Complete Testing Guide - Incremental Build

Testing Philosophy

Test each component in isolation before integration testing. This incremental approach helps identify issues quickly and ensures each layer works before adding complexity.

Testing Levels

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Level 1: Module Tests (Individual components)

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Level 2: Device Tests (Single device functionality)

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Level 3: API Tests (Alpaca endpoints)

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Level 4: Integration Tests (Multiple devices)

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Level 5: Client Tests (Real astronomy software)
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Level 1: Module Testing

1.1 Test Configuration Module

File: config.py

Test Script: (test_config.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test configuration module"""
import config
def test_config():
  print("Testing configuration...")
  # Test server config
  assert config.SERVER_PORT == 5555
  assert config.SERVER_HOST == '0.0.0.0'
  print("✓ Server config OK")
  # Test device config
  assert 'telescope' in config.DEVICES
  assert 'camera_zwo' in config.DEVICES
  assert 'camera_touptek' in config.DEVICES
  print("✓ Device config OK")
  # Test error codes
  assert config.ASCOM_ERROR_CODES['NOT_CONNECTED'] == 1031
  print("✓ Error codes OK")
  print("\n✓ Configuration module PASSED\n")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  test_config()
```

```
bash

cd ~/onstepx-alpaca
source venv/bin/activate
python3 test_config.py
```

Expected Output:

```
Testing configuration...
```

- ✓ Server config OK
- ✓ Device config OK
- ✓ Error codes OK
- ✓ Configuration module PASSED

1.2 Test Helper Functions

Test Script: (test_helpers.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test helper functions"""
import alpaca_helpers as helpers
def test_coordinate_parsing():
  print("Testing coordinate parsing...")
  # Test RA parsing
  ra = helpers.parse_ra_to_hours("12:30:45")
  assert abs(ra - 12.5125) < 0.001
  print(f" RA parse: {ra:.4f} hours")
  # Test Dec parsing
  dec = helpers.parse_dec_to_degrees("+45:30:15")
  assert abs(dec - 45.504167) < 0.001
  print(f" Dec parse: {dec:.4f} degrees")
  # Test RA formatting
  ra_str = helpers.format_ra_hours(12.5125)
  print(f" RA format: {ra_str}")
  # Test Dec formatting
  dec_str = helpers.format_dec_degrees(45.504167)
  print(f" Dec format: {dec_str}")
  print(" ✓ Coordinate parsing OK\n")
def test_validation():
  print("Testing validation...")
  valid, msg = helpers.validate_range(50, 0, 100, "test")
  assert valid == True
  print(" Range validation OK")
  valid, msg = helpers.validate_range(150, 0, 100, "test")
  assert valid == False
  print(" Range rejection OK")
  print("✓ Validation OK\n")
def test_clamp():
  print("Testing clamp...")
  assert helpers.clamp(50, 0, 100) == 50
  assert helpers.clamp(-10, 0, 100) == 0
  assert helpers.clamp(150, 0, 100) == 100
```

```
print(" Clamp OK\n")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    test_coordinate_parsing()
    test_validation()
    test_clamp()
    print(" Helper functions PASSED\n")
```

```
bash
python3 test_helpers.py
```

Level 2: Device Testing

2.1 Test Telescope Module (Without Hardware)

Test Script: (test_telescope_mock.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test telescope module without hardware"""
from telescope import OnStepXMount
import alpaca_helpers as helpers
def test_telescope_initialization():
  print("Testing telescope initialization...")
  mount = OnStepXMount(port=None, baudrate=9600)
  assert mount.is_connected == False
  assert mount.tracking_rate == 0 # Sidereal
  assert mount.site_latitude == 0.0
  print("✓ Initialization OK\n")
def test_coordinate_conversion():
  print("Testing internal coordinate methods...")
  mount = OnStepXMount()
  # These methods don't require connection
  result = mount.destination_side_of_pier(12.0, 45.0)
  print(f" Pier side calculation: {result}")
  print(" ✓ Coordinate conversion OK\n")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  test_telescope_initialization()
  test_coordinate_conversion()
  print("✓ Telescope module PASSED (mock)\n")
```

2.2 Test Telescope with Hardware

Test Script: (test_telescope_hardware.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test telescope with actual OnStepX hardware"""
from telescope import OnStepXMount
import time
def test_connection():
  print("Testing telescope connection...")
  mount = OnStepXMount()
  success = mount.connect()
  if not success:
    print("X Connection failed - check USB connection")
    return False
  print(f" ✓ Connected on {mount.port}")
  print(f" Site Latitude: {mount.site_latitude}")
  print(f" Site Longitude: {mount.site_longitude}")
  return mount
def test_position_reading(mount):
  print("\nTesting position reading...")
  ra = mount.get_ra()
  dec = mount.get_dec()
  alt = mount.get_altitude()
  az = mount.get_azimuth()
  lst = mount.get_sidereal_time()
  print(f" RA: {ra:.4f} hours")
  print(f" Dec: {dec:.4f} degrees")
  print(f" Alt: {alt:.4f} degrees")
  print(f" Az: {az:.4f} degrees")
  print(f" LST: {lst:.4f} hours")
  print("✓ Position reading OK\n")
def test_tracking(mount):
  print("Testing tracking...")
  is_tracking = mount.get_tracking()
  print(f" Current tracking: {is_tracking}")
  # Toggle tracking
  mount.set_tracking(not is_tracking)
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time.sleep(1)
  new_tracking = mount.get_tracking()
  # Restore original state
  mount.set_tracking(is_tracking)
  print("✓ Tracking control OK\n")
def test_park_status(mount):
  print("Testing park status...")
  at_park = mount.get_at_park()
  at_home = mount.get_at_home()
  print(f" At park: {at_park}")
  print(f" At home: {at_home}")
  print("✓ Park status OK\n")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  print("="*60)
  print("TELESCOPE HARDWARE TEST")
  print("="*60)
  print("="*60 + "\n")
  mount = test_connection()
  if mount:
    test_position_reading(mount)
    test_tracking(mount)
    test_park_status(mount)
    mount.disconnect()
    print(" Telescope hardware PASSED\n")
  else:
    print("X Tests aborted - no connection\n")
```

```
bash

# Connect OnStepX mount via USB first!

python3 test_telescope_hardware.py
```

2.3 Test ZWO Camera (Without Hardware)

Test Script: (test_camera_zwo_mock.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test ZWO camera module without hardware"""
from camera_zwo import ZWOCamera, ZWO_AVAILABLE
def test_imports():
  print("Testing ZWO imports...")
  if ZWO_AVAILABLE:
    print("✓ ZWO SDK available")
  else:
    print("X ZWO SDK not available")
    print(" Install: pip install zwoasi")
    return False
  return True
def test_initialization():
  print("\nTesting ZWO initialization...")
  try:
    camera = ZWOCamera(camera id=0)
    print(" ✓ Camera object created")
    assert camera.is_connected == False
    assert camera.camera_state == 0 # Idle
    print(" / Initial state OK\n")
    return True
  except Exception as e:
    print(f" X Initialization failed: {e}\n")
    return False
if __name__ == '__main__':
  if test_imports():
    test_initialization()
    print("✓ ZWO camera module PASSED (mock)\n")
```

2.4 Test ZWO Camera with Hardware

Test Script: (test_camera_zwo_hardware.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test ZWO camera with actual hardware"""
from camera_zwo import ZWOCamera, ZWO_AVAILABLE
import time
def test_connection():
  print("Testing camera connection...")
  if not ZWO_AVAILABLE:
    print("X ZWO SDK not available")
    return None
  camera = ZWOCamera(camera_id=0)
  success = camera.connect()
  if not success:
    print("X Connection failed - check USB")
    return None
  print(f" < Connected: {camera.sensor_name}")</pre>
  print(f" Size: {camera.camera_xsize} x {camera.camera_ysize}")
  print(f" Pixel size: {camera.pixel_size_x} μm")
  print(f" Sensor type: {camera.sensor_type}")
  print(f" Max binning: {camera.max_bin_x}")
  return camera
def test_temperature(camera):
  print("\nTesting temperature...")
  camera.update_temperature()
  print(f" Temperature: {camera.ccd_temperature:.1f}°C")
  if camera.can_set_ccd_temperature:
    print(f" Cooling: Supported")
    print(f" Cooler on: {camera.cooler_on}")
    print(f" Cooler power: {camera.cooler_power}%")
  else:
    print(f" Cooling: Not supported")
  print("✓ Temperature OK\n")
def test_short_exposure(camera):
  print("Testing short exposure (1 second)...")
  # Set binning for faster test
```

```
camera.bin_x = 2
  camera.bin_y = 2
  camera.num_x = camera.camera_xsize // 2
  camera.num_y = camera.camera_ysize // 2
  camera.start_exposure(1.0, True)
  print(" Exposure started...")
  # Monitor progress
  while not camera.image_ready:
    print(f" Progress: {camera.percent_completed}%")
    time.sleep(0.5)
  print(" Exposure complete!")
  # Get image
  img = camera.get_image_array()
  print(f" Image shape: {img.shape}")
  print(f" Image dtype: {img.dtype}")
  print(f" Image min/max: {img.min()} / {img.max()}")
  print("✓ Exposure OK\n")
def test_binning(camera):
  print("Testing binning modes...")
  for bin_mode in [1, 2, 4]:
    if bin_mode <= camera.max_bin_x:</pre>
      camera.bin_x = bin_mode
      camera.bin_y = bin_mode
      print(f" {bin_mode}x{bin_mode} binning: OK")
  # Reset to 1x1
  camera.bin_x = 1
  camera.bin_y = 1
  print("✓ Binning OK\n")
def test_gain_range(camera):
  print("Testing gain range...")
  print(f" Gain range: {camera.gain_min} - {camera.gain_max}")
  # Test setting gain
  camera.gain = (camera.gain_min + camera.gain_max) // 2
  print(f" Set gain to: {camera.gain}")
  print(" ✓ Gain OK\n")
if name == ' main '.
```

```
print("="*60)
print("ZWO CAMERA HARDWARE TEST")
print("="*60)
print("▲ Ensure ZWO camera is connected via USB")
print("="*60 + "\n")

camera = test_connection()
if camera:
    test_temperature(camera)
    test_binning(camera)
    test_gain_range(camera)
    test_short_exposure(camera)

camera.disconnect()
print("▼ ZWO camera hardware PASSED\n")
else:
print("✗ Tests aborted - no connection\n")
```

Level 3: API Endpoint Testing

3.1 Test Management API

Test Script: (test_api_management.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test Alpaca management API"""
import requests
import json
BASE_URL = "http://localhost:5555"
def test_api_versions():
  print("Testing /management/apiversions...")
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/management/apiversions")
  data = r.json()
  assert r.status_code == 200
  assert 'Value' in data
  assert 1 in data['Value']
  print("✓ API versions OK\n")
def test_description():
  print("Testing /management/v1/description...")
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/management/v1/description")
  data = r.json()
  assert r.status_code == 200
  assert 'Value' in data
  assert 'ServerName' in data['Value']
  print(f" Server: {data['Value']['ServerName']}")
  print("✓ Description OK\n")
def test_configured_devices():
  print("Testing /management/v1/configureddevices...")
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/management/v1/configureddevices")
  data = r.json()
  assert r.status_code == 200
  assert 'Value' in data
  assert isinstance(data['Value'], list)
  print(f" Devices found: {len(data['Value'])}")
  for device in data['Value']:
    print(f" - {device['DeviceType']} (device {device['DeviceNumber']}): {device['DeviceName']}")
```

```
print("✓ Configured devices OK\n")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  print("="*60)
  print("MANAGEMENT API TEST")
  print("="*60)
  print("  Server must be running: python3 main.py")
  print("="*60 + "\n")
  try:
    test_api_versions()
    test_description()
    test_configured_devices()
    print("✓ Management API PASSED\n")
  except requests.exceptions.ConnectionError:
    print("X Cannot connect to server")
    print(" Start server: python3 main.py\n")
  except Exception as e:
    print(f" X Test failed: {e}\n")
```

```
bash

# Terminal 1: Start server

python3 main.py

# Terminal 2: Run tests

python3 test_api_management.py
```

3.2 Test Telescope API Endpoints

Test Script: [test_api_telescope.py]

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test telescope Alpaca API endpoints"""
import requests
import time
BASE_URL = "http://localhost:5555"
DEVICE_NUM = 0
def test_connection():
  print("Testing telescope connection...")
  # Get initial state
  r = requests.get(f"\{BASE\_URL\}/api/v1/telescope/\{DEVICE\_NUM\}/connected")
  data = r.json()
  initial_state = data['Value']
  print(f" Initial state: {'Connected' if initial_state else 'Disconnected'}")
  # Connect
  if not initial state:
    print(" Connecting...")
    r = requests.put(
      f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/connected",
      data={'Connected': 'true'}
    )
    data = r.json()
    assert data['ErrorNumber'] == 0
    time.sleep(2)
  # Verify connected
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/connected")
  data = r.json()
  assert data['Value'] == True
  print("✓ Connection OK\n")
  return True
def test_position():
  print("Testing position reading...")
  # RA
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/rightascension")
  data = r.json()
  assert 'Value' in data
  print(f" RA: {data['Value']:.4f} hours")
  # Dec
```

```
r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/declination")
  data = r.json()
  assert 'Value' in data
  print(f" Dec: {data['Value']:.4f} degrees")
  # Alt
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/altitude")
  data = r.json()
  print(f" Alt: {data['Value']:.4f} degrees")
  \#Az
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/azimuth")
  data = r.json()
  print(f" Az: {data['Value']:.4f} degrees")
  print("✓ Position OK\n")
def test_tracking():
  print("Testing tracking...")
  # Get current state
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/tracking")
  data = r.json()
  initial_tracking = data['Value']
  print(f" Initial tracking: {initial_tracking}")
  # Toggle
  r = requests.put(
    f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/tracking",
    data={'Tracking': 'false' if initial_tracking else 'true'}
  )
  assert r.json()['ErrorNumber'] == 0
  # Restore
  r = requests.put(
    f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE_NUM}/tracking",
    data={'Tracking': 'true' if initial_tracking else 'false'}
  )
  print("✓ Tracking OK\n")
def test_capabilities():
  print("Testing capabilities...")
  caps = [
    'canfindhome',
    'canpark',
    'canpulseguide',
    'canslew',
    'cansync'
```

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]
 for cap in caps:
    r = requests.get(f"{BASE\_URL}/api/v1/telescope/{DEVICE\_NUM}/{cap}")
    data = r.json()
    print(f" {cap}: {data['Value']}")
  print("✓ Capabilities OK\n")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  print("="*60)
  print("TELESCOPE API TEST")
  print("="*60)
  print("="*60 + "\n")
  try:
    if test_connection():
     test_position()
     test_tracking()
     test_capabilities()
     print("✓ Telescope API PASSED\n")
  except Exception as e:
    print(f" X Test failed: {e}\n")
```

3.3 Test Camera API Endpoints

Test Script: (test_api_camera.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Test camera Alpaca API endpoints"""
import requests
import time
import base64
import numpy as np
BASE_URL = "http://localhost:5555"
DEVICE_NUM = 0 # ZWO camera
def test_connection():
  print("Testing camera connection...")
  # Connect
  r = requests.put(
    f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/connected",
    data={'Connected': 'true'}
  )
  assert r.json()['ErrorNumber'] == 0
  time.sleep(2)
  # Verify
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/connected")
  assert r.json()['Value'] == True
  print("✓ Connection OK\n")
def test_camera_info():
  print("Testing camera info...")
  # Name
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/name")
  print(f" Name: {r.json()['Value']}")
  # Size
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/cameraxsize")
  xsize = r.json()['Value']
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/cameraysize")
  ysize = r.json()['Value']
  print(f" Size: {xsize} x {ysize}")
  print(" < Camera info OK\n")</pre>
def test_exposure():
```

```
print("Testing exposure (2 seconds)...")
  # Set binning for faster test
  requests.put(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/binx", data={'BinX': 2})
  requests.put(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/biny", data={'BinY': 2})
  # Start exposure
  r = requests.put(
    f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/startexposure",
    data={'Duration': 2.0, 'Light': 'true'}
  )
  assert r.json()['ErrorNumber'] == 0
  print(" Exposure started")
  # Monitor progress
  while True:
    r = requests.get(f"\{BASE\_URL\}/api/v1/camera/\{DEVICE\_NUM\}/imageready")
    if r.json()['Value']:
      break
    r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/percentcompleted")
    print(f" Progress: {r.json()['Value']}%")
    time.sleep(0.5)
  print(" Image ready!")
  # Download image (Base64)
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/{DEVICE_NUM}/imagearrayvariant")
  data = r.json()['Value']
  # Decode
  img_bytes = base64.b64decode(data['Data'])
  img = np.frombuffer(img_bytes, dtype=np.uint16).reshape((data['Height'], data['Width']))
  print(f" Downloaded: {img.shape}, min={img.min()}, max={img.max()}")
  print("✓ Exposure OK\n")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  print("="*60)
  print("CAMERA API TEST")
  print("="*60)
  print("="*60 + "\n")
  try:
    test_connection()
    test_camera_info()
    test_exposure()
    print("✓ Camera API PASSED\n")
  except Exception as e
```

print(f" X Test failed: {e}\n")

Level 4: Integration Testing

4.1 Full System Test

 $\textbf{Test Script:} \\ \hline \texttt{(test_integration.py)} \\$

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""Full system integration test"""
import requests
import time
BASE_URL = "http://localhost:5555"
def test_all_devices():
  print("Testing all configured devices...")
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/management/v1/configureddevices")
  devices = r.json()['Value']
  for device in devices:
    print(f"\n Testing {device['DeviceType']} {device['DeviceNumber']}...")
    device_type = device['DeviceType'].lower()
    device num = device['DeviceNumber']
    # Connect
    r = requests.put(
      f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/{device_type}/{device_num}/connected",
      data={'Connected': 'true'}
    )
    if r.json()['ErrorNumber'] == 0:
      print(f" ✓ Connected")
    else:
      print(f" X Connection failed: {r.json()['ErrorMessage']}")
def test_coordinated_operation():
  """Test telescope + camera working together"""
  print("\nTesting coordinated operation...")
  # This would test scenarios like:
  # 1. Slew telescope to target
  # 2. Wait for slew complete
  # 3. Take image
  # 4. Download image
  print(" (Placeholder for coordinated tests)")
if __name__ == '__main__':
  test_all_devices()
  test_coordinated_operation()
```

Level 5: Client Application Testing

5.1 Test with N.I.N.A.

Steps:

- 1. Open N.I.N.A.
- 2. Go to Equipment → Telescope
- 3. Click "Choose" → Select "ASCOM Telescope"
- 4. In ASCOM Chooser: "Alpaca" → "Discover"
- 5. Select your Raspberry Pi
- 6. Choose Telescope device 0
- 7. Click "Connect"

Verify:

- ✓ Coordinates display correctly
- Tracking toggle works
- ✓ Slew commands work
- / Park/Unpark works

5.2 Test with PHD2

Steps:

- 1. Open PHD2
- 2. Connect Equipment
- 3. Select "ASCOM Camera" for camera
- 4. Select "ASCOM Telescope" for mount
- 5. Choose Alpaca devices

Verify:

- Camera takes exposures
- ✓ Star detection works
- ✓ Guide pulses sent to mount

Common Issues & Solutions

Issue: "Module not found"

Solution:

```
cd ~/onstepx-alpaca
source venv/bin/activate
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Issue: "Permission denied" on serial port

Solution:

```
sudo usermod -a -G dialout $USER
sudo usermod -a -G plugdev $USER
# Log out and back in
```

Issue: Camera not detected

Solution:

```
bash

# Check USB

lsusb | grep -i zwo

# Check library

ls -l /usr/local/lib/libASICamera2.so

# Test directly

python3 -c "import zwoasi as asi; asi.init('/usr/local/lib/libASICamera2.so'); print(asi.get_num_cameras())"
```

Issue: Slow image download

Solution: Use (imagearrayvariant) instead of (imagearray):

```
python

# Slow (JSON)

r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/0/imagearray")

# Fast (Base64)

r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/0/imagearrayvariant")
```

Performance Testing

Test Image Download Speed

Script: (test_performance.py)

```
python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import requests
import time
BASE_URL = "http://localhost:5555"
# Take test exposure
requests.put(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/0/startexposure",
       data={'Duration': 1.0, 'Light': 'true'})
# Wait for ready
while True:
  r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/0/imageready")
  if r.json()['Value']:
    break
  time.sleep(0.1)
# Time download
start = time.time()
r = requests.get(f"{BASE_URL}/api/v1/camera/0/imagearrayvariant")
elapsed = time.time() - start
data = r.json()['Value']
size_mb = len(data['Data']) / 1024 / 1024
print(f"Download time: {elapsed:.2f} seconds")
print(f"Data size: {size_mb:.2f} MB")
print(f"Speed: {size_mb/elapsed:.2f} MB/s")
```

Automated Test Suite

Create: run_all_tests.sh

```
bash
#!/bin/bash
echo "========""
echo "OnStepX Alpaca Bridge - Complete Test Suite"
cd ~/onstepx-alpaca
source venv/bin/activate
echo ""
echo "=== Level 1: Module Tests ==="
python3 test_config.py
python3 test_helpers.py
echo ""
echo "=== Level 2: Device Tests (Mock) ==="
python3 test_telescope_mock.py
python3 test_camera_zwo_mock.py
echo ""
echo "=== Level 3: API Tests ==="
echo "Starting server in background..."
python3 main.py &
SERVER_PID=$!
sleep 5
python3 test_api_management.py
python3 test_api_telescope.py
python3 test_api_camera.py
echo ""
echo "Stopping server..."
kill $SERVER_PID
echo ""
echo "Test Suite Complete"
```

Make executable and run:

```
bash
chmod +x run_all_tests.sh
./run_all_tests.sh
```

Summary

✓ Test incrementally - Don't skip levels ✓ Mock first - Test without hardware when possible ✓ One feature at a time - Isolate failures ✓ Automate - Create test scripts for regression testing ✓ Document issues - Keep notes on problems and solutions