

# Testing AngularJS Controllers



# beforeEach Setup

```
describe("tests", function() {  
    beforeEach(module('myApp'));  
    ...  
});
```

Alias for  
angular.mock.module



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```

```
  beforeEach(function () {
```

```
    module('myApp');
```

```
    setupMock();
```

```
  });
```

```
  ...
```

```
});
```

Set up module *and* set  
up a mock object

Let's see what goes here  
in the next slide



# beforeEach Setup

```
var $controller;  
var mockService;  
var myCtrl;
```

Alias for  
angular.mock.inject

```
beforeEach(inject(function (_$controller_) {  
    $controller = _$controller_;  
  
    mockService = {};  
    mockService.aMethod = function () {  
        return 'fake-value';  
    };  
  
    myCtrl = $controller('MyCtrl', { MyService: mockService });  
}));  
...
```



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Angular mock injector  
strips off the '\_'

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Setting up a mock  
(fake) service

```
myCtrl = $controller('MyCtrl', { MyService: mockService });  
}))];  
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```

What goes below the  
beforeEach: next slide



# Test Method

```
...  
it("should update init value on item add", function() {  
    myCtrl.addItem();  
    expect(myCtrl.value).toBe("fake-value");  
});  
}); // end of describe
```



# Include JS Files in SpecRunner.html

```
<!-- include source files here... -->
<script src="lib/angular.min.js"></script>
<script src="lib/angular-mocks.js"></script>
<script src="app.js"></script>

<!-- include spec files here... -->
<script src="spec/MyCtrl.spec.js"></script>
```





## beforeEach Setup – version 2

```
beforeEach(function () {  
  module(function ($provide) {  
    $provide.service('MockService', function () {  
      var service = this;  
      service.aMethod = function () {  
        return 'fake-value';  
      };  
    });  
  });  
});  
  
module('MyApp');  
});
```



## beforeEach Setup – version 2

```
var $controller;  
var myCtrl;  
  
beforeEach(inject(function (_$controller_, MockService)  
{  
    $controller = _$controller_;  
  
    myCtrl = $controller('MyCtrl',  
                        { MyService: MockService }));  
})));
```



## Test Method – (version 2 same as 1)

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    expect(myCtrl.value).toBe("fake-value");  
});  
}); // end of describe
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# Summary

- ✧ Angular provides ngMock module to help with unit testing
- ✧ To test a controller you need:
  - Load module controller is in with `angular.mock.module('name')`
  - Use `$controller` to instantiate the controller you want to test
  - Use controller instance to invoke methods, access props, etc.
- ✧ Do most of the setup in `beforeEach`
  - At least `module('name')` loading, but maybe more
- ✧ `$provide service` can be injected only into `module('name')`
- ✧ For other services, use `angular.mock.inject` method

