Cheatsheet for test-driven development with PHPUnit

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1 Test levels and types

Thanks for of these concepts go to Filip Defar who wrote about this in his blog³.

1.1 Test levels

Unit tests are small and execute fast. They also usually are the fastest to write. You use them to test every detail of your application, including things that cannot be tested at the GUI level. There are a few cases where unit tests do not make much sense, e.g., queries in Extbase repositories. Please note that *unit tests* also sometimes is used for all tests that are executed with a unit-testing framework (including system tests).

Integration tests are slower to execute. You use them to test how components work together. Usually, you do not test every detail with them. In the TYPO3 world, these tests are called **functional tests**.

System tests are the biggest and the slowest to execute. You use those to test you application as a whole. They are used to test few bigger use cases.

1.2 Test types

Black-box tests test how a unit or API behaves on the outside. No knowledge about the way it works inside is assumed. Black-box tests facilitate refactoring. They are one extreme of a continuum where white-box tests are the other extreme.

White-box tests test how a unit works on the inside. They obstruct refactoring and are not recommended. They are one extreme of a continuum where black-box tests are the other extreme. Usually, tests should be black-box (or a very dark gray).

Functional tests test the behavior of a unit. Most tests are functional tests. Note: In the TYPO3 world, functional test actually means integration test (and sometimes system test).

Acceptance tests test how the application works on the GUI level (or in the web interface). Sometimes this term is used as a synonym for *story tests*.

Regression tests test that bugs to not reappear. In the optimal case, they are written together with the corresponding bug fix.

Smoke tests test that your application runs at all.

Story tests test use cases for user stories. Usually, they are written in the *Gherkin* language for behavior-driven design (BDD). These test sometimes also are called *acceptance tests*.

³http://filipdefar.com/2015/06/tested-be-thy-name.html

2 Test phases

Within the test methods, the code for the test phases should be separated by blank lines to make the structure easily visible.

Setup setUp() and code at the beginning of the method (if needed)

Exercise Method call

Verify self::assert...()

Teardown tearDown()

3 PhpStorm plug-ins

These two plug-ins for PhpStorm are particularly helpful when creating unit tests:

- \bullet PHPUnit Autocomplete Assistant 4
- DynamicReturnTypePlugin⁵

4 A note about TYPO3 CMS 8.7

The TYPO3-specific parts of this handout apply to TYPO3 CMS 7.6. For version 8.7, there are a few differences:

- Use the TYPO3 testing framework⁶ instead of the testing framework that comes with the PHPUnit extension.
- The test base class now comes from the TYPO3 testing framework, not from the TYPO3 Core.
- As PHP 5.6 is not supported anymore with TYPO3 CMS 8.7, you can use PHPUnit 6 (which requires PHP 7).

5 File and class naming

5.1 File names

Production code file name	Test file name
Classes/Domain/Model/Shoe.php	Tests/Unit/Domain/Model/ShoeTest.php
Classes/Service/BaristaService.php	Tests/Unit/Service/BaristaServiceTest.php

5.2 Class names

Production code class name	Test class name
Shoes\Shop\Domain\Model\Shoe	Shoes\Shop\Tests\Unit\Domain\Model\ShoeTest
Shoes\Shop\Service\BaristaService	Shoes\Shop\Tests\Unit\Service\BaristaServiceTest

⁴https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/7722-phpunit-autocomplete-assistant

⁵https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/7251-dynamicreturntypeplugin

 $^{^6 {\}tt https://github.com/TYPO3/testing-framework}$

6 Test class structure

6.1 Extbase extensions

There is an example project (the tea example) for this on GitHub:

https://github.com/oliverklee/ext_tea

```
namespace OliverKlee\Shop\Tests\Unit\Domain\Model;
   use OliverKlee\Shop\Domain\Model\Article;
3
   class ArticleTest extends \TYPO3\CMS\Core\Tests\UnitTestCase {
6
         * @var Article;
         */
       protected $subject = null;
9
10
       protected function setUp()
11
12
            $this->subject = new Article;
            $this->subject->initializeObject();
14
       }
15
16
        /**
17
         * @test
18
         */
       public function getNameInitiallyReturnsEmptyString()
20
21
            self::assertSame('', $this->subject->getName());
22
        }
23
24
        /**
         * @test
26
         */
27
       public function setNameSetsName()
28
29
            $name = 'foo bar';
31
            $this->subject->setName($name);
32
33
            self::assertSame($name, $this->subject->getName());
34
        }
        // ...
37
38
```

6.2 Non-TYPO3 PHP projects with Composer

There is an empty starter project for this on GitHub: https://github.com/oliverklee/tdd-seed

6.2.1 composer.json

This setup installs PHPUnit and vfsStream for PHP up to 5.6:

```
1
         "require-dev": {
2
              "phpunit/phpunit": "^5.7.19",
3
              "mikey179/vfsStream": "^1.6.4"
4
         },
         "autoload": {
              "psr-4": {
                   "..."
              }
         },
10
         "autoload-dev": {
11
              "psr-4": {
12
                   ^{\shortparallel}\dots^{\shortparallel}
13
              }
14
         }
15
   }
16
      This setup installs PHPUnit and vfsStream for PHP 7:
1
         "require-dev": {
2
              "phpunit/phpunit": "^6.0.13",
3
              "mikey179/vfsStream": "^1.6.4"
4
         },
         "autoload": {
6
              "psr-4": {
                   ^{n}\ldots ^{n}
              }
9
         },
         "autoload-dev": {
11
              "psr-4": {
12
                   · . . . · ·
13
              }
14
         }
15
   }
```

6.2.2 Test case

```
namespace OliverKlee\Books\Tests\Unit\Domain\Model;
1
2
   use OliverKlee\Books\Domain\Model;
3
   class BookTest extends \PHPUnit_Framework_TestCase
6
        /**
         * @var Book
8
9
       protected $subject = null;
10
11
       protected function setUp()
12
        {
13
            $this->subject = new Book();
14
15
16
        /**
         * @test
18
19
       public function getTitleInitiallyReturnsEmptyString()
20
21
            self::assertSame('', $this->subject->getTitle());
        }
23
24
        /**
25
         * @test
26
27
       public function setTitleSetsTitle()
        {
            $title = 'foo bar';
30
31
            $this->subject->setTitle($title);
32
33
            self::assertSame('foo bar', $this->subject->getTitle());
       }
35
   }
36
```

7 Executing the tests

7.1 Non-TYPO3 projects

7.1.1 On the command line

vendor/bin/phpunit Test/

7.1.2 Within PhpStorm

- 1. Settings > Languages & Frameworks > PHP > PHPUnit
- 2. PHPUnit library > Use Composer autoloader
- 3. PHPUnit library > Path to script: vendor/autoload
- 4. OK
- 5. right-click on the Tests/ folder (or any test file or folder)
- 6. Run 'Tests'

7.2 TYPO3 core

In the TYPO3 wiki, there are how-tos on how to run the unit tests⁷ and the functional tests⁸ of the TYPO3 core.

7.3 TYPO3 extensions

7.3.1 Within PhpStorm

For an existing TYPO3 installation in Composer mode: This will also load all existing extensions (including the PHPUnit extension), making it possible to use the features of the PHPUnit extension.

- 1. Settings > Languages & Frameworks > PHP > PHPUnit
- 2. PHPUnit library > Use Composer autoloader
- 3. PHPUnit library > Path to script: vendor/autoload within the TYPO3 document root
- 4. Test runner > Default configuration file: typo3/sysext/core/Build/UnitTests.xml within the TYPO3 document root
- 5. OK
- 6. Run > Edit Configurations
- 7. Defaults > PHPUnit
- 8. Command Line > Environment variables

⁷https://wiki.typo3.org/Unit_Testing_TYPO3

⁸https://wiki.typo3.org/Functional_testing

- 9. add two variables:
 - TYPO3_CONTENT = Development
 - TYPO3_PATH_WEB = the absolute path to the TYPO3 document root (without the trailing slash)
- 10. right-click on the Tests/ folder (or any test file or folder)
- 11. Run 'Tests'

For an existing TYPO3 installation in classic mode (non-Composer mode): In this case, you will not be able to autoload any classe from other extensions, i. e., you will not be able to use any features of the PHPUnit extension (or of any other extension dependencies).

- 1. If you have downloaded the TYPO3 source via git instead of as a TAR package, you will need to do a composer install in the TYPO3 source directory.
- 2. Settings > Languages & Frameworks > PHP > PHPUnit
- 3. PHPUnit library > Use Composer autoloader
- 4. PHPUnit library > Path to script: vendor/autoload within the TYPO3 source
- 5. Test runner > Default configuration file: typo3/sysext/core/Build/UnitTests.xml within the TYPO3 document root
- 6. OK
- 7. Run > Edit Configurations
- 8. Defaults > PHPUnit
- 9. Command Line > Environment variables
- 10. add two variables:
 - TYPO3_CONTENT = Development
 - TYPO3_PATH_WEB = the absolute path to the TYPO3 document root (without the trailing slash)
- 11. right-click on the Tests/ folder (or any test file or folder)
- 12. Run 'Tests'

Without using an existing TYPO3 installation This is the approach used in the TYPO3 extension skeleton⁹ by Helmut Hummel and Nicole Cordes.

Add the following sections the composer.json of your extension:

⁹https://github.com/helhum/ext_scaffold

```
"require": {
1
      "typo3/cms": "~7.6.0"
2
   },
3
    "require-dev": {
4
      "namelesscoder/typo3-repository-client": "^1.2",
      "nimut/testing-framework": "^1.0",
6
      "mikey179/vfsStream": "^1.4",
      "phpunit/phpunit": "^4.7 || ^5.0"
   },
9
    "config": {
10
      "vendor-dir": ".Build/vendor",
11
      "bin-dir": ".Build/bin"
12
   },
13
    "scripts": {
14
      "post-autoload-dump": [
        "mkdir -p .Build/Web/typo3conf/ext/",
16
        "[ -L .Build/Web/typo3conf/ext/tea ] || ln -snvf ../../../. .Build/Web/typo3conf/ext/tea"
17
18
   },
19
    "extra": {
20
      "typo3/cms": {
21
        "cms-package-dir": "{\$vendor-dir}/typo3/cms",
22
        "web-dir": ".Build/Web"
23
24
   }
```

You'll need to replace tea in line 18 with the key of your extension.

If you'd like to use other extensions that are available from the TER (e.g., the PHPUnit extension), you will need to add (or merge) these sections to your composer.json:

```
"repositories": [
{
    "type": "composer",
    "url": "https://composer.typo3.org/"
}
{
    "require-dev": {
        "typo3-ter/phpunit": "*"
}
```

Then do the following in PhpStorm:

- 1. Settings > Languages & Frameworks > PHP > PHPUnit
- 2. PHPUnit library > Use Composer autoloader
- 3. PHPUnit library > Path to script:
 - click on the Show hidden files and directories button .Build/vendor/autoload.php within the extension directory
- 4. Test runner > Default configuration file: typo3/sysext/core/Build/UnitTests.xml within the TYPO3 source

- 5. OK
- 6. Run > Edit Configurations
- 7. Defaults > PHPUnit
- 8. Command Line > Environment variables
- 9. add two variables:
 - TYPO3_CONTENT = Development
 - TYPO3_PATH_WEB = the absolute path to .Build/Web folder in your extension directory (without the trailing slash)
- 10. right-click on the Tests/ folder (or any test file or folder)
- 11. Run 'Tests'

7.3.2 Using the PHPUnit back-end module

This works for TYPO3 installations both in Composer mode and in classic mode.

This will load all installed extensions (including the PHPUnit extension), making it possible to use the features of the PHPUnit extension.

However, this will also execute the tests in the current back-end context, making the tests very brittle. This works fine for most unit tests of extensions, but will not work for functional tests.

1. Admin > PHPUnit

8 Mocks

8.1 Why mock?

- to "disable" a method (to not write to the DB, or to not launch a cruise missile) and return null
- to have a method redurn a particular return value or throw an exception
- to test that a method gets called in a certain way

8.2 Tools for mocking

Prophecy: The recommended, state-of the art, easy-to-use mocking framework. It cannot create partial mocks, though. 10

PHPUnit mocks: The old way of creating mocks. Creating mocks is a bit unwieldy, but it can create partial mocks. ¹¹

Mockery: Also very elegant. 12

¹⁰Prophecy cheatsheet:

 $[\]verb|https://github.com/oliverklee/tdd-reader/blob/master/AdditionalDocuments/prophecy-cheatsheet.pdf|$

¹¹PHPUnit mocking cheatsheet:

https://github.com/oliverklee/tdd-reader/blob/master/AdditionalDocuments/mocking-cheatsheet.pdf

 $^{^{12} \}mathtt{https://github.com/mockery/mockery}$

9 Testing for Exceptions

9.1 Test for the Exception class only

```
/**
    * Otest
    * OexpectedException \UnexpectedValueException
    */
public function createBreadWithNegativeSizeThrowsException()
{
    $this->subject->createBread(-1);
}
```

9.2 Test for the exception class, message and the code

10 Testing protected and private methods

10.1 Testing indirectly (recommended)

Tests should only test the behavior that has effects that can be observed from the outside. So protected methods should be tested by tests for public methods that call the protected methods.

10.2 Create a testing subclass

If you have protected methods that explicitly are part of the API to be used in subclasses, you can create a testing subclass located in Fixtures/ that provides a public method calling the protected method.

11 Testing abstract classes

11.1 Using the PHPUnit mock builder

This will create an instance of the abstract class with all abstract methods mocked. namespace OliverKlee\Coffee\Tests\Unit\Domain\Model; 1 use OliverKlee\Coffee\Domain\Model\AbstractBeverage; class AbstractBeverageTest 5 6 /** * Quar AbstractBeverage | \PHPUnit_Framework_MockObject_MockObject protected \$subject = null; 10 11 protected function setUp() 12 13 \$this->subject = \$this->getMockForAbstractClass(14 AbstractBeverage::class 15); 16 } 17

11.2 Creating a concrete subclass

This is recommended if you need to provide your subclass with some additional or specific behavior.

```
In Tests/Unit/Domain/Model/Fixtures/, create a subclass of the abstract class:
```

```
namespace OliverKlee\Coffee\Tests\Unit\Domain\Model\Fixtures;
  class TestingBeverage extends \OliverKlee\Coffee\Domain\Model\AbstractBeverage
3
       // ...
6
```

Then you can use and instantiate the concrete subclass in your unit tests:

```
use OliverKlee\Coffee\Tests\Unit\Domain\Model\Fixtures\TestingBeverage;
   class AbstractBeverageTest
3
4
5
        * @var TestingBeverage
6
       protected $subject = null;
       protected function setUp()
10
       {
11
            $this->subject = new TestingBeverage();
12
       }
13
```

12 Using the testing framework of the PHPUnit TYPO3 extension

```
class DataMapperTest extends \Tx_Phpunit_TestCase
        /**
         * @var \ \ Tx\_Phpunit\_Framework
       protected $testingFramework = null;
6
       protected $subject = null;
       protected function setUp()
11
            $this->testingFramework = new \Tx_Phpunit_Framework('tx_oelib');
12
13
            $this->subject = new ...;
14
       }
16
       protected function tearDown()
17
        {
18
            $this->testingFramework->cleanUp();
19
        }
20
21
        /**
         * @test
23
24
       public function findWithUidOfExistingRecordReturnsModelDataFromDatabase()
25
26
            $title = 'foo';
            $uid = $this->testingFramework->createRecord(
28
                'tx_oelib_test', ['title' => $title]
29
            );
30
31
            self::assertSame($title, $this->subject->find($uid)->getTitle());
```

12.1 Executable examples

The functional tests for the FileUtility class in the tea example¹³ show what tests with vf-sStream can look like.

¹³https://github.com/oliverklee/ext_tea

13 Using mock file systems with vfsStream

13.1 Setting it all up

```
use org\bovigo\vfs\ream;
use org\bovigo\vfs\reamDirectory;

/**

* @var \org\bovigo\vfs\vfsStreamFile

*/

protected $moreStuff;

protected function setUp()

{
    // This is the same as ::register and ::setRoot.

$this->root = vfsStream::setup('home');

$this->targetFilePath = vfsStream::url('home/target.txt');

$this->subject = new ...
}
```

13.2 Using the files

```
* Otest
   public function concatenateWithOneEmptySourceFileCreatesEmptyTargetFile()
5
       // This is one way to create a file with contents, using PHP's file functions.
6
       $sourceFileName = vfsStream::url('home/source.txt');
       // Just calling vfsStream::url does not create the file yet.
       // We need to write into it to create it.
       file_put_contents($sourceFileName, '');
11
       $this->subject->concatenate($this->targetFilePath, [$sourceFileName]);
12
13
       self::assertSame('', file_get_contents($this->targetFilePath));
14
   }
15
16
   /**
17
    * @test
18
19
   public function concatenateWithOneFileCopiesContentsFromSourceFileToTargetFile()
20
21
       // This is vfsStream's way of creating a file with contents.
22
       $contents = 'Hello world!';
23
       $sourceFileName = vfsStream::url('home/source.txt');
24
       vfsStream::newFile('source.txt')->at($this->root)->setContent($contents);
25
26
       $this->subject->concatenate($this->targetFilePath, [$sourceFileName]);
       self::assertSame($contents, file_get_contents($this->targetFilePath));
29
   }
30
```

14 Testing Extbase controllers

For controllers that are built in a clean way, you will mostly only need to test that data is passed correctly from the request to the repositories and from the repositories to the views. In addition, you will occasionally want to tests forwards and redirects.

14.1 Mocking and injecting repositories

```
protected function setUp()
1
   {
       $this->subject = new TestimonialController();
4
       $this->viewProphecy = $this->prophesize(ViewInterface::class);
5
       $this->view = $this->viewProphecy->reveal();
6
       $this->inject($this->subject, 'view', $this->view);
       $this->testimonialRepositoryProphecy
           = $this->prophesize(TestimonialRepository::class);
10
       $this->testimonialRepository
11
           = $this->testimonialRepositoryProphecy->reveal();
12
       $this->inject(
13
            $this->subject,
14
            'testimonialRepository',
            $this->testimonialRepository
16
       );
17
18
```

The inject method is a helper method from the test case base class.

If you are using explicit inject... method in the controller for better performance (instead the @inject annotations), you can use the inject methods:

```
$this->subject->injectTestimonialRepository($this->testimonialRepository);
```

14.2 Testing the data flow from the repository to the view

```
/**
    * @test
    */
public function indexActionPassesAllTestimonialsAsTestimonialsToView()
{
    $allTestimonials = new ObjectStorage();
    $this->testimonialRepositoryProphecy->findAll()
        ->willReturn($allTestimonials);

$this->viewProphecy->assign('testimonials', $allTestimonials)
        ->shouldBeCalled();

$this->subject->indexAction();
}
```

15 PHPUnit assertions

This list is current for PHPUnit 5.7.x.

```
assertArrayHasKey()
assertClassHasAttribute()
assertArravSubset()
assertClassHasStaticAttribute()
assertContains()
assertContainsOnly()
assertContainsOnlyInstancesOf()
assertCount()
assertDirectoryExists()
assertDirectoryIsReadable()
assertDirectoryIsWritable()
assertEmpty()
assertEqualXMLStructure()
assertEquals()
assertFalse()
assertFileEquals()
assertFileExists()
assertFileIsReadable()
assertFileIsWritable()
assertGreaterThan()
assertGreaterThanOrEqual()
assertInfinite()
assertInstanceOf()
assertInternalType()
assertIsReadable()
assertIsWritable()
assertJsonFileEqualsJsonFile()
assertJsonStringEqualsJsonFile()
assertJsonStringEqualsJsonString()
assertLessThan()
assertLessThanOrEqual()
assertNan()
assertNull()
assertObjectHasAttribute()
assertRegExp()
assertStringMatchesFormat()
assertStringMatchesFormatFile()
assertSame()
assertStringEndsWith()
assertStringEqualsFile()
assertStringStartsWith()
assertThat()
assertTrue()
```

assertXmlFileEqualsXmlFile()
assertXmlStringEqualsXmlFile()
assertXmlStringEqualsXmlString()

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