Introducing the Mockito framework

Mockito, which is evolved from EasyMock, is one of the most popular testing tools available that facilitate the creation of test doubles for testing Java applications (http://mockito.org/). Mockito differs from its predecessor by promoting the use of test-spies over mocks, offering a much cleaner API and very readable error messages. It is also intuitive to use because it follows the natural test code order of arrange, act and assert. In the arrange phase, the test objects which are to be used are set up and initialised with the necessary test doubles. In the act stage, the methods to be tested are invoked on these objects. In the assert stage, the results from running these methods are verified in an appropriate manner. You need to be familiar with the concept of test doubles being used as stubs and mocks.

- 1. Import the *DemoMockito* project into the Eclipse IDE. Add the Junit, JUnitParams and Mockito (mockito-all-1.9.5.jar) libraries to the build path of the project.
- 2. RandomAddNumbers.java and NewRandomAddNumbers.java are the applications used in the previous lab, with the concepts of interface and doubles.
- 3. The test method, testAddTwoNumbersDummy() in NewRandomAddNumbersTest.java uses the stub approach as in previous lab.
- 4. The test method testAddTwoNumbersMockito() is a reworking of the test method testAddTwoNumbersDummy() using the Mockito framework. The main difference is in how the test is being set up.

```
@Test
public void testAddTwoNumbersMockito() {
   RandomNumberFunctionality rnMock =
   mock(RandomNumberFunctionality.class);

   when(rnMock.getRandomInteger(anyInt())).thenReturn(5);

   NewRandomAddNumbers nrl = new NewRandomAddNumbers(rnMock);

   // Executing the test
   int result = nrl.addTwoNumbers(3);
   assertEquals(8, result);
}
```

We create a test double object rnMock that is based on the RandomNumberFunctionality interface.

The key statement is when(rnMock.getRandomInteger(anyInt())).thenReturn(5);
where we setup this test double object to function as a **stub**.

The statement means if the <code>getRandomInteger()</code> method call is ever executed on <code>rnMock</code>, this method will return the value 5.

The anyInt() indicates that it does not matter what is the integer argument passed to getRandomInteger(); it will always return 5. This statement essentially performs the role of the DummyRandomNumber class that defined in NewRandomAddNumbersTest, but in a much more abbreviated form.

We can then proceed to instantiate an object from NewRandomAddNumbers, passing it rnMock as an argument. The rnf instance variable in NewRandomAddNumbers will now refer to rnMock, so when an invocation is made on rnf, the value of 5 will be returned.

The Mockito framework provides a short cut to create dummy classes to be used as stubs or mocks.

5. In the original application, RandomAddNumbers.java, the value of the instance variable rgc can be set through the constructor if necessary.

```
public RandomAddNumbers(RandomGeneratorClass rgc) {
   this.rgc = rgc;
}
```

The default no-argument constructor will set rgc to a new object from the class RandomGeneratorClass.

```
public RandomAddNumbers() {
   rgc = new RandomGeneratorClass();
}
```

Notice that this class **DOES NOT involve** the use of **interfaces**, and the <code>getRandomInteger()</code> call in <code>addTwoNumbers</code> is performed directly on an object of the actual class <code>RandomGeneratorClass</code>.

6. In the test method testAddTwoNumbersWithoutInterface(),we create a test double object rnMock based on a concrete class RandomGeneratorClass, rather than an interface.

```
public void testAddTwoNumbersWithoutInterface() {
    RandomGeneratorClass rnMock = mock(RandomGeneratorClass.class);
    when(rnMock.getRandomInteger(anyInt())).thenReturn(5);

RandomAddNumbers nr1 = new RandomAddNumbers(rnMock);

int result = nr1.addTwoNumbers(3);
    assertEquals(8, result);
}
```

We are testing the addTwoNumbers () from the original application, RandomAddNumbers.

Run NewRandomAddNumbersTest as a JUnit test to verify that all three test methods within it succeed.

Mockito framework enables straight forward testing of applications without the need to refactor the application to use interfaces and create dummy classes.

7. In the test method testFindLargestNumberInRandomArrayMockito() in NewRandomFindLargestTest.java, the rnMock test double is set up to behave like a stub.

```
RandomNumberFunctionality <a href="mailto:rnMock">rnMock</a> = mock(RandomNumberFunctionality.class); when(<a href="mailto:rnMock">rnMock</a>.getRandomInteger(anyInt())).thenReturn(11, 20, 6, 15, 19);
```

When the <code>getRandomInteger()</code> method is invoked on it for the first time, it will return the value 11.

The next time getRandomInteger() is invoked, the value 20 will be returned. The third time, the value 6 will be returned and so on.

When findLargestNumberInRandomArray() is called with the parameters 5 and 8, an array of size 5 will be created and populated with the numbers 11, 20, 6, 15 and 19. The largest number in this array is therefore 20, and the assertEquals() call succeeds.

```
int result = nr2.findLargestNumberInRandomArray(5, 8);
assertEquals(20, result);
```

The testFindLargestNumberInRandomArrayMockitoWithoutInterface() test method performs the test using the original, unfactored version RandomFindLargest, with rnMock based on the concrete class RandomGeneratorClass. Run NewRandomFindLargestTest as a JUnit test to verify that all three test methods within it succeed.

```
public void testFindLargestNumberInRandomArrayMockitoWithoutInterface() {
    // setup code
    RandomGeneratorClass rnMock = mock(RandomGeneratorClass.class);
    when(rnMock.getRandomInteger(anyInt())).thenReturn(11, 20, 6, 15, 19);

RandomFindLargest nr2 = new RandomFindLargest(rnMock);

//create an array of length 5, and fill it with predetermined numbers from 1 to 8
    int result = nr2.findLargestNumberInRandomArray(5, 8);
    assertEquals(20, result);
}
```

8. The first two test methods in <code>NewWorkingWithStringsTest.java</code>, <code>testCheckStringLength()</code> and <code>testCheckStringLengthV2()</code> use double object to function as a mock in order to verify that certain method calls were performed on it with certain String values being passed as arguments. The <code>DummyWork</code> class keeps track of these values through an internal <code>ArrayList</code> of String objects, which it then returns as an array of Strings to the test method for checking using the <code>assertArrayEquals</code> method.

9. In the third test method, testCheckStringLengthMockitoV1(), we setup the test double sfMock and pass it to the constructor of NewWorkingWithStrings. The sfMock is set up as a mock object which essentially verifies that the doOtherStuff() method has been invoked on it exactly 2 times. The test will fail if doOtherStuff() has been invoked more or less than 2 times.

```
public void testCheckStringLengthMockitoV1() {
    String [] strArray = {"cat", "houses", "dog", "elephant", "rat"};
    StuffFunctionality sfMock = mock(StuffFunctionality.class);

NewWorkingWithStrings nww2 = new NewWorkingWithStrings(sfMock);
    nww2.checkStringLength(strArray, 4);

verify(sfMock, times(2)).doOtherStuff(anyString());
}
```

Using the <code>anyString()</code> argument means we don't really care what arguments were passed to <code>doOtherStuff()</code> when it was invoked twice. This is not really a proper test, because we also need to know the values passed to <code>doOtherStuff()</code> to ensure that the <code>checkStringLength()</code> method is functioning as per its requirement. The fourth test method, <code>testCheckStringLengthMockitoV2()</code>, accomplishes this.

```
public void testCheckStringLengthMockitoV2() {
    String [] strArray = {"cat", "houses", "dog", "elephant", "rat"};
    StuffFunctionality sfMock = mock(StuffFunctionality.class);

    NewWorkingWithStrings nww2 = new NewWorkingWithStrings(sfMock);
    nww2.checkStringLength(strArray, 4);

InOrder inOrder = inOrder(sfMock);

inOrder.verify(sfMock).doOtherStuff("houses");

InOrder.verify(sfMock).doOtherStuff("elephant");
}
```

We set up the mock object for what is known as in-order verification.

This line verify that when doOtherStuff() was called the first time, it was passed the value "houses", while this line verify that on the second call it was passed the value "elephant".

If different values had been passed in either of these calls, the test would fail. testCheckStringLengthMockitoV2() is the Mockito equivalent of the initial test method testCheckStringLength().

The last test method, paramTestCheckStringLengthMockito(), is the Mockito equivalent of the earlier testCheckStringLengthV2() which uses parameters. Notice how the inorder.verify() method call is used in a loop to verify that the doOtherStuff() method was called a certain number of times with certain values passed for each call.

10. NewWorkingWithStringsTest works with the refactored version NewWorkingWithStrings. We can also write Mockito tests that work with the original, unfactored version WorkingWithStrings. Write the test as a short exercise to ensure you understand this concept properly.

Exercise:

Refer to SampleClass.java and NewSampleClass.java. Create Mockito tests that test sampleMethod() in SampleClass as well as NewSampleClass through the setting up of mock or stub objects as appropriate.

Using other Mockito features

We are going to explore some other features of Mockito that further help the facilitation of unit testing. The full list of features and illustrative examples of Mockito can be found at: http://mockito.org/.

- 1. Refer to ShowOtherStuff.java, at the top of this class, there is another class Student defined as well as two other interfaces, MoreStuff and ReturnStuff. Bear in mind that although the demonstration of tests using Mockito will be based on these interfaces to keep matters simple, Mockito test doubles can also be based on concrete classes.
- 2. Refer to ShowOtherStuffTest.java, we set up the test doubles to return references to objects as well as arrays. We set up msMock so that when the getIntArray() method is invoked on it, the intArray array is returned.

```
public void testSomeMethod() {
     MoreStuff msMock = mock(MoreStuff.class);
     Student stud = new Student("Peter");
     int [] intArray = {1, 3, 5, 7};

     when(msMock.getIntArray()).thenReturn(intArray);
     when(msMock.getStudent()).thenReturn(stud).thenReturn(new Student("Paul"));
}
```

We also set up msMock so that when the getStudent() method is invoked for the first time on it, it returns the stud object; and when the method is invoked for the second time on it, it returns a new Student object.

In someMethod() in ShowOtherStuff.java, a call is made to firstMethod() of the ms interface reference variable.

```
result = ms.firstMethod() + 10;
```

Assume that it is possible the code in this method can throw a RuntimeException (although we do not show the actual concrete class which implements MoreStuff that does this). We also know that someMethod() must be able to handle this exception appropriately if indeed it is thrown. It does this by nesting the statement within a try-catch block.

Thus, if calling firstMethod() actually results in an exception being thrown, the catch block will be executed and defaultValue will be returned from someMethod() (currently defaultValue is 5); otherwise the result returned from firstMethod() is also returned from someMethod().

In order to test someMethod() properly, we have to run someMethod() so that it produces these two possible outcomes that can result from calling firstMethod().

3. In ShowOtherStuffTest.java, msMock is set up so that when firstMethod() is called on it the first time, it will throw a RunTimeException; and when firstMethod is called on it the second time, it returns the value 5.

We then create an object from ShowOtherStuff and pass msMock to it through the setMoreStuff() method, before we invoke someMethod() on it twice.

```
when(msMock.firstMethod()).thenThrow(new RuntimeException()).thenReturn(5);
ShowOtherStuff sos = new ShowOtherStuff();
sos.setMoreStuff(msMock);
int result = sos.someMethod();
assertEquals(5, result);
result = sos.someMethod();
assertEquals(15, result);
```

For the first invocation, we expect an exception to be thrown and hence the value returned should be 5.

For the second invocation, we expect firstMethod() to return the value 5 and therefore someMethod() will return the value 15.

We have therefore accomplished a thorough test of someMethod() to show that it works correctly with or without an exception being thrown.

4. The second test method, testNumTimesCalled(), presents a variety of ways available in Mockito to verify the number of times a particular method was called.

```
public void testNumTimesCalled() {

   MoreStuff msMock = mock(MoreStuff.class);
   ReturnStuff rsMock = mock(ReturnStuff.class);
   ShowOtherStuff sos = new ShowOtherStuff();
   sos.setMoreStuff(msMock);
   sos.setReturnStuff(rsMock);

   sos.anotherMethod();

   verify(msMock, atLeastOnce()).secondMethod("Great");
   verify(msMock, atLeast(3)).secondMethod("cat");
   verify(msMock, atMost(2)).secondMethod("dog");
   verify(msMock, never()).secondMethod("bird");
   verify(msMock, never()).thirdMethod(anyString());

   verifyZeroInteractions(rsMock);
}
```

The first <code>verify()</code> method checks that <code>secondMethod()</code> has been called with the parameter <code>Great</code> at least once. This method will only fail if <code>secondMethod()</code> has not been called with this parameter at all.

The **second** verify() method checks that secondMethod() has been called at least 3 times with the parameter cat. This method will only fail if secondMethod() has been called less than 3 times with this parameter.

The third verify() method will fail if secondMethod() has been called with the dog parameter more than 2 times.

The fourth verifies that secondMethod() has never been called with the parameter bird (it is ok if it was called with other parameters), while the fifth verifies that thirdMethod() has never been called at all, regardless of parameter value.

The last verifies that no methods have been called on the rsMock test double.

Notice that the last 3 verifications are a bit unusual, because they test for a negative (i.e. that a method or test double was not used) rather than for a positive (i.e. that a method or test double was used in a certain way).

This is useful in some situations where there are multiple method calls placed in complex nested if-else-if or switch structures. In such situations, we might want to make sure that certain method calls do not accidentally happen due to logic bugs in the if-else-if conditional statements or switch structures.

5. Refer to ShowOtherStuff.java, the demoArgumentMatchers() method in ShowOtherStuff basically passes the parameters from its method signature to methodWithArgs() when this is called on the rs mock object.

Now look at the last test method, testDemoArgumentMatchers() in ShowOtherStuffTest.java. We set up rsMock to return certain values depending on the parameters passed to the methodWithArgs() method.

```
public void testDemoArgumentMatchers() {
    ReturnStuff rsMock = mock(ReturnStuff.class);
    ShowOtherStuff sos = new ShowOtherStuff();
    sos.setReturnStuff(rsMock);

//#1
    when(rsMock.methodWithArgs(anyInt(), anyString(),
    anyString())).thenReturn("something else");
    //#2
    when(rsMock.methodWithArgs(anyInt(), eq("great"), anyString())).thenReturn("a");
    //#3
    when(rsMock.methodWithArgs(eq(5), startsWith("cat"), anyString())).thenReturn("b");
    //#4
    when(rsMock.methodWithArgs(anyInt(), contains("love"),
    endsWith("dog"))).thenReturn("c");
    sos.demoArgumentMatchers(400, "great", "wonderful");
```

```
sos.demoArgumentMatchers(5, "catnap", "sleep");
sos.demoArgumentMatchers(-3, "loveboat", "bigdog");
sos.demoArgumentMatchers(5, "catlove", "bigdog");
sos.demoArgumentMatchers(2, "catnap", "anything");
}
```

- **#1, regardless of what is being passed as the parameters, the result "something else" is returned.**
- #2, if the 2nd parameter has the value great regardless of the value of the first and third parameters, the result "a" is returned.
- #3, if the first parameter is 5, the second String parameter start with the sequence cat, then the result "b" is returned.
- #4, if the second String parameter contains the substring "love", and the third parameter ends with the sequence "dog", then the result "c" is returned.

These statements call demoArgumentMatchers() with a combination of different values for its 3 parameters. The output to the console from the println() statements in demoArgumentMatchers() identify the matching argument patterns based on the result returned.

```
public void demoArgumentMatchers(int x, String s1, String s2) {
    System.out.print ("Calling methodWithArgs with : ");
    System.out.println (x + " " + s1 + " " + s2);
    String result = rs.methodWithArgs(x, s1, s2);
    System.out.println ("result returned : " + result);
}
```

Run ShowOtherStuffTest as a JUnit test and verify the output from the Console view.

Notice that the call sos.demoArgumentMatchers(5, "catlove", "bigdog"); matches the last two argument patterns specified.

```
when(rsMock.methodWithArgs(eq(5), startsWith("cat"),
anyString())).thenReturn("b");
when(rsMock.methodWithArgs(anyInt(), contains("love"),
endsWith("dog"))).thenReturn("c");
```

In such an instance, the **most recently specified** pattern for that mock will be the one that matches and the value "c" is returned.

The #1 argument pattern provides a match-all for cases where the 3 parameters do not match with any of the others argument patterns (#2, #3 or #4). If it is removed, the call to methodWithArgs() with a set of parameters that are not matched by argument patterns #2, #3 or #4, a null is returned instead. Comment out #1 and rerun the JUnit test to verify that this is the case.

6. Mockito is able to set up spy objects. Spies are very similar to the test doubles, with the main difference that **spies require concrete objects to be created** from the classes they are based on.

Spies will allow method calls on themselves to go through to the concrete objects they are based on. Test doubles however do not, as they are not based on concrete objects of a class, rather on the specification of the class instead.

7. Refer to SampleClassTest.java and SampleClass.java. The two methods getNumberFromFile() and writeDataToFile() in the classes FileReaderClass and FileWriterClass in SampleClass have an additional println statement to provide output to the console as an indication that they have being called.

In SampleClassTest, readSpy and writeSpy are created as spy objects based on the FileReaderClass and FileWriterClass objects, frc and fwc.

```
FileReaderClass readSpy = spy(frc);
FileWriterClass writeSpy = spy(fwc);
```

The readSpy is set up to behave as a stub to return 100.

```
when (readSpy.getNumberFromFile()).thenReturn(100);
```

We also verify that writeDataToFile() was called on writeSpy exactly 5 times with the value 100 passed each time.

```
verify(writeSpy, times(5)).writeDataToFile(100);
```

Run SampleClassTest as a JUnit test, notice that the output in the console view indicates that the getNumberFromFile() and writeDataToFile() methods have being called from the frc and fwx objects.

Every time a call is made to a method on a spy object, the method of the concrete object that the spy is based on is also called as well. In this example, the <code>FileReaderClass</code> and <code>FileWriterClass</code>. That's why we see output in the console view.

However, for a normal test double that is based on a concrete class, this does not occur. A normal test double created using the mock method will not relay method calls on itself to the actual class object, regardless of whether it is set up as a stub or mock. This is because the creation of a normal test double does not require the creation of objects from the concrete classes that they will be based on, unlike the case of spies.

To verify this, comment out the following statements:

```
FileReaderClass readSpy = spy(frc);
FileWriterClass writeSpy = spy(fwc);
```

Uncomment the following statements that create ${\tt readSpy}$ and ${\tt writeSpy}$ as normal test doubles.

```
FileReaderClass readSpy = mock(FileReaderClass.class);
FileWriterClass writeSpy = mock(FileWriterClass.class);
```

Save the changes and run it again. Notice that now there is no longer any output to the console, indicating that neither the <code>getNumberFromFile()</code> and <code>writeDataToFile()</code> methods are called from the <code>frc</code> and <code>fwc</code> objects.

8. When spy objects are used, it usually implies that there is some form of interaction between the SUT and the DOC since the method calls on the spy objects are also relayed on to methods of different classes as well.

This is a less than ideal situation, since unit tests should be isolated in order to facilitate the process of locating a bug in the event of a test failure. However, spy objects can be useful when working with legacy code where the source code is not available for modification, or when needing to create a partial mock.

A partial mock is useful in a situation where we want to be able to control the behaviour of some methods in a concrete class to facilitate testing, while allowing the other methods in that class to function in their normal manner.

9. For example, readSpy has been set up as a spy object. We stub the method getNumberFromFile() from the frc object that readSpy is based on; so that even though this method is called on the frc object, the actual value that is returned is not 10 (which is the value specified in the actual implementation of getNumberFromFile), but rather the value 100.

If it has not been stubbed, then the return value will be 10 as in actual implementation. Comment out the following statement and run as Junit test again.

```
when(readSpy.getNumberFromFile()).thenReturn(100);
```

Notice that the verify() failed as the parameter passed to writeDataToFile() is not 100 anymore.

So, we can control which methods get stubbed and which methods are allowed to run in an object of a concrete class. This is possible with a spy object or a partial mock, but not with a real test double or real mock. We can add several other methods to FileReaderClass in SampleClass and include lines to call these methods via the frc reference variable in sampleMethod() to verify this.