

Why Test-Driven Development?

- ridiculously difficult to add tests afterwards
- can only “functional test” afterwards
- code isolation techniques
- emergent design
- refactor with confidence
- throw away your debugger
- communicate your intent

Why Test Drive JavaScript?

- JavaScript is a real language, why treat it differently?
- dynamic nature of JavaScript makes it easy to test
- debugging browser quirks easier with test suite
- once you get the TDD bug, you can't go back

Testing Tools:

- Jasmine - BDD-style; my favorite!
 - github.com/pivotal/jasmine
 - github.com/pivotal/jasmine-ruby
- qUnit - old-school xUnit; jQuery's favorite
 - docs.jquery.com/QUnit
- Blue Ridge - Ruby on Rails plugin
 - www.blueridgejs.org
- JSpec - another BDD-style
 - visionmedia.github.com/jspec

To install Jasmine specs:

- `gem install jasmine-ruby`
- `cd my-project`
- `jasmine init`
- `rake jasmine`
- `rake jasmine:ci` (to run Selenium)

When to Test:

- anytime there's logic
- complicated DOM effects
- training wheels

When Not to Test:

- declarative code
- event wiring
- technical spikes

Red, Green, Refactor:

- write a failing test
 - start with the assertion
 - then fill in the background
- write the simplest code that makes that test pass
- refactor to remove duplication (if any)
- repeat

Testing Guidelines:

- one assertion per test
- maintain high test coverage (but 100% not required)
- use plain English descriptions; use client-speak

Books to Read:

- Test-Driven Development: By Example by Kent Beck
- The RSpec Book by David Chelimsky, et al.

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