



Unit testing in Angular and NgRx

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Unit tests in general



What are unit tests?

- automated tests of a *single unit* of your app *in isolation*
 - ◆ dependencies are mocked
- *describe* a unit's behaviour and *prove* it works



Why unit test?

- increase code quality
 - ◆ encourage modularization
 - ◆ prevent bugs
 - ◆ document usage



What to be aware of

- unit tests should be fast to run and fast to write
 - ◆ git hooks, CI
- writing good tests has a learning curve
- team must be committed and disciplined
 - ◆ establish clear rules on testing
- extra maintenance

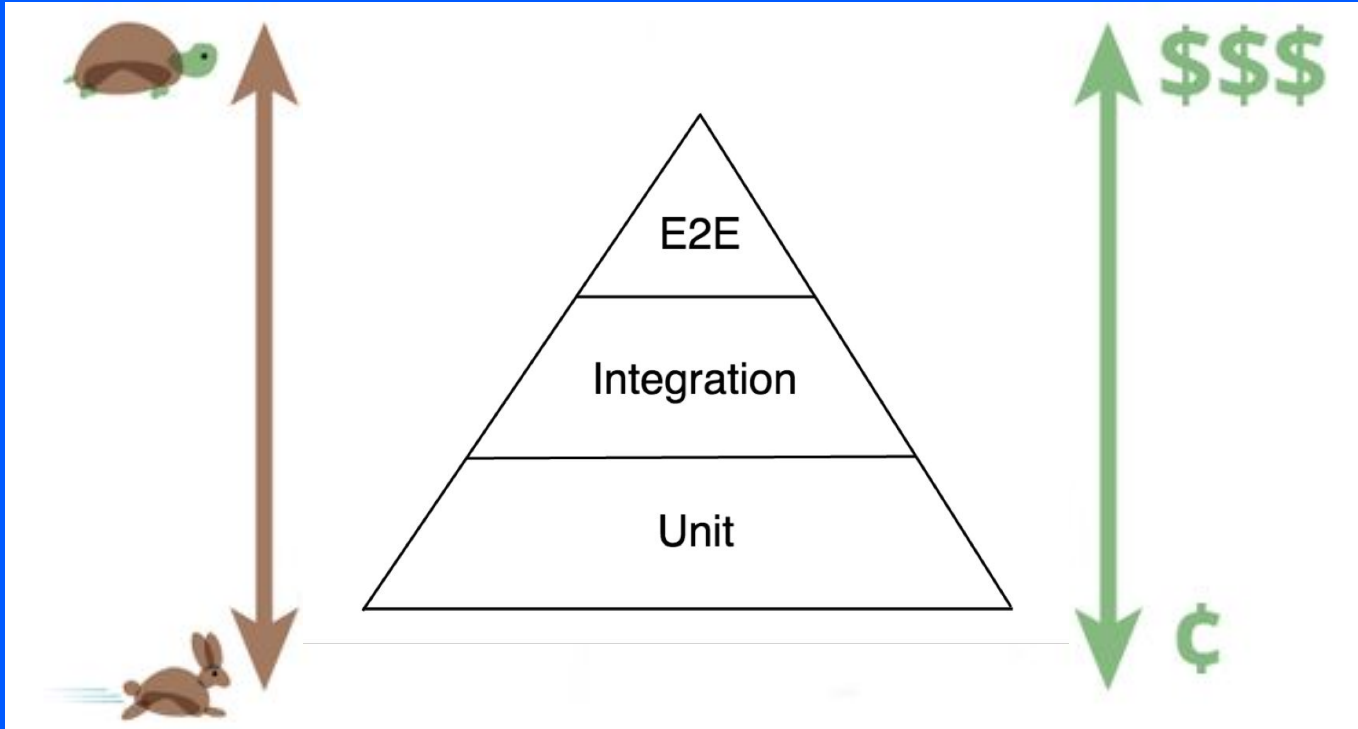


Integration tests

- test (a part of) your system,
composed of multiple units
 - ◆ are they integrated correctly?



Testing strategy



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Unit (& integration) testing in Angular



Default tech stack - Karma & Jasmine

- *Karma* - test runner, runs in browser on local server
- *Jasmine* - testing framework

The screenshot shows an IDE with a project named 'testing-demo'. The file explorer on the left shows the project structure, including 'src', 'assets', 'environments', 'browserslist', 'favicon.ico', 'index.html', 'karma.conf.js', 'main.ts', 'polyfills.ts', 'styles.scss', 'test.ts', 'tsconfig.app.json', 'tsconfig.spec.json', 'tslint.json', 'editorconfig', 'gitignore', 'angular.json', 'package.json', 'package-lock.json', 'README.md', and 'tsconfig.json'. The main editor displays the 'app.component.spec.ts' file, which contains the following code:

```
1 import { TestBed, async } from '@angular/core/testing';
2 import { RouterTestingModule } from '@angular/router/testing';
3 import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
4
5 describe('AppComponent', () => {
6   beforeEach(async(() => {
7     TestBed.configureTestingModule({
8       imports: [
9         RouterTestingModule
10       ],
11       declarations: [
12         AppComponent
13       ],
14       compileComponents: true
15     });
16   }));
17
18   it('expectation: should create the app', async() => {
19     const fixture = TestBed.createComponent(AppComponent);
20     const app = fixture.debugElement.componentInstance;
21     expect(app).toBeTruthy();
22   });
23
24   it('expectation: should have as title "testing-demo"', async() => {
25     const fixture = TestBed.createComponent(AppComponent);
26     const app = fixture.debugElement.componentInstance;
27     expect(app.title).toEqual('testing-demo');
28   });
29
30   it('expectation: should render title in a h1 tag', async() => {
31     const fixture = TestBed.createComponent(AppComponent);
32     fixture.detectChanges();
33     const compiled = fixture.debugElement.nativeElement;
34     expect(compiled.querySelector('h1').textContent).toContain('Welcome to testing-demo!');
35   });
36
37   // callback for describe()
38 });
```

The terminal at the bottom shows the command: `~/WebstormProjects/testing-demo $ ng test`



Alternative tech stack - Jest

- testing framework by Facebook
- runs in Node.js, simulates DOM API via JSDom

The screenshot shows an IDE with a file explorer on the left, a code editor in the center, and a terminal at the bottom. The file explorer shows a project structure for 'testing-demo' with folders like 'src', 'assets', 'environments', and 'node_modules'. The code editor displays the content of 'app.component.spec.ts', which contains Jest test cases for an Angular component. The tests include checks for component creation, title, and rendered content. The terminal shows the command 'ng test' being executed.

```
import { TestBed, async } from '@angular/core/testing';
import { RouterTestingModule } from '@angular/router/testing';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';

describe('AppComponent', () => {
  beforeEach(async() => {
    TestBed.configureTestingModule({
      imports: [
        RouterTestingModule
      ],
      declarations: [
        AppComponent
      ],
    }).compileComponents();
  });

  test('should create the app', () => {
    const fixture = TestBed.createComponent(AppComponent);
    const app = fixture.debugElement.componentInstance;
    expect(app).toBeTruthy();
  });

  test('should have as title \'testing-demo\'', () => {
    const fixture = TestBed.createComponent(AppComponent);
    const app = fixture.debugElement.componentInstance;
    expect(app.title).toEqual('testing-demo');
  });

  test('should render title in a h1 tag', () => {
    const fixture = TestBed.createComponent(AppComponent);
    fixture.detectChanges();
    const compiled = fixture.debugElement.nativeElement;
    expect(compiled.querySelector('h1').textContent).toContain('Welcome to testing-demo!');
  });
});
```

Terminal: Local +
-WebstormProjects/testing-demo \$ ng test



Tech comparison



- 😊 already set up in Angular
- 😊 full browser API

- 😞 slower
 - ◆ starts up local server (unsuitable for CI)
 - ◆ each test requires full app build



Jest

- 😞 requires setup for Angular
- 😞 JSDom has some limitations

- 😊 faster
 - ◆ Node.js
 - ◆ parallelization
- 😊 code coverage
- 😊 snapshot testing



From Karma/Jasmine to Jest

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```
1 npm remove karma karma-chrome-launcher karma-coverage-istanbul-reporter karma-jasmine karma-jasmine-html-reporter
2 rm src/karma.conf.js src/test.ts
3
4 npm i -D jest @angular-builders/jest @types/jest
5 echo "module.exports = {};" >> src/jest.config.js
```

```
4 src tsconfig.spec.json
2 "extends": "../tsconfig.json",
3 "compilerOptions": {
4   "outDir": "../out-tsc/spec",
5   "types": [
6     - "jasmine",
7     "node"
8   ],
9 },
10 "files": [
11   - "test.ts",
12   "polyfills.ts"
13 ]
```

```
2 "extends": "../tsconfig.json",
3 "compilerOptions": {
4   "outDir": "../out-tsc/spec",
5   + "module": "commonjs",
6   "types": [
7     + "jest",
8     "node"
9   ],
10 },
11 "files": [
12   + "polyfills.ts"
13 ]
```

```
19 angular.json
77 }
78 },
79 "test": {
80   - "builder": "@angular-devkit/build-angular:karma",
81   - "options": {
82     - "main": "src/test.ts",
83     - "polyfills": "src/polyfills.ts",
84     - "tsConfig": "src/tsconfig.spec.json",
85     - "karmaConfig": "src/karma.conf.js",
86     - "styles": [
87       - "src/styles.scss"
88     ],
89     - "scripts": [],
90     - "assets": [
91       - "src/favicon.ico",
92       - "src/assets"
93     ]
94   }
95 },
```

```
77 }
78 },
79 "test": {
80   + "builder": "@angular-builders/jest:run",
81   + "options": {}
82 },
```

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Structure of a test

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```
1 // my-unit.spec.ts
2
3 describe('MyUnit', () => {
4
5     it('should do something', () => {
6         expect('computed ' + 'result').toBe('computed result');
7     });
8
9 });
10
```

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What to test in Angular?

- components
- services
- directives
- pipes
- ...



Pipe UT

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```
1 describe('NumberPipe', () => {
2   const numberPipe = new NumberPipe();
3
4   it('should not change small numbers', () => {
5     expect(numberPipe.transform(666)).toBe('666');
6   });
7
8   it('should use suffix for large numbers', () => {
9     expect(numberPipe.transform(20000)).toBe('20k');
10  });
11
12  it('should round large numbers to 1 decimal point', () => {
13    expect(numberPipe.transform(3600)).toBe('3.6k');
14    expect(numberPipe.transform(12345)).toBe('12.3k');
15  });
16 });
17
```

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Component UT

```
1 describe('ArticleComponent', () => {
2   let fixture: ComponentFixture<ArticleComponent>;
3   let component: ArticleComponent;
4
5   beforeEach(async(() => {
6     TestBed.configureTestingModule({
7       declarations: [ArticleComponent],
8       schemas: [CUSTOM_ELEMENTS_SCHEMA],
9     }).compileComponents();
10  });
11
12  beforeEach(() => {
13    fixture = TestBed.createComponent(ArticleComponent);
14    component = fixture.componentInstance;
15    fixture.detectChanges();
16  });
17
18  it('should be truthy', () => {
19    expect(component).toBeTruthy();
20  });
21
22  it('should show article title', () => {
23    component.article = { ...MOCK_ARTICLE, title: 'My Title' };
24    fixture.detectChanges();
25    const h1 = fixture.nativeElement.querySelector('h1');
26    expect(h1).toBeDefined();
27    expect(h1.textContent.trim()).toBe('My Title');
28  });
29 });
```



Mocking providers via dependency injection

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```
TestBed.configureTestingModule({  
  // ...  
  providers: [  
    {  
      provide: APIClient,  
      useValue: {  
        getArticles: () => of(MOCK_ARTICLES)  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
});
```

```
mockApiClient = TestBed.get(APIClient);
```

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Integration testing

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```
TestBed.configureTestingModule({  
  declarations: [ArticleComponent, AuthorComponent],  
  // ...  
});
```

```
const authorName = fixture.nativeElement.querySelector(  
  'app-author h1'  
);  
expect(authorName.textContent.trim())  
  .toBe(component.article.author.name);
```

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Unit testing with NgRx



Testing with NgRx

- store can be mocked in components, etc.
- reducers and selectors are pure functions
 - ◆ perfect for unit testing
- RxJS marble tests may be used for effects



Providing store in NgRx 1-7

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```
TestBed.configureTestingModule({  
  // ...  
  imports: [  
    // ...  
    StoreModule.forRoot(reducers)  
  ]  
}).compileComponents();
```

```
store = TestBed.get(Store);
```

```
store.dispatch(new GetArticlesSuccessAction(MOCK_ARTICLES));  
// fixture.detectChanges();
```

flow



Providing store in NgRx 8

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```
TestBed.configureTestingModule({  
  // ...  
  providers: [  
    // ...  
    provideMockStore({  
      selectors: [  
        {  
          selector: $articles,  
          value: []  
        }  
      ]  
    })  
  ]  
}).compileComponents();
```

```
$articles.setResult(MOCK_ARTICLES);  
// fixture.detectChanges();
```

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Reducer UT

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```
1 const startState: ArticlesState = {
2   entities: {},
3   ids: [],
4   loading: true
5 };
6 const action = new GetArticlesSuccessAction(MOCK_ARTICLES);
7 const endState = articlesReducer(startState, action);
8
9 expect(endState.ids).toHaveLength(MOCK_ARTICLES.length);
10 expect(endState.loading).toBe(false);
11 expect(endState.entities[MOCK_ARTICLES[0].id])
12   .toEqual(MOCK_ARTICLES[0]);
```

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Selector UT

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```
1 const state = {
2   ...MOCK_STATE,
3   articles: {
4     entities: {
5       [MOCK_ARTICLE_1.id]: MOCK_ARTICLE_1,
6       [MOCK_ARTICLE_2.id]: MOCK_ARTICLE_2
7     },
8     ids: [MOCK_ARTICLE_1.id, MOCK_ARTICLE_2.id]
9   }
10 };
11
12 expect($articles(state)).toEqual(
13   [MOCK_ARTICLE_1, MOCK_ARTICLE_2]
14 );
```

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Effect UT

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```
1 let effects: ArticlesEffects;
2 let actions$: Observable<Action>;
3
4 beforeEach(() => {
5   TestBed.configureTestingModule({
6     providers: [
7       ArticlesEffects,
8       provideMockActions(() => actions$),
9     ],
10    provide: APIClient,
11    useValue: { getArticles: () => of(MOCK_ARTICLES) }
12  })
13 }
14 });
15 effects = TestBed.get(ArticlesEffects);
16 });
17
18 test('getArticles$', () => {
19   actions$ = hot('--r-', {
20     r: new GetArticlesRequestAction()
21   });
22   const expected = cold('--s', {
23     s: new GetArticlesSuccessAction(MOCK_ARTICLES)
24   });
25   expect(effects.getArticles$).toBeObservable(expected);
26 });
```

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Advanced effect UT 1/2 - the code

```
1 @Effect() resetSearch$ = this.actions$.pipe(  
2   ofType(UpdateRouteAction.type),  
3   map(({ page }) => page),  
4   filter(page => page !== 'article'),  
5   distinctUntilChanged(),  
6   pairwise(),  
7   filter(([previousPage]) => previousPage === 'search'),  
8   mapTo(new ResetSearchAction()),  
9 );
```



Advanced effect UT 2/2 - the test

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```
1 test('resetSearch$', () => {
2   const actions$Diagram = 'h-s--a-sh--s--as-as--h';
3   const expectedDiagram = '-----r-----r';
4
5   actions$ = hot(actions$Diagram, {
6     h: new UpdateRouteAction('home'),
7     s: new UpdateRouteAction('search'),
8     a: new UpdateRouteAction('article', 'id')
9   });
10  const expected = cold(expectedDiagram, {
11    r: new ResetSearchAction()
12  });
13  expect(effects.resetSearch$).toBeObservable(expected);
14 });
```

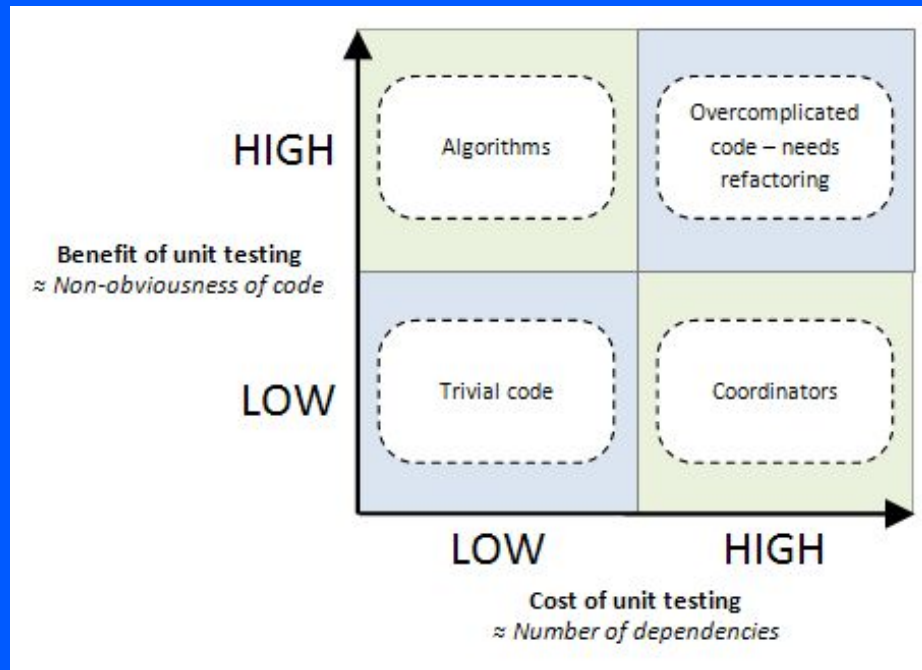
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Selective unit testing

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- not all code is well-suited for unit testing
- best to focus on logic heavy code (e.g. NgRx)
- more dependencies mean more mocking and test maintenance



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Q&A

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