Unit Testing in Javascript

Outline

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Unit Test

Test the smallest individual part of your code that can be logically isolated in system.

Written by developers to ensure a section of application works as intended.

E2E
Integration
Unit

Advantages

- Lightweight and Fast
- Catches bugs in early stage of development.
- Helps to refactor code with confidence.
- Provides a sort of living documentation for piece of code.

Drawbacks

- Unit test will not catch every error of program.
- It takes time and effort. (But it's worth it.)

Tools for unit testing

- Testing Framework help you arrange your tests in a readable and scalable way (Mocha, <u>Jasmine</u>, Jest, Cucumber, TestCafe, Cypress)
- Assertion Library to check if a test returns what you expect (Chai, <u>Jasmine</u>, Jest, Unexpected, TestCafe, Cypress)
- Test Runner to run all are test automated way and generate summarised result. (<u>Karma</u>, Jasmine, Jest, TestCafe, Cypress, webdriverio)
- Coverage Report to generate reports on what all part of code is covered by tests. (<u>Istanbul</u>, Jest, Blanket)

Karma

Karma is a test runner tool which automates whole process from running test cases to display results in browser. It spawns a web server that executes source code against test code for each of the browsers connected.



Key Features

- It can watch source file for changes, and automatically triggers test run.
- It can execute test on multiple browser and device simultaneously.
- Integration with CI tools such as Jenkins, Travis etc.

Jasmine

Jasmine is a behavior-driven development framework for testing JavaScript code. It provides test structure, assertion functions, test doubles and everything you need to test your code.

Why prefer Jasmine?

- It has a clean and obvious syntax.
- It has a huge community support.
- It is a recommend testing framework for Angular Applications.



Test Structure

In Jasmine test are structured as suites and specs -

- <u>Suite</u> It is a group of related test cases (specs). This begins with a call to the Jasmine global function describe
- <u>Spec</u> It represents a test case inside a suite. Usually spec contains one or more expectations that test the state of the code. Specs are defined by calling the global Jasmine function it

Assertion Functions

Assertion functions are used to make assertions by comparing the actual and expected outputs of any jasmine test. Jasmine not keyword can be used with every matcher's criteria for inverting the result

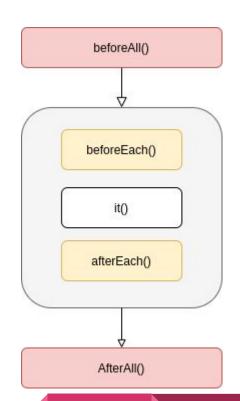
- toBe()
- toEqual()
- toBeTruthy()
- toBeFalsy()
- toContain()

- toBeDefined()
- toBeNull()
- toBeLessThan()
- toBeGreaterThan()
- toThrow()

Setup / Teardown

- beforeAll() runs once before all specs in suite.
- beforeEach() runs before every specs.
- afterEach() runs after every specs.
- afterAll() runs once after all spec in suite are executed.

This methods are used for common initialization, setup and finalization code so that we don't have to repeat in every spec.



Test Doubles

Test doubles are kind of pretend object used in place of a real object for testing purposes. They are used to eliminate all the dependencies of a class or function so your tests are more focused and isolated.

Code Coverage

As we keep writing unit tests few questions arises in our mind -

- Are there enough tests in the unit test suite?
- Do more tests need to be added?

Code coverage answers this questions. It is a metric that helps you understand how much of your code is executed by test suites. It's can help you assess the quality of your test suite.

Best Practices

- Write unit test along with code.
- Have a clear description of your test case.
- Each spec should test only specific single unit.
- Avoid making too many assertion in a test spec.
- Mock / Stub all the external dependencies.

Source Code - https://github.com/mohitkh7/presentation-unit-testing-js

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