

Unit testing/TDD basics

Unit testing is an Agile/Continuous Integration principle

Write tests *before* or *during* coding

Writing tests before == detailed requirements

Writing tests during == no over-coding

Unit testing assures code pre- and post-refactoring behaves the same

Passed unit tests == CYA

Shared unit tests during sprints, for example, make it less likely that commits would break others' code

A test case:

* answers a single question

* runs by itself - automation

* determines by itself whether pass or fail (i.e. no human involvement)

* runs in isolation from other test cases

http://www.diveintopython.net/unit_testing/diving_in.html

Unit testing in Python

my_test_thing.py:

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import unittest

# inherit from TestCase
# (a TestCase is a test fixture)
class MyTest(unittest.TestCase):
    ....# method name starts with "test"!
    ....def testMethod(self):
    .....self.assertEqual(4,3,"4 not equal to 3")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    ....# called when exec from CL
    ....unittest.main()

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calling from CL:
python my_test_thing.py
prints
FAIL: testMethod (__main__.MyTest)
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Traceback (most recent call last):
File "my_test_thing.py", line 6,
in testMethod
self.assertEqual(10,11,"10 != 11")
AssertionError: 10 != 11
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Ran 1 test in 0.000s
FAILED (failures=1)
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indicates tab: "...."

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