# More Expressive Testing in .NET with MSpec

**Getting Started** 



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# Why MSpec?



.NET testing framework

Specify behavior - not just testing code

What? not How?

Executable specifications

### Getting Started

What is MSpec, installing and using MSpec

#### Course Overview

**Exploring the Domain** 

Demonstration of sample application

MSpec Fundamentals

Syntax and techniques to use with MSpec

Beyond the Fundamentals

Behaviors and Fakes

#### What is MSpec?

- .Net testing framework
- BDD or Context/Specification framework
  - BDD ("Behavior Driven Development") coined by Dan North in 2006
  - http://dannorth.net/introducing-bdd
  - "TDD done right"
- Created by Aaron Jensen in 2008
  - Machine.Specifications inspired by RSpec, hence "MSpec"

## The Testing Continuum



**≭**Unit.net

**MSTest** 

Unit

MSpec

RSpec

Spek

Context/Spec



Cucumber



Jasmine

BDD/Acceptance



TestComplete

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**Automated Testing** 



As software developers we fail in one of two ways. We build the thing wrong, or we build the wrong thing.

— Steve Smith



#### Summary

- MSpec is a Context/Specification testing framework for .Net
- Focus is on creating executable specifications
  - What? not How?
- Install Machine. Specifications and an assertion library from NuGet
- Options for executing specifications
  - Console runner
  - Visual Studio test adapter
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party test runner (ReSharper, etc.)