

DAP SDK Test Framework - Complete Guide

Async Testing, Mocking, and Test Automation

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2 Part I: Introduction

2.1 1. Overview

The DAP SDK Test Framework is a production-ready testing infrastructure designed for the Cellframe blockchain ecosystem. It provides comprehensive tools for testing asynchronous operations, mocking external dependencies, and ensuring reliable test execution across platforms.

2.1.1 1.1 What is DAP SDK Test Framework?

A complete testing solution that includes:

- **Async Testing Framework** - Tools for testing asynchronous operations with timeouts
- **Mock Framework V4** - Function mocking without code modification
- **Auto-Wrapper System** - Automatic linker configuration
- **Self-Tests** - 21 tests validating framework reliability

2.1.2 1.2 Why Use This Framework?

Problem: Testing asynchronous code is hard - Operations complete at unpredictable times - Network delays vary - Tests can hang indefinitely - External dependencies complicate testing

Solution: This framework provides - ☐ Timeout protection (global + per-operation) - ☐ Efficient waiting (polling + condition variables) - ☐ Dependency isolation (mocking) - ☐ Realistic simulation (delays, failures) - ☐ Thread-safe operations - ☐ Cross-platform support

2.1.3 1.3 Key Features at a Glance

Feature	Description	Benefit
Global Timeout	alarm + siglongjmp	Prevents CI/CD hangs
Condition Polling	Configurable intervals	Efficient async waiting
pthread Helpers	Condition variable wrappers	Thread-safe coordination
Mock Framework	Linker-based (--wrap)	Zero technical debt
Delays	Fixed, Range, Variance	Realistic simulation
Callbacks	Inline + Runtime	Dynamic mock behavior
Auto-Wrapper	Bash/PowerShell scripts	Automatic setup
Self-Tests	21 comprehensive tests	Validated reliability

2.1.4 1.4 Quick Comparison

Traditional Approach:

```
// ☐ Busy waiting, no timeout, CPU waste
while (!done) {
    usleep(10000); // 10ms sleep
}
```

With DAP Test Framework:

```
// Efficient, timeout-protected, automatic logging  
DAP_TEST_WAIT_UNTIL(done == true, 5000, "Should complete");
```

2.1.5 1.5 Target Audience

- DAP SDK developers
- Cellframe SDK contributors
- VPN Client developers
- Anyone testing async C code in Cellframe ecosystem

2.1.6 1.6 Prerequisites

Required Knowledge: - C programming - Basic understanding of async operations
- CMake basics - pthread concepts (for advanced features)

Required Software: - GCC 7+ or Clang 10+ (or MinGW on Windows) - CMake 3.10+
- pthread library - Linux, macOS, or Windows (partial support)

2.2 2. Quick Start

2.2.1 2.1 Your First Test (5 minutes)

Step 1: Create test file

```
// my_test.c
#include "dap_test.h"
#include "dap_common.h"

#define LOG_TAG "my_test"

int main() {
    dap_common_init("my_test", NULL);

    // Test code
    int result = 2 + 2;
    dap_assert_PIF(result == 4, "Math should work");

    log_it(L_INFO, "✓ Test passed!");

    dap_common_deinit();
    return 0;
}
```

Step 2: Create CMakeLists.txt

```
add_executable(my_test my_test.c)
target_link_libraries(my_test dap_core)
add_test(NAME my_test COMMAND my_test)
```

Step 3: Build and run

```
cd build
cmake ..
make my_test
./my_test
```

2.2.2 2.2 Adding Async Timeout (2 minutes)

```
#include "dap_test.h"
#include "dap_test_async.h"
#include "dap_common.h"

#define LOG_TAG "my_test"
#define TIMEOUT_SEC 30

int main() {
    dap_common_init("my_test", NULL);

    // Add global timeout
    dap_test_global_timeout_t timeout;
    if (dap_test_set_global_timeout(&timeout, TIMEOUT_SEC, "My Test")) {
        return 1; // Timeout triggered
    }
}
```

```

    // Your tests here

    dap_test_cancel_global_timeout();
    dap_common_deinit();
    return 0;
}

```

Update CMakeLists.txt:

```
target_link_libraries(my_test dap_test dap_core pthread)
```

2.2.3 2.3 Adding Mocks (5 minutes)

```

#include "dap_test.h"
#include "dap_mock.h"
#include "dap_common.h"

#define LOG_TAG "my_test"

// Declare mock
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(external_api_call);

int main() {
    dap_common_init("my_test", NULL);
    dap_mock_init();

    // Configure mock
    DAP MOCK_SET_RETURN(external_api_call, (void*)42);

    // Run code that calls external_api_call
    int result = my_code_under_test();

    // Verify
    assert(DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(external_api_call) == 1);

    dap_mock_deinit();
    dap_common_deinit();
    return 0;
}

```

Update CMakeLists.txt:

```

include(${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/../test-framework/mocks/DAPMockAutoWrap.cmak

target_link_libraries(my_test dap_test dap_core pthread)

# Auto-generate --wrap linker flags
dap_mock_utowrap(my_test)

```

2.3 3. API Reference

2.3.1 3.1 Async Testing API

2.3.1.1 Global Timeout

```
int dap_test_set_global_timeout(  
    dap_test_global_timeout_t *a_timeout,  
    uint32_t a_timeout_sec,  
    const char *a_test_name  
);  
// Returns: 0 on setup, 1 if timeout triggered  
  
void dap_test_cancel_global_timeout(void);
```

2.3.1.2 Condition Polling

```
bool dap_test_wait_condition(  
    dap_test_condition_cb_t a_condition,  
    void *a_user_data,  
    const dap_test_async_config_t *a_config  
);  
// Returns: true if condition met, false on timeout
```

2.3.1.3 pthread Helpers

```
void dap_test_cond_wait_init(dap_test_cond_wait_ctx_t *a_ctx);  
bool dap_test_cond_wait(dap_test_cond_wait_ctx_t *a_ctx, uint32_t a_timeout_ms);  
void dap_test_cond_signal(dap_test_cond_wait_ctx_t *a_ctx);  
void dap_test_cond_wait_deinit(dap_test_cond_wait_ctx_t *a_ctx);
```

2.3.1.4 Time Utilities

```
uint64_t dap_test_get_time_ms(void); // Monotonic time in ms  
void dap_test_sleep_ms(uint32_t a_delay_ms); // Cross-platform sleep
```

2.3.1.5 Macros

```
DAP_TEST_WAIT_UNTIL(condition, timeout_ms, msg)  
// Quick inline condition waiting
```

2.3.2 3.2 Mock Framework API

Header: dap_mock.h

2.3.2.1 Framework Initialization

```
int dap_mock_init(void);  
// Initialize mock framework (required before using mocks)  
// Returns: 0 on success  
  
void dap_mock_deinit(void);  
// Cleanup mock framework
```

2.3.2.2 Mock Declaration Macros Simple Declaration (auto-enabled, return 0):

```
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(function_name);
```

With Configuration Structure:

```
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(function_name, {  
    .enabled = true,  
    .return_value.l = 0xDEADBEEF,  
    .delay = {  
        .type = DAP MOCK_DELAY_FIXED,  
        .fixed_us = 1000  
    }  
});
```

With Inline Callback:

```
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(function_name, {.return_value.i = 0}, {  
    // Callback body - custom logic for each call  
    if (a_arg_count >= 1) {  
        int arg = (int)(intptr_t)a_args[0];  
        return (void*)(intptr_t)(arg * 2); // Double the input  
    }  
    return (void*)0;  
});
```

For Custom Wrapper (no auto-wrapper generation):

```
DAP MOCK_DECLARE_CUSTOM(function_name, {  
    .delay = {  
        .type = DAP MOCK_DELAY_VARIANCE,  
        .variance = {.center_us = 100000, .variance_us = 50000}  
    }  
});
```

2.3.2.3 Configuration Structures dap_mock_config_t:

```
typedef struct dap_mock_config {  
    bool enabled; // Enable/disable mock  
    dap_mock_return_value_t return_value; // Return value  
    dap_mock_delay_t delay; // Execution delay  
} dap_mock_config_t;  
  
// Default: enabled=true, return=0, no delay  
#define DAP MOCK_CONFIG_DEFAULT { \  
    .enabled = true, \  
    .return_value = {0}, \  
    .delay = {.type = DAP MOCK_DELAY_NONE} \  
}
```

dap_mock_return_value_t:

```
typedef union dap_mock_return_value {  
    int i; // For int, bool, small types  
    long l; // For pointers (cast with intptr_t)
```



```

    uint64_t u64; // For uint64_t, size_t (64-bit)
    void *ptr;    // For void*, generic pointers
    char *str;    // For char*, strings
} dap_mock_return_value_t;

dap_mock_delay_t:

typedef enum {
    DAP MOCK_DELAY_NONE, // No delay
    DAP MOCK_DELAY_FIXED, // Fixed delay
    DAP MOCK_DELAY_RANGE, // Random in [min, max]
    DAP MOCK_DELAY_VARIANCE // Center  $\pm$  variance
} dap_mock_delay_type_t;

typedef struct dap_mock_delay {
    dap_mock_delay_type_t type;
    union {
        uint64_t fixed_us;
        struct { uint64_t min_us; uint64_t max_us; } range;
        struct { uint64_t center_us; uint64_t variance_us; } variance;
    };
} dap_mock_delay_t;

```

2.3.2.4 Control Macros

```

DAP MOCK_ENABLE(func_name)
// Enable mock (intercept calls)

DAP MOCK_DISABLE(func_name)
// Disable mock (call real function)

DAP MOCK_RESET(func_name)
// Reset call history

DAP MOCK_SET_RETURN(func_name, value)
// Set return value (cast with (void*))

DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(func_name)
// Get number of times mock was called

DAP MOCK_WAS_CALLED(func_name)
// Returns true if called at least once

DAP MOCK_GET_ARG(func_name, call_idx, arg_idx)
// Get specific argument from call

```

2.3.2.5 Delay Configuration Macros

```

DAP MOCK_SET_DELAY_FIXED(func_name, microseconds)
DAP MOCK_SET_DELAY_MS(func_name, milliseconds)
// Set fixed delay

DAP MOCK_SET_DELAY_RANGE(func_name, min_us, max_us)

```

```

DAP MOCK_SET_DELAY_RANGE_MS(func_name, min_ms, max_ms)
// Set random delay in range

DAP MOCK_SET_DELAY_VARIANCE(func_name, center_us, variance_us)
DAP MOCK_SET_DELAY_VARIANCE_MS(func_name, center_ms, variance_ms)
// Set delay with variance (e.g., 100ms ± 20ms)

DAP MOCK_CLEAR_DELAY(func_name)
// Remove delay

```

2.3.2.6 Callback Configuration

```

DAP MOCK_SET_CALLBACK(func_name, callback_func, user_data)
// Set custom callback function

DAP MOCK_CLEAR_CALLBACK(func_name)
// Remove callback (use return_value instead)

// Callback signature:
typedef void* (*dap_mock_callback_t)(
    void **a_args,
    int a_arg_count,
    void *a_user_data
);

```

2.3.3 3.3 Custom Linker Wrapper API

Header: dap_mock_linker_wrapper.h

2.3.3.1 DAP MOCK WRAPPER_CUSTOM Macro Creates custom linker wrapper with PARAM syntax:

```

DAP MOCK_WRAPPER_CUSTOM(return_type, function_name,
    PARAM(type1, name1),
    PARAM(type2, name2),
    ...
) {
    // Custom wrapper implementation
}

```

Features: - Automatically generates function signature - Automatically creates void* argument array with proper casts - Automatically checks if mock is enabled - Automatically executes configured delay - Automatically records call - Calls real function if mock disabled

Example:

```

DAP MOCK_WRAPPER_CUSTOM(int, my_function,
    PARAM(const char*, path),
    PARAM(int, flags),
    PARAM(mode_t, mode)
) {
    // Your custom logic here
}

```

```

    if (strcmp(path, "/dev/null") == 0) {
        return -1; // Simulate error
    }
    return 0; // Success
}

```

PARAM Macro: - Format: `PARAM(type, name)` - Extracts type and name automatically - Handles casting to `void*` correctly - Uses `_Generic()` for proper pointer casting

2.3.3.2 Simpler Wrapper Macros For common return types:

```

DAP MOCK WRAPPER INT(func_name, (params), (args))
DAP MOCK WRAPPER PTR(func_name, (params), (args))
DAP MOCK WRAPPER VOID_FUNC(func_name, (params), (args))
DAP MOCK WRAPPER BOOL(func_name, (params), (args))
DAP MOCK WRAPPER SIZE_T(func_name, (params), (args))

```

2.3.4 3.4 CMake Integration

CMake Module: `mocks/DAPMockAutoWrap.cmake`

```
include(${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}/dap-sdk/test-framework/mocks/DAPMockAutoWrap.cmake)
```

```

# Automatically scan sources and generate --wrap flags
dap_mock_autowrap(target_name)

```

```

# Alternative: specify source files explicitly
dap_mock_autowrap(TARGET target_name SOURCE file1.c file2.c)

```

How it works: 1. Scans source files for `DAP MOCK DECLARE` patterns 2. Extracts function names 3. Adds `-Wl,--wrap=function_name` to linker flags 4. Works with GCC, Clang, MinGW

2.4 4. Complete Examples

2.4.1 4.1 State Machine Test (Real Project Example)

Example from cellframe-srv-vpn-client/tests/unit/test_vpn_state_handlers.c:

```
#include "dap_test.h"
#include "dap_mock.h"
#include "vpn_state_machine.h"
#include "vpn_state_handlers_internal.h"

#define LOG_TAG "test_vpn_state_handlers"

// Declare mocks with simple configuration
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(dap_net_tun_deinit);
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(dap_chain_node_client_close_mt);
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(vpn_wallet_close);

// Mock with return value configuration
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(dap_chain_node_client_connect_mt, {
    .return_value.l = 0xDEADBEEF
});

static vpn_sm_t *s_test_sm = NULL;

static void setup_test(void) {
    dap_mock_init();
    s_test_sm = vpn_sm_init();
    assert(s_test_sm != NULL);
}

static void teardown_test(void) {
    if (s_test_sm) {
        vpn_sm_deinit(s_test_sm);
        s_test_sm = NULL;
    }
    dap_mock_deinit();
}

void test_state_disconnected_cleanup(void) {
    log_it(L_INFO, "TEST: state_disconnected_entry() cleanup");

    setup_test();

    // Setup state with resources
    s_test_sm->tun_handle = (void*)0x12345678;
    s_test_sm->wallet = (void*)0xABCDEF00;
    s_test_sm->node_client = (void*)0x22222222;

    // Enable mocks
    DAP MOCK_ENABLE(dap_net_tun_deinit);
    DAP MOCK_ENABLE(vpn_wallet_close);
    DAP MOCK_ENABLE(dap_chain_node_client_close_mt);
```

```

// Call state handler
state_disconnected_entry(s_test_sm);

// Verify cleanup was performed
assert(DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(dap_net_tun_deinit) == 1);
assert(DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(vpn_wallet_close) == 1);
assert(DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(dap_chain_node_client_close_mt) == 1);

teardown_test();
log_it(L_INFO, "[] PASS");
}

int main() {
    dap_common_init("test_vpn_state_handlers", NULL);

    test_state_disconnected_cleanup();

    log_it(L_INFO, "All tests PASSED []");
    dap_common_deinit();
    return 0;
}

```

2.4.2 4.2 Mock with Callback

```

#include "dap_mock.h"

DAP MOCK_DECLARE(dap_hash_fast, {.return_value.i = 0}, {
    if (a_arg_count >= 2) {
        uint8_t *data = (uint8_t*)a_args[0];
        size_t size = (size_t)a_args[1];
        uint32_t hash = 0;
        for (size_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
            hash += data[i];
        }
        return (void*)(intptr_t)hash;
    }
    return (void*)0;
});

void test_hash() {
    uint8_t data[] = {1, 2, 3};
    uint32_t hash = dap_hash_fast(data, 3);
    assert(hash == 6); // Callback sums bytes
}

```

2.4.3 4.3 Mock with Execution Delays

Example from `dap-sdk/net/client/test/test_http_client_mocks.h`:

```

#include "dap_mock.h"

```

```

// Mock with variance delay: simulates realistic network jitter
// 100ms ± 50ms = range of 50-150ms
#define HTTP_CLIENT MOCK_CONFIG_WITH_DELAY ((dap_mock_config_t){ \
    .enabled = true, \
    .delay = { \
        .type = DAP_MOCK_DELAY_VARIANCE, \
        .variance = { \
            .center_us = 100000, /* 100ms center */ \
            .variance_us = 50000 /* ±50ms variance */ \
        } \
    } \
})

// Declare mock with simulated network latency
DAP_MOCK_DECLARE_CUSTOM(dap_client_http_request_full,
                        HTTP_CLIENT_MOCK_CONFIG_WITH_DELAY);

// Mock without delay for cleanup operations (instant execution)
DAP_MOCK_DECLARE_CUSTOM(dap_client_http_close_unsafe, {
    .enabled = true,
    .delay = {.type = DAP_MOCK_DELAY_NONE}
});

```

2.4.4 4.4 Custom Linker Wrapper (Advanced)

Example from test_http_client_mocks.c using DAP_MOCK_WRAPPER_CUSTOM:

```

#include "dap_mock.h"
#include "dap_mock_linker_wrapper.h"
#include "dap_client_http.h"

// Declare mock (registers with framework)
DAP_MOCK_DECLARE_CUSTOM(dap_client_http_request_async,
                        HTTP_CLIENT_MOCK_CONFIG_WITH_DELAY);

// Custom wrapper implementation
DAP_MOCK_WRAPPER_CUSTOM(void, dap_client_http_request_async,
    PARAM(dap_worker_t*, a_worker),
    PARAM(const char*, a_uplink_addr),
    PARAM(uint16_t, a_uplink_port),
    PARAM(const char*, a_method),
    PARAM(const char*, a_path),
    PARAM(dap_client_http_callback_full_t, a_response_callback),
    PARAM(dap_client_http_callback_error_t, a_error_callback),
    PARAM(void*, a_callbacks_arg)
) {
    // Custom mock logic - simulate async behavior
    if (g_mock_http_response.should_fail && a_error_callback) {
        a_error_callback(g_mock_http_response.error_code, a_callbacks_arg);
    } else if (a_response_callback) {
        a_response_callback(
            g_mock_http_response.body,

```

```

        g_mock_http_response.body_size,
        g_mock_http_response.headers,
        a_callbacks_arg,
        g_mock_http_response.status_code
    );
}
}

```

CMakeLists.txt:

```

# Include auto-wrap helper
include(${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}/dap-sdk/test-framework/mocks/DAPMockAutoWrap.cmake)

add_executable(test_http_client
    test_http_client_mocks.c
    test_http_client_mocks.h
    test_main.c
)

target_link_libraries(test_http_client
    dap_test      # Test framework with mocks
    dap_core      # DAP core library
    pthread       # Threading support
)

# Auto-generate --wrap linker flags by scanning all sources
dap_mock_autowrap(test_http_client)

```

2.4.5 4.5 Dynamic Mock Behavior

```

// Mock that changes behavior based on call count
// Simulates flaky network: fails first 2 times, then succeeds
DAP MOCK_DECLARE(flaky_network_send, {.return_value.i = 0}, {
    int call_count = DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(flaky_network_send);

    // Fail first 2 calls (simulate network issues)
    if (call_count < 2) {
        log_it(L_DEBUG, "Simulating network failure (attempt %d)", call_count + 1);
        return (void*)(intptr_t)-1; // Error code
    }

    // Succeed on 3rd and subsequent calls
    log_it(L_DEBUG, "Network call succeeded");
    return (void*)(intptr_t)0; // Success code
});

void test_retry_logic() {
    // Test function that retries on failure
    int result = send_with_retry(data, 3); // Max 3 retries

    // Should succeed on 3rd attempt
    assert(result == 0);
}

```

```
    assert(DAP MOCK_GET_CALL_COUNT(flaky_network_send) == 3);  
    log_it(L_INFO, "✓ Retry logic works correctly");  
}
```


2.5 5. Glossary

Async Operation - Operation completing at unpredictable future time

Auto-Wrapper - System auto-generating linker - -wrap flags from source

Callback - Function pointer executed on event

Condition Polling - Repeatedly checking condition until met or timeout

Condition Variable - pthread primitive for thread synchronization

Constructor Attribute - GCC attribute running function before main()

Designated Initializers - C99 struct init: {.field = value}

Global Timeout - Time limit for entire test suite via SIGALRM

Linker Wrapping - -wrap=func redirects calls to __wrap_func

Mock - Fake function implementation for testing

Monotonic Clock - Time source unaffected by system time changes

Poll Interval - Time between condition checks

pthread - POSIX threads library

Return Value Union - Tagged union for type-safe mock returns

Self-Test - Test validating the testing framework itself

siglongjmp/sigsetjmp - Signal-safe non-local jump

Thread-Safe - Works correctly with concurrent access

Timeout - Maximum wait time before giving up

Union - C type holding different types in same memory

2.6 6. Troubleshooting

2.6.1 Issue: Test Hangs

Symptom: Test runs forever

Solution: Add global timeout

```
dap_test_set_global_timeout(&timeout, 30, "Tests");
```

2.6.2 Issue: High CPU

Symptom: 100% CPU during test

Solution: Increase poll interval or use pthread helpers

```
cfg.poll_interval_ms = 500; // Less frequent polling
```

2.6.3 Issue: Mock Not Called

Symptom: Real function executes

Solution: Check linker flags

```
make VERBOSE=1 | grep -- "--wrap"
```

2.6.4 Issue: Wrong Return Value

Symptom: Mock returns unexpected value

Solution: Use correct union field

```
.return_value.i = 42 // int  
.return_value.l = 0xDEAD // pointer  
.return_value.ptr = ptr // void*
```

2.6.5 Issue: Flaky Tests

Symptom: Sometimes pass, sometimes fail

Solution: Increase timeout, add tolerance

```
cfg.timeout_ms = 60000; // 60 sec for network  
assert(elapsed >= 90 && elapsed <= 150); // ±50ms tolerance
```