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Beyond JUnit:
Introducing TestNG,
the Next Generation in Testing.


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Outline

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- Testing (unit, functional, regression, integration, etc...)
- JUnit, strengths and weaknesses
- TestNG




Testing

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- Renewed enthusiasm for testing lately
- No more "real developers" vs. "QA developers"
- Partially due to Extreme Programming
- ... and Test-Driven Development (TDD)

➔ Testing is cool again!



JUnit

- Does it need any introduction?
- Simple Java testing framework based on introspection, test methods, test classes and test suites
- First Java testing framework created and now *de facto* standard in the Java world



JUnit strengths

- Simple to understand: test methods, classes suites
- Easy to implement: extend TestCase, write test methods that start with "test"
- Use setUp() and tearDown() methods for initialization and clean up
- Use the TestRunner to get either a text or a graphic result
- Then combine tests in hierarchical suites as you increase test coverage of your code
- Lots of add-ons (ant tasks, report generators, database testing, GUI testing, etc...)



JUnit problems

Does this test pass or fail?

```
public class Test1 extends TestCase {
    private int m_count = 0;

    public void test1() {
        m_count++;
        assertEquals(m_count, 1);
    }

    public void test2() {
        m_count++;
        assertEquals(m_count, 1);
    }
}
```




JUnit problems

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- **It passes!!!**
- **JUnit reinitialiates your class before invoking each test method**
- **By design?**
- **How do you keep state across test invocations?**
- **Use static fields**
- **Downsides?**
 - Goes against intuition about classes and constructors
 - Not "same-JVM friendly"
 - Redundant with setUp()
- **One flaw (reinstantiation) fixed by another flaw (static fields)**

→ Questionable design




JUnit problems

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- **How do you run an individual test method?**
→ **Comment out all the other methods**
- **How do you disable/enable certain test methods?**
→ **Modify your suite() method, recompile, and rerun the tests**


Note: existing IDE's and JUnit add-ons address these problems



JUnit problems

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- **Victim of its own success. Initially designed to enable unit testing only, now used for all kinds of testing**
- **... but very limited for anything but unit testing e.g. no dependent test methods**
- **Poor configuration control (setUp/tearDown)**
- **Hasn't been updated in years (JUnit 4 in the works)**
- **Intrusive (forces you to extend classes and name your methods a certain way)**
- **Static programming model (forces you to recompile unnecessarily)**
- **Doesn't use the latest Java features (annotations, asserts)**
- **Needs a lot of add-ons to be usable**



Introducing TestNG

- Based on annotations (either Javadoc or JDK5)
- Flexible runtime configuration (XML, not Java)
- Introduces the notion of "test groups" to clearly separate static testing (implementing the methods) from dynamic (which tests are run)
- Dependent test methods, parallel testing, load testing, partial failure
- Flexible plug-in API (report creation, even changing the core behavior)



TestNG example (JDK 1.4)

```
public class SimpleTest {  
  
    /**  
     * @testng.configuration beforeTestClass = true  
     */  
    public void init() {  
        // code that will be invoked when this  
        // test is instantiated  
    }  
  
    /**  
     * @testng.test groups = "functest"  
     */  
    public void serverIsRunning() {  
        // your test code  
    }  
}
```



TestNG example (JDK 5)

```
import org.testng.annotations.*;  
  
public class SimpleTest {  
  
    @Configuration(beforeTestClass = true)  
    public void init() {  
        // code that will be invoked when this  
        // test is instantiated  
    }  
  
    @Test(groups = { "functest" })  
    public void serverIsRunning() {  
        // your test code  
    }  
}
```



TestNG example

- No need to extend a base class
- No need to start your test methods with "test"
- Configuration methods can be called anything you want, not just setUp() and tearDown(). You can have as many as you want and they can be invoked either around methods or classes
- Test methods can receive parameters (not illustrated in the previous example but discussed later)



Running the test

Runtime specified in testng.xml. Mostly: list of classes and list of groups to include/exclude:

```
<test name="Simple">
  <groups>
    <run>
      <include name="funcctest"/>
    </run>
  </groups>
  <classes>
    <class name="SimpleTest" />
  </classes>
</test>
```

Note: testng.xml is optional (can also use ant, command line)



TestNG annotations

@Configuration

- beforeTestMethod/afterTestMethod (setUp/tearDown)
- beforeTestClass/afterTestClass (no JUnit equivalent)
- beforeSuite/afterSuite (no JUnit equivalent)

- You can have as many @Configuration methods as you want
- @Configuration methods can belong to groups and depend on other groups



TestNG annotations

@Test

- **groups**
The groups this method belongs to
- **parameters**
The parameters that will be passed to your test method, as they are found in testng.xml
- **dependsOnGroups**
The list of groups this test method depends on. TestNG guarantees that all the methods belong to these groups will be run before your method
- **timeout**
How long TestNG should wait before declaring your test method has failed.

```
@Test(groups = { "functional" },
      timeout = 10000,
      dependsOnGroups = { "serverIsUp" })
public sendHttpRequest() {
    // ...
}
```



Dependent methods

- **Problem: certain test methods depend on the successful prior run of other test methods.**
- **Example: testing a web server:**
 - One test method that launches the server (launch())
 - One test method that pings the server (ping())
 - Twenty methods that test various functionalities of the server (test1() ... test20())
- **Problem: server is launched but ping() fails**
- **Scenario tricky to achieve with JUnit**
- **Result: 1 PASSED and 21 FAILURES**
→ QA freaks out and calls you on a Sunday during your golf game



Dependent methods

- **Need a way to order methods. And not just individual test methods, but methods grouped logically**
- **Need a mechanism to accurately report failures due to a dependency not satisfied (avoid the FAILURE cascade trauma)**



Dependent methods with TestNG

- Test methods can “depend on” groups of methods
- Methods contained in the depended-upon groups are guaranteed to run first
- If any of the methods in a depended-upon group fails, subsequent tests that depend on it will be marked as a SKIP, not a FAILURE



Dependent methods with TestNG

- Back to the Web server testing example:

```
@Test(groups = "launch")
public void launchServer() {...}

@Test(groups = "init",
       dependsOnGroups = { "launch" })
public void ping() { ...}

@Test(dependsOnGroups = { "init" })
public void test1() { ... }
```

Outcome: 1 SUCCESS, 1 FAIL, 20 SKIPS



Rerunning failed tests

- Most of our work is fixing tests that fail
- TestNG knows what tests failed in a particular run and makes it to rerun just these tests
- → testng-failed.xml

- Typical session:

```
$ java org.testng.TestNG testng.xml
$ java org.testng.TestNG testng-failed.xml
```



testng.xml

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Where all the runtime information goes:

- The test methods, classes, packages
- Which groups should be run (include-groups)
- Which groups should not be run (exclude-groups)
- Define additional groups ("groups of groups")
- Whether the tests should be run in parallel
- Parameters
- JUnit mode

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Eclipse and IDEA

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TestNG plug-ins exist for both Eclipse and IDEA:

- Run a test method, test class, group testng.xml
- Easy selection of groups and suite files
- Show the familiar red/green bar
- Directly jump to test failures
- Automatically convert from JUnit to TestNG

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TestNG: X

Results of this test run

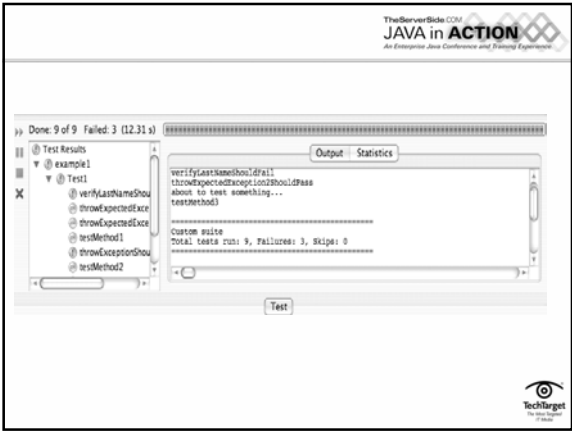
Suites: 1/1 Tests: 22/22 Methods: 115/115

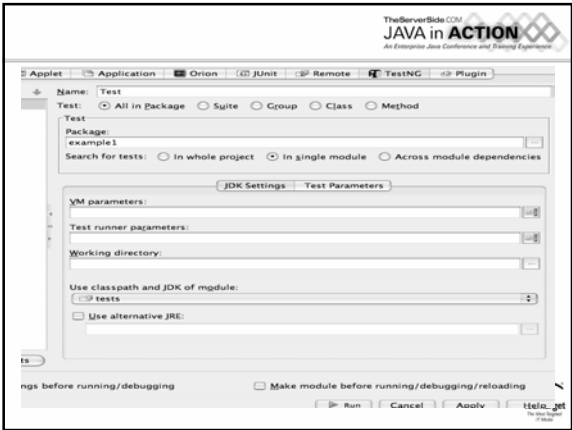
Passed: 115 Failed: 0 Skipped: 0

Failed tests (15) All tests

- TestNG JDK 1.5 (115/0/0)
- NoPackage (1/0/0)
- Regression1 (170/0/0)
- Regression2 (16/0/0)
- Basic (3/0/0)
- test.sample.Basic1.basic1
- test.sample.Basic2.basic2
- test.Misc.makeSureSetUpWithParameterWithNoParametersP
- Exclusion (4/0/0)
- Dependents (23/0/0)
- Inheritance (400/0/0)
- JUnit (3/0/0)
- Test outer scope (1/0/0)
- Test inner scope (1/0/0)
- AfterClassCalledAtEnd (3/0/0/0)
- Triangle (3/0/0/0)
- CheckChangeTest (1/0/0/0)
- Test class groups 1 (3/0/0/0)
- Test class groups 2 (3/0/0/0)
- Factory (5/0/0/0)







Integration with other frameworks

- **Maven plug-in**
- **Spring**
- **DBUnit**

- **Integration is straightforward in most cases (setUp/tearDown)**



Converting from JUnit

- **JUnitConverter can convert entire code bases to TestNG in a few seconds**

- **Possible from Eclipse or IDEA as well**



Advanced TestNG: parameters

- **You can define parameters in testng.xml that will be passed to your method as regular Java parameters**

```
<suite name="TestNG" >
  <parameter
    name="configuration" value="conf.xml" />

  @Test(parameters = { "configuration" })
  public void parseXml(String xmlPath) {
  }
}
```



Advanced TestNG: excluding groups

- Sometimes, tests break and you can't fix them just now
- With JUnit: comment out the broken tests and hope you won't forget to turn them back on before you ship
- With TestNG: define a "broken" group and have it excluded of all your runs. Move any test method that fails into this group
- Later: just look for all the tests in the "broken" group, fix them and remove the method from the "broken" group

```
<test name="DBTest">
  <groups>
    <run>
      <exclude name="broken.*" />
      <include name="functional.*" />
    </run>
  </groups>
```



Advanced TestNG: partial failure

- "invocationCount" allows to specify that a test method should be invoked more than once
- Used in conjunction with "successPercentage" allows you to define partial failure tests:

```
@Test(invocationCount = 1000,
      successPercentage = 98)
public void sendSmsMessage(String msg)
{ ... }
```



Advanced TestNG: variables

- Some variables should not be in the code
- Can define variables in testng.xml and use them in the annotations:

```
<parameter name="count" value="1000" />
<parameter name="pct" value="98" />

@Test(invocationCount = "${count}",
      successPercentage = "${pct}")
public void sendSmsMessage(String msg)
{ ... }
```



Advanced TestNG: plug-in API

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TestNG exposes a plug-in API that makes it easy for clients to follow a test run:

- When a test starts
- When it ends
- Whether it succeeded, failed or skipped
- etc...

It is even possible to modify the way TestNG works.

Four proofs of concept:

- JUnit mode
- Default HTML reports
- JUnitReport HTML plug-in
- TestNG's own testing




Advanced TestNG: inheritance

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TestNG supports inheritance of annotations

Back to the Web server test:

- All new test methods should depend on the group "init" (which depends on "launch")
- Error-prone: a new developer might forget to add this annotation
- To enforce this, use a base class:



Advanced TestNG: inheritance

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```

public class BaseWebServerTest {
    @Test(groups = "launch")
    public void launchServer() {...}


    @Test(groups = "init",
          dependsOnGroups = { "launch" })
    public void ping() {...}
}

public class Test2 extends BaseWebServerTest {
    @Test(dependsOnGroups = { "init" })
    public void test21() {...}

    @Test(dependsOnGroups = { "init" })
    public void test22() {...}
}

```

Still not satisfying: the test implementer needs to remember to depend on "ping" for each method



Advanced TestNG: class scope

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Annotations can be scoped: an annotation defined at the class level applies to all public methods of the class.

Solution to the problem: move the annotation at the class level:

```
@Test(dependsOnGroups = { "ping" })
public class Test2 extends BaseWebServerTest {
    public void test21() { ... }
    public void test22() { ... }
```

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Advanced TestNG: annotation inheritance

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- Annotations defined on a parent class will apply to subclasses as well.
- Example: "making all the test methods of a class belong to the group *win32* automatically"

```
@Test(groups = { "win32" })
public BaseWin32Test {
}

public Win32Test extends BaseWin32Test {
    public void test1() { ... }
}
```

Note how the test class becomes a simple POJO! All the TestNG complexities are hidden.

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Reporting

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- TestNG issues an HTML report by default
- Plug-in API makes it easy to write your own reporter (example: JUnitReport plug-in)

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Future directions

- Core of TestNG fairly stable from a feature standpoint
- Scripting language (Groovy, Jython)
- Multi-thread testing
- More work on productivity tools (Eclipse, IDEA, Maven)
- More integration with popular frameworks (HTTPUnit, WebWorks, etc...)



Download information

- **Hosted on java.net, available through CVS**
- **Distribution and documentation also available at**

<http://testng.org>
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Summary


- **JUnit has the right idea but suffers from severe limitations for real testing**
- **TestNG offers the following benefits:**
 - Non-intrusive (annotations)
 - Cleanly separates the programming model from the runtime
 - Covers more than unit testing with advanced functionalities such as dependent methods, groups, parameters or partial failures
 - Powerful plug-in API allowing to generate your own reports or even modify how TestNG works internally
- **Whether you choose TestNG or JUnit, think differently about testing**




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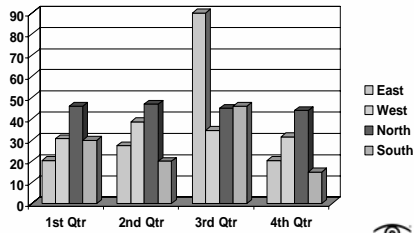
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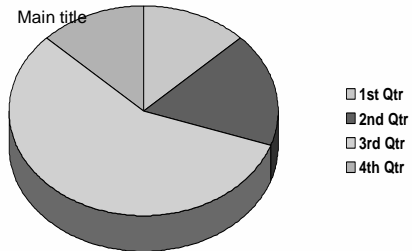


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	Q2 03	% to Q2 02
Units	1K	+1%
Revenue	\$1,000	+1%
Gross margin	1%	+1.0 pts
OPEX	\$1	+1%
Net income	\$1	+1%
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