

Understanding Automated UI Tests



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What to Expect from This Module



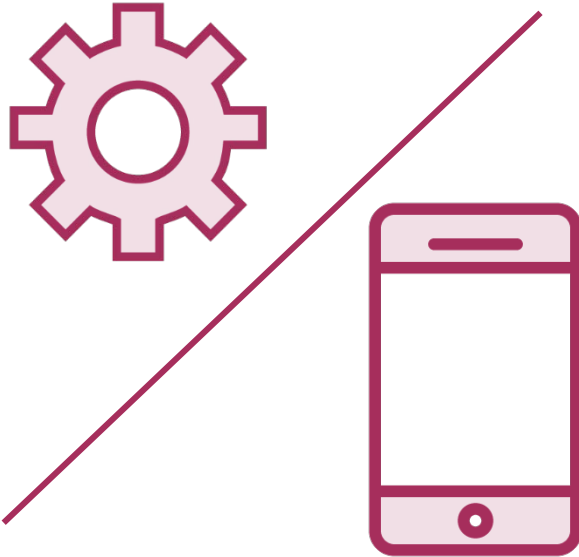
Instrumented testing overview

Implementing instrumented tests

Setting up UI tests

Basic UI test interactions

Android Testing



Android apps

Logic-based behavior
Android-based behavior



**Testing logic-based
behavior**

Local JVM tests



**Testing Android-based
behavior**

Instrumented tests

Instrumented Tests



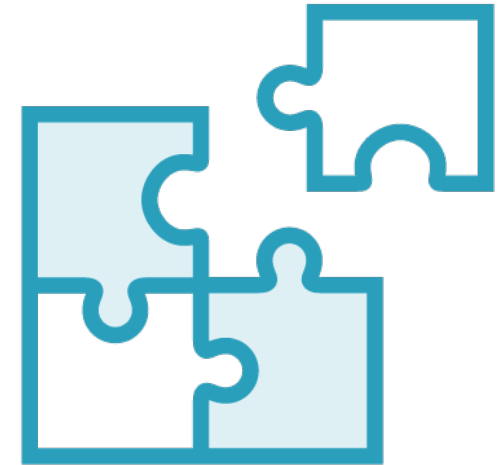
Full Android Environment

Run on emulator or
physical device



Instrumented unit tests

Unit tests
Rely on Android
features/capabilities

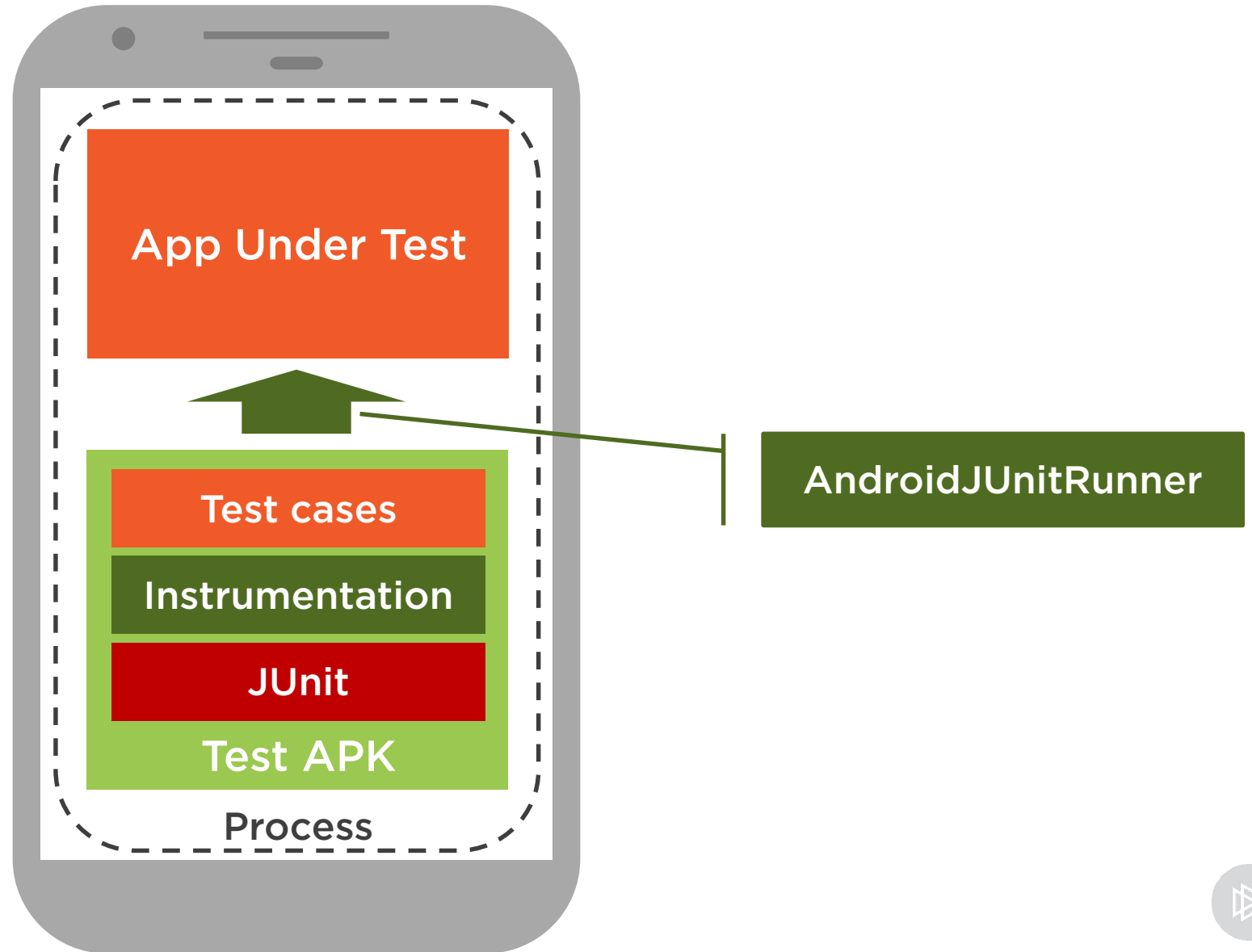


Automated UI tests

Integration test
App behavior in
response to UI actions



Instrumented Tests



Implementing Instrumented Tests



Leverages JUnit
Grouped in classes
Same function annotations

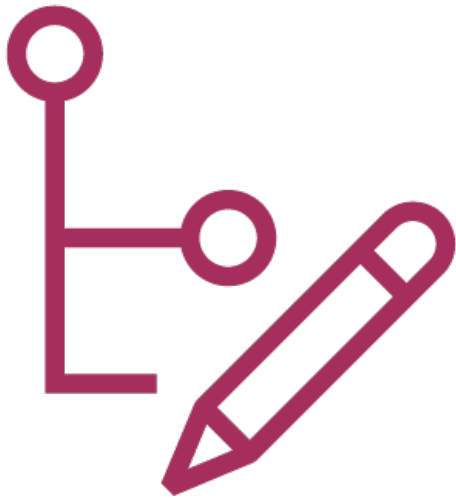


Uses Assert class
Indicates expectations
Fails test if not met

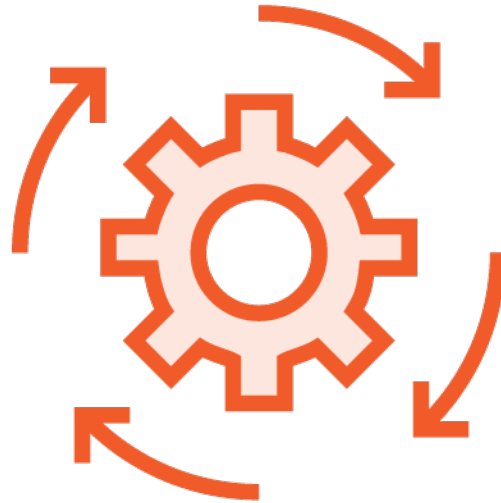


Managed with Android Studio
Can run or debug tests
Displays test results

Implementing Instrumented Tests



Separate from JVM tests
In androidTest source set



Relies on a test runner
Mark class with `@RunWith`
Pass `AndroidJUnit4::class`



Requires Android environment
Run on emulator or physical device

Implementing Instrumented Tests

```
@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4::class)
class MyExampleTestClass {

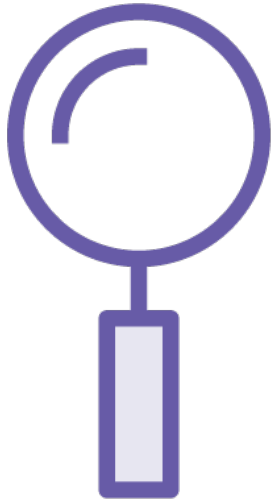
    @Before
    fun testSetUp() { . . . }

    @Test
    fun myTestMethod() {
        // Android dependent test code
    }
}
```



Creating UI Test Interactions

UI tests require a series of view interactions



Need way to specify
view of interest



Need way to specify
action on the view



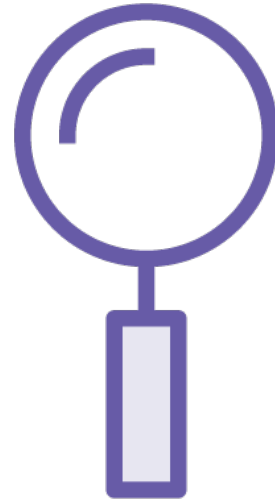
Espresso UI testing
framework



Creating UI Test Interactions



Espresso.onView
method

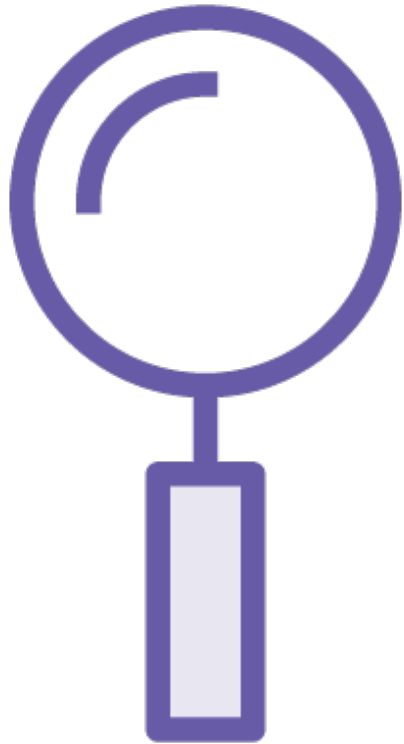


Accepts Matcher
Specifies the view
matching criteria



Returns ViewInteraction
Associated with matching view
Used to perform action on view

Specifying View of Interest



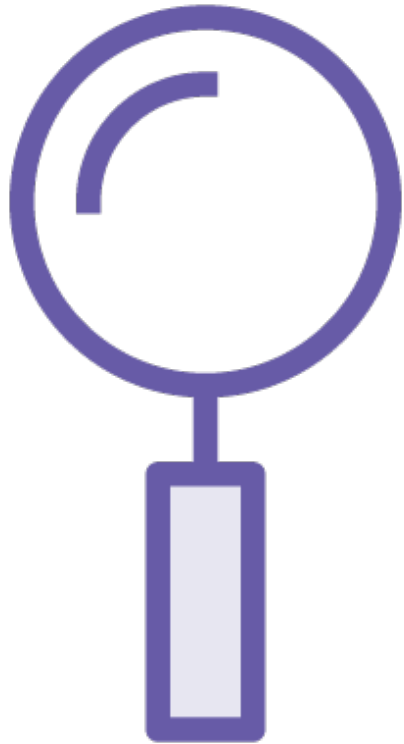
Hamcrest matchers

- Provides declarative matching
- General purpose Java-based framework
- <http://hamcrest.org>

ViewMatchers class

- Provides matchers for Android Views
- Methods return a Hamcrest matcher
- Easily combined with Hamcrest general purpose matchers

Example ViewMatchers Methods



withId

- Match views based on id property

withText

- Match views based on text property

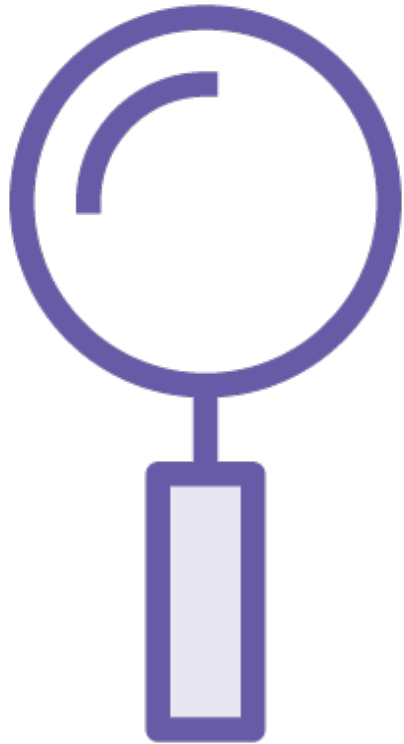
isDisplayed

- Match views currently on screen

isChecked

- Match currently checked checkable views (Switch, CheckBox, etc.)

Example Hamcrest Matchers



equalTo

- Match based on equals method

instanceOf

- Match based on class type

allOf

- Accepts multiple Matchers
- Match if all Matchers match

anyOf

- Accepts multiple Matchers
- Match if any Matchers match

Performing View Action



ViewInteraction.perform method

- Performs one or more specified actions
- Specific action passed as a parameter

ViewActions class

- Provides action methods
- Each method returns specified action

Example ViewActions Methods



click

- Click on the view

typeText

- Type text into view

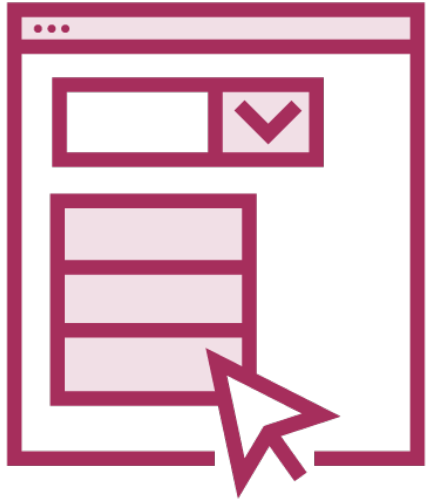
replaceText

- Replace view's text

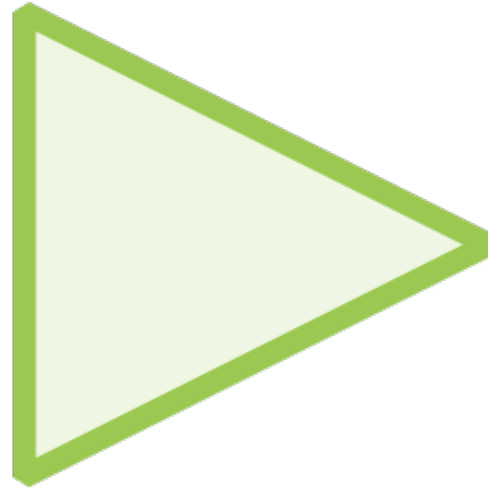
closeSoftKeyboard

- Closes the soft keyboard

Starting the Target Activity



ActivityTestRule
Automates test activity
lifetime



Starts activity
before each test



Terminates activity
after each test

Activity life includes @Before/@After methods



Summary



Instrumented tests

- Run on an emulator or device
- Have full Android environment

Types of instrumented tests

- Unit tests that rely on Android
- Automated UI tests

Summary



Instrumented tests use JUnit

- Test methods marked with @Test
- Support pre/post-processing methods
- Mark test class with @RunWith passing `AndroidJUnit4::class.java`

Automated UI tests

- A type of instrumented test
- Generally use `ActivityTestRule`

Summary



Espresso.onView method

- Locates view based on view criteria
- Returns a ViewInteraction reference

Criteria based on matchers

- Hamcrest matchers
- ViewMatchers class

Performing UI actions

- ViewInteraction.perform method
- Actions specified with ViewActions

