



Just Mock It!

Leveraging Mock Objects

ColdBox



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Professional Open Source

- ✦ **ColdBox Platform** is POSS
- ✦ Professional Training Courses
- ✦ Books
- ✦ Support & Mentoring Plans
- ✦ Architecture & Design Sessions
- ✦ Code Reviews & Sanity Checks
- ✦ We can even brew coffee!



What we will cover?

- ✦ Unit Testing Recap
- ✦ Testing Toolbox
- ✦ What is Mocking?
- ✦ What is a Mock Object
- ✦ Why Mock?
- ✦ Mocking Frameworks
- ✦ Practical Mocking with Mockito



Unit Testing

*“unit testing is a software **verification** and **validation** method in which a programmer tests if **individual** units of source code are fit for use. A **unit** is the smallest testable part of an application”*
- wikipedia



Why Unit Testing?



- ✦ Can improve code quality -> quick error discovery
- ✦ Code confidence via immediate verification
- ✦ Can expose high coupling
- ✦ Will encourage refactoring to produce > testable code
- ✦ **Remember:** Testing is all about behavior and expectations

Unit Testing Basics

- ✦ Use MXUnit - www.mxunit.org
- ✦ Unit Test CFC inherits from **mxunit.framework.TestCase**
- ✦ 1-1 Relationship between SUT CFC and Unit Test CFC
 - ✦ Calculator.cfc -> CalculatorTest.cfc
- ✦ 1-1 Relationship between SUT methods and Unit Test Methods
 - ✦ add() -> testAdd()
- ✦ Assert towards expectations of results or internal states
- ✦ Can test private methods via **makePublic()**

Unit Testing Basics

SUT

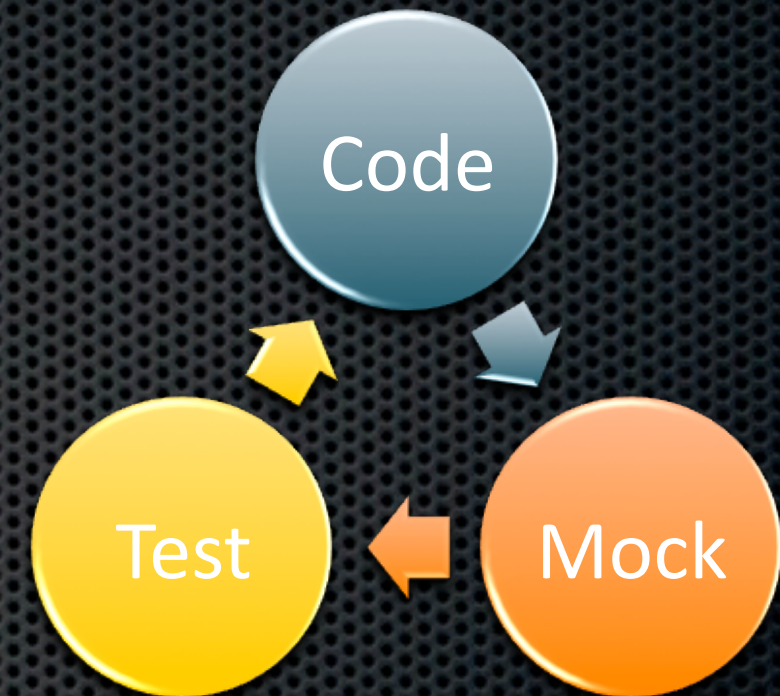
```
component{  
  function add(a,b){  
    return a + b;  
  }  
}
```

Unit Test

```
component extends="mxunit.framework.TestCase" {  
  
  function setup() {  
    calculator = new Calculator();  
  }  
  
  function testAdd() {  
    r = calculator.add(1,4);  
    assertEquals( 5, r );  
  }  
  
}
```

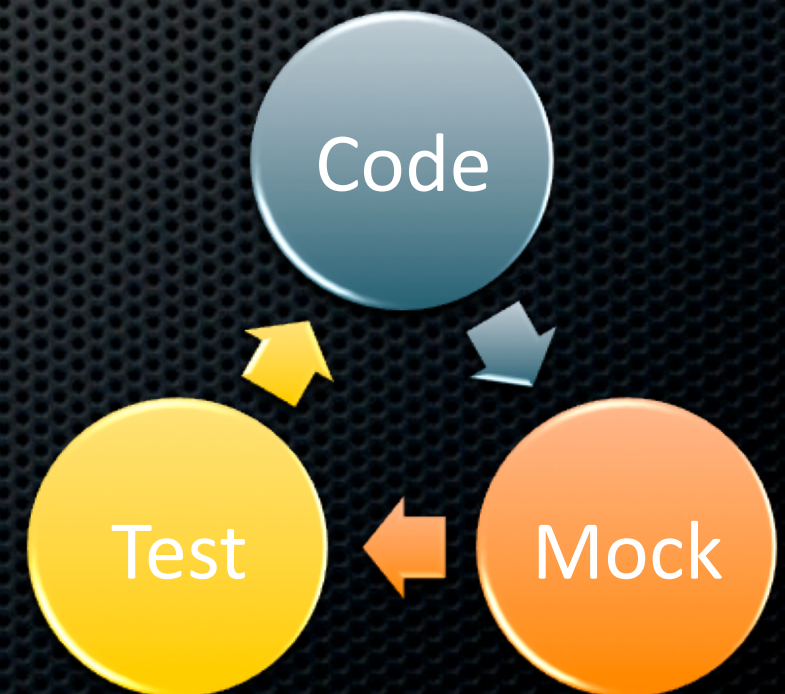

TDD Process

- ✦ Test Driven Development
- ✦ Can be a new development paradigm for some
- ✦ Work from the IDE
 - ✦ Write software units
 - ✦ Confirm expectations and behavior via unit testing and mocking
 - ✦ Continue writing your software units
 - ✦ Rinse & Repeat



Important Tests

- ✧ Unit Testing
 - ✧ Test behavior of **individual** objects
- ✧ Integration Testing
 - ✧ Included with ColdBox
 - ✧ Test entire application headlessly
 - ✧ Test entire controller layer top-down
- ✧ UI verification testing
 - ✧ Verification via HTML/Visual elements
 - ✧ Selenium is great!



Testing ToolBox

- ✦ MXUnit
- ✦ ColdFusion Builder OR CFEclipse
- ✦ A mocking framework
- ✦ ANT
- ✦ Integration Testing
 - ✦ ColdBox
- ✦ Selenium
- ✦ JMeter or Webstress Tool



What is Mocking?



is that when you
hit people in the
face?

Mocking



“To treat with ridicule or contempt; to imitate, to counterfeit”

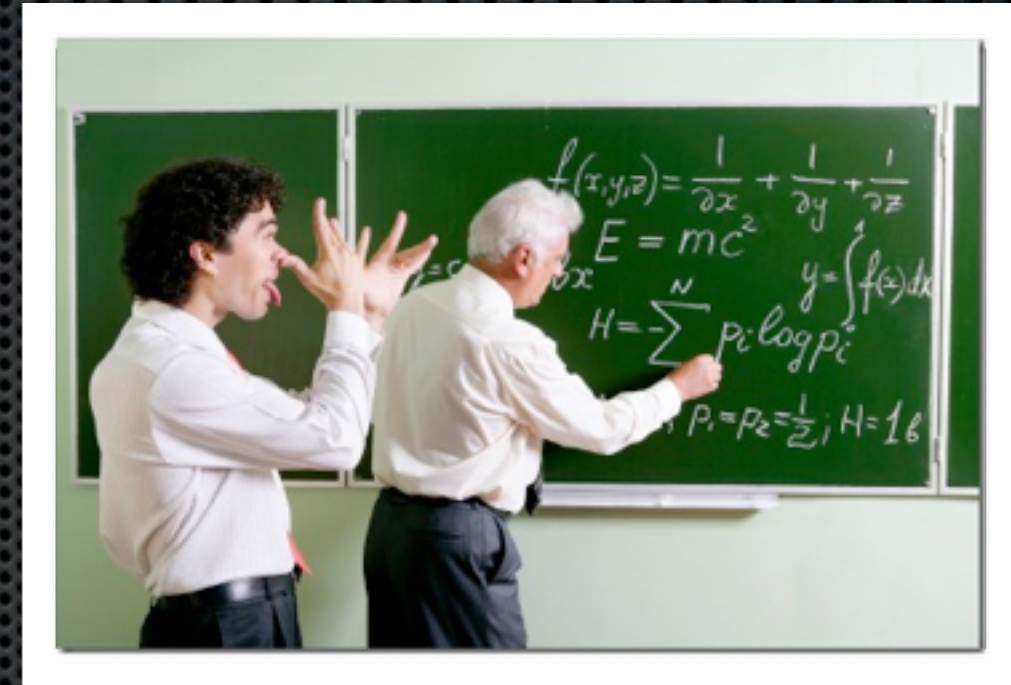
Mock Object

*"A mock object is an object that takes the place of a '**real**' object in such a way that makes testing **easier** and more meaningful, or in some cases, **possible** at all"*
by Scott Bain - Emergent Design



Why Mock?

- Because you are immature!
- Isolate your SUT -> Software Under Test
- To build against interfaces & contracts
- Building against missing integration pieces
- To control data and expectations
- Mock components whose behavior is undesirable or hard to control



A mock is essentially the interface without any real implementation

Why Mock?

- ✦ How do you test when helper components that are not built yet?
- ✦ How do you do controlled exceptions?
- ✦ How do you test & control external API calls?
- ✦ How do you control results from ColdFusion tags or functions?
- ✦ How do you control network connections? Do you pull the network plug?



Why Mock?

- ✦ How do you test the following?

```
<cfdirectory action="list" directory="#arguments.path#" name="qResults">

<cfhttp url="#arguments.urlPath#" results="qResults">

<cfmail to="#to#" from="#from#" subject="#subject#">#content#</cfmail>

<cfquery />

function init(){
    var helper = new Helper();
}

private function getData(){ return data; }
```

- ✦ Some code is untestable or we would need some serious world of hurt to test

Benefits



- ✦ Build test friendly code (refactor) and use a DI engine (WireBox of course!)
- ✦ Leverage utility components that can be easily mocked
- ✦ Refactor to remove complexities and isolate dependencies
- ✦ Smaller and more focused methods
- ✦ Improve code reuse
- ✦ Our tests can say a lot about our code

Refactor Example

Original

```
<cfdirectory action="list" directory="/myapp/path" name="qResults">
```

Refactored

```
<cffunction name="getFiles" output="false" returnType="query">  
  <cfargument name="path">  
  
  <cfset var qResults = "">  
  <cfdirectory action="list" directory="#arguments.path#" name="qResults">  
  
  ... Process Here ...  
  <cfreturn qResults>  
</cffunction>
```


Refactor Example

Original

```
<cffeed action="read" source="http..." query="results">
```

Refactored

```
<cffunction name="getFeeds" output="false" returnType="struct">
  <cfargument name="feedURL">
  <cfargument name="timeout">

  <cfset var results = {}>

  <cffeed action="Read" source="#arguments.feedURL#" query="results"
    timeout="#arguments.timeout#">

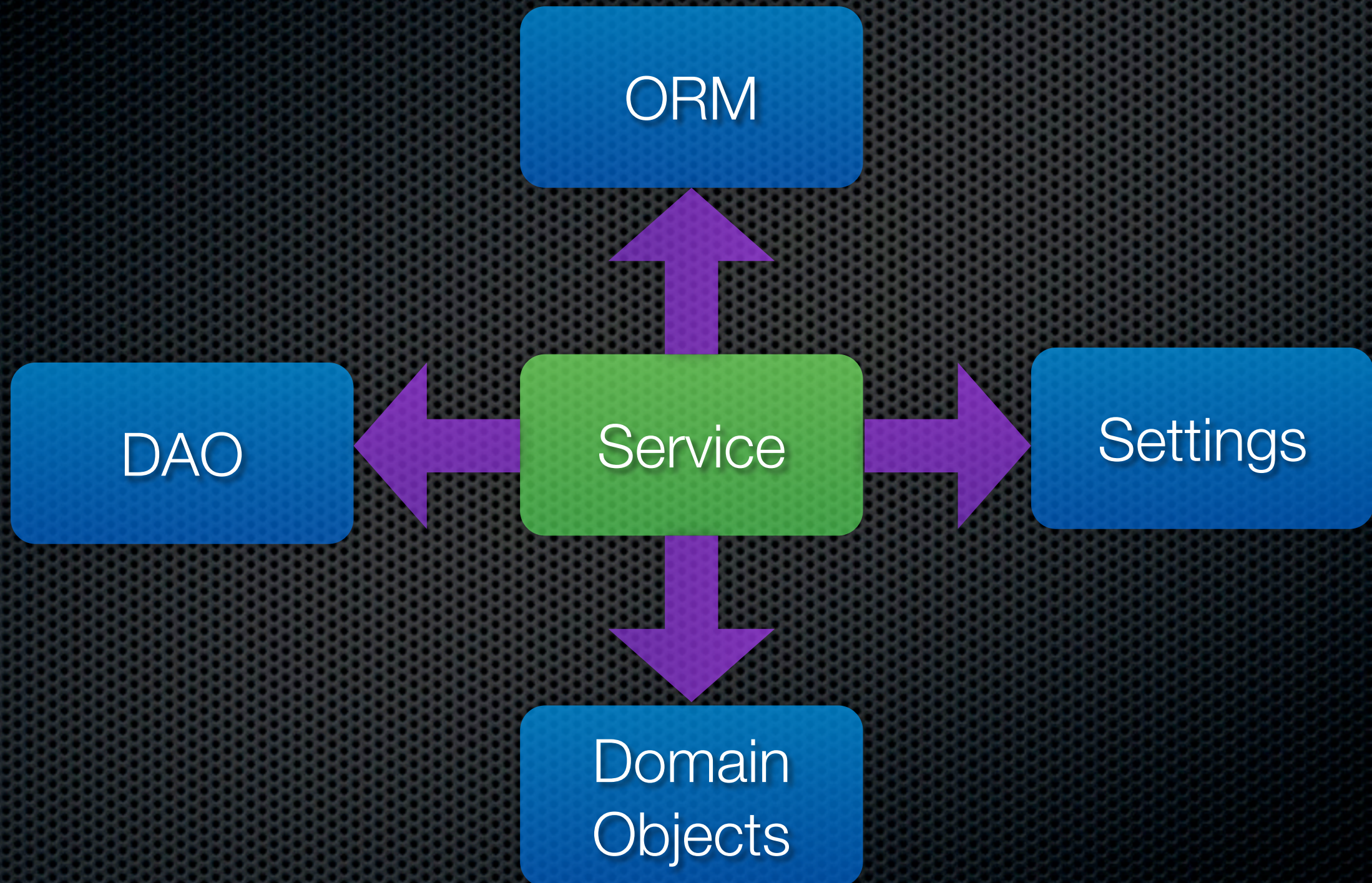
  <cfreturn results>
</cffunction>
```


Refactoring Thoughts

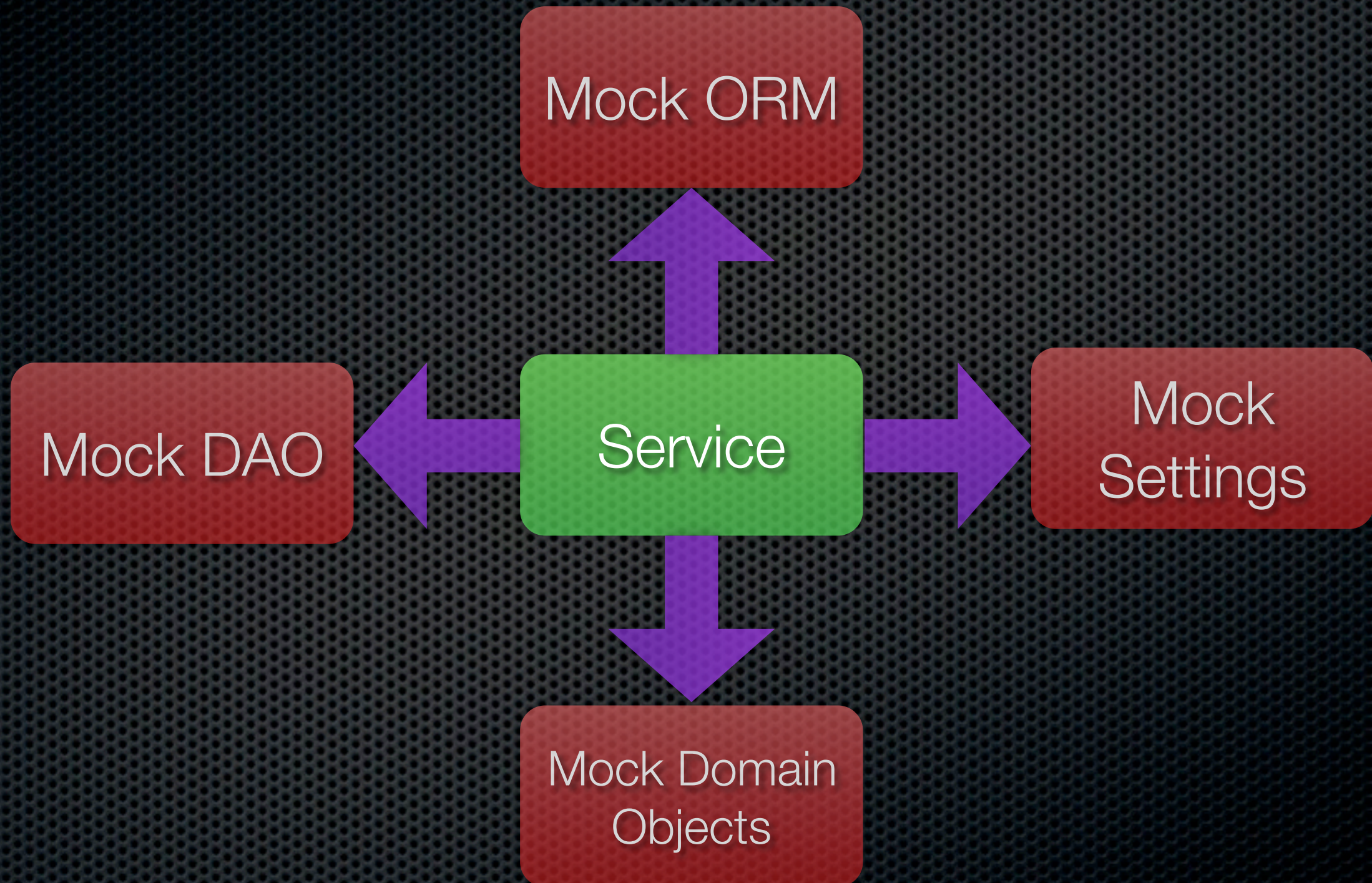


- ✦ First thoughts
 - ✦ Dumb!
 - ✦ I'll end up with lots of small utility methods
 - ✦ More work?
- ✦ Mature thoughts
 - ✦ Cool!
 - ✦ I'll have more granular and reusable methods that can be mocked easily
 - ✦ Makes my code cleaner
 - ✦ Logical code separation

Typical Example



Typical Example



Mocking Frameworks



- ✦ **MockBox** by ColdBox
- ✦ MightyMock by MXUnit
- ✦ ColdMock
- ✦ Showcase MockBox as well... We built it

Key Features

- ✦ Mock Objects with or without implementations
- ✦ Mock methods & properties in any scope
- ✦ Create Stub Objects -> Non-existent objects
- ✦ Mock exceptions
- ✦ Mock arguments to results
- ✦ Logging & Debugging
- ✦ Verification methods
- ✦ State Machine Results



Setting up MockBox

ColdBox Embedded

```
mockBox = createObject("component", "coldbox.system.testing.MockBox").init();
```

ColdBox Base Tests = Easier Integration

```
mockBox = getMockBox();
```

Standalone

```
mockBox = createObject("component", "mockBox.system.testing.MockBox").init();
```


Creation Methods

- ✦ *CreateMock()*
- ✦ *CreateEmptyMock()*
- ✦ *PrepareMock()*
- ✦ *CreateStub()*

**Creates & Decorates
Objects Dynamically!**

```
user = mockBox.createMock("model.User");  
  
dao = mockBox.createEmptyMock("model.UserDAO");  
  
mockBox.prepareMock( service );  
  
nonExistentService = mockBox.createStub();
```


Injected Methods



Method	Description
\$()	Mock a method
\$property()	Mock a property
\$results()	Mock results pattern
\$args()	Argument driven results
\$count([methodName])	Method call counter
\$callLog()	Get call logging stats
\$debug()	Get debugging data

Verification Methods



Method	Description
\$times(count,[methodName])	Verify X calls
\$never([methodName])	Verify never called
\$atLeast(min,[methodName])	Verify at least calls
\$atMost(max,[methodName])	Verify at most calls
\$once([methodName])	Verify called once

**** Verification methods return boolean so they can be asserted***

\$()

- ✦ Arguments
 - ✦ method
 - ✦ returns
 - ✦ preserveReturnType
 - ✦ throwException
 - ✦ throwType
 - ✦ throwDetail
 - ✦ throwMessage
 - ✦ callLogging

```
// Cascaded mocks
mockUser.$("isFound",true).$("isDirty",true);

// Mock Exception
mockUser.
$(method="save",
  throwsException=true,
  throwType="IllegalStateException",
  throwMessage="Invalid User Data");

// Mock Return Objects
mockRole = mockBox.createMock("Role");
service.$(method="getRole",returns=mockRole);
```




\$()

Setup

```
mockUser      = mockBox.createEmptyMock("model.User").init();  
userService   = mockBox.createMock("model.UserService").init();  
  
userService.$("get", mockUser);
```

Mock methods

```
//Technique 1  
user.$("getName", "Luis Majano");
```

```
//Technique 2  
user.$("getName").$results("Luis Majano", "Curt Gratz", "Diego Maradona");
```


\$args()

- ✦ Argument directed results
- ✦ MUST be chained via **\$results()**
- ✦ You can use:
 - ✦ Named parameters
 - ✦ Positional parameters
 - ✦ Argument Collection - CF Upper Cases Arguments

```
// Call to Mock
if( dao.getSetting("userAudit") ){
    startAudit( dao.getSetting("auditTables") );
};

// Mocking Calls
dao.$("getSetting").$args("userAudit").$results(true);
dao.$("getSetting").$args("auditTables").$results("user,order,product");
```


\$args()

Named Parameters

```
saveUser (fname="luis", lname="majano") ;
```

Positional Parameters

```
saveUser ("luis", "majano") ;
```

Argument Collection

```
data = {  
    fname = "luis", lname = "majano"  
};  
saveUser (argumentCollection=data) ;
```


\$results()

- State machine your results
- Repetition sequence
- **\$results(1,2,3)** + Called 5 Times = 1,2,3,1,2

```
// Using Single result set
dao.$("getSetting").$args("userAudit").$results(true);

// Using State Machine
user.$("getVisitCount").$results(5,6,700);
```


\$property()

- ✦ Mock any property on any scope
- ✦ Great for settings, aggregation or composition mocking

```
// Mock a setting on the variables scope
service.$property("cacheActive","variables",true);

// Mock a file utility object
mockUtil = mockbox.createEmptyMock("util.FileUtils");
service.$property("fileUtil","variables", mockUtil);

// Mock in the variables.instance scope path
service.$property("isDirty","instance",true);
```


Verification Methods



```
function testVerifyCallCount() {
    test.$("displayData", queryNew(''));
    assertTrue( test.$never() );
    assertTrue( test.$never("displayData") );
    assertFalse( test.$times(1, "displayData") );
    assertFalse( test.$once("displayData") );

    test.displayData();
    assertEquals(true, test.$verifyCallCount(1));
}
function testMockMethodCallCount() {
    test.$("displayData", queryNew(''));
    test.$("getLuis", 1);

    assertEquals(0, test.$count("displayData") );
    assertEquals(-1, test.$count("displayData2") );
}
```


If all else fails?



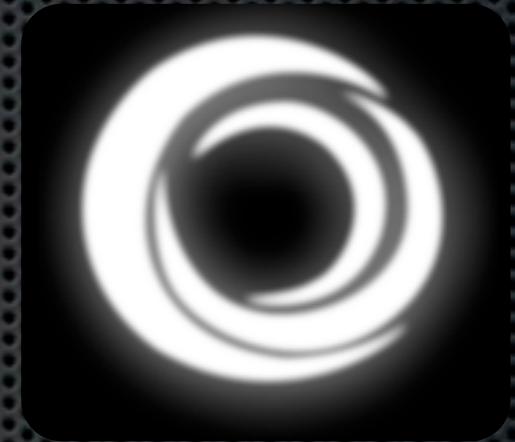
```
<cfdump var="#targetObject.$debug()">
```


Code - Discussions



Resources

- ✦ Unit Testing
 - ✦ www.mxunit.org
- ✦ Mocking
 - ✦ www.mxunit.org
 - ✦ wiki.coldbox.org/wiki/MockBox.cfm
- ✦ ColdBox Resources
 - ✦ www.coldbox.org
 - ✦ wiki.coldbox.org
 - ✦ groups.google.com/group/coldbox
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Q & A



Thanks!