

TQS Lab activities

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Introductory notes and setup

Work submission

You should create a [new] personal (git) repository for your **individual portfolio** with respect to the work proposed for the labs (e.g.: `tqs_123567`, in which the number is your student number). Keep a **clean organization** that maps the exercise structure, e.g.: `lab1/lab1_1`; `lab1/lab1_2`; `lab2/lab2_1`

You are expected to keep your repo (portfolio) up to date and complete. Teachers will select a few exercises later for assessment [not all, but representative samples].

Lab activities

Be sure that your developer environment meets the following requirements:

- Java development environment ([JDK](#); v11 suggested). Note that you should install it into a path without spaces or special characters (e.g.: avoid `\Users\José Conceição\Java`).
- [Maven configured](#) to run in the command line. Check with:
\$ mvn --version

- Java capable IDE, such as [IntelliJ IDEA](#) (version “Ultimate” suggested) or [VS Code](#).

Lab 1 Unit testing (with JUnit 5)

Learning objectives

- Identify relevant unit tests to verify the contract of a module.
- Write and execute unit tests using the JUnit framework.
- Link the unit tests results with further analysis tools (e.g.: code coverage)

Key points

- Unit testing is when you (as a programmer) write test code to verify units of (production) code. A unit is a small, coherent subset of a much larger solution. A true “unit” should not depend of the behavior of other (collaborating) modules.
- Unit tests help the developers to (i) understand the module contract (what to construct); (ii) document the intended use of a component; (iii) prevent regression errors; (iv) increase confidence in the code.
- JUnit and TestNG are popular frameworks for unit testing in Java.

JUnit best practices: unit test one object at a time

A vital aspect of unit tests is that they’re finely grained. A unit test independently examines each object you create, so that you can isolate problems as soon as they occur. If you put more than one object under test, you can’t predict how the objects will interact when changes occur to one or the other. When an object interacts with other complex objects, you can surround the object under test with predictable test objects. Another form of software test, integration testing, examines how working objects interact with each other. See chapter 4 for more about other types

1.1 Stack contract

In this exercise, you will implement a stack data structure (TqsStack) with appropriate unit tests. Be sure to adopt a **write-the-tests-first** workflow:

- Create a new project (**maven-based**, Java standard application). You may need to update the Java version in the POM.xml:

```
<properties>
  <project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8</project.build.sourceEncoding>
  <maven.compiler.source>11</maven.compiler.source>
  <maven.compiler.target>${maven.compiler.source}</maven.compiler.target>
</properties>
```
- Add the required dependencies to run JUnit 5 tests¹. Here are some sources:
 - Adapt from the [quick start project](#) for Maven².
 - Adapt from [this tutorial](#).
- Create the required class definition (**just the “skeleton”**, do not implement the methods body yet; you may need to add dummy return values). The **code should compile**, but the **implementation is yet incomplete**.
- Write the unit tests that will verify the TqsStack contract.

You may use the IDE features to generate the testing class; note that the [IDE support will vary](#). Be sure to use [JUnit 5.x](#).

Your tests will verify several [assertions that should evaluate to true](#) for the test to pass.

¹ If using IntelliJ: you may skip this step and ask, later, the IDE to fix JUnit imports.

² Delete the “pom-SNAPSHOT.xml”, if you are cloning the project to use as a quick starter.

- e) Run the tests and prove that TqsStack implementation is not valid yet (the tests should fail for now, the first step in [Red-Green-Refactor](#)).
- f) Correct/add the missing implementation to the TqsStack;
- g) Run the unit tests.
- h) Iterate from steps d) to f) and confirm that all tests pass.

Suggested stack contract:

- push(x): add an item on the top
- pop: remove the item at the top
- peek: return the item at the top (without removing it)
- size: return the number of items in the stack
- isEmpty: return whether the stack has no items

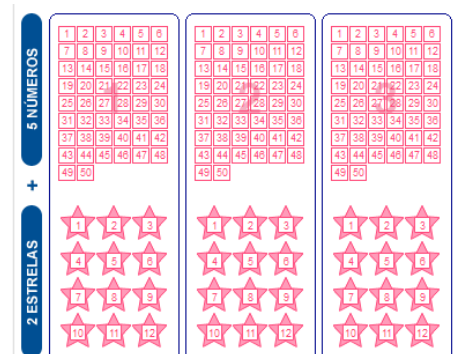
What to test³:

- a) A stack is empty on construction.
- b) A stack has size 0 on construction.
- c) After n pushes to an empty stack, $n > 0$, the stack is not empty and its size is n
- d) If one pushes x then pops, the value popped is x.
- e) If one pushes x then peeks, the value returned is x, but the size stays the same
- f) If the size is n, then after n pops, the stack is empty and has a size 0
- g) Popping from an empty stack does throw a NoSuchElementException [[You should test for the Exception occurrence](#)]
- h) Peeking into an empty stack does throw a NoSuchElementException
- i) For bounded stacks only: pushing onto a full stack does throw an IllegalStateException

1.2 EuroMillions

Let us consider the “[Euromilhões](#)” use case.

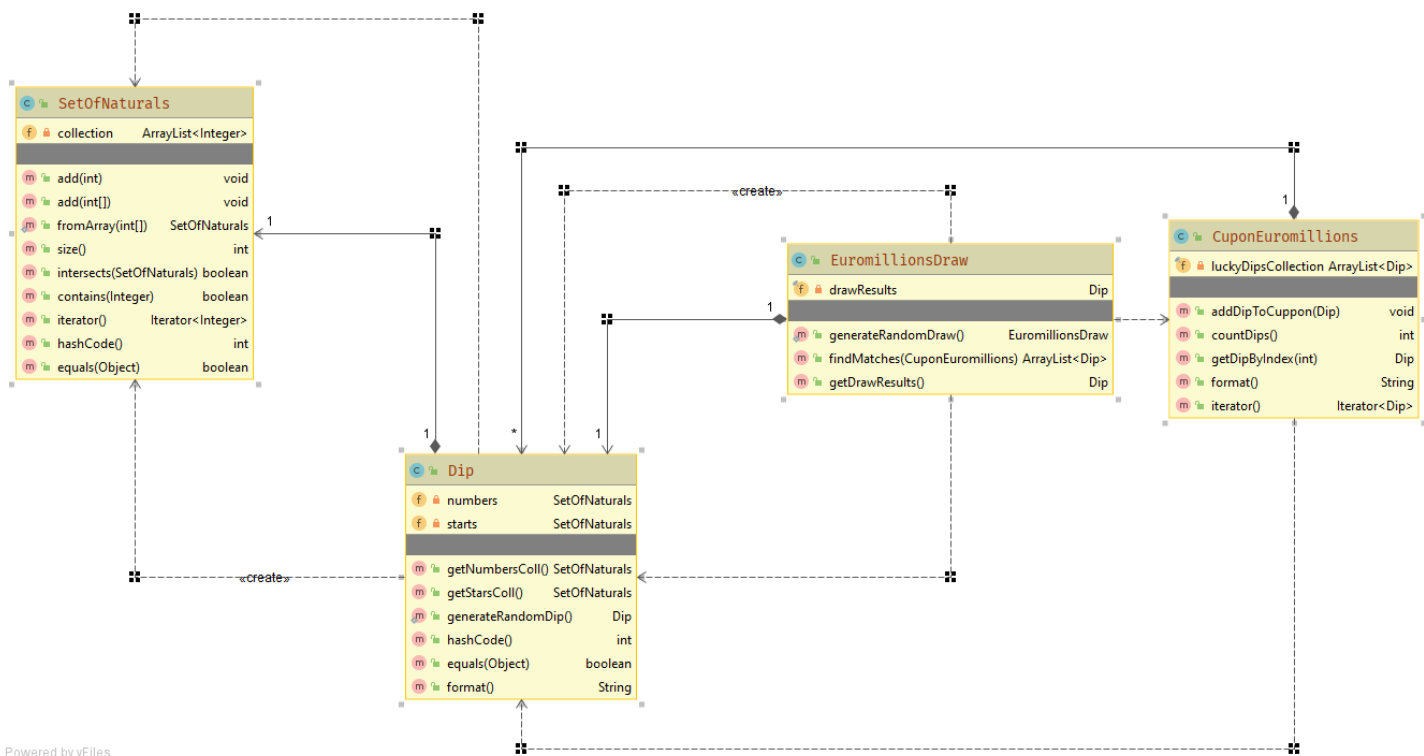
2a/ Pull the “[euromillions-play](#)” project and correct the code (or the tests themselves, if needed) to have the existing unit tests passing.



For the (failing) test:	You should:
testFormat	Correct the <u>implementation</u> of Dip#format so the tests pass.
testConstructorFromBadArrays	Implement new <u>test</u> logic to confirm that an exception will be raised if the arrays have invalid numbers (wrong count of numbers or stars)

Note: you may suspend temporary a test with the [@Disabled](#) tag (useful while debugging the tests themselves).

³ Adapted from <http://cs.lmu.edu/~ray/notes/stacks/>



2b/ The sample project was prepared for the scenario in which the range for the “stars” was 1..10. However, the rules have changed, and the range is 1..12. Be sure to include a test to verify the [new] ranges.

2c/ Note that the code provided includes “magic numbers” (2 for the number of stars, 50 for the max range in numbers, [was] 10 for the max range in starts...). Refactor the code to extract constants and eliminate the “magic numbers”.

2d/ The class SetOfNaturals represents a set (no duplicates should be allowed) of integers, in the range [1, +∞]. Some basic operations are available (add element, find the intersection...). What kind of unit test are worth writing for the entity SetOfNaturals? Complete the project, adding the new tests you identified.

2e/ Assess the coverage level in project “Euromillions-play”.

[Configure the maven project to run Jacoco analysis.](#)

Run the maven “test” goal and then “jacoco:report” goal. You should get an HTML report under target/jacoco.

```
$ mvn clean test jacoco:report
```

Interpret the results accordingly. Which classes/methods offer less coverage? Are all possible decision branches being covered?

Note: IntelliJ has an integrated option to run the tests with the coverage checks (without setting the Jacoco plugin in POM). But if you do it at Maven level, you can use this feature in multiple tools.

Troubleshooting some frequent errors

➔ “Test are run from the IDE but not from command line.”

Be sure to configure the Surefire plug-in in Maven ([example](#)).

Explore

- JetBrains Blog on [Writing JUnit 5 tests](#) (with video).

- Book: [JUnit in Action](#). Note that you can access it from the [O'Reilly on-line library](#).
- JUnit 5 [cheat sheet](#).
- Vogel's [tutorial on JUnit](#). Useful to compare between JUnit 4 and JUnit 5.

Lab 2 Mocking dependencies (for unit testing)

Context and key points

Learning objectives

- Prepare a project to run unit tests ([JUnit 5](#)) and mocks ([Mockito 3.x](#)), with mocks injection (`@Mock`).
- Write and execute unit tests with mocked dependencies.
- Experiment with mock behaviors: strict/lenient verifications, advanced verifications, etc.

Preparation

Get familiar with sections 1 to 3 in the [Mockito \(Javadoc\) documentation](#).

Explore

- There is a recent [book on JUnit and Mockito](#) available from O'Reilly. The lessons are available as short videos too.

2.1 Stocks

Consider the example in Figure 1: the `StocksPortfolio` holds a collection of `Stocks`; the current value of the *portfolio* depends on the current condition of the *Stock Market*. **`StockPortfolio#getTotalValue()`** method calculates the value of the portfolio (by summing the current value of owned stock, looked up in the stock market service).

1a/

Implement (at least) one test to verify the implementation of **`StockPortfolio#getTotalValue()`**. Given that test should have predictable results, you need to address the problem of having non-deterministic answers from the **`IStockmarketService`** interface.

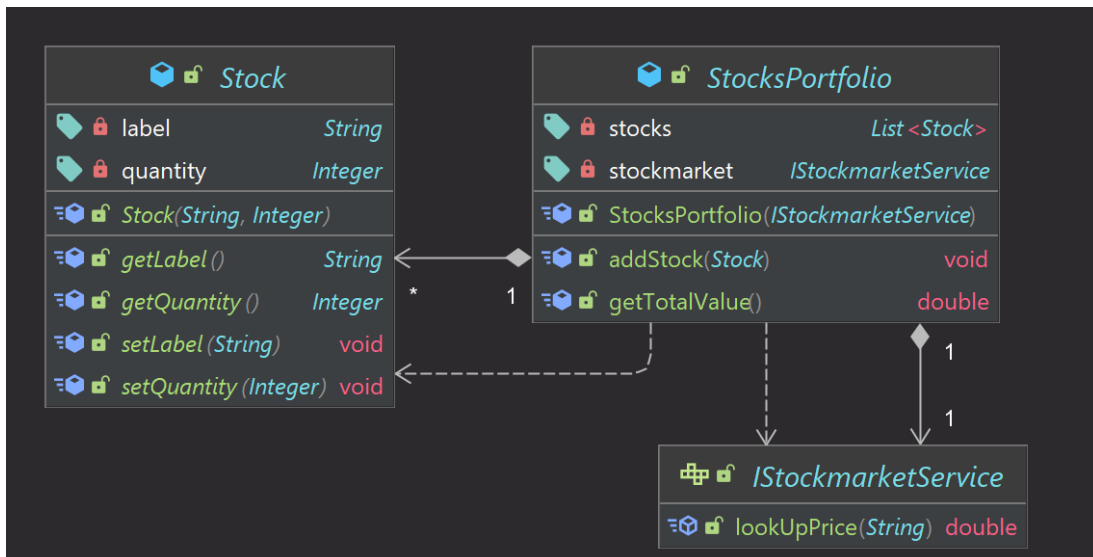


Figure 1: Classes for the StocksPortfolio use case.

- Create the classes. You may write the implementation of the services before or after the tests.
- Create the test for the `getTotalValue()`. As a guideline, you may adopt this outline:
 - Prepare a mock to substitute the remote service (`@Mock` annotation)
 - Create an instance of the subject under test (SuT) and use the mock to set the (remote) service instance.
 - Load the mock with the proper expectations (`when...thenReturn`)
 - Execute the test (use the service in the SuT)
 - Verify the result (`assert`) and the use of the mock (`verify`)

Notes:

- Consider use these [Maven dependencies for your POM](#) (JUnit5, Mockito).
- Mind the JUnit version. For JUnit 5, you should use the `@ExtendWith` annotation to integrate the Mockito framework.


```

@ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class)
class StocksPortfolioTest { ... }
      
```
- See a [quick reference of Mockito](#) syntax and operations.

1b/ Instead of the JUnit core asserts, you may use the [Hamcrest library](#) to create more human-readable assertions. Replace the “Assert” statements in the previous example, to use Hamcrest constructs. E.g.:

```
assertThat(result, is(14.0));
```

2.2 Geocoding

Consider an application that needs to perform reverse geocoding to find a zip code for a given set of GPS coordinates. This service can be assisted by public APIs (e.g.: using the [MapQuest API](#)). Let us create a very simple application to perform (reverse) geocoding and set a few tests.

- Create the objects represented in Figure 1. At this point, **do not implement `TqsBasicHttpClient`**; in fact, you should provide a substitute for it.
- Consider that we want to test the behavior of `AddressResolver#findAddressForLocation`, which invokes a remote geocoding service, available in a REST interface, passing the site coordinates. Which is the SuT (subject under test)? Which is the service to *mock*?
- To create a test for `findAddressForLocation`, you will need to mimic **the exact (JSON) response of the geocoding service for a request**. Study/try the [MapQuest API](#) (e.g.: [example 1](#)).

- d) Implement a test for `AddressResolver#findAddressForLocation` (using a mock).
- e) Besides the “success” case, consider also testing for alternatives (e.g.: bad coordinates;...). You may need to change the implementation.
- This [getting started project](#) [gs-mockForHttpClient] can be used in your implementation.

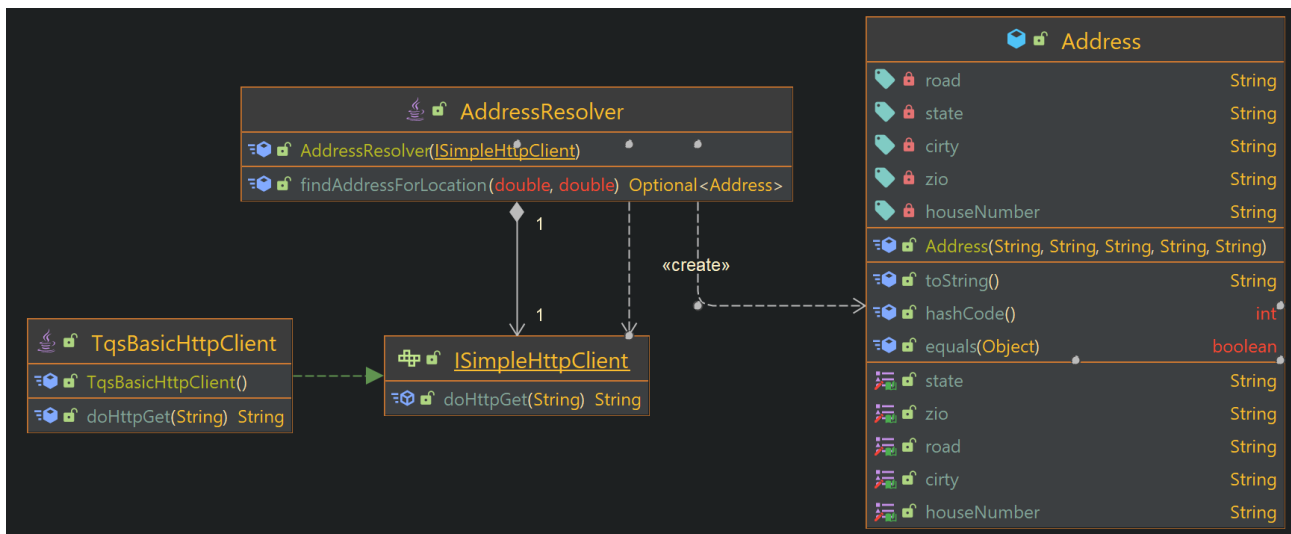


Figure 2: Classes for the geocoding use case.

2.3 Integration

Consider you are implementing an **integration test** for the previous example, and, in this case, you would use the real implementation of the module, not the mocks, in the test.
(This section can be included with the previous, continuing the same project.)

Create a test class (`AddressResolverIT`), in a separate test package, and be sure its name ends with “IT”. Copy the tests from the previous exercise into this new test class but remove any support for mocking (no Mockito imports in this test).

Correct/complete the test implementation so it uses the real `HttpClient` implementation.
Run your test (and confirm that the remote API is invoked in the test execution).

Be sure the [“failsafe” maven plugin is configured](#). You should **get different results** with:

```
$ mvn test
and
$ mvn install failsafe:integration-test
```

(Note the number of tests and the time required to run the tests...).

Lab 3 Multi-layer application testing (with Spring Boot)

Context and key points

Prepare

This lab is based on Spring Boot. Most of students already used the Spring Boot framework (in IES course).

If you are new to Spring Boot, then you need to develop a basic understanding or collaborate with a colleague. [Learning resources](#) are available at the Spring site.

Key Points

- Isolate the functionality to be tested by limiting the context of loaded frameworks/components. For some use cases, you can even test with just standard unit testing.
- `@SpringBootTest` annotation loads whole application context, but it is better (faster) to limit application contexts only to a set of Spring components that participate in test scenario.
- `@DataJpaTest` only loads `@Repository` spring components, and will greatly improve performance by not loading `@Service`, `@Controller`, etc.
- Use `@WebMvcTest` to test Rest APIs exposed through Controllers. Beans used by controller need to be mocked.

Explore

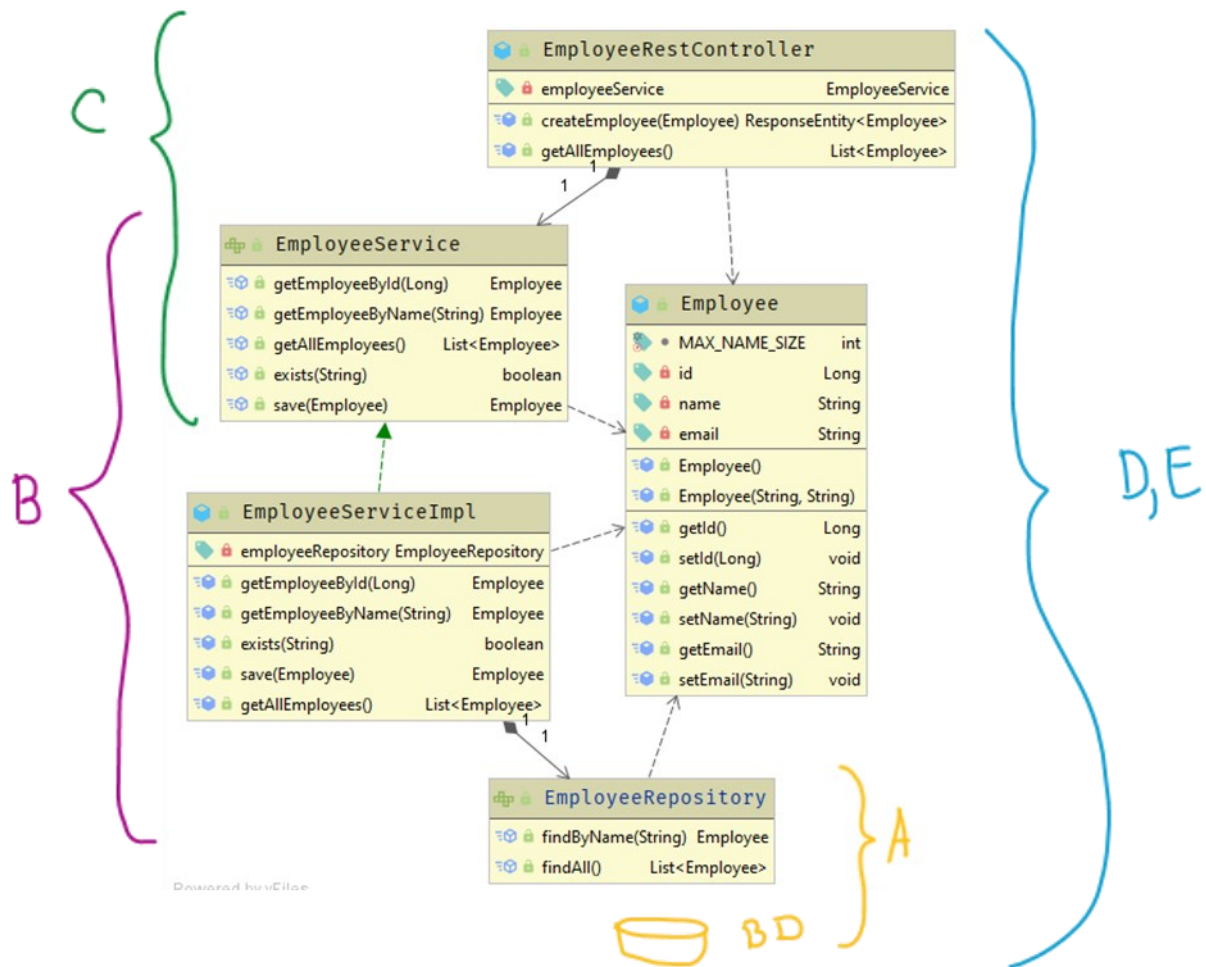
- AssertJ library to create expressive assertions in tests: <https://assertj.github.io/doc/>
- Talk on Spring Boot tests (by Pivotal): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wpz6b8ZEgcU>

3.1 Employee manager example

Study the example concerning a simplified [Employee management application](#) (gs-employee-manager).

This application follows commons practices to implement a Spring Boot solution:

- `Employee`: entity (`@Entity`) representing a domain concept.
- `EmployeeRepository`: the interface (`@Repository`) defining the data access methods on the target entity, based on the framework `JpaRepository`. “Standard” requests can be inferred and automatically supported by the framework (no additional implementation required).
- `EmployeeService` and `EmployeeServiceImpl`: define the interface and its implementation (`@Service`) of a service related to the “business logic” of the application. Elaborated decisions/algorithms, for example, would be implemented in this component.
- `EmployeeRestController`: the component that implements the REST-endpoint/boundary (`@RestController`): handles the HTTP requests and delegates to the `EmployeeService`.



The project already contains a set of tests.

Look up and study the following test scenarios:

Purpose/scope	Strategy	Notes
A/ Verify the data access services provided by the repository component. [EmployeeRepositoryTest]	Slice the test context to limit to the data instrumentation (@DataJpaTest) Inject a <code>TestEntityManager</code> to access the database; use this object to write to the database directly (no caches involved).	<code>@DataJpaTest</code> includes the <code>@AutoConfigureTestDatabase</code> . If a dependency to an embedded database is available, an in-memory database is set up. Be sure to include H2 in the POM.
B/ Verify the business logic associated with the services implementation. [EmployeeService_UnitTest]	Often can be achieved with unit tests, given one mocks the repository. Rely on Mockito to control the test and to set expectations and verifications.	Relying only in JUnit + Mockito makes the test a unit test, much faster than using a full <code>SpringBootTest</code> . No database involved.
C/ Verify the boundary components (controllers); just the controller behavior. [EmployeeRestController_WithMockServiceTest]	Run the tests in a simplified and light environment, simulating the behavior of an application server, by using @WebMvcTest mode. Get a reference to the server context with <code>@MockMvc</code> . To make the test more localized to the controller, you may mock the dependencies on the service (<code>@MockBean</code>); the repository component will not be involved.	<code>MockMvc</code> provides an entry point to server-side testing. Despite the name, is not related to Mockito. <code>MockMvc</code> provides an expressive API, in which methods chaining is expected. In principle, no database is involved.

D/ Verify the boundary components (controllers). Load the full Spring Boot application. No API client involved. <i>[EmployeeRestControllerIT]</i>	Start the full web context (<code>@SpringBootTest</code> , with Web Environment enabled). The API is deployed into the normal SpringBoot context. Use the entry point for server-side Spring MVC test support (MockMvc).	This would be a typical integration test in which several components will participate (the REST endpoint, the service implementation, the repository, and the database).
E/ Verify the boundary components (controllers). Load the full application. Test the REST API with explicit HTTP client. <i>[EmployeeRestControllerTemplateIT]</i>	Start the full web context (<code>@SpringBootTest</code> , with Web Environment enabled). The API is deployed into the normal SpringBoot context. Use a REST client to create realistic requests (TestRestTemplate)	Similar to the previous case, but instead of assessing a convenient servlet entry point for tests, uses an API client (so request and response un/marshaling will be involved).

Note 1: both D/ and E/ load the full Spring Boot Application (auto scan, etc...). The main difference is that in D/ one accesses the server context through a special testing servlet (MockMvc object), while in E/ the requester is a REST client (TestRestTemplate).

Note 2: you may [run individual tests](#) using maven command line options. E.g.:

```
$ mvn test -Dtest=EmployeeService*
```

Review questions: [answer in a **readme.md** file, in /lab3_1 folder]

- Identify a couple of examples on the use of AssertJ expressive methods chaining.
- Identify an example in which you mock the behavior of the repository (and avoid involving a database).
- What is the difference between standard `@Mock` and `@MockBean`?
- What is the role of the file "application-integrationtest.properties"? In which conditions will it be used?
- the sample project demonstrates three test strategies to assess an API (C, D and E) developed with SpringBoot. Which are the main/key differences?

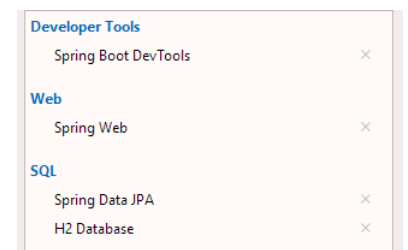
3.2 Cars service

Consider the case in which you will develop an API for a car information system.

Implement this scenario, as a Spring Boot application.

Consider using the [Spring Boot Initializr](#) to create the new project (either online or may be integrated in your IDE);

Add the dependencies (*starters*) for: Developer Tools, Spring Web, Spring Data JPA and H2 Database.



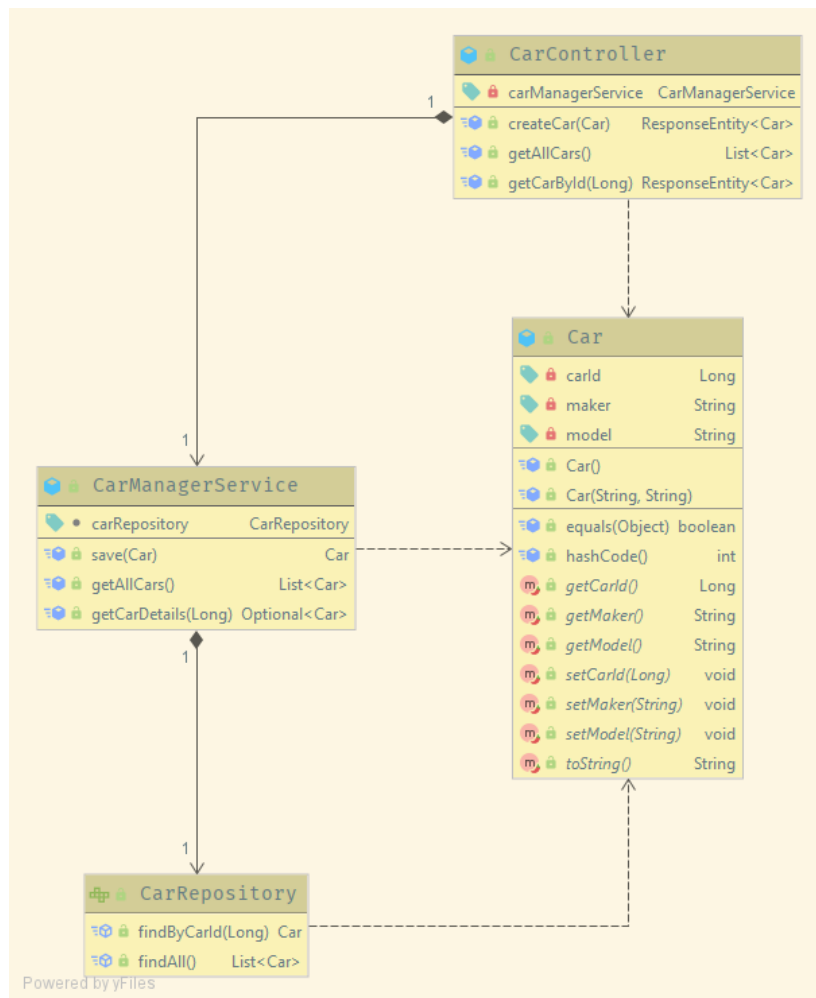
Use the structure modeled in the class diagram as a (minimal) reference.

In this exercise, **try to force a TDD approach**: write the test first; make sure the project can compile without errors; defer the actual implementation of production code as much as possible.

This approach will be encouraged if we try to write the tests in a top-down approach: **start from the controller, then the service, then the repository**.

- Create a test to verify the Car [Rest]Controller (and mock the CarService bean), as "light" as possible. Run the test.
- Create a test to verify the CarService (and mock the CarRepository). This can be a standard unit test with mocks.
- Create a test to verify the CarRepository persistence. Be sure to include an in-memory database dependency in the POM (e.g.: H2).

- d) Having all the previous tests passing, implement an integration test to verify the API. Suggestion: use the approach “E/” discussed in the previous project (Employees).



Note:

Although the Service in this example is quite trivial (just delegates to repository), in a larger application, we would expect the “services” to implement more complex, interesting, and mission-critical business logic, e.g.: “find a car that provides a suitable replacement for some given car [e.g.: as a courtesy car]”.

3.3 Integration

[Continue in the same project of the previous exercise.]

Adapt the integration test to use a real database. E.g.:

- Run a mysql instance and be sure you can connect (for example, using a Docker container)
- Change the POM to include a dependency to mysql [optionally remove H2].
- Add the connection properties file in the resources of the “test” part of the project (see the [application-integrationtest.properties](#) in the sample project)
- Use the `@TestPropertySource` and deactivate the `@AutoConfigureTestDatabase`.

Lab 4 Acceptance testing with web automation (Selenium)

Context and key points

Prepare

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Key Points

- Acceptance tests (or functional test) exercise the user interface of the system, as if a real user was using the application. The system is treated as a black box.
- Browser automation (control the browser interaction from a script) is an essential step to implement acceptance tests on web applications. There are several frameworks for browser automation (e.g.: Puppeteer); for Java, the most used framework is the WebDriver API, provided by Selenium (that can be used with JUnit or TestNG engines).
- Selenium is an umbrella project for a range of tools and libraries that enable and support the automation of web browsers.
- The test script can easily get "messy" and hard to read. To improve the code (and its maintainability) we could apply the [Page Objects Pattern](#).
- Web browser automation is also very handy to implement "smoke tests".

Explore

- Book "[Hands-On Selenium WebDriver with Java](#)"
- Another [Page Object Model example](#). [Criticism on the Page Object Pattern](#) for modern web apps (and alternatives).

Suggested setup

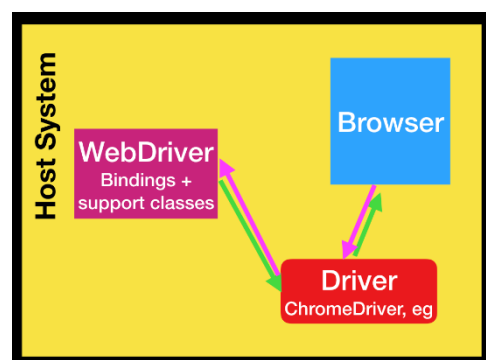
- Download the [GecoDriver](#) for Firefox ([ChromeDriver](#) for Chrome/Chromium) and make sure it is [available in the system PATH](#).
- Install the "[Selenium IDE](#)" browser plugin. (or, alternatively, the Katalon Recorder).

4.1 WebDriver starter

Selenium WebDriver offers a concise programming interface (i.e., API) to drive a (web) browser, as if a real user is operating the browser.

- Note the "[getting started](#)" section available from Selenium documentation (dependencies, instantiating the browser binding, etc...).

Use method #2 explained in "Install browser drivers": download the driver implementation for your browser; add [driver implementation to the system PATH](#).



- Implement the example discussed in the "[hello world](#)" section of B. Garcia's book (Example 2-1).

4.2 Selenium IDE recorder

Usually, you can use the Selenium IDE to prepare/record your tests interactively and to explore the “locators” (e.g.: id for a given web element).

A) Record the test interactively

Install the [Selenium IDE](#) plug-in/add-on for your browser.

Using the <https://blazedemo.com/> dummy travel agency web app, record a test in which you select a and buy a trip. Be sure to add relevant “asserts” or verifications to your test.

Replay the test and confirm the success. Also experiment to break the test (e.g.: by explicitly editing the parameters of some test step).

Add a new step, at the end, to assert that the confirmation page contains the title “BlazeDemo Confirmation”. Enter this assertion “manually” (in the editor, but not recording).

Be sure to save you Selenium IDE test project (it creates a *.side file, to be included in your git).

B) Export and run the test using the Webdriver API

Export the test from Selenium IDE into a Java test class and include it in the previous project.

Refactor the generated code to be compliant with JUnit 5. [Note: adapt from exercise 1]

Run the test programmatically (as a JUnit 5 test).

C) Refactor to use Selenium extensions for JUnit 5

JUnit 5 allows the use of extensions which may provide annotation for dependency injection (as seen previously for Mockito). This is usually a more compact and convenient approach.

The [Selenium-Jupiter extension](#) provides convenient defaults and dependencies resolution to run Selenium tests (WebDriver) on JUnit 5 engine.

Note that this library will ensure several tasks:

- transitively import the required Selenium dependencies. [you may just [add the selenium-jupiter dependency in POM](#)]
- enable dependency injection with respect to the WebDriver implementation (automates the use of [WebDriverManager](#) to resolve the specific browser implementation). You do not need to pre-install the WebDriver binaries; they are retrieved on demand.
- if using dependency injection, it will also ensure that the WebDriver is initialized and closed.

Refactor your project to use the [Selenium-Jupiter extension](#) (@ExtendWith(SeleniumJupiter.class; Dependency Injection to get a “browser” instance; no explicit “quit”).

4.3 Page Object pattern

Consider the [example discussed here](#) (or, for a more in depth discussion, [here](#)).

Note: the target web site implementation may have changed from the time the article was written and the example may require some adaptations in order to run (i.e., pass the tests). However, it is not mandatory to have the example running.

Implement the “Page object” design pattern for a cleaner and more readable test using the same application problem from previous exercise.

Copy the example from exercise 2 and refactor to use the Selenium-Jupiter extension and Page Object pattern.

4.4 Browser variations

A)

Experiment to run the previous tests (or other examples) using a “headless browser” (e.g.: HTMLUnit, PhantomJS).

B)

Consider using a browser that is not installed in your system. You may resort to a Docker image very easily (see [Docker browsers section](#)).

Note that, in this case, the WebDriver will connect to a remote browser (no longer [direct communication](#)) and you should Docker installed in your system.

Lab 5 Behavior-driven development (Cucumber in Java)

Context and key points

Prepare

Keep in mind that the integration of JUnit 5 and Cucumber is still somewhat recent and most of the samples available on the internet are still based on JUnit 4. While this is correct and possible, we will try to stick with **JUnit v5** and the test runtime engine.

You may [configure IntelliJ](#) to offer extended support to run Cucumber.

Key Points

- The [Cucumber framework](#) enables the concept of “executable specifications”: with Cucumber we use examples to specify what we want the software to do. **Scenarios are written before production code.**
- Cucumber executes features (test scenarios) written with the [Gherkin language](#) (readable by [non-programmers too](#)).
- The steps included in the feature description (scenario) must be mapped into Java test code by annotating test methods with matching “expressions”. [Expressions](#) can be (traditional) regular expressions or the (new) Cucumber expressions.

Explore

- [Cucumber school](#): guided exercises, video lessons,...
- [BDD with Cucumber](#) – video presentation.

5.1 Getting started

The Cucumber for Java platform has frequent updates that, sometimes, change the “best practices” to prepare the test scripts.

a) Get the “[Java Skelton](#)” project proposed by Cucumber.

Adjust the compiler version in the POM (1.8 → 11). You may also change the Artifact group and Id.

b) Note some elements I the POM:

<dependencyManagement> with *-bom entries.	There are “bills of materials”. Their use in the Dependency management section is useful to enforce the
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	coherent use of the versions of related artifacts. Note that in the <dependencies> section, the related artifacts omit the version specification.
maven-compiler-plugin	Sometimes, to use more recent constructions, you may need to control the maven compiler version.

- c) Note the project structure, identify the location of the features and the tests.

A feature will typically match a “test runner” class that will activate the test steps (in the same package).

The “test runner” class (that runs the test) should be annotated with:

```
@Suite
@IncludeEngines("cucumber")
@SelectClasspathResource("my/package/structure")
```

- d) Run the tests.

The tests will not pass because they still are incomplete.

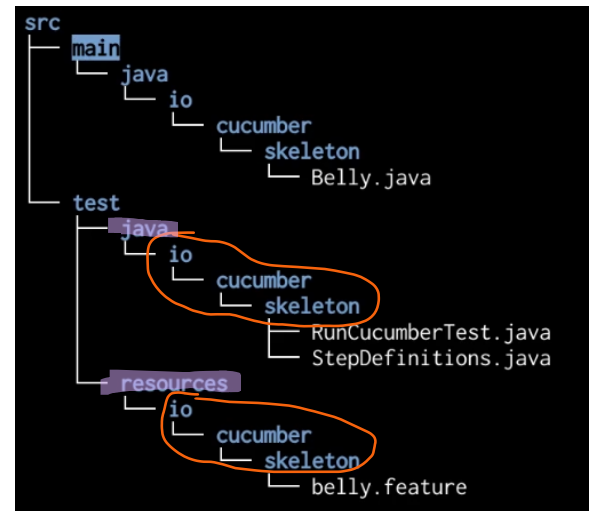
Note the “clues” in the output, giving suggestions to implement the missing steps (i.e., test methods). Use these suggestions to create the missing steps. Note that, for this purpose, the “Belly” class implementation can just log information.

- e) Extend your project to include also the Calculator example discussed in “[Cucumber in a Nutshell](#)” section in B. Garcia’s book⁴.

Note1: the example just some sample code that uses old-style integration with JUnit. You should adopt the strategy for the previous [skeleton] example. No new imports or dependencies required!

Note2: in this example, the steps matching uses regular expressions. The best practice, however, is to use “[cucumber expressions](#)”. Be sure to “upgrade”. E.g.:

Regular expressions style	Cucumber expressions style [better]
@When("^I add (\\d+) and (\\d+)\$")	@When("I add {int} and {int}")



5.2 Books

To get into the “spirit” of BDD, partner with a colleague, and jointly write a couple of features to verify a book search user story. Consider a few search options (by author, by category, etc).

Take the approach discussed in [this example](#), and write your own tests. Feel free to add different scenarios/features.

Notes:

- The article is based on old-style Cucumber constructions. Ignore the dependencies and annotations suggested in the text: use the “Skeleton” exercise as a reference for Cucumber dependencies and test annotations.
- Write the features before the test steps. Steps can be partially generated from features.
- Prefer the “[cucumber expressions](#)” (instead of regular expressions) to write the steps definitions.

⁴ [solution code](#) available, if needed.

- To handle dates, consider using a [ParameterType configuration](#). This defines a new custom parameter type to use in the matching expressions . [→ [partial snippet](#)]. The dates in the feature description need also to match the date mask used (**aaaa-mm-dd**).
- To handle data tables in the feature description (as in the Salary manager example), consider using a [DataTable mapping](#) and access you data as a *list of maps* (use headings in the data).

5.3 Web automation

[Cucumber can be used with Selenium WebDriver](#) to write expressive automation tests.

Consider the example available in B. Garcia's repository concerning the integration of Cucumber and Selenium [[junit5-cucumber-selenium](#)] and implement it.

Adapt from this example to create a test scenario related to the "[BlazeDemo](#)" application (recall Lab 4, exercise 2).