Testing in Java

In this article, I will try to cover all the basics for building tests in our Java projects. I will mainly use Maven, but Gradle has the same functionality and support all the concepts detailed here.

Main

It's far from the recommended way to test. But yes, sometimes it's easy to run a main to test some simple code, or maybe something we don't remember.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    var b1 = new BigDecimal("0.2");
    var b2 = new BigDecimal(0.2);
    var b3 = BigDecimal.valueOf(1/5f);

    System.out.println(b1);
    System.out.println(b2);
    System.out.println(b3);

    System.out.println(b1.equals(b2));
    System.out.println(b1.equals(b3));
    System.out.println(b1.equals(b3.setScale(2, RoundingMode.HALF_DOWN)));
    }
}
```

Output:

```
0.2
0.20000000000000011102230246251565404236316680908203125
0.20000000298023224
false
false
false
```

The code above can be run them in any online editor. Find one that you can select JDK version.

JUnit

What is JUnit? It's a framework that provides the foundations -the core- for creating and running tests. It defines a TestEngine API for developing testing frameworks. **This means that JUnit is the very basic**

foundations for Testing in Java.

It was written by Kent Beck and Erich Gamma during a flight from Zurich to Atlanta, based on the SUnit (Smalltalk unit testing framework)

Current version is JUnit5, it requires Java8+ to run. But it can run Junit4 tests. Pay attention to the JDK required by your project: Java is more than 20 years old and many-many lines of code were written. So it might be the case, that maintaining legacy code is the project objective. This guide is for Junit 5, but JUnit4 can run most of the features shown here, and differences are a few somewhere below this article.

Get Started: Dependencies

This is the dependency for your project to run Junit tests.

```
<dependencyManagement>
 <dependencies>
   <dependency>
     <groupId>org.junit
     <artifactId>junit-bom</artifactId> <!-- This BOM defines all the artifacts -->
     <version>5.9.2
     <type>pom</type>
     <scope>import</scope>
   </dependency>
  </dependencies>
</dependencyManagement>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.junit.jupiter
   <artifactId>junit-jupiter</artifactId>
   <!-- <version>5.9.2</version> you can leave it out if you use the BOM above or you can define th
                       <!-- very important:: This dependency is only needed for test execution
   <scope>test</scope>
</dependency>
```

The BOM actually inserts the referenced POM into your project's POM.

Again for maintainers, you can see if your project contains it by running the following command:

```
# unix
mvn dependency:tree | grep -i junit

# windows cmd
mvn dependency:tree | findstr /i junit

# windows powershell 
mvn dependency:tree | Select-String -NotMatch junit
```

Structure

Luckily for us in most Java projects, we have a good project structure - I think it was originally proposed by Maven, but I am not able to confirm.

It is very probably that you would find this structure in your maintenance project.

Main application code

src/main/java
src/main/resources
src/main/filters

Tests application code

src/test/java
src/test/resources
src/test/filters

This is the ideal project structure. It is not mandatory to have testing code outside your main application code. Thus, you might forget ** that you've done some main inside a class to have a quick test.

Don't put Testing code inside your main sources. 😵

Maven test: Surefire Plugin

Ok, we all do the wwn clean install, but inside the install goal several things happen, one of them is the test goal. Maven execute the test goal by running the *Surefire* plugin.

As it says in the doc, by default the Maven Surefire Plugin will scan for test classes whose fully qualified names match the following patterns.

```
**/Test*.java
**/*Test.java
**/*Tests.java
**/*TestCase.java
```

Pay attention to the ** at the beginning: it means that *Test classes can be anywhere!! In this project, you can look at the MainServiceTest. This is reason for, let me repeat:

Don't put Testing code inside your main sources. 😵

The importance: Continuous Integration

Having the Surefire plugin being executes every time on the Maven life cycle is very important for *Continuous Integration*: if a test fails, something is wrong with the code produced then it must **not** be published into a productive release. Really the main idea behind the Continuous Integration is exactly this: to run automated tests with the latest code and if something is failing, flag it.

Writing tests

Every method with the @Test annotation under src/test/java de directory is executed as a test by maven and is considered as such by your IDE.

This is how a test looks like:

```
import static org.junit.jupiter.api.Assertions.assertEquals;
import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;

class MyFirstJUnitJupiterTests {
    @Test
    public void addition() {
        assertEquals(Integer.parseInt("1")+1, 2);
    }
}
```

Some notes of the code above:

- import static is a way in Java to create *global alias* to functions local to the file, so assertEquals in this case will be a "global" function in this file.
- No annotation at class level, only the @Test is required.

This code is posted in this project.

A real non-spring test

Consider the following "encryption" method (very weak, don't use for real).

```
public class EncryptService {
  private final String KEY = "SECRET";
  public String encryptPassword(String password) {
    return password+KEY;
  }
  public String decryptPassword(String mangled) {
    return mangled.substring(0, mangled.length()-KEY.length());
  }
}
```

Once your test is created with you favourite IDE, it will look like this:

```
class EncryptServiceTest {
  private EncryptService encryptService;
  /***
   * Tests are classes and can have all classes things: relations, initialization, inheritance.
  public EncryptServiceTest() {
    this.encryptService = new EncryptService();
  @Test
  @DisplayName("Positive test")
  void testEncryptPositive() {
    String password = "mypassword";
    assertEquals(password+ EncryptService.KEY, this.encryptService.encryptPassword(password));
  }
  @Test
  @DisplayName("Negative test")
  void testEncryptNegative() {
   String password = "mypassword";
    assertNotEquals(password, this.encryptService.encryptPassword(password));
  }
  public void nonTestMethod() {
    // This is not a test method, because it does not have the @Test.
  }
}
```

Method naming is a subject on its own, I've found this article interesting https://medium.com/@stefanovskyi/unit-test-naming-conventions-dd9208eadbea for naming of methods. Very good analysis. I'm following the first suggestion by the author.

Arrange/Act/Assert vs GWT: Given/When/Then

They both have the same principle: to prepare conditions, to execute the code and to evaluate the results. The first is commonly used for Unit testing and TDD, and the later is more frequent in Behavior Driven Development (BDD) context.

A word on Processes & Paradigms

Although, these topics are not part of the scope of this article, let's take a "sentence explanatory" approach.

Test Driven Development (TDD)

TDD is a software process that instead of start by write code based on a requirement, you start writing test cases. So, the code produced should make pass all the tests. This is an approach or a process instead of a tool on its own.

Behavior Driven Development (BDD)

It's uses the Given-When-Then principle to describe User Stories or Scenarios at high level. BDD more thought for Use Cases and higher level definitions for test cases. It is kind of thought for Product Owner and Business users. It has its own language and it not specific for Java.

They are not mutually exclusive.

Cucumber

Taken from 10 minutes Cucumber guide

Create an empty file called src/test/resources/hellocucumber/is_it_friday_yet.feature with the following content:

```
Feature: Is it Friday yet?
Everybody wants to know when it's Friday

Scenario: Sunday isn't Friday
Given today is Sunday
When I ask whether it's Friday yet
Then I should be told "Nope"
```

How is the test executed ??

You can run your tests directly from your IDE. But inside the Maven lifecycle, the Surefire plugin is triggered by the test goal, and it will execute all the tests as described in the section Maven test: Surefire Plugin

How do you finally know that your result is what you expected? *Assert*

In order to evaluate that our code was executed properly, we have to compare the result of the code being executed to the desired result.

In JUnit you've got the Asserts. The complete list could be found here: https://junit.org/junit5/docs/current/api/org.junit.jupiter.api/org/junit/jupiter/api/Assertions.html

Useful Annotations

These are some everyday used in Junit:

- @Test: Main testing annotation
- @DisplayName : descriptive test
- @BeforeAll, BeforeEach, AfterAll, AfterEach: method to be execute before or after each or all
- @Disable : Force to disable a test

And here some I've found interesting:

- @Tag : to filter test execution like in ▶ mvn -Dgroups="integration, fast, feature-168" or ▶ mvn -DexcludedGroups="slow" (taken from https://mkyong.com/junit5/junit-5-tagging-and-filtering-tagexamples/)
- @ParameterizedTest, @RepeatedTest, @Timeout

JUnit 4 vs 5: Annotations

Yes, they've changed the annotations names. Here the cheatsheet:

JUnit4	JUnit5		
@RunWith	@ExtendWith		
@Before	@BeforeEach		
@After	@AfterEach		
@BeforeClass	@BeforeAll		

JUnit4	JUnit5		
@AfterClass	@AfterAll		
@lgnore	@Disabled		
@Category	@Tag		
@Rule @ClassRule	××.		

Junit 5 new Annotations

- @DisplayName
- @ParameterizedTest
- @ValueSource(strings = {"foo", "bar"})
- @NullAndEmptySource
- @NullSource
- @EmptySource

Exceptions

```
@Test
@DisplayName("Test Exception")
public void testException() {
    Exception exception = assertThrows(Exception.class, () -> { Objects.requireNonNull(null); } );
    //exception.printStackTrace();
    System.out.println(exception.getMessage());
    assertNotNull(exception);
}
```

Mockito (jMock, EasyMock)

As explained before (and also in the previous Webinar), Unit testing should be executed in the most *isolation* possible. How do I test my code in isolation if my code has dependencies with other services/classes/objects/external entities ??

That's where Mocking comes into picture: create facade objects and provide them the behavior we want for our test. So, there are leveraging libraries and frameworks that run over JUnit that let us mimic the responses we want for our tests. Mockito, jMock and EasyMock are the most used.

Maven dependency

Check de latest in https://github.com/mockito/mockito/releases

Mocking

What we want to mock is not the service we want to test, but the dependencies it has. So considering the following service.

```
public class ManglingService {
  static final String SALT = "SALTKEY";
  static final String DEFAULT = "DEFAULT";

  // Injected bean
  RemoteMD5Client remoteMD5Client;

public String saltedMD5(String value) {
  if(value != null && !("".equals(value))) {
    return remoteMD5Client.md5sum(value + SALT);
  } else {
    return remoteMD5Client.md5sum(DEFAULT );
  }
  }
}
```

The RemoteMD5Client is the dependency we want to mock. So the code will be like this:

```
@ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class)
class ManglingServiceTest {

    @Test
    @DisplayName("Testing and mocking a service")
    public void testEncryptSimple() {
        // Mock instance
        RemoteMD5Client remoteMD5Client = Mockito.mock(RemoteMD5Client.class);

        // Conditions -> Arrange - Given (Mockito can be statically imported)
        Mockito.when(remoteMD5Client.md5sum("simple")).thenReturn("empty");

        // Real service we want to test
```

```
ManglingService manglingService = new ManglingService(remoteMD5Client);

// The actual Execution -> Act - When
String result = manglingService.saltedMD5("simple");

// Evaluate the result : Assert - Then
assertEquals("empty" + ManglingService.SALT, result); /// *** F
}
```

Some notes of the code above:

- @ExtendWith is a way to tell JUnit5 what other extension should it use. In this case, only Mockito
- Our service to test is not an instance variable, but a local to the method.
- The test above will fail. Spot the error and you get 1 TYP.

Mock vs Spy

A mock object is a full fake object that you have to define all its behaviors. If in our case:

```
// Mock instance
@Mock
RemoteMD5Client remoteMD5Client;
@Test
@DisplayName("Testing and mocking a service")
public void testEncryptSimple() {
    // Mock instance : Mock Objects can also be create using this Sintax.
    //RemoteMD5Client remoteMD5Client = Mockito.mock(RemoteMD5Client.class);
    // Conditions -> Arrange - Given (Mockito can be statically imported)
    Mockito.when(remoteMD5Client.md5sum("simple")).thenReturn("empty");
    // call the real method
    Mockito.when(remoteMD5Client.md5sum("notsimple")).thenCallRealMethod();
    Mockito.when(remoteMD5Client.md5sum(any())).thenCallRealMethod();
    // Real service we want to test
    ManglingService manglingService = new ManglingService(remoteMD5Client);
    // The actual Execution -> Act - When
    String result = manglingService.saltedMD5("complex");
    // Evaluate the result : Assert - Then
    assertEquals("empty" + ManglingService.SALT, result);
}
```

This previous code will fail, because the mock will only give response based on the **Arrange** section we have set. And, we have set for simple, but we test for complex. (*)

Make sure you test your tests 🐞 🤜

Some notes of the code above:

- The @Mock annotation will create an instance mock variable.
- Mock will never invoke the real method. You have to explicitly define it to thenCallRealMethod
- With the code above, you'll get a Strict stubbing argument mismatch., meaning that you have to define the cases.
- To return null instead of the error, the code should be:

```
lenient().when(remoteMD5Client.md5sum("simple")).thenReturn("empty");
```

· Mode details can be found here

Spy

Instead of a complete fake object, with Spy you can modify the behavior of an existing object instance for special conditions. If the method does not have a condition, it will execute the original class code.

```
@Spy
RemoteMD5Client remoteMD5Client;

@Test
@DisplayName("Testing and mocking a service")
public void testEncryptSpy() {
    // Conditions -> Arrange - Given
    Mockito.when(remoteMD5Client.md5sum("simple")).thenReturn("empty");

    // Real service we want to test
    ManglingService manglingService = new ManglingService(remoteMD5Client);

    // The actual Execution -> Act - When
    String result = manglingService.saltedMD5("simple");

    // Evaluate the result : Then - Assert
    assertEquals("SIMPLE" + ManglingService.SALT,result);
}
```

The main difference is that for arguments other than simple, the remoteMD5Client will code it's original backing code.

Some notes of the code above:

• The @Spy annotation will spy on the injected object. Without annotation it will be like:

InjectMocks

In order not to have to call constructor manually for the class we want to test, the <code>@InjectMocks</code> annotation will find any mock object in our test and call the constructor with it.

```
@Mock
RemoteMD5Client remoteMD5ClientInstance;
@InjectMocks
ManglingService manglingServiceMockInjected;
@Test
@DisplayName("Test Mocked objects")
public void testMockedInjectedObject() {
    // Conditions -> Arrange - Given
    Mockito.when(this.remoteMD5Client.md5sum("simple" + ManglingService.SALT)).thenReturn("empty")

    // The actual Execution -> Act - When
    String result = this.manglingServiceMockInjected.saltedMD5("simple");

    // Evaluate the result : Then - Assert
    assertEquals("empty", result);
}
```

Mocking static methods

Static method are controversial, but they are there and they exist. Again, Java is 20+ years old and many hands has written code on it. So we will find several situations like this.

Setting up

To let Mockito be able to mock static methods, you have to create a file into the src/test/resources/mockito-extensions/org.mockito.plugins.MockMaker directory of your project with a single line:

```
mock-maker-inline
```

More details on https://github.com/mockito/mockito/wiki/What%27s-new-in-Mockito-2#mock-the-unmockable-opt-in-mocking-of-final-classesmethods. They say that this comes with a performance cost, but I can't confirm.

So going to the test, our code will be like:

```
public class CommonUtils {
    static String EmptyOrRandom(String value) {
      if("".equals(Objects.toString(value, ""))) {
        return Long.toString(Random.from(RandomGenerator.getDefault()).nextLong());
      return value;
    }
  }
And the test be like:
  @ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class)
  class CommonUtilsTest {
      @Test
      @DisplayName("To test Static Method")
      public void testStatic() {
          assertNotEquals("", CommonUtils.EmptyOrRandom(""));
          assertEquals("something", CommonUtils.EmptyOrRandom("something"));
          try (MockedStatic<CommonUtils> utilities = Mockito.mockStatic(CommonUtils.class)) {
            utilities.when(() -> CommonUtils.EmptyOrRandom("value")).thenReturn("othervalue");
            assertEquals("othervalue", CommonUtils.EmptyOrRandom("value"));
          }
      }
  }
```

PowerMock

Taken from https://github.com/powermock/powermock

PowerMock is a framework that extends other mock libraries such as EasyMock with more powerful capabilities.

PowerMock uses a custom classloader and bytecode manipulation to enable mocking of static methods, constructors, final classes and methods, private methods, removal of static initializers and more.

Some notes about PowerMock

It's not a daily-maintained library. Be careful when using. Last commit was done 4 months ago.

How to PowerMock

I'll not go into details here as most of the things were already covered by Mockito section.

```
@RunWith(PowerMockRunner.class)
@PrepareForTest(Static.class)
PowerMockito.mockStatic(Static.class);
Mockito.when(Static.firstStaticMethod(param)).thenReturn(value);
```

Maven Dependency

Check the latest on https://github.com/powermock/powermock/wiki/Mockito-Maven

```
cproperties>
<powermock.version>2.0.2</powermock.version>
</properties>
<dependencies>
<dependency>
 <groupId>org.powermock
 <artifactId>powermock-module-junit4</artifactId>
 <version>${powermock.version}
 <scope>test</scope>
</dependency>
<dependency>
 <groupId>org.powermock
 <artifactId>powermock-api-mockito2</artifactId>
 <version>${powermock.version}
 <scope>test</scope>
</dependency>
</dependencies>
```

Code Coverage

Code coverage is a *software metric* that says how much of our code has been executed during our tests. The IntelliJ has a plugin, but also we have the JaCoCo maven plugin.

In IntelliJ, you can Run with Coverage plugin and the results look like this:

Element ^	Class, %	Method, %	Line, %
▼ □ com.dataart.jac.webinar.howtotest.service	25% (1/4)	33% (2/6)	18% (3/16)
∨ □ donts	0% (0/2)	0% (0/2)	0% (0/10)
ॐ MainService	0% (0/1)	0% (0/1)	0% (0/9)
	0% (0/1)	0% (0/1)	0% (0/1)
○ EncryptService	0% (0/1)	0% (0/2)	0% (0/2)
ManglingService	100% (1/1)	100% (2/2)	75% (3/4)

JaCoCo

For JaCoCo, you have to run the maven plugin like this.

```
mvn -Djacoco.skip=false test jacoco:report
./target/site/jacoco/index.html
```

Because it's a simple to get metric and works, many projects (managers?) will require a minimum of Code Coverage to pass the tests Continuos Integration.

```
<configuration>
    <rules>
        <rule>
            <element>BUNDLE</element>
            imits>
                imit>
                    <counter>INSTRUCTION</counter>
                    <value>COVEREDRATIO</value>
                    <minimum>0.10</minimum>
                </limit>
                dimit>
                    <counter>BRANCH</counter>
                    <value>COVEREDRATIO</value>
                    <minimum>0.10</minimum>
                </limit>
                dimit>
                    <counter>CLASS</counter>
                    <value>MISSEDCOUNT</value>
                    <maximum>99</maximum>
                </limit>
            </limits>
        </rule>
    </rules>
</configuration>
```

Jacoco home page: https://www.jacoco.org/jacoco/trunk/index.html

Integration tests

As explain in my Software testing webinar, Unit Testing is used when **Testing in isolation**, whilst Integration Testing is to test one or more things.

The *isolation* part is not physical: you can think as it as method, a class, a service, multiple units. To me, it's when the code you're testing is **not** interacting with anything outside it.

In practice, Maven uses 2 different plugins to run them and the behavior they have is different. By default, the **Maven Surefire Plugin** executes unit tests during the test phase, while the *Failsafe plugin runs integration tests in the integration-test phase. Taken from here

The **Failsafe Plugin** does not fail the build immediately, but executes one final phase, the *post-integration-test* to tear down and clean up your test execution, like stop a server, clean SQL DB, or remove files.

Run below to execute only Unit Tests (*Test)

```
▶ mvn clean test
```

You can execute below command to run the tests (both unit and integration *IT)

```
mvn clean verify
```

SpringBoot and Integration Tests

To make sure that the lifecycle of your Spring Boot application is properly managed around your integration tests, you can use the start and stop goals, as shown in the following example:

```
<build>
   <plugins>
           <groupId>org.springframework.boot
           <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
           <executions>
                <execution>
                   <id>pre-integration-test</id>
                    <goals>
                        <goal>start</goal>
                    </goals>
                </execution>
                <execution>
                    <id>post-integration-test</id>
                    <goals>
                        <goal>stop</goal>
                    </goals>
```

Taken from https://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/2.5.x/maven-plugin/reference/htmlsingle/#integration-tests

Same as with Surefire plugin, only the below file patterns will be considered for integration test.

Reference: https://maven.apache.org/surefire/maven-failsafe-plugin/examples/inclusion-exclusion.html

More References

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- https://stackoverflow.com/questions/28986005/what-is-the-difference-between-the-maven-surefire-and-maven-failsafe-plugins
- https://www.baeldung.com/maven-surefire-vs-failsafe

Spring & SpringBoot

https://docs.spring.io/spring-framework/reference/testing/introduction.html

The basics

- Use the @ExtendWith(SpringExtension.class) to test Spring apps that create the SpringContext
 - The @RunWith(SpringRunner.class) is for JUnit4. It should be replaced in favor of @ExtendWith(SpringExtension.class)
- @SpringJUnitConfig : is a composed annotation that combines @ExtendWith(SpringExtension.class) from JUnit Jupiter with @ContextConfiguration
- @SpringBootTest : we will see below.

SpringBoot tests

SpringBoot tests are a kind of integration tests, because they initialize the ApplicationContext and the SpringBootApplication itself (not really executing the main).

The starter

As per SpringBoot testing documentation, "Most developers use the spring-boot-starter-test "Starter", which imports both Spring Boot test modules as well as JUnit Jupiter, AssertJ, Hamcrest, and a number of other useful libraries."

Details from https://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/htmlsingle/#features.testing.test-scope-dependencies

- JUnit 5: The de-facto standard for unit testing Java applications.
- Spring Test & Spring Boot Test: Utilities and integration test support for Spring Boot applications.
- · Mockito: A Java mocking framework.
- JSONassert: An assertion library for JSON.

```
String result = "{id:1,name:\"Juergen\"}";
JSONAssert.assertEquals("{id:1}", result, false); // Pass
JSONAssert.assertEquals("{id:1}", result, true); // Fail
```

JsonPath: XPath for JSON.

```
String author = JsonPath.parse(json).read("$.store.book[0].author");
Book book = JsonPath.parse(json).read("$.store.book[0]", Book.class);
```

- · AssertJ A fluent assertion library.
- Hamcrest: A library of matcher objects (also known as constraints or predicates).

Annotations

- @MockBean
- @SpyBean

TODO: Write Example

@SpringBootTest Annotation

"Spring Boot provides the @SpringBootTest annotation which we can use to create an application context containing all the objects we need for all of the above test types. Note, however, that overusing @SpringBootTest might lead to very long-running test suites." (taken from here)

"Spring Boot's auto-configuration system works well for applications but can sometimes be a little too much for tests. It often helps to load only the parts of the configuration that are required to test a "slice" of your application. For example, you might want to test that Spring MVC controllers are mapping URLs correctly, and you do not want to involve database calls in those tests" (takten from here)

TODO: Write Example

Spring "Slices" or reduced application scopes

So Spring has provided a set of reduced "slices" Autoconfigured environments with the **Autoconfigurations** https://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/html/test-auto-configuration.html. The main ones are:

- @WebMvcTest: Limits to Spring MVC related components. Details
- @DataJpaTest: To test JPA functionality. Scans for @Entity s
- @Data*Test: To test database specific Templates, like Cassandra, MongoDB, Redis, etc

Each of the @...Test annotation include one or more @...AutoConfiguration

TODO: Write Example of @ebMvcTest and @DataJpaTest

See example from https://www.baeldung.com/spring-boot-testing

Test Slices

https://tanzu.vmware.com/developer/guides/spring-boot-testing/

https://www.baeldung.com/spring-boot-testing https://www.baeldung.com/spring-boot-testing-pitfalls#3-test-slices https://reflectoring.io/spring-boot-test/

Reference: https://docs.spring.io/spring-boot/docs/current/reference/html/test-auto-configuration.html

Final notes and references

First Principle

https://www.appsdeveloperblog.com/the-first-principle-in-unit-testing/

Trade offs

Creating test is time consumer and if project is on a tight schedule, it could be reduced and impact quality. That' a decision beyond our programming scope.

Squaretest

Browsing some IntelliJ, I've seen the https://squaretest.com/ and looks promising.

Automatically generate unit tests for your Java classes with the Squaretest plugin for IntelliJ IDEA.

I have not tried, but if someone did, let me know. And it's not pricey.

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