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Software Testing

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Task 1 – TCASES

Definition –

Tcases is a tool for designing tests. It doesn't matter what kind of system you are testing. Nor does it matter what level of the system you are testing — unit, subsystem, or full system. You can use Tcases to design your tests in any of these situations. With Tcases, you define the input space for your system-under-test and the level of coverage that you want. Then Tcases generates a minimal set of test cases that meets your requirements.

Tcases is primarily a tool for black-box test design. For such tests, the concept of "coverage" is different from structural testing criteria such as line coverage, branch coverage, etc. Instead, Tcases is guided by coverage of the input space of your system.

How Tcases Work?

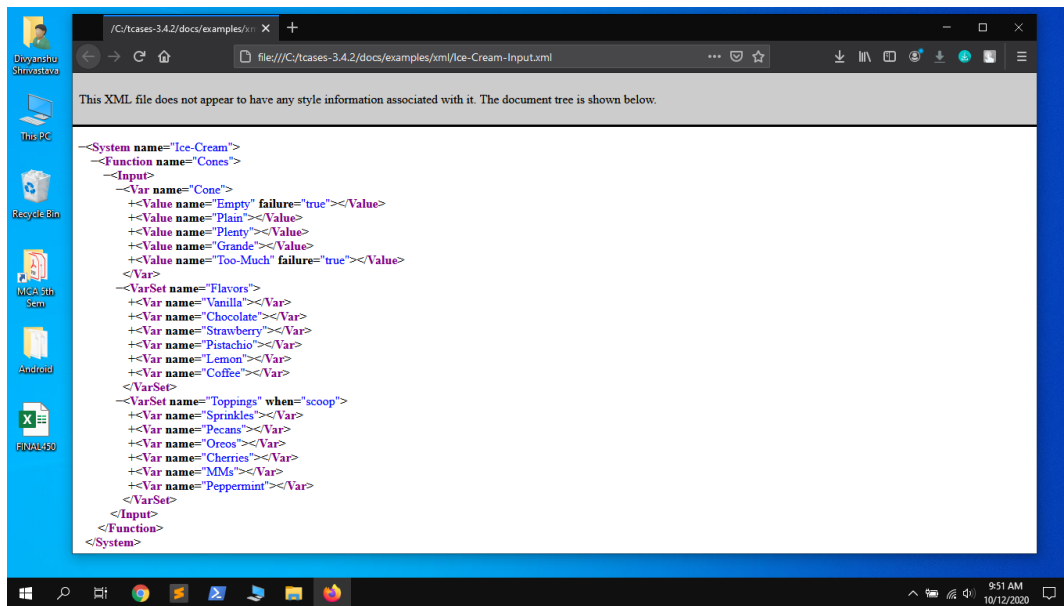
First, you create a system input definition, a document that defines your system as a set of functions. For each system function, the system input definition defines the variables that characterize the function input space.

Then, you can create a generator definition. That's another document that defines the coverage you want for each system function. The generator definition is optional. You can skip this step and still get a basic level of coverage.

Finally, you run Tcases. Tcases is a Java program that you can run from the command line or from your favorite IDE. Tcases comes with built-in support for running using a shell script or an **ant** target. You can also run Tcases with Maven using the Tcases Maven Plugin. Using your input definition and your generator definition, Tcases generates a system test definition. The system test definition is a document that lists, for each system function, a set of test cases that provides the specified level of coverage. Each test case defines a specific value for every function input variable. Tcases generates not only valid input values that define successful test cases but also invalid values for the test cases that are needed to verify expected error handling.

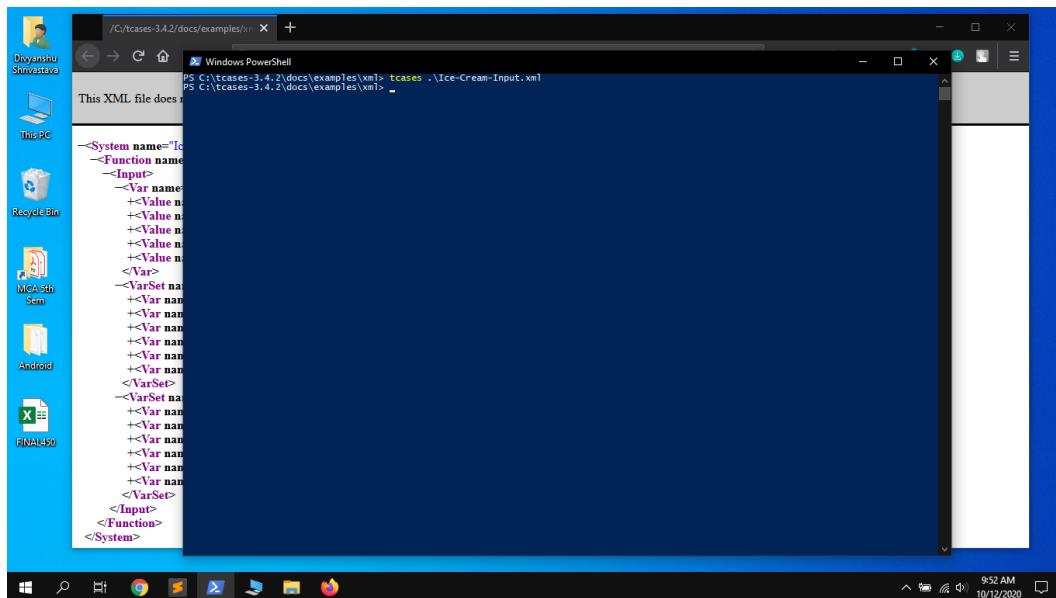
Running XML File

1. Input File – Ice-Cream-Input.xml



The above image is showing the input file that we are using for Tcases which mainly three types of input Cone, Flavors and Toppings.

2. Running Input File.

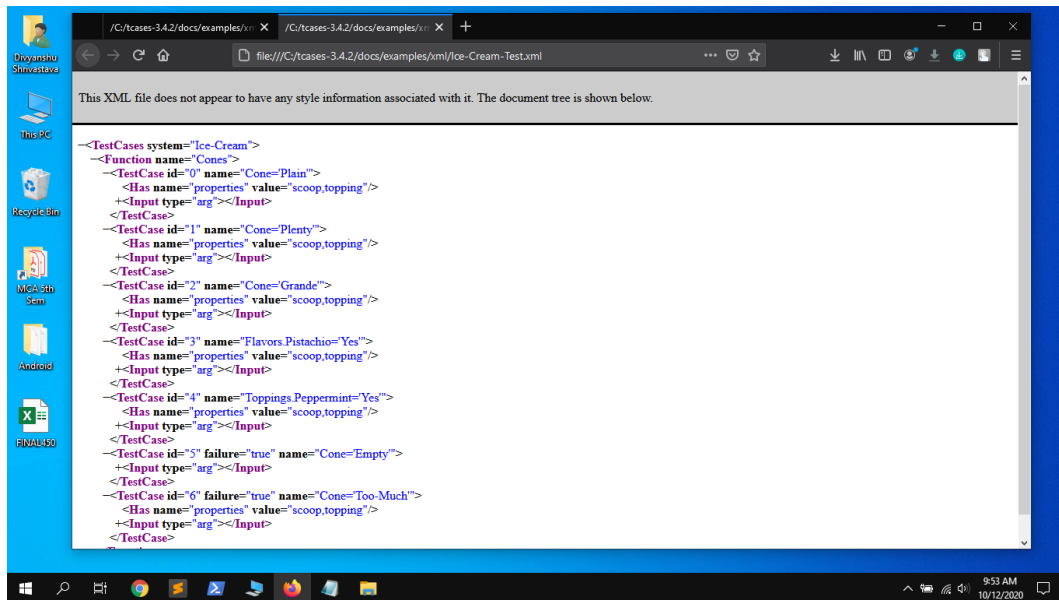


We have executed the input file by using the command –

tcases Ice-Cream-Input.xml

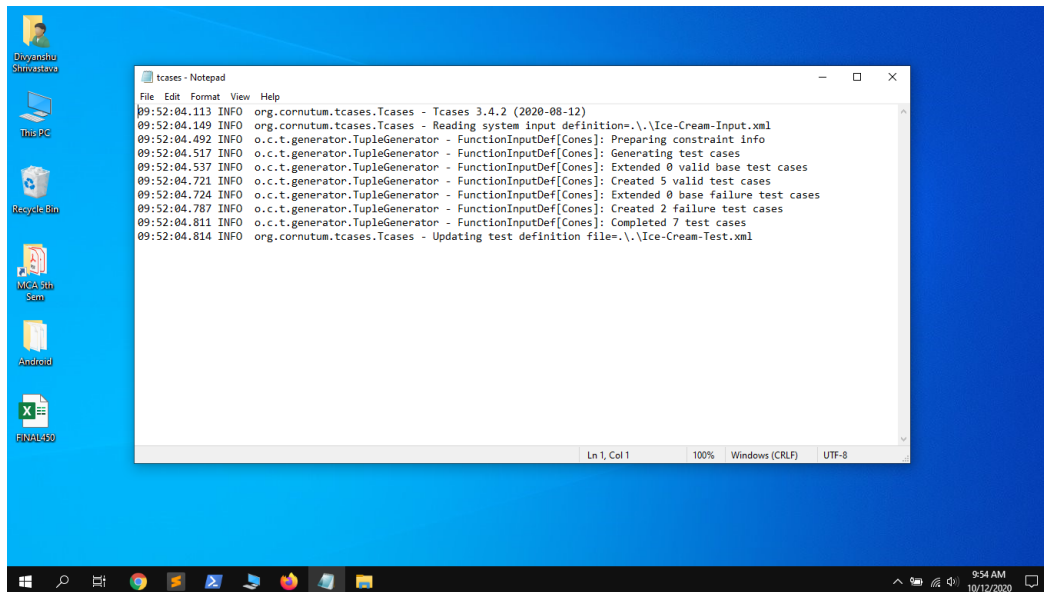
which when completed successfully generates output file Ice-Cream-Test.xml within the same directory.

3. Output File – Ice-Cream-Test.xml



From the output file we can observe that it gives 7 different test ids by the combination of values present.

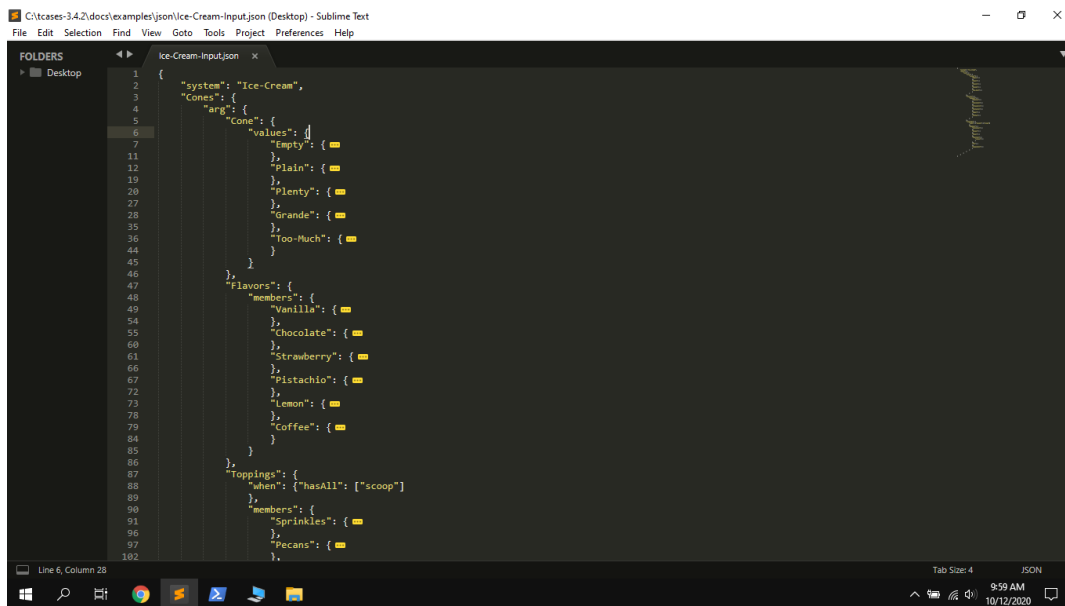
4. Tcases log file



The tcases.log file clearly shows that it created 5 valid test cases and 2 failure or invalid test Cases out of total 7 test cases.

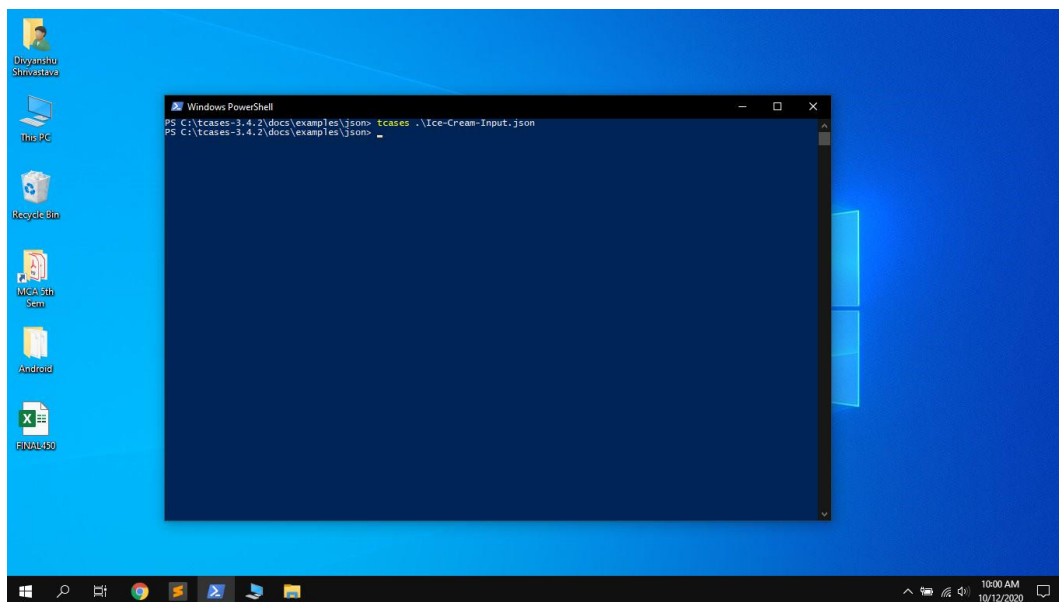
Running JSON File

1. Input File – Ice-Cream-Input.json



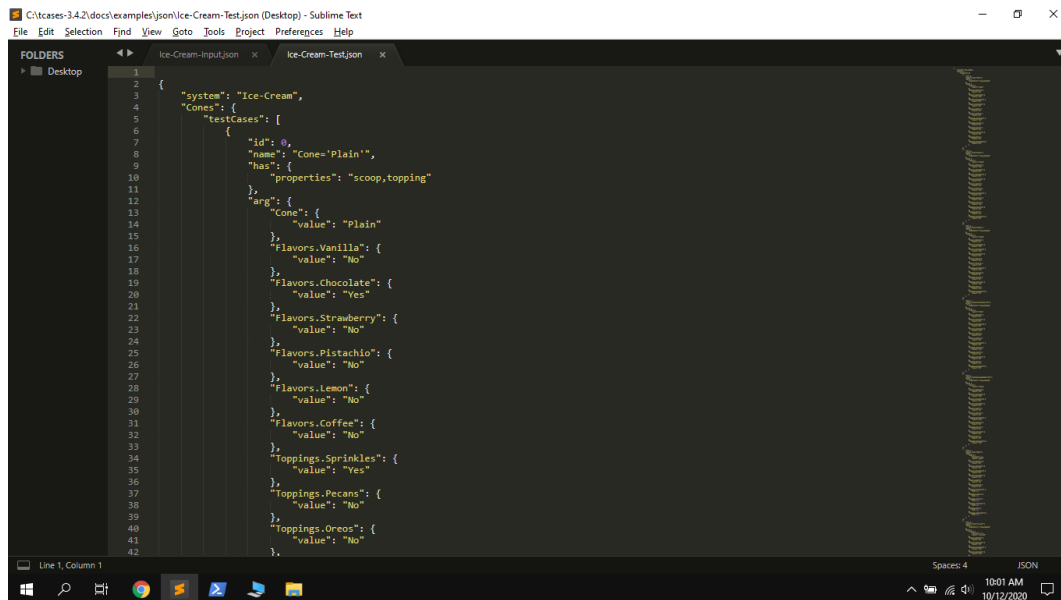
The above image is showing the input file that we are using for Tcases which mainly three types of input Cone, Flavors and Toppings and each of these having subparts.

2. Running Input File.



We have executed the input file by using the command –
tcases Ice-Cream-Input.json
which when completed successfully generates output file Ice-Cream-Test.json within the same directory.

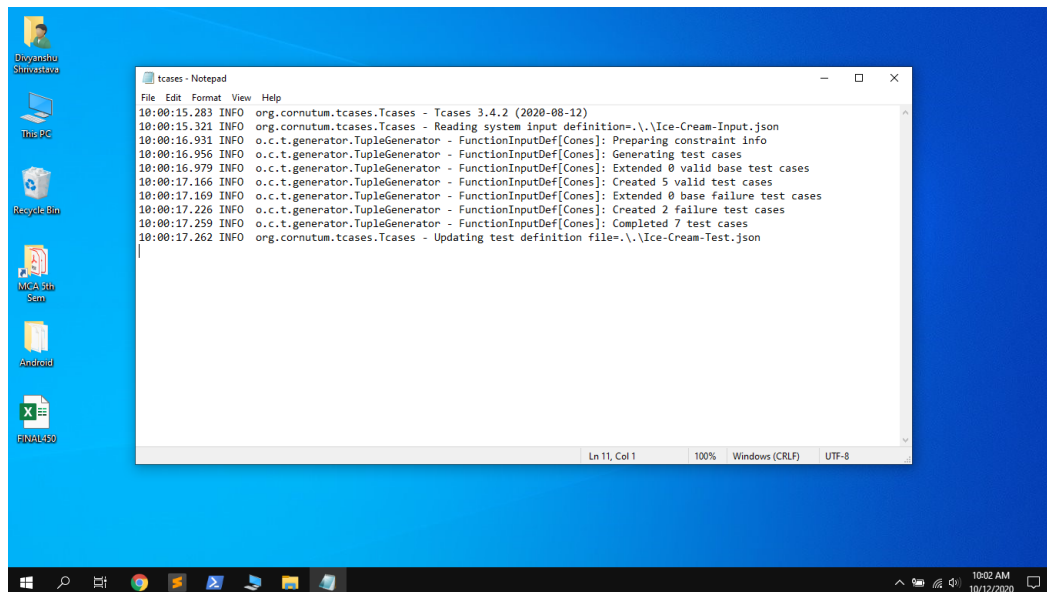
3. Output File – Ice-Cream-Test.json



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        },
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            "value": "Plain"
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          "flavors.Chocolate": {
            "value": "Yes"
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          "flavors.Strawberry": {
            "value": "No"
          },
          "flavors.Pistachio": {
            "value": "No"
          },
          "flavors.Lemon": {
            "value": "No"
          },
          "flavors.Coffee": {
            "value": "No"
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          "toppings.Sprinkles": {
            "value": "Yes"
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            "value": "No"
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          "flavors.Coffee": {
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          "toppings.Sprinkles": {
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          "toppings.Oreos": {
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          "flavors.Chocolate": {
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          "flavors.Coffee": {
            "value": "No"
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          "toppings.Sprinkles": {
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          "toppings.Oreos": {
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          "flavors.Vanilla": {
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          "flavors.Chocolate": {
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          "flavors.Strawberry": {
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          "toppings.Oreos": {
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        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
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4. Tcases log file



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tcases - Notepad
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10:00:15.283 INFO org.comnutum.tcases.Tcases - Tcases 3.4.2 (2020-08-12)
10:00:15.321 INFO org.comnutum.tcases.Tcases - Reading system input definition=.\Ice-Cream-Input.json
10:00:16.931 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Preparing constraint info
10:00:16.956 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Generating test cases
10:00:16.979 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Extended 0 valid base test cases
10:00:17.166 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Created 5 valid test cases
10:00:17.169 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Extended 0 base failure test cases
10:00:17.226 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Created 2 failure test cases
10:00:17.259 INFO o.c.t.generator.TupleGenerator - FunctionInputDef[Cones]: Completed 7 test cases
10:00:17.262 INFO org.comnutum.tcases.Tcases - Updating test definition file=.\Ice-Cream-Test.json
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