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Software Testing & Debugging

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Double



Think "stunt double"

Test Double

- ► Test Double is a software component (method, class, collection of classes etc.) that implement partial functionality.
- ► Test Double are used if some component:
 - * is not available or implemented yet
 - will result in unrecoverable actions (BOMB effect!)
 - * is expensive to run (e.g., takes considerable amount of time)
 - is too difficult to instantiate or configure

Test Double

- ► Test doubles must be implemented with as little change as possible to the software
- ► Terminology:
 - Stubs: a skeletal or special purpose implementation that typically provides canned answers to calls made during the test
 - Mocks: A pre-programmed class with ability to verify if the class under test made correct interactions with them
 - Fakes: objects with working implementations which "take shortcut" when needed
 - Dummys: objects that are passed around but never actually used

Examples - Bomb effect

- Software systems that:
 - send emails to lots of customers
 - performs financial transactions (e.g., charge a credit card)
 - launches a missile!
 - * etc.



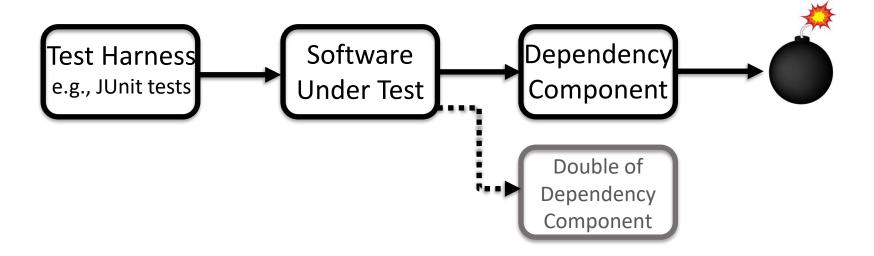




More Examples

- ► Test-Driven Development: tests are written and executed prior to the implementation
- Database is not ready yet or a live db connection does not exist at the time of testing
- Heavy calculations that take considerable amount of time to finish
- Need user interaction

Testing with Doubles



Testing with Doubles

- ► Typical workflow:
 - obtain/create necessary test doubles (using mocking tools)
 - specify the expected sequence of interactions with the test double
 - 3. carry out the action under test
 - 4. verify that the expected interactions, in fact, occurred

Testing with Doubles

- Many tools exist to help with this:
 - Most IDEs automatically generate simple stubs
 - Automated Mock testing tools:
 - Java: Mockito, jMock, EasyMock, PowerMock etc.
 - C++: Google Mock, TypeMock
 - Python: unittest.mock, PyMock, Mox, etc.
 - etc.

Class Order

```
public class Order {
    String product;
    int count;
    boolean isFilled;
    public Order(String product, int count) {
        super();
        this.product = product;
        this.count = count;
        isFilled = false;
    public void fill(Warehouse wh) {
        // implementation of fill
       // set isFilled on success
        if (wh.hasInventory(product, count)) {
            wh.remove(product, count);
            isFilled = true;
        } else {
            isFilled = false;
    public boolean isFilled() {
        return isFilled;
```

Interface Warehouse

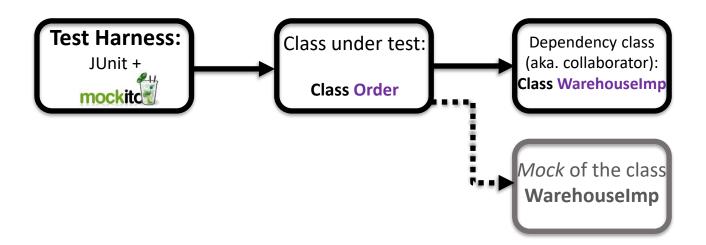
```
public interface Warehouse {
    // Warehouse interface
    int getInventory(String product);
    boolean hasInventory(String product, int count);
    void add(String product, int i);
    void remove(String product, int count);
}
```

Class Warehouse

```
public class WarehouseImpl implements Warehouse {
   public int getInventory(String product) {
        // getInventory implementation
        return -1; // STUB
   }
   public boolean hasInventory(String product, int count) {
        // hasInventory implementation
        return false; // STUB
   }
   public void remove(String product, int count) {
        // remove implementation
   }
   public void add(String product, int count) {
        // add implementation
   }
}
```

Example

► Assume "Warehouse" is not implemented yet, is not available, is very costly to instantiate from for testing, or making queries takes considerable time, etc.
→ Use a double (mock in this case)



State-based JUnit Tests

```
public class OrderTest {
  private static String TALISKER = "Talisker";
  private static String HIGHLAND PARK = "Highland Park";
  private Warehouse warehouse;
 @BeforeEach
  public void setUp() throws Exception {
   warehouse = new WarehouseImpl();
   warehouse.add(TALISKER, 50);
   warehouse.add(HIGHLAND PARK, 25);
 @Test
  public void testOrderIsFilledIfEnoughInWarehouse() {
   Order order = new Order(TALISKER, 50);
   order.fill(warehouse);
   assertTrue(order.isFilled());
   assertEquals(0, warehouse.getInventory(TALISKER));
 @Test
  public void testOrderDoesNotRemoveIfNotEnough() {
   Order order = new Order(TALISKER, 51);
   order.fill(warehouse);
   assertFalse(order.isFilled());
   assertEquals(50, warehouse.getInventory(TALISKER));
```

verifying the output (i.e., state)

Behavior-based "Mock" testing

```
public class OrderMockTest {
    private static String TALISKER = "Talisker";
    private static String HIGHLAND PARK = "Highland Park";
    private Warehouse warehouseMock;
    @BeforeEach
    public void setUp() throws Exception {
        warehouseMock = mock(WarehouseImpl.class);
        warehouseMock.add(TALISKER, 50);
        warehouseMock.add(HIGHLAND PARK, 25);
   @Test
    public void testOrderFilledCallsInventoryAndRemove() {
        when(warehouseMock.hasInventory(TALISKER, 50)).thenReturn(true);
        Order order = new Order(TALISKER, 50);
        order.fill(warehouseMock);
        verify(warehouseMock, times(1)).hasInventory(TALISKER, 50);
        verify(warehouseMock, atLeast(1)).remove(TALISKER, 50);
    @Test
    public void testOrderNotFilledCallsOnlyhasInventory() {
        when(warehouseMock.hasInventory(TALISKER, 51)).thenReturn(false);
        Order order = new Order(TALISKER, 51);
        order.fill(warehouseMock);
        verify(warehouseMock, times(1)).hasInventory(TALISKER, 51);
        verify(warehouseMock, never()).remove(anyString(), anyInt());
```

verifying the interaction with "collaborator" (i.e., behavior)

Behavior-based "Mock" testing

```
public class OrderMockTest {
  private static String TALISKER = "Talisker";
  private static String HIGHLAND PARK = "Highland Park";
  private Warehouse warehouseMock;
 @BeforeEach
  public void setUp() throws Exception {
    warehouseMock = mock(WarehouseImpl.class);
    warehouseMock.add(TALISKER, 50); warehouseMock.add(HIGHLAND PARK, 25);
 @Test
  public void testOrderIsFilled {
   when(warehouseMock.hasInventory(TALISKER, 50)).thenReturn(true);
   Order order = new Order(TALISKER, 50):
    order.fill(warehouseMock);
    InOrder inOrder = inOrder(warehouseMock);
    inOrder.verify(warehouseMock, times(1)).hasInventory(TALISKER, 50);
   inOrder.verify(warehouseMock, times(1)).remove(TALISKER, 50);
  @Test
  public void testOrderNotFilledCallsOnlyhasInventory() {
    when(warehouseMock.hasInventory(TALISKER, 51)).thenReturn(false);
    Order order = new Order(TALISKER, 51);
    order.fill(warehouseMock);
    InOrder inOrder = inOrder(warehouseMock);
    inOrder.verify(warehouseMock, times(1)).hasInventory(TALISKER, 51);
    inOrder.verify(warehouseMock, never()).remove(anyString(), anyInt());
```

verifying the order of interactions

Mock vs. Stub

- ► Stub:
 - State-based verification
 - Provides canned answers
 - Example: return 0 from a method that should return int, null from a method that should return an object, etc.
- ► Mock:
 - Behavior-based verification (aka interaction-based verification)
 - Verifies certain interactions were made with the mock (in a certain order)

Behavior- vs. State-based Testing

- ▶ If the dependency is available and undemanding:
 - Use real class and state-based testing
- ▶ If the dependency is not available and/or demanding:
 - Use real class and state-based if possible
 - Otherwise, use interaction-based testing

Behavior- vs. State-based Testing

- ▶ Behavior-based testing tests the outbound calls of the SUT to ensure it talks properly to its collaborators:
 - More coupling to dependencies implementations since it checks all the interactions, the order of interactions etc.
 - If implementation of collaborators change (e.g., method names, method parameters etc.), behavior-based tests are more likely to break
- ► State-based, on the other hand, focuses on the final state:
 - Checks exact output values
 - Less coupling to dependencies implementations

Relevant Reads and Resources

- Recommended texts:
 - ❖ Introduction to Software Testing, 2nd Edition: ch 12
- Mocks aren't Stubs by Martin Fowler:
 - https://martinfowler.com/articles/mocksArentStubs.html#SoShouldIBeAClassicistOrAMockist
- https://site.mockito.org/

