Automated Testing in JavaScript

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anyone do test?

people don't test..

In your company, who does these tests?

does they really know how to do test?

not just launch a browser, and click.. click.. click..

how do you developers test?

Step1: Write some code!

Step 2: Ctrl + S = Save!

Step 3: Alt + Tab

Step 4: F5

Step 5: and.. repeat the Step 1 Browser plugins or console!

LiveReload!

Selenium

What's Automated Testing?

Automated testing means that tests are run every single time a file is saved.

Test Level 1: by eyes, hands, and your instinct. Test Level 2: ALERT, or Console.log() Test Level 3: Test Runner Test Level 4: Test Framework Test Level 5: Test Framework + Automated Testing Tools Why test?

Cross-browser issues!!

some browsers just don't die.

less bugs == you have more time developing new features.

Why test JavaScript?

cause JS is popular now, and it's getting more and more complicated.

Why test JavaScript automatically?

cause we're Lazzzzzzzzzzy!!

What's Unit Test?

Unit test is a piece of code that tests a piece of production code.

so, unit test might be also Buggy!

a good unit test should be short and focus on a single behavior of a function/method.

the heart of a unit test is the assertion.

How can code be testable?

Not every code can be easily tested.



Twitter-Driven Development

Test-Driven Development

Test-first development is hard — it's hard because it forward-shifts your confusion.

Test != Debug

xUnit

Test should be fast, and easy to run repeatedly.

test case, test suite, test runner

Spy, Stub, and Mock

FAKE!! something not REALLY!

Spy

"Spies are functions that keep track of how and often they were called, and what values were returned."

This is useful in asynchronous and eventdriven applications.

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  expect(spy).toHaveBeenCalled()
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Browser Console

Demo QUnit

Zombie.js with Node.js



Jasmine in Ruby on Rails 3.1

Jasmine + Guard + Phantom.js in Ruby on Rails 3.1

Conclusions

Writing tests is an investment.

not all tests are good!

If you write bad tests, you might find that you gain none of the benefits, and instead are stuck with a bunch of tests that are time-consuming and hard to maintain.

In test-driven development tests are written as specification before writing production.

Proper test-driven development ensures that a system will never contain code that is not being executed.

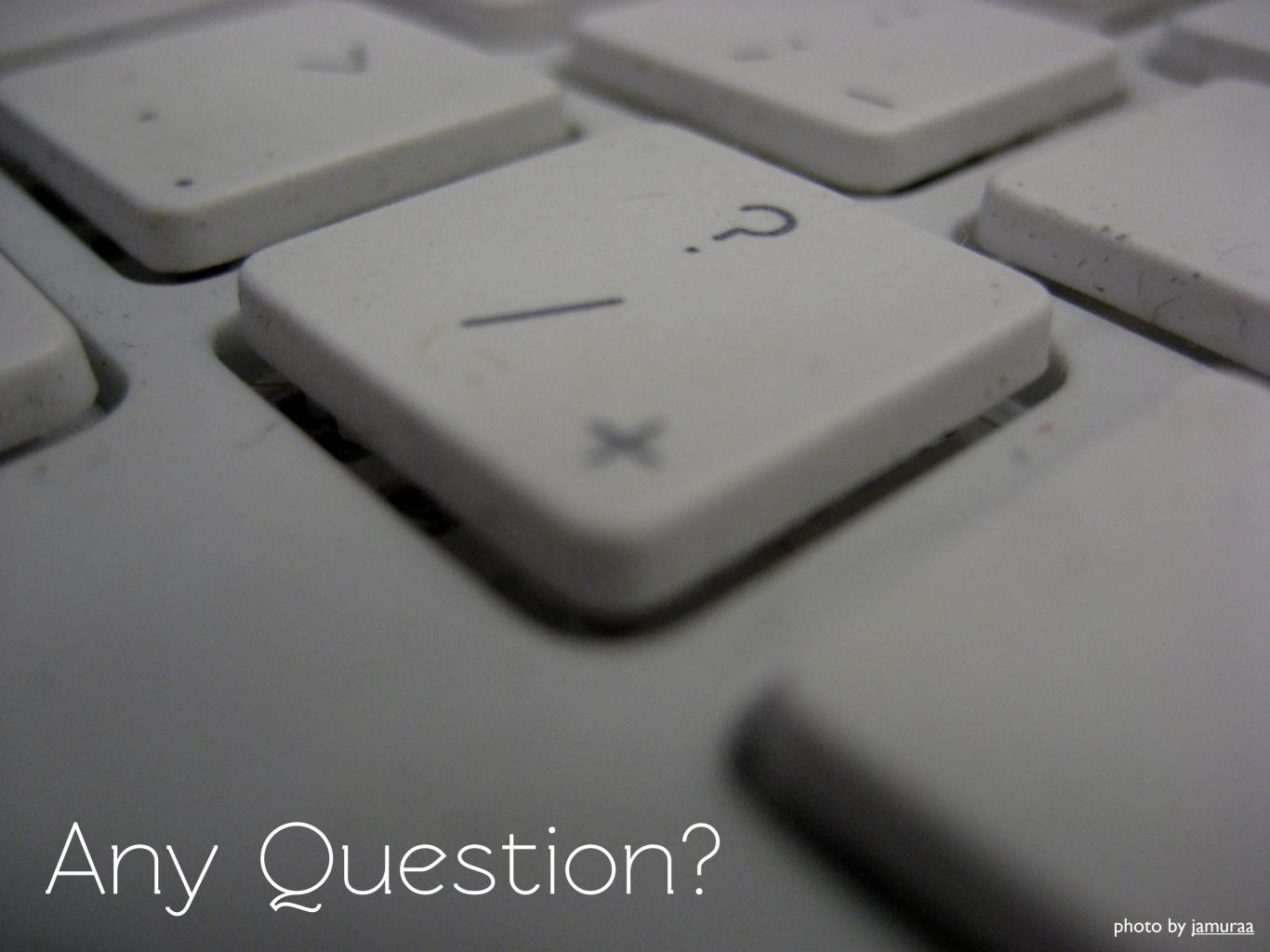
TDD will not automatically make great designs.

TDD requires us to think about the results before providing the solution.

Don't fear hard-coding!

Unit Test = You Need Test!

Just give it a try!



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