

Clojure Basic Training - Module 7

# Testing

# Overview

- Unit tests, Acceptance tests
- TDD, BDD, RDD
- Outside-in, bottom-up
- Clojure (FP) enables any of the above
- Mocking is much easier with pure functions

# Built-in basics

- no need to require a namespace
- **(test)** finds fn at key :test in var metadata
- **(assert)** Evaluates expr and throws an exception
- **:pre**(conditions) **:post**(conditions)

# clojure.core/test

```
(defn add+  
  {:test #(do  
    (assert (= (add+ 2 3) 5))  
    (assert (= (add+ 4 4) 8)))}  
  [x y] (+ x y))
```

- Tests are “embedded” in the var metadata
- Useful for small quick assertions
- Triggers with (test #'add+)
- Tests are visible with (:test (meta #'add+))

# :pre & :post conditions

```
(defn generate [ctx]
  {:pre [(map? ctx)]
   :post [(string? %)]}
  (str ctx))
$> (generate [1 2 3])
Assert failed: (map? ctx) user/generate
$> (generate {:a "1"})
"{:a \"1\"}"
```

- Added to an additional map argument to defn
- A vector of predicates compiled down into “asserts”
- Useful for cheap type checking
- (set! \*assert\* false) will globally enable/disable

# Built-in xUnit-like testing

- `clojure.test` namespace is included in Clojure
- more expressive xunit-like checkers
- supports for fixtures (setup/teardown equiv.)
- leiningen/automation enabled

# clojure.test basics

```
1 (ns clj-training.core-test
2   (:require [clojure.test :refer :all]
3             [clj-training.core :refer :all]))
4
5 (deftest a-test
6   (testing "Should not fail"
7     (is (= 1 1))))
8
9 (deftest test-with-grouped-asserts
10  (testing "many way to sum up to 5"
11    (are [x y] (= 5 (+ x y))
12          2 3
13          1 4
14          3 2))))
```

Convention  
appending  
"-test"

Target ns

Multiple "is"  
grouped as  
"are"

# fixtures - stubbing

```
16 (defn check-int? [a]
17   (or (instance? Long a)
18       (string? a)))
19
20 (defn some-fixture
21   [f]
22   (try
23     (with-redefs [clojure.core/integer? check-int?]
24       (f))
25     (finally
26       "release db-conn.")))
27
28
29 (use-fixtures :once some-fixture)
30
31 (deftest mocking-and-fixtures
32   (testing "I really want strings as ints."
33     (is (integer? 4))
34     (is (integer? "4"))))
```

with-redefs enable local re-binding of functions

Things like connections can be released here

This fixture is applied "once" for all tests



# References

- “Clojure Programming”, O’Reilly
- <https://clojure.github.io/clojure/clojure.test-api.html>
- For even more advanced features, look into Midje <https://github.com/marick/Midje>