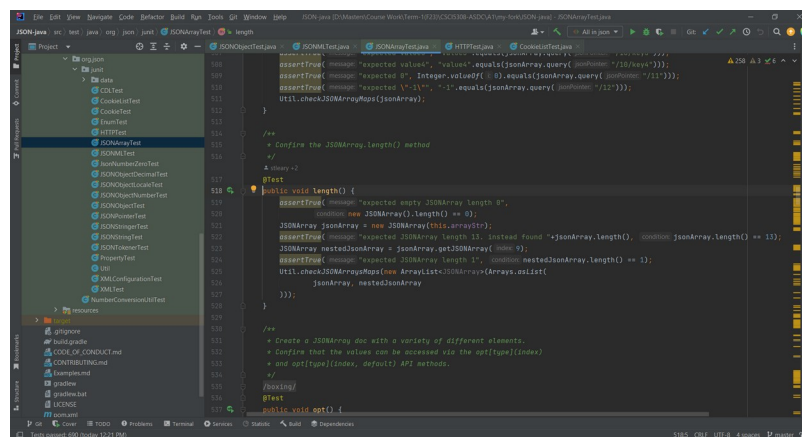


Figure 11: Multiple tests in same test case [3] [4] [5] [6].

4. Multiple commented test cases without any reasoning:

There are several various test cases commented in the repository. Also, the reason of disabling/commenting that test case is not mentioned anywhere. This might create a wrong impression that it is commented because it was failing and just to pas the build it has been commented to bypass the CI/CD. **For Example:**
org.json.junit.JSONArrayTest.java on line 1120 and 1183.
org.json.junit.JSONObjectTest.java on line 3018 and 3085.

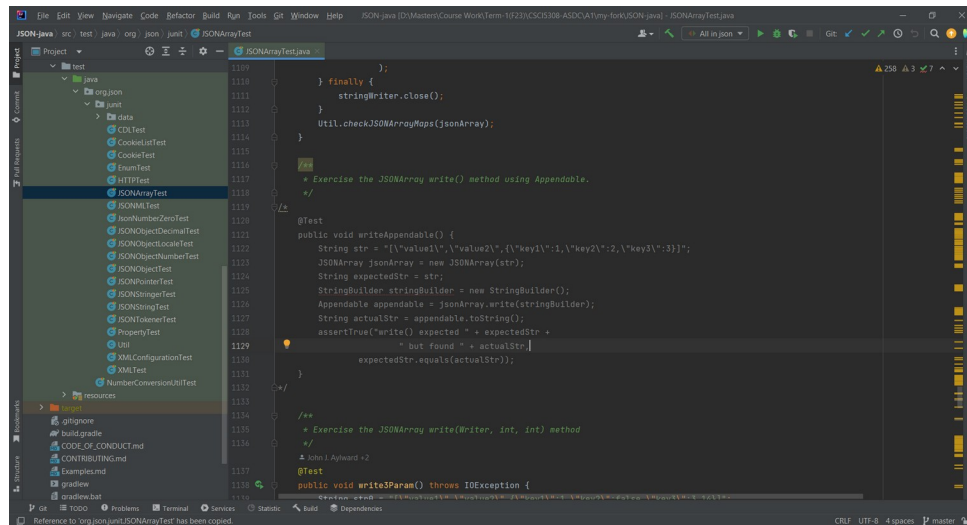


Figure 12: Commented test cases [3] [4] [5] [6].

5. Undescribed or Magic numbers in test cases:

There are several values that are not described via comments, variable name or any other way. This creates a confusion while some other developer is reading that test case. It may raise a question why a particular value is used. **For Example:** org.json.junit.JSONPointerTest.java has slashEscaping, tildeEscaping, backslashHandling, etc test cases with values such as 1, 8, 5 correspondingly. These values are not described by the developer(s).

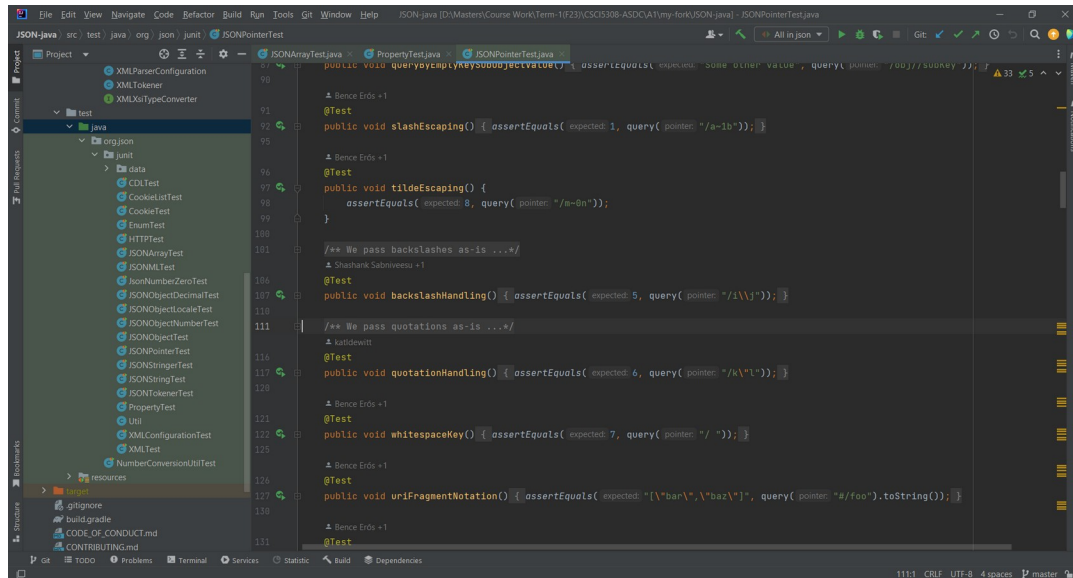


Figure 13: unknown numbers in test cases [3] [4] [5] [6].

6. assertTrue being misused instead of assertEquals:

There are several test cases where the equality of two variables is tested using == operator manually and then the assertTrue is being used. However there are some test cases where assertEquals is being used. Ideally, equalities should be asserted using assertEquals everywhere where feasible for better readability. **For Example:** The enumAPI test case of EnumTest.java file has assertTrue being used several times instead of using assertEquals of the junit's built in method.

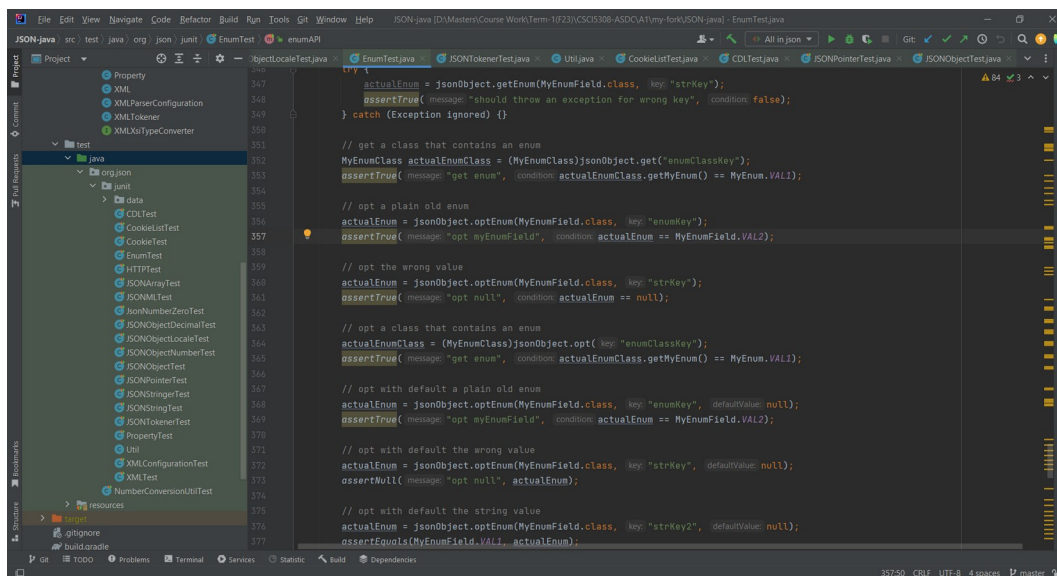
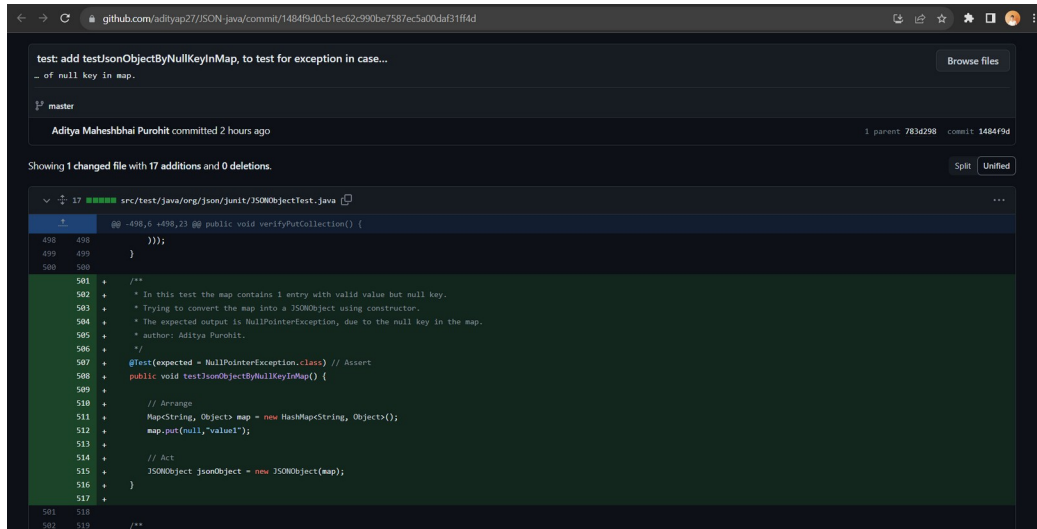


Figure 14: assertTrue being used instead of assertEquals [3] [4] [5] [6].

Task 4: New tests for the repository.

Test Case 1: This is to check for an exception while converting from map to JSONObject while having a null key in the map. This increased 1 unit in the branch coverage.



```
test: add testJsonObjectByNullKeyInMap, to test for exception in case...
- of null key in map.

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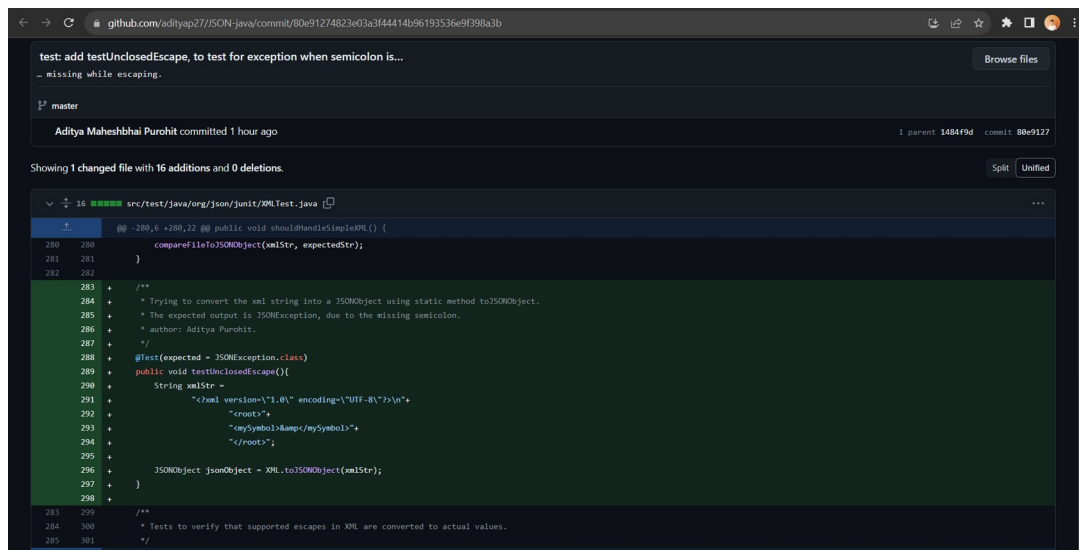
src/test/java/org/json/junit/JSONObjectTest.java

@@ -498,6 +498,23 @@ public void verifyPutCollection() {
    });
}

501 + /**
502 +  * In this test the map contains 1 entry with valid value but null key.
503 +  * Trying to convert the map into a JSONObject using constructor.
504 +  * The expected output is NullPointerException, due to the null key in the map.
505 +  * author: Aditya Purohit..
506 +  */
507 + @Test(expected = NullPointerException.class) // Assert
508 + public void testJsonObjectByNullKeyInMap() {
509 +
510 +     // Arrange
511 +     Map<String, Object> map = new HashMap<String, Object>();
512 +     map.put(null, "value1");
513 +
514 +     // Act
515 +     JSONObject jsonObject = new JSONObject(map);
516 + }
517 +
518 +
519 + /**
```

Figure 15: Test case 1.

Test Case 2: This is to check for an exception while converting from xml to JSONObject while having improper escaping. This again increased 1 unit in the branch coverage.



```
test: add testUnclosedEscape, to test for exception when semicolon is...
- missing while escaping.

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src/test/java/org/json/junit/XMLTest.java

@@ -280,6 +280,22 @@ public void shouldHandleSingleXML() {
    compareFileToJSONObject(xmlStr, expectedStr);
}

283 + /**
284 +  * Trying to convert the xml string into a JSONObject using static method toJSONObject.
285 +  * The expected output is JSONException, due to the missing semicolon.
286 +  * author: Aditya Purohit.
287 +  */
288 + @Test(expected = JSONException.class)
289 + public void testUnclosedEscape(){
290 +     String xmlStr =
291 +         "<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'>\n"+
292 +         "<root>"+
293 +         "<mySymbol&amp;mySymbols>"+
294 +         "</root>";
295 +
296 +     JSONObject jsonObject = XML.toJSONObject(xmlStr);
297 + }
298 +
299 + /**
300 +  * Tests to verify that supported escapes in XML are converted to actual values.
301 +  */
```

Figure 16: Test case 2.

Test Case 3: This is to check for a null element generation while converting from the string to JSONArray object. This again increased 1 unit in the branch coverage.

```

221 222 @@ -225,6 +225,23 @@ public void verifyConstructor() {
225 226     Util.checkJSONArrayUtils(json);
226 227 }
227 228
228 229 /**
229 230  * Trying to convert a string into a JSONArray using constructor with two commas to represent null element.
230 231  * The expected output should have a null element in array.
231 232  * author: Aditya Purohit.
232 233  */
233 234 @test
234 235 public void testNullArrayElement() {
235 236     // Arrange
236 237     String str = "[1,,2]";
237 238
238 239     // Act
239 240     JSONArray jsonArray = new JSONArray(str);
240 241
241 242     // Assert
242 243     assertEquals("[1,null,2]", jsonArray.toString());
243 244 }
244 245
245 246 /**
246 247  * Tests consecutive calls to putAll with array and collection.
247 248  */
248 249 }
  
```

Figure 17: Test case 3.

After adding 3 new test cases the branch coverage has increased from **85.02%** (1487/1749) to **85.19%** (1490/1749) as shown in figure below. Also, all the test cases are still passing and build is passing when executing mvn compile or mvn package.

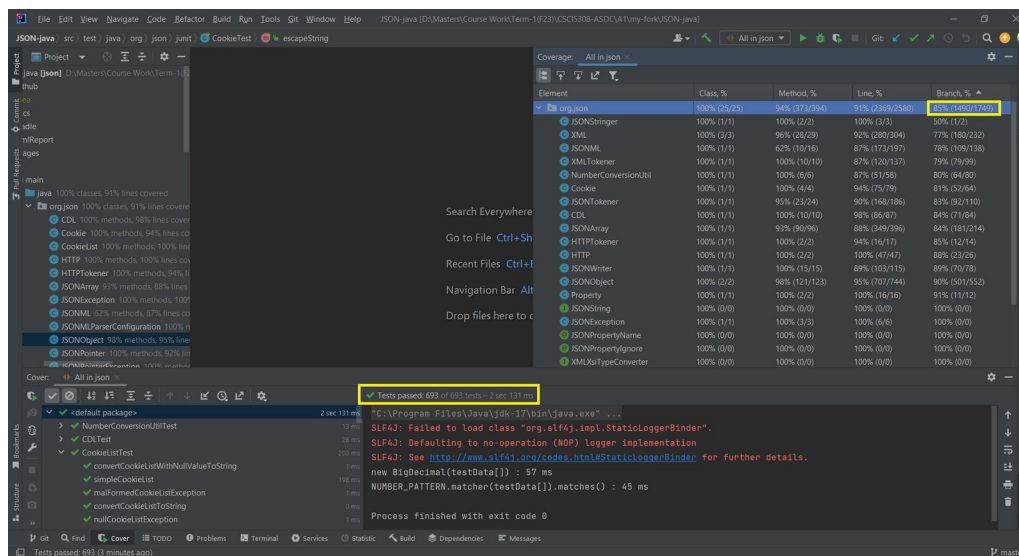


Figure 18: Increased branch coverage [3] [4] [5] [6].

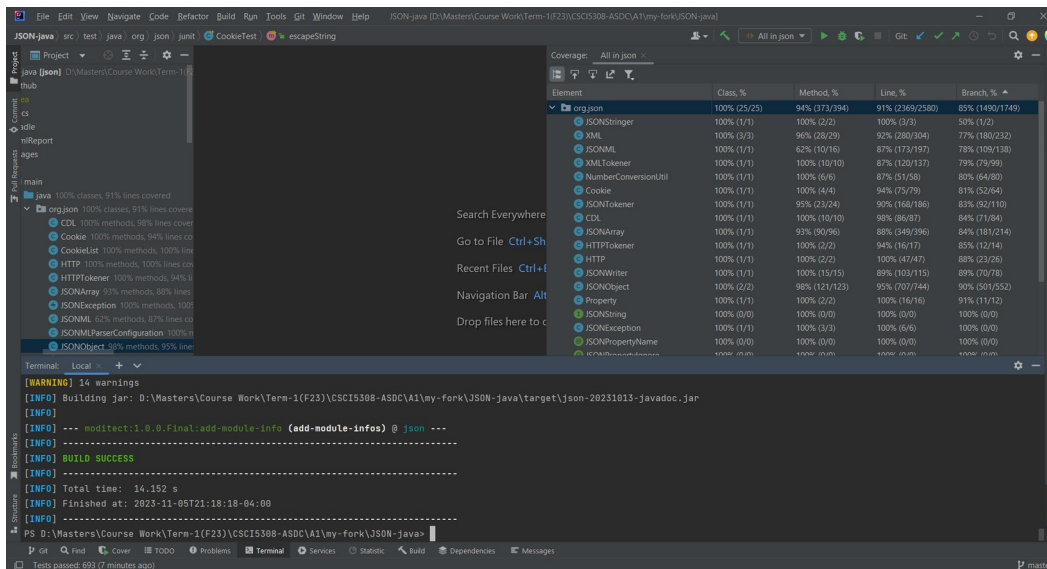


Figure 19: Build still passing after adding 3 new test cases [3] [4] [5] [6].

Forked repository link: <https://github.com/adityap27/JSON-java/commits/master>

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