
JUnit Essentials

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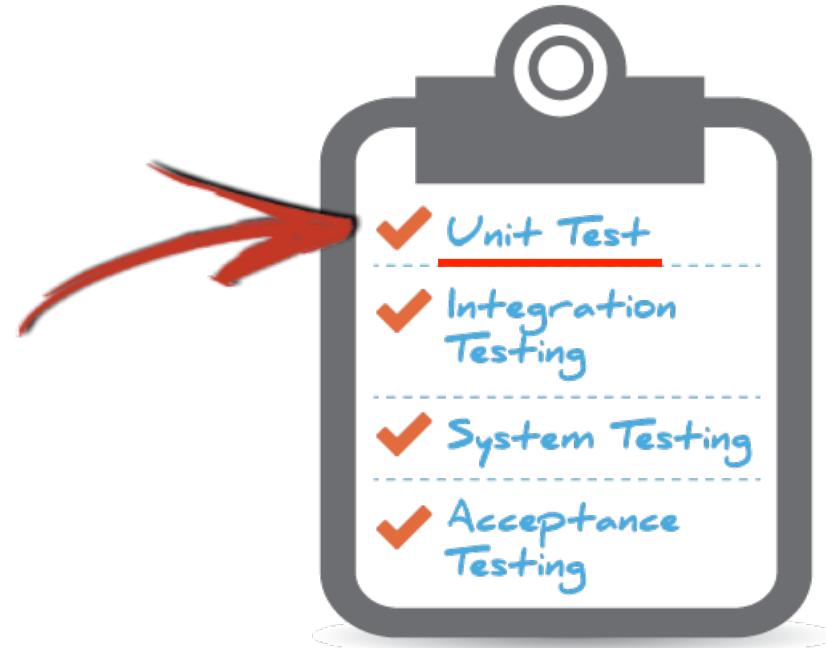
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Announcements

- ◆ Decide your project topic ASAP

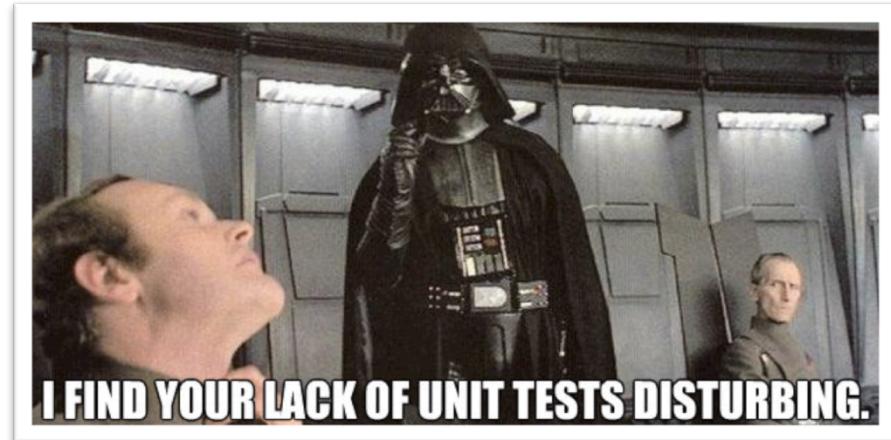
The Most Fundamental Testing Step

- ◆ The smallest test unit
- ◆ Test every single function



A MUST-HAVE Skill for Developers

- ◆ You are required to write unit test for every change you made
- ◆ There is no way that you can skip the process, because your code will be reviewed by your peer developers



Writing Good Unit Tests is Non-Trivial

- ◆ Write testable code
- ◆ High test coverage
- ◆ Use test patterns
- ◆ Handle tricky testing scenarios

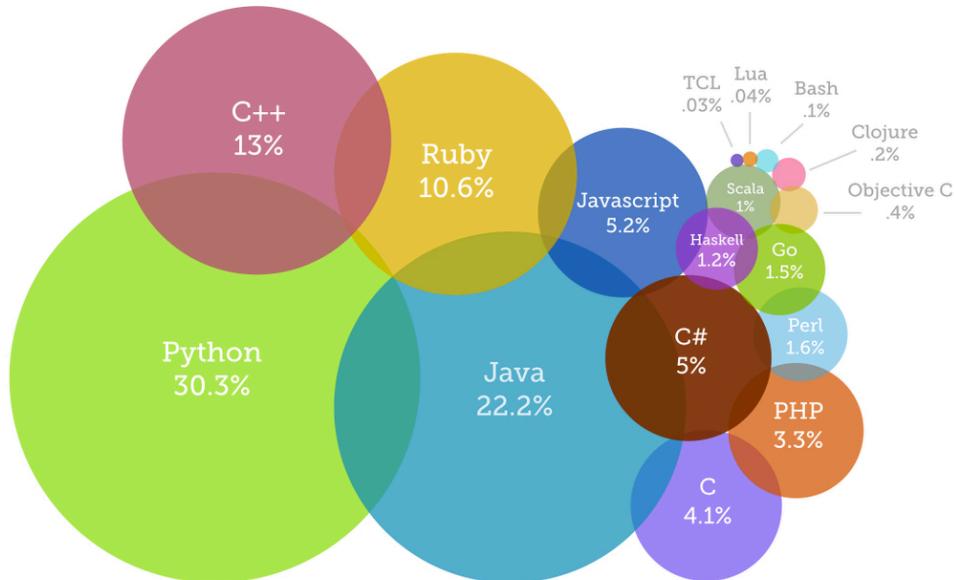


Never Ignore Java

- ◆ A complete general-purpose language
- ◆ Platform-independent
- ◆ Web/Mobile/Desktop
- ◆ Widely used in the industry
- ◆ New and cool features



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From JUnit to xUnit

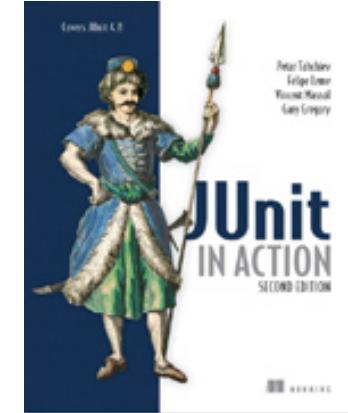
- ◆ JUnit is a modern and mature testing framework
- ◆ Learning JUnit helps learning xUnit
 - ◆ ASP, C++, C#, Eiffel, Delphi, Perl, PHP, Python, REBOL, Smalltalk, and Visual Basic

JUnit



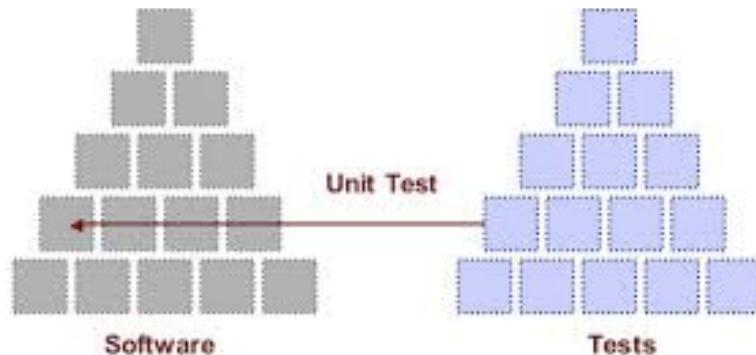
JUnit Resources

- ◆ <http://junit.org>
- ◆ Petar Tahchiev, Felipe Leme, Vincent Massol, and Gary Gregory. *JUnit in Action*. Manning Publications Co., 2010.
- ◆ Latest version: JUnit 4.12
- ◆ Source code: <https://github.com/junit-team/junit>



Unit Test – Definition

- ◆ A *unit test* examines the behavior of a distinct unit of work
- ◆ Within a Java application, the “distinct unit of work” is often (but not always) a single method



How to Test without JUnit

- ◆ We code, we compile, we run, and we test
- ◆ When test, we
 - ◆ click on a button
 - ◆ add a record
 - ◆ delete a record
 - ◆ ...



JUnit from Scratch – Calculator Example

Listings 1.1 The test calculator class

```
public class Calculator {  
    public double add(double number1, double number2) {  
        return number1 + number2;  
    }  
}
```

JUnit from Scratch – A Simple Test

List 1.1 The test calculator class

```
public class Calculator {  
    public double add(double number1, double number2) {  
        return number1 + number2;  
    }  
}
```

List 1.2 A simple test calculator program

```
public class CalculatorTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Calculator calculator = new Calculator();  
        double result = calculator.add(10,50);  
        if (result != 60) {  
            System.out.println("Bad result: " + result);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

JUnit from Scratch – A Better Test

List 1.3 A (slightly) better test calculator program

```
public class CalculatorTest {  
  
    private int nbErrors = 0;  
  
    public void testAdd() {  
        Calculator calculator = new Calculator();  
        double result = calculator.add(10, 50);  
        if (result != 60) {  
            throw new IllegalStateException("Bad result: " + result);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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- ① Explicitly report the error using Java exception

JUnit from Scratch – A Better Test (cont.)

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    CalculatorTest test = new CalculatorTest();
    try {
        test.testAdd();
    }
    catch (Throwable e) {
        test.nbErrors++;
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    if (test.nbErrors > 0) {
        throw new IllegalStateException("There were " + test.nbErrors
            + " error(s)");
    }
}
```

②

- ② A simple framework to count and summarize the tests

Unit Test Best Practices

- ◆ Each unit test should run **independently** of all other unit tests
- ◆ The framework should **detect and report** errors test by test
- ◆ It should be easy to define **which** unit tests will run

The Process should be Automated

- ◆ In 1997, Erich Gamma and Kent Beck created JUnit 1.0



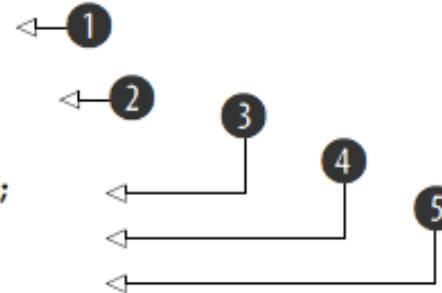
JUnit from Scratch – The JUnit Solution

Listing 1.4 The JUnit CalculatorTest program

```
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
import org.junit.Test;

public class CalculatorTest {

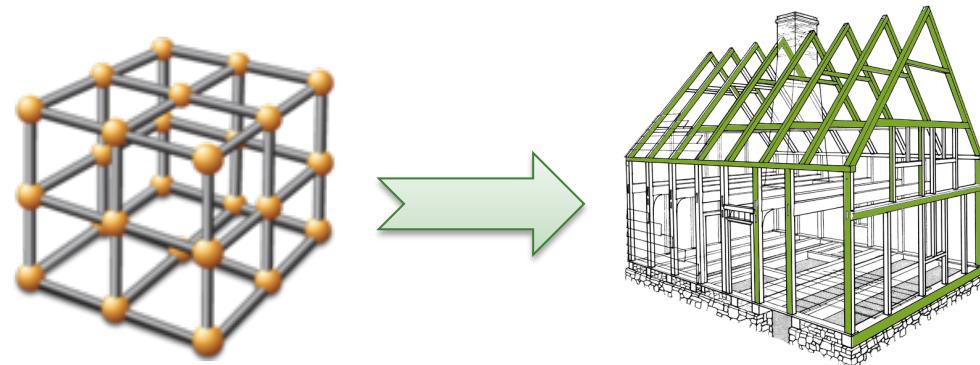
    @Test
    public void testAdd() {
        Calculator calculator = new Calculator();
        double result = calculator.add(10, 50);
        assertEquals(60, result, 0);
    }
}
```



- ① JUnit has some naming conventions
- ② `@Test` indicates the unit test method
- ③ Create a new instance – to be independent
- ④ Execute the method to be tested
- ⑤ Check the result using JUnit

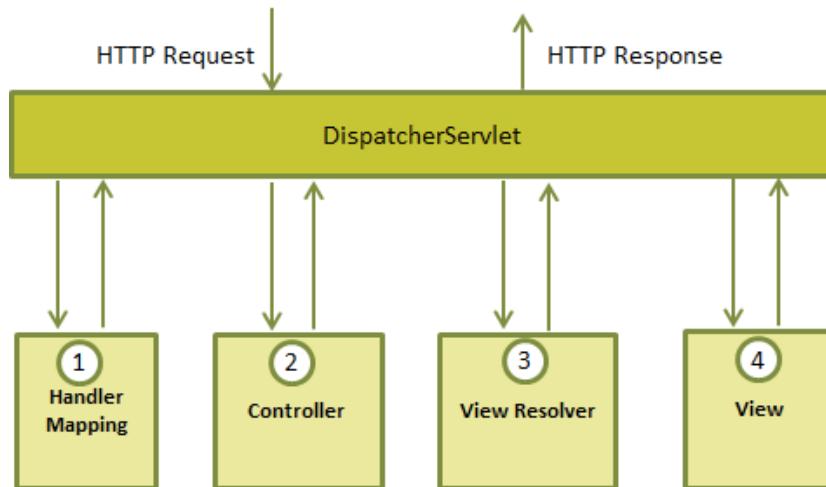
JUnit is a Software Framework

- ◆ A *framework* is a semi-complete application
- ◆ It provides a reusable, common structure to share among applications
- ◆ Developers incorporate the framework into their own application and extend it to meet their specific needs

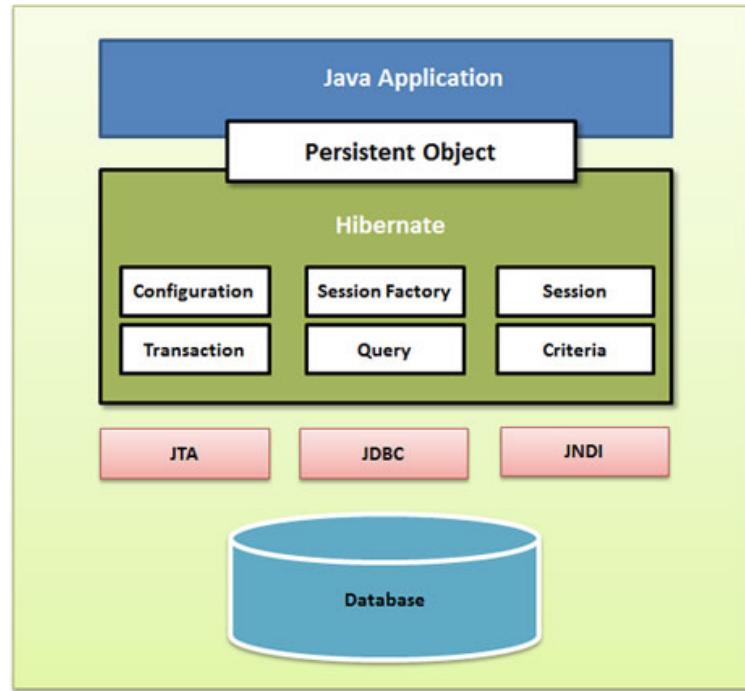


Software Framework Examples

◆ Spring MVC



◆ Hibernate



Core JUnit - @Test

- ◆ Annotate the test methods
 - ◆ Public
 - ◆ No arguments
 - ◆ No return

Core JUnit – Assert

assertXXX method	What it's used for
assertArrayEquals ("message" , A, B)	Asserts the equality of the A and B arrays.
assertEquals ("message" , A, B)	Asserts the equality of objects A and B. This assert invokes the equals () method on the first object against the second.
assertSame ("message" , A, B)	Asserts that the A and B objects are the same object. Whereas the previous assert method checks to see that A and B have the same value (using the equals method), the assertSame method checks to see if the A and B objects are one and the same object (using the == operator).
assertTrue ("message" , A)	Asserts that the A condition is true.
assertNotNull ("message" , A)	Asserts that the A object isn't null.

Core JUnit – Test Runner

- ◆ Test runner executes the test methods

```
@RunWith (SpringJUnit4ClassRunner.class)
```

```
@RunWith (Parameterized.class)
```

```
@RunWith (JUnit38ClassRunner.class)
```



Core JUnit – Test Suite

- ◆ The **Suite** is a container used to gather tests for the purpose of grouping and invocation

```
[...]
@RunWith(value=Suite.class)
@SuiteClasses(value = {TestCaseB.class})
public class TestSuiteB {
}

[...]
@RunWith(value = Suite.class)
@SuiteClasses(value = {TestSuiteA.class, TestSuiteB.class})
public class MasterTestSuite{
}
```



Core JUnit - @Before/@After

- ◆ The `@Before` and `@After` annotated methods are executed right before/after the execution of each one of your `@Test` methods and regardless of whether the test failed or not
- ◆ You can have as many of these methods as you want, but beware that if you have more than one of the `@Before`/`@After` methods, *the order of their execution is not defined*
- ◆ Extract the common logic, like instantiating your domain objects and setting them up in some known state
- ◆ The method must be *public*

Core JUnit - @BeforeClass/@AfterClass

- ◆ The methods annotated with `@BeforeClass` and `@AfterClass` will get executed only once, before/after all of your `@Test` methods
- ◆ As with the `@Before` and `@After` annotations, you can have as many of these methods as you want, and again the order of the execution is unspecified
- ◆ The method must be *public* and *static*



Before



After

Core JUnit – Test Exceptions

Listing 3.14 Testing methods that throw an exception

```
public class TestDefaultController
{
[...]
    @Test(expected=RuntimeException.class)
    public void testGetHandlerNotDefined()
    {
        SampleRequest request = new SampleRequest("testNotDefined");

        //The following line is supposed to throw a RuntimeException
        controller.getHandler(request);
    }

    @Test(expected=RuntimeException.class)
    public void testAddRequestDuplicateName()
    {
        SampleRequest request = new SampleRequest();
        SampleHandler handler = new SampleHandler();

        // The following line is supposed to throw a RuntimeException
        controller.addHandler(request, handler);
    }
}
```

Core JUnit – Timeout

Listing 3.15 Timeout tests

```
[...]
public class TestDefaultController
{
[...]
    @Test(timeout=130)
    public void testProcessMultipleRequestsTimeout()
    {
        Request request;
        Response response = new SampleResponse();
        RequestHandler handler = new SampleHandler();

        for(int i=0; i< 99999; i++)
        {
            request = new SampleRequest(String.valueOf(i));
            controller.addHandler(request, handler);
            response = controller.processRequest();
            assertNotNull(response);
            assertNotSame(ErrorResponse.class, response.getClass());
        }
    }
}
```

Core JUnit – @Ignore

Listing 3.16 Ignoring a test method in JUnit 4.x

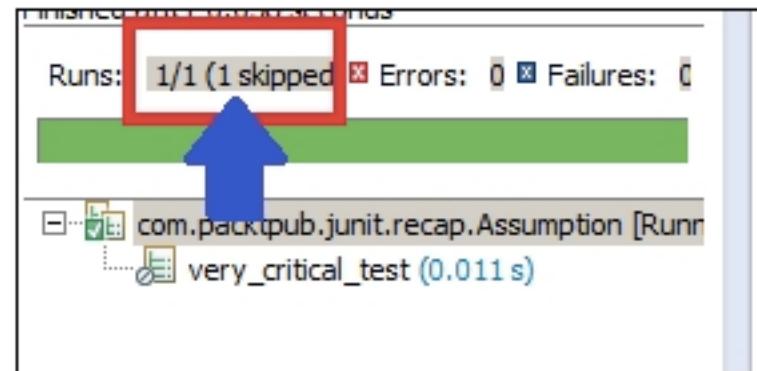
```
[...]
@Test(timeout=130)
@Ignore(value="Ignore for now until we decide a decent time-limit")
public void testProcessMultipleRequestTimeout()
{
    [...]
}
```

- ◆ Always specify a reason for skipping a test

Core JUnit – Assume

- ◆ Skip the test if the assumption is not satisfied

```
Assume.assertFalse(isSonarRunning);
```



Core JUnit – Hamcrest

- ◆ Declaratively specify simple matching rules

```
@Before
public void setUpList() {
    values = new ArrayList<String>();
    values.add("x");
    values.add("y");
    values.add("z");
}

@Test
public void testWithoutHamcrest() {
    assertTrue(values.contains("one")
               || values.contains("two")
               || values.contains("three"));
}
```

Core JUnit – Hamcrest

- ◆ Declaratively specify simple matching rules

```
@Before
public void setUpList() {
    values = new ArrayList<String>();
    values.add("x");
    values.add("y");
    values.add("z");
}

@Test
public void testWithHamcrest() {
    assertThat(values, hasItem(anyOf(equalTo("one"), equalTo("two"),
        equalTo("three")))));
}
}
```

Core JUnit – Hamcrest

Core	Logical
sameInstance	Tests object identity.
notNullValue, nullable	Tests for null values (or non-null values).
hasProperty	Tests whether a JavaBean has a certain property.
hasEntry, hasKey, hasValue	Tests whether a given Map has a given entry, key, or value.
hasItem, hasItems	Tests a given collection for the presence of an item or items.
closeTo, greaterThan, greaterThanOrEqualTo, lessThan, lessThanOrEqualTo	Test whether given numbers are close to, greater than, greater than or equal to, less than, or less than or equal to a given value.
equalToIgnoringCase	Tests whether a given string equals another one, ignoring the case.
equalToIgnoringWhiteSpace	Tests whether a given string equals another one, by ignoring the white spaces.
containsString, endsWith, startsWith	Test whether the given string contains, starts with, or ends with a certain string.

Core JUnit – Hamcrest

Core	Logical
anything	Matches absolutely anything. Useful in some cases where you want to make the assert statement more readable.
is	Is used only to improve the readability of your statements.
allOf	Checks to see if all contained matchers match (just like the && operator).
anyOf	Checks to see if any of the contained matchers match (like the operator).
not	Traverses the meaning of the contained matchers (just like the ! operator in Java).
instanceOf, isCompatibleType	Match whether objects are of compatible type (are instances of one another).

Core JUnit – Test Order

- ◆ By default, JUnit executes methods with random order
- ◆ `@FixMethodOrder`
 - ◆ `MethodSorters.JVM`
 - ◆ `MethodSorters.NAME_ASCENDING`
 - ◆ `MethodSorters.DEFAULT`



Core JUnit – Rules

◆ Timeout Rule

```
public class TimeoutTest {  
  
    @Rule  
    public Timeout globalTimeout = new Timeout(20);  
  
    @Test  
    public void testInfiniteLoop1() throws InterruptedException{  
        Thread.sleep(30);  
    }  
    @Test  
    public void testInfiniteLoop2() throws InterruptedException{  
        Thread.sleep(30);  
    }  
}
```

Core JUnit – Rules

◆ ExpectedException Rule

```
public class ExpectedExceptionRuleTest {  
  
    @Rule  
    public ExpectedException thrown = ExpectedException.none();  
  
    @Test  
    public void throwsNothing() {  
    }  
    @Test  
    public void throwsNullPointerException() {  
        thrown.expect(NullPointerException.class);  
        throw new NullPointerException();  
    }  
}
```

Core JUnit – Rules

- ◆ **TemporaryFolder Rule:** allows the creation of files and folders that are guaranteed to be deleted when the test method finishes (whether it passes or fails)

```
public class TemporaryFolderRuleTest {  
  
    @Rule  
    public TemporaryFolder folder = new TemporaryFolder();  
  
    @Test  
    public void testUsingTempFolder() throws IOException {  
        File createdFile = folder.newFile("myfile.txt");  
        File createdFolder = folder.newFolder("mysubfolder");  
    }  
}
```

Core JUnit – Rules

- ◆ ErrorCollector Rule: allows the execution of a test to continue after the first problem is found

```
public class ErrorcollectorTest {  
  
    @Rule  
    public ErrorCollector collector = new ErrorCollector();  
  
    @Test  
    public void fails_after_execution() {  
        collector.checkThat("a", equalTo("b"));  
        collector.checkThat(1, equalTo(2));  
        collector.checkThat("ae", equalTo("g"));  
    }  
}
```

Best Practices – Test One Object at a Time

- ◆ Make fine granularity unit test
- ◆ It helps to isolate problems



Best Practices – Choose Meaningful Names

- ◆ Following **XXXTest** pattern for each test class
- ◆ Follow **testXXX** pattern for each test method
- ◆ Long and verbose names are OK



Best Practices – Explain the Failure Reason

- ◆ Use *assertXXX(String message, ...);*

```
assertNotNull("Must not return a null response", response);
assertEquals("Response should be of type SampleResponse",
             SampleResponse.class, response.getClass());
```



Best Practices – One UT Equals One @Test

- ◆ Don't put several tests into one method; otherwise, really hard to read and understand
- ◆ One assertion per @Test method
- ◆ Don't write test method without using assertions



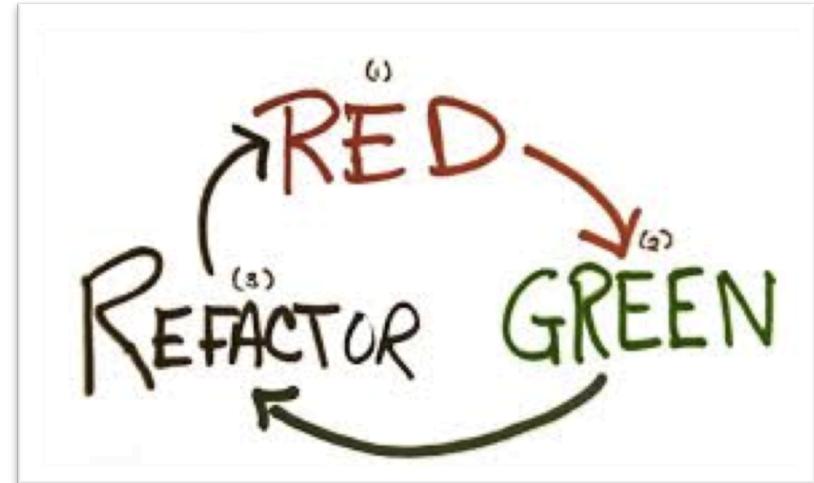
Best Practices – Test Anything that could Fail

- ◆ Test everything



Best Practices – Let Test Improve Your Code

- ◆ A test case is a user of your code. It's only when using code that you find its shortcomings
- ◆ Listen your tests and *refactor* your code so that it's easier to use



Why do we need Unit Tests?

- ◆ Allow greater test coverage than functional tests
- ◆ Increase team productivity
- ◆ Detect regressions and limit the need for debugging
- ◆ Changing and refactoring with confidence
- ◆ Improve implementation
- ◆ Document expected behavior
- ◆ Enable code coverage and other metrics

Cannot be Agile without Unit Tests

