

119-Testing Meteor Methods [video](#)

- create two new files in imports/api called notes.js and its companion called notes.test.js
- there are the only two files we are going to be needing for methods and publications to test them
- in notes.js we are going to setup the basic collection, we will define a single method for inserting a note the we'll test it
- so in notes.js we will need a collection, so we need to import Meteor mongo, and Meteor

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';  
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
```

- And now we need to create a new Mongo collection, and we know it takes one argument, the name of our collection

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';  
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';  
  
export const Notes = new Mongo.Collection('notes');
```

- **create a** that is going to insert a new note

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';  
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';  
  
export const Notes = new Mongo.Collection('notes');  
  
Meteor.methods({  
  'notes.insert'(){  
  
  }  
});
```

- we then are going to some user authentication, we don't want an anonymous user
- if the user is not defined we will throw an error

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';  
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';  
  
export const Notes = new Mongo.Collection('notes');
```

```
Meteor.methods({
  'notes.insert'(){
    if(!this.userId){
      throw new Meteor.Error('not-authorized');
    }
  }
});
```

- if the user is authorized we just one to return a new note

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';

export const Notes = new Mongo.Collection('notes');

Meteor.methods({
  'notes.insert'(){
    if(!this.userId){
      throw new Meteor.Error('not-authorized');
    }

    return Notes.insert({

    })
  }
});
```

- we will four object to return

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';

export const Notes = new Mongo.Collection('notes');

Meteor.methods({
  'notes.insert'(){
    if(!this.userId){
```

```

        throw new Meteor.Error('not-authorized');
    }

    return Notes.insert({
        title: '',
        body: '',
        userId: this.userId,
        updatedAt: new Date().getTime();
    })
  }
});

```

- instead of new Date lets use moment, so lets import it first and then add it our code

```

import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import moment from 'moment';

export const Notes = new Mongo.Collection('notes');

Meteor.methods({
  'notes.insert'(){
    if(!this.userId){
      throw new Meteor.Error('not-authorized');
    }

    return Notes.insert({
      title: '',
      body: '',
      userId: this.userId,
      updatedAt: moment().valueOf()
    })
  }
});

```

- now lets go to notes.test.js
- import Meteor and expect

```
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
```

- lets now check if we are in the server, if we are lets call describe block, takes two arguments, the name of our block and a function

```
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){

  });
}
```

- **we then** want to run the succesful case

```
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){

    })
  });
}
```

- now we need to figure out how to access the notes.insert function to test it, we can use this Meteor method

```
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert']
```

```

    })
  });
}

```

- in our case we want to call notes.insert with a userId, how do we use the this keyword, and we are going to be doing this by using apply, apply is javascript feature

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({userId: 'testid'});
    })
  });
}

```

- let's store that value by creating a const

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({userId: 'testid'});
    })
  });
}

```

- import Notes from notes.js

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
import { Notes } from './notes'

```

- **next** we are going to find one single document

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
import { Notes } from './notes'

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({userId: 'testid'});

      Notes.findOne()

    })
  });
}

```

- we do want to provide a query, we want to find the _id and their userId, lets create a const for testId up above, because we are going to be referencing it more than once

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
import { Notes } from './notes'

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const userId = 'testid';
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({ userId });

      Notes.findOne({ _id, userId })

    })
  });
}

```

- the last thing to do to assert a note was indeed found, we will do that by using expect, we are expecting the return from Notes.findOne, so we need to copy that into the expect argument

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
import { Notes } from './notes'

```

```

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const userId = 'testid';
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({ userId });

      expect(Notes.findOne({ _id, userId }));

    })
  });
}

```

- then we attach toExist, and this will pass if there is a value and fail if there isn't

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
import { Notes } from './notes'

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const userId = 'testid';
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({ userId });

      expect(Notes.findOne({ _id, userId })).toExist();

    })
  });
}

```

- now over in the browser, we should see it passing
- now we also want to test our method if there is no userId, we want to make sure we do get an error and that no note gets inserted
- let's go back to notes.test.js, let's add a second test case

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';

```

```

import { Notes } from './notes'

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const userId = 'testid';
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({ userId });

      expect(Notes.findOne({ _id, userId })).toExist();

    });

    it('should not insert note if not authenticated', function(){

    });
  });
}

```

- we then are going to be calling the Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({ userId }); handler without the this content
- to this we will be using expect with an arrow that is going to get called, and toss a toThrow()

```

import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import expect from 'expect';
import { Notes } from './notes'

if(Meteor.isServer){
  describe('notes', function(){
    it('should insert new note', function(){
      const userId = 'testid';
      const _id = Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert'].apply({ userId });

      expect(Notes.findOne({ _id, userId })).toExist();

    });

    it('should not insert note if not authenticated', function(){
      expect(()=>{

```



```
        Meteor.server.method_handlers['notes.insert']();  
    }).toThrow();  
});  
});  
}
```

- over in the browser we should get a pass because new should not get inserted