

## **String Calculator Kata**

The following is a TDD Kata - an exercise in coding, refactoring and test-first programming. You should do the kata daily for at least 15 minutes (some do 30).

## Before you start:

- Try not to read ahead.
- Do one task at a time. The trick is to learn to work incrementally.
- Make sure you only test for correct inputs. there is no need to test for invalid inputs for this kata.

## **String Calculator**

- 1. Create a simple String calculator with a method **int Add(string numbers)** 
  - (a) The method can take 0, 1 or 2 numbers, and will return their sum (for an empty string it will return 0) for example "or "1" or "1,2"
  - (b) Start with the simplest test case of an empty string and move to 1 and two numbers
  - (c) Remember to solve things as simply as possible so that you force yourself to write tests you did not think about
  - (d) Remember to refactor after each passing test
- 2. Allow the Add method to handle an unknown number of numbers
- 3. Allow the Add method to handle new lines between numbers (instead of commas).
  - (a) the following input is ok: "1\n2,3" (will equal 6)
  - (b) the following input is NOT ok: "1,\n" (not need to prove it just clarifying)

## 4. Support different delimiters

- (a) to change a delimiter, the beginning of the string will contain a separate line that looks like this: "//[delimiter]\n[numbers...]" for example "//;\n1;2" should return three where the default delimiter is ';'.
- (b) the first line is optional. all existing scenarios should still be supported
- 5. Calling Add with a negative number will throw an exception "negatives not allowed" and the negative that was passed. If there are multiple negatives, show all of them in the exception message

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