



# INTRODUCTION TO MSPEC

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**A LITTLE  
ABOUT ME**

I'M **NOT**  
**RELIEFERS**

BUT SOME **CLIENTS** ARE



# **BDD** WHAT IS IT?

TDD with some structure

- Test names should be sentences
- Tests should be focused
- Tracing requirements, executable acceptance criteria

# UNIT TESTING BASICS

Arrange

Act

Assert

"Arrange-Act-Assert"

a pattern for arranging and formatting code in UnitTest methods:

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?ArrangeActAssert>

Arrange all necessary preconditions and inputs.

Act on the object or method under test.

Assert that the expected results have occurred.



# CODE BREAK

DEMO ARRANGE ACT ASSERT

# STORIES BASED TESTING

User story

Feature:

As an  
I want  
In order to

Short & clear  
actor of the system  
to perform some action  
realize some business value

Acceptance  
Criteria

Scenario:            Some business situation

Given some context

And some other condition

When the actor perform an action

Then the outcome is achieved

And some other outcome is achieved

Scenario:            Some other situation related to the  
same story

# USER STORY EXAMPLE

Feature:

Account transfer

As a

customer

I want

to transfer money between accounts online

In order to

avoid having to telephone my bank to carry do this

Scenario:

Account has required funds

**Given** the source account is sufficient

**And** the customer has signed up to online banking

**When** the customer transfers money between accounts

**Then** the target account is credited immediately

**And** the source account is debited immediately

Scenario:

Account has insufficient funds

**Given** the source account is insufficient funds...



# CODE BREAK

Creating a BDD test using SPEC FLOW



CONTEXT SPECIFICATION FRAMEWORK

CONTEXT == ARRANGE or GIVEN

SPECIFICATION == ASSERT or THEN

DEVELOPER CENTRIC

BETTER FOR UNIT TESTING

# INSTALLATION

Using chocolatey:

```
cinst machine.specifications  
run InstallResharperRunner.7.1
```

Resharper live templates

Resharper settings – see resources

# TEST STRUCTURE

```
when_describe_context {  
  Establish context => ()  
  
  Because of = () =>...  
  
  It should_...() =>...  
  
  It should_...() =>...  
  
  Cleanup test_data () =>...  
}
```

Arrange    Given

Act        When

Assert    Then

# TESTING BEHAVIOR

Behaves\_like<TBehavior>

[Behaviors]

```
public class AccountInCredit
{
    protected static Account account;
```

```
It should_have_a_positive_balance = () =>
account.Balance.ShouldBeGreaterThan(0m);
}
```



# CODE BREAK

Creating an mspec test

Creating an mspec test using behaviors



# MACHINE FAKES

Integrates machine.specifications and mocking

Auto-mocking container

Choose between:

RhinoMocks, Moq, NSubstitute and FakeItEasy

Install-Package machine.specifications.moq

# MACHINE FAKES

## WITHFAKES

WithFakes

Base class giving you access to

An<TFake> or Some<TFake> to create fakes

WhenToldTo(x=>x.foo).Return(3) // create an expectation

WasToldTo(x=>x.foo) // verify an expectation

Param<T>



# CODE BREAK

Creating a test using WithFakes



# MACHINE FAKES WITHSUBJECT

WithSubject<T>

Automocking container

Creates subject under test for you

The<Tinterface> access existing fakes



# CODE BREAK

Creating a test using WithSubject<T>

# MACHINE.FAKES

## REUSING CONTEXT

```
OnEstablish context = fake =>
{
    fake
        .The<IFoo>
        .WhenToldTo(x=>x.Bar())
        .Return("Baz");
}
```

OnCleanup sub



# CODE BREAK

Creating a test reusing context setup code.



SHARPDEVELOP

TEAM CITY

COMMAND LINE

MSBUILD TASK



# LESSONS I LEARNED

Treat test code like production code

Use DI and Factories

Be wary of inheritance

Tests should be simple

Don't be scared to delete tests

# RESOURCES

## Machine.Specifications

<https://github.com/machine/machine.specifications>

## Machine.Fakes

<https://github.com/machine/machine.fakes>

## Resharper templates

<http://therightstuff.de/2010/03/03/MachineSpecifications-Templates-For-ReSharper.aspx>

## Resharper settings

<http://www.thebooleanfrog.com/post/2011/11/24/ReSharper-StyleCop-and-MSpec-All-Together-Now.aspx>

# PROJECTS USING MSPEC

Fluent NHibernate

<http://www.fluentnhibernate.org/>

Should Assertion Library

<http://should.codeplex.com>

EventStore

<https://github.com/joliver/EventStore>

Who-Can-Help-Me

<https://github.com/jongearge1/Who-Can-Help-Me>





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