

Catching
the Bugs
You're Missing

Kinds of Testing

Example-Based Tests



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Property-Based Tests

For some integer x
and integer y

$$== \text{add}(x, y)$$
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```
# For some integer x  
#       and integer y
```

```
expect(add(x, y))  
  .to eq(add(y, x))
```



```
property_of {  
  [integer, integer]  
}.check { |x,y|  
  expect(add(x,y))  
    .to eq(add(y,x))  
}
```

```
it "has swappable args" do
  property_of {
    [integer, integer]
  }.check { |x,y|
    expect(add(x,y))
      .to eq(add(y,x))
  }
end
```

For some integer x

$\text{add}(x, 0)$

$== x$

```
it "has a do-nothing val" do
  property_of {
    integer
  }.check { |x|
    expect(add(x, 0))
      .to eq(x)
  }
end
```

For some integer x

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{add}(x, x) \\ == & x * 2 \end{aligned}$$

```
it "matches multiplic'n" do
  property_of {
    integer
  }.check { |x|
    expect(add(x, x))
      .to eq(x * 2)
  }
end
```

Something that
breaks

For some string, `x`:

```
x.split(" ").join(" ") == x
```



```
it "split/join is reversible" do
  property_of {
    string
  }.check { |x|
    expect(
      x.split(" ").join(" ")
    ).to eq(x)
  }
end
```

failure after 7 tests, on:

" &2M1` "

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" &M1` "

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Three Things:
Data Generation,
Testing with the Data,
Data Reduction

Uses

Edge Cases

Treating the code like
an adversary

Honest TDD;
No fudging code to
pass an example test.

Kinds of Properties

Reversible

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$$n + 1 - 1 == n$$

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`# where y != ""`

`x.split(y).join(y) == x`

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`decompress(compress(d)) == d`

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```
Foo.new(attr).tap(&:save)  
  .attributes
```

```
==
```

```
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  .tap(&:save)  
  .attributes
```

Unbreakable Rules

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list.sort.count == list.count
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```
list.sort.all? {|x|  
  list.find_index(x) != nil  
}
```

Prove a Small Part

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```
pairs(list.sort).all?{|(x,y)|  
  x <= y  
}
```

```
# pairs([1,2,3])  
# => [[1,2], [2,3]]
```


Swapping the Ordering

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```
a.map{|n| n + 1}.sort
```

```
==
```

```
a.sort.map{|n| n + 1}
```

Hard to Solve, Easy to Check

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Consult an Oracle

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```
list.hypersort == list.sort
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```
new_code(input) == old_code(input)
```

SHOW US SOME
REAL EXAMPLES


```
it "can round-trip last-logged-in" do
  property_of {
    (Time.current - float.abs)
  }.check { |time|
    user = User.create(
      username: "Sam",
      last_logged_in_at: time,
    )
    expect(
      User.find(user.id).last_logged_in_at
    ).to eq(time)
  }
end
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    )
    expect(
      User.find(user.id).last_logged_in_at
    ).to eq(time)
  }
end
```

failure: 0 tests, on:

Sat, 13 Jun 2015 04:39:52 UTC +00:00

can round-trip last-logged-in (FAILED - 1)

Failures:

1) User round-trip can round-trip last-logged-in

Failure/Error:

expect(User.find(user.id).last_logged_in_at).to eq
time

expected: 2015-06-13 04:39:52.835645641 +0000

got: 2015-06-13 04:39:52.835645000 +0000

```
it "after_transition args" do
  property_of {
    array { choose boolean, string, integer }
  }.check { |args|
    test = -> (a) { expect(a).to eq(args) }

    machine = Class.new do
      state_machine initial: :stopped do
        event :go do
          transition :stopped => :going
        end
        after_transition(:stopped => :going,
                        :do => proc { |machine, transition|
                          test.call(transition.args)
                        })
      end
    end

    machine.new.go(*args)
  }
end
```

```
failure: 1 tests, on:
["y}K'ID", "aR/-xm", "^H:/_B", true, false, true]
found a reduced failure case:
["y}K'D", "aR/-xm", "^H:/_B", true, false, true]
found a reduced failure case:
["}K'D", "aR/-xm", "^H:/_B", true, false, true]
...
found a reduced failure case:
["", "", "", true, false, true]
found a reduced failure case:
["", "", "", true, false]
found a reduced failure case:
["", "", "", false]
found a reduced success:
["", "", ""]
minimal failed data is:
["", "", "", false]
```

```
20 prop_roundTripYear :: Year -> Property
21 prop_roundTripYear y =
22     (yearFromInt . yearToInt) y === pure y
23
24 prop_roundTripMonth :: Month -> Property
25 prop_roundTripMonth m =
26     (monthFromInt . monthToInt) m === pure m
27
28 prop_roundTripWeekOfMonth :: WeekOfMonth -> Property
29 prop_roundTripWeekOfMonth w =
30     (weekOfMonthFromInt . weekOfMonthToInt) w === pure w
31
32 prop_roundTripDayOfMonth :: DayOfMonth -> Property
33 prop_roundTripDayOfMonth d =
34     (dayOfMonthFromInt . dayOfMonthToInt) d === pure d
35
36 prop_roundTripDayOfWeek :: DayOfWeek -> Property
37 prop_roundTripDayOfWeek d =
38     (dayOfWeekFromInt . dayOfWeekToInt) d === pure d
39
40 prop_roundTripNextMonth :: Date -> Bool
41 prop_roundTripNextMonth m =
42     (prevMonth . nextMonth) m == m &&
43     (nextMonth . prevMonth) m == m
44
```

```

127 -- If the generated board has been declared valid, then no ships should be out of bounds.
128 prop_ValidBoardsHaveShipsPlacedInBounds :: Property
129 prop_ValidBoardsHaveShipsPlacedInBounds =
130   forall genPlacedBoard $ \eb -> wrap $
131     let b          = fromRight eb
132         allCoordsInBounds = all $ B.coordsInBounds (B.boardDimensions b)
133         shipInBounds      = allCoordsInBounds . B.shipPlacementToCoords
134     in isRight eb ==> all shipInBounds $ B.placements b
135
136 -- Same for overlapping ships.
137 prop_ValidBoardsHaveNoOverlappingShips :: Property
138 prop_ValidBoardsHaveNoOverlappingShips =
139   forall genPlacedBoard $ \eb -> wrap $
140     let b          = fromRight eb
141         allCoords  = concatMap B.shipPlacementToCoords
142     in isRight eb ==> repeated (allCoords $ B.placements b) === []
143
144 -- Have all the ships been placed on the Board?
145 prop_ValidBoardsHaveAllShips :: Property
146 prop_ValidBoardsHaveAllShips =
147   forall genPlacedBoard $ \eb -> wrap $
148     let b          = fromRight eb
149         givenShips = B.validShips b
150         placedShips = map B.shipFromPlacement $ B.placements b
151     in isRight eb ==> givenShips === placedShips
152

```


Random

vs

Exhaustive

Refs, Credits and Things to Look At

- fsharpforfunandprofit.com
(Property-Based Testing Posts)
- github.com/charleso/property-testing-presos
(Lambdajam talk)
- Rantly (Ruby, used in examples)
- QuickCheck, SmallCheck (Haskell)
- Hypothesis (Python)

Fin.

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