Data Driven Testing

What is DDT?

- In Data Driven Testing, the data required by the script, which also called as "Test Data" is stored external file system.
- During the runtime, the test data is loaded from external file system and supplied to the test script.
- Data can be stored in XML, CSV, Database and Excel files
- MSTest frame work provide the attribute "DataSource" by which, one can easily access the data

Data Source

- ProviderInvariantName: Name of the provider
- ConnectionString:- Location of the external file
- TableName: Name of the data Table
- AccessMethod: Order in which data will be accessed.

Reading the Data from CSV

- ProviderInvariantName: Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.DataSource.CSV
- ConnectionString:- <Location of file>
- TableName :- Name of file#CSV
- AccessMethod :- Sequential or Random

Reading the Data from XML

- ProviderInvariantName: Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.DataSource.XML
- ConnectionString:- <Location of file>
- TableName :- <TagName>
- AccessMethod :- Sequential or Random

Reading the Data from Excel

- ProviderInvariantName: System.Data.Odbc
- ConnectionString: Dsn=Excel Files;dbq=<ExcelFileLocation>;
- TableName :- Sheet Names
- AccessMethod :- Sequential or Random

Excel Data Reader

- Its an utility which is use for reading the data from excel file
- For using it, first we need to install its package in the project
- For installing the package we will use "NuGet"

Steps to use ExcelDataReader

- Step 1:- Create the object of "FileStream" which will point to the excel file
- Step 2:- Open the excel file using "ExcelReaderFactory". Excel Data reader consider sheets in the form of table
- Step 3:- Use "AsDataSet().Tables[<sheetName>]" method, which will return
 the data in form of table
- Step 4:- Use "Rows[rowIndex][colIndex]" to read the cell pointed by the index.

Framework method for Excel

- Method for reading the data from excel file. Following are the argument it will take
 - Excel Path
 - Sheet Name
 - Row
 - Column
- Also we will use the cache concept as the opening excel file is costly operation.
- We are going to use "Dictionary" data structure. Which store the data inform of "Key-Value" pair

Framework method for Excel

- For cache following is the logic
 - 1. Before creating the object, I will check in cache
 - 2. If it is there use that one
 - 3. Otherwise create the new object
 - 4. And add it to cache for further use.
 - 5. "SheetName" will act as Key for us.