Mocking and Stubbing using Mockito

What is Mocking?

Mocking is a unit testing technique where we create **fake objects** that simulate the behavior of real objects. This is useful when:

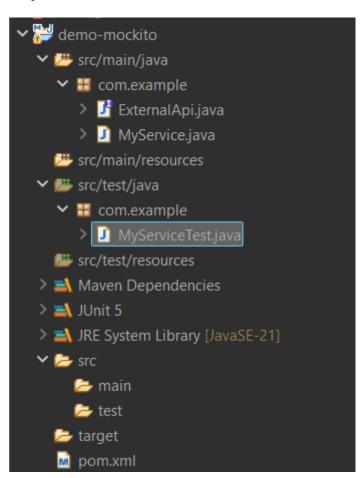
- A class depends on external APIs, databases, or network services
- We want to **isolate** the class under test
- We want **predictable outputs** without actual external calls

In Java, we use libraries like **Mockito** to create mock objects.

Objective of This Exercise

- Create a mock for an external API
- Stub the API method to return predefined data
- Inject the mock into a service class
- Verify the output using **JUnit 5**

Project Structure



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Dependecies:

```
project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
     xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
                http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
  <groupId>com.example</groupId>
                                        <!-- You can change this -->
  <artifactId>mockito-demo</artifactId> <!-- You can change this -->
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <dependencies>
    <!-- JUnit 5 -->
    <dependency>
       <groupId>org.junit.jupiter</groupId>
       <artifactId>junit-jupiter</artifactId>
       <version>5.10.0</version>
       <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
    <!-- Mockito -->
    <dependency>
       <groupId>org.mockito</groupId>
       <artifactId>mockito-core</artifactId>
       <version>5.11.0</version>
       <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
  </dependencies>
<build>
  <plugins>
    <!-- Compiler Plugin for Java 21 -->
    <plugin>
       <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
       <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
       <version>3.11.0</version>
       <configuration>
         <source>21</source>
         <target>21</target>
       </configuration>
    </plugin>
    <!-- JUnit 5 Surefire Plugin -->
    <plugin>
       <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
       <artifactId>maven-surefire-plugin</artifactId>
       <version>3.0.0</version>
       <configuration>
         <includes>
           <include>**/*Test.java</include>
         </includes>
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This is a simple interface simulating a third-party or external API.

MyService.java

```
package com.example;
public class MyService {
    private ExternalApi api;

public MyService(ExternalApi api) {
    this.api = api;
    }

public String fetchData() {
    return api.getData();
    }
}
```

MyService depends on ExternalApi. Instead of calling a real API, we'll inject a mock.

MyServiceTest.java

```
package com.example;
import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;
import org.mockito.Mockito;
import static org.mockito.Mockito.*;
import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.*;
public class MyServiceTest {
     @Test
    public void testExternalApi() {
        // Step 1: Create mock
        ExternalApi mockApi = Mockito.mock(ExternalApi.class);
        // Step 2: Stub method
        when(mockApi.getData()).thenReturn("Mock Data");
```

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```
// Step 3: Inject mock into service
MyService service = new MyService(mockApi);

// Step 4: Verify result
String result = service.fetchData();
assertEquals("Mock Data", result);
}
```

This test:

- Creates a mock for ExternalApi
- Stubs getData() to return "Mock Data"
- Verifies that MyService.fetchData() returns the expected value

Screenshot: Output

