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Java Software Quality Tools and techniques



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- Agenda tools to improve software quality
 - Goals of a software development team
 - Automated Testing
 - Continuous Integration
 - Code Quality Metrics
 - Technical Documentation



- Goals of a software development team:
 - Build software to a specified set of requirements:
 - Within scope
 - Within time
 - Within budget

Yeah right.



- Goals of a software development team:
 - Build the **best possible application** for the end user.
 - Within time and budget constraints defined by the project sponsor.



- How do we achieve this?
 - Build higher quality software
 - Build more flexible software
 - Build more useful software



- Traditional development processes
 - Room for improvement?
 - Poorly tested applications?
 - Applications that are difficult and expensive to change?
 - Lots of bugs at delivery time?
 - Inconsistent coding standards and programming habits?
 - Code that is hard to maintain and to update
 - Technical documentation out of date?



- How can we improve?
 - Enforce good testing practices
 - Monitor developer test quality and coverage
 - Automate the build process
 - Monitor and review code quality metrics
 - Automatic technical documentation



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Enforce Good Testing Practices



Optimizing your software development process

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- Several types of developer tests
 - Unit Tests
 - Integration Tests
 - Graphical User Interface (Web) Tests
- All can be automated to varying degrees



- Unit Tests
 - A cornerstone of modern software development
 - Unit tests can help you
 - Ensure that code behaves as expected
 - Make your code more flexible and easier to maintain
 - Detect regressions
 - Document your code



Introduction to Unit Testing

Traditional developer testing

- Run against the entire application
- >Run manually in a debugger
- >Testing is ad-hoc and not reproducible
- >Testing needs human intervention

Unit testing

- Run against classes or small components
- Tests can be run automatically
- Tests can be reused
- Testing can be automated

- Unit Tests
 - The costs of writing unit tests
 - More code to write and maintain
 - More time required to write the code, initially...



Unit Tests

- The benefits of writing unit tests
 - More reliable code with less bugs
 - More flexible code
 - Code that is easier to maintain
 - Automatic regression tests



Unit Tests

- A good unit test should:
 - Test individual classes or small components
 - Test code in isolation
 - Run quickly
 - Leave the system in a predictable state
 - Be reproducible
 - Be automated



- Unit Testing tools
 - JUnit 3.x
 - De facto standard in Java testing
 - Well known and well used
 - Junit 4
 - A newer, more modern version of JUnit
 - TestNG
 - A more recent and very innovative unit testing library
 - Less widely used than JUnit



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- Testing web interfaces
 - Often neglected by developers and left to the testers
 - Traditionally difficult to automate
 - Involves much human judgement



- Why automate web interface testing
 - Automatic smoke tests
 - Automatic regression tests



- Web Interface Testing technologies
 - Using Mock Objects
 - Spring MVC, StrutsTestCase, JSFUnit
 - Good for the controller layer
 - Doesn't test the HTML screens themselves
 - Writing tests to run against a web application
 - HTTPUnit, Cactus, Jmeter, TestMaker,...
 - Run tests from within a real web browser
 - Selenium



- Testing web applications with Selenium
 - Selenium is a browser-based testing tool
 - You can
 - Record test scripts in a browser
 - Replay them manually or automatically



Testing web applications with Selenium

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- Test Coverage
 - Test Coverage indicates how much application code is executed by your unit tests
 - It is especially useful for identifying code that has *not* been tested.



- Test Coverage Tools
 - Automated Test Coverage
 - Integrated into the build process
 - Runs for every build
 - Team-wide reporting
 - Tools like Cobertura



• Test Coverage - Cobertura

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• Test Coverage - Cobertura





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- Test Coverage Tools
 - Test coverage in your IDE
 - Faster feedback for developers
 - ECLEmma Test Coverage in Eclipse
 - Crap4j also provides test coverage metrics



• EclEmma - Test Coverage in Eclipse

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- Why use EclEmma/Crap4j and Cobertura
 - EclEmma and Crap4j allows IDE integration
 - Fast feedback for the developer
 - More convenient for the developer than using an HTML report
 - Cobertura allows project-level coverage reporting
 - Project-wide coverage statistics
 - Results can be published and reviewed
 - Can be used to enforce minimum coverage levels



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Continuous Integration



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Continuous Integration

- What is Continuous Integration?
 - Automatically "integrating" and compiling source code from different developers on a central build server
 - A core best practice of modern software development



Continuous Integration

- What do you need?
 - The principal components of a Continuous Integration service:





Continuous Integration

• How does it work?


- What problem does it solve?
 - The "traditional" software process involves:
 - Coding
 - Ad-hoc testing
 - Commit changes shortly before the start of the testing phase
 - Difficult integration process



• What problem does it solve?





- What problem does it solve?
 - This is a flawed process
 - Testing may not be done efficiently
 - Integration is long and difficult
 - Poor visibility on development progress
 - Functional tests are done too late
 - Raised issues are harder to fix
 - The client gets a sub-optimal product



• How does it solve this problem?





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- What problem does it solve?
 - Continuous Integration an industry best practice
 - Smoother integration
 - Automatic regression testing
 - Regular working releases
 - Earlier functional testing
 - Faster and easier bug fixes
 - Better visibility



- What tools are available
 - Open Source tools
 - CruiseControl, Hudson, Continuum, LuntBuild...
 - Commercial Tools
 - TeamCity, Bamboo, Pulse,...



- A Continuous Build Server Hudson
 - An overview of all your build jobs

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- The Hudson Dashboard
 - An overview of all your build jobs





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 - An overview of all your build jobs

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- Displaying Build Results
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- Displaying Build Results
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- Displaying Build Results
 - View the details of a particular build in real time!





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Code Quality



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- Why enforce coding standards?
 - Better quality code
 - Code is easier to maintain
 - Detect potential bugs
 - Train staff



- Manual code reviews are good, but...
 - Slow and time-consuming
 - Tend not to be done systematically
- Automatic code audits
 - Automatically enforce organisation coding standards
 - Detect bad coding practices and potential bugs
 - Facilitate developer training



- Quality Metrics Tools
 - Several complementary tools
 - Checkstyle coding standards
 - PMD best practices
 - FindBugs potential bugs
 - Crap4j overly complex and poorly tested classes



- Checkstyle Enforce coding standards
 - Formatting and indentation
 - Naming conventions
 - Javadocs
 - etc...



- Checkstyle Enforce coding standards
 - Eclipse plugin





- Checkstyle Enforce coding standards
 - Hudson reports



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- Checkstyle Enforce coding standards
 - Maven reports



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nz/govt/ird/gst/web/GstFormAction.java



- **PMD** Best practices
 - Empty try/catch/finally blocks
 - Incorrect null pointer checks
 - Excessive method length or complexity
 - etc...
 - Some overlap with Checkstyle





- **PMD** Best practices
 - Eclipse plugin

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- **PMD** Best practices
 - Hudson reports





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- **PMD** Best practices
 - Maven reports



PMD Results

The following document contains the results of PMD 3.9.

Files

nz/govt/ird/gst/backend/impl/mock/GstReturnBackendServiceMockImpl.java

Violation	Line
Avoid unused imports such as 'java.util.Date'	4
Avoid unused imports such as 'org.joda.time.DateTimeUtils'	9

nz/govt/ird/gst/dao/GstReturnDAO.java



- FindBugs Potential defects
 - Potential NullPointerExceptions
 - Infinite loops
 - etc...





- FindBugs Potential defects
 - Eclipse plugin



<pre>if (ref == null && (updated != null && updated instanceof Collection)) (NP: Load of known null value in nz.govt.natlib.symbols.core.updates.ChangedLibraries.isCollection(java.lang.reflect.Method)a); getObjectChanges().add(changedCollection); return true; }</pre>																
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- FindBugs Potential defects
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Files

Class	Bugs
nz.govt.ird.gst.domain.HistoryDetailEntry	4
nz.govt.ird.gst.refdomain.RefGSTProfile	3
nz.govt.ird.gst.refdomain.RefGstProvProfile	3
nz.govt.ird.gst.refdomain.RefGstProvReturn	4
nz.govt.ird.gst.refdomain.RefOldGstProvReturn	4

nz.govt.ird.gst.domain.HistoryDetailEntry

Bug	Category	Details	Line
nz.govt.ird.gst.domain.HistoryDetailEntry.getRtnPeriodEnd() may expose internal representation by returning nz.govt.ird.gst.domain.HistoryDetailEntry.rtnPeriodEnd	MALICIOUS_CODE	EI_EXPOSE_REP	27
nz.govt.ird.gst.domain.HistoryDetailEntry.getStatusDate() may expose internal representation by returning	MALICIOUS_CODE	EI_EXPOSE_REP	43



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- Crap4j Complex and untested code
 - Uses code coverage and code complexit,
 - Eclipse plugin

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Automated Documentation



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Automated Documentation

- Automatically-generated documentation:
 - Complete
 - Always up-to-date
 - Cheap to produce
- BUT
 - Lacks "higher vision"


Automated Documentation

- Human-written documentation use a project Wiki
 - Architecture vision
 - High-level design
 - Collaborative

Application architecture

The iGST project uses a fairly standard MVC architecture approach, using the Spring-MVC framework and Hibernate. The target architecture involves a portal-enabled front-end using Spring-MVC (more precisely. Spring Portlet MVC), and Spring Webflow (with the PortletFlowController²) and a business services layer implemented using Spring and Hibernate, backed by an Oracle database. The business layer communicates with FIRST via EAI:



The application architecture is described in detail in the GstApplicationArchitecture page.

Domain model

The domain model plays a central part in the iGST project, and has been elaborated in a series of workshops. The domain model is designed as an object-oriented class model, and implemented using plain Java classes (POJOs). Database persistence is implemented using Hibernate.



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- Automatically-generated UML/Javadoc
 - UmlGraph



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- Automatically-generated database models •
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Conclusion

- Optimal development practices
 - So how does your team measure up?
 - Unit testing practices?
 - Automated web testing
 - Code Coverage Metrics
 - Continuous Integration?
 - Continuous Quality?
 - Automated Technical Documentation?





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Course Objectives

Students will come away from this workshop with a solid understanding of how they can improve their development practices back in the real world, as well as an abundance of pratical tips and tricks that they can use in their day-to-day work. Notably, after the course, students will:

- Have a practical understanding and experience of Maven 2, and be able to determine for themselves if it is suitable for their project or organisation.
- Understand the issues around dependency management in Java development, and be able to implement declarative dependency management in a corporate environment using both Maven and Ant.
- Know how to write effective unit tests, and understand how to use unit testing practices to write more reliable code faster.
- ✓ Be able to write automated database and web interface tests.
- Understand how to use code quality and test coverage metrics to improve your code, and understand what the various metrics can tell you, and also what they can't.
- Have a solid working knowledge of Subversion in the real world.
- Know how to set up a working Continuous Integration server, complete with automated builds, tests, code quality audits and reports, and automatic deployment to an integration server





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• Questions?



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