Testing Exceptions: Properly Testing Exceptions in Java



Lesson Objectives

- Understand the need for testing exceptions in Java
- Get acquainted with the JUnit 5 and Mockito support for exception testing
- Learn various strategies for effective exception testing



Exception Testing Basics in JUnit 5

assertThrows Example

```
@Test
void whenExceptionThrown_thenAssertionSucceeds() {
    Exception exception = assertThrows(NumberFormatException.class, () -> {
        Integer.parseInt("1a");
    });
    assertEquals("For input string: \"1a\"", exception.getMessage());
}
```

Mockito Support for Exception Testing

thenThrow Example

```
@Test
void whenReadFile_thenThrowException() {
    File file = mock(File.class);
    when(file.read()).thenThrow(new IOException());

    MyFileReader fileReader = new MyFileReader(file);
    assertThrows(IOException.class, () -> fileReader.readFile());
}
```

Advanced Exception Testing Strategies

Parameterized Tests

```
@ParameterizedTest
@ValueSource(strings = {"", " ", "\t", "\n"})
void whenGivenBlankString_thenIllegalArgumentExceptionIsThrown(String input) {
    MyParser parser = new MyParser();

    assertThrows(IllegalArgumentException.class, () => parser.parse(input));
}
```

Parameterized Tests with sources of exceptions

```
@ParameterizedTest
@MethodSource("provideExceptionsForTesting")
void whenVariousExceptionsThrown_thenHandleGracefully(Exception e, Class<?> expectedType) {
    PaymentProcessor processor = new PaymentProcessor();
    assertThrows(
        expectedType,
        () -> processor.processPayment(e)
static Stream<Arguments> provideExceptionsForTesting() {
    return Stream.of(
        Arguments.of(new NetworkException("Timeout reached"), NetworkException.class),
        Arguments.of(new PaymentDeclinedException("Payment declined by bank"),
PaymentDeclinedException.class),
        Arguments.of(new UserNotLoggedInException("User must be logged in"),
AuthenticationException.class)
```

Combining Mockito and JUnit 5