Unit Testing and Test Automation

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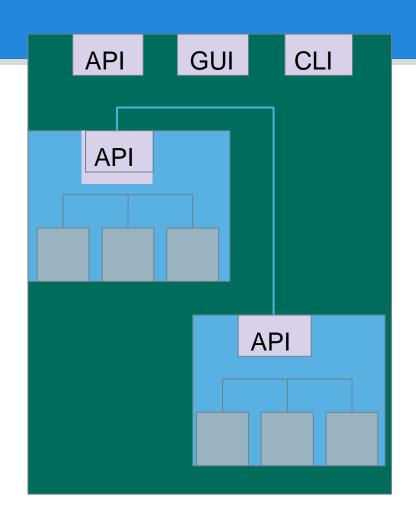
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Today's Goals

- Unit Testing
 - Testing of individual classes
- Writing and executing test cases
 - How to write unit tests in JUnit.
 - Executing tests as part of a build script.

Testing Stages

- We interact with systems through interfaces.
 - APIs, GUIs, CLIs
- Systems built from subsystems.
 - · With their own interfaces.
- Subsystems built from units.
 - Communication via method calls.
 - Set of methods is an interface.



Unit Testing

- Testing the smallest "unit" that can be tested.
 - Often, a class and its methods.
- Tested in isolation from all other units.
 - Mock the results from other classes.
- Test input = method calls.
- Test oracle = assertions on output/class variables.

Unit Testing

- For a unit, tests should:
 - Test all "jobs" associated with the unit.
 - Individual methods belonging to a class.
 - Sequences of methods that can interact.
 - Set and check class variables.
 - Examine how variables change after method calls.
 - Put the variables into all possible states (types of values).

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Unit tests should cover:

- Set and check class variables.
 - Can any methods change name, personnummer, balance?
 - Does changing those create problems?
- Each "job" performed by the class.
 - Single methods or method sequences.
 - Vary the order methods are called.
 - Each outcome of each "job" (error handling, return conditions).

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Some tests we might want to write:

- Execute constructor, verify fields.
- Check the name, change the name, make sure changed name is in place.
- Check that personnummer is correct.
- Check the balance, withdraw money, verify that new balance is correct.
- Check the balance, deposit money, verify that new balance is correct.

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Some potential error cases:

- Withdraw more than is in balance.
- Withdraw a negative amount.
- Deposit a negative amount.
- Withdraw/Deposit a small amount (potential rounding error)
- Change name to a null reference.
- Can we set an "malformed" name?
 - (i.e., are there any rules on a valid name?)

Unit Testing and Test Automation

Executing Tests

- How do you run test cases on the program?
 - System level: could run code and check results by hand.
 - Please don't do this.
 - Humans are slow, expensive, and error-prone.
 - Exception exploratory and acceptance testing.
 - Test design requires effort and creativity.
 - Test execution should not.

Test Automation

- Development of software to separate repetitive tasks from creative aspects of testing.
- Control over how and when tests are executed.
 - Control environment and preconditions/setup.
 - Automatic comparison of predicted and actual output.
 - Automatic hands-free re-execution of tests.

Testing Requires Writing Code

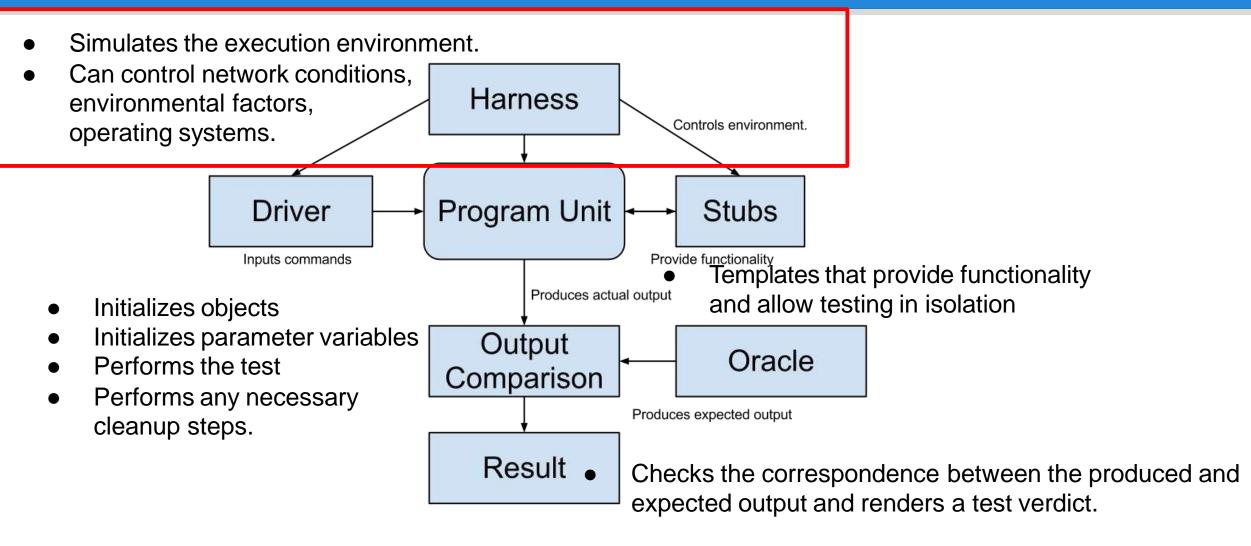
- The component to be tested must be isolated and driven using method or interface calls.
- Untested dependencies must be mocked with reliable substitutions.
- The deployment environment must be simulated by a controllable harness.

- Test scaffolding is a set of programs written to support test automation.
 - Not part of the product, often temporary
- Allows for:
 - Testing before all components complete.
 - Testing independent components.
 - Control over testing environment.

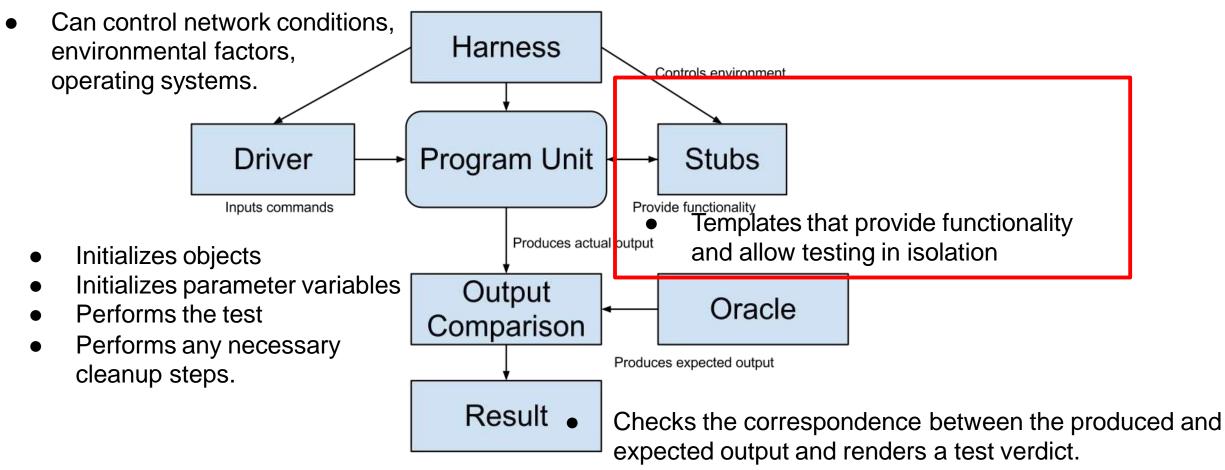
- A driver substitutes for a main or calling program.
 - Test cases are drivers.
- A harness substitutes for part of the deployment environment.
- A stub (or mock object) substitutes for system functionality that has not been tested.
- Support for recording and managing test execution.

Simulates the execution environment. Can control network conditions. Harness environmental factors, Controls environment. operating systems. Stubs Program Unit Driver Provide functionality

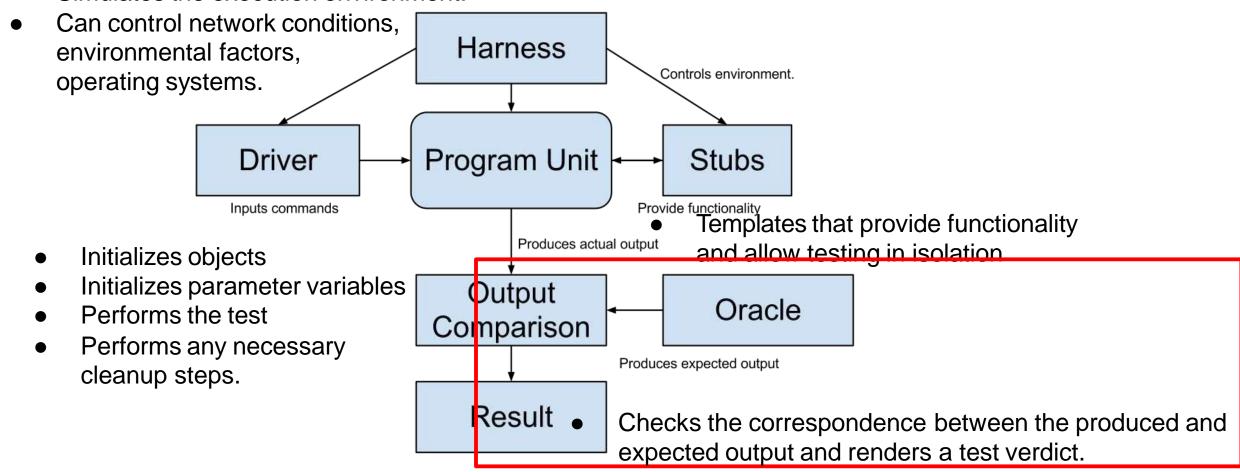
Templates that provide functionality Inputs commands Produces actual output and allow testing in isolation Initializes objects Initializes parameter variables Output **Oracle** Performs the test Comparison Performs any necessary Produces expected output cleanup steps. Result • Checks the correspondence between the produced and expected output and renders a test verdict.

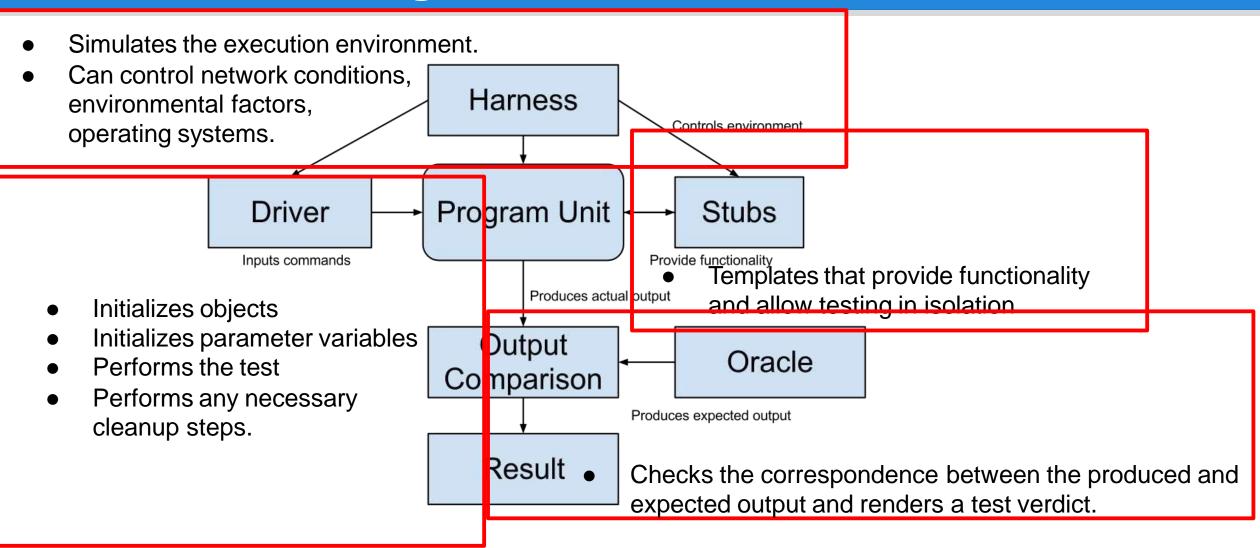


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Writing an Executable Test Case

- Test Input
 - Any required input data.
- Expected Output (Test Oracle)
 - What should happen, i.e., values or exceptions.
- Initialization
 - Any steps that must be taken before test execution.
- Test Steps
 - Interactions (e.g., method calls), and output comparisons.
- Tear Down
 - Steps that must be taken after execution to prepare for the next test.

Writing a Unit Test

JUnit is a Java-based toolkit for writing executable tests.

- Choose a target from the code base.
- Write a "testing class" containing a series of unit tests centered around testing that target.

```
public class Calculator {
  public int evaluate(String expression){
      int sum = 0;
      for (String summand
             :expression.split("\\+"))
             sum += Integer.valueOf(summand);
      return sum;
```

JUnit Test Skeleton

@Test annotation defines a single test:

```
Type of scenario, and expectation on outcome.
@Test
              I.e., testEvaluate_GoodInput() or testEvaluate_NullInput()
public void test<Feature or Method Name>_<Testing Context>() {
    //Define Inputs
    try{ //Try to get output.
     }catch(Exception error){
         fail("Why did it fail?");
     //Compare expected and actual values through assertions or through
     //if-statements/fail commands
```

Writing JUnit Tests

Convention - name the test class after the class it is testing.

```
Each test is denoted with keyword @test.
```

```
public class Calculator {
  public int evaluate (String
               expression) {
    int sum = 0;
                                 Initialization
    for (String summand:
                                 Test Steps
               expression.split("\\+"))
      sum += Integer.valueOf(summand);
    return sum;
```

```
import static org.junit.Assert.assertEquals;
import org.junit.Test;
public class CalculatorTest {
  @Test
  void testEvaluate_Valid_ShouldPass(){
   Calculator calculator = new Calculator();
    int sum = calculator.evaluate("1+2+3");
                                                Input
    assertEquals(6, sum);
                                   Oracle
```

Test Fixtures - Shared Initialization

@BeforeEach annotation defines a common test initialization method:

```
@BeforeEach
public void setUp() throws Exception
{
    this.registration = new Registration();
    this.registration.setUser("MoI");
}
```

Test Fixtures - Teardown Method

@AfterEach annotation defines a common test tear down method:

```
@AfterEach
public void tearDown() throws Exception
{
   this.registration.logout();
   this.registration = null;
}
```

More Test Fixtures

- @BeforeAll defines initialization to take place before any tests are run.
- @AfterAll defines tear down after all tests are done.

```
@BeforeAll
  public static void setUpClass() {
    myManagedResource = new
         ManagedResource();
  @AfterAll
  public static void tearDownClass()
throws IOException {
    myManagedResource.close();
    myManagedResource = null;
```

Assertions

Assertions are a "language" of testing - constraints that you place on the output.

- assertEquals, assertArrayEquals
- assertFalse, assertTrue
- assertNull, assertNotNull
- assertSame,assertNotSame

assertEquals

```
@Test
public void testAssertEquals() {
   assertEquals("failure - strings are not
equal", "text", "text");
@Test
public void testAssertArrayEquals() {
    byte[] expected = "trial".getBytes();
    byte[] actual = "trial".getBytes();
    assertArrayEquals("failure - byte arrays
not same", expected, actual);
```

- Compares two items for equality.
- For user-defined classes, relies on .equals method.
 - Compare field-by-field
 - o assertEquals(studentA.getName(),
 studentB.getName())
 rather than
 assertEquals(studentA, studentB)
- assertArrayEquals compares arrays of items.

assertFalse, assertTrue

```
@Test
public void testAssertFalse() {
   assertFalse("failure - should be false",
(getGrade(studentA, "CSE4495").equals("A+"));
@Test
public void testAssertTrue() {
     assertTrue("failure - should be true",
(getCGPA(studentA) > 3.5));
```

- Take in a string and a boolean expression.
- Evaluates the expression and issues pass/fail based on outcome.
- Used to check conformance of solution to expected properties.

assertSame, assertNotSame

```
@Test
public void testAssertNotSame() {
   assertNotSame("should not be same Object",
studentA, new Object());
@Test
public void testAssertSame() {
    Student studentB = studentA;
   assertSame("should be same", studentA,
studentB);
```

- Checks whether two objects are clones.
- Are these variables aliases for the same object?
 - assertEquals uses .equals().
 - assertSame uses ==

assertNull, assertNotNull

```
@Test
public void testAssertNotNull() {
   assertNotNull("should not be null",
   new Object());
@Test
public void testAssertNull() {
   assertNull("should be null", null);
```

- Take in an object and checks whether it is null/not null.
- Can be used to help diagnose and void null pointer exceptions.

Grouping Assertions

```
@Test
void groupedAssertions() {
  Person person = Account.getHolder();
  assertAll("person",
    () -> assertEquals("John",
person.getFirstName()),
    () -> assertEquals("Doe",
person.getLastName()));
```

- Grouped assertions are executed.
 - Failures are reported together.
 - Preferred way to compare fields of two data structures.

```
both - two properties must be met.
@Test
public void testAssertThat{
  assertThat("albumen", both(containsString("a")).and(containsString("b")));
  assertThat(Arrays.asList("one", "two", "three"), hasItems("one", "three"));
  assertThat(Arrays.asList(new String[] { "fun", "ban", "net" }),
              everyItem(containsString("n")));
  assertThat("good", allOf(equalTo("good"), startsWith("good")));
  assertThat("good", not(allOf(equalTo("bad"), equalTo("good"))));
  assertThat("good", anyOf(equalTo("bad"), equalTo("good")));
  assertThat(7, not(CombinableMatcher.<Integer>
              either(equalTo(3)).or(equalTo(4))));
```

```
everyItem - all items in list must match a
@Test
                                        property.
public void testAssertThat{
  assertThat("albumen", both(containsString("a")).and(containsString("b")));
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```
allOf - all listed properties must be true
@Test
public void testAssertThat{
  assertThat("albumen", both(containsString("a")).and(containsString("b")));
  assertThat(Arrays.asList("one", "two", "three"), hasItems("one", "three"));
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assertThat

```
@Test
                                               either - pass if one of these properties
public void testAssertThat{
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  assertThat("good", anyOf(equalTo("bad"), equalTo("good")));
  assertThat(7, not(CombinableMatcher.<Integer>
              either(equalTo(3)).or(equalTo(4))));
```

Testing Exceptions

```
@Test
void exceptionTesting() {
  Throwable exception =
    assertThrows(
      IndexOutOfBoundsException.class,
      () -> { new ArrayList<Object>().get(0);}
    assertEquals("Index:0, Size:0",
      exception.getMessage());
```

- When testing error handling, we expect exceptions to be thrown.
 - assertThrows checks
 whether the code block
 throws the expected
 exception.
 - assertEquals can be used to check the contents of the stack trace.

Testing Performance

```
@Test
void timeoutExceeded() {
  assertTimeout( ofMillis(10),
  () -> { Order.process(); });
@Test
void timeoutNotExceededWithMethod() {
  String greeting =
    assertTimeout(ofMinutes(2),
      AssertionsDemo::greeting);
  assertEquals("Hello, World!", greeting);
```

- assertTimeout can be used to impose a time limit on an action.
 - Time limit stated using ofMilis(..), ofSeconds(..), ofMinutes(..)
 - Result of action can be captured as well, allowing checking of result correctness.

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Withdraw money, verify balance.

```
@Test
public void testWithdraw normal() {
   // Setup
   Account account = new Account("Test MrTest", "19850101-1001",
   48.5);
   // Test Steps
   double toWithdraw = 16.0; //Input
   account.withdraw(toWithdraw);
   double actual = account.getBalance();
   double expectedBalance = 32.5; // Oracle
   assertEquals(expected, actual); // Oracle
```

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- Withdraw more than is in balance.
 - (should throw an exception with appropriate error message)

```
@Test
public void testWithdraw_moreThanBalance() {
    // Setup
    Account account = new Account("Test MrTest", "19850101-1001", 48.5);
    // Test Steps
    double toWithdraw = 100.0; //Input
    Throwable exception = assertThrows(
        () -> { account.withdraw(toWithdraw); } );
        assertEquals("Amount 100.00 is greater than balance
        48.50", exception.getMessage()); // Oracle
```

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- Withdraw a negative amount.
 - (should throw an exception with appropriate error message)

Let's take a break.

Use assertions instead of print statements

```
@Test
public void testStringUtil_Bad() {
    String result = stringUtil.concat("Hello ", "World");
    System.out.println("Result is "+result);
}

@Test
public void testStringUtil_Good() {
    String result = stringUtil.concat("Hello ", "World");
    assertEquals("Hello World", result);
}
```

The first will always pass (no assertions)

If code is non-deterministic, tests should give deterministic results.

```
public long calculateTime(){
   long time = 0;
   long before = System.currentTimeMillis();
   veryComplexFunction();
   long after = System.currentTimeMillis();
   time = after - before;
   return time;
}
```

- Tests for this method should not specify exact time, but properties of a "good" execution.
 - The time should be positive, not negative or 0.
 - A range on the allowed times.

- Test negative scenarios and boundary cases, in addition to positive scenarios.
 - Can the system handle invalid data?
 - Method expects a string of length 8, with A-Z,a-z,0-9.
 - Try non-alphanumeric characters. Try a blank value. Try strings with length < 8, > 8
- Boundary cases test extreme values.
 - If method expects numeric value 1 to 100, try 1 and 100.
 - Also, 0, negative, 100+ (negative scenarios).

- Test only one unit at a time.
 - Each scenario in a separate test case.
 - Helps in isolating and fixing faults.
- Don't use unnecessary assertions.
 - Specify how code should work, not a list of observations.
 - Generally, each unit test performs one assertion
 - Or all assertions are related.

- Make each test independent of all others.
 - Use @BeforeEach and @AfterEach to set up state and clear state before the next test case.
- Create unit tests to target exceptions.
 - If an exception should be thrown based on certain input, make sure the exception is thrown.

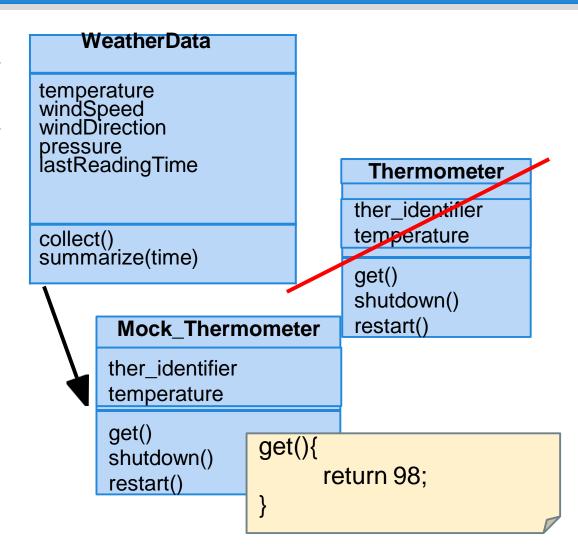
Scaffolding

- Mock objects and drivers are written as replacements for other parts of the system.
 - May be required if pieces of the system do not exist.
- Scaffolding allows control over test execution and greater observability to judge test results.
 - Simulate dependencies and test components in isolation.
 - Ability to set up specialized testing scenarios.
 - Ability to replace part of the program with a version more suited to testing.

Unit Testing - Object Mocking

Unit may depend on unfinished (or untested) components. Can **mock** those components.

- Same interface as real component, but hand-created simulation.
- Can be used to simulate abnormal operation or rare events.
 - Ex. Place exact data in database needed to hit special outcome.



Mocking Example

- Declare a mock object:
 LinkedList mList = mock(LinkedList.class);
- Specify method behavior: when(mList.get(0)).thenReturn("first");
 - Returns "first": mList.get(0);
 - Returns null: mList.get(99);
 - Because behavior for "99" is not specified.

```
when(mList.get(anyInt()).thenReturn("element");
```

• mList.get(0), mList.get(99) both return "element", as all input are specified.

Mocking Within a Test

```
@test
public void temperatureTest(){
    Thermometer mockTherm = mock(Thermometer.class);
    when(mockTherm.get()).thenReturn(98);
    WeatherData wData = new WeatherData();
    wData.collect(mockTherm);
    assertEquals(98, wData.temperature);
```

Build Systems

Build Systems

- Building, running tests, packaging and distributing are very common, effort-intensive tasks.
 - Building and deploying should be as easy as possible.
- Build systems ease process by automating as much as possible.
 - Repetitive tasks can be automated and run at-will.

Build Systems

- Allow control over code compilation, test execution, executable packaging, and deployment.
- Script defines actions that can be automatically invoked at any time.
- Many frameworks for build scripting.
 - Most popular for Java include Ant, Maven, Gradle.
 - Gradle is very common for Android projects.

Build Lifecycle



- Validate the project is correct and all necessary information is available
- Compile the source code of the project.
- Test the source code using a suitable unit testing framework.
 - Run unit tests against classes and subsystem integration tests against groups of classes.
- Take the compiled code and package it in its distributable format, such as a JAR.

Build Lifecycle



- Verify run system tests for quality/correctness.
 - System tests require a packaged executable.
 - This is also when tests of non-functional criteria like performance are executed.
- Install the package for use as a dependency in other projects locally.
- Deploy the package to the installation environment.

Apache Ant

- Build system for Java.
- Build scripts define targets that can be executed on command.
 - Correspond to lifecycle phases or other automated tasks.
 - Targets can trigger other targets.
 - Build scripts written in XML.
 - Platform neutral, But can invoke platform-specific commands.
 - Human and machine readable.
 - Created automatically by many IDEs (Eclipse).

A Basic Build Script

- File typically named build.xml, and placed in the base directory of the project.
- Build script requires project element and at least one target.
 - Project defines a name and a default target.
 - This target prints project information.
 - Echo prints information to the terminal.

Targets

```
<target name = "deploy" depends = "package"> .... </target>
<target name = "package" depends = "clean,compile"> .... </target>
<target name = "clean" > .... </target>
<target name = "compile" > .... </target>
```

- A target is a collection of tasks you want to run in a single unit.
 - Targets can depend on other targets.
 - deploy command will call package target, which will call clean and compile first.
 - Dependencies denoted using the depends attribute.

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<target name = "clean" > .... </target>
<target name = "compile" > .... </target>
```

- Target attributes:
 - name defines the name of the target (required)
 - depends lists dependencies of the target.
 - description is used to describe the target.
 - if and unless allow execution of the target to depend on a conditional attribute.
 - Execute target if attribute is true, or execute unless true.

Executing targets

- In the command line, invoke:
 - ant <target name>
- If no target is supplied, the default will be executed.
 - In this case, ant and ant info give same result because info is default target.

Properties

- XML does not natively allow variable declaration.
 - Instead, create property elements, which can be referred to by name.

Properties

- Properties have a name and a value.
 - Property value is referred to as \${property name}.
 - Ant pre-defines ant.version, ant.file (location of the build file), ant.project.name, ant.project.default-target, and other properties.

Property Files

- Separate file can define static properties.
 - Allows reuse of build file in different environments (development, testing, production).
 - Allows easy lookup of property values.
- Called build.properties and stored in the same directory as build script.
 - Lists one property per line: <name> = <value>
 - Comments can be added using # <comment>

Property Files

build.xml

build.properties

```
# The Site Name
sitename = http://cse.sc.edu
buildversion = 3.3.2
```

Conditions

```
<target name = "myTarget" depends =</pre>
"myTarget.check" if =
"myTarget.run"> .... </target>
<target name = "myTarget.check">
    <condition property =</pre>
"myTarget.run">
        <and>
             <available file =
"foo.txt"/>
             <available file =
"bar.txt"/>
        </and>
    </condition>
</target>
```

- Properties whose value determined by and and or expressions.
 - And requires that each property is true.
 - Both foo.txt and bar.txt must exist.
 - (available is an Ant command that checks for file existence)
- Or requires that 1+ properties true.
- Calling myTarget.check creates property (myTarget.run) that is true if both files are present.
- When myTarget is called, it will run only if myTarget.run is true.

Ant Utilities

- Fileset generates list of files matching criteria for inclusion or exclusion.
 - ** means that the file can be in any subdirectory.
 - * allows partial file name matches.

```
<fileset dir = "${src}" casesensitive = "yes">
    <include name = "**/*.java"/>
    <exclude name = "**/*Stub*"/>
</fileset>
```

Ant Utilities

- Path is used to represent a classpath.
 - pathelement is used to add items or other paths to the path.

```
<path id = "build.classpath.jar">
    <pathelement path = "${env.J2EE_HOME}/j2ee.jar"/>
    <fileset dir = "lib"> <include name = "**/*.jar"/> </fileset>
</path>
```

Building a Project

- Properties src.dir and build.dir define where the source files are stored and where the built classes are deployed.
- Path master-classpath includes all JAR files in the lib folder and all files in the build.dir folder.

Building a Project

- The clean target is used to prepare for the build process by cleaning up any remnants of previous builds.
 - In this case, it deletes all compiled files (.class)
 - May also remove JAR files or other temporary artifacts that will be regenerated by the build.

Building a Project

- The build target will create the build directory, compile the source code (using javac), and place the class files in the build directory.
 - Can specify which java version to target (1.8).
 - Must reference the classpath to use during compilation.

Creating a JAR File

The jar command creates executable from compiled classes.

- destfile is the location to place the JAR file.
- basedir is the base directory of included files.
- includes defines the files to include in the JAR.
- excludes prevents certain files from being added.
- The manifest declares metadata about the JAR.
 - Attribute Main-Class makes the JAR executable.

Running Unit Tests

• JUnit tests run using the junit command.

- test entries list the test classes to execute.
- haltonfailure will stop test execution if any tests fail, haltonerror if errors occur.
- printsummary displays test statistics (number of tests run, number of failures/errors, time elapsed).
- timeout will stop a test and issue an error if the specified time limit is exceeded.

We Have Learned

- Test automation can lower cost and improve the quality of testing.
- Automation involves creating drivers, harnesses, stubs, and oracles.
- Test cases are often written in unit testing frameworks as executable code.
 - Assertions allow examination of output for failures.

We Have Learned

- Testing is not all that can be automated.
 - Project compilation, installation, deployment, etc.
- Project build automation:
 - Automating the entire compilation, testing, and deployment process.
 - Ant is an XML-based tool for automating build process.

Next Time

- Exercise Session: Unit Testing Practice
- Next Class: Structural Testing
 - Pezze and Young, Ch. 5.3 and 12

Thank You