

Testing Clientside JavaScript

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Agenda

- **Testing Frameworks**

- QUnit
- Jasmine
- Mocha

- **Mocking**

- Mocking in JavaScript
- Jasmine Spies
- Sinon

- **Testing Utilities**

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Overview

- Introduction to Qunit
- Organizing Tests
- Running Tests
- Integrating with the DOM
- Integrating with CI
- Asynchronous Tests
- QUnit Tidbits

Introduction

- Similar to server-side frameworks (JUnit, NUnit)
- Built by the jQuery team
- Used to test jQuery's features
- No dependencies
- Can test server-side JavaScript

Setting Up QUnit

- **Get Source Code**
 - <https://github.com/jquery/qunit>
- **Create Test File**
- **Create Test Runner File**

Assertions

- `ok(state, message)`
- `equal(actual, expected, message)`
- `notEqual(actual, expected, message)`
- `deepEqual(actual, expected, message)`
- `notDeepEqual(actual, expected, message)`
- `strictEqual(actual, expected, message)`
- `notStrictEqual(actual, expected, message)`
- `raises(actual, expected, message)`

Organizing Tests

- **Server-Side Organization**
 - Folders
 - Files
 - Fixtures

Organizing Tests – Folders & Files

Project Root

Scripts

Module1

Source1.js

Module2

Source2.js

Project Root

Scripts

Module1

Source1.js

Module2

Source2.js

Tests

Libs

Module1

Source1Tests.js

Module2

Source2Tests.js

Organizing Tests - Modules

- **Purposes of Modules**
 - Group Tests Logically
 - Group Setup & Teardown
- **Purposes of Common Setup**
 - Common Objects
 - Setting up the DOM
- **Purposes of Common Teardown**
 - Cleaning up the DOM
 - Generic cleanup
- **Reasons for Using Multiple Modules**
 - Logical grouping
 - Grouping by component
 - Grouping by common setup

Grouping With Testrunner files

TestFile1.Html
 TestFile1.js
 SourceFile1.js
TestFile2.Html
 TestFile2.js
 SourceFile2.js

TestRunner1.Html
 TestFile1.js
 SourceFile2.js
 SourceFile1.js
TestRunner2.Html
 TestFile2.js
 TestFile3.js
 SourceFile3.js
TestRunner3.Html
 TestFile4.js
 TestFile5.js
 SourceFile4.js
 SourceFile5.js

Running Qunit Tests

1. Running all tests within a test runner file
2. Running a single test
3. Custom filter
4. Composite addon
5. Resharper

Using ReSharper

- **Benefits**

- Simple to setup
- Convenient within Visual Studio

- **Drawbacks**

- Can't refresh browser
- Opens a new tab on every run
- Requires that test files be in the same project as source code
- Encourages poor project structure

- **Not Recommended**

Integrating QUnit with the DOM

- **Reasons to Test the DOM**
 - Test that the SUT correctly manipulates the DOM
 - Test that the SUT correctly reads from the DOM
- **Drawbacks to DOM testing**
 - Requires additional setup
 - Prone to brittleness

Integrating With CI

- **Basics: Use PhantomJS and capture output**
- **True Browser Testing Needs**
 - Difficult because of deployment (Multiple versions of I.E.)
 - Typically easier to use a 3rd party.
- **URLs**
 - PhantomJS
 - <http://code.google.com/p/phantomjs/downloads/list>
 - Qunit.teamcity.js
 - <https://gist.github.com/1755675>

Asynchronous Tests

- **Testing with setTimeout and setInterval**
- **Testing with UI effects**
- **Testing with ajax**
 - Avoid it at all costs
 - Write an abstraction layer
 - Use test doubles

QUnit Tidbits

- **Noglobals setting**
- **Notrycatch setting**
- **Expect() method**
- **Events**
 - Log
 - testStart
 - testDone
 - moduleStart
 - moduleDone
 - Begin
 - done

Summary

- TDD style tests
- Versatile HTML Interface
- Supports asynchronous tests
- Integrates with CI