WHAT YOU'LL LEARN AND DO

In this exercise, you'll take on the role of a developer testing the code of a simple application "ZTPDOGOS" that reports the number of dog adoptions for different breeds.

As mentioned in the primer, you won't have to set up a live test environment, thanks to Test4z's middleware mocks. In other words, in this exercise, your program will *behave* as if it's reading and writing QSAM files, but it's actually using the Test4z data from a previously recorded live environment that we'll provide. You're completely isolated from changes in the infrastructure. Neat, eh?

Note: Installation instructions for this tutorial are available in the readme of test4z/workshop.

HOW TEST4Z FITS INTO THE DEVELOPMENT/TEST LIFECYCLE

In the primer, we asserted that Test4z can actually *speed up* development. Now it's time to prove it!

Test4z does this two ways: (1) by reducing the need for manual testing and (2) by simplifying the setup of a valid, stable development/test environment using recordings instead of an actual live environment.

Beyond the setup time savings for developers, with the benefit of automated testing via unit tests, your organization saves time responding to regressions caused by less-than-complete testing. These two principles, isolation and automation, are fundamental to the Test4z ethos "the key to higher quality code is making it easier to test."

For this exercise, you'll follow these top-level steps:

- Part 1: Write/verify unit test using the recording (mock API)
- Part 2: Add validation logic to the unit test (spy API)
- Part 3: Add pass/fail checks to the unit test (assert API)
- Part 4: Run final test (optionally make it fail)

And a couple reference sections:

- Addendum: Create a recording in a live environment (JCL)
- Helpful tips

The following sections introduce the two programs for this exercise, ZTPDOGOS and ZTTDOGWS, which were based on the samples included with Test4z; the ZTP* programs are the programs under test and the ZTT* programs are the associated unit test suites.

For simplicity's sake, for the rest of this document, we'll refer to these as the report program (P-DOG) and the unit test program (T-DOG).

OVERVIEW OF TESTED PROGRAM AND UNIT TEST PROGRAM

Let's look more closely at the two programs for this exercise:

 ZTPDOGOS (P-DOG) - the simple application that reads from an input file, ADOPTS, calculates totals, and then writes the results to an output file, OUTREP. The ADOPTS input file has this format:

```
01 ADOPTED-DOGS-REC.

05 INP-DOG-BREED PIC X(30).

05 FILLER PIC X(25).

05 INP-ADOPTED-AMOUNT PIC 9(3).

05 FILLER PIC X(22).
```

The output report recognizes nine breeds including SHIBA, SCHNAUZER, CORGI, and so on. All unrecognized breeds are totaled under OTHER. Below are example records written to OUTREP:

```
BREED SHIBA WAS ADOPTED 008 TIMES
BREED SCHNAUZER WAS ADOPTED 000 TIMES
...
BREED OTHER WAS ADOPTED 000 TIMES
```

As an example of black box testing, your unit test program will create a QSAM spy on the OUTREP file. This will enable you to validate that the report program has written the expected number of output records.

The tested program keeps a running count of each breed in an internal ACCUMULATOR variable that is used to produce the report totals:

```
01 ACCUMULATOR.
05 BREED-ADOPTIONS PIC 9(3) OCCURS 9 TIMES VALUE 000.
```

This is an example of gray box testing where your unit test program peeks into the report program's internal running count ACCUMULATOR to double-check its calculations.

• ZTTDOGWS (T-DOG) - the unit test program that validates the operation of the report program. As noted above, your unit test will have assertions for two metrics, namely (1) the output record count and (2) the breed totals.

The rest of this exercise will focus on the unit test coding in ZTTDOGWS / T-DOG using Visual Studio Code. If you haven't started VS Code, please do so now.

EXERCISE TIP! We've included "hint" files you can copy/paste. If you want to move onto the next part, look for the file ZTTDOGWS_P1.txt, ZTTDOGWS_P2.txt, ZTTDOGWS_P3.txt, or ZTTDOGWS_P4.txt in the hints folder. These correspond to the starting point of the given section.

OVERVIEW OF UNIT TEST PROGRAM: ZTTDOGWS / T-DOG

Unit test development begins with Test4z recording of middleware and program calls; the recording can then be used in an immutable unit test environment. To save time, we've already done this step for you using the program-under-test, run directly from JCL (these edits are documented in the addendum of the exercise),

The recorded data was captured from the live environment and saved in your Visual Studio Code workspace in the test/data folder as ZTPDOGOS.json. Although it's human-readable, we expect other tools will want to take advantage of this captured data to create useful insights into how your code *really* works.

The basic structure of the exercise's unit test program has been provided to you, so Part 1-4 will focus on coding the mocks, spies, and asserts with Test4z's COBOL APIs. Let's briefly review the startup code and then get to the actual code modifications.

Once the Test4z test suite runner (ZESTRUN) loads your test program, it sequentially executes the unit tests you've registered. Below is an excerpt of the unit test:

```
perform runZTPDOGOS
goback.
```

PROCEDURE DIVISION.

You may be thinking "Hey, wait a minute! That looks like standard COBOL code. Where are the Test4z APIs?" Indeed, the unit test entry point outrepTotalsUnitTest won't be called unless it's registered. That's done with the Test API. Below is an excerpt of the unit test registration:

It's really that simple to register a unit test as part of a test suite: You declare an entry point in your test suite and call Test4z to register it. The Test4z test suite runner takes it from there.

TEST4Z APIs AND CODE SNIPPETS

The code pattern for other Test4z COBOL APIs is essentially the same as the example ${\tt ZWS_Test}$ shown earlier. Fortunately, Test4z's Visual Studio Code extension adds "code snippets" that generate them for you – all you have to do is type ${\tt t4z}$ followed by the start of the API name. For example:



Although the code snippets are great timesavers, it's worth understanding the pattern for the Test4z COBOL API invocations. For each API, there's an associated control block. Consider the Test API invocation as a model of this pattern:

```
move low-values to I_Test
set <subfield in ZWS_Test> to <value>
move <text> to <text field in ZWS_Test>
call ZTESTUT using ZWS Test
```

The control block <code>ZWS_Test</code> has fields, like <code>testFunction</code>, qualified by <code>I_Test</code> (where <code>I</code> is for input). The statement <code>move low-values</code> clears the control block of previous values; next, you assign other fields in the control block. If there's output parameters, those are appended to the call to <code>ZTESTUT</code>.

Let's look at one more example, this time for a fictitious "Abc" API with output parameters in **bold** below. The pattern would be:

As with the prior example, the control block input area is cleared, subfields are set, and then ZTESTUT is called. Just as with the Test4z API copybook that defines the ZWS_* input control blocks, Test4z provides copybooks for the APIs that return values (e.g., ZWS_LoadData is qualified by I_LoadData and includes a copybook for its output parameters, ZDATA).

Don't worry if this seems like a lot of details to remember. The Test4z snippet includes a comment reminder to add the required output parameter to your WORKING-STORAGE section. We've already added all the necessary output control blocks, so you can safely delete these comments.

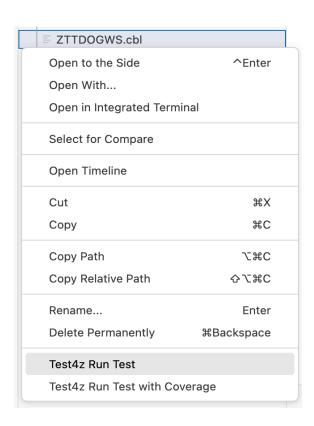
As you'll see in the exercise, thanks to the snippet templates, calling the Test4z COBOL APIs is almost fill-in-the-blanks coding.

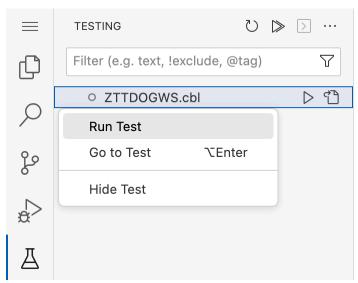
HOW TO RUN A TEST4Z TEST SUITE

There's one last step before you start coding: Run the skeletal unit test suite.

The program doesn't actually do anything except register a unit test and run. You can start a test multiple ways, such as using the Test4z command line interface (CLI) named t4z, a pop-up menu from the VS Code Explorer, or from the dedicated Testing view. These three options are depicted below:







Pick one of the above and run it. Test4z uses Team Build to compile COBOL source found in the src/* and test/* folders, execute them on the mainframe, then download the results to your VS Code workspace.

Test4z shows its progress in TERMINAL for the first two choices and in TEST RESULTS of the Testing view. The terminal output will look something like this:

The "ZTSTQF01W UNMOCKED FILE ADOPTS DOES NOT HAVE A DD" message is displayed because the skeletal version of the unit test program includes file operations for ADOPTS, but there's no corresponding DD for it in the JCL and the file is not mocked. We'll take care of that in Part 1.

TEST4Z WORKSPACE STRUCTURE

The output of the test is stored in the workspace's test-out folder; it includes DISPLAY messages in SYSOUT.txt and the unit test pass/fail summary in ZLMSG.txt. Below is a summary of the default Test4z folder structure:

- workshop/src COBOL programs under test
- workshop/test COBOL unit test programs
- workshop/test/data recorded data files in JSON format
- workshop/test-out output from unit test execution
- workshop/coverage output from code coverage (created by the t4z --cov command)
- workshop/build-out program compiler listings

For easy reference, we've also included an exercise "hints" folder:

workshop/hints - copy/paste friendly COBOL source code

Okay, enough with the introductions! Open the unit test suite ZTTDOGWS.cbl and let's start coding.

EXERCISE TIP! We've included "hint" files you can copy/paste. If you want to move onto the next part, look for the file ZTTDOGWS_P1.txt, ZTTDOGWS_P2.txt, ZTTDOGWS_P3.txt, or ZTTDOGWS_P4.txt in the hints folder. These correspond to the starting point of the given section.

PART 1 - WRITE/VERIFY UNIT TEST (MOCK)

In this section, you'll add code to mock the input file ADOPTS and output file OUTREP. If you haven't already opened ZTTDOG<u>WS</u>.cbl in the test folder, please do so now.

Important! Open the test suite program ($ZT\underline{T}^*$), *not* the program under test ($ZT\underline{P}^*$).

MOCK OUTREP

1.1). In ZTTDOGWS, search for the #MOCKOUTREP tag to locate the paragraph mockOUTREPFile, then insert a call to MockQSAM using the snippet "t4z mockq...".

There's quite a few mock APIs, so be sure to select "MockQSAM file". This will insert the following:

```
move low-values to I_MockQSAM
move 'QSAMFILE' to fileName in ZWS_MockQSAM
move 80 to recordSize in ZWS_MockQSAM
call ZTESTUT using ZWS MockQSAM, qsamObject in QSAM Data
```

Tip: The COBOL Language Support extension to VS Code will alert you to syntax errors with a "squiggle" under the offending statement. The PROBLEMS view will also show detected syntax issues.

Remember, we've already added all the necessary output control blocks, so you can safely delete the snippet's reminder comments.

1.2). Change the fileName parameter 'QSAMFILE' to 'OUTREP' and the output parameter QSAM Data to MOCK_OUTREP; the other default parameters are unchanged:

```
move low-values to I_MockQSAM
move 'OUTREP' to fileName in ZWS_MockQSAM
move 80 to recordSize in ZWS_MockQSAM
call ZTESTUT using ZWS MockQSAM, qsamObject in MOCK OUTREP
```

In this tutorial, the MOCK_OUTREP parameter is already defined in working storage, so you can delete the snippet reminder comment.

Since OUTREP is an output file, there's no need to load it with recorded data. Of course, ADOPTS is a mocked input file, so unlike OUTREP, it will need recorded data. Let's take care of this in the next step.

Note: If you forget to update the filename parameter above, the program will abend with an 0C4.

LOAD RECORDED DATA

1.3). Search for the #LOADREC tag to locate the paragraph mockADOPTSFile. Since this is an input file, the mock will need recorded data. You can load it with the LoadData API. Use the snippet template "t4z LoadData recording"; it will insert the following:

```
move low-values to I_LoadData
move 'MYMEMBER' to memberName in ZWS_LoadData
call ZTESTUT using ZWS_LoadData, loadObject in LOAD_Data
```

Change the memberName parameter 'MYMEMBER' to 'ZTPDOGOS' (note: memberName refers to the file/member that contains all the recorded operations, *not* the file 'ADOPTS').

```
move low-values to I_LoadData
move 'ZTPDOGOS' to memberName in ZWS_LoadData
call ZTESTUT using ZWS LoadData, loadObject in LOAD Data
```

This tells the Test4z runtime to search for the recorded data in the data set xxx.WORKSHOP.**ZLDATA**.ZTPDOGOS that the Test4z CLI uploaded from test/data/ZTPDOGOS.json in your VS Code workspace.

MOCK ADOPTS

1.4). The prior step loaded the recorded data, but now you need a place to store it. So add a call to MockQSAM after the tag #MOCKADOPTS (following the prior LoadData call). You can use the snippet "t4z MockQSAM with recorded data".

Important! Be sure to select the snippet ending with "...recorded data" since there's more than one MockQSAM API. Then update the fileName parameter from 'QSAMFILE' to 'ADOPTS' and the output parameter QSAM Data to MOCK ADOPTS as shown below:

```
move low-values to I_MockQSAM move 'ADOPTS' to fileName in ZWS_MockQSAM set loadObject in ZWS_MockQSAM to loadObject in LOAD_Data move 80 to recordSize in ZWS_MockQSAM call ZTESTUT using ZWS_MockQSAM, qsamObject in MOCK_ADOPTS
```

In this tutorial, the MOCK_ADOPTS parameter is already defined in working storage, so you can delete the snippet reminder comment.

Note the set loadObject statement in the <u>underlined</u> code above. When the tested program reads the ADOPTS file, the mocked file will return the recorded response from the loadObject that you created in step 1.3.

Tip: If your test fails due to all zero breed counts, double-check the <u>underlined</u> code above. Did you use the snippet "MockQSAM with recorded data"?

SMOKE TEST

1.5). Save your code (Ctrl+S). Then run the test suite and confirm it compiles and executes successfully. For example, open a new Terminal window with the VS Code pulldown choice Terminal > New Terminal and enter the CLI command:

```
t4z test/ZTTDOGWS.cbl
```

The unit test test is now loading recorded data and using it to mock the reads for the ADOPTS file – that resolved the "UNMOCKED FILE DOES NOT HAVE A DD" warning you saw earlier:

```
PASS test/ZTTDOGWS.cbl

ZTTDOGWS simple totals test (185 ms)

Tests Suites: 1 passed, 1 total

Tests: 1 passed, 1 total

Time: 1 s
```

But it is not validating the output yet; we'll do that in Part 2. If you have any errors, please correct them before continuing.

EXERCISE TIP #1 If you receive the runtime error "UNMOCKED FILE xxx DOES NOT HAVE A DD", check the fileName parameter in the MockQSAM call. Test4z's runtime is indicating there's no mock <u>or</u> DD statement for input/output file "xxx".

EXERCISE TIP #2 We've included "hint" files you can copy/paste. If you want to move onto the next part, look for the file ZTTDOGWS_P2.txt in the hints folder. These correspond to the starting point of the given section.

PART 2 - ADD VALIDATION LOGIC TO UNIT TEST (SPY)

For the validation logic of this unit test, you will "spy" on the WRITE and CLOSE operations against the OUTREP file. First, you register your spy callback – that's a COBOL entry point that will be called for each OUTREP operation. Next, you add validation code to the callback.

REGISTER SPY

2.1). Search for the #REGISTERSPY tag to locate the paragraph registerOUTREPFileSpy. Add the code to register a spy on the QSAM file. As before, start with a snippet, in this case, "t4z SpyQSAM file with callback":

```
move low-values to I_SpyQSAM set callback in ZWS_SpyQSAM to entry 'my_QSAMSpy' move 'QSAMFILE' to fileName in ZWS_SpyQSAM call ZTESTUT using ZWS SpyQSAM, qsamSpyObject in QSAM Data
```

Important! Be sure to select the snippet that ends with "...with callback" since there's more than one SpyQSAM API.

Notice that the squiggles underneath <code>qsamSpyObject in QSAM_Data</code>. Update <code>QSAM_Data</code> to the correct output parameter, <code>OUTREP_SPY</code>; we already defined that for you in the <code>WORKING-STORAGE</code> section along with the correct Test4z copybook:

```
1 OUTREP_SPY.
COPY ZSPQSAM.
```

2.2). The callback parameter¹ indicates which COBOL entry point should be invoked; change the entry parameter 'my_QSAMSpy' to your callback entry point 'spyCallbackOUTREP'; also change the fileName parameter QSAMFILE to OUTREP. The final result is below:

¹ This field was named sideeffect in Test4z V1.0. It was later aliased to callback.

```
move low-values to I_SpyQSAM set callback in ZWS_SpyQSAM to entry 'spyCallbackOUTREP' move 'OUTREP' to filename in ZWS_SpyQSAM call ZTESTUT using ZWS SpyQSAM, qsamSpyObject in OUTREP SPY.
```

The validations aren't complete; you'll code them in the next section. But if you want to double-check your source code compiles correctly, save your updates and then run the unit test suite again. It will fail with this message:

Tip: If you only want to compile the source without testing, use the CLI command below:

```
t4z test/ZTTDOGWS.cbl --skip-test-execution
```

The final step is adding validation code to the callback that you registered.

EXERCISE TIP We've included "hint" files you can copy/paste. If you want to move onto the next part, look for the file ZTTDOGWS_P3.txt in the hints folder. These correspond to the starting point of the given section.

PART 3 - ADD PASS/FAIL CHECKS TO UNIT TEST (ASSERT)

Final coding step! For this simple exercise, your QSAM file spy will drive two validations. It does this by recording how many write operations were performed. Once the OUTREP file is closed, the spy validates:

- 1. The number of written records is correct.
- 2. The total for each breed is correct.

If either comparison doesn't match the expected values, a failed assertion is signaled.

VALIDATE OUTREP

3.1). Search for the tag #SPYCALLBACK to locate the entry point spyCallbackOUTREP.

```
entry 'spyCallbackOUTREP' using SPY_CALLBACK_OUTREP.
```

This entry point is called when an operation is performed against OUTREP; the callback's incoming parameter <code>SPY_CALLBACK_OUTREP</code> indicates what operation was performed and includes a table of all spied calls so far in the <code>calls</code> parameter.

For convenience, the incoming parameter to the callback includes the last invocation in lastCall. The code at the beginning of spyCallbackOUTREP maps it into an addressable structure:

```
set address of ZLS_QSAM_Record to lastCall in SPY_CALLBACK_OUTREP
```

Once this is mapped to the callback details <code>ZLS_QSAM_Record</code>, your spy callback can determine what operation was performed, by which module, what file was affected, the status code, and so on:

```
01 ZLS_QSAM_RECORD.
03 COMMAND PIC X(32).
03 MODULENAME PIC X(8).
03 FILENAME PIC X(8).
03 ITERATION PIC S9(9) USAGE COMP-5.
03 STATUSCODE PIC X(2).
03 RECORD_.
```

3.2). Complete the IF statement that checks the command for a valid WRITE after the #SPYWRITE tag. If it's status code is valid, you should increment the counter OUTREP SPY WRITE COUNT, as shown in the bolded code below:

```
if command in ZLS_QSAM_Record = 'WRITE' and
    statusCode in ZLS_QSAM_Record = '00'

add 1 to OUTREP_SPY_WRITE_COUNT

[code omitted]
end-if
```

The report program has 9 breeds and each bread has one output record, so the expected value of <code>OUTREP_SPY_WRITE_COUNT</code> is 9. We'll validate that total in the next step. If you want to double-check your work, save your updates and then run the unit test suite again. It should now pass.

3.3). Scroll down to locate the #SPYCLOSE tag and review the IF statement that checks the command for CLOSE. This will be called once and only after all the records have been written; that's where the unit test can validate the number of output records:

```
if command in ZLS_QSAM_RECORD = 'CLOSE'
    perform validateResults
end-if
```

Search for the #VALIDATEOUTREP tag to locate the paragraph validateResults. Its validation code has two tests. First, the "black box" test confirms the total number of WRITEs observed by the OUTREP spy matches the number of breed types (9):

```
validateResults.

if OUTREP_SPY_WRITE_COUNT not = 9 then
    perform failOutrepWriteCount
end-if
```

VALIDATE ACCUMULATOR

3.4). The second validation is a "gray box" test after the #VALIDATEACCUMULATOR tag. Why is it a gray box test versus a black box test? Because this code accesses an *internal variable* of the tested program using Test4z's GetVariable API:

This retrieves the runtime address of the report program's accumulator and maps it into the unit test program's linkage section with the <code>ZTPDOGOS-ACCUMULATOR</code> variable. Given access to the <code>ACCUMULATOR</code> variable in the program under test, the unit test can directly validate the report program's' internal totals:

```
if BREED-ADOPTIONS(1) not = 8 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(2) not = 0 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(3) not = 7 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(4) not = 1 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(5) not = 0 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(6) not = 0 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(7) not = 0 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(8) not = 6 or
    BREED-ADOPTIONS(9) not = 0 then
    perform failInternalAccumulator
end-if
```

These correspond to the expected output record totals for each breed:

BREED SHIBA WAS ADOPTED 008 TIMES

BREED	SCHNAUZER	WAS	ADOPTED	000	TIMES
BREED	CORGI	WAS	ADOPTED	007	TIMES
BREED	CHI	WAS	ADOPTED	001	TIMES
BREED	POODLE	WAS	ADOPTED	000	TIMES
BREED	POMERANIAN	WAS	ADOPTED	000	TIMES
BREED	BULLDOG	WAS	ADOPTED	000	TIMES
BREED	JINGO	WAS	ADOPTED	006	TIMES
BREED	OTHER	WAS	ADOPTED	000	TIMES

Note: We acknowledge the above validations should be more robust; it was simplified for illustrative purposes.

If either of these comparisons are incorrect, the unit test invokes call ZTESTUT using ZWS_Fail to signal the unit test failed (see failInternalAccumulator or failOutrepWriteCount for details).

EXERCISE TIP! We've included "hint" files you can copy/paste. If you want to move onto the next part, look for the file ZTTDOGWS_P4.txt in the hints folder. These correspond to the <u>starting</u> point of the given section.

PART 4 - FINAL TEST

Try running your unit test suite as you did before. Does it pass? If not, double-check that you remembered to save your changes. Also check the test-out/SYSOUT.txt for possible error messages.

If not, check the ZLMSG.txt and SYSOUT.txt files in the test-out folder to help diagnose the problem.

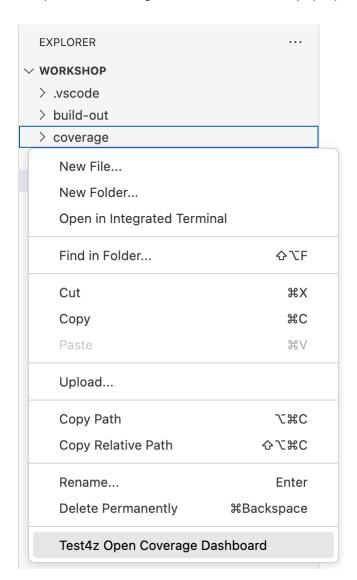
Before wrapping up, let's make the unit test intentionally fail. Modify one of the tests in validateResults, e.g., double the number of expected records recorded in

OUTREP_SPY_WRITE_COUNT or change one of the if BREED-ADOPTIONS... tests. You should see something like this:

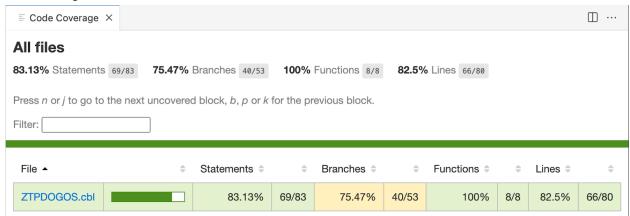
If you have extra time, try running the same test with the CLI's code coverage parameter:

```
t4z test/ZTTDOGWS.cbl --cov
```

To open the Coverage Dashboard, use the pop-up menu on the coverage folder:



How well did your test cover the code in the report program? Double-click ZTPDOGOS.cbl in the coverage dashboard to see more details.



Hint: the ADOPTS file doesn't represent all the possible breeds and the unit test doesn't force the report program along the exception "unhappy paths". How would you test it more thoroughly? That's a more advanced Test4z topic and another tutorial!

EXERCISE COMPLETE, CONGRATULATIONS!

ADDENDUM - CREATE A RECORDING (JCL)

This is not part of the exercise, but we've included the JCL for reference.

Unit testing with Test4z starts by recording the middleware and program calls of the program under test; the recording can then be used in an immutable unit test environment. All that's needed is a lightly modified version of the JCL you normally use to run your program.

For example, the JCL used to run the program-under-test report program is shown below:

```
//ZTPDOGOS EXEC PGM=ZTPDOGOS

//STEPLIB    DD DISP=SHR, DSN=xxx.WORKSHOP.LOAD

//ADOPTS    DD DISP=SHR, DSN=xxx.DOGOS.INPUT(ADOPTS)

//OUTREP    DD SYSOUT=*

//SYSOUT    DD SYSOUT=*

//SYSPRINT    DD SYSOUT=*
```

Below are the modifications to create the recording:

The changes are highlighted in bold.

For your existing execution JCL, it boils down to changing the PGM parameter to ZTESTEXE, adding the data sets ZLDATA and ZLMSG, and specifying the Test4z options in ZLOPTS. The ZLOPTS RUN(...) parameter should specify the program that appeared in the original EXEC PGM statement.

With these changes, the Test4z runtime will load your program, start recording its middleware and program calls, and store the recording in the ZLDATA data set. Refer to the Test4z

documentation for the data set attributes required for ZLDATA and other runtime options that can control how the unit test is executed.

HELPFUL TIPS

- If "out of space" errors are reported during the build, try running the command t4z
 --clean. This will delete extraneous build files in your workspace and the copies on the mainframe/USS.
- If the workspace's test-out folder is cluttered with ABEND files, you can delete the entire folder. The build output files will be downloaded by the Test4z CLI during the next test.
- If you receive the runtime error "UNMOCKED FILE xxx DOES NOT HAVE A DD", check the fileName parameter in the MockQSAM call. Test4z's runtime is indicating it detected a file operation but (a) there's no DD statement for the file "xxx" in the JCL, or (b) the recording wasn't found in the test/data directory ↔ ZLDATA data set.