

823G5 Programming in Python

Aim

To familiarise yourself with

- Unit testing
- Component testing
- Exceptions

Exercises

Download the `Lab7Exercises` ZIP file. It contains some basic code for you to develop. The code is a set of Python source code file (`.py`). You will need to open a new PyCharm project and import the `.py` files into it. Refer to the Lab 1 instructions if you cannot remember how to do this.

Generating unit tests

Unit testing can be used to test functions, methods and classes. We create unit test classes that contain test cases.

- You can have as many test cases as you like (a method starting `test ...` is a test case). Each test case can have many actual tests.
- Together they form a test suite.
- Use of `setUp()` and `tearDown()` is optional – called after each complete test case (not after every `assert...`).

A good starting point is to create a unit test class for each significant class in your codebase. You can build up your test suite as your codebase progresses. You then have a useful test suite that you can deploy at any stage in the codebase development to ensure that everything is working as intended.

Coding challenge 1: Building a unit test for a single class

Open the `challenge1.py` file. It contains a complete class definition for a `ContactsBook`. We need to develop a test class that can run suitable unit tests to ensure that `ContactsBook` is working correctly.

Create a new separate `TestContactsBook` unit test class that performs two test cases. Remember that a test case is associated with a test method, and

each method can perform one or more unit tests. Create a test case method `test_1()` that performs the following unit tests:

- Adds a new contact 'william' with email address 'will@acme.com', position 'junior' and telephone extension 1234, and then checks that the contact has been added successfully.
- Verifies that the number of contacts in the book is now 4.
- Attempts to add 'william' again and then checks that it was not added.
- Verifies that the number of contacts in the book is still 4.

Then create another test case method `test_2()` that performs the following unit tests:

- Verifies that rod's email address is 'rod@acme.com'.
- Updates rod's email address to 'roddy@acme.com'.
- Verifies that rod's email address is now 'roddy@acme.com'.
- Verifies that rod can be looked up by name.
- Check that if we try to look up a person whose name is not in the contact book that `search_by_name()` returns `False`.

A suggested answer will be provided on Canvas.

Coding challenge 2: Component level testing

Component level testing is where we test several classes or code elements working together. The idea is that these classes provided a significant component of the solution, but not a solution for the whole problem. Think of it as testing of a significant sub system. In some cases, component testing can be used as system level testing.

Open the `challenge2.py` file. It contains 2 classes for an online shopping application; `Customer` and `Item`. They work together as a component part of a larger application.

Create a new separate `TestShoppingApplication` class that will provide unit tests for the `Customer` and `Item` classes working together.

Create appropriate `setUp()` and `tearDown()` methods to manage 3 `Customer` objects and 3 `Item` objects:

- `c1`: A `Customer` object with name 'bob' and email 'bob@acme.com'.
- `c2`: A `Customer` object with name 'alice' and email 'alice@acme.com'.
- `c3`: A `Customer` object with name 'jimmy' and email 'jimmy@acme.com'.
- `i1`: An `Item` object that is a 'small table' costing £50.
- `i2`: An `Item` object that is a 'table lamp' costing £30.

- `i3`: An `Item` object that is a 'rug' costing £100.

Create a test case method `test_1()` that creates data as follows:

- `c1` buys an `i1`
- `c1` buys an `i2`
- `c2` buys an `i1`
- `c2` buys an `i3`

The method `test_1()` should then perform the following unit tests:

- Checks that the value of the `c1` basket is £80.
- Checks that the value of the `c2` basket is £150.
- Checks that the value of the `c3` basket is £0.
- Removes `i1` from the `c1` basket correctly.
- Checks that `i3` cannot be removed from the `c1` basket.
- Removes a table lamp by name from the `c1` basket.
- Removes a small table by name from the `c2` basket.
- Checks that the value of the `c1` basket is now £0.
- Checks that the value of the `c2` basket is now £100.

Create a test case method `test_2()` that creates data as follows:

- `c1` buys an `i1`
- `c1` buys an `i2`
- `c2` buys an `i1`
- `c2` buys an `i3`
- `c3` buys an `i3`

The method `test_2()` should then perform the following unit tests:

- Correctly changes the `i3` name to 'red rug'.
- Checks that the value of the `c1` basket is £80.
- Checks that the value of the `c2` basket is £150.
- Checks that the value of the `c3` basket is £100.
- Correctly applies a discount of 10% to the `c1` basket (making it worth £72).
- Checks that the value of the `c1` basket is now £72.
- Tries to apply a discount of 60% to the `c2` basket but does not succeed.
- Checks that the value of the `c2` basket remains as £150.

An example solution will be made available on Canvas.

Coding challenge 3: Using Exceptions

Open up the `challenge3.py` file. It is a version of the online shopping application from challenge 2. This time, there is a `main()` method. The methods `remove_item_by_name()` and `remove_item()` have been rewritten so that they raise a custom `ItemNotPresentError` exception if the item is not present in the customer basket.

You should implement the `ItemNotPresentError` exception so that the exception can be raised correctly.

Rewrite the `discount_basket()` so that it raises a custom exception `InvalidDiscountRateError` if the specified rate is not within the permitted range 10%-50%. Implement the `InvalidDiscountRateError` exception.

An example solution will be made available on Canvas.

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