

Hunting Bugs While Sleeping

Property-Based Testing with C#



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Django Against the Dark Arts

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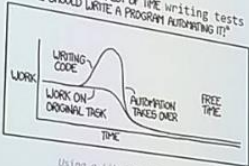
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- Digitally signs images to be published.
- The Update Framework (TUF) underlays the tool to maintain up-to-date software.
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Polylingualism

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Generative Tests

"I SPEND A LOT OF TIME writing tests
I SHOULD WRITE A PROGRAM AUTOMATING IT!"



Using a library lets you
skip the 'ongoing development'
panel from the original comic

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Basically automating automated testing

- Hypothesis can generate...
- arguments to a test function
 - entire test programs!



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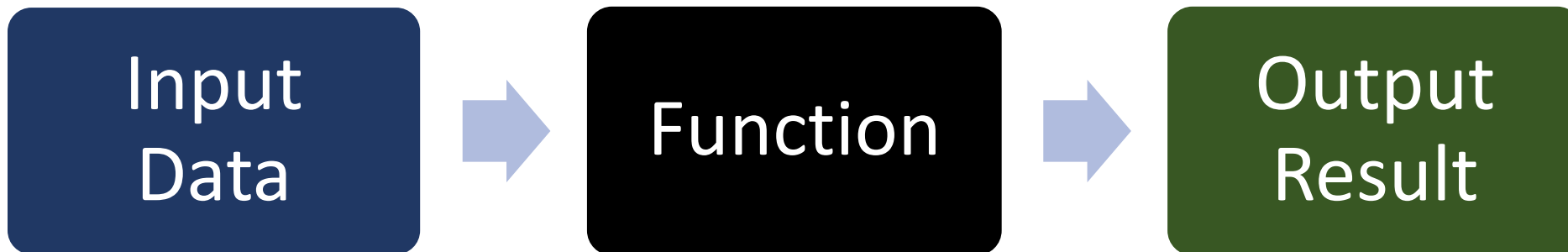
Property-Based Testing with Hypothesis



<https://tinyurl.com/hypothesis-prezo>

Property-Based Testing

A type of testing that asserts based on properties that describe the **relationship** between the **input** and **output** of the **function** being tested.



Testing the Multiply Function

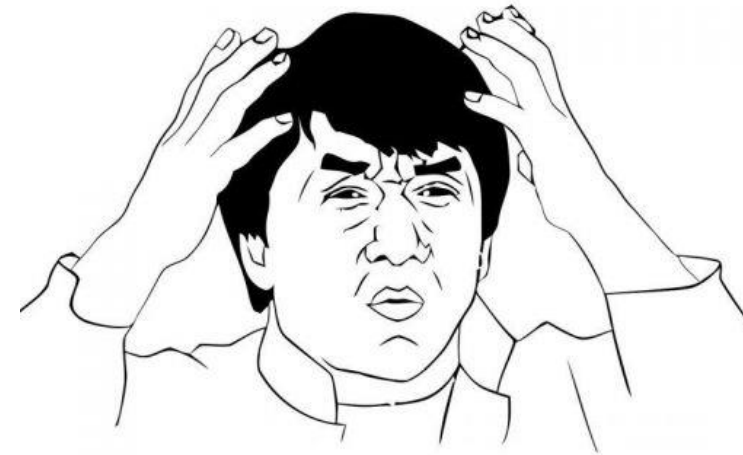
```
[Fact]
public void TestMultiplyUsingExample1()
{
    int expected = 2*3;
    int actual = Arithmetic.Multiply(2, 3);

    Assert.Equal(expected, actual);
}
```

Reimplementing the Multiply Function

```
[Fact]
public void TestMultiplyUsingExample1()
{
    int expected = 2*3;
    int actual = Arithmetic.Multiply(2, 3);

    Assert.Equal(expected, actual);
}
```



Testing using Example Outputs

```
[Fact]
public void TestMultiplyUsingExample1()
{
    int expected = 6;
    int actual = Arithmetic.Multiply(2, 3);

    Assert.Equal(expected, actual);
}
```

```
[Fact]
public void TestMultiplyUsingExample2()
{
    int expected = 20;
    int actual = Arithmetic.Multiply(4, 5);

    Assert.Equal(expected, actual);
}
```


Parameterized Tests

```
[Theory]
[InlineData(2, 3, 6)]
[InlineData(4, 5, 20)]
public void TestMultiplyUsingExample1And2(int factor1, int factor2, int expected)
{
    int actual = Arithmetic.Multiply(factor1, factor2);

    Assert.Equal(expected, actual);
}
```

Multiplication Properties

- **Commutative property**

When two numbers are multiplied together, the product is the same regardless of the order of the multiplicands.

For example $4 * 2 = 2 * 4$

- **Associative Property**

When three or more numbers are multiplied, the product is the same regardless of the grouping of the factors.

For example $(2 * 3) * 4 = 2 * (3 * 4)$

- **Multiplicative Identity Property**

The product of any number and one is that number.

For example $5 * 1 = 5$.

- **Distributive property**

The sum of two numbers times a third number is equal to the sum of each addend times the third number.

For example $4 * (6 + 3) = 4*6 + 4*3$

Property-Based Tests (PBT)

with Predetermined Inputs

```
[Theory]
[InlineData(2, 3)]
[InlineData(4, 5)]
public void TestMultiplyCommutativeProperty(int factor1, int factor2) =>
    Assert.Equal(Multiply(factor1, factor2), Multiply(factor2, factor1));
```

Property-Based Tests (PBT)

with Predetermined Inputs

```
public static IEnumerable<object[]> GetPredeterminedFactorList() =>
    Enumerable.Range(1, 100).Select(f => new object[] { f });
```

```
[Theory]
[MemberData(nameof(GetPredeterminedFactorList))]
public void TestMultiplyIdentityProperty(int factor) =>
    Assert.Equal(Multiply(factor, 1), factor);
```

```
[Theory]
[InlineData(2, 3, 4)]
[InlineData(4, 5, 6)]
public void TestMultiplyDistributiveProperty(int factor1, int factor2, int factor3) =>
    Assert.Equal(Multiply(factor1, (factor2 + factor3)),
        Multiply(factor1, factor2) + Multiply(factor1, factor3));
```

Property-Based Tests (PBT)

with Randomized Inputs

```
[Property]  
public void TestMultiplyCommutativeProperty(int factor1, int factor2) =>  
    Assert.Equal(Multiply(factor1, factor2), Multiply(factor2, factor1));
```


Property-Based Tests Libraries...

Language	PBT Libraries
python	hypothesis
.NET (C#, F#, etc)	FsCheck
haskell	quickcheck
java	junit-quickchek
javascript	fast-check
swift	SwiftCheck
scala	ScalaCheck

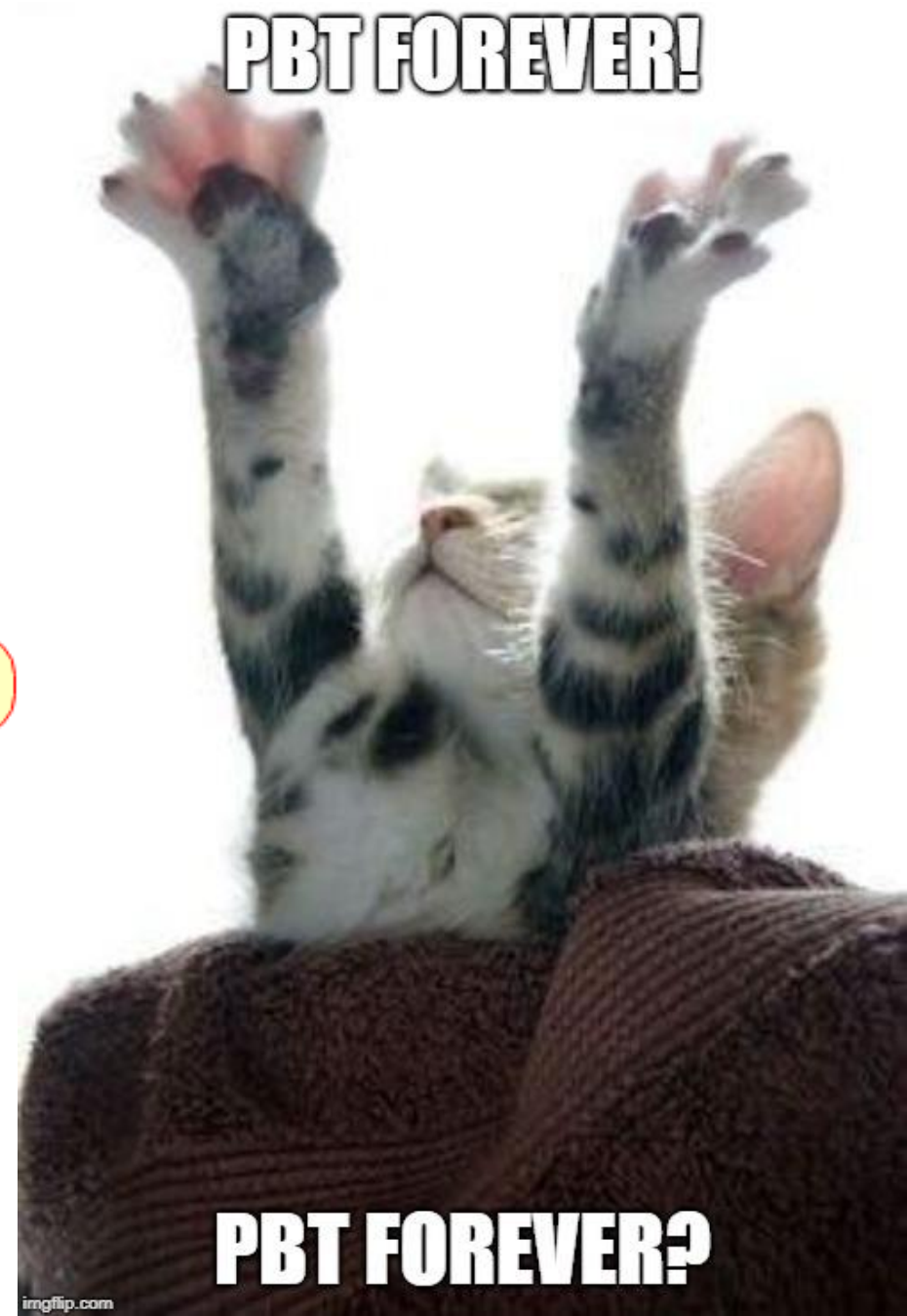
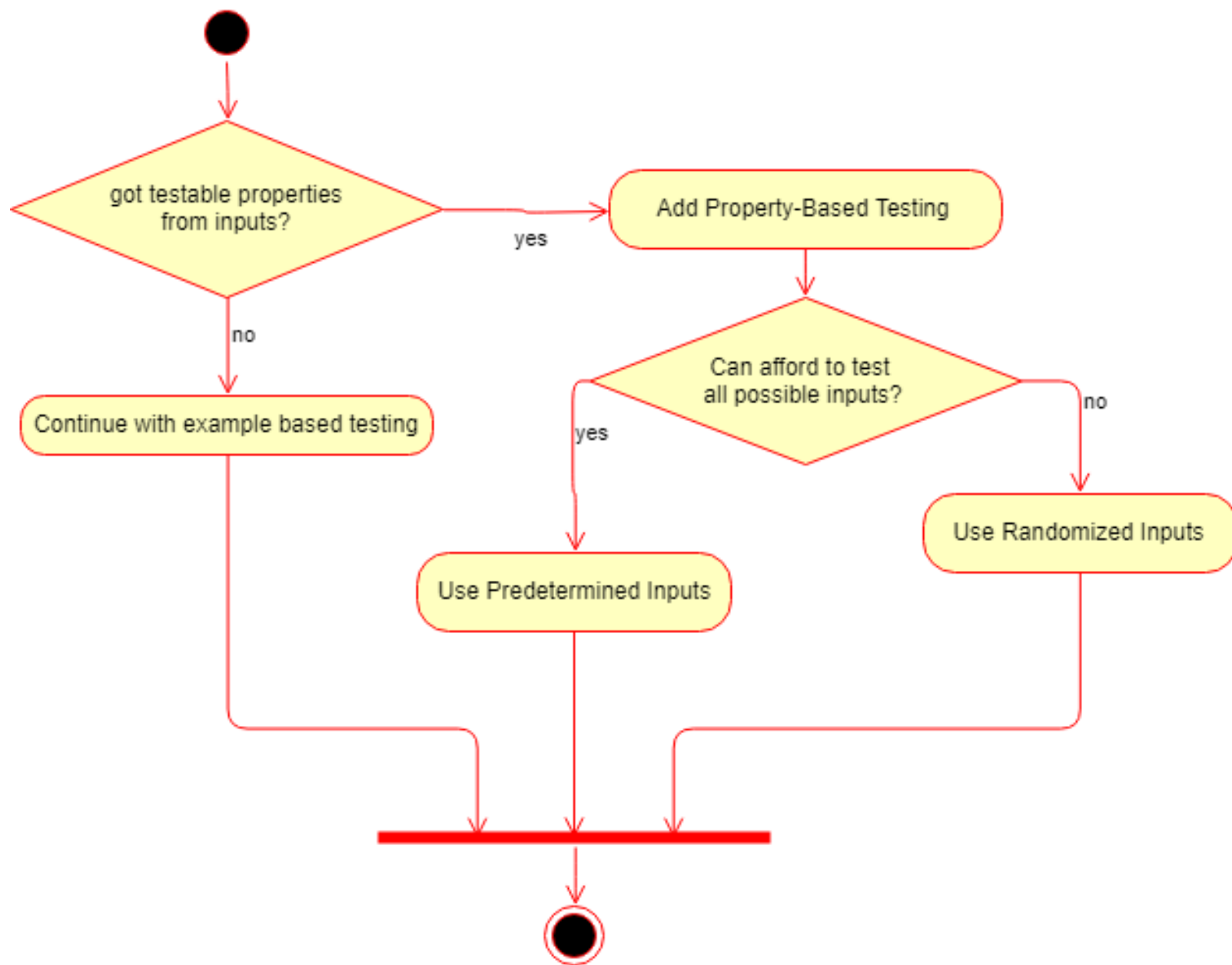
Setting Up a .NET PBT Project

```
<PackageReference Include="FsCheck.Xunit" Version="2.14.0" />  
<PackageReference Include="Microsoft.NET.Test.Sdk" Version="16.0.1" />  
<PackageReference Include="xunit" Version="2.4.1" />  
<PackageReference Include="xunit.runner.visualstudio" Version="2.4.1">
```

DEMO

- Create PBT Project
- Use Test Explorer
- Show failing scenario
- Adjust sample size
- CustomProperty





PBT FOREVER!

PBT FOREVER?

Hunting Bugs with CI

Pipelines	Process	Characteristics
Normal CI	Build-> Tests with Predetermined Inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trigger: merge/PR/etc• More predictable duration• Purpose: Detect problems early
Bug Hunting CI	Build->Test with Randomized Inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trigger: Scheduled build (every hour, every day, etc).• Can take time depending on sample size of randomized inputs• Purpose: Hunt Bugs

Summary and Links

- Testing using Example Outputs
- Parameterized Tests
- Property-based Tests with Predetermined Inputs
- Property-based Tests with Randomized Inputs
- Bug Hunting CI Pipeline

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Python Version of the Talk:

<https://tinyurl.com/bughunt-python-pbt>

C# Demo Source Code:

https://github.com/whatevergeek/csharp_netcore_pbt_demo

