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Error Handling

Concepts, Examples, Exceptions

Error Handling



- The fundamental principle of error handling says that a function (method) should either:
 - Do what its name suggests
 - Indicate a problem
 - Any other behavior is incorrect



Error Handling



- A function failed to do what its name suggests should:
 - Return a special value (e.g. undefined / false / -1)
 - Throw an exception / error
 - Exceptions indicate abnormal execution circumstances

```
let str = "Hello, SoftUni";
console.log(str.indexOf("Sofia")); // -1
// Special case returns a special value to indicate "not found"
```

Types of Errors



- There are three types of errors in programming:
 - Syntax Errors during parsing
 - Runtime Errors occur during execution
 - After compilation, when the application is running
 - Logical Errors occur when a mistake has been made in the logic of the script and the expected result is incorrect
 - Also known as bugs

Error Handling – Exceptions (Errors)



Exception - a function is unable to do its work (fatal error)

```
let arr = new Array(-1);
                                    // RangeError
let bigArr = new Array(9999999999); // RangeError
let index = undefined.indexOf("hi"); // TypeError
console.log(George);
                                // ReferenceError
console.print('hi');
                                     // TypeError
```

Error Handling – Special Values



```
let sqrt = Math.sqrt(-1); // NaN (special value)
```

```
let sub = "hello".substring(2, 1000); // llo
let sub = "hello".substring(-100, 100); // hello
// Error avoidance - invalid ranges are adjusted
```

```
let invalid = new Date("Christmas"); // Invalid Date
let date = invalid.getDate(); // NaN
```

Problem: Sub Sum



- Sum a range of elements in array from startIndex to endIndex
 - Receive three parameters: array, startIndex, endIndex
- Handle special cases:
 - First parameter is not array → return NaN
 - startIndex $< 0 \rightarrow$ assume startIndex = 0
 - endIndex > array.length-1 → assume endIndex = array.length-1

Solution: Sub Sum



```
function solve(array, startIndex, endIndex) {
  if (Array.isArray(array) == false) {
    return NaN;
  if (startIndex < 0) {startIndex = 0; }</pre>
  if (endIndex > array.length - 1) {
    endIndex = array.length - 1;
  return array
    .slice(startIndex, endIndex + 1)
    .map(Number)
    .reduce((acc, x) => acc + x, 0);
```

Throwing Errors (Exceptions)



The throw statement lets you create custom errors



throw new Error('Invalid state');

Range Error

throw new RangeError("Invalid index")

Type Error

throw new TypeError("String expected")

Reference Error

throw new ReferenceError("Missing age")

Try - Catch



- The try statement tests a block of code for errors
- The catch statement handles the error
- Try and catch come in pairs



```
try {
   // Code that can throw an exception
   // Some other code - not executed in case of error!
} catch (ex) {
   // This code is executed in case of exception
   // Ex holds the info about the exception
}
```

Exception Properties



An Error object with properties is created

```
try {
    throw new RangeError("Invalid range.");
    console.log("This will not be executed.");
  } catch (ex) {
    console.log("Exception object: " + ex);
    console.log("Type: " + ex.name);
    console.log("Message: " + ex.message);
    console.log("Stack: " + ex.stack);
```





Live Demonstration

Lab Problem 2



Unit Testing

Definition, Structure, Examples, Frameworks

Unit Testing



- A unit test is a piece of code that checks whether certain functionality works as expected
- Allows developers to see where & why errors occur

```
function sortNums(arr) {
   arr.sort((a,b) => a - b);
}
```

```
let nums = [2, 15, -2, 4];
sortNums(nums);
if (JSON.stringify(nums) === "[-2,2,4,15]") {
    console.error("They are equal!");
}
```

Unit Testing



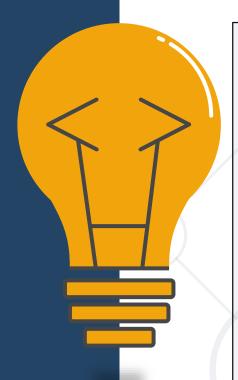
- Testing enables the following:
- Easier maintenance of the code base
 - Bugs are found ASAP
- Faster development
 - The so called "Test-driven development"
 - Tests before code
- Automated way to find code wrongness
 - If most of the features have tests, running them shows their correctness



Unit Tests Structure



The AAA Pattern: Arrange, Act, Assert



```
// Arrange all necessary preconditions and inputs
let nums = [2, 15, -2, 4];
// Act on the object or method under test
sortNums(nums);
// Assert that the obtained results are what we expect
if (JSON.stringify(nums) === "[-2,2,4,15]") {
    console.error("They are equal!");
```

Unit Testing Frameworks



- JS Unit Testing:
 - Mocha, QUnit, Unit.js, Jasmine, Jest (All in one)
- mocha

- Assertion frameworks (perform checks):
 - Chai, Assert.js, Should.js
- Mocking frameworks (mocks and stubs):
 - Sinon, JMock, Mockito, Moq





Modules

Definition, Import, Export

Modules



- A set of functions to be included in applications
- Group related behavior
- Resolve naming collisions
 - http.get(url) and students.get()
- Expose only public behavior
 - They do not populate the global scope with unnecessary objects
 const loading = {

show() { },

hide() { },

};



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Node.js Modules



require() is used to import modules



```
const http = require('http');
// For NPM packages
```

```
const myModule = require('./myModule.js');
// For internal modules
```

- Internal modules need to be exported before being required
- In Node.js each file has its own scope

Node.js Modules



 Whatever value has module.exports will be the value when using require

```
const myModule = () => {...};
module.exports = myModule;
```

 To export more than one function, the value of module.exports will be an object

```
module.exports = {
  toCamelCase: convertToCamelCase,
  toLowerCase: convertToLowerCase
};
```



Unit Testing with Mocha and Chai

Installation, Configuration, Approaches

What is Mocha?



Feature-rich JS test framework



```
describe("title", function () {
   it("title", function () { ... });
});
```

Usually used together with Chai

What is Chai?







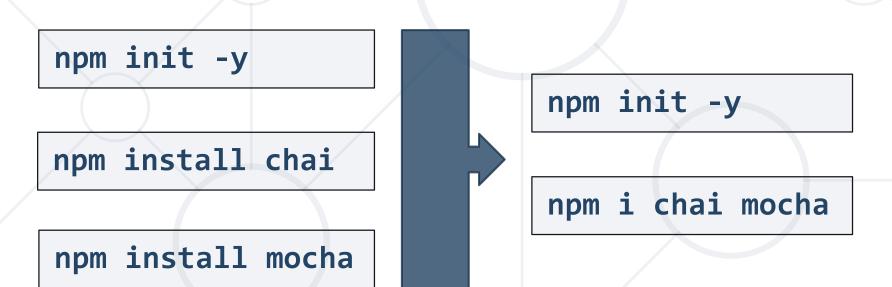
```
let assert = require("chai").assert;
describe("pow", function() {
   it("2 raised to power 3 is 8", function() {
     assert.equal(pow(2, 3), 8);
   });
});
```



Installation



- To install frameworks and libraries, use the CMD
 - Installing Mocha and Chai through npm





Usage and Examples



To load a library, we need to require it

```
const expect = require("chai").expect;
describe("Test group #1", function () {
    it("should... when...", function () {
        expect(actual).to.be.equal(expected);
    });
    it("should... when...", function () { ... });
});
describe("Test group #2", function () {
    it("should... when...", function () {
        expect(actual).to.be.equal(expected);
    });
```



Live Demonstration

Lab Problems 5 and 6

Unit Testing Approaches

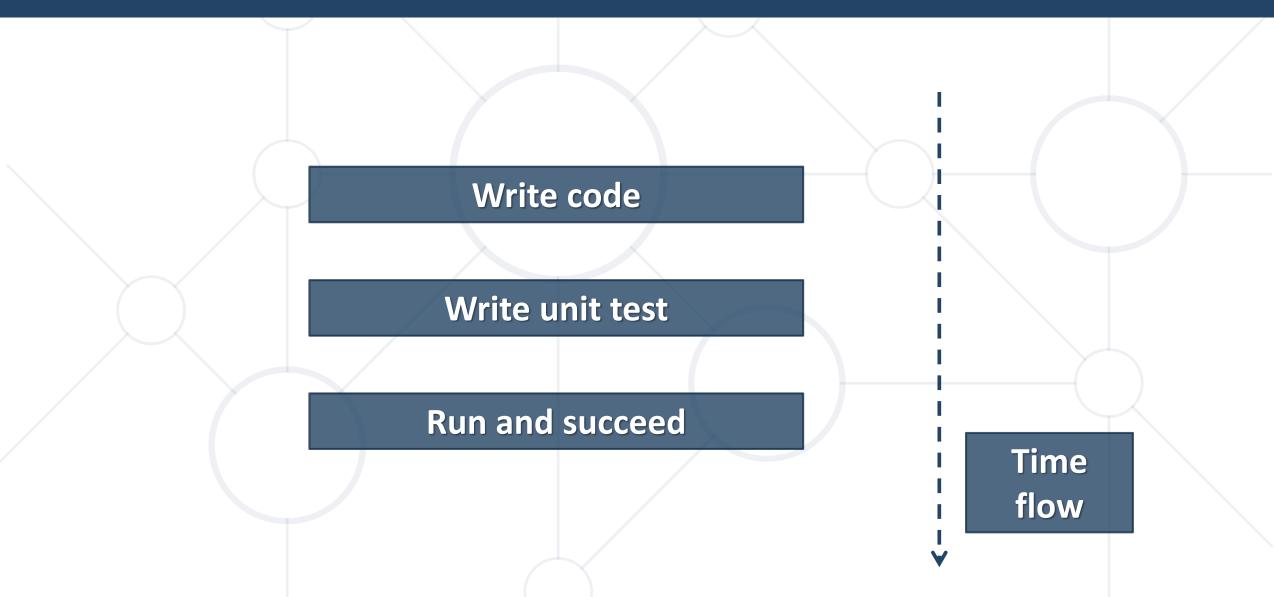




- "Code First" (code and test) approach
 - Classical approach
- "Test First" approach
 - Test-driven development (TDD)

The Code and Test Approach





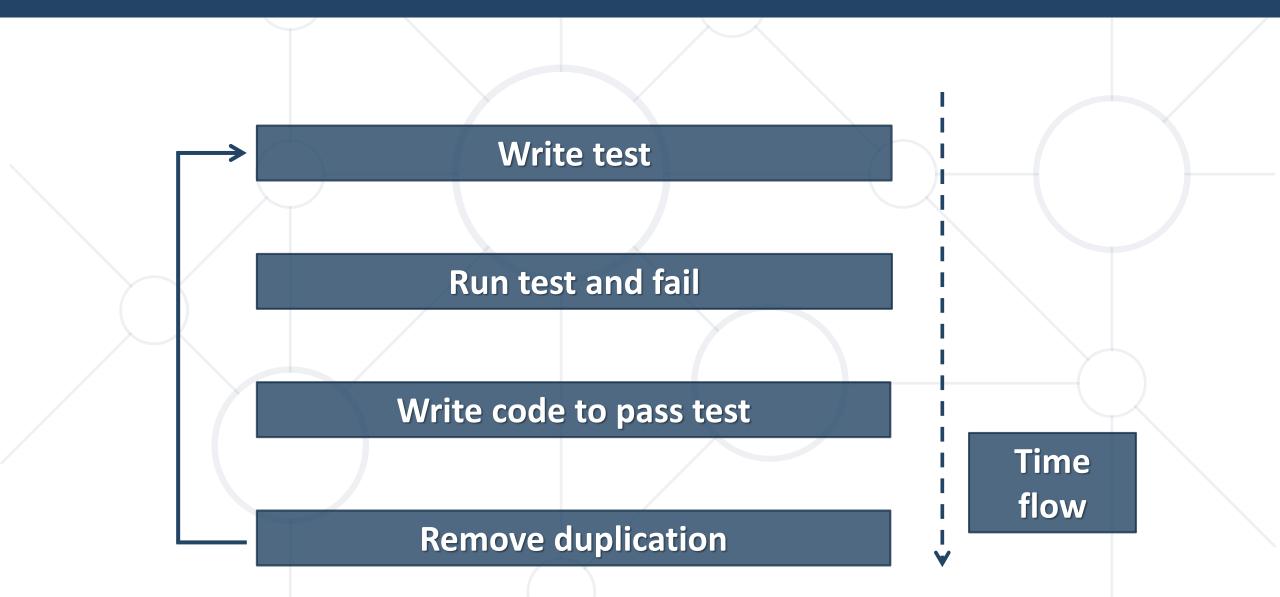
The Test-Driven Development Approach





Test-Driven Development (TDD)





Why TDD?



- TDD helps find design issues early
 - Avoids reworking
- Writing code to satisfy a test is a focused activity
 - Less chance of error
- Tests will be more comprehensive than if they are written after the code



Summary



- Errors in JavaScript
 - Types & try/catch statement
- Modules are a set of functions to be included in applications
- Unit tests check if certain functionality works as expected
- Mocha is a feature-rich JS testing framework
- Chain is an assertion library
- Different testing approaches





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