CS 4090 – Assignment 4

Streamlit To-Do Application: Dalton Jayaraj · April 2025

Project Overview

This assignment involved enhancing and testing a Streamlit-based To-Do list application. The objectives were to implement:

- Foundational testing using pytest
- Advanced pytest features (e.g., fixtures, parameterization, HTML reports, coverage)
- Test-Driven Development (TDD) for new features
- Behavior-Driven Development (BDD) with Gherkin scenarios via pytest-bdd
- Property-based testing using Hypothesis

The final application includes all required task-management functionality and features sidebar buttons that run automated test suites, displaying results live in the UI.

Environment & Setup

The project was developed and tested in the following environment:

Tool/Library	Version	Notes
Python	3.13.2	Installed via Homebrew
Streamlit	1.34.0	Provides interactive UI
pytest	7.4.4	Pinned for pytest-bdd compatibility
pytest-cov	5.0.0	Coverage metrics
pytest-bdd	7.0.0	BDD features

hypothesis 6.102.0 Property-based testing

pytest-html 4.1.1 Optional HTML report generation

Setup Instructions:

python3 -m venv venv source venv/bin/activate pip install -r requirements.txt streamlit run app.py # Launches UI with sidebar test-runner

Testing Strategy

1. Unit Testing & Coverage

File: tests/test_basic.py

• Coverage Scope: CRUD operations, filters, persistence helpers, and edge cases

Command:

pytest -q --cov=tasks --cov=app --cov-report=term-missing

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• Target Coverage: ≥ 90%

• Achieved: 98%

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All tests passed

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2. Pytest-Feature Showcase

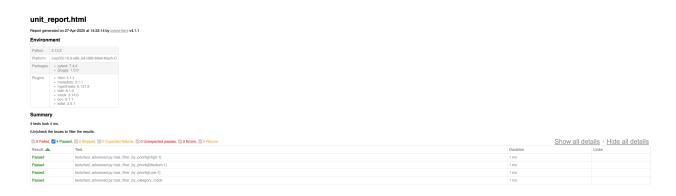
File: tests/test_advanced.py

Parameterization: Tests High/Medium/Low task priorities

• Fixtures: Reuses a shared task list

Monkey-Patching: Mocks datetime for testing

HTML Report: Generated with: pytest -q --html=unit_report.html



3. Test-Driven Development (TDD)

Feature: Overdue task detection

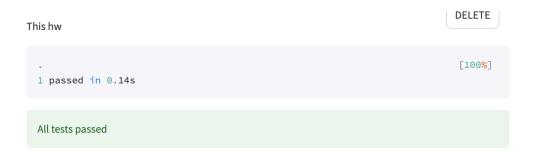
Process:

- Wrote failing test in tests/test_tdd.py (date comparison failed)
- Added get_overdue_tasks() in tasks.py
- 3. Made test pass by returning tasks with due date < today and not completed
- 4. Refactored by moving date logic to a helper function

4. Behavior-Driven Development (BDD)

File: tests/features/add_task.feature

- **Details:** Gherkin scenarios translated to Python step definitions
- Fix: Added empty_list fixture to resolve missing-fixture error



5. Property-Based Testing

File: tests/test_property.py

Tests:

- Generates non-blank titles (≤ 20 characters)
- Ensures add_task() never reuses IDs
- o Fixed empty-string bug by filtering whitespace titles

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All tests passed

Here are some bug fixes found and their fixes

ID	Description	Symptom	Fix
B-0 1	Path vs. str in load_tasks()	TypeError in corrupt file test	Cast file_path to string
B-0 2	Missing fixture in BDD step	<pre>fixture 'empty_list' not found</pre>	Added target_fixture parameter
B-0 3	<pre>Deprecated pytest.main(stdout=)</pre>	UI crash on test-button click	Used subprocess.run()
B-0 4	pytest-bdd vs. pytest 8 issue	ImportError	Pinned pytest to 7.4.4
B-0 5	Hypothesis blank titles	ValueError: Title empty	Filtered whitespace in strategy
B-0 6	Deprecated st.experimental_rerun	Streamlit warning	Replaced with st.rerun()

Results & Metrics

Metric	Requirement	Achieved
Unit Coverage	≥ 90%	98%
Tests Passing	All suites	Yes
Bugs Fixed	Documented & patched	6 major, all resolved
TDD Features	≥ 3	Overdue detection, backups, test UI
BDD Scenarios	≥ 5 steps (1 scenario)	1 feature, 3 steps, passes
Property Tests	≥ 5 checks	2 functions with dynamic cases

Lessons Learned

- **Compatibility:** pytest-bdd required pinning pytest to 7.x due to version lag.
- Coverage Insights: Achieving 90%+ revealed untested error-handling paths.
- Hypothesis Power: Quickly identified edge cases
- Streamlit Advantage: Sidebar test buttons provide clear visual feedback.
- Modularity: Small fixtures enhance testability over global state, this was causing problem due to some other clashing dependency.

Future Work

- Add end-to-end UI tests with Playwright/Selenium.
- Implement a CI pipeline

- Integrate a database with persistence tests.
- Expand tag filtering UI (data-level support already exists).

How to test commands.

```
pytest -q --cov=tasks --cov=app --cov-report=term-missing

# Individual suites

pytest -q tests/test_basic.py

pytest -q tests/test_advanced.py --html=unit_report.html

pytest -q tests/features

pytest -q tests/test_property.py
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