DRI Code Sessions

TDD - Test Driven Development

Introduction to TDD, Unit Testing and some short examples in PHP with PHPUnit.

TDD — What is it?

- Software Development technique
- Short development cycle
- Write tests before any production code
- Write only the minimum amount of code required to pass the tests
- It's great for code documentation

TDD Cycle

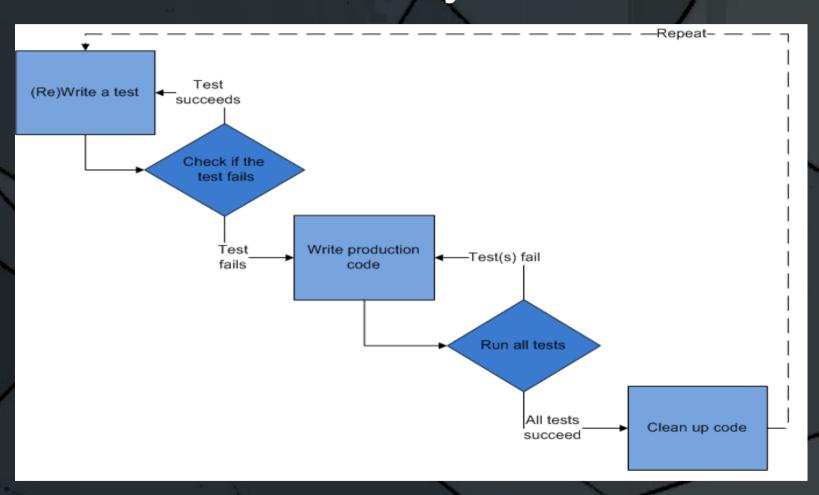


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Common excuses

- "We have no time to write tests"
- "Testing is boring"
- "My code is good enough"
- "That's not my job, tests are for QA Department"
- "This is just something simple. It's not worth it"

TDD - Pros

- Some studies conclude that TDD raises productivity – less time spent debugging
- Makes programmers focus on interface before implementation
- Provides greater level of confidence in the code
- Can lead to more modularized, flexible and extensible code
- Tests are a source of documentation

TDD - Cons

- Difficult to use with GUI's and code that works with databases
- Badly written tests become a burden to maintain
- Specs misinterpretation leads to wrong tests and wrong code
- Management support is crucial

Unit Testing

- Not TDD
- Part of TDD
- Unit = The smallest testable part of an application

Unit Testing

"Whenever you are tempted to type something into a print statement or a debugger expression, write it as a test instead."

Martin Fowler

Unit Testing Frameworks in PHP

- PHPUnit
- SimpleTest

PHPUnit

- http://www.phpunit.de
- PEAR Package
- Created by Sebastian Bergmann
- Port of Junit (Java)
- Regression test framework to implement unit tests in PHP

SimpleTest

- http://www.lastcraft.com/simple_test.php
- Created by Marcus Baker
- Can test web interfaces
- Cute web interface for displaying test results

Code Examples

Let's see some code, but first...

Some Cool Game

- Contract:
 - Player life points
 - Is initially 100
 - Cannot become negative
 - Cannot be more than 150
- Interface:
 - getLife()
 - setLife(\$value)
 - gainLife(\$value)
 - loseLife(\$value)

Code Samples

Download available at:

http://whit.me/dricodesessionstdd

Or fork it and improve it:

git clone http://github.com/rogeriopvl/dri_codesessions_tdd

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The End Questions?