

# Unit Testing with xUnit

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# 1. What is Unit Testing?

- **Definition:** Unit testing is the practice of testing the smallest testable parts (units) of an application in isolation.
- Typically, a *unit* is a method or function.
- The goal is to verify correctness, handle edge cases, and ensure reliability.

## 2. Why Do We Write Unit Tests?

- Benefits:
  - Catch bugs early in the development cycle.
  - Ensure code correctness and maintainability.
  - Facilitate **refactoring** without fear of breaking existing logic.
  - Improve developer confidence.
  - Acts as documentation for how code should behave.
  - Enables **Test Driven Development (TDD)**.

## 3. Unit Testing Libraries in .NET Core

Common frameworks:

1. **xUnit** – Preferred framework for .NET Core.
2. **NUnit** – Popular and mature.
3. **MSTest** – Microsoft's testing framework.

Mocking libraries (for dependencies):

- **NSubstitute**
- **Moq**
- **FakeItEasy**

## 4. Writing Unit Tests with xUnit

- Key Features:

- `[Fact]` → Write a test method without parameters.
- `[Theory]` + `[InlineData]` → Parameterized tests.
- Assertion methods (e.g., `Assert.Equal` , `Assert.Throws` ).

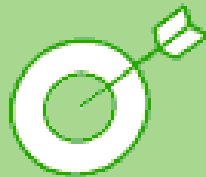
## Arrange-Act-Assert (AAA)

ARRANGE



Setup the code to test

ACT



Perform the action you want to test

ASSERT



Check if the result matches your expectation

## 5. Create Unit Test Project using xUnit

Steps:

1. In terminal/VS:

```
dotnet new xunit -n MyApp.Tests  
dotnet add MyApp.Tests reference MyApp
```

2. Folder structure:

```
MyApp/  
└─ MyApp.Tests/
```

## 6. Write Tests for Basic Utility Methods

Example: Testing an `Add` method in `Calculator.cs` .

```
public class Calculator
{
    public int Add(int a, int b) => a + b;
}
```

Test:

```
public class CalculatorTests {
    [Fact]
    public void Add_TwoNumbers_ReturnsSum() {
        var calc = new Calculator();
        var result = calc.Add(2, 3);
        Assert.Equal(5, result);
    }
}
```



## 7. Testing Async and Exception Scenarios

- Async Tests:

```
[Fact]
public async Task GetDataAsync_ReturnsValue()
{
    var service = new DataService();
    var result = await service.GetDataAsync();
    Assert.NotNull(result);
}
```

- Exception Handling:

```
[Fact]
public void Divide_ByZero_ThrowsException()
{
    var calc = new Calculator();
    Assert.Throws<DivideByZeroException>(() => calc.Divide(10, 0));
}
```

## 8. Mocking Dependencies with NSubstitute

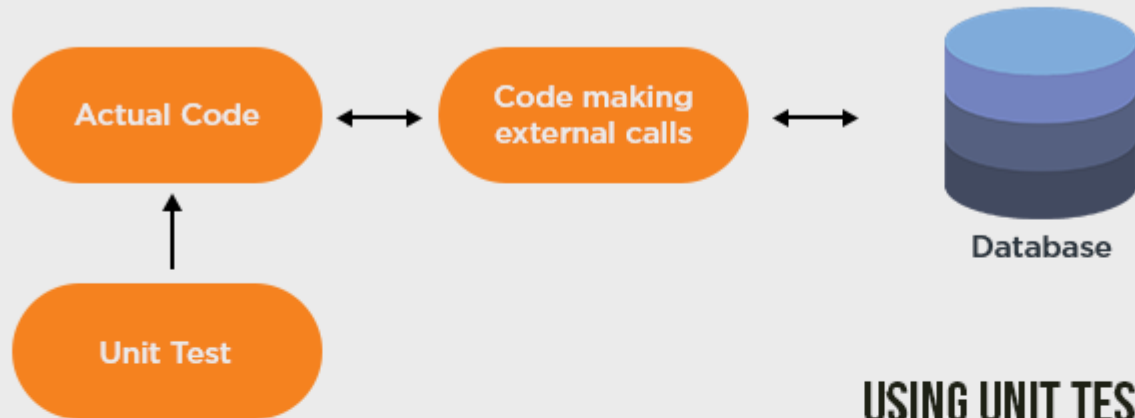
- **Why Mock?** To isolate the unit under test from external dependencies (e.g., DB, APIs).

Example:

```
public interface IRepository
{
    string GetData();
}

public class Service
{
    private readonly IRepository _repo;
    public Service(IRepository repo) => _repo = repo;

    public string GetProcessedData() => _repo.GetData().ToUpper();
}
```



## 9. Parameterized Tests with Theory + InlineData

```
[Theory]
[InlineData(2, 3, 5)]
[InlineData(10, 5, 15)]
public void Add_MultipleInputs_ReturnsExpected(int a, int b, int expected)
{
    var calc = new Calculator();
    var result = calc.Add(a, b);
    Assert.Equal(expected, result);
}
```

## 10. Naming Conventions & Test Organization

- **Convention:**

```
MethodName_StateUnderTest_ExpectedOutcome
```

Example: `Add_TwoPositiveNumbers_ReturnsSum`

- **Organization:**

- Use folders matching the main project structure.
- One test class per source class.
- Group related tests logically.

# Q & A

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