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Lecture 5: Unit Testing and Test Automation

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Today's Goals

- We now know what tests *are*.
- Soon, we'll learn how to design tests.
 - (exploration -> requirements > code structure)
- Today some of the technical detail.
 - How to write unit tests in JUnit.
 - Executing tests as part of a build script.





Executing Tests

- How do you run test cases on the program?
 - You could run the code and check results by hand.
 - Please don't do this.
 - Humans are slow, expensive, and error-prone.
 - **Exception** exploratory testing.
 - Test design requires effort and creativity.
 - Test execution should not.





Test Automation

- **Test Automation** is the development of software to separate repetitive tasks from the creative aspects of testing.
- Automation allows control over *how* and *when* tests are executed.
 - Control the environment and preconditions.
 - Automatic comparison of predicted and actual output.
 - Automatic hands-free re-execution of tests.





Testing Requires Writing Code

- Testing cannot wait for the system to be complete.
 - The component to be tested must be isolated from the rest of the system, instantiated, and *driven* using method invocations.
 - Untested dependencies must be *stubbed out* with reliable substitutions.
 - The deployment environment must be simulated by a controllable *harness*.





Test Scaffolding

- Test scaffolding is a set of programs written to support test automation.
 - Not part of the product
 - Often temporary
- Allows for:
 - Testing before all components complete.
 - Testing independent components.
 - Control over testing environment.



Test Scaffolding

- A **driver** is a substitute for a main or calling program.
 - Test cases are drivers.
- A harness is a substitute for all or part of the deployment environment.
- A **stub** (or **mock object**) is a substitute for system functionality that has not been completed.
- Support for recording and managing test execution.

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Test Scaffolding

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Writing an Executable Test Case

- Test Input
 - Any required input data.
- Expected Output (Test Oracle)
 - What should happen, i.e., values or exceptions.
- Initialization
 - Any steps that must be taken before test execution.
- Test Steps
 - Interactions with the system (such as method calls), and output comparisons.
- Tear Down
 - Any steps that must be taken after test execution to prepare for the next test.



Writing a Unit Test

JUnit is a Java-based toolkit for writing executable tests.

- Choose a target from the code base.
- Write a "testing class" containing a series of unit tests centered around testing that target.

```
public class Calculator {
  public int evaluate (String
              expression) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (String summand:
              expression.split("\\+"))
      sum += Integer.valueOf(summand);
    return sum;
```





Writing a Unit Test

import static

```
org.junit.jupite Convention - name the test class
                                                                 after the class it is testing or the
                                                import org.junit
                                                                 functionality being tested.
public class Calculator {
           Each test is denoted with keyword
                                                public class CalculatorTest {
  public
           @test.
                                                  @Test
                coston, (
                                                  void testEvaluate Valid ShouldPass(){
    int sum = 0;
                                    Initialization
                                                   Calculator calculator = new Calculator();
    for (String summand:
                                                    int sum = calculator.evaluate("1+2+3");
                                                                                            Input
                                    Test Steps
                expression.split
                                                    assertEquals(6, sum);
                                                                            Oracle
       sum += Integer.valueOf(summand);
                                                     calculator = null;
                                                                           Tear Down
    return sum;
```





Test Fixtures - Shared Initialization

@BeforeEach annotation defines a common test initialization method:

```
@BeforeEach
public void setUp() throws Exception
{
    this.registration = new Registration();
    this.registration.setUser("ggay");
```





Test Fixtures - Teardown Method

@AfterEach annotation defines a common test tear down method:

@AfterEach
public void tearDown() throws Exception
{

```
this.registration.logout();
this.registration = null;
```





More Test Fixtures

- **@BeforeAll** defines initialization to take place before any tests are run.
- **@AfterAll** defines tear down after all tests are done.

@BeforeAll

```
public static void setUpClass() {
    myManagedResource = new
    ManagedResource();
}
```

```
@AfterAll
public static void tearDownClass()
throws IOException {
    myManagedResource.close();
    myManagedResource = null;
    }
```





Test Skeleton

@Test annotation defines a single test:

@Test

Type of scenario, and expectation on outcome. I.e., testEvaluate_NullInput()

```
public void test<Feature or Method>_<Context>() {
```

```
//Define Inputs
try{ //Try to get output.
}catch(Exception error){
    fail("Why did it fail?");
}
```

//Compare expected and actual values through assertions or through if
statements/fails





Assertions

Assertions are a "language" of testing - constraints that you place on the output.

- assertEquals, assertArrayEquals
- assertFalse, assertTrue
- assertNull, assertNotNull
- assertSame,assertNotSame





assertEquals

@Test

```
public void testAssertEquals() {
```

```
assertEquals("failure - strings are not
```

```
equal", "text", "text");
```

```
}
```

}

```
public void testAssertArrayEquals() {
    byte[] expected = "trial".getBytes();
    byte[] actual = "trial".getBytes();
    assertArrayEquals("failure - byte arrays
not same", expected, actual);
```

- Compares two items for equality.
- For user-defined classes, relies on .equals method.
 - Compare field-by-field
 - assertEquals(studentA.getName(), studentB.getName()) rather than assertEquals(studentA, studentB)
 - assertArrayEquals
 compares arrays of items.





assertFalse, assertTrue

@Test

```
public void testAssertFalse() {
```

assertFalse("failure - should be false",

(getGrade(studentA, "DIT635").equals("A"));

```
}
```

```
public void testAssertTrue() {
    assertTrue("failure - should be true",
  (getOwed(studentA) > 0));
}
```

- Take in a string and a boolean expression.
- Evaluates the expression and issues pass/fail based on outcome.
- Used to check conformance of solution to expected properties.





assertSame, assertNotSame

@Test

```
public void testAssertNotSame() {
```

```
assertNotSame("should not be same Object",
studentA, new Object());
```

```
}
```

```
public void testAssertSame() {
```

```
Student studentB = studentA;
```

```
assertSame("should be same", studentA,
studentB);
```

- Checks whether two objects are clones.
- Are these variables aliases for the same object?
 - assertEquals uses .equals().
 - o assertSame uses ==





assertNull, assertNotNull

@Test

```
public void testAssertNotNull() {
```

```
assertNotNull("should not be null",
new Object());
```

}

```
public void testAssertNull() {
    assertNull("should be null", null);
}
```

- Take in an object and checks whether it is null/not null.
- Can be used to help diagnose and void null pointer exceptions.





Grouping Assertions

@Test

}

```
void groupedAssertions() {
```

```
Person person = Account.getHolder();
```

```
assertAll("person",
```

```
() -> assertEquals("John",
```

```
person.getFirstName()),
```

```
() -> assertEquals("Doe",
```

```
person.getLastName()));
```

```
    Grouped assertions are 
executed.
```

- Failures are reported together.
- Preferred way to compare fields of two data structures.





assertThat

ha **b**i **either** - pass if one of these properties is true. tems,

@Test

public void testAssertThat{

- assertThat("albumen", both(containsString("a")).and(containsString("b")));
- assertThat(Arrays.asList("one", "two", "three"), hasItems("one", "three"));
- assertThat(Arrays.asList(new String[] { "fun", "ban", "net" }),

everyItem(containsString("n")));

- assertThat("good", allof(equalTo("good"), startsWith("good")));
- assertThat("good", not(allOf(equalTo("bad"), equalTo("good"))));
- assertThat("good", anyOf(equalTo("bad"), equalTo("good")));
- assertThat(7, not(CombinableMatcher.<Integer>

either(equalTo(3)).or(equalTo(4))));





Testing Exceptions

```
void exceptionTesting() {
```

```
Throwable exception =
```

```
assertThrows(
```

```
IndexOutOfBoundsException.class,
```

```
() -> { new ArrayList<Object>().get(0);}
```

```
);
```

```
assertEquals("Index:0, Size:0",
```

```
exception.getMessage());
```

- When testing error handling, we expect exceptions to be thrown.
 - assertThrows checks whether the code block throws the expected exception.
 - assertEquals can be used to check the contents of the stack trace.





Testing Performance

@Test

```
void timeoutExceeded() {
```

```
assertTimeout( ofMillis(10),
```

```
() -> { Order.process(); });
```

}

```
void timeoutNotExceededWithMethod() {
```

```
String greeting =
```

```
assertTimeout(ofMinutes(2),
```

```
AssertionsDemo::greeting);
```

```
assertEquals("Hello, World!", greeting);
```

- assertTimeout can be used to impose a time limit on an action.
 - Time limit stated using ofMilis(..), ofSeconds(..), ofMinutes(..)
 - Result of action can be captured as well, allowing checking of result correctness.





Activity - Unit Testing

You are testing the following method:

public double max(double a, double b);

Devise three executable test cases for this method in the JUnit notation. See the attached handout for a refresher on the notation.



@Test

```
public void aLarger() {
  double a = 16.0;
  double b = 10.0;
  double expected = 16.0;
  double actual = max(a,b);
  assertTrue("should be larger", actual>b);
  assertEquals(expected, actual);
```

} @Test

```
public void bLarger() {
  double a = 10.0;
  double b = 16.0;
  double expected = 16.0;
  double actual = max(a,b);
  assertTrue("b should be larger", b>a);
  assertEquals(expected, actual);
```

@Test

```
public void bothEqual() {
    double a = 16.0;
    double b = 16.0;
    double expected = 16.0;
    double actual = max(a,b);
    assertEquals(a,b);
    assertEquals(expected, actual);
  }
@Test
public void bothNegative() {
```

.

```
double a = -2.0;
```

```
double b = -1.0;
```

```
double expected = -1.0;
```

double actual = max(a,b);

assertTrue("should be negative",actual<0);
assertEquals(expected, actual);</pre>

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Best Practices

Use assertions instead of print statements

@Test

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```
public void testStringUtil_Bad() {
    String result = stringUtil.concat("Hello ", "World");
    System.out.println("Result is "+result);
}
@Test
public void testStringUtil_Good() {
    String result = stringUtil.concat("Hello ", "World");
    assertEquals("Hello World", result);
}
```

- The first test will always pass (no assertions)
 - Developer would need to manually verify the output.



Best Practices

• Even if code is non-deterministic, tests should give deterministic results.

```
public long calculateTime(){
    long time = 0;
    long before = System.currentTimeMillis();
    veryComplexFunction();
    long after = System.currentTimeMillis();
    time = after - before;
    return time;
}
```

- Each time this method is executed, the result will differ.
- Tests for this method should not specify the exact time returned, but properties of a "good" execution.
 - The time should be positive, not negative or 0.
 - Couple place a range on the output.





- Test negative scenarios and boundary cases, in addition to positive scenarios.
 - Can the system handle invalid data?
 - Method expects a string of length 8, with A-Z,a-z,0-9.
 - Try non-alphanumeric characters. Try a blank value. Try strings with length < 8, > 8
- Boundary cases test extreme values.
 - If method expects numeric value 1 to 100, try 1 and 100.
 - Also, 0, negative, 100+ (negative scenarios).

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- Test only one code unit at a time.
 - Capture each scenario in a separate test case.
 - Method with two parameters: separate one null, other null, both null, and "happy path" into different test cases.
 - Helps in isolating and fixing faults.
- Don't use unnecessary assertions.
 - Unit tests are a specification on how behavior should work, not a list of observations.
 - Aim for each unit test method to perform exactly one assertion ensure all assertions are related in purpose.





- Make each test independent of all others.
 - Use @BeforeEach and @AfterEach to set up state and clear state before the next test case.
- Create unit tests to target exceptions.
 - If an exception should be thrown based on certain input, make sure the exception is thrown.





- Name test cases clearly and consistently.
 - Name tests after what they do and test.
 - Name should encode operation, scenario, and expectation:
 - TestCreateEmployee_NullId_ShouldThrowException
 - TestCreateEmployee_NegativeId_ShouldThrowException
 - TestCreateEmployee_DuplicateId_ShouldThrowException
 - TestCreateEmployee_ValidId_ShouldPass



Scaffolding

- Stubs and drivers are code written as replacements other parts of the system.
 - May be required if pieces of the system do not exist.
- Scaffolding allows control over test execution and greater observability to judge test results.
 - Simulate dependencies and test components in isolation.
 - Ability to set up specialized testing scenarios.
 - Ability to replace part of the program with a version more suited to testing.





Replacing Interfaces

- Scaffolding can be complex can replace any portion of the system.
- If an interface does not allow control or observability write scaffolding to replace it.
 - Allow inspection of previously-private variables.
 - Replace a GUI with a machine-usable interface.
 - May be useful after testing.
 - Expose a command-line interface for scripting.





Generic vs Specific Scaffolding

- Simplest driver run a single specific test case.
- More complex:
 - Common scaffolding for a set of similar tests cases,
 - Scaffolding that can run multiple test suites for the same software (i.e., load a spreadsheet of inputs and run then).
 - Scaffolding that can vary a number of parameters (product family, OS, language).
- Balance of quality, scope, and cost.



Unit Testing - Object Mocking

Components may depend on other, unfinished (or untested) components. You can **mock** those components.

- Mock objects have the same interface as the real component, but are hand-created to simulate the real component.
- Can also be used to simulate abnormal operation or rare events.




Mocking Example (Mockito)

- Declare a mock object: LinkedList mList = mock(LinkedList.class);
- Specify method behavior: when(mList.get(0)).thenReturn("first");
 - Returns "first": mList.get(0);
 - Returns null: mList.get(99);
 - Because behavior for "99" is not specified.

when(mList.get(anyInt()).thenReturn("element");

 mList.get(0), mList.get(99) both return "element", as all input are specified.





Mocking Within a Test

@test

public void temperatureTest(){

Thermometer mockTherm = mock(Thermometer.class);
when(mockTherm.get()).thenReturn(98);
WeatherData wData = new WeatherData();
wData.collect(mockTherm);
assertEquals(98,wData.temperature);





Let's take a break.





Build Systems

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Build Systems

- Building software, running test cases, and packaging and distributing the executable are very common, effort-intensive tasks.
- Building and deploying the project should be as easy as possible.
- Build systems ease this process by automating as much of it as possible.
 - Repetitive tasks can be automated and run at-will.





Build Systems

- Build systems allow control over code compilation, test execution, executable packaging, and deployment to production.
- Script defines actions that can be automatically invoked at any time.
- Many frameworks for build scripting.
 - Most popular for Java include Ant, Maven, Gradle.
 - Gradle is very common for Android projects.





Build Lifecycle



- Validate the project is correct and all necessary information is available
- **Compile** the source code of the project.
- **Test** the source code using a suitable unit testing framework.
 - Run unit tests against classes and subsystem integration tests against groups of classes.
- Take the compiled code and **package** it in its distributable format, such as a JAR.



Build Lifecycle



- Verify run system tests to ensure quality criteria are met.
 - System tests require a packaged executable.
 - This is also when tests of non-functional criteria like performance are executed.
- **Install** the package for use as a dependency in other projects locally.
- **Deploy** the package to the installation environment.





Apache Ant

- Ant (Another Neat Tool) is a build system for Java.
- Build scripts define a set of **targets** that can be executed on command.
 - Targets can correspond to lifecycle phases or other desired automated tasks.
 - Targets can trigger other targets.
 - Build scripts written in XML.
 - Platform neutral, But can invoke platform-specific commands.
 - Human and machine readable.
 - Created automatically by many IDEs (Eclipse).





A Basic Build Script

- File typically named **build.xml**, and placed in the base directory of the project.
- Build script requires project element and at least one target.
 - Project defines a **name** and a default **target**.
 - This target prints project information.
 - Echo prints information to the terminal.



Targets

```
<target name = "deploy" depends = "package"> .... </target>
<target name = "package" depends = "clean,compile"> .... </target>
<target name = "clean" > .... </target>
<target name = "compile" > .... </target>
```

- A target is a collection of tasks you want to run in a single unit.
 - Targets can depend on other targets.
 - If you issue the **deploy** command, it will complete the **package** target first, which will complete **clean** and **compile** first.
 - Dependencies are denoted using the depends attribute.





Targets

```
<target name = "deploy" depends = "package"> .... </target>
<target name = "package" depends = "clean,compile"> .... </target>
<target name = "clean" > .... </target>
<target name = "compile" > .... </target>
```

- Target attributes:
 - **name** defines the name of the target (required)
 - depends lists dependencies of the target.
 - description is used to describe the target.
 - **if** and **unless** allow execution of the target to depend on a conditional attribute.
 - Execute the target **if** the attribute is true, or execute is **unless** the attribute is true.





Executing targets

```
Buildfile: build.xml
info: [echo] Hello World - Welcome to Apache
Ant!
BUILD SUCCESSFUL
Total time: 0 seconds
```

- In the command line, invoke:
 - ant <target name>
- If no target is supplied, the default will be executed.
 - In this case, **ant** and **ant info** will give the same result because info is the default target.





Properties

- XML does not natively allow variable declaration.
 - Instead, Ant allows the creation of property elements, which can be referred to by name.

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
<project name = "Hello World Project" default = "info">
    <property name = "sitename" value = "http://cse.sc.edu"/>
    <target name = "info">
        <echo>Apache Ant version is ${ant.version} - You are at ${sitename} </echo>
        </target>
</project>
```





Properties

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
<project name = "Hello World Project" default = "info">
    <property name = "sitename" value = "http://cse.sc.edu"/>
    <target name = "info">
        <echo>Apache Ant version is ${ant.version} - You are at ${sitename} </echo>
        </target>
</project>
```

- Properties have a name and a value.
 - Property value is referred to as **\${property name}**.
 - Ant pre-defines **ant.version**, **ant.file** (location of the build file), **ant.project.name**, **ant.project.default-target**, and other properties.



Property Files

- A separate file can be used to define a set of static properties.
 - Allows reuse of a build file in different execution environments (development, testing, production).
 - Allows easy lookup of property values.
- Typically called **build.properties** and stored in the same directory as the build script.
 - Lists one property per line: <name> = <value>
 - Comments can be added using # <comment>



Property Files

• build.xml

```
<project name = "1.0"?>
<project name = "Hello World Project" default = "info">
        <property file = "build.properties"/>
        <target name = "info">
            <echo>You are at ${sitename}, version ${buildversion}.</echo>
        </target>
</project>
```

• build.properties

The Site Name
sitename = http://cse.sc.edu
buildversion = 3.3.2

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Conditions

```
<target name = "myTarget" depends =
"myTarget.check" if =
"myTarget.run"> .... </target>
<target name = "myTarget.check">
    <condition property =
"myTarget.run">
        \langle and \rangle
             <available file =</pre>
"foo.txt"/>
             <available file =</pre>
"bar.txt"/>
        </and>
    </condition>
</target>
```

- Conditions are properties whose value is determined by **and** and **or** expressions.
 - And requires each property to be true.
 - In this case, both foo.txt and bar.txt must exist.
 - (available is an Ant command that checks for file existence)
 - Or requires only one listed property to be true.
 - Calling target **myTarget.check** creates a property (**myTarget.run**) that is true if both files are present.
 - When **myTarget** is called, it will run only if myTarget.run is true.





Ant Utilities

- Fileset generates a list of files matching set criteria for inclusion or exclusion.
 - ** means that the file can be in any subdirectory.
 - * allows partial file name matches.





Ant Utilities

- Path is used to represent a classpath.
 - pathelement is used to add items or other paths to the path.

```
<path id = "build.classpath.jar">
    <pathelement path = "${env.J2EE_HOME}/j2ee.jar"/>
    <fileset dir = "lib"> <include name = "**/*.jar"/> </fileset>
</path>
```





Building a Project

```
<project name = "Hello-World" basedir = "." default = "build">
    <property name = "src.dir" value = "src"/>
    <property name = "build.dir" value = "target"/>
    <path id = "master-classpath">
        <fileset dir = "${src.dir}/lib"> <include name = "*.jar"/> </fileset>
        <pathelement path = "${build.dir}"/>
        </path>
</project>
```

- Properties **src.dir** and **build.dir** define where the source files are stored and where the built classes are deployed.
- Path master-classpath includes all JAR files in the lib folder and all files in the build.dir folder.





Building a Project

```
<project name = "Hello-World" basedir = "." default = "build">
```

```
<target name = "clean" description = "Clean output directories">
        <delete>
        <fileset dir = "${build.dir}">
            <include name = "**/*.class"/>
        </fileset>
        </delete>
        <
```

- The clean target is used to prepare for the build process by cleaning up any remnants of previous builds.
 - In this case, it deletes all compiled files (.class)
 - May also remove JAR files or other temporary artifacts that will be regenerated by the build.





Building a Project

```
<project name = "Hello-World" basedir = "." default = "build">
```

```
<target name = "build" description = "Compile source tree java files">
	<mkdir dir = "${build.dir}"/>
	<javac destdir = "${build.dir}" source = "1.8" target = "1.8">
		<src path = "${src.dir}"/>
		<classpath refid = "master-classpath"/>
		</javac>
</target>
```

</project>

- The build target will create the build directory, compile the source code (using javac), and place the class files in the build directory.
 - Can specify which java version to target (1.8).
 - Must reference the classpath to use during compilation.





Creating a JAR File

• The **jar** command is used to create a JAR (executable) from your compiled classes.

- **destfile** is the location to place the JAR file.
- **basedir** is the base directory of included files.
- includes defines the files to include in the JAR.
- **excludes** prevents certain files from being added.
- The manifest declares metadata about the JAR.
 - Attribute Main-Class makes the JAR executable.





Running Unit Tests

• JUnit tests are run using the **junit** command.

```
<target name = "test">

<junit haltonfailure = "true" haltonerror = "false"

printsummary = "true" timeout = "5000">

<test name = "com.utils.UtilsTest"/>

</junit>
```

</target>

- **test** entries list the test classes to execute.
- haltonfailure will stop test execution if any tests fail, haltonerror if errors occur.
- **printsummary** displays test statistics (number of tests run, number of failures/errors, time elapsed).
- **timeout** will stop a test and issue an error if the specified time limit is exceeded.

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Best Practices

- Automate everything you can!
 - Ant can integrate with version control, run scripts, send files, zip files, etc.
 - Use it as a comprehensive project management tool.
- Require all team members to use Ant.
 - Require an Ant build before checking changes into version control.
- Provide a "clean" target.
 - All build files need the ability to clean up before a fresh build. Clean should only retain the files in VCS.



Best Practices: Follow Consistent Naming Conventions

- Call the build file build.xml, properties should be stored in build.properties.
 - And these should be in the root of the project.
- Prefix internal targets with a hyphen.
 - "build" might be available for external use, subtarget "-build.part1" might not be intended for use in isolation.
 - By prefixing a hyphen, you give readers context.
 - Hyphenated targets cannot be run from command line.
- Format and document the XML file.
 - Try to make the file readable to the human eye.



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Best Practices: Design for Maintenance

- Will your build file be readable in the future?
- Will the file execute on a clean machine?
 - Document the build process.
 - Write a text file describing the build and deployment process.
 - List programs and libraries needed for the build.
 - Avoid dependencies on programs/JAR files that are not stored with the project.
 - Store external libraries with the project for easier builds.
 - Do not distribute usernames/passwords in the build files. These change + this is bad security.





We Have Learned

- Test automation can be used to lower the cost and improve the quality of testing.
- Automation involves creating drivers, harnesses, stubs, and oracles.
- Test cases are often written in unit testing frameworks, as executable pieces of code.
 - Assertions allow deep examination of program output for failures.





We Have Learned

- Testing is not all that can be automated.
 - Project compilation, installation, deployment, etc.
- Project build automation:
 - Automating the entire compilation, testing, and deployment process.
 - Ant is an XML-based language for automating the build process.





Next Time

- Exploratory Testing
 - Human-driven exploration of system capabilities.
- Assignment 1 due February 16
- Before February 7, make sure you have one laptop per group with an IDE installed with JUnit support.
 - Make sure JUnit tests can be run
 - IntelliJ: <u>https://www.jetbrains.com/help/idea/configuring-testing-libraries.html</u>
 - Eclipse:

https://help.eclipse.org/2019-12/index.jsp?topic=%2Forg.eclipse.jdt.doc.u ser%2FgettingStarted%2Fqs-junit.htm



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