Integration Testing with Testcontainers

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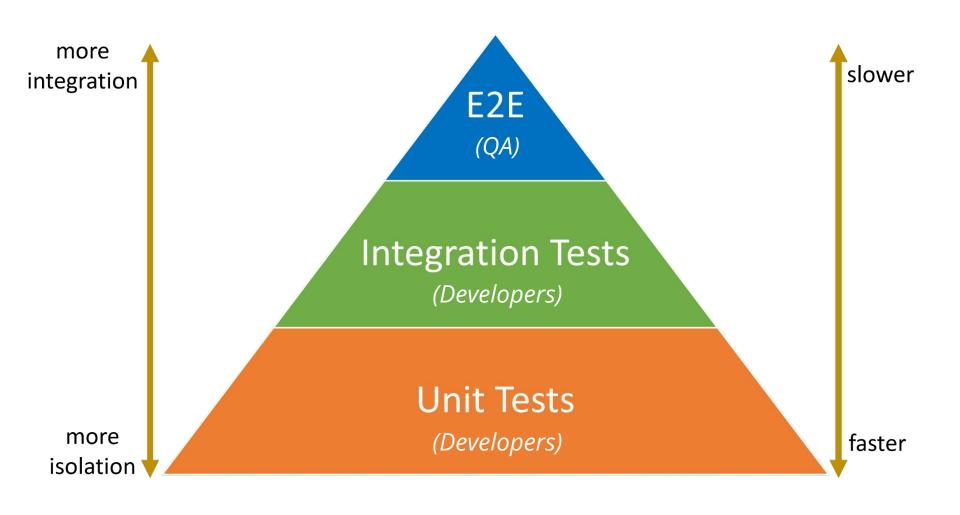


Who here writes tests?



Who here likes maintaining tests?





Why Integration Tests

- → We make CRUD apps
 - DBs queries contain most of the important logic and performance risk
- Mocking everything tests nothing
 - Mocks make hard-to-maintain tests especially when refactoring

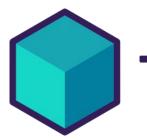
- But integrations tests are slower than unit tests, so don't overdo it
 - Do not use them for things like validations or pure functions

The problem of running today's apps

- → Cloud-native infrastructure & microservices
 - First run the correct version of MySQL, then of Redis, then of Kafka and
 Service B every single time...
 - ... or use mocks/in-memory services that won't act like the real thing
 - ... or connect to Cloud environment's instances
 - ... and make sure there's no existing corrupted data
 - ... and only then you run/test your service locally or your tests in CI



Testcontainers



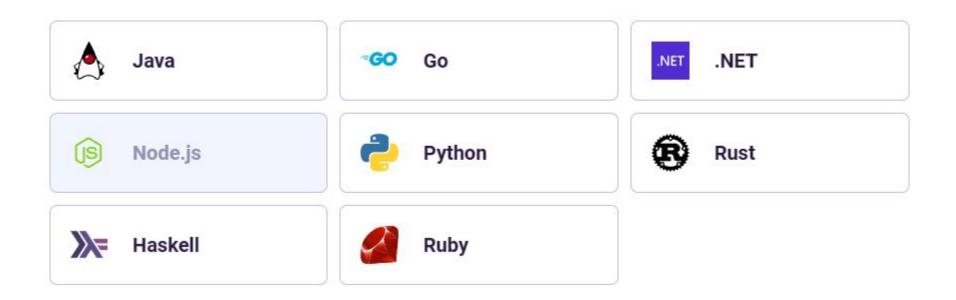
Testcontainers





- → Bootstrap dependencies (DBs, MQs, Services...) with Docker containers
- → No more need for mocks/in-memory services or complicated env setups
 - Test/Run using the exact same services you use in production
 - No "it works on my machine" issues
- → Automatic cleanup & teardown with Ryuk sidecar container
- Port randomization for parallel test execution

Supported Languages



Packages/Modules

testcontainers (GenericContainer)

@testcontainers/postgresql

@testcontainers/elasticsearch

@testcontainers/kafka

@testcontainers/mongodb

@testcontainers/mysql

@testcontainers/nats

@testcontainers/neo4j

@testcontainers/redis

@testcontainers/gcloud

@testcontainers/couchbase

@testcontainers/arangodb

@testcontainers/hivemq

@testcontainers/mssqlserver

...

Setup and example NestJS project

npm i testcontainers

```
@Module({
   ConfigModule.forRoot({ load: [() => ({ dbUri: process.env.DB URI })] }),
  MongooseModule.forRootAsync({
    imports: [ConfigModule],
    inject: [ConfigService],
    useFactory: configService => ({ uri: configService.get<string>("dbUri") }),
  JediModule,
export class AppModule {}
```

Testing with Jest

```
describe("MongoDB App Test", () => {
let container: StartedTestContainer
beforeAll(async () => {
   container = await new GenericContainer("mongo:6").withExposedPorts(27017).start();
   process.env.DB URI = `mongodb://localhost:${container.getMappedPort(27017)}/jedi`;
 afterAll(async () => {
   await container.stop();
 it("tests something", async () => {
```

Running a NestJS app locally

```
// src/main.ts
async function bootstrap() {
let container;
 if (!process.env.DB URI) {
   container = await new GenericContainer("mongo:6").withExposedPorts(27017).start();
   process.env.DB URI = `mongodb://localhost:${container.getMappedPort(27017)}/jedi`;
 const app = await NestFactory.create(AppModule);
 await app.listen(3000);
bootstrap();
```

Using Docker Compose

```
// docker-compose.yaml
services:
  mongo:
    image: "mongo:6"
    ports:
        - "27017:27017"
```

```
// src/main.ts
async function bootstrap() {
   await new DockerComposeEnvironment(
     .up();
   process.env.DB URI =
 const app = await NestFactory.create(AppModule);
 await app.listen(3000);
bootstrap();
```

Demo

Questions?



