
BDD with Behat

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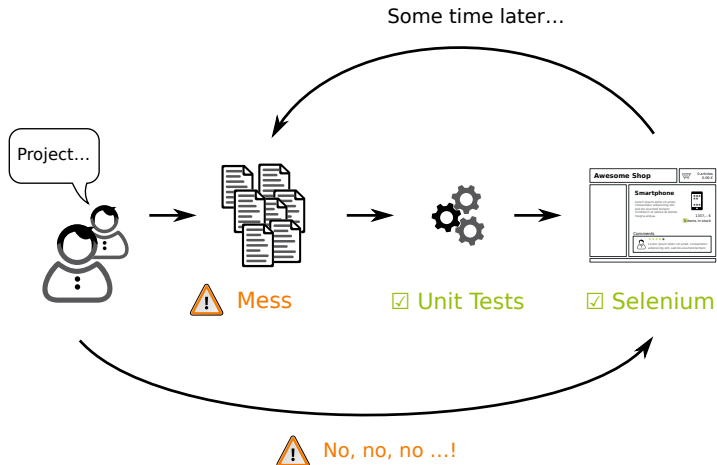
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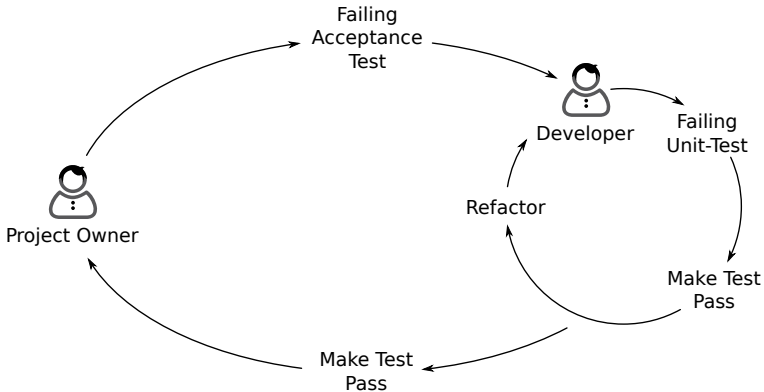
How to do a project



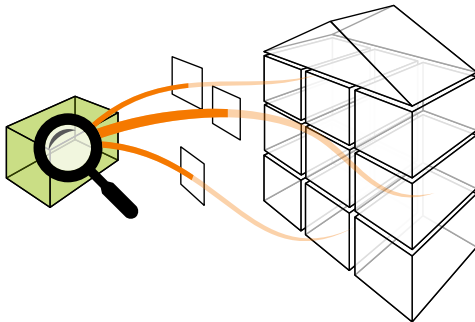
Behavior Driven Development (BDD)

- ▶ Make specification executable
- ▶ Combines:
 - ▶ Test Driven Development
 - ▶ Business focus
- ▶ Uses common language for
 - ▶ Business people
 - ▶ Analysts
 - ▶ Developers
 - ▶ Testers

Double Feedback Test Cycle



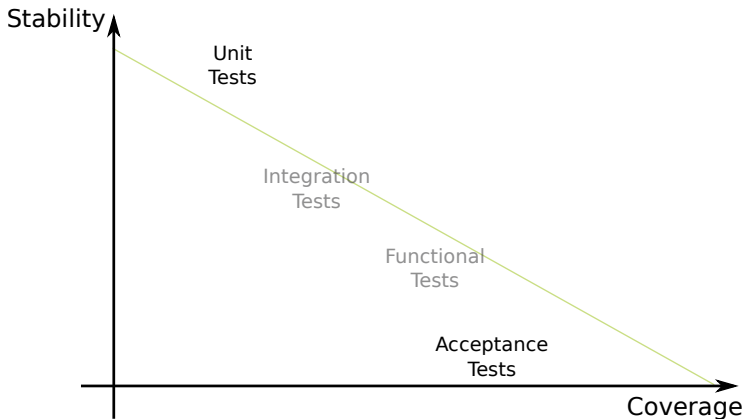
Unit Testing



Unit tests?

- ▶ Loosing importance
- ▶ Still valid for
 - ▶ Libraries
 - ▶ Complex business logic
 - ▶ High impact code

Instability vs. Coverage



Outline

Behat

Mink

Tool Stack Overview

Behat

- ▶ BDD test framework for PHP
- ▶ Inspired by Ruby's Cucumber
- ▶ Work with Gherkin language framework
- ▶ <http://behat.org>

Gherkin

- ▶ Domain Specific Language (DSL) framework
- ▶ Goal: Business readable
- ▶ Create custom DSL on Gherkin
- ▶ Tie test code to DSL sentences

Gherkin in Action

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3 **Scenario:** End of February is reached

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Gherkin keywords

- ▶ **Given**
 - ▶ Precondition
 - ▶ Test setup
- ▶ **When**
 - ▶ Behavior trigger
 - ▶ Test stimulus
- ▶ **Then**
 - ▶ Expected behavior
 - ▶ Describe observable result

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2 {

3 **protected** \$date;

4

5 /**

6 * @Given /^ it is date "([^"]*)"\$/

7 */

8 **public function** thereIsTheDate(\$date)

9 {

10 \$this->date = **new** \DateTime(\$date);

11 }

12 }

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7 {

8 \$this->date->modify ("last _day _of _this _month");

9 }

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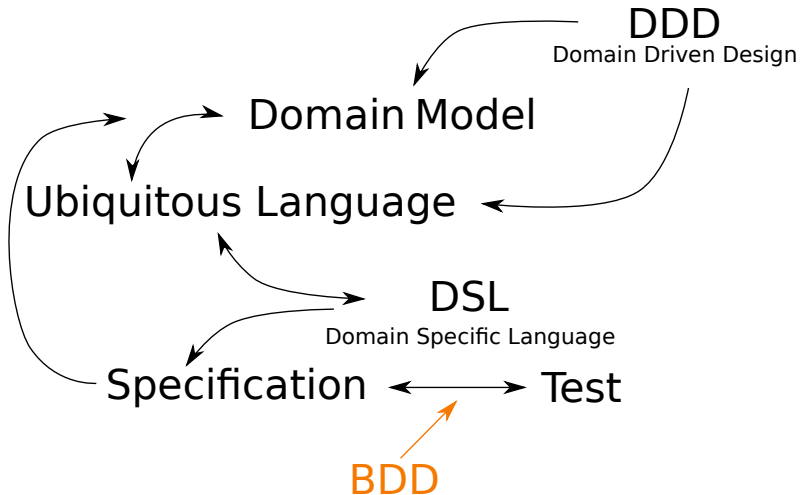
2 {
3 /**
4 * @Then /^the date is "(?P<date>[^\"]*)"\$/
5 */

6 **public function** theDateIsNow(\$date)

7 {
8 \PHPUnit_Framework_Assert::assertEquals(
9 \$date ,
10 \$this->date->format("Y-m-d")
11);

12 }

Behavior Driven Development



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- ▶ Web acceptance test framework
- ▶ Abstracts browser emulations / controllers
 - ▶ Goutte
 - ▶ Zombie.js
 - ▶ Selenium / Selenium 2
 - ▶ Sahi
- ▶ Mink extension for Behat provides sentences
- ▶ <http://mink.behat.org>

Behat Mink Example

1 **Feature:** Browse Wikipedia

2
3 **Scenario:** Search front page

4 **Given** I am on "/"

5 **When** I fill in "searchInput" with "Kore"

6 **And** I press "searchButton"

7 **Then** I should see "Kore may refer to:"

8
9 **Scenario:** Follow redirect link

10 **Given** I am on "/"

11 **When** I fill in "searchInput" with "Kore"

12 **And** I press "searchButton"

13 **And** I follow "Kore (energy drink)"

14 **Then** the response status code should be 200

Mink Behat-extension

- ▶ Mink integration for Behat
- ▶ Pre-build sentences to browse pages
- ▶ Extensible with custom sentences
- ▶ <http://extensions.behat.org/mink>

Attention!

- ▶ This is no more BDD!
 - ▶ Too technical
 - ▶ Not bound to the model
 - ▶ Fragile for view changes
- ▶ However
 - ▶ Useful for system tests
 - ▶ Awesome for refactoring!
http://bit.ly/behat_cc

BDD through the Front-End

```
1  /**
2   * @Given /^I am logged in as "[^"]*"$/
3   */
4  public function iAmLoggedInAs($user)
5  {
6     $this->currentUsername = $user;
7
8     return array(
9         new Step\Given('I am on "/"'),
10        new Step\When('I fill in "_username_" with "' .
11            $user . '"'),
12        new Step\When('I fill in "_password_" with "test"'),
13        new Step\When('I press "Login"'),
14    );
15 }
```

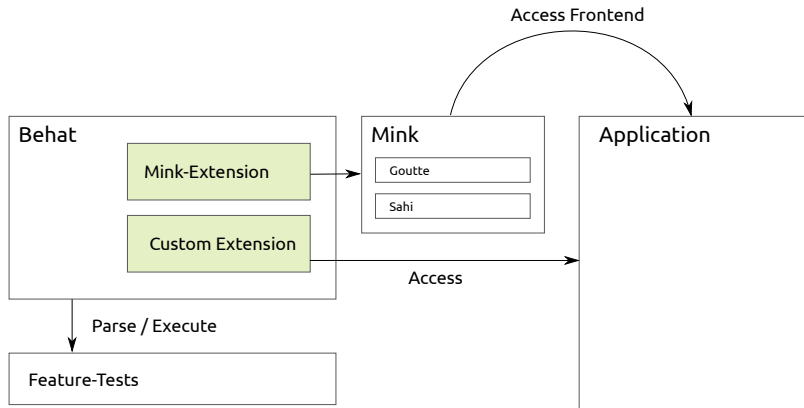

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Conclusion

- ▶ BDD tries to make specification executable
 - ▶ DDD context
 - ▶ No low hanging fruit
 - ▶ Easy to fail
- ▶ Behat is a tool for BDD in PHP
- ▶ Behat + Mink = Awesome for refactoring

Thanks for Listening

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