

Simple TDD Case Study

in Java

Assertions

- To check if code is behaving as you expect, use an *assertion*, a simple method call that verifies that something is true.
- E.g the method `assertTrue` checks that the given boolean condition is true

```
public void assertTrue(boolean condition)
{
    if (!condition)
    {
        abort();
    }
}
```

Using Asserts

- You could use this assert to check all sorts of things, including whether numbers are equal to each other.
- To check that two integers are equal, a method that takes two integer parameters might be more useful.
- We can now write the first test a little more expressively:

```
int a = 2;  
//...  
assertTrue (a == 2);
```

```
public void assertEquals (int a, int b)  
{  
    assertTrue(a == b);  
}
```

```
int a = 2;  
  
assertEquals (2, a);
```

Planning Tests

- Method to test: A static method designed to find the largest number in a list of numbers.
- The following tests would seem to make sense:
 - [7, 8, 9] -> 9
 - [8, 9, 7] -> 9
 - [9, 7, 8] -> 9

(supplied test data ->expected result)

```
public static int largest (int[] list)
{
    ...
}
```

More Test Data + First Implementation

- Already have this data:

[7, 8, 9] -> 9

[8, 9, 7] -> 9

[9, 7, 8] -> 9

- What about this set:

[7, 9, 8, 9] -> 9

[1] -> 1

[-9, -8, -7] -> -7

```
public static int largest (int[] list)
{
    int index, max = Integer.MAX_VALUE;

    for (index = 0; index < list.length - 1; index++)
    {
        if (list[index] > max)
        {
            max = list[index];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```

Writing the Test

- This is a TestCase called TestLargest.
- It has one Unit Test - to verify the behaviour of the largest method.

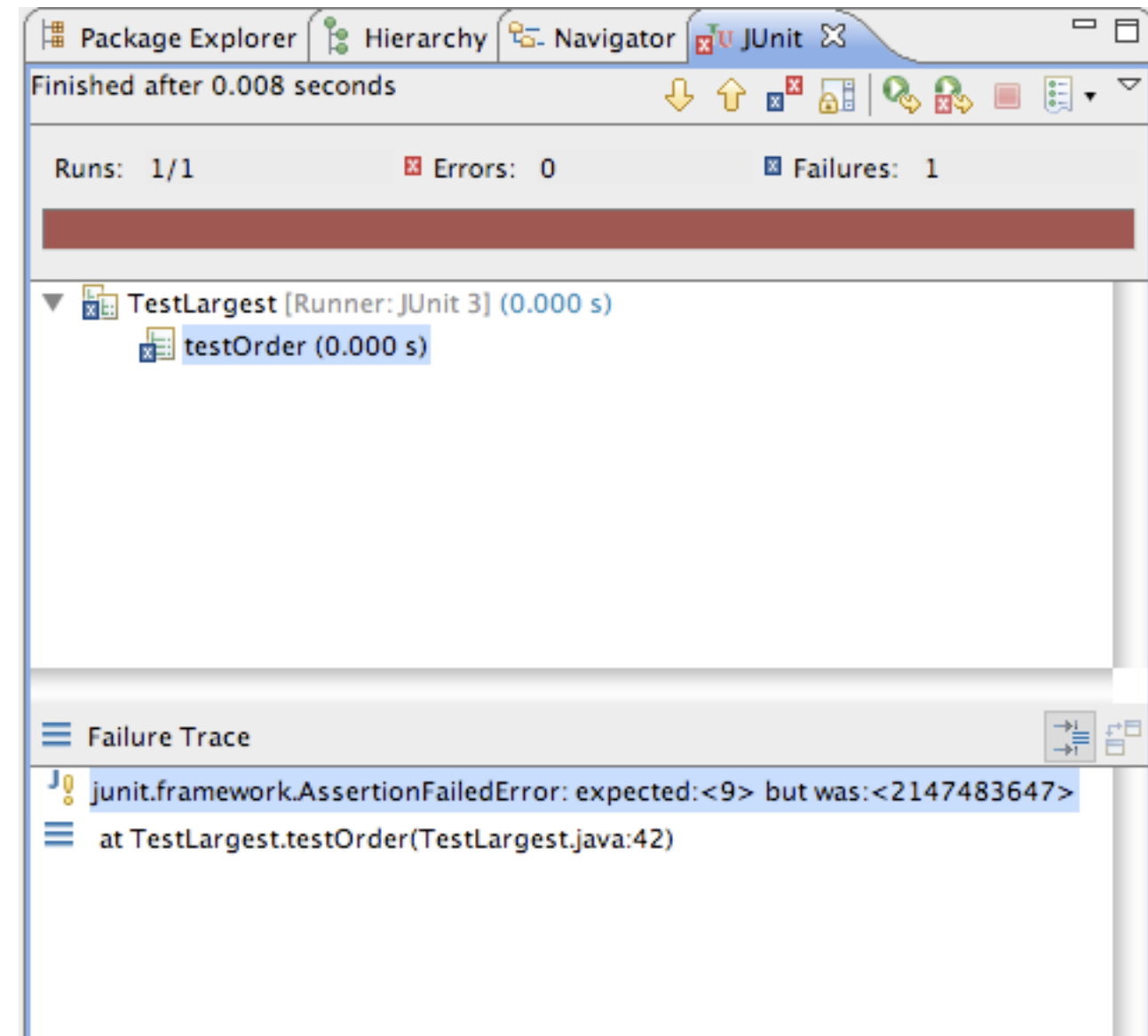
```
import junit.framework.TestCase;

public class TestLargest extends TestCase
{
    public TestLargest (String name)
    {
        super(name);
    }

    public void testOrder ()
    {
        int[] arr = new int[3];
        arr[0] = 8;
        arr[1] = 9;
        arr[2] = 7;
        assertEquals(9, Largest.largest(arr));
    }
}
```

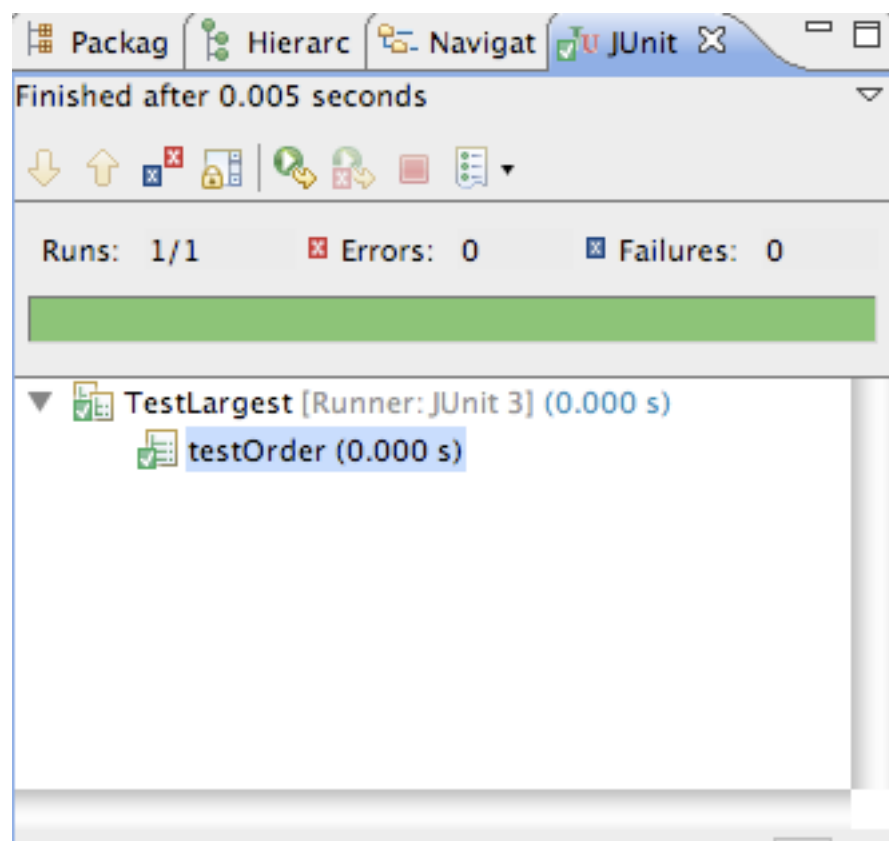
Running the Test

- Why did it return such a huge number instead of our 9
- Where could that very large number have come from?



Bug

- First line should initialize max to zero, not MAX_VALUE.



```
public static int largest (int[] list)
{
    //int index, max = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    int index, max = 0;

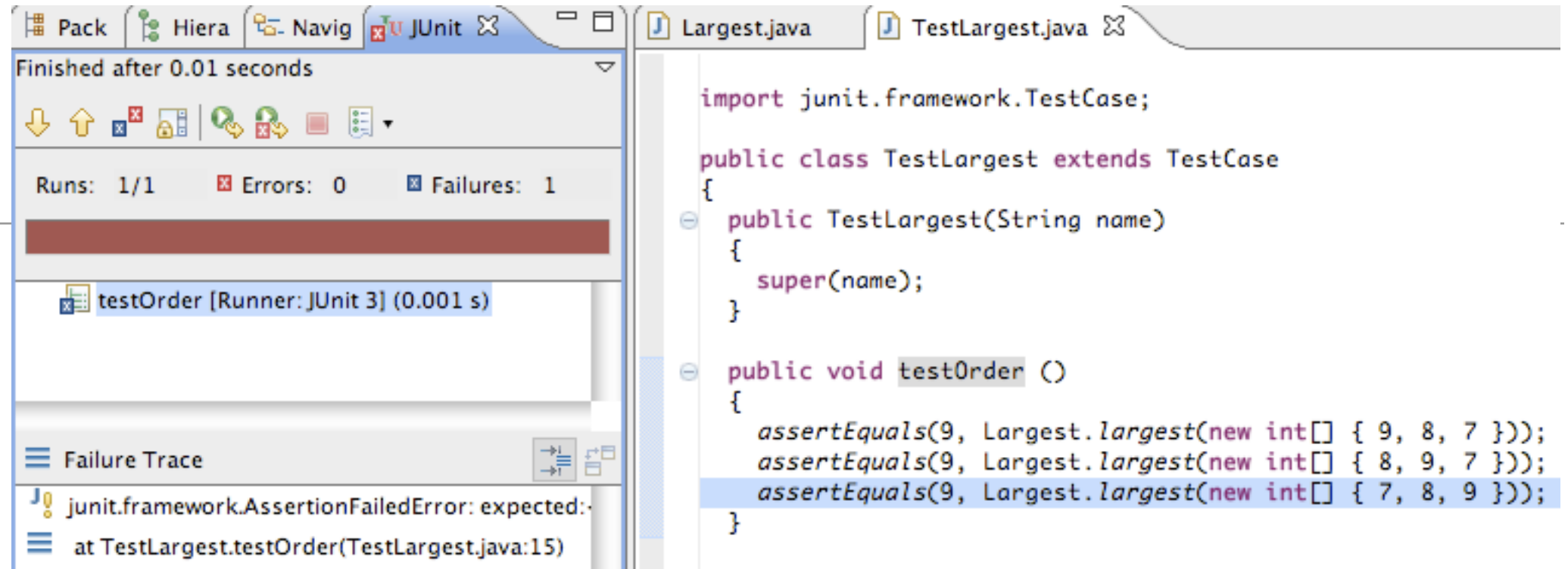
    for (index = 0; index < list.length - 1; index++)
    {
        if (list[index] > max)
        {
            max = list[index];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```


Further Tests

- What happens when the largest number appears in different places in the list - first or last, and somewhere in the middle?
 - Bugs most often show up at the “edges”
 - In this case, edges occur when when the largest number is at the start or end of the array that we pass in
- Aggregate into a single unit test:

```
public void testOrder ()
{
    assertEquals(9, Largest.largest(new int[] { 9, 8, 7 }));
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    assertEquals(9, Largest.largest(new int[] { 7, 8, 9 }));
}
```

Failure + Fix



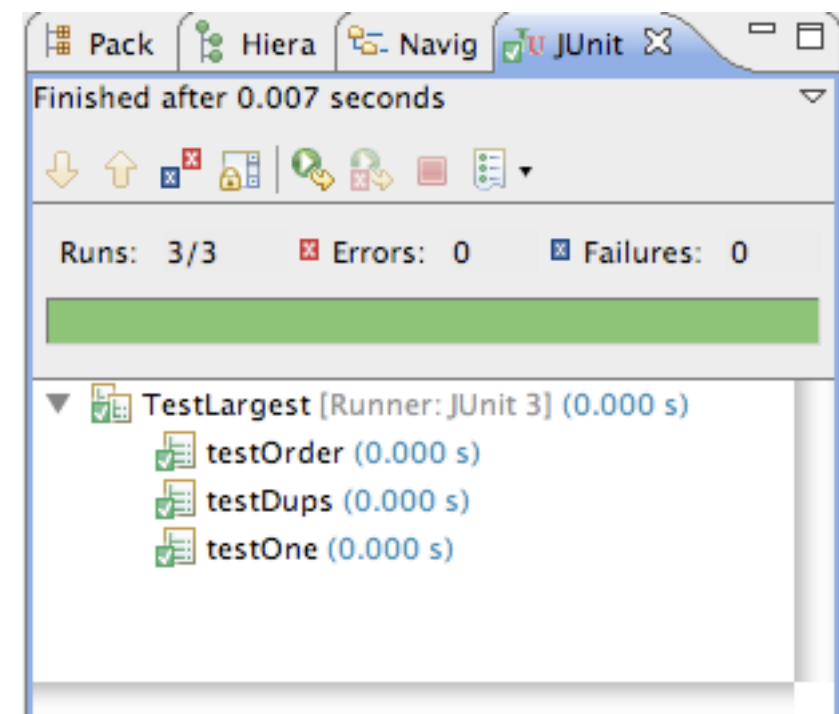
```
public static int largest (int[] list)
{
    int index, max = 0;
    //for (index = 0; index < list.length - 1; index++)
    for (index = 0; index < list.length; index++)
    {
        if (list[index] > max)
        {
            max = list[index];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```

Further Boundary Conditions

```
public void testDups ()
{
    assertEquals(9, Largest.largest(new int[] { 9, 7, 9, 8 }));
}

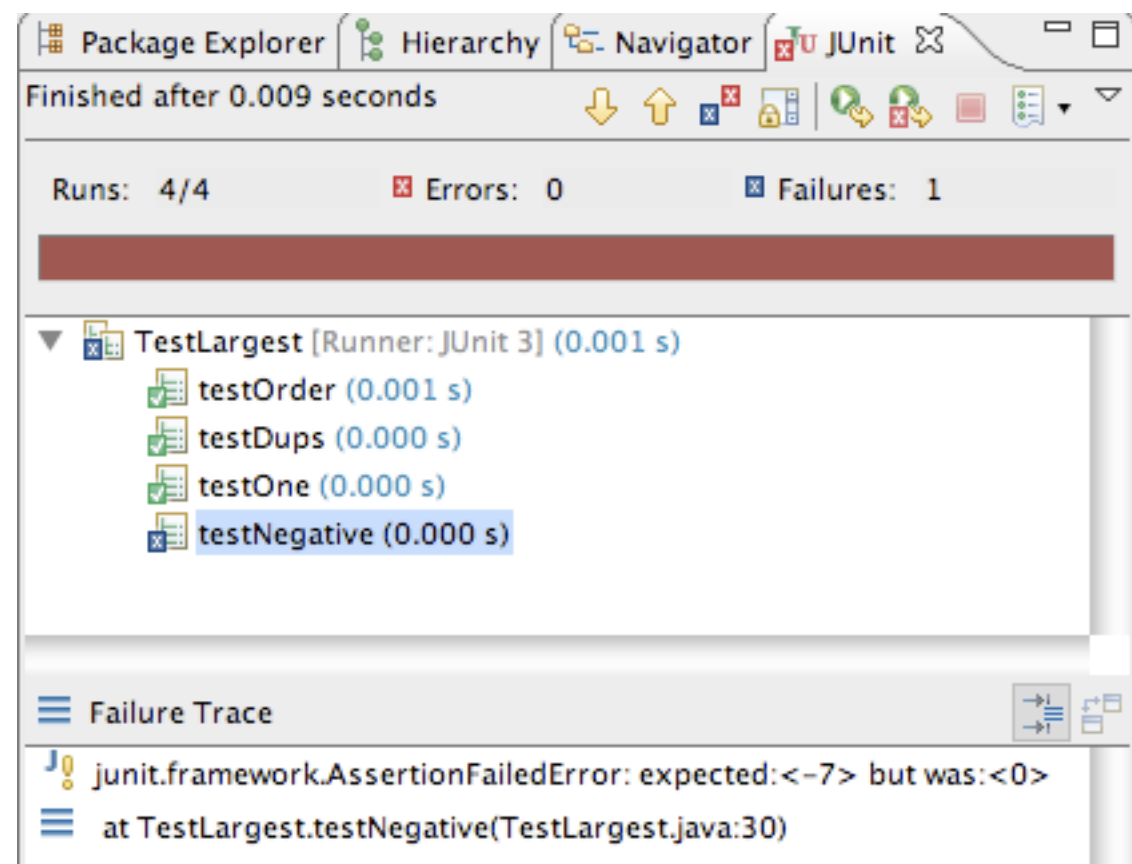
public void testOne ()
{
    assertEquals(1, Largest.largest(new int[] { 1 }));
}
```

- Now exercising multiple tests



Failure on testNegative

```
public void testNegative ()
{
    int[] negList = new int[] { -9, -8, -7 };
    assertEquals(-7, Largest.largest(negList));
}
```



fix testNegative

- Choosing 0 to initialize max was a bad idea;
- Should have been MIN VALUE, so as to be less than all negative numbers as well

```
public static int largest (int[] list)
{
    //int index, max = 0;
    int index, max = Integer.MIN_VALUE;

    for (index = 0; index < list.length; index++)
    {
        if (list[index] > max)
        {
            max = list[index];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```

Expected Errors?

- If the array is empty, this is considered an error, and an exception should be thrown

```
public void testEmpty ()
{
    try
    {
        Largest.largest(new int[] {});
        fail("Should have thrown an exception");
    }
    catch (RuntimeException e)
    {
        assertTrue(true);
    }
}
```

```
public static int largest (int[] list)
{
    int index, max = Integer.MIN_VALUE;

    if (list.length == 0)
    {
        throw new RuntimeException("Empty list");
    }
    for (index = 0; index < list.length; index++)
    {
        if (list[index] > max)
        {
            max = list[index];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```