

Dart Unit Testing

The key to high-quality software

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What is Unit Testing?

Unit Testing is a software testing technique where individual components or functions are tested in isolation.

Benefits

- **Early Bug Detection:** Catch errors before they reach production
- **Code Quality:** Ensures functions work as expected
- **Documentation:** Tests serve as examples of how to use functions
- **Refactoring Safety:** Modify code with confidence
- **Regression Prevention:** Prevent old bugs from reappearing

The Class We'll Test

```
class Arith {  
    /// Adds two integers and returns the result.  
    int add(int a, int b) { return a + b; }  
    /// Subtracts the second integer from the first.  
    int subtract(int a, int b) { return a - b; }  
    /// Multiplies two integers and returns the result.  
    int multiply(int a, int b) { return a * b; }  
    /// Divides the first integer by the second.  
    /// Throws an [ArgumentError] if the second integer is zero.  
    double divide(int a, int b) {  
        if (b == 0) {  
            throw ArgumentError('Cannot divide by zero');  
        }  
        return a / b;  
    }  
}
```

Setting Up Dart Testing

1. Add test dependency to `pubspec.yaml`:

```
dev_dependencies:  
  test: ^1.24.0
```

2. Create test file structure:

```
project/  
├── lib/  
│   └── arith.dart  
└── test/  
    └── arith_test.dart
```

3. Import required packages:

```
import 'package:test/test.dart';  
import '../lib/arith.dart'; // or correct path
```

Basic Test Structure

The AAA Pattern (Arrange-Act-Assert):

```
test(DESCRIPTION, Lambda-expression);
```

- DESCRIPTION contains the string that explains the nature of the test.
- Lambda expression is the code to run for testing.


```
test('should add two positive numbers correctly',  
    () {  
        // Arrange – Set up test data  
        Arith arith = Arith();  
        int a = 5;  
        int b = 3;  
  
        // Act – Execute the function being tested  
        int result = arith.add(a, b);  
  
        // Assert – Verify the result  
        expect(result, equals(8));  
    });
```

Remember: Each test should be
independent and test **one thing!**

Expect and Assert

Common Expect Matchers:

```
// Equality checks
expect(result, equals(8));
expect(result, 8); // shorthand

// Numeric comparisons
expect(result, greaterThan(5));
expect(result, lessThan(10));
expect(result, closeTo(3.33, 0.01)); // for doubles

// Type checks
expect(result, isA<int>());
expect(result, isNotNull);

// Boolean checks
expect(condition, isTrue);
expect(condition, isFalse);
```

Group, setUp, and Test Organization

Organizing Related Tests:

```
void main() {  
    group('Arith Class Tests', () {  
        late Arith arith;  
        setUp(() {  
            // Runs before each test  
            arith = Arith();  
        });  
        test('should add positive numbers', () {  
            expect(arith.add(5, 3), equals(8));  
        });  
    });  
}
```

```

void main() {
  group('Arith Class Tests', () {
    late Arith arith;

    setUp(() {
      // Runs before each test
      arith = Arith();
    });

    group('Addition Tests', () {
      test('should add positive numbers', () {
        expect(arith.add(5, 3), equals(8));
      });

      test('should add negative numbers', () {
        expect(arith.add(-5, -3), equals(-8));
      });
    });
  });
}

```

- We can make a group inside a group.

Testing Edge Cases

Important test scenarios to cover:

```
group('Edge Cases', () {  
  test('should handle zero values', () {  
    expect(arith.add(5, 0), equals(5));  
    expect(arith.multiply(7, 0), equals(0));  
  });  
  test('should handle large numbers', () {  
    expect(arith.multiply(1000, 1000), equals(1000000));  
  });  
});
```

- **Rule:** Always test boundary conditions and unexpected inputs!

Exception Testing

Testing for Expected Errors:

```
double divide(int a, int b) {  
    if (b == 0) { throw ArgumentError('Cannot divide by zero');}  
    return a / b;  
}
```

```
group('Division Exception Tests', () {  
    test('should throw ArgumentError when dividing by zero', () {  
        // Act & Assert combined  
        expect(  
            () => arith.divide(10, 0),  
            throwsA(isA<ArgumentError>()),  
        );  
    });  
});
```

```
test('should throw correct error message', () {  
  expect(  
    () => arith.divide(10, 0),  
    throwsA(  
      predicate((e) =>  
        e is ArgumentError &&  
        e.message == 'Cannot divide by zero'),  
    ),  
  );  
});  
});
```

Test Categories

1. Happy Path Tests - Normal expected usage

```
test('should add two positive numbers', () {  
  expect(arith.add(5, 3), equals(8));  
});
```


2. Edge Case Tests - Boundary conditions

```
test('should handle zero values', () {  
  expect(arith.add(0, 0), equals(0));  
});
```

3. Error Case Tests - Invalid inputs

```
test('should throw error for division by zero', () {  
  expect(() => arith.divide(5, 0), throwsArgumentError);  
});
```

Integration Testing

Testing Multiple Operations Together:

```
group('Integration Tests', () {  
  test('should perform complex calculation correctly', () {  
    // Test: (5 + 3) * 2 - 4 = 12  
    int step1 = arith.add(5, 3);           // 8  
    int step2 = arith.multiply(step1, 2); // 16  
    int step3 = arith.subtract(step2, 4); // 12  
    expect(step3, equals(12));  
  });  
  
  test('should handle calculation with division', () {  
    // Test: (10 + 5) / 3 = 5.0  
    int sum = arith.add(10, 5);  
    double result = arith.divide(sum, 3);  
  
    expect(result, equals(5.0));  
  });  
});
```

Running Tests

Command Line:

Run all tests in the test directory

dart **test**

We can specify a specific directory

dart **test** test-directory

Run specific test file

dart **test test**/arith_test.dart

Run with verbose output

dart **test** -r expanded