PloneTestCase

The Plone 2 Test Environment Explained

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Goals

- Know which packages we need to install and where to get them
- Know how to run Plone tests
- Know how to add a test suite to a Plone product

At the and of this tutorial, we will...

Goals II

- Know what the default fixture is, what it provides, and how it can be used
- Know how to write simple tests
- Know where to find additional information

Quote

"Program testing can be used very efficiently to prove the presence of bugs, but never to show their absence."

--E. W. Dykstra

So what am I doing here?

Yes, But

- This won't keep us from trying <wink>
- Dykstra was after a "mathematical proof" kind of correctness in software programs
- We can do with a "pretty darn good" kind of correctness, thank you

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Try to think of an alternative! Without automated tests we are in random country anyway. Any amount of order we can introduce into the process can only be a good thing. Even if it is not 100%.

And

"Software Engineering is Programming when you can't."

--E.W. Dykstra

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There is also no alternative to the fact that software programs must be created by programmers. We cannot engineer away real life constraints like complexity and uncertainty. What we *can* do, is use tools and adopt practices that allow us to cope with those things. Writing automated tests is one of these practices; PloneTestCase is one of these tools.

Intro

- PloneTestCase is the test framework for Plone 2
- It sits on top of ZopeTestCase
- It allows to easily write automated tests for Plone and Plone-based applications
- Plone 2 has about 600 unit and integration tests (at the time of this writing)

Required Software

- Zope 2.7.2
- Even better: Zope-2_7-branch
- ZopeTestCase 0.9.2
  `http://zope.org/Members/shh/ZopeTestCase`
- Plone 2.0.4

test.py

- If you don't have Zope-2_7-branch:
  `http://zope.org/Members/shh/Tutorial/test.py`
- Make it executable:
  `chmod a+x test.py`
- Make sure the first line reads:
  `#!/usr/bin/env /path/to/python2.3/bin/python`

  This MUST be the Python that is running your Zope!

Using the wrong Python interpreter probably is the #1 mistake when running tests

Try It!

```
$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py --help
```

Running Tests

Test Runners

- For running automated tests we typically use a test runner.
- There are a few out there, some of them even work with Zope 2.
- Main issue is that a test runner needs to be able to configure and startup Zope.

Running All Tests

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py -v \
  --config-file etc/zope.conf \
  --libdir Products/CMFPlone
```


Running All Tests (alt)

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME

/path/to/python2.3/bin/python \
$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py -v     \
  --config-file etc/zope.conf \
  --libdir Products/CMFPlone
```

What's Going On?

- test.py tells us it is about to run unit tests from `$INSTANCE_HOME/Products/CMFPlone`
- test.py configures Zope from the config file
- test.py scans for and imports test modules
- test.py runs the accumulated tests

Observation

- Large parts of the PloneTestCase magic happen at import time, for example all required Zope products are installed, and a Plone site is created.

Running a Single Module

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py -v \
  --config-file etc/zope.conf \
  --libdir Products/CMFPlone  \
  testMembershipTool
```


Writing Tests

PyUnit Concepts

- Test Case
  Tests a single scenario
- Test Fixture
  Preparations needed to run a test
- Test Suite
  Aggregation of multiple test cases
- Test Runner
  Runs a test suite and presents the results

TestCase Concepts

- The setUp() hook is used to create the fixture.
- The tearDown() hook may be used to destroy the fixture, if necessary.
- Names of test methods must start with a common prefix, typically “test”.

PyUnit Test

```
import unittest

class MyTest(unittest.TestCase):

    def setUp(self):
        self.answer = 42

    def testAnswer(self):
        self.assertEqual(self.answer, 42)

def test_suite():
    suite = unittest.TestSuite()
    suite.addTest(unittest.makeSuite(MyTest))
    return suite
```


PloneTestCase Version

```
from Products.CMFPlone.tests import PloneTestCase

class MyTest(PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase):

    def afterSetUp(self):
        self.answer = 42

    def testAnswer(self):
        self.assertEqual(self.answer, 42)

def test_suite():
    from unittest import TestSuite, makeSuite
    suite = TestSuite()
    suite.addTest(makeSuite(MyTest))
    return suite
```


The Test Case abstraction comes in the form of a base class.
The setUp() hook is used to set up the fixture.
The name of the test method starts with “test”.
The test_suite() function is called by test runners.

What's Different?

- We don't derive from unittest.TestCase but from PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase.
- We are NOT allowed to use the PyUnit hooks; they are reserved by PloneTestCase!
- PloneTestCase provides its own hooks, notably afterSetUp(), beforeTearDown(), and afterClear().

PloneTestCase is of course ultimately derived from unittest.TestCase!
afterSetUp() is the most useful hook, by a wide margin.

Dummy Product

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME/Products
mkdir Tutorial
touch Tutorial/__init__.py
mkdir Tutorial/tests
touch Tutorial/tests/__init__.py

cd Tutorial/tests
```


This being a tutorial, we have to start actually doing things

testAnswer

- Type in the PyUnit test from before, name the file testAnswer.py.
- How would you run it?

Correct!

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME/Products/Tutorial

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py -v \
  --libdir . testAnswer
```

testPloneAnswer

- Now type in the second test and name the file testPloneAnswer.py. Then run it:

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME/Products/Tutorial

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py -v \
  --config-file ../../etc/zope.conf \
  --libdir . testPloneAnswer
```


We need to pass a config file because this is a Zope test.

Running All Tests

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME/Products/Tutorial

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/test.py -v \
  --config-file ../../etc/zope.conf \
  --libdir .
```


Without a module filter, all tests will be run.

Writing Interesting Tests

Default Fixture

- To write less boring tests, we need to know more about the test environment.
- We have already seen that PloneTestCase creates a Plone site for us, and it doesn't stop there...

What Do We Want?

- An Application object
- A REQUEST
- A Plone Site object
- A User Folder
- A default user with role "Member"
- A member area for the default user
- And, we want the default user to be logged in

Fixture Attributes

- self.app
- self.app.REQUEST
- self.portal
- self.portal.acl_users
- self.folder

This is how PloneTestCase provides access to the individual fixture components.

Err... ?

- You feel a little uneasy about proceeding?
- You don't think you have fully grasped this "default fixture" thing?
- Excellent!
- That's a perfect time to write some tests...

Download

- At this point you will want to download the Tutorial product from:

  `http://zope.org/Members/shh/Tutorial`

Because this is a testing tutorial and not a typing tutorial, we will download the rest of the example tests.

testFixture

```
from Products.CMFPlone.tests import PloneTestCase
from AccessControl import getSecurityManager

portal_name = PloneTestCase.portal_name
default_user = PloneTestCase.default_user

class FixtureTest(PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase):

    def testApp(self):
        self.failUnless('Control_Panel' in self.app.objectIds())

    def testPortal(self):
        self.failUnless(portal_name in self.app.objectIds())

    def testMembersFolder(self):
        self.failUnless('Members' in self.portal.objectIds())

    def testUserFolder(self):
        self.failUnless('acl_users' in self.portal.objectIds())
```


testFixture II

```
def testUser(self):
    uf = self.portal.acl_users
    self.failIf(uf.getUserById(default_user) is None)

def testMemberArea(self):
    self.assertEqual(
            self.portal.Members[default_user], self.folder)

def testRequest(self):
    self.failUnless(
            self.app.REQUEST.has_key('SERVER_URL'))

def testAcquiredRequest(self):
    self.failUnless(
            self.folder.REQUEST.has_key('SERVER_URL'))

def testLoggedIn(self):
    auth_user = getSecurityManager().getUser().getId()
    self.assertEqual(auth_user, default_user)
```


You can surely think of more test you want to right. Like, does the default user really have the Member role?

testFixture III

```
def test_suite():
    from unittest import TestSuite, makeSuite
    suite = TestSuite()
    suite.addTest(makeSuite(FixtureTest))
    return suite
```


Observations

- PloneTestCase must be imported first thing
- There are methods that help with making assertions: failUnless(), assertEqual(), etc.
- The Zope API works
- Acquisition works

-> So we *do* have a fully featured Zope/Plone environment after all

testDocument

```
from Products.CMFPlone.tests import PloneTestCase
from Acquisition import aq_base

class DocumentTest(PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase):

    def afterSetUp(self):
        self.catalog = self.portal.portal_catalog
        self.workflow = self.portal.portal_workflow
        self.folder.invokeFactory('Document', id='doc')

    def testAddDocument(self):
        self.failUnless(hasattr(aq_base(self.folder), 'doc'))

    def testEditDocument(self):
        self.folder.doc.edit(text_format='plain', text='foo')
        self.assertEqual(self.folder.doc.EditableBody(), 'foo')

    def testFindDocument(self):
        self.failUnless(self.catalog(id='doc'))
```


testDocument II

```
    def testPublishDocument(self):
        self.setRoles(['Reviewer'])
        self.workflow.doActionFor(self.folder.doc, 'publish')

        state = self.workflow.getInfoFor(
                    self.folder.doc, 'review_state')

        self.assertEqual(state, 'published')

def test_suite():
    from unittest import TestSuite, makeSuite
    suite = TestSuite()
    suite.addTest(makeSuite(DocumentTest))
    return suite
```

Observations

- The Plone site works. We can add documents, edit them, and find them in the catalog. We can even use workflow!
- We create new objects in our member area: self.folder
- We can use the setRoles() API to change our roles

Observations II

- We have to strip off undesired acquisition wrappers using aq_base()
- We don't need to clean up!

testSecurity

```
from Products.CMFPlone.tests import PloneTestCase
from AccessControl import Unauthorized

default_user = PloneTestCase.default_user

class SecurityTest(PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase):

    def afterSetUp(self):
        self.folder.invokeFactory('Document', id='doc')
        self.folder.doc.manage_permission(
                'View', ['Manager'], acquire=0)

    def testOwnerViewsDocument(self):
        self.assertRaises(Unauthorized,
                self.folder.restrictedTraverse, 'doc')

    def testManagerViewsDocument(self):
        self.setRoles(['Manager'])
        self.folder.restrictedTraverse('doc')
```


testSecurity II

```
class MultiUserTest(PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase):

    def afterSetUp(self):
        self.membership = self.portal.portal_membership
        self.membership.addMember(
                'user2', 'secret', ['Member'], [])

        self.folder.invokeFactory('Document', id='doc')
        self.folder.doc.manage_permission(
                'View', ['Owner'], acquire=0)

    def testOwnerViewsDocument(self):
        self.folder.restrictedTraverse('doc')

    def testMemberViewsDocument(self):
        self.login('user2')
        self.assertRaises(Unauthorized,
                self.folder.restrictedTraverse, 'doc')
```

testSecurity III

```
    def testAnonymousViewsDocument(self):
        self.logout()
        self.assertRaises(Unauthorized,
                self.folder.restrictedTraverse, 'doc')

def test_suite():
    from unittest import TestSuite, makeSuite
    suite = TestSuite()
    suite.addTest(makeSuite(SecurityTest))
    suite.addTest(makeSuite(MultiUserTest))
    return suite
```


Observations

- We need to trigger Zope security validation by explicitly calling restrictedTraverse()
- We can use the login() API to log in as another user
- We can use the logout() API to log out and become Anonymous User

Observations II

- We can write more than one test case in a single module, as long as we add all of them to the test suite.

Summary

- We downloaded and installed required software
- We successfully ran various kinds of tests
- We created a product including a test suite

Summary II

- We learned about the default fixture and wrote tests to make sure we got that correctly.
- We wrote our first PloneTestCase tests

Shameless Plug

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Future

Standalone Version

- PloneTestCase will we moved out of CMFPlone into its own product
- Test authors will get control over the default Plone site

Standalone Example

```
from Products.PloneTestCase import PloneTestCase

PloneTestCase.installProduct('Foo')
PloneTestCase.setupPloneSite(products=('Foo',))

class FooTest(PloneTestCase.PloneTestCase):

    ...
```

CMFTestCase

“Little Brother”

- CMFTestCase provides a CMFDefault environment and portal.
- CMF is more lightweight than Plone which makes the tests import and run significantly faster.

CTC Example

```
from Products.CMFTestCase import CMFTestCase

CMFTestCase.installProduct('Foo')
CMFTestCase.setupCMFSite(products=('Foo',))

class FooTest(CMFTestCase.CMFTestCase):

    ...
```


testrunner.py

Pocket Chain Saw

- testrunner.py knows about instance homes
- testrunner.py typically can do with less command line real estate than test.py

Note that test.py does *not* know about instance homes; it only knows about config files.

Examples

```
cd $INSTANCE_HOME/Products
$ZOPE_HOME/bin/testrunner.py -qid CMFPlone/tests

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/testrunner.py -q \
    -I $INSTANCE_HOME \
    -d CMFPlone/tests


cd $INSTANCE_HOME/Products/CMFPlone/tests
$ZOPE_HOME/bin/testrunner.py -qia

$ZOPE_HOME/bin/testrunner.py -qif testCheckId.py
```


testrunner.py can detect instance homes. testrunner.py can run tests from inside the “tests” package. testrunner.py can NOT run Zope’s test suite.

When to Write Tests?

When to Write Tests?

- First!
- To raise confidence in existing code
- To expose a bug and to prove it is fixed
- Whenever we feel stupid

1. TDD by Kent Beck!
2. That's what we did with Plone, BTW (I **guarantee** you a very sobering experience).
3. "A bug is a test not written."

Thanks!