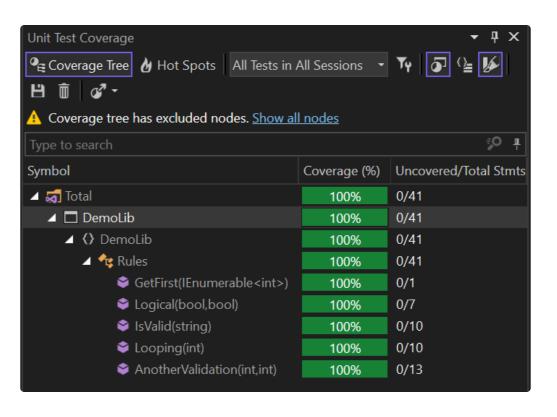
Mutation Testing

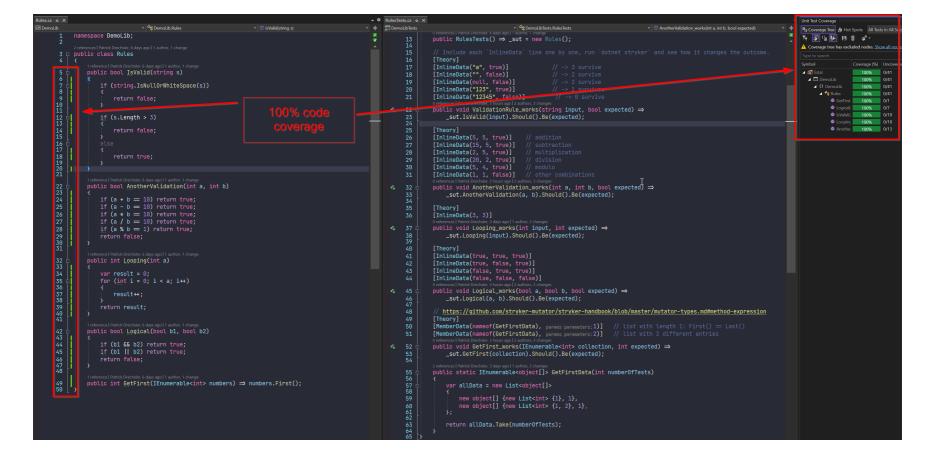


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Code Coverage 100%

what more do you want?





Example

```
public class Rules
  public bool IsValid(string s)
   if (string.IsNullOrWhiteSpace(s))
      return false;
   if (s.Length > 3)
      return false;
    return true;
```

- 100% coverage...
- but, are we covering all corner cases?

```
public class RulesTests
  private readonly Rules _sut;
  public RulesTests() => _sut = new Rules();
  [Theory]
  [InlineData("", false)]
  [InlineData("a", true)]
  [InlineData("12345", true)]
  public void Validation_works(
    string input, bool expected) =>
    _sut.IsValid(input).Should().Be(expected);
```

Let's create some mutants!

Let's change

```
if (s.Length > 3)

to

if (s.Length < 3) // <- this is a "MUTANT"

if (s.Length >= 3) // <- this is another "MUTANT"

if (s.Length <= 3) // <- ...and another "MUTANT"</pre>
```

Do we still have the same code coverage?



Concept

- Production code is modified (by the mutation testing framework)
- Test suite is run

Did any mutants survive?

- If all mutants die, the test suite is fine \delta
- But if some mutants survive, the tests are not covering all cases •
 - take a closer look

Many mutation frameworks generate an interactive html report



Example mutations

https://stryker-mutator.io/docs/stryker-net/mutations/

Arithmetic Operators (arithmetic)

Equality Operators (equality)

Logical Operators (logical)

Boolean Literals (boolean)

Assignment Statements (assignment)

Collection initialization (initializer)

Removal mutators (statement,

block)

Unary Operators (unary)

Update Operators (update)

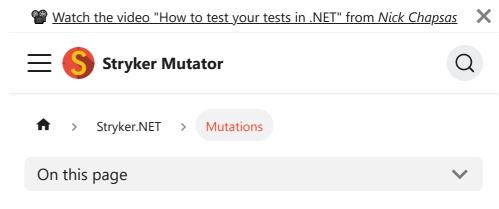
Checked Statements (checked)

Ling Methods (ling)

String Literals and Constants (string)

Bitwise Operators (bitwise)

Regular Expressions (regex)



Mutations

Stryker supports a variety of mutators, which are listed below. In parentheses the names of correspondent mutations are specified, which you might need for the exclude-mutations section of the configuration.

Do you have a suggestion for a (new) mutator? Feel free to create an issue!

Arithmetic Operators (arithmetic)





Frameworks are available for many languages:

- Java (using PIT)
- Scala (using Stryker4s)
- \infty \text{ Javascript/Typescript (using StrykerJS)}
- Python (using Cosmic Ray or mutmut)
- Haskell (using MuCheck)
- **-** ...





Real world mutation testing

PIT is a state of the art mutation testing system, providing gold standard test coverage for Java and the jym. It's fast, scalable and integrates with modern test and build tooling.



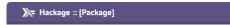
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mutmut - python mutation tester

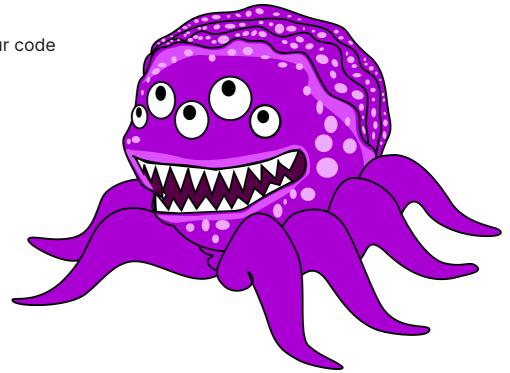


MuCheck: Automated Mutation Testing



Mutation Testing: Summary

- Mutation testing modifies production code to find corner cases
- It requires a lot of resources: use deliberately!
- Don't include it in your CI/CD pipeline
- Use it as an exploratory tool to find bugs in your code
- Use it to find critical bugs in your code



The End

Any Questions?

