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• The course software installs to the root directory \textit{C:\OIC\UnitCs}.
  
  – Example programs for each chapter are in named subdirectories of chapter directories \texttt{Chap01}, \texttt{Chap02}, and so on.

  – A cumulative case study is provided in the directory \texttt{CaseStudy}.

  – The \texttt{Labs} directory contains one subdirectory for each lab, named after the lab number. Starter code is frequently supplied, and answers are provided in the chapter or case study directories.

  – The \texttt{Demos} directory is provided for in-class demonstrations led by the instructor.
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Chapter 1

Test-Driven Development
Test-Driven Development

Objectives

After completing this unit you will be able to:

- Explain the principles of test-driven development or TDD.

- Describe the main types of tests pertaining to TDD:
  - Functional tests, also known as customer tests
  - Unit tests, also known as programmer tests

- Discuss the role of test automation in the development process.

- Outline the principles of simple design.

- Describe the use of refactoring in improving software systems and the role of test automation in support of refactoring.

- Describe the Unit Testing Framework in Visual Studio.

- Explain the use of TDD in working with legacy code.
Test-Driven Development

- Test-driven development (TDD) calls for writing test cases before functional code.
  - You write no functional code until there is a test that fails because the function is not present.

- The test cases embody the requirements that the code must satisfy.

- When all test cases pass, the requirements are met.

- Both the test cases and the functional code are incrementally enhanced, until all the requirements are specified in tests that the functional code passes.

- Functional code is enhanced for two reasons:
  - To satisfy additional requirements
  - To improve the quality and maintainability of the code, a process known as refactoring.

- Passing the suite of tests ensures that refactoring has not caused regression.
Functional Tests

- The best known type of tests is *functional tests*, which verify that functional requirements of the end system are satisfied.
  - Such tests are also called *customer tests* or *acceptance tests*.
  - They are customer-facing tests.

- **Functional tests are run against the actual user interface of the running system.**

- **Functional tests may either be run manually by human testers, or they may be automated.**

- **Typical automation is to capture keystrokes and mouse movements, which can then be replayed.**

- **Various commercial test automation tools exist.**
Unit Tests

- **Unit tests** are tests of specific program components.
  - They are programmer-facing and are also called programmer tests.

- Because there is no specific user interface for program components, testing requires some kind of test harness.
  - This test harness must either be written specifically for the program, or a general purpose test harness may be used.

- Besides the test harness, specific test cases must be written.

- Because these tests are programmer-facing, it is desirable if the tests can be specified in a familiar programming language.
  - It is especially desirable if the test cases can be written in the same programming language as the functional code.

- In this course we will write both functional code and test code in C#.
Test Automation

• A key success factor in using TDD is a system for test automation.

• Tests must be run frequently after each incremental change to the program, and the only way this is feasible is for the tests to be automated.

• There are many commercial and open source test automation tools available.

• A particular effective family of test automation tools are the unit test frameworks patterned after the original JUnit for Java:

  JUnit          Java
  NUnit          .NET
  Visual Studio Unit Testing Framework
  cppUnit        C++
  PHPUnit        PHP
  PyUnit          Python
  Test::Unit      Ruby
  JsUnit          JavaScript
Rules for TDD

• Kent Beck, the father of eXtreme Programming (XP), suggested two cardinal rules for TDD:
  – Never write any code for which you do not have a failing automated test.
  – Avoid all duplicate code.

• The first rule ensures that you do not write code that is not tested.
  – And if you provide tests for all your requirements, the rule ensures that you do not write code for something which is not a requirement.

• The second rule is a cardinal principle of good software design.
  – Duplicate code leads to inconsistent behavior over a period of time, as code is changed in one place but not in a duplicated place.
Implications of TDD

- TDD has implications for the development process.
  - You design in an organic manner, and the running code provides feedback for your design decisions.
  - As a programmer you write your own tests, because you can’t wait for someone in another group to write frequent small tests for you.
  - You need rapid response from your development environment, in particular a fast compiler and a regression test suite.
  - Your design should satisfy the classical desiderata of highly cohesive and loosely-coupled components in order to make testing easier. Such a design is also easier to maintain.
Simple Design

- Your program should both do no less and no more than the requirements demand.
  - No less, because otherwise the program will not meet the functional requirements.
  - No more, because extra code imposes both a development and a maintenance burden.

- You may find the following guidelines\(^1\) useful:
  - Your code is appropriate for its intended audience.
  - Your code passes all its tests.
  - Your code communicates everything it needs to.
  - Your code has the minimum number of classes that it needs.
  - Your code has the minimum number of methods that it needs.

\(^1\) Test-Driven Development in Microsoft .NET by James V. Newkirk and Alexei A. Vorontsov.
Refactoring

• The traditional waterfall approach to software development puts a great deal of emphasis on upfront design.
  – Sound design is important in any effective methodology, but the agile approach emphasizes being responsive to change.

• The no more principle suggests that you do not make your program more general than dictated by its current requirements.
  – Future requirements may or may not come along the lines you anticipate.

• The pitfall of incremental changes is that, if not skillfully done, the structure of the program may gradually fall apart.

• The remedy is to not only make functional changes, but when appropriate to refactor your program.
  – This means to improve the program without changing its functionality.
Regression Testing

- A pitfall of refactoring is that you may break something.
  - A natural inclination is to follow the adage, “if it’s not broken, don’t fix it.”

- But as we said, incremental changes to a program may lead to a deterioration of the program’s quality.

- So do go ahead and make refactoring improvements to your program, but be sure to test thoroughly after each change.

- Run the complete test suite to ensure that there has been no regression.

- As part of program maintenance, whenever you fix a bug, add a test to the test suite to test for this bug.
  - Thus your test suite becomes gradually more and more robust, and you can have increased confidence that indeed your refactoring improvements will not break anything.
Test List

- **TDD begins with a test list.**
  - A test list is simply a list of tests for a program component or feature, expressed in ordinary English.

- **The test list describes the program component’s requirements unambiguously.**

- **The test list provides a precise definition of the completion criteria.**
  - The requirements are met when all the tests in the test list pass.
Red/Green/Refactor

• You implement the tests in the test list by a process that is sometimes called Red/Green/Refactor.
  – You work in small, verifiable steps that provide immediate feedback\(^2\).

1. Write the test code.

2. Compile the test code. It should fail, because there is not yet any corresponding functional code.

3. Implement enough functional code for the test code to compile.

4. Run the test and see it fail (red).

5. Implement enough functional code for the test code to pass.

6. Run the test and see it pass (green).

7. Refactor for clarity and to eliminate duplication.

8. Repeat from the top.

• Working in small steps enables you to immediately detect mistakes, and to see where the mistake occurred.
  – You will rarely need the debugger!

Using the Unit Testing Framework

- The Unit Testing Framework in Visual Studio provides an automated unit test facility for .NET languages such as C#.
  - The framework comes with Visual Studio Professional and Visual Studio Team System.

- It uses red (X) and green (check mark) to indicate failing and passing tests.
  - The example shows the results of running a test suite for a Queue component, where we have not yet implemented the Dequeue method.
  - The example is in Chap01\MyQueue\NoDequeue.
Testing with Unit Testing Framework

- The diagram\(^3\) illustrates how programmers doing TDD typically work using the Visual Studio Unit Testing Framework.

1. Write a test case that will fail because functional code is not yet implemented (test first).
2. Run, and you will get red.
3. Fix the functional code and run again until you get green.
4. Keep writing test cases that will fail, implement the functional code, and get green.
5. At any point you may refactor for code improvements, and you need to make sure that you still get green.
6. When you can’t think of any more tests, you are done!

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\(^3\) This diagram is reproduced by permission of the author, Scott Ambler. See [http://www.agiledata.org/essays/tdd.html](http://www.agiledata.org/essays/tdd.html).
Unit Testing Framework Test Drive

• Let’s illustrate TDD by a simple example.
  – Don’t worry about the details of using the Unit Testing Framework but focus on the conceptual process of TDD.

• Our program component is a FIFO (first-in, first-out) queue.
  – The Count property returns number of elements in queue.
  – New items are inserted at the rear of the queue by the Enqueue() method.
  – Items are removed from the front of the queue by the Dequeue() method.
  – A method ToArray() returns all the items in the queue, with the front item at index 0.

• We’ll go through the following steps:
  1. Specify a .NET interface and provide a class with a stub implementation of the interface.
  2. Create our test list, which is the specification of requirements.
  3. Implement our first test and see it fail.
  4. Implement the test code required to make the first test pass.
  5. Implement the second test and see it fail.
  6. Implement the test code to make the second test pass.
  7. Repeat until all the tests pass.
IQueue Interface and Stub Class

See the QueueLib class library project in the solution Demos\MyQueue, backed up in Chap01\MyQueue\Step0.

namespace QueueLib
{
    interface IQueue
    {
        int Count { get; }
        void Enqueue(int x);
        int Dequeue();
        int[] ToArray();
    }
    public class MyQueue : IQueue
    {
        public MyQueue(int size)
        {
        }
        public int Count
        {
            get
            {
                return -1;
            }
        }
        public void Enqueue(int x)
        {
        }
        public int Dequeue()
        {
            return 0;
        }
        public int[] ToArray()
        {
            return null;
        }
    }
}
Test List for Queue

1. Create a queue of capacity 3 and verify Count is 0. (All subsequent tests will also create a queue of capacity 3.)

2. Enqueue a number and verify that Count is 1.

3. Enqueue a number, dequeue it, and verify that Count is 0.

4. Enqueue a number, remember it, dequeue a number and verify that the two numbers are equal.

5. Enqueue three numbers, remember them, dequeue them, and verify that they are correct.

6. Dequeue an empty queue and verify you get an underflow exception.

7. Enqueue four numbers and verify you get an overflow exception.

8. Enqueue three numbers, get an array of numbers in queue and verify it is correct.

9. Enqueue two numbers, dequeue them. Enqueue three numbers, get an array of numbers in queue and verify it is correct.

10. Enqueue two numbers, dequeue them. Enqueue three numbers, remember them, dequeue them, and verify that they are correct.
Demo: Testing QueueLib

1. Open the MyQueue solution in Demos\MyQueue. Build the solution, which at this point consists only of a class library.

2. Add a new test project QueueTest to the solution.

3. Change the name of the file UnitTest1.cs in the new project to QueueTests.cs.

4. Edit the supplied stub test method.

```csharp
[TestMethod]
public void T01_Empty()
{
    MyQueue que = new MyQueue(3);
    Assert.AreEqual(0, que.Count);
}
```
Demo: Testing QueueLib (Cont’d)

5. Build the solution. You will get a compile error, because the MyQueue class cannot be found by the test project.

6. In the QueueTest project add a reference to the QueueLib project.

7. In QueueTests.cs add a using statement to bring in the QueueLib namespace.

8. Make QueueTest the startup project and run it. This will run all the tests (currently just one).

9. The test fails!

10. The failure was expected, because we only have stub code for the implementation of the Queue.
Demo: Testing QueueLib (Cont’d)

11. Add code to MyQueue.cs to implement the Count property.

```csharp
public class MyQueue : IQueue
{
    private int count;
    public MyQueue(int size)
    {
        count = 0;
    }
    public int Count
    {
        get
        {
            return count;
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

12. Rebuild the solution and run the test again. Now the test passes, showing green.

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13. Add a second test to **QueueTests.cs**.

```csharp
[TestMethod]
public void T02_EnqueueOne()
{
    MyQueue que = new MyQueue(3);
    que.Enqueue(17);
    Assert.AreEqual(1, que.Count);
}
```

14. Build the solution. Run all the tests. The first test passes (green), but the second test fails.

![Test Results](image)
More Queue Functionality

15. Add the following code to your MyQueue class.

```csharp
public class MyQueue : IQueue
{
    private int count;
    private int[] data;
    private int front;
    private int rear;
    public MyQueue(int size)
    {
        count = 0;
        data = new int[size];
        front = 0;
        rear = -1;
    }
    public int Count
    {
        get
        {
            return count;
        }
    }
    public void Enqueue(int x)
    {
        rear += 1;
        data[rear] = x;
        count += 1;
    }
    ...
}
```

16. Run the tests again. Now both tests will pass (Step 1).

17. You could continue adding tests and functionality until the Queue is fully implemented and tested. We’ll do that later. At this point we just want you to have a general idea of how unit testing in Visual Studio works.
TDD with Legacy Code

- Our Queue example illustrates test-driven development with a brand new project, with tests developed before the code.

- More typically, you may have existing legacy code and may wish to start employing TDD going forward.
  - In this case you have a fully operational system, and you will begin by writing a test suite for the existing system.
  - Then as new features are to be added, you will first add appropriate tests to the test suite.
  - As bugs are discovered, you will also add test cases to the test suite to reproduce the failure.
  - As code is refactored, you will run the entire test suite to ensure that there is no regression.
Acme Travel Agency Case Study

- The Acme Travel Agency has a simple customer management system to keep track of customers who register for its services.

- Customers supply their first and last name and email address. The system supplies a customer ID.

- The following features are supported:
  - Register a customer, returning a customer id.
  - Unregister a customer.
  - Obtain customer information, either for a single customer or for all customers (pass the customer id, and for customer id of –1 return all customers).
  - Change customer’s email address.

```csharp
class ICustomer
{
    int RegisterCustomer(string firstName, string lastName, string emailAddress);
    void UnregisterCustomer(int id);
    Customer[] GetCustomer(int id);
    void ChangeEmailAddress(int id, string emailAddress);
}
```
Acme Example Program

- The Acme Customer Management System comes as a solution with two projects.
  - See CaseStudy\Acme\Step0.
  - The solution contains a class library project AcmeLib and a Windows Forms client program AcmeClient.

- To create unit tests, we will add a third project, AcmeTest, so as not to perturb the released class library, AcmeLib.
  - See CaseStudy\Acme\Step1.
Lab 1

Testing the Customer Class

In this lab, you will begin the Acme Travel Agency case study by implementing simple tests for the Customer class. You are provided with starter code that provides implementation of classes Customer and Customers in a class library. You are also provided with a GUI client program. Your job is to create a third project for testing the Customer class with the Unit Testing Framework and to provide simple tests. You will exercise your tests using Visual Studio.

Detailed instructions are contained in the Lab 1 write-up at the end of the chapter.

Suggested time: 45 minutes
Summary

- *Test-driven development* (TDD) calls for writing test cases before functional code.

- The test cases embody the requirements that the code must satisfy.

- There are two main types of tests pertaining to TDD:
  - Functional tests, also known as customer tests
  - Unit tests, also known as programmer tests

- Test automation is essential in TDD because many tests have to be frequently run.

- Simple design dictates that your program should both do *no less* and *no more* than the requirements demand.

- Refactoring provides continuous improvements in a software system, and automated tests ensure that no regression occurs.


- TDD can drive a new project from start to finish, and it can also be used with legacy projects.
Lab 1

Testing the Customer Class

Introduction

In this lab, you will begin the Acme Travel Agency case study by implementing simple tests for the Customer class. You are provided with starter code that provides implementation of classes Customer and Customers in a class library. You are also provided with a GUI client program. Your job is to create a third project for testing the Customer class with the Unit Testing Framework and to provide simple tests. You will exercise your tests using Visual Studio.

Suggested Time: 45 minutes

Root Directory: OIC[UnitCs

Directories: Labs\Lab1 (Do your work here)
CaseStudy\Acme\Step0 (Backup of starter files)
CaseStudy\Acme\Step1 (Answer)

Instructions

1. Build the starter solution. This will build a class library AcmeLib.dll and a client Windows program AcmeClient.exe.

2. Exercise the client program by registering and unregistering a few customers, and changing the email addresses of some customers. Note that the ID of a new customer is automatically generated.

3. Examine the code of the class library project. Make sure you understand both the Customer class and the Customers class. Note the simple array implementation in this version of Customers.

4. Add a new Test Project AcmeTest to your solution. You can do this by right-clicking over the solution in Solution Explorer and choosing Add | New Project from the context menu. The project should have template Test Project in the Test project type.

5. Examine the generated file UnitTest1.cs in the test project. Change the name of the supplied test method to OneCustomer(). This method should instantiate a customer object and make assertions that the three fields of the new object have the proper data.

```csharp
[TestMethod]
public void OneCustomer()
{
    Customer cust = new Customer("Joe", "Blow", "foo@bar.com");
    Assert.AreEqual("Joe", cust.FirstName);
}
6. Build the solution. The build fails, because the test project cannot find the Customer class.

7. In the AcmeTest project, add a project references to AcmeLib project. Now the build should be successful.

8. To make it easy to run the tests, make the AcmeTest project the startup project.

9. Run the solution in Visual Studio. The test should succeed!

10. Examine the documentation of the Assert class, and notice the various overloads of the static AreEqual() method. Provide a second test method OneCustomerMessage() that performs the same test as the first test method but in addition displays a designated error message, which you can use to specify which field failed. In the assertion for the first name, test against the first name with all upper case characters.

```csharp
[TestMethod]
public void OneCustomerMessage()
{
    Customer cust = new Customer("Joe", "Blow", "foo@bar.com");
    Assert.AreEqual("JOE", cust.FirstName, "FirstName not equal");
    Assert.AreEqual("Blow", cust.LastName, "LastName not equal");
    Assert.AreEqual("foo@bar.com", cust.EmailAddress, "EmailAddress not equal");
}
```

11. Run the solution in Visual Studio. The first test should succeed and the second test should fail. Notice the error message.

12. Provide a third variation of the one customer test in which you specify that case should be ignored when doing a comparison.

13. Run the solution in Visual Studio. Now the first and third tests should succeed while the second test continues to fail.
14. Observe the column of check boxes. By default failed tests are checked. Now, instead of running all the tests by running the solution, run just the checked tests by using the button on the Test Results toolbar. Now only one test will run, which will fail.

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16. Provide a fourth test that will create two customers and verify that the generated CustomerIds are not equal.

```csharp
[Test]
public void TwoCustomers()
{
    Customer cust1 = new Customer("Joe", "Blow", "foo@bar.com");
    Customer cust2 = new Customer("Amy", "Smith", "amy@foo.com");
    Assert.AreEqual(cust1.CustomerId, cust2.CustomerId);
}
```

17. Run all the tests. All tests should pass except one. You are now at Step 1.

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18. If you have time, provide some tests for the Customers class.