



Complete Testing & Testcontainers Guide

The ONLY guide you need for testing with Spring Boot, Testcontainers, and PostgreSQL

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Part 1: Quick Start

TL;DR - Run Tests in 3 Steps

```
# 1. Start Docker
open -a Docker # macOS







# 2. Run all tests
./gradlew test

# 3. Run test suite with data injection
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

That's it! PostgreSQL container starts automatically, schema generated from JPA entities, tests run.

What's in Your Test Setup

Your Test Stack

-  **Spring Boot 3.2** with Kotlin
-  **Testcontainers** for PostgreSQL
-  **JPA/Hibernate** for schema generation
-  **16 JPA Entities** with relationships
-  **Container reuse** for fast tests
-  **Test execution order** control

Production vs Tests

| Aspect | Production | Tests |
|----------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Database | SQLite | PostgreSQL (Testcontainers) |
| Schema | Managed by you | Auto-generated from entities |
| Port | Fixed | Dynamic (e.g., 52106) |
| Data | Persistent | Ephemeral (per test run) |

Part 2: Setup & Configuration

Prerequisites

Required

1. **Docker Desktop** - Must be running

```
open -a Docker # Start Docker
docker ps      # Verify it's running
```

2. **JDK 17** - Already configured

3. **Gradle** - Included (./gradlew)

Optional

- Node.js/npm (not needed for tests, only for Prisma in production)

Global Configuration Files

1. ~/.testcontainers.properties

Location: Your home directory (~/.testcontainers.properties)

Content:

```
testcontainers.reuse.enable=true
```

What it does:

- ☒ Enables container reuse across test runs
- ☒ Makes subsequent test runs much faster (seconds vs minutes)
- ☒ Container stays alive until Docker restart

Create it:

```
echo "testcontainers.reuse.enable=true" > ~/.testcontainers.properties
```

Or use the script:

```
./create-testcontainers-config.sh
```

2. src/test/resources/application-test.yml

Content:

```
spring:
  jpa:
    hibernate:
      ddl-auto: create # Creates tables, keeps after tests
    show-sql: true
    properties:
      hibernate:
        format_sql: true
        dialect: org.hibernate.dialect.PostgreSQLDialect
```

```
logging:
  level:
    org.hibernate.SQL: DEBUG
    org.testcontainers: INFO
    com.scriptmanager: DEBUG
```

Key setting: `ddl-auto: create`

- `create` → Tables stay after test (can inspect with GUI)
- `create-drop` → Tables dropped after test (clean slate)

3. `src/test/resources/junit-platform.properties`

Content:

```
spring.test.constructor.autowire.mode=all
```

What it does:

- ☒ Enables constructor injection in tests
- ☒ No need for `@Autowired` on constructor
- ☒ Cleaner, more idiomatic Kotlin code

Test Configuration

`TestcontainersConfiguration.kt`





Location: `src/test/kotlin/com/scriptmanager/config/TestcontainersConfiguration.kt`

Key features:

```
@TestConfiguration
class TestcontainersConfiguration {
    @Bean
    @ServiceConnection // ← Auto-configures datasource
    fun postgresContainer(): PostgreSQLContainer<*> {
        val container = PostgreSQLContainer(...)
        .withReuse(true) // ← Container reuse

        container.start()
        printConnectionInfo(container) // ← Shows connection details
        return container
    }
}
```

What it does:

1.  Starts PostgreSQL container automatically
 2.  Prints connection info (host, port, credentials)
 3.  Configures Spring datasource via `@ServiceConnection`
 4.  Reuses container for fast subsequent runs
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DatabaseConfig.kt (Production Only)

Important: This config is **excluded from tests**:

```
@Configuration
@Profile("!test") // ← NOT active in test profile
class DatabaseConfig {
    @Bean
    fun dataSource(): DataSource {
        // SQLite for production
    }
}
```

Why: Tests use PostgreSQL from Testcontainers, not SQLite.

Part 3: Writing Tests

Basic Test Structure

Simple Test

```
@SpringBootTest
@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class)
@ActiveProfiles("test")
class CommandInvokerIntegrationTest(
    private val commandInvoker: CommandInvoker
) {
    @Test
    fun `context loads successfully`() {
        assertNotNull(commandInvoker)
    }
}
```

Key annotations:

- `@SpringBootTest` → Full Spring context
 - `@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class)` → PostgreSQL container
 - `@ActiveProfiles("test")` → Uses test configuration
 - Constructor parameters automatically injected (via junit-platform.properties)
-

Test with Repository





```
@SpringBootTest
@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class)
@ActiveProfiles("test")
class WorkspaceIntegrationTest(
    private val commandInvoker: CommandInvoker,
    private val workspaceRepository: WorkspaceRepository
) {
    @Test
    fun `create workspace persists to database`() {
        // Execute
        commandInvoker.invoke(CreateWorkspaceCommand("Test"))

        // Verify
        val workspaces = workspaceRepository.findAll()
        assertEquals(1, workspaces.size)
        assertEquals("Test", workspaces[0].name.value)
    }
}
```

Data Injection Tests

Overview

Data injection tests allow you to set up test data once and reuse it across multiple test classes. This is useful for:



-  Setting up reference data (e.g., model configs, users)
-  Creating complex data relationships
-  Avoiding duplicate setup code across tests
-  Faster test execution (setup once, use many times)



How Database Connection Sharing Works

Both `DataSetupTest` and other test classes share the **same PostgreSQL container** and **same database**:


```
@SpringBootTest
@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class) // ← Same Testcontainers
config
@ActiveProfiles("test") // ← Same profile
```

Connection sharing mechanism:

-  Container has `withReuse(true)` → Same container reused across tests
-  Config has `ddl-auto: create` → Tables stay after first test

-  Both use `@ServiceConnection` → Same database connection
-  Data persists between test classes

Flow:

```
Test Suite Starts
  ↓
DataSetupTest runs
  ↓
Container starts (if not already running)
  ↓
Tables created (ddl-auto: create)
  ↓
Data injected to database
  ↓
DataSetupTest ends
  ↓
Tables STAY (ddl-auto: create, not create-drop)
  ↓
CommandInvokerIntegrationTest runs
  ↓
SAME container, SAME database
  ↓
Data from DataSetupTest is available 
```

Key Configuration:

```
# application-test.yml – MUST be 'create' not 'create-drop'
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto: create
```

Why:





- `create` → Tables stay after each test class (data persists)
- `create-drop` → Tables dropped after each test class (data lost!)

DataSetupTest.kt

Purpose: Inject test data that other tests can use.

File Location: `src/test/kotlin/com/scriptmanager/integration/DataSetupTest.kt`

Key Features:

-  Runs first (controlled by test suite)
-  Data persists to subsequent tests
-  Controlled method execution order within class
-  Shares instance across all methods

Annotations Explained:

- `@TestMethodOrder(MethodOrderer.OrderAnnotation::class)` → Methods run in order (1, 2, 3...)
- `@TestInstance(TestInstance.Lifecycle.PER_CLASS)` → Share instance across all test methods
- `@Order(n)` → Specify execution order of methods

Complete Example:

```

@SpringBootTest
@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class)
@ActiveProfiles("test")
@TestMethodOrder(MethodOrderer.OrderAnnotation::class) // ← Order methods
@TestInstance(TestInstance.Lifecycle.PER_CLASS)       // ← Share
instance
class DataSetupTest(
    private val commandInvoker: CommandInvoker,
    private val workspaceRepository: WorkspaceRepository // Can inject
    repositories too
) {
    private var workspaceId: Int? = null // Share data between methods

    @Test
    @Order(1)
    fun `01 - setup workspaces`() {
        println("🔧 Setting up test workspaces...")
        commandInvoker.invoke(CreateWorkspaceCommand("Test Workspace 1"))
        commandInvoker.invoke(CreateWorkspaceCommand("Test Workspace 2"))

        // Save ID for use in later methods
        val workspace = workspaceRepository.findAll().first()
        workspaceId = workspace.id

        println("✅ Workspaces created (ID: $workspaceId)")
    }

    @Test
    @Order(2)
    fun `02 - setup folders`() {
        println("🔧 Setting up test folders...")
        // Use workspaceId from previous method
        commandInvoker.invoke(
            CreateFolderCommand(
                name = "Test Folder",
                workspaceId = workspaceId!!
            )
        )
        println("✅ Folders created")
    }

    @Test

```



```

@Order(3)
fun `03 - setup scripts`() {
    println("🔧 Setting up test scripts...")
    commandInvoker.invoke(
        CreateScriptCommand(
            name = "Test Script",
            content = "echo 'Hello from test'"
        )
    )
    println("✅ Scripts created")
}

@Test
@Order(4)
fun `04 - verify setup complete`() {
    println("✅ Verifying all test data...")
    val workspaces = workspaceRepository.findAll()
    assertTrue(workspaces.size >= 2, "Should have at least 2 workspaces")
    println("✅ Data setup verification complete!")
}
}

```

Using Injected Data in Other Tests

After `DataSetupTest` runs, the data is available in all subsequent tests:

```

@SpringBootTest
@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class)
@ActiveProfiles("test")
class MyFeatureTest(
    private val workspaceRepository: WorkspaceRepository,
    private val scriptRepository: ScriptRepository
) {
    @Test
    fun `can query workspaces created by DataSetupTest`() {
        // Data from DataSetupTest is available!
        val workspaces = workspaceRepository.findAll()

        assertTrue(workspaces.size >= 2, "Should have workspaces from DataSetupTest")
        assertEquals("Test Workspace 1", workspaces[0].name.value)
    }

    @Test
    fun `can use existing scripts for testing new features`() {
        // Scripts created in DataSetupTest are available
        val scripts = scriptRepository.findAll()
        assertTrue(scripts.isNotEmpty(), "Should have scripts from DataSetupTest")
    }
}

```

```
        // Test your new feature with existing data
        val result = myNewFeature.process(scripts.first())
        assertNotNull(result)
    }
}
```

Common Use Cases

Use Case 1: Setup Reference Data

```
@Test
@Order(1)
fun `setup model configurations`() {
    commandInvoker.invoke(
        CreateModelConfigCommand(
            name = "gpt-4",
            apiKey = "test-key",
            endpoint = "https://api.openai.com"
        )
    )
    commandInvoker.invoke(
        CreateModelConfigCommand(
            name = "claude-3",
            apiKey = "test-key",
            endpoint = "https://api.anthropic.com"
        )
    )
}
```

Use Case 2: Setup Test Users

```
@Test
@Order(1)
fun `setup test users`() {
    commandInvoker.invoke(
        CreateUserCommand(
            email = "admin@test.com",
            role = "ADMIN"
        )
    )
    commandInvoker.invoke(
        CreateUserCommand(
            email = "user@test.com",
            role = "USER"
        )
    )
}
```

```
)  
}
```

Use Case 3: Complex Data Relationships

```
private var workspaceId: Int? = null  
private var folderId: Int? = null  
  
@Test  
@Order(1)  
fun `01 - setup workspace`() {  
    commandInvoker.invoke(CreateWorkspaceCommand("Test Workspace"))  
    workspaceId = workspaceRepository.findAll().first().id  
}  
  
@Test  
@Order(2)  
fun `02 - setup folder in workspace`() {  
    // Uses workspaceId from previous test  
    commandInvoker.invoke(  
        CreateFolderCommand(  
            name = "Test Folder",  
            workspaceId = workspaceId!!  
        )  
    )  
    folderId = folderRepository.findAll().first().id  
}  
  
@Test  
@Order(3)  
fun `03 - setup scripts in folder`() {  
    // Uses folderId from previous test  
    commandInvoker.invoke(  
        CreateScriptCommand(  
            name = "Script 1",  
            folderId = folderId!!  
        )  
    )  
    commandInvoker.invoke(  
        CreateScriptCommand(  
            name = "Script 2",  
            folderId = folderId!!  
        )  
    )  
}
```

Use Case 4: Bulk Data Creation

```
@Test
@Order(1)
fun `setup 100 test workspaces`() {
    repeat(100) { i ->
        commandInvoker.invoke(CreateWorkspaceCommand("Workspace $i"))
    }
    println("✅ Created 100 test workspaces for performance testing")
}
```

Best Practices

✅ DO:

- ✅ Make data setup idempotent (can run multiple times safely)
- ✅ Use meaningful names for test data (e.g., "Test Workspace 1")
- ✅ Document what data is created in comments
- ✅ Use `@Order` annotations to control method execution
- ✅ Store IDs in class variables for use across methods
- ✅ Add verification tests to ensure data setup succeeded

❌ DON'T:

- ❌ Create too much data (slows down tests)
- ❌ Use hard-coded IDs (use returned IDs from commands)
- ❌ Assume order without `@Order` annotations
- ❌ Create data with sensitive or production-like values
- ❌ Forget to verify data was actually created

Troubleshooting Data Injection

Problem: Tests Run in Wrong Order

Symptoms: `DataSetupTest` runs after other tests

Solution: Always run via test suite:

```
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite # ✅ Correct
./gradlew test                               # ❌ Order not guaranteed
```

Problem: Data Not Available in Second Test

Symptoms: `CommandInvokerIntegrationTest` can't find data from `DataSetupTest`

Possible causes:

1. ❌ Using `create-drop` instead of `create` → Tables dropped between tests

2. ❌ Not running via test suite → Order not guaranteed
3. ❌ Transaction rollback → Data not committed
4. ❌ Container restarted → New database

Solutions:

```
# Check application-test.yml
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto: create # ← MUST be 'create' not 'create-drop'
```

```
# Always run via test suite
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

Problem: Container Not Shared

Symptoms: Each test starts a new container

Solution: Verify container reuse is enabled:

1. Check code:

```
// TestcontainersConfiguration.kt
.withReuse(true) // ← Must be set
```

2. Check global config:

```
cat ~/.testcontainers.properties
# Should contain: testcontainers.reuse.enable=true
```

3. Create if missing:

```
echo "testcontainers.reuse.enable=true" > ~/.testcontainers.properties
```

Test Execution Order

Overview





Controlling test execution order is crucial when you have tests that depend on data created by other tests. JUnit 5 provides several ways to control test order, and we use the **Test Suite** approach for maximum control.

IntegrationTestSuite.kt

Purpose: Control which test classes run in which order.

File Location: `src/test/kotlin/com/scriptmanager/integration/IntegrationTestSuite.kt`

Key Features:

-  Explicit order control - tests run in the order specified
-  Clear and maintainable - easy to see test execution flow
-  Reliable - guaranteed execution order
-  Flexible - easy to add or reorder tests








Example:

```
@Suite
@SuiteDisplayName("Integration Tests with Data Setup")
@SelectClasses(
    DataSetupTest::class,           // 1. Runs FIRST - injects
    data
    CommandInvokerIntegrationTest::class, // 2. Runs SECOND - uses data
    WorkspaceFeatureTest::class,      // 3. Runs THIRD - more tests
    ScriptExecutionTest::class        // 4. Runs FOURTH - even more
    tests
    // Add more test classes here in desired order
)
class IntegrationTestSuite
```

Run the suite:

```
# Run all tests in correct order
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

What happens:

1.  Container starts (or reuses existing)
2.  Schema created from JPA entities (if not exists)
3.  `DataSetupTest` runs → Injects data to database
4.  `CommandInvokerIntegrationTest` runs → Uses injected data
5.  `WorkspaceFeatureTest` runs → Uses same data
6.  `ScriptExecutionTest` runs → Uses same data
7.  All tests share same database connection and data

Execution Order Options





Option 1: Test Suite with `@SelectClasses` (Recommended)

Use: `@Suite` with `@SelectClasses`

Example:

```
@Suite
@SelectClasses(
    DataSetupTest::class,
    OtherTest::class
)
class IntegrationTestSuite
```

Pros:

-  Explicit order control
-  Clear which tests run in which order
-  Reliable and deterministic
-  Easy to maintain

Cons:

-  Must maintain the list manually when adding new tests

When to use: When you need guaranteed execution order (recommended)

Option 2: Class Order Annotation



Use: `@TestClassOrder(ClassOrderer.OrderAnnotation)` with `@Order` on classes

Example:




```
@Order(1)
class DataSetupTest { ... }

@Order(2)
class CommandInvokerIntegrationTest { ... }
```

Pros:

-  Annotation-based ordering
-  Works with test discovery

Cons:

-  Requires JUnit 5.8+
-  Less explicit than test suite
-  Can be harder to see full test flow

When to use: When you prefer annotation-based configuration

Option 3: Alphabetical Naming

Use: Name classes like `Test01_DataSetup`, `Test02_Integration`




Example:

```
class Test01_DataSetupTest { ... }  
class Test02_CommandInvokerIntegrationTest { ... }
```

Pros:

-  Simple naming convention

Cons:

-  Fragile - depends on naming
-  Not reliable across all test runners
-  Makes test names awkward

When to use: Never (use Test Suite instead)

Adding More Test Classes to Suite

To add a new test class to the execution order:

1. Create your test class:

```
@SpringBootTest  
@Import(TestcontainersConfiguration::class)  
@ActiveProfiles("test")  
class MyNewFeatureTest(  
    private val myService: MyService  
) {  
    @Test  
    fun `test my new feature`() {  
        // Test uses data from DataSetupTest  
    }  
}
```

2. Add to IntegrationTestSuite:

```
@Suite  
@SelectClasses(  
    DataSetupTest::class,           // 1. Data setup  
    CommandInvokerIntegrationTest::class, // 2. Existing tests  
    MyNewFeatureTest::class        // 3. Your new test ← Add here  
)
```



```
)  
class IntegrationTestSuite
```

3. Run the suite:




```
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

Running Tests Individually vs Suite

Run Individual Test (Development)

```
# Run just data setup test  
./gradlew test --tests DataSetupTest  
  
# Run specific feature test  
./gradlew test --tests CommandInvokerIntegrationTest
```

Use when:





-  Developing a specific test
-  Quick feedback loop
-  Debugging single test

Note: Data from DataSetupTest may not be available if you run other tests individually!

Run Entire Suite (Recommended)

```
# Run all tests in correct order  
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

Use when:

-  Running full test suite
 -  CI/CD pipeline
 -  Before committing code
 -  Need guaranteed data availability
-

Run All Tests (No Order Guarantee)

```
# Runs all tests, but order NOT guaranteed
./gradlew test
```

Use when:

- ⚠ Tests are independent (don't rely on each other)
- ⚠ You understand the risks

Warning: Without test suite, execution order is not guaranteed! Tests may run in random order.

Dependencies Between Tests

Important: JUnit 5 Test Suites don't have built-in dependency management. Tests in the suite run sequentially but:

- ✅ Each test is independent from JUnit's perspective
- ✅ Data sharing happens through database (not in-memory)
- ✅ If one test fails, subsequent tests still run

Example flow:

```
DataSetupTest runs
  ↓ (data saved to database)
DataSetupTest passes/fails
  ↓ (subsequent tests run regardless)
CommandInvokerIntegrationTest runs
  ↓ (reads data from database)
CommandInvokerIntegrationTest passes/fails
  ↓ (and so on...)
```

If DataSetupTest fails:

- ❌ Data may not be created properly
 - ⚠ Subsequent tests may fail due to missing data
 - 💡 Check DataSetupTest first when debugging suite failures
-

Test Suite Best Practices

✅ DO:

- ✅ Put data setup tests first in the suite
- ✅ Order tests from simple to complex
- ✅ Group related tests together
- ✅ Use descriptive suite display names
- ✅ Document test dependencies in comments

Example with documentation:

```
@Suite
@SuiteDisplayName("Complete Integration Test Suite")
@SelectClasses(
    // Phase 1: Data Setup
    DataSetupTest::class,           // Creates workspaces, folders,
    scripts

    // Phase 2: Core Features
    CommandInvokerIntegrationTest::class, // Tests command invoker
    WorkspaceManagementTest::class,      // Tests workspace CRUD

    // Phase 3: Advanced Features
    ScriptExecutionTest::class,          // Tests script execution (needs
    scripts)
    AiIntegrationTest::class             // Tests AI features (needs
    configs)
)
class IntegrationTestSuite
```

✗ DON'T:

- ✗ Mix test types in same suite (unit tests + integration tests)
- ✗ Create circular dependencies between tests
- ✗ Rely on test execution order for independent tests
- ✗ Add too many tests to one suite (split into multiple suites if needed)

Multiple Test Suites

You can create multiple suites for different purposes:

```
// Fast tests – no data setup needed
@Suite
@SelectClasses(
    SimpleUnitTest::class,
    QuickIntegrationTest::class
)
class FastTestSuite

// Full integration – with data setup
@Suite
@SelectClasses(
    DataSetupTest::class,
    CompleteFeatureTest::class
)
class FullIntegrationTestSuite
```

Run specific suite:

```
./gradlew test --tests FastTestSuite
./gradlew test --tests FullIntegrationTestSuite
```

Part 4: Database Management

Connecting to Test Database

Get Connection Info

When you run tests, connection info is printed:

```
=====
=====
🔗 TESTCONTAINERS DATABASE CONNECTION INFO
=====
=====
📍 Host:      localhost
🔌 Port:      52106 ← USE THIS PORT!
🗄 Database:  testdb
👤 Username:  test
🔑 Password:  test
🔗 JDBC URL:  jdbc:postgresql://localhost:52106/testdb
```

Or use the script:

```
./get-db-connection.sh
```

Connect with GUI Tools

DataGrip / IntelliJ Database

1. New Data Source → PostgreSQL
2. Host: `localhost` (NOT `http://localhost`)
3. Port: `52106` (from console output)
4. Database: `testdb`
5. User: `test`
6. Password: `test`

DBeaver / TablePlus / pgAdmin

Same settings as above.

Common mistake: Using `http://localhost` instead of just `localhost`

Find Port Manually

```
# Check running containers
docker ps | grep postgres

# Output shows port mapping:
# 0.0.0.0:52106->5432/tcp
# The first number (52106) is your port
```

Container Lifecycle

How Container Reuse Works

```
First Test Run:
1. Container doesn't exist
2. Testcontainers creates PostgreSQL container
3. Assigns random port (e.g., 52106)
4. Container tagged for reuse
5. Test runs
6. Container stays alive ✓
```

```
Second Test Run:
1. Testcontainers looks for reusable container
2. Finds existing container
3. Reuses same container (same port!)
4. Test runs (much faster!)
5. Container stays alive ✓
```

Key: Container port stays the same until you manually stop it or restart Docker.

Container Reuse Requirements

Both settings required:

1. In code:

```
.withReuse(true) // TestcontainersConfiguration.kt
```

2. Global config:

```
testcontainers.reuse.enable=true # ~/.testcontainers.properties
```




Without both, container is destroyed after each test run.

Stopping Containers

Option 1: Restart Docker (Simplest)

```
# Click Docker icon in menu bar → Restart  
# Or:  
osascript -e 'quit app "Docker"' && open -a Docker
```

Pros:

-  Simplest method
-  Cleans up everything
-  No commands needed



Cons:

- ⚠ Stops ALL containers (not just test containers)
-

Option 2: Stop Test Container Only

```
# Use the script  
./stop-test-db.sh  
  
# Or manually  
docker stop $(docker ps -q --filter ancestor=postgres:15-alpine)  
docker rm $(docker ps -aq --filter ancestor=postgres:15-alpine)
```

Pros:



-  Only stops test container
 -  Other containers keep running
-

Option 3: Automatic Stop (Change Config)

In `TestcontainersConfiguration.kt`:

```
.withReuse(false) // Container stops after tests
```

Pros:

-  Fully automatic
-  No manual cleanup

Cons:

- ⚠ Slower test runs (container recreated each time)
-

When to Stop

Stop when:

- ✅ Done testing for the day
- ✅ Need to free the port
- ✅ Want clean slate

Keep running when:

- ✅ Still actively testing
 - ✅ Want fast test runs
 - ✅ Inspecting database with GUI
-

Part 5: Understanding Your Setup

Spring vs Prisma

Question: Is there Spring + Prisma integration?

Answer: NO ❌

| Technology | Ecosystem | ORM |
|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Prisma | Node.js/TypeScript | Prisma ORM |
| Spring | Java/Kotlin | JPA/Hibernate |

Your setup:





- ✅ Spring Boot with JPA/Hibernate
 - ✅ 16 JPA entities with `@Entity` annotations
 - ✅ Hibernate generates schema from entities
 - ❌ Prisma NOT used in tests (only in production if needed)
-

Why Not Use Prisma for Tests?

Problems:

- ❌ Requires Node.js/npm
- ❌ Prisma schema must be manually synced with JPA entities
- ❌ Two sources of truth (Prisma schema + JPA entities)
- ❌ Extra complexity

Solution (Current):

-  JPA entities are single source of truth
-  Hibernate auto-generates schema from entities
-  No external dependencies
-  Schema always matches entities

JPA Foreign Keys

Question: Can JPA automatically create foreign keys like Prisma?

Answer: YES! 

How it works:

```
// Your JPA entity
@Entity
class ScriptsFolder {
    @OneToMany
    @JoinTable(
        name = "rel_workspace_folder",
        joinColumns = [JoinColumn(name = "workspace_id")],
        inverseJoinColumns = [JoinColumn(name = "folder_id")]
    )
    var folders: MutableSet<ScriptsFolder>
}
```

Hibernate generates:

```
CREATE TABLE rel_workspace_folder
(
    workspace_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
    folder_id    INTEGER NOT NULL,
    CONSTRAINT fk_workspace
        FOREIGN KEY (workspace_id) REFERENCES workspace (id),
    CONSTRAINT fk_folder
        FOREIGN KEY (folder_id) REFERENCES scripts_folder (id)
);
```





All foreign key constraints are automatically created!

JPA Relationship Annotations

| Annotation | Creates | Use For |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <code>@ManyToOne</code> | FK column | Many-to-one relationship |

| Annotation | Creates | Use For |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>@OneToMany</code> | FK in other table | One-to-many relationship |
| <code>@JoinColumn</code> | Direct FK | Single foreign key |
| <code>@JoinTable</code> | Join table + 2 FKs | Many-to-many relationship |

Example from your entities:

-  Workspace → Folders (join table)
-  Folder → Scripts (join table)
-  Folder → Subfolder (self-referencing)
-  All cascade operations work

SQLite vs PostgreSQL in Tests

Question: Why SQLite error in tests?



Problem: Test was using SQLite instead of PostgreSQL.

Root cause: `DatabaseConfig` was active in test profile, creating SQLite datasource.

Solution: Added `@Profile("!test")` to exclude it from tests:





```
@Configuration
@Profile("!test") // ← Only active when NOT test
class DatabaseConfig {
    @Bean
    fun dataSource(): DataSource {
        // SQLite for production
    }
}
```

Result:

-  Production: Uses SQLite
-  Tests: Uses PostgreSQL (from Testcontainers)

Why Different Databases?

Benefits:

1.  PostgreSQL has full SQL support (better for tests)
2.  SQLite is lightweight (good for desktop app)
3.  Tests catch SQL compatibility issues
4.  JPA abstracts away database differences

Your setup:

- Production: SQLite (configured in DatabaseConfig)
 - Tests: PostgreSQL (configured by Testcontainers)
-

Tables Dropping After Tests

Question: Why do tables drop after tests?

Answer: This is expected behavior based on `ddl-auto` setting.

Options

```
# Option 1: create-drop (Clean slate)
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto: create-drop
```

- ☒ Creates tables on start
- ☒ Drops tables on end
- ☒ Clean every run

```
# Option 2: create (Keep for inspection) – CURRENT
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto: create
```

- ☒ Creates tables on start
- ☒ Keeps tables on end
- ☒ Can inspect with GUI

Current setting: `create` (tables stay after tests)

What Happens

With `create-drop`:

```
Test starts → Creates tables → Tests run → Drops tables → Clean
```

With `create` (current):

```
Test starts → Creates tables → Tests run → Keeps tables → Can inspect
```

On next run:

```
Drops old tables → Creates new tables → Fresh data
```

Part 6: Troubleshooting

Common Issues

Issue 1: "Docker not running"

Symptoms:

```
Error: Could not find Docker environment
```

Solution:

```
open -a Docker    # Start Docker
docker ps         # Verify
```

Issue 2: "Container not reused"

Symptoms: New container created every test run (slow)

Solution:

1. Check `~/.testcontainers.properties` exists:

```
cat ~/.testcontainers.properties
# Should show: testcontainers.reuse.enable=true
```

2. Create if missing:

```
echo "testcontainers.reuse.enable=true" > ~/.testcontainers.properties
```

Issue 3: "Constructor injection not working"

Symptoms:

```
No ParameterResolver registered for parameter [...]
```

Solution: Check `src/test/resources/junit-platform.properties` exists:

```
spring.test.constructor.autowire.mode=all
```

Issue 4: "SQLite error in tests"

Symptoms:

```
org.sqlite.SQLiteException: [SQLITE_ERROR] SQL error
```

Solution: Verify `DatabaseConfig` has `@Profile("!test")`:

```
@Configuration
@Profile("!test") // ← Must be present
class DatabaseConfig { ... }
```

Issue 5: "Data not available in second test"

Symptoms: `CommandInvokerIntegrationTest` can't find data from `DataSetupTest`

Possible causes:

1. ❌ Using `create-drop` instead of `create`
2. ❌ Not running via test suite
3. ❌ Wrong execution order

Solution:

1. Check `application-test.yml`:

```
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto: create # NOT create-drop
```

2. Run via test suite:

```
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

Issue 6: "Can't connect with GUI tool"

Symptoms: Connection refused

Common mistakes:

- ❌ Using `http://localhost` → Should be just `localhost`
- ❌ Using port 5432 → Should be mapped port (e.g., 52106)
- ❌ Container stopped → Check with `docker ps | grep postgres`

Solution:

1. Get correct port:

```
./get-db-connection.sh
```

2. Use settings from output:

- Host: `localhost` (no `http://`)
- Port: from script output
- Database: `testdb`
- User: `test`
- Password: `test`

FAQ

Q: How do I run tests?

```
./gradlew test
```

Q: How do I run tests with data injection?

```
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite
```

Q: How do I connect to the test database?

```
./get-db-connection.sh
```

Then use the connection info in your GUI tool.

Q: How do I stop the test container?




Option 1 (Simplest): Restart Docker **Option 2:** Run `./stop-test-db.sh` **Option 3:** Change config to `withReuse(false)`

Q: Do I need Docker for tests?

Yes, Docker must be running for integration tests with Testcontainers.

Q: Can I use SQLite for tests instead?

Not recommended. SQLite has limited SQL features. PostgreSQL provides:

-  Full SQL support
 -  Foreign key constraints
 -  Production-like behavior
-

Q: Why does the port change?

The port is **dynamically assigned** by Docker. But with `withReuse(true)`, the same container (and same port) is reused until you stop it.

Q: How do I add more test data?

Edit `DataSetupTest.kt` and add your commands:

```
@Test
@Order(1)
fun `01 - setup workspaces`() {
    commandInvoker.invoke(CreateWorkspaceCommand("My Workspace"))
}
```

Q: How do I verify foreign keys were created?

1. Run test
2. Connect with GUI tool (DataGrip, DBeaver)
3. View table structure
4. Check "Foreign Keys" tab

Or run SQL:

```
SELECT *
FROM information_schema.table_constraints
WHERE constraint_type = 'FOREIGN KEY';
```

Q: What's the difference between `create` and `create-drop`?

| Setting | Tables After Test | Use For |
|---------|-------------------|---------|
|---------|-------------------|---------|

| Setting | Tables After Test | Use For |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| create | Stay | Development (can inspect) |
| create-drop | Dropped | CI/CD (clean slate) |

Q: Why 16 entities? What are they?

You have 16 JPA entities in your project:

- Workspace, ScriptsFolder, ShellScript
- AiProfile, ModelConfig, ScriptAiConfig
- Event, HistoricalShellScript
- And 8 more...

All automatically get tables + foreign keys created by Hibernate!

Quick Commands Reference

```
# Start Docker
open -a Docker

# Run all tests
./gradlew test

# Run test suite with data injection
./gradlew test --tests IntegrationTestSuite

# Run specific test
./gradlew test --tests CommandInvokerIntegrationTest

# Get database connection info
./get-db-connection.sh

# Stop test container
./stop-test-db.sh

# Create testcontainers config
./create-testcontainers-config.sh

# Check container is running
docker ps | grep postgres

# Restart Docker (stops all containers)
# Click Docker icon → Restart
```

File Reference

Configuration Files

- `src/test/resources/application-test.yml` - Test config
- `src/test/resources/junit-platform.properties` - Constructor injection
- `~/.testcontainers.properties` - Container reuse

Test Files

- `src/test/kotlin/com/scriptmanager/integration/`
 - `DataSetupTest.kt` - Data injection
 - `CommandInvokerIntegrationTest.kt` - Example test
 - `IntegrationTestSuite.kt` - Test execution order

Config Classes

- `src/test/kotlin/com/scriptmanager/config/`
 - `TestcontainersConfiguration.kt` - Container setup

Helper Scripts

- `get-db-connection.sh` - Get connection info
- `stop-test-db.sh` - Stop container
- `create-testcontainers-config.sh` - Setup config

Summary

What You Have

✅ **Spring Boot 3.2** with Kotlin ✅ **PostgreSQL** via Testcontainers ✅ **16 JPA entities** with automatic schema generation ✅ **Container reuse** for fast tests ✅ **Data injection** test pattern ✅ **Test execution order** control ✅ **Foreign keys** automatically created ✅ **GUI connection** support

Key Features

- 🚀 **Fast:** Container reuse makes subsequent runs seconds
- 🏠 **Production-like:** Real PostgreSQL, not in-memory
- 🧼 **Isolated:** Clean database for each test suite run
- 📺 **Inspectable:** Connect with GUI tools
- 🎯 **Controlled:** Test execution order guaranteed

Next Steps

1. **Run tests:** `./gradlew test`
2. **Add test data:** Edit `DataSetupTest.kt`
3. **Inspect database:** Use `./get-db-connection.sh` + GUI tool
4. **Write more tests:** Follow the patterns in the guide

🎉 **You're all set! Everything is configured and ready to use!**

Questions? Refer to the [Troubleshooting](#) and [FAQ](#) sections.

This guide consolidates all testing and Testcontainers documentation. No other testing guides needed.