

**“Every Thing You Always Wanted to  
Know About Unit-Testing\***

**\*But Were Afraid to Ask”**

“Unit-testing, what is it?”

```
import org.junit.*;
import org.junit.runner.JUnitCore;

public class Calc_Test {
    @Test public void testAdd() {
        Assert.assertEquals(9, Calc.add(4, 5));
    }

    @Test public void testSub() {
        Assert.assertEquals(-8, Calc.sub(3, 11));
    }

    @Test(expected = ArithmeticException.class)
    public void testDivideZero() {
        Calc.divide(3, 0);
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        JUnitCore.main(Calc_Test.class.getName());
    }
}
```

“What makes it successful?”

# Class Scheme

- Overview
  - 383 LOC
  - 12 public instance method
  - 2 instance fields
  - Quite low level

## Bug in Scheme.join():

```
public Scheme join(final Scheme other) {
    final HashSet<Attribute> set = new HashSet<Attribute>();

    for(int i = 0; i < attributes.length; ++i)
        set.add(attributes[i]);

    for(int i = 0; i < attributes.length; ++i)
        set.add(other.attributes[i]);

    return new Scheme(true, set.toArray(new Attribute[set.size()]));
}
```

# Class Relation

- Overview
  - 499 LOC
  - 6 public instance method
  - 4 instance fields (incl. inherited)
  - Higher level class

- Bug in Relation.join():

```
for (Tuple<V> tb : other) {
    PartialKey key = new PartialKey(len, tb, bindices);
    Set<Tuple<V>> set = atuples.get(key);
    if (set == null || set.isEmpty())
        continue;
    for (Tuple<V> ta : set) {
        TupleBuilder<V> builder = new TupleBuilder<V>(newScheme.arity);
        populateTuple(builder, a2new, ta);
        populateTuple(builder, a2new, tb);
        result.add(builder.toTuple());
    }
}
```

## **Direct Test Did not Catch the Bugs**

- Scheme\_Tests passes through Scheme.join() twice
- Relation\_Tests passes through Relation.join()'s inner loop 12 times

# A Higher Level Tests Caught the Bugs

- JTL\_Tests passes through...
  - Scheme.join() 103,458 times
  - Relation.join() 14,300 times
- Conclusion:

Most bug prevention power is due to higher level  
functional tests



“Real programmers don't need tests  
to write perfect code”

**Reality**

*Code decays*

**Reality**

*Small change, Huge effect*

**Reality**

*Halting Problem*

**Reality**

*The smaller, the better*

*Need to change code to clean it up*

*Changes are risky*

*Small changes are safer*

“We have a huge collection of unit tests.  
They run every night”

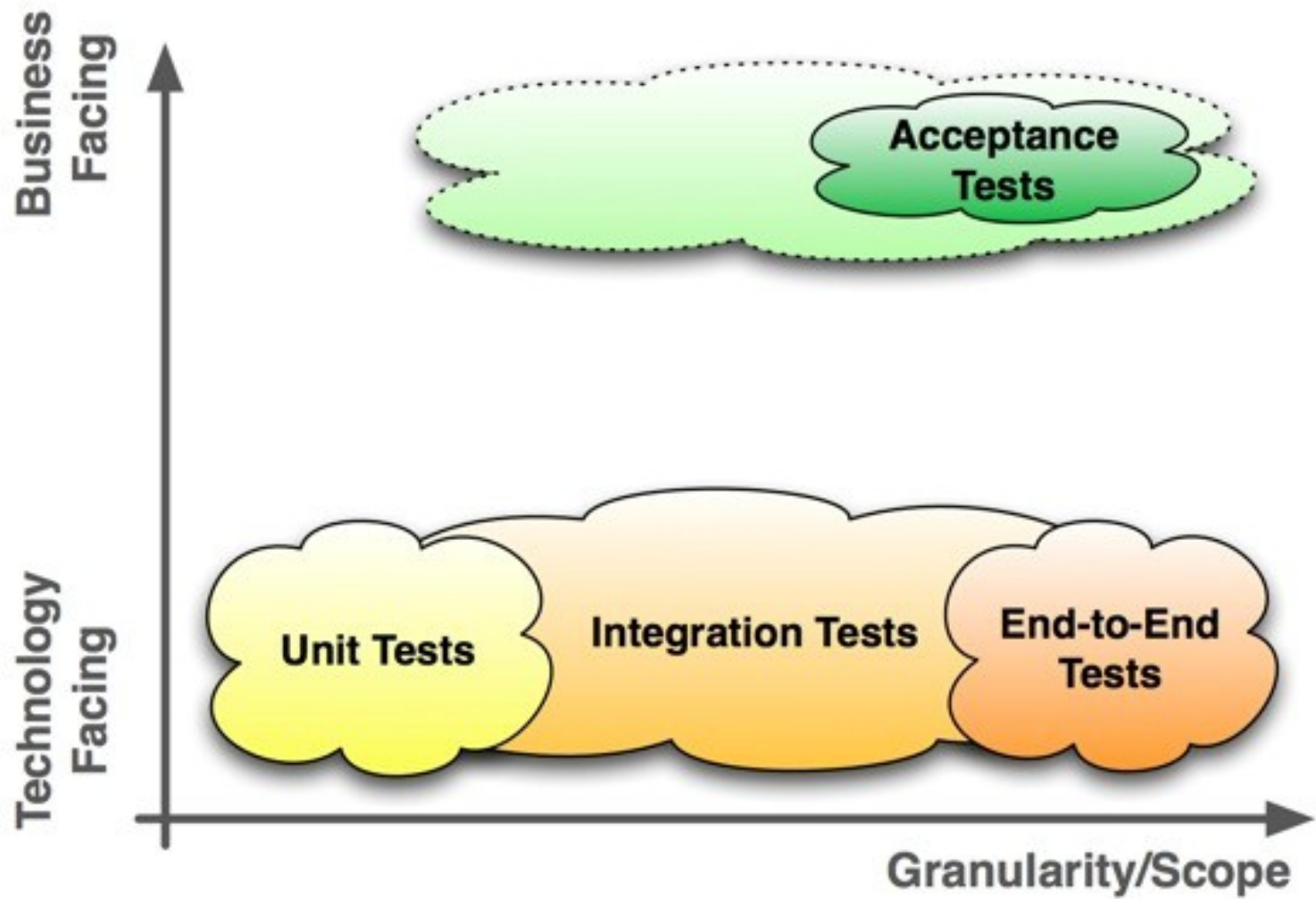
*Tight feedback loop =>*

*Debugging by diffing*



“Integration tests and unit tests are  
fundamentally different”

*Sample Inputs,*  
*Stimulation,*  
*Expected Outputs*



Source: <http://blog.jonasbandi.net/2010/09/acceptance-vs-integration-tests.html>

“Integration tests incur less overhead”

*Wide scope => Existence*

*Narrow scope => Location*

“The more unit testing, the better”

*Sensitivity to existence,  
Sensitivity to location,  
Only one test failing at a time*

*(Speed, Volume of code)*

“Test-writing takes time”



**Reality**

*Less bugs are introduced*

# Reality

*Fixes do not introduce new bugs*

# Reality

*Tests =>*

*Refactoring =>*

*Cleaner Code =>*

*Less Bugs*

# The Quadratic Theory – I

*Testing work (per feature) is  
proportional to #features*

# **The Quadratic Theory – II**

*Projects slow down as they evolve*

# The Quadratic Theory – III

*Unit Testing  $\Rightarrow$  multiply by  $10^{-6}$*

## **The Quadratic Theory – IV**

*With unit test, work (per feature) is effectively proportional to complexity of the feature*

“Tests often temper with the correct design  
of the class”



*Testability  $\Leftrightarrow$  (Good) Design*

```
// Non-testable
public class Reporter {

    private PrintWriter pw;

    public Reporter(File f) { pw = new PrintWriter(new FileWriter(f)); }

    public void writePerson(String firstName,
        String lastName)
    {
        writePerson(firstName, null, lastName);
    }

    public void writePerson(String firstName, String middleName,
        String lastName)
    {
        middleName = middleName == null || middleName.length() == 0 ? ""
            : " " + middleName.charAt(0) + ".";
        pw.println(lastName + ", " + firstName + middleName);
    }
}
```

```
// Testable
public class Reporter {

    private PrintWriter pw;

    public Reporter(PrintWriter pw) { this.pw = pw; }

    public void writePerson(String firstName,
        String lastName)
    {
        writePerson(firstName, null, lastName);
    }

    public void writePerson(String firstName, String middleName,
        String lastName)
    {
        middleName = middleName == null || middleName.length() == 0 ? ""
            : " " + middleName.charAt(0) + ".";
        pw.println(lastName + ", " + firstName + middleName);
    }
}
```

```
public class Reporter_Test {  
  
    private static class WriterSpy extends PrintWriter {  
        public WriterSpy() { super(System.out); }  
  
        @Override  
        public void println(String s) { last = s; }  
  
        public String last;  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    public void test1() {  
        WriterSpy s = new WriterSpy();  
        Reporter r = new Reporter(s);  
  
        r.writePerson("John", "Winston", "Lennon");  
        Assert.assertEquals("Lennon, John W.", s.last);  
    }  
}
```

“I will have twice as much code to maintain”

# Reality

*Tests enable refactoring of program*

*Program enable refactoring of tests*

# Guideline

*Testing code should be  
(way) simpler  
than production code*

“What is BDD?”



```
public class BorrowingSteps {

    private Library library;
    private Display display;

    @Given("a library with these books: $books")
    public void libraryWithBooks(List<String> books) {
        display = Mockito.mock(Display.class);
        library = new Library(display, books);
    }

    @When("$user borrows $book")
    public void userBorrowsBook(String user, String book) {
        library.borrow(user, book);
    }

    @When("$user returns $book")
    public void userReturnsBook(String user, String book) {
        library.returnBook(user, book);
    }

    @Then("$book should not be borrowed")
    public void bookShouldNotBeBorrowed(String book) {
        Assert.assertFalse(library.isBorrowed(book));
    }

    ...
}
```

...

```
@Then("$book should be borrowed")
public void bookShouldBeBorrowed(String book) {
    Assert.assertTrue(library.isBorrowed(book));
}

@Then("a \"$message\" message should be displayed")
public void messageShouldBeDisplayed(String message) {
    Mockito.verify(display).showErrorMessage(message);
}
}
```

Given a library with these books: (b1,b2,b3,b4)

When Alon borrows b2

Then b2 should be borrowed

When Alon borrows bx

Then a "bx is not a legal book name" message should be displayed

When Alon returns b2

Then b2 should not be borrowed

When Alon returns b4

Then a "Alon stole a book" message should be displayed

When Alon borrows b3

And Alon borrows b3

Then a "Can't borrow same book twice" message should be displayed

“Mocking?”

```
public class FolderScanner {
    public FolderScanner(File root) { ... }
    public List<String> getPaths() { ... }
    public List<File> getFiles() { ... }
    public String getContent(String path) { ... }
}

public class Java {
    public void load(String javaSourceCode) { ... }
    public List<String> vertices() { ... }
    public String getBody(String v) { .. }
    public boolean isPackage(String v) { ... }
    public boolean isMethod(String v) { ... }
    public String getArgs(String v) { ... }
    public String getModifiers(String v) { ... }
    public String getType(String v) { ... }
    ...
}
```

```
public interface ProgressListener {
    public void setLimits(int first, int last);
    public void setCurrent(int n);

    public static final ProgressListener NOP
        = new ProgressListener() {
            @Override
            public void setLimits(int first, int last) {}

            @Override
            public void setCurrent(int n) {}
        };
}
```

```
public class ProgramLoader {

    private FolderScanner fs;
    private Java java;

    public ProgramLoader(Java java, FolderScanner fs) {
        this.java = java; this.fs = fs;
    }

    public void run() { run(ProgressListener.NOP,
        new AtomicBoolean(true)); }

    public void run(ProgressListener listener, AtomicBoolean bool) {
        List<String> temp = new ArrayList<String>(fs.getPaths());

        Iterable<String> lst = Iterables.filter(temp,
            new Predicate<String>() {
                @Override
                public boolean apply(String x) {
                    return x.endsWith(".java");
                }
            }
        ));
    ...
}
```

```
... // Cont. from previous slide
int index = -1;

for(String p : lst) {
    if(!bool.get())
        return;
    listener.setCurrent(++index);
    try
    {
        java.load(fs.getContent(p));
    }
    catch(Exception e)
    {
        throw new RuntimeException(e);
    }
}
}
```



```
@Test
public void shouldLoadFromFolderScanner()
{
    Java java = Mockito.mock(Java.class);
    FolderScanner fs = Mockito.mock(FolderScanner.class);

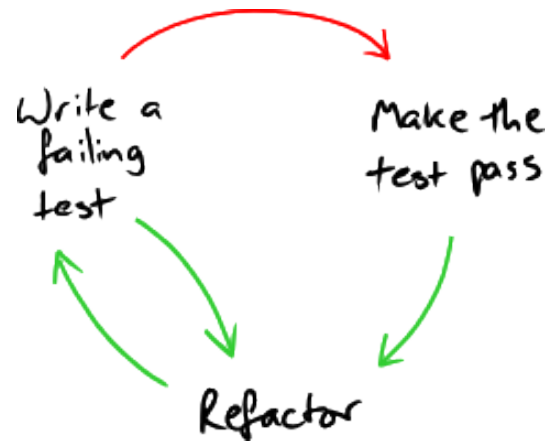
    Mockito.when(fs.getPaths()).thenReturn(Arrays.asList("x/y/C1.java",
        "x/y/C2.txt", "x/z/C3.java"));

    Mockito.when(fs.getContent("x/y/C1.java")).thenReturn("content of C1");
    Mockito.when(fs.getContent("x/y/C2.txt")).thenReturn("content of C2");
    Mockito.when(fs.getContent("x/z/C3.java")).thenReturn("content of C3");

    ProgramLoader pl = new ProgramLoader(java, fs);
    pl.run();

    Mockito.verify(java).load("content of C1");
    Mockito.verify(java).load("content of C3");
}
```

“Isn't TDD just another name for testing?”



Source: <http://www.natpryce.com/articles/000780.html>

“With TDD there's no planning”

**Warning:**

**If you're saying the following,  
you're not doing testing yet**

... Or

**... you're doing it wrong**

“Tests should be written by QA engineers”



“Unit testing is great, but some aspects of my program are too complicated to test”

# Pitfalls

“Legacy Code?”

*(you want to)*

*Refactor to make it maintainable,  
w/o tests, you can't refactor.*

*To make it refactorable you need to  
write tests,*

*to make it testable you need to  
refactor*

“We're writing less tests 'cus the deadline is just  
around the corner”

“UI”

# Practices



- Always verify that you start from green
- Make sure a test fails the first time you write it
- Before fixing a bug, capture it with a test
- Tests should be simpler than subject
- In a suite place shorter tests first

- One assertion per test method
- Improved TDD cycle
  - Write a failing test
  - ***Verify it fails for the right reason***
  - ***Fix the error message***
  - Make it pass
  - Refactor
- Builders for generating test data
- Meaningful data

**-Thank You-**