

"Testing can show the presence of errors, but not their absence."

- Edsger W. Dijkstra



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#### Agenda

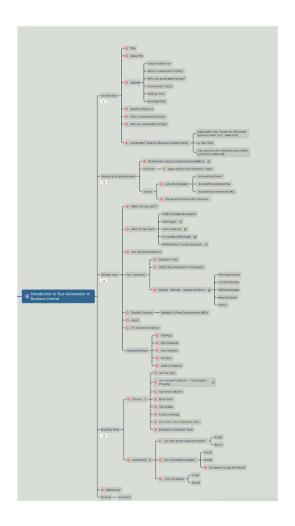
- Objectives
- What is automated testing?
- Why use automated testing?
- Setting up an Environment
- Writing Tests
- Running Tests





## **Session Objective**

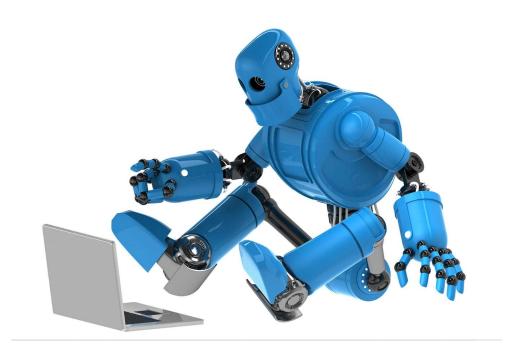
- Basic Understanding of Automated Testing in **Business Central** 
  - Environment Setup
  - Writing Tests
  - Running Tests





#### **What is Automated Testing**

- Automated testing in Business Central involves using software to run tests automatically on the system to ensure that it functions as expected. This approach reduces manual testing, which can be time-consuming, error-prone, and costly.
- Automated testing in Business Central involves creating a set of test cases that simulate different scenarios and use cases. These test cases are then executed automatically and checks the output against the expected results. The results of each test are analyzed to identify any defects or issues.





#### Why use Automated Testing

- Saves Time
- Improves Quality\*
- Repeatable and Reliable
- Reduces Risk and Cost
- Less Disruption / Maximize Error Detection
- Latest Releases





#### **Automated Testing in Business Central**





• Environment testing support and limitations

Business Central solution	Environment	Testing allowed	More details
Online	Production		Running tests isn't allowed because it might have an adverse effect on your business. Testing can incidentally invoke external systems, like CDS, PayPal, and web hook subscriptions. Invoking these systems may slow down the solution for other users or cause data corruption.
	Sandbox	•	You can use a sandbox environment to run tests manually to verify functionality on an environment. Running a large number of tests or tests that take a long time (more than 15 minutes per test method) isn't allowed. It's recommended that you don't run tests more than one or two hours a day.
On- premises	Production	•	For Business Central on-premises, running automated tests is only possible with a Partner license or a license that includes the Application Builder module.
			You can disable the ability to run tests by turning off <b>Enable Test Automation</b> (TestAutomationEnabled) on the Business Central Server instance. For more information, see Configuring Business Central Server - General Settings.
	Container- based development environment	€	This setup should be the default environment for running large number of tests or setting up CI/CD gates. For more information, see Running a Container-Based Development Environment or Running Tests In Containers $\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$ .



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• Available on Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central installation "DVD"

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BCContainerHelper: NewBCContainer

```
$startTime = [DateTime]::Now
Write-Host -ForegroundColor Green "$($startTime) : $($scriptTitle) start"
$artifactUrl = Get-BCArtifactUrl -version @version -country "us" -select Latest -type Sandbox
Write-Host -ForegroundColor Yellow ($artifactUrl)
New-BCContainer
    -accept eula `
    -accept outdated `
    -alwaysPull `
    -artifactUrl $artifactUrl `
    -auth NavUserPassword
    -containerName $containername
    -Credential $credential
    -includeTestToolkit `
    -isolation hyperv `
    -updateHosts
    -memoryLimit 8G
$stopTime = [DateTime]::Now
$timeSpend = ($stopTime - $startTime).TotalSeconds
Write-Host -ForegroundColor Green "$($stopTime) : $($scriptTitle) took $($timespend) seconds"
```

```
-includeTestToolkit
-includeTestLibrariesOnly
-includeTestFrameworkOnly
```



BCContainerHelper: ImportTestToolkitToBCContainer

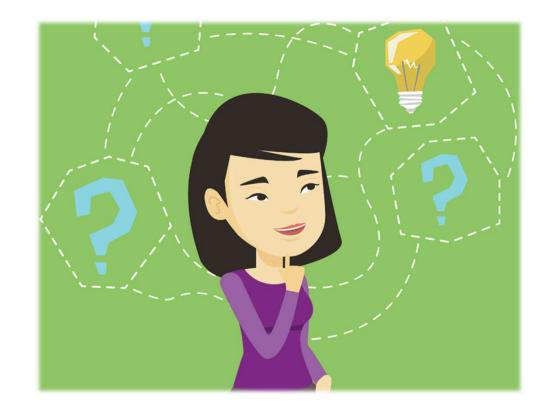


- Where do you start?
  - Familiarize
  - Testing Plan
  - Testing Scenarios
  - Code Coverage
  - Test Driven Development





- What do we test?
  - Test Pages
  - Performance Toolkit Extension
  - Test Codeunits
  - UI Handlers





TestApp Dependencies

```
dependencies": [
  "id": "a3c9c3aa-6c42-4cba-aaea-33d9a155f1b1",
  "name": "MainApp",
  "publisher": "Default publisher",
  "version": "24.0.0.0"
  "id": "dd0be2ea-f733-4d65-bb34-a28f4624fb14",
  "publisher": "Microsoft",
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   "version": "24.0.0.0"
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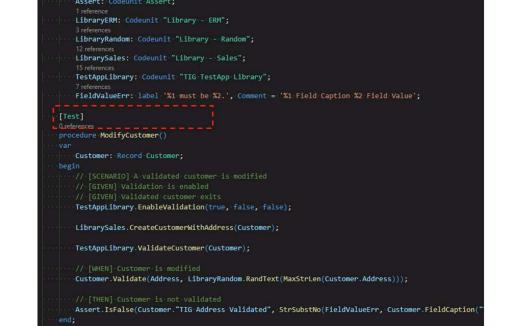


Test Codeunits: Subtype Property

```
codeunit 80000 "TIG TestApp Event Unit"
  Subtype = Test;
      Assert: Codeunit Assert;
     LibraryERM: Codeunit "Library - ERM";
     LibraryRandom: Codeunit "Library - Random";
     LibrarySales: Codeunit "Library - Sales";
      TestAppLibrary: Codeunit "TIG TestApp Library";
      FieldValueErr: label '%1 must be %2.', Comment = '%1 Field Caption %2 Field Value';
  procedure ModifyCustomer()
     Customer: Record Customer;
      TestAppLibrary.EnableValidation(true, false, false);
      LibrarySales.CreateCustomerWithAddress(Customer);
      TestAppLibrary.ValidateCustomer(Customer);
      Customer.Validate(Address, LibraryRandom.RandText(MaxStrLen(Customer.Address)));
      Assert.IsFalse(Customer."TIG Address Validated", StrSubstNo(FieldValueErr, Customer.FieldCaption(
```



• Test Codeunits: Test Attribute



codeunit 80000 "TIG TestApp Event Unit"

Subtype = Test;



• Test Codeunits: Handler Methods

Method type	Purpose	Signature
MessageHandler	Handles Message statements.	<pre><function name="">(<message>: Text[1024])Error! Filename not specified.</message></function></pre>
ConfirmHandler	Handles Confirm statements.	<pre><function name="">(<question>: Text[1024]; var <reply>: Boolean)</reply></question></function></pre>
StrMenuHandler	Handles StrMenu statements.	<pre><function name="">(<options: <choice="" text[1024];="" var="">: Integer; <instruction>: Text[1024])</instruction></options:></function></pre>
ReportHandler	Handles specific reports. If you create a ReportHandler method, then that method replaces all code for running the report, including the request page, and a RequestPageHandler isn't called. Only create a RequestPageHandler if you aren't using a ReportHandler.	<function name="">(var <report>: Report <report id="">)</report></report></function>

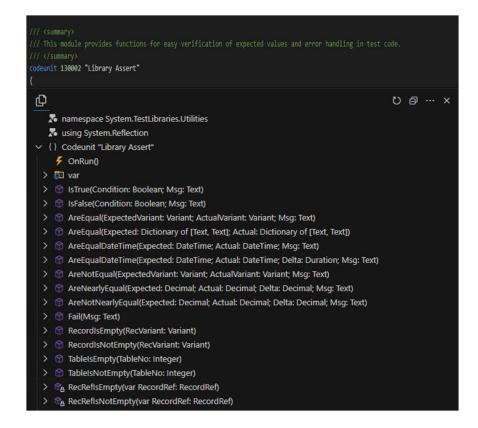
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• Gherkin Scenario



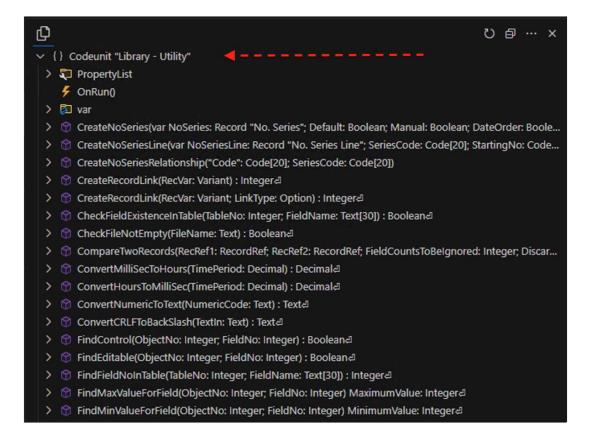
Assert Library





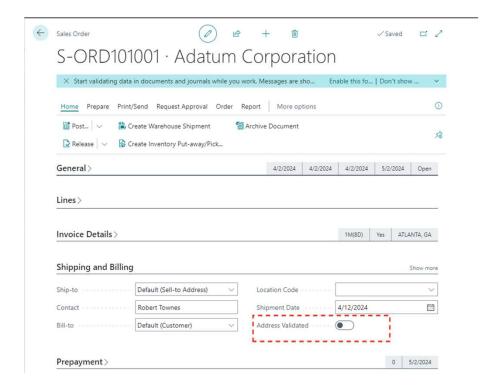
#### Microsoft Tests-TestLibraries

CU	130440	Library - Random
CU	130509	Library – Sales
CU	130512	Library - Purchase
CU	131000	Library – Utility



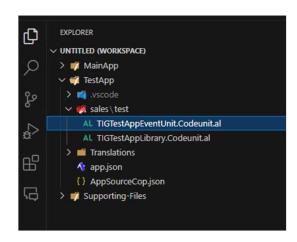


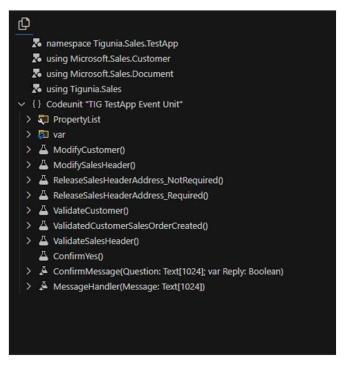
Example App: MainApp





Example App: TestApp







• Example App: TestApp Methods



• Example App: TestApp Methods

```
[Test]
    Oreferences
    procedure ModifySalesHeader()
    var
    Customer: Record Customer;
    SalesHeader: Record "Sales Header";
    CustomerNo: Code[20];
    begin
    // [SCENARIO] A validated sales header is modified
    // [GIVEN] Validation is enabled
    // [GIVEN] Validated sales header exists
    TestAppLibrary.EnableValidation(true, false, false);
    LibrarySales.CreateCustomerWithAddress(Customer);
    CustomerNo := Customer."No.";
    LibrarySales.CreateSalesHeader(SalesHeader, "Sales Document Type"::Order, CustomerNo);
    TestAppLibrary.ValidateSalesHeader(SalesHeader);
    // [MHEN] Sales header is modified
    SalesHeader.Validate("Ship-to Address", LibraryRandom.RandText(MaxStrLen(SalesHeader."Ship-to Address")));
    // [THEN] Sales header is not validated
    Assert.IsFalse(SalesHeader."TIG Address Validated", StrSubstNo(FieldValueErr, SalesHeader.FieldCaption("TIG Address Validated"), false));
    end;
}
```



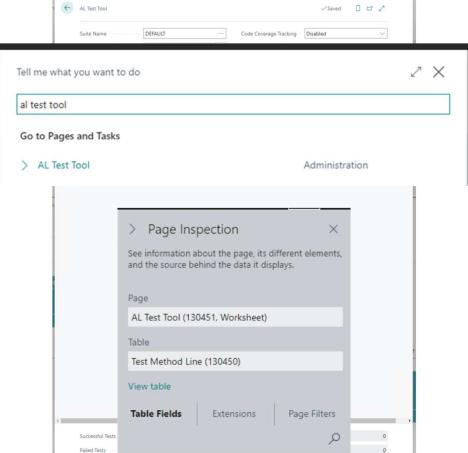
Example App: TestApp Methods



• Example App: TestApp Handlers



AL Test Tool





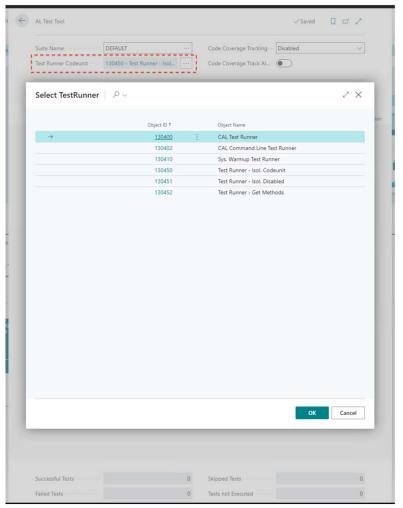
• Test Runner Codeunit

#### **TestIsolation Property**

Value	Description
Disabled	Do not roll back any changes to the database. Tests are not isolated from each other. This is the default value.
Codeunit	Roll back all changes to the database after each test codeunit executes.
Function	Roll back all changes to the database after each test method executes.

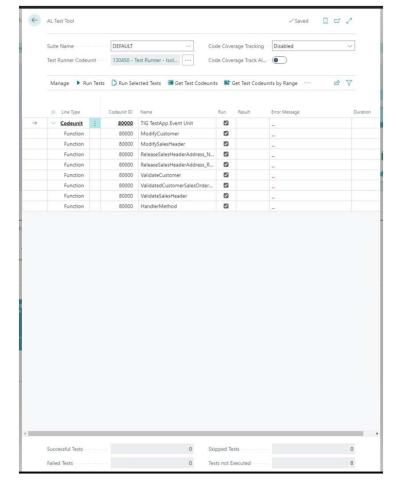
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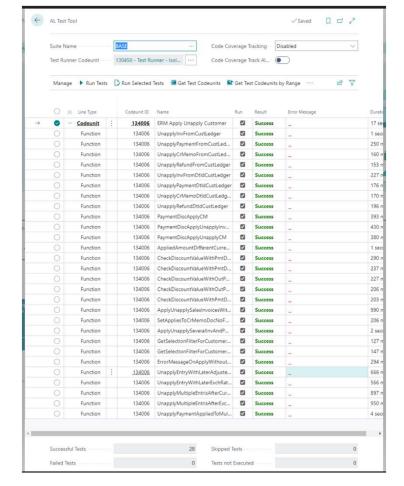
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Test Codeunits



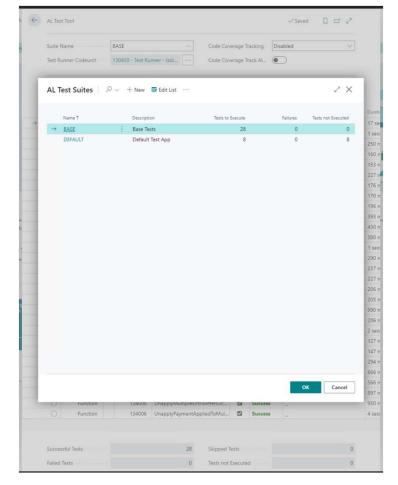


Base Tests



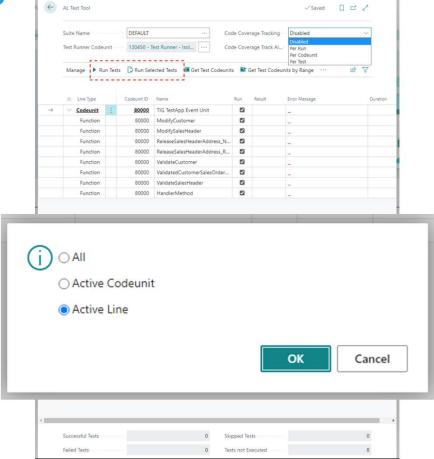


• Test Suite



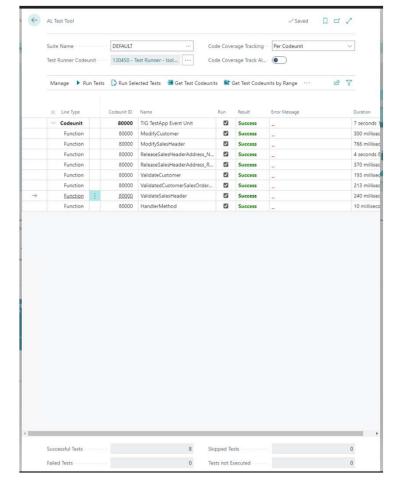


Running Tests



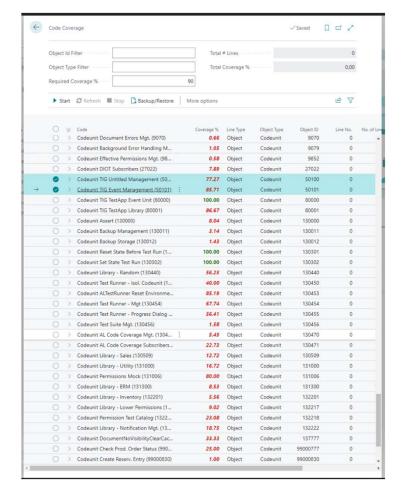


Completed Tests





Code Coverage





• BCContainerHelper: Get-TestsFromBCContainer

```
Get-TestsFromBCContainer

-containerName $containerName

-Credential $credential

-testSuite $testSuite

-ignoreGroups
```

```
Name Id
-----
{ModifyCustomer, ModifySalesHeader, ReleaseSalesHeaderAddress_NotRequired, ReleaseSalesHeaderAddress_Required...} TIG TestApp Event Unit 80000
```



• BCContainerHelper: Get-TestsFromBCContainer

```
$tests = Get-TestsFromBCContainer`
    -containerName $containerName `
    -Credential $credential `
    -testSuite $testSuite `
    -ignoreGroups

foreach( $test in $tests) {
    Write-Host -ForegroundColor Yellow $tests.Id $tests.Name
    Write-Output $test.Tests
```

```
80000 TIG TestApp Event Unit
ModifyCustomer
ModifySalesHeader
ReleaseSalesHeaderAddress_NotRequired
ReleaseSalesHeaderAddress_Required
ValidateCustomer
ValidatedCustomerSalesOrderCreated
ValidateSalesHeader
ConfirmYes
```



BCContainerHelper: Run-TestsInBCContainer

```
Run-TestsInBCContainer
-containerName $containerName
-credential $credential
-testSuite $testSuite
-detailed
-AppendToXUnitResultFile:($true)
-XUnitResultFileName $xunitResultsFile
```

```
Codeunit 80000 TIG TestApp Event Unit Success (3.875 seconds)

Testfunction ModifyCustomer Success (0.66 seconds)

Testfunction ModifySalesHeader Success (0.233 seconds)

Testfunction ReleaseSalesHeaderAddress_NotRequired Success (0.4 seconds)

Testfunction ReleaseSalesHeaderAddress_Required Success (0.244 seconds)

Testfunction ValidateCustomer Success (0.18 seconds)

Testfunction ValidatedCustomerSalesOrderCreated Success (0.163 seconds)

Testfunction ValidateSalesHeader Success (0.213 seconds)

Testfunction ConfirmYes Success (0.007 seconds)
```

BCContainerHelper: Run-TestsInBCContainer

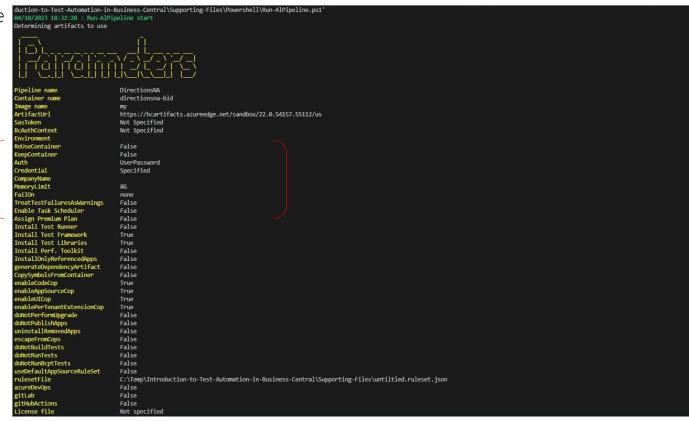


• BCContainerHelper: Run-AlPipeline



```
$scriptTitle = 'Run-AlPipeline'
$startTime = [DateTime]::Now
Write-Host -ForegroundColor Green "$($startTime) : $($scriptTitle) start"
Run-AlPipeline `
    -pipelineName $pipelineName `
    -baseFolder $baseFolder
    -appFolders $appFolders
    -testFolders $testFolders
    -installTestFramework `
    -installTestLibraries `
    -enablePerTenantExtensionCop
    -enableUICop
    -enableCodeCop
    -enableAppSourceCop
    -appVersion $appVersion `
    -Credential $credential
    -CreateRuntimePackages `
    -AppSourceCopMandatoryAffixes $affix `
    -AppSourceCopSupportedCountries "US" `
    -rulesetFile $rulesetFile
    -outputFolder $outputFolder `
    -testResultsFile $testResultsFile `
    -packagesFolder $PackagesFolder
$stopTime = [DateTime]::Now
$timeSpend = ($stopTime -$startTime).TotalSeconds
Write-Host -ForegroundColor Green "$($stopTime) : $($scriptTitle) took $($timeSpend) seconds"
```

BCContainerHelper: Run-AlPipeline





# **Questions?**





#### **What's Next**

Establish Test Automation Policy

- Educate
- Explore





#### References









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