
Recitation 2

Testing

JavaHyperText:

whitebox

JUnit

Formatting preferences installed?

Try this in any Eclipse project:

1. Double-click on a class so that it opens in the editing pane.
2. Put parentheses around some expression. For example, change an assignment `x= 3;` to `x= ((3));`
3. Save the file. If the parentheses are NOT removed, then you have work to do to install your Eclipse formatting preferences.

In JavaHyperText, link Eclipse -> 2. Import preferences ... and follow the instructions there. **This is important!**

Unit Testing

Break your program up into the smallest testable parts or **units**.
Units should be independent.

Units are often one method or a few methods.

Test units as you go! Fix bugs before implementing the next unit.

We deal in this recitation with units that are methods or a group of methods

Writing Correct Code

Code should implement a *specification*.

If you don't have a good specification —if you don't know precisely what it's supposed to do — how can you test it?

Define specification in **Javadoc** comment

```
/** return true iff this time comes before t. */  
boolean before(Time t) {...}
```

```
class Time {  
    int hr;  
    int min;  
  
    before(Time t) {...}  
}
```

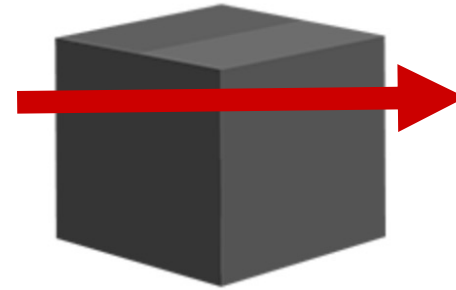
Javadoc (**java** **documentation**) comment:

Multiline comment that starts with `/**` ends with `*/`

Place it BEFORE the method

Black-box testing

Input
test case



Output
results

Develop test cases based only on the unit specification, not looking at the implementation. Example:

```
/** return true iff this time  
    comes before t. */  
boolean before(Time t) {...}
```

Based on the spec, what test cases?

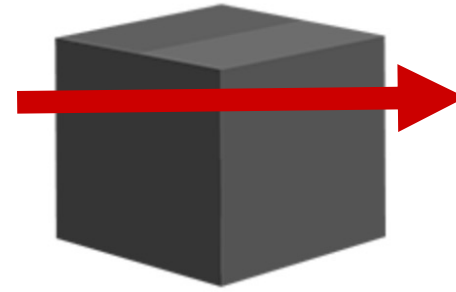
In how many ways

1. Can one time come before another?
2. Can time NOT come before another?

```
class Time {  
    int hr, min;  
    ...  
}
```

Black-box testing

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Test extreme/corner cases.

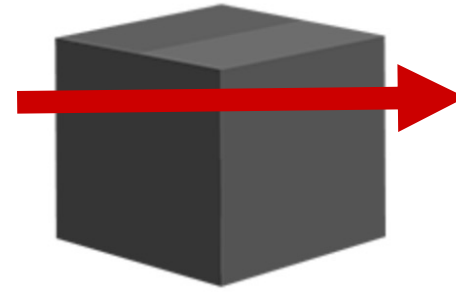
Example:

For a String, test string with 0 or 1 characters.

For an array or list (as in Python), if it can be empty, test that.

Black-box testing

Input
test case



Output
results

Critical black-box testing can uncover ambiguities in a specification.

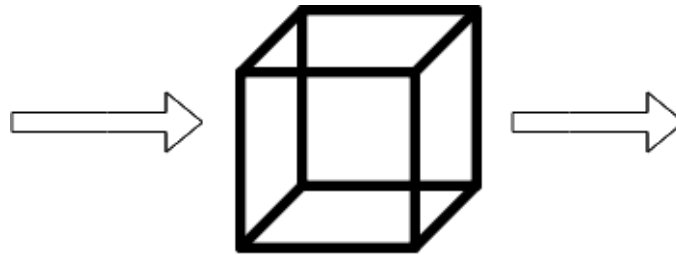
What should be returned for the call `num("member")` ?

```
/** return the number vowels in s. */  
int num(String s) {...}
```

The professional programmer looks critically at test cases. If an ambiguity is uncovered, they ask the client what was meant.

White-box testing

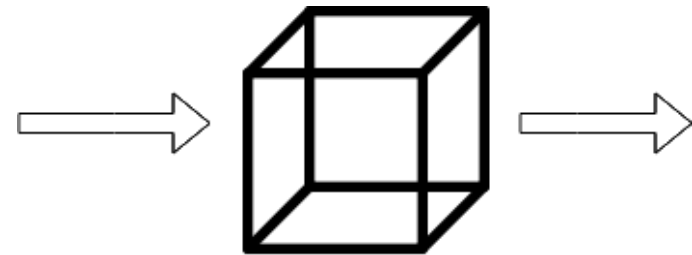
Develop test cases as you look at the implementation –in the box. Name is stupid. You can't see through a white box any better than you can see through a black box.



Better terminology: opaque and transparent boxes. Or, use **Glass-box testing** instead of **White-box** testing.

Glass-box testing: code coverage

Code coverage: Develop test cases to ensure that every piece of the program is exercised ---executed or evaluated--- in at least one test case. **Common sense!** If no test case exercises a piece of code, how can you it is correct?



Test each statement of a unit

Test each branch of an if-statement

Test each expression thoroughly

Test a loop for 0 iterations as well as one or more

Glass-box testing: code coverage

Consider this if-statement: `if (b || (c && d) || e) { ... }`

How many test cases are needed to test it thoroughly?

JUnit Testing

- Develop and save a suite of test cases to thoroughly test a unit.
- Be able to run them all easily, whenever changes are made in the unit.
- Should not have to spend time eyeballing a lot of output output to see whether everything is correct. That's prone to error.
- System should alert you to test cases that fail.

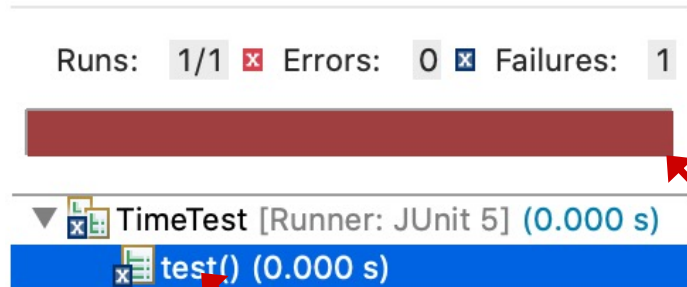
Create JUnit testing class

If you have trouble creating a JUnit testing class later, look it up in [JavaHyperText](#). There's a one-html-page discussion.

- (1) In Package Explorer (PE) pane, select directory src.
- (2) menu item File -> New -> JUnit Test Case.
- (3) Note that it put in name ...Test for the class to be created. If the Name is not there, put in a Name.
- (4) Press Finish. If it asks to put JUnit 5 on the build path, DO IT!
- (5) You see class ...Test, with one method.

Run all methods in testing class

Select TimeTest.java in PE pane.
Use menu item Run -> Run



```
class TimeTest {  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        fail("Not implemented");  
    }  
}
```

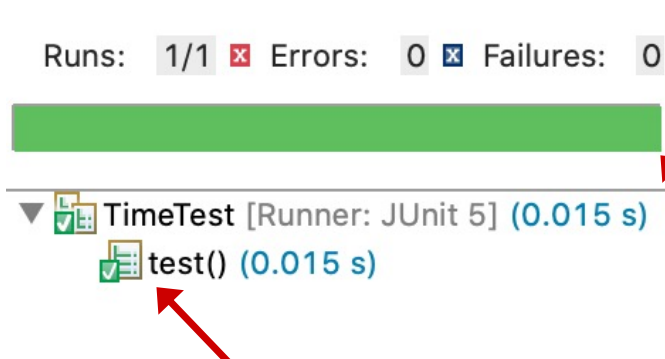
Means an error occurred

Double-click on this to see where error occurred.

Run all methods in testing class

Select TimeTest.java in PE pane.

Use menu item Run -> Run



Call in test() ran without error

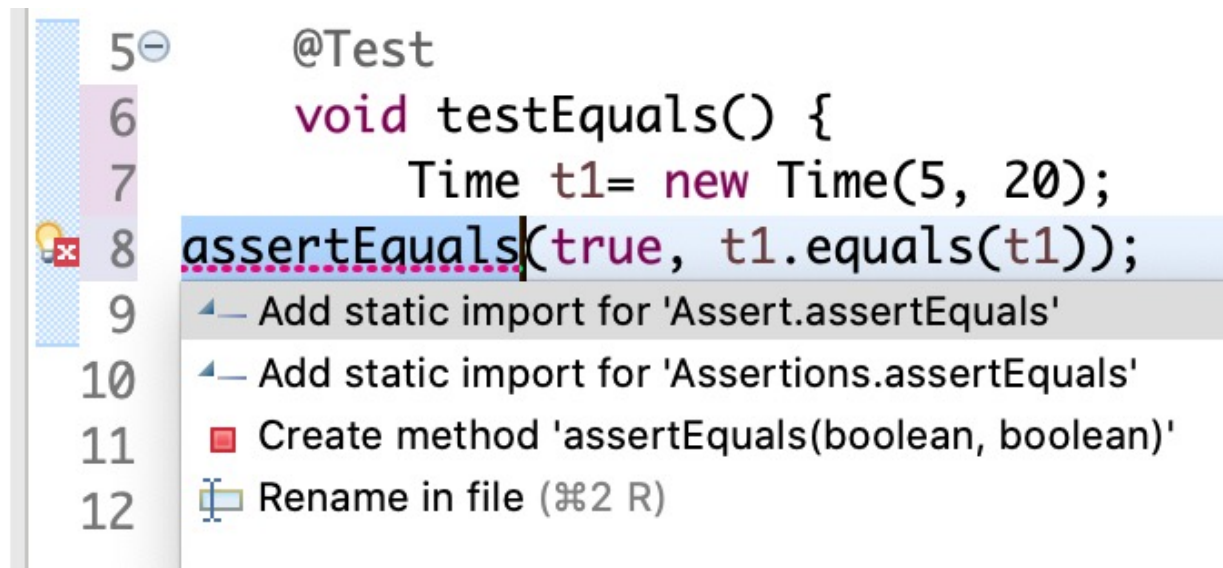
```
class TimeTest {  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        //no statement in body  
    }  
}
```

No error

assertEquals(expected val, computed val);

```
Time t1= new Time(5, 20);  
assertEquals(true, t1.equals(t1));
```

If it's undefined,
import it:



```
5  @Test  
6  void testEquals() {  
7      Time t1= new Time(5, 20);  
8  assertEquals(true, t1.equals(t1));  
9  
10  
11  
12
```

The screenshot shows an IDE window with a Java file. Line 8 has a red squiggly line under the `assertEquals` method call, indicating an error. A context menu is open over line 8, showing four suggestions:

- ← Add static import for 'Assert.assertEquals'
- ← Add static import for 'Assertions.assertEquals'
- Create method 'assertEquals(boolean, boolean)'
- 📄 Rename in file (⌘2 R)

Only methods with @Test before them are called

assertEquals in test2 should fail., Run program!

Why did it work?

Finished after 0.096 seconds

Runs: 1/1  Errors: 0  Failures: 0



▶  TimeTest [Runner: JUnit 5] (0.016 s)

```
class TimeTest {  
    @Test  
    void testEquals() {  
        Time t1 = new Time(5, 20);  
        assertEquals(true, t1.equals(t1));  
    }  
  
    void test2() {  
        Time t1 = new Time(5, 20);  
        assertEquals(false, t1.equals(t1));  
    }  
}
```


Only methods with @Test before them are called

It didn't work! Method `test2()` was not call because there is not annotation `@Test` before it! Click the horizontal arrow before `TimeTest` to see this:

Runs: 1/1  Errors: 0  Failures: 0



▼  TimeTest [Runner: JUnit 5] (0.016 s)
  testEquals() (0.015 s)

```
class TimeTest {  
    @Test  
    void testEquals() {  
        Time t1= new Time(5, 20);  
        assertEquals(true, t1.equals(t1));  
    }  
  
    void test2() {  
        Time t1= new Time(5, 20);  
        assertEquals(false, t1.equals(t1));  
    }  
}
```


Only methods with `@Test` before them are called


Put in `@Test` and run again:

Runs: 2/2  Errors: 0  Failures: 1



▼  TimeTest [Runner: JUnit 5] (0.022 s)

 test2() (0.012 s)

 testEquals() (0.010 s)

```
class TimeTest {  
    @Test  
    void testEquals() {  
        Time t1 = new Time(5, 20);  
        assertEquals(true, t1.equals(t1));  
    }  
    @Test  
    void test2() {  
        Time t1 = new Time(5, 20);  
        assertEquals(false, t1.equals(t1));  
    }  
}
```

Testing an assert statement

We want to test that the following code snippet throws an exception —stops program with an error

```
Time t= new Time(3, 30);  
t.equals(null);
```

```
/** = this time is same as t;  
 * Precondition: t not null. */  
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

Testing an assert statement

You might think you could do this:

```
Time t= new Time(3, 30);  
assertThrows(AssertionError.class, t.equals(null));
```

```
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

Call `assertThrows`, not `assertEquals`, to check that an assert statement causes the program to abort with an error message because its boolean expression is false.

The first argument, `AssertionError.class`, is used to say that the error was that an assert-statement expression was false.

Testing an assert statement

You might think you could do this:

```
Time t= new Time(3, 30);  
assertThrows(AssertionError.class, t.equals(null));
```

Parameters are *call-by value*. So

`t.equals(null)`

is evaluated to yield either `true` or `false` and
that value is given as the argument to method `assertThrows`.

But evaluation of `t.equals(null)` aborts execution!

Method `assertThrows` doesn't have a chance to test anything!

```
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

Testing an assert statement

To make this call-by-value idea clear:

The call `isZero(5 + 6*20/4)` is done in (at least) three steps:

1. Evaluate argument `5 + 6*20/4` to yield `35`.
2. Store `35` in parameter `k`.
3. Execute the body of method `isZero`.

```
boolean isZero(int k) {  
    return k == 0;  
}
```

Testing an assert statement

```
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

So in executing this:

```
Time t= new Time(3, 30);  
assertThrows(AssertionError.class, t.equals(null));
```

the body of `assertThrows` doesn't have a chance to test evaluation of `t.equals(null)` because its evaluation is done before the body is executed.

Testing an assert statement

Instead do this:

```
Time t= new Time(3, 30);  
assertThrows(AssertionError.class, ...);
```

```
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

Put a method here for `assertThrows` to call and let `assertThrows` call it. That method will contain `t.equal(null)`

Possible since Java 8 using an **anonymous function** —a function without a name— called a **lambda**.

An anonymous function

```
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

Function with no parameters
and name **m**:

```
boolean m() {  
    return t.equals(null);  
}
```

If parameters,
put them within
parens

Return type not
needed. Inferred
from context

Separate
par. list
from body

No return
needed. Just
bool exp

Function with no parameters
and NO name:

() -> t1.equals(null)

Testing an assert statement

```
boolean equals(Time t) {  
    assert t != null;  
    return ...;  
}
```

```
Time t= new Time(3, 30);  
assertThrows(AssertionError.class, () -> t1.equals(null));
```

Use this to test that an `AssertionError` is thrown (by an assert statement)

The body of `assertThrows` will call this function.

What to study in JavaHyperText

Testing:

Testing (whitebox, blackbox, structural)

Anonymous functions:

Anonymous function

Items 1 and 2