

Developer Testing-2

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- Minitest
- Statistical Analysis Tools
- Behaviour-driven development
- Conclusions

Minitest

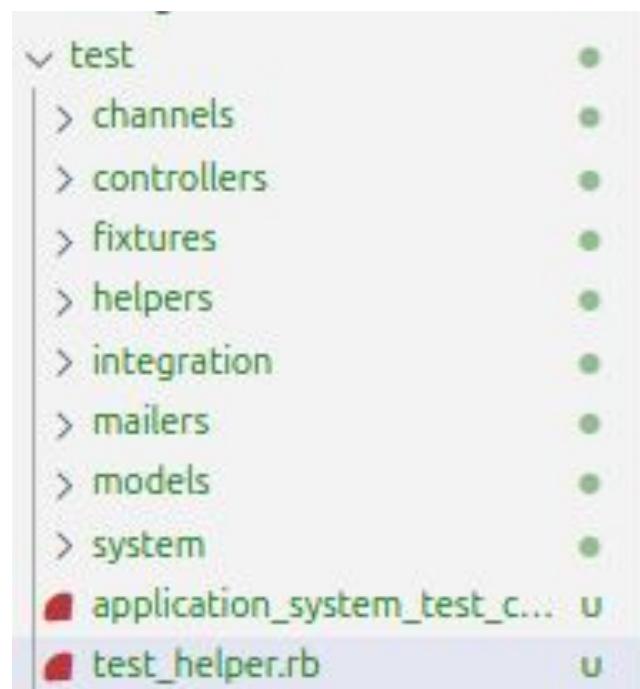
What is Minitest

- A lightweight, built-in testing framework included with Ruby.
- Comes automatically when you install Rails (no extra gem needed).
- Provides tools for unit tests, integration tests, system tests, and performance tests.
- Fast, simple, and works out of the box — great for both small and large apps.

Key Features

- Part of Ruby's standard library (no setup required).
- Supports TDD (Test-Driven Development) and BDD (Behavior-Driven Development) styles.
- Provides assertions (`assert_equal`, `assert_nil`, etc.) to verify behavior.
- Integrates seamlessly with Rails generators (`rails generate model`, `rails generate scaffold`).
- Automatically organizes tests in the `/test` directory.
- Produces test reports showing passes, failures, and errors.

Minitest



Types of Tests in Rails (via Minitest)

- Model tests → Validate logic, associations, and validations.
- Controller tests → Verify HTTP responses and redirects.
- System tests → Simulate user interaction (via Capybara).
- Integration tests → Test how components work together.

test_helper.rb

- A setup file that runs before every Minitest test in your Rails app.
- It configures the testing environment, loads Rails, and includes shared settings or libraries (like SimpleCov).
- All tests automatically include it with: require “test_helper”

```
ENV["RAILS_ENV"] ||= "test"
require_relative "../config/environment"
require "rails/test_help"

module ActiveSupport
  class TestCase
    # Run tests in parallel with specified workers
    parallelize(workers: :number_of_processors)

    # Setup all fixtures in test/fixtures/*.yml for all models.
    # Don't forget to `rake db:setup` first.
    fixtures :all

    # Add more helper methods to be used.
  end
end

require "simplecov"
SimpleCov.start "rails" #Start tracking coverage
```

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Statistical Analysis Tools: Static analysis

- It will be easier to maintain a code base if it is fully covered by a regression test suite.
- However, what if developers get tests to pass using bad programming practices?
- What if the code passes the tests but is so complex that it is hard for anyone to understand and maintain?
- **Static analysis tools** run a variety of algorithms on your source code to identify problems that may need fixing.
- Examples: method complexity, too much reference to fields of other objects, using deprecated style...

Purpose of Statistical & Analysis Tools in Software Engineering

- Measure code quality, test effectiveness, and software maintainability.
- Support data-driven decision-making in development, QA, and DevOps.
- Detect anomalies, defects, and performance issues early in the lifecycle.
- Provide quantitative feedback for continuous improvement (CI/CD, Agile, DevOps).
- Enable empirical studies on productivity, reliability, and team behavior.

Categories of Analysis in Practice

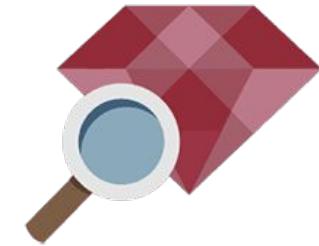
- **Code Quality Analysis:** evaluates complexity, duplication, smells, and maintainability.
- **Test & Coverage Analysis:** measures effectiveness of test suites and code coverage.
- **Performance & Profiling Analysis:** identifies runtime bottlenecks and resource usage.
- **Security & Dependency Analysis:** detects vulnerabilities and unsafe libraries.
- **Statistical & Empirical Analysis:** uses data (e.g., commits, bugs, metrics) to find trends and correlations.

Common Tools for Software Metrics & Code Analysis

Category	Tools	Description
Code Quality	RubyCritic , Reek , Flay , Flog , Rails Best Practices	Analyze code smells, duplication, and complexity in Ruby/Rails projects.
Test Coverage	SimpleCov , RSpec Stats , Minitest Reporters	Quantify coverage percentage and test suite reliability.
Security Analysis	Brakeman , Bundler-Audit , Hakiri , Dependabot	Scan for vulnerabilities and outdated dependencies.
Performance Profiling	New Relic , Scout , Datadog , Rack Mini Profiler	Measure request latency, memory leaks, and DB query performance.
Code Review Platforms	SonarQube , CodeClimate , Codacy	Centralized dashboards for maintainability, duplication, and technical debt.
Project Analytics	GitHub Insights , GitLab CI Analytics , Jira Reports	Track commits, issues, and velocity trends for team productivity.

Statistical Analysis Tools: RubyCritic

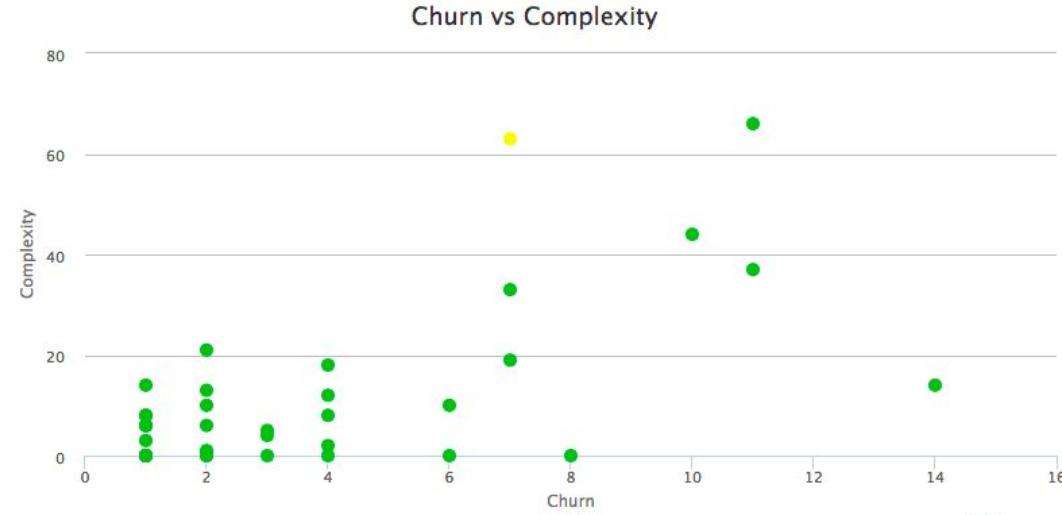
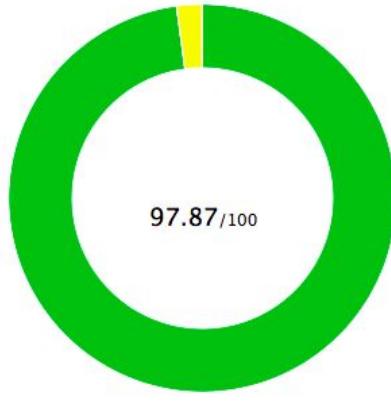
- There are excellent analysis tools for Ruby, many of which are included in the rubycritic gem:
- RubyCritic provides visual reports highlighting code smells, code structure, ease of testing, and test coverage in your Ruby application.
 - **Reek**: gem for detecting **code smell**
 - **Flay**: gem for Ruby code **duplication**
 - **Flog**: gem for code **complexity**
 - **Churn**: Tracks how often files change—high churn + high complexity = risky code.
- In Gemfile, under test environment, type '`gem "rubycritic", require: false`', save and run `bundle install`
- Once done, run '`bundle exec rubycritic`' to execute rubycritic and view the report:



```
group :test do
  # Use system testing [https://github.com/cucumber/cucumber/blob/master/docs/test-frameworks.md#using-system-testing]
  gem "capybara"
  gem "selenium-webdriver"
  gem "simplecov", require: false
  gem "rubycritic", require: false
end
```



Overview



Summary

A

46 files 145 churns 54 smells

B

0 files 0 churns 0 smells

C

1 files 7 churns 2 smells

D

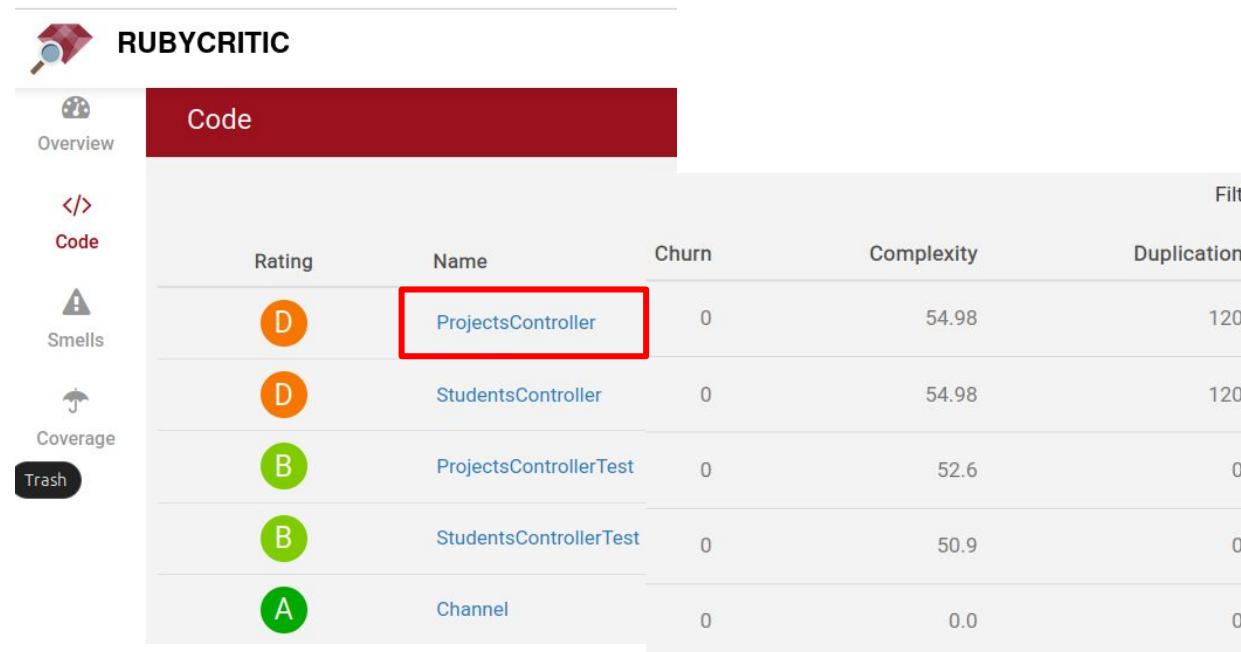
0 files 0 churns 0 smells

F

0 files 0 churns 0 smells

Code metric

Show a score for each class, including indicators for **churn, complexity, duplication, and smells**.



The screenshot shows the RubyCritic web application interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Overview (a paint palette), Code (two brackets), Smells (an exclamation mark), Coverage (an umbrella), and Trash (a trash can). The 'Code' icon is highlighted. The main area has a header 'RUBYCRITIC' with a magnifying glass icon. Below it, a large red bar spans most of the width, with the word 'Code' written in white. To the right of this bar is a table with the following data:

Rating	Name	Churn	Complexity	Duplication
D	ProjectsController	0	54.98	120
D	StudentsController	0	54.98	120
B	ProjectsControllerTest	0	52.6	0
B	StudentsControllerTest	0	50.9	0
A	Channel	0	0.0	0



Code metric

The line of code where an issue is found will be highlighted

- Assumes too much
- No comment
- Duplicate code

```
test "should destroy project" do
  assert_difference("Project.count", -1) do
    @project.students.each do |s|
      ⚠ UncommunicativeVariableName
      ProjectsControllerTest has the variable name 's'
      s.delete
    end
  end
end
```

Overview app/controllers / projects_controller.rb

Code D 70 lines of codes 6.1 complexity/method 54.98 complexity
9 methods 0 churn 120 duplications

Smells Coverage

```
1. class ProjectsController < ApplicationController
  ⚠ InstanceVariableAssumption
  ProjectsController assumes too much for instance variable '@project'
  ⚠ IrresponsibleModule
  ProjectsController has no descriptive comment
2. before_action :set_project, only: [:show, :edit, :update, :destroy]
3.
4. # GET /projects or /projects.json
5. def index
6.   @projects = Project.all
7. end
8.
9. # GET /projects/1 or /projects/1.json
10. def show
11. end
12.
13. # GET /projects/new
14. def new
15.   @project = Project.new
16. end
17.
```

```
# POST /projects or /projects.json
def create
  ⚠ DuplicateCode
  Similar code found in 2 nodes      Locations: 0 | 1
  ⚠ TooManyStatements
  ProjectsController#create has approx 10 statements
  @project = Project.new(project_params)
```

Integration Examples

- Continuous Integration (CI):
 - Add RubyCritic to your CI (GitHub Actions, GitLab CI, Jenkins) to fail builds when maintainability drops.
- Code Review:
 - Share HTML reports with your team for refactoring discussions.
- Automation:
 - Combine with SimpleCov to track both quality and coverage trends over time.

Limitations

- Static analysis only (doesn't analyze runtime behavior).
- May flag false positives for certain metaprogramming-heavy code.
- Report size can be large for big projects.

SimpleCov

What is SimpleCov

- A code coverage analysis tool for Ruby and Rails applications.
- Measures how much of your code is executed when running tests.
- Helps ensure your tests actually cover the important parts of your app.

Key Features

- Tracks which files, classes, and lines are covered by tests.
- Generates HTML reports (green for covered, red for missed).
- Supports RSpec, Minitest, Cucumber, and other Ruby test frameworks.
- Provides percentage metrics for total and per-file coverage.
- Integrates easily into CI pipelines e.g. GitLab

Basic setup:

In test/test_helper.rb

```
require "simplecov"
SimpleCov.start "rails" #Start tracking coverage
```

Then, run rails test

Report: open coverage/index.html

SimpleCov: coverage/index.html

All Files (75.82% covered at 0.91 hits/line)

13 files in total.

91 relevant lines, 69 lines covered and 22 lines missed. (75.82%)

File	% covered ▲
app/channels/application_cable/channel.rb	0.00 %
app/channels/application_cable/connection.rb	0.00 %
app/jobs/application_job.rb	0.00 %
app/mailers/application_mailer.rb	0.00 %
app/controllers/projects_controller.rb	87.88 %
app/controllers/students_controller.rb	87.88 %
app/controllers/application_controller.rb	100.00 %
app/helpers/application_helper.rb	100.00 %
app/helpers/projects_helper.rb	100.00 %
app/helpers/students_helper.rb	100.00 %
app/models/application_record.rb	100.00 %
app/models/project.rb	100.00 %
app/models/student.rb	100.00 %

Showing 1 to 13 of 13 entries

app/controllers/projects_controller.rb

87.88% lines covered

33 relevant lines. 29 lines covered and 4 lines missed.

```
1. #Project controller for project entities.
2. class ProjectsController < ApplicationController
3.   before_action :set_project, only: [:index, :edit, :update, :destroy]
4.
5.   # GET /projects or /projects.json
6.   def index
7.     @projects = Project.all
8.   end
9.
10.  # GET /projects/1 or /projects/1.json
11.  def show
12.  end
13.
14.  # GET /projects/new
15.  def new
16.    @project = Project.new
17.  end
18.
19.  # GET /projects/1/edit
20.  def edit
21.  end
22.
23.  # POST /projects or /projects.json
24.  def create
25.    @project = Project.new(project_params)
26.
27.    respond_to do |format|
28.      if @project.save
29.        format.html { redirect_to @project, notice: "Project was successfully created." }
30.        format.json { render :show, status: :created, location: @project }
31.      else
32.        format.html { render :new, status: :unprocessable_entity }
33.        format.json { render json: @project.errors, status: :unprocessable_entity }
34.      end
35.    end
36.
37.  end
```

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Behaviour-driven development: Introduction

- Best practices in TDD (test-driven development) are evolving.
- A recent trend is **behavior-driven development** (BDD).
- BDD aims to take TDD closer to the business stakeholders.
- An agile software development methodology that emphasizes collaboration among developers, testers, and non-technical stakeholders to ensure that the software meets business needs.
- Focus on defining requirements in terms of **desired behaviors** and **user stories**, fostering clearer communication and alignment across teams.

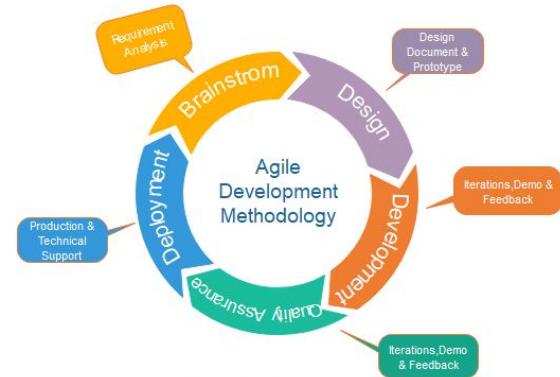
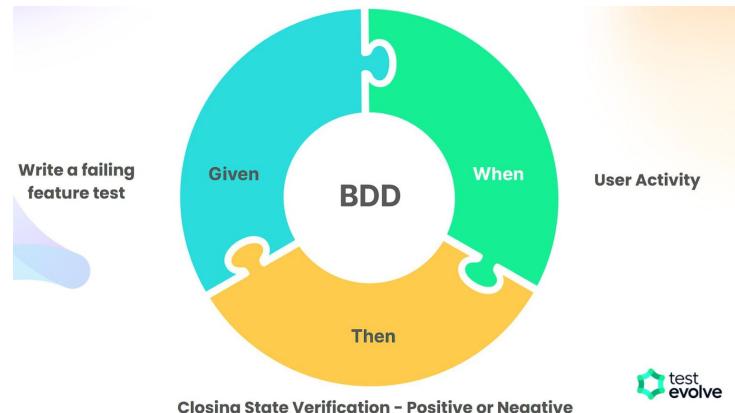


Fig. Agile Model

BDD in Agile

- Tests are written in plain English, and not in a programming language.
 - **Context/Given:** The starting state of your use case
 - **Event/When:** The action performed by the user in your use case
 - **Outcome/Then:** The expected results for your use case
- Example: In a music streaming app, you want the app to return the exact song that a user searches for. A BDD test would look like this:
 - **Context:** Given you're on a search page
 - **Event:** Type the correct name of the song you're searching
 - **Outcome:** Return the song that you searched for along with options to play online or download



<https://www.testevolve.com/blog/behavior-driven-development-bdd>

BDD Advantages

- **Improved Communication:** By using plain language to describe scenarios, BDD fosters better understanding among all team members, reducing misinterpretations and ensuring everyone is aligned on project goals²⁵.
- **Early Defect Detection:** Since BDD focuses on defining behaviors upfront, it helps identify ambiguities and missing requirements early in the development process, thereby minimizing costly rework.
- **User-Centric Development:** BDD emphasizes the user's perspective by focusing on how users interact with the software. This ensures that development efforts are closely aligned with user needs and priorities.

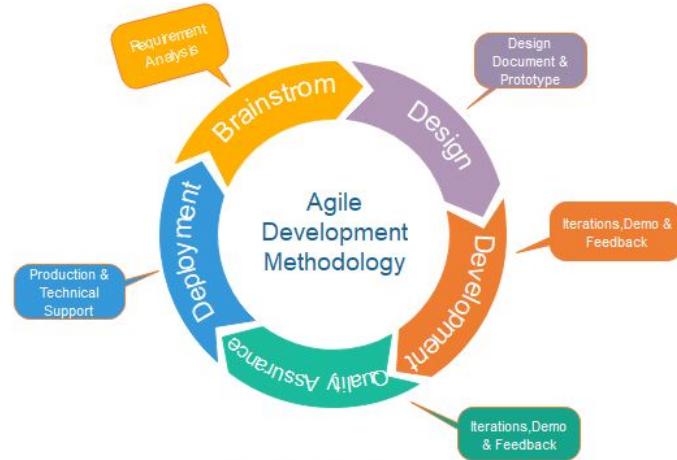


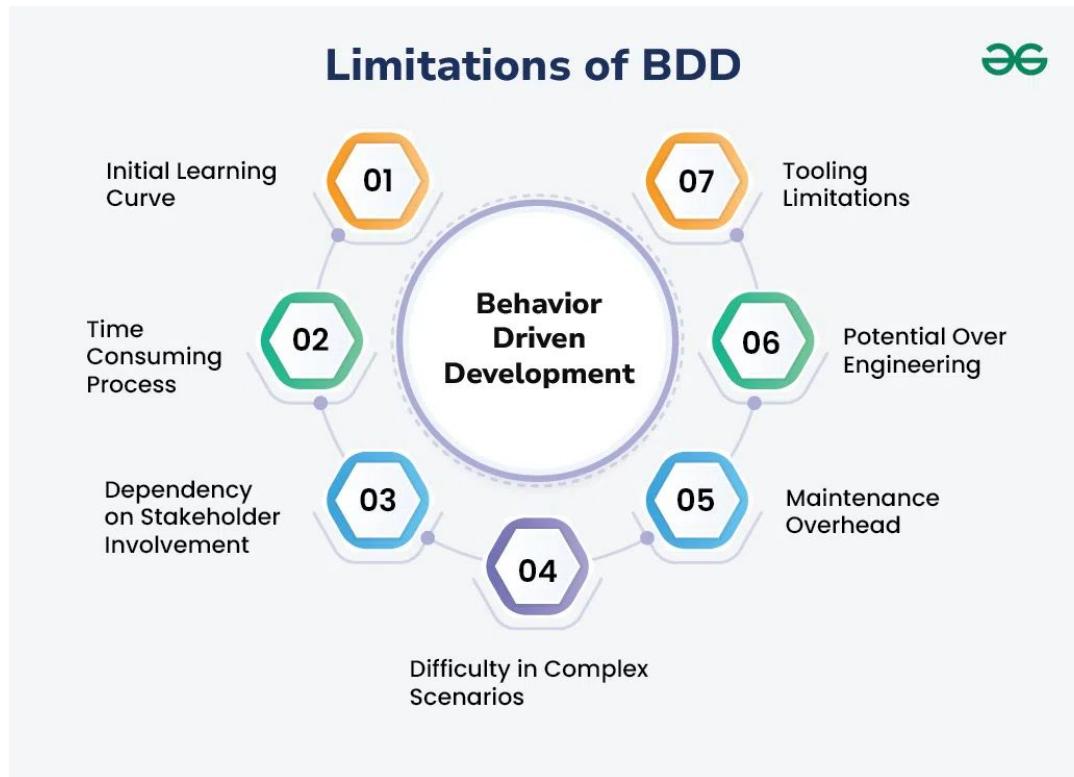
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BDD vs TDD

Aspect	BDD	TDD
Focus	Desired behaviors and outcomes	Code correctness
Stakeholder Involvement	High (includes business stakeholders)	Primarily developers
Language	Natural language (e.g., Gherkin)	Programming language
Documentation	Improved documentation*	Separate test cases

BDD scenarios serve as **executable documentation** for the system's behavior. This documentation remains up-to-date as tests are regularly executed, providing a living specification of the software.

BDD Limitations



BDD Tools

- Cucumber: Support various programming languages (Ruby, Java, Javascript...). Write executable specifications in plaintext using **Gherkin** syntax
- Behave: Python BDD
- RSpec: BDD framework for Ruby
- Not covered in Minitest but can be installed in Rails

```
# Comment  
@tag  
Feature: Eating too many cucumbers may not be good for you
```

Eating too much of anything may not be good for you.

```
Scenario: Eating a few is no problem  
  Given Alice is hungry  
  When she eats 3 cucumbers  
  Then she will be full
```

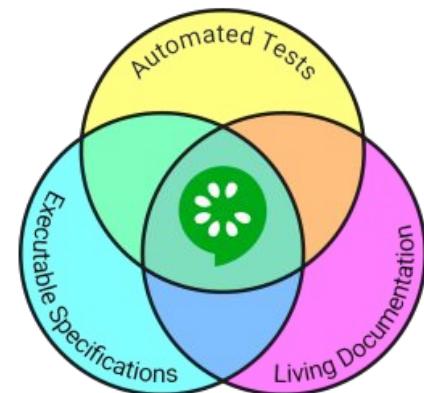


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BDD Cucumber

```
Scenario: Breaker guesses a word
  Given the Maker has chosen a word
  When the Breaker makes a guess
  Then the Maker is asked to score
```

- A tool used in BDD that facilitates the creation and execution of automated acceptance tests.
- Allows teams to write specifications in a **human-readable** format, bridging the gap between technical and non-technical stakeholders.
- Read executable specifications written in plain text and validates that the software does what those **specifications** say.
- The **specifications** consists of multiple examples, or **scenarios**.
- Each scenario is a list of **steps** for Cucumber to work through. Cucumber verifies that the software conforms with the specification and generates a report indicating **✓** success or **✗** failure for each scenario.
- **Gherkin** is a set of grammar rules that makes plain text structured enough for Cucumber to understand.



BDD Cucumber

Example Cucumber acceptance test for the Course Information System:

Feature: Browsing

Scenario: Get course info

Anyone should be able to get information about a course.

Given I want information about a course

When I visit the main page

Then I should see a link for the course I want information about

When I visit the course page

Then I should see the information for the course

BDD Cucumber

```
Feature: Browsing
```

```
  Scenario: Get course info          # features/browsing.feature:3
```

```
    Anyone should be able to get information about a course.
```

```
    Given I want information about a course      # features/browsing.feature:7
```

```
      Undefined step "I want information about a course" (Cucumber::Undefined)  
      features/browsing.feature:7:in 'Given I want information about a course'
```

```
    When I visit the main page           # features/browsing.feature:8
```

```
      Undefined step: "I visit the main page" (Cucumber::Undefined)  
      features/browsing.feature:8:in 'When I visit the main page'
```

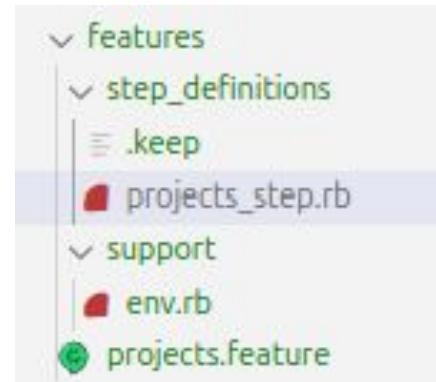
BDD Cucumber

```
Then I should see a link for the course I want information about
                                              # features/browsing.feature:9
Undefined step: "I should see a link for the course I want information about"
features/browsing.feature:9:in 'Then I should see a link for the course I wa
When I visit the course page                  # features/browsing.feature:10
Undefined step: "I visit the course page" (Cucumber::Undefined)
features/browsing.feature:10:in 'When I visit the course page'
Then I should see the information for the course
                                              # features/browsing.feature:11
Undefined step: "I should see the information for the course" (Cucumber::Unde
features/browsing.feature:11:in 'Then I should see the information for the co
```

```
1 scenario (1 undefined)
5 steps (5 undefined)
0m0.005s
```

BDD Cucumber Installation

```
group :test do
  # Use system testing [https://guides.rubyonrails.org/testing_with_system_tests.html]
  gem "capybara"
  gem "selenium-webdriver"
  gem "simplecov", require: false
  gem "rubycritic", require: false
  gem "cucumber-rails", require: false
  #database_cleaner, not required but highly recommended
  gem "database_cleaner"
end
```



- Then, install by running: '[bundle install](#)'
- Install cucumber for rails:: '[rails generate cucumber:install](#)'
- Run '[bundle exec cucumber](#)'

Share your Cucumber Report with your team at <https://reports.cucumber.io>

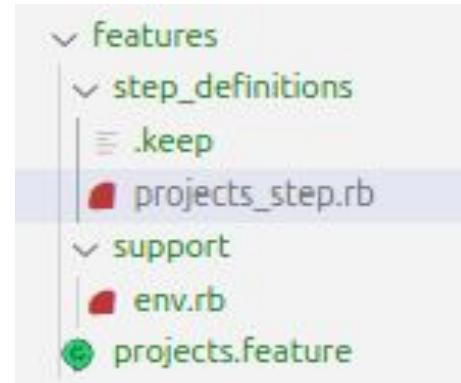
Command line option: --publish
Environment variable: CUCUMBER_PUBLISH_ENABLED=true
cucumber.yml: default: --publish

More information at <https://cucumber.io/docs/cucumber/environment-variables/>

To disable this message, specify CUCUMBER_PUBLISH_QUIET=true or use the --publish-quiet option. You can also add this to your cucumber.yml: default: --publish-quiet

Features in Cucumber

- A **plain-text description** of a behavior or functionality of your application.
- Represents a **user-facing** capability — what the system should do, not how it does it.
- Each feature is stored as a **.feature** file inside the features/ directory.
- Serves as **living documentation** — readable by developers, testers, and business stakeholders.
- Defines **scenarios** that describe expected behavior in natural language.
- Provides the link between business requirements and executable tests.



Basic Structure of a Feature File (*.feature)

Feature: User login

In order to access my account

As a registered user

I want to log into the system

Scenario: Successful login

Given I am on the login page

When I fill in "Email" with "user@example.com"

And I fill in "Password" with "password"

Then I should see "Welcome back!"

Keyword	Meaning
Feature:	Describes the functionality or module under test
Scenario :	Describes one example or use case of that feature
Given	Sets up the initial context
When	Describes an action or event
Then	Describes the expected outcome

Features → step_definitions

- Each step (Given, When, Then) connects to Ruby code called a step definition.
- Step definitions live in features/step_definitions/*.rb:

```
Given("I am on the login page") do
  visit login_path
end

When("I fill in {string} with {string}") do |field, value|
  fill_in field, with: value
end

Then("I should see {string}") do |text|
  expect(page).to have_content(text)
end
```

FactoryBot

- A fixture replacement library for Ruby and Rails.
- Used in RSpec, Minitest, and Cucumber to generate model instances.
- Easy and readable way to create data directly from Ruby step definitions:
- To set up, add factory_bot_rails in Gemfile in :development, :test group
- Install gem with ‘bundle install’
- Create features/support/“factories.rb and add configuration

```
Given("there is a student named {string}") do |name|
  @student = create(:student, name: name)
end
```

**Given There is a project
And The project has students**

```
group :development, :test do
  gem 'factory_bot_rails'
end
```

FactoryBot Key Features

- Defines factories (templates) for your models.
- Generates objects using methods like:
 - `build(:user)` → builds in memory (not saved)
 - `create(:user)` → builds and saves to DB
 - `build_stubbed(:user)` → simulates saved object (faster, not persisted)
 - `attributes_for(:user)` → returns a hash of attributes
- Supports associations between models (e.g., `Project` → `Students`).
- Allows sequences and traits for variation and reuse.
- Integrates automatically with Rails and ActiveRecord via `factory_bot_rails`.

FactoryBot Example

features/support/factories.rb

```
FactoryBot.define do
  factory :user do
    name { "Alice" }
    email { "alice@example.com" }
    password { "password123" }
  end
end
```

features/step_definitions/project_steps.rb

```
user = create(:user)
expect(user.name).to eq("Alice")
```

FactoryBot Association

Associate John (Student) to
a factory :project

```
factory :project do
  title { "AI Research" }
end

factory :student do
  name { "John" }
  project # automatically
end
```

Factory bot cheat sheet (https://devhints.io/factory_bot)

Factory Bot cheatsheet



performance with Namecheap.
ads via Carbon

Introduction

Factory Bot is a helper for writing factories for Ruby tests. It was previously known as Factory Girl. For older versions, use FactoryGirl instead of FactoryBot.

Factory Bot documentation
rubydoc.info



Getting started
github.com



Source code
github.com



Defining factories

```
FactoryBot.define do
  factory :user do
    first_name { 'John' }
    last_name { 'Doe' }
    birthdate { 21.years.ago }
    admin { false }

    sequence(:username) { |n| "user#{n}" }
  end
end
```

See: [Defining factories](#)

Using

Build a model

`FactoryBot.build(:user)`

Other ways

<code>build(:user)</code>	# → model (not saved)
<code>create(:user)</code>	# → model (saved)
<code>attributes_for(:user)</code>	# → hash
<code>build_stubbed(:user)</code>	# stubbed out attributes

With options

`build(:user, name: 'John')`

Lists

BDD Cucumber: Create the first feature

- In studentdb/features folder, create a new 'projects.feature' file
- Feature file describes behaviour and functionality of the software using Gherkin syntax

projects.feature

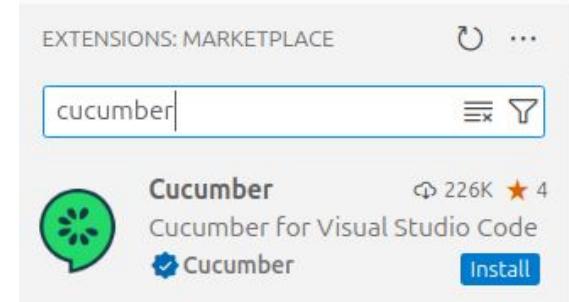
Feature: Projects

Scenario: Get students info

Anyone should be able to see the list of students working on a project

```
Given There is a project
And The project has students
When I visit the projects page
Then I should see the project in the list
And I should see a show link for the project
When I show the project details
Then I should see a list of students on the project
```

- Run 'bundle exec cucumber'



localhost:3000/projects/1

Name: FSAD

Url: www.fsad.com

[Edit this project](#) | [Back to projects](#)

[Destroy this project](#)

BDD Cucumber: Create the first feature

```
chantri@chantri-VMware-Virtual-Platform:~/studentdb2$ bundle exec cucumber
Using the default profile...
Feature: Projects

  Scenario: Get students info                                # features/projects.feature:3
    Anyone should be able to see the list of students working on a project
    Given There is a project                                 # features/projects.feature:7
      Undefined step: "There is a project" (Cucumber::Core::Test::Result::Undefined)
      features/projects.feature:7:in `There is a project'
    And The project has students                            # features/projects.feature:8
      Undefined step: "The project has students" (Cucumber::Core::Test::Result::Undefined)
      features/projects.feature:8:in `The project has students'
    When I visit the projects page                         # features/projects.feature:9
      Undefined step: "I visit the projects page" (Cucumber::Core::Test::Result::Undefined)
      features/projects.feature:9:in `I visit the projects page'
```

BDD Cucumber: Undefined steps

Projects_steps.rb in
/features/step_definitions

```
1 Given('There is a project') do
2     pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
3 end
4
5 Given('The project has students') do
6     pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
7 end
8
9 When('I visit the projects page') do
10    pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
11 end
12
13 Then('I should see the project in the list') do
14     pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
15 end
16
17 Then('I should see a show link for the project') do
18     pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
19 end
20
21 When('I show the project details') do
22     pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
23 end
24
25 Then('I should see a list of students on the project') do
26     pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into concrete actions
27 end
```

BDD Cucumber: Step#1: There is a project

features/support/factories.rb

```
FactoryBot.define do
  factory :project do
    name { 'FSAD' }
    url { 'www.fсад.com' }
  end
end
```

features/step_definitions/project_steps.rb

```
Given('There is a project') do
  @project = FactoryBot.create(:project)
  #pending # Write code here that turns :
end
```

```
Scenario: Get students info
  Anyone should be able to see the list of students working on a project
  Given There is a project
  And The project has students
    TODO (Cucumber::Pending)
    ./features/step_definitions/projects_step.rb:7:in `The project has students'
    features/projects.feature:8:in `The project has students'
  When I visit the projects page
  Then I should see the project in the list
  And I should see a show link for the project
  When I show the project details
  Then I should see a list of students on the project
```

```
1 scenario (1 pending)
7 steps (5 skipped, 1 pending, 1 passed)
```

BDD Cucumber: Step#2: The project has students

features/step_definitions/project_steps.rb

```
Given('The project has students') do
    s1 = FactoryBot.create(:student, project: @project)
    s2 = FactoryBot.create(:student, project: @project)
    #pending # Write code here that turns the phrase above into real code
end
```

features/support/factories.rb

```
#This will create students in the second step
factory :student do
    sequence(:name) { |n| "Student #{n}" }
    sequence(:studentid) { |n| (111+n).to_s }
end
```

BDD Cucumber: Step#3: 'I visit the projects page'

Capybara cheatsheet

Navigating

```
visit articles_path
```

Clicking links and buttons

```
click_on 'Link Text'  
click_button  
click_link
```

Capybara

- A **web-automation and acceptance-testing library** for Ruby.
- Simulates how a **real user interacts** with your web application in a browser.
- Works with Rails
- Lets you write high-level tests that navigate pages, click links, fill forms, and verify visible content.
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Why Capybara exist?

- Unit tests (like Minitest or RSpec model tests) only check logic.
- Capybara tests check **real user behavior** — visiting URLs, clicking, submitting forms.
- It ensures that the app behaves correctly **end-to-end** from the user's perspective.

Capybara methods

Method	Purpose
<code>visit('/projects')</code>	Opens a URL
<code>click_link('Show')</code>	Clicks a link
<code>fill_in('Name', with: 'AI Project')</code>	Fills a form field
<code>click_button('Create Project')</code>	Submits a form
<code>expect(page).to have_content('Project created')</code>	Checks visible text
<code>within('form') { ... }</code>	Scopes interactions to a section of the page

Relationship Between Capybara and Cucumber

Role	Description
Cucumber	Provides the BDD framework and natural-language “Given / When / Then” syntax.
Capybara	Executes the browser actions described in those steps.
Integration	When you run <code>bundle exec cucumber</code> , Cucumber parses <code>.feature</code> steps → calls Ruby step definitions → those definitions use Capybara to drive the app.

Example

projects.feature

gherkin

When I visit the project page

Then I should see "AI Research"

Step definitions

ruby

```
When("I visit the project page") do
    visit projects_path
end

Then("I should see {string}") do |text|
    expect(page).to have_content(text)
end
```

BDD Cucumber: Step#4: 'I should see the project in the list'

Selectors

```
expect(page).to have_button('Save')
```

```
expect(page).to have_button('#submit')
```

```
expect(page).to have_button('//*[@id="submit"]')
```

The selector arguments can be text, CSS selector, or XPath expression.

Conclusions

- BDD is a collaborative software development approach that focuses on the behavior of an application from the end-user's perspective.
- BDD scenarios are written in a simple format using "Given," "When," and "Then" to describe the context, action, and expected outcome.
- It encourages communication between developers, QA, and non-technical stakeholders, ensuring everyone has a shared understanding of requirements.
- Popular BDD frameworks include Cucumber, SpecFlow, and JBehave, which facilitate writing and automating tests.
- Benefits: BDD enhances test coverage, reduces misunderstandings in requirements, and ensures that the software aligns with user expectations.

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