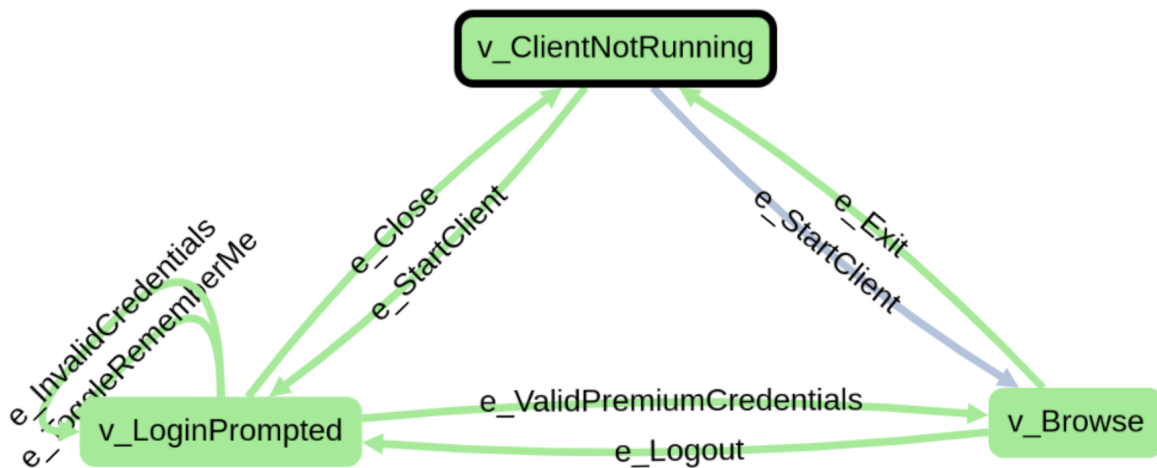


Model-Based Testing using GraphWalker and Java

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Overview

[GraphWalker](#) is a tool that addresses State Transition Model-Based Testing; in other words, it allows you to perform modeling around states and transitions between those states using directed graphs.



Here is some clarification around some key concepts using the information provided by GraphWalker's documentation that explains them clearly:

- **edge:** An edge represents an action, a transition. An action could be an API call, a button click, a timeout, etc. Anything that moves your System Under Test into a new state that you want to verify. But remember, there is no verification going on in the edge. That happens only in the vertex.
- **vertex:** A vertex represents verification, an assertion. A verification is where you would have assertions in your code. It is here that you verify that an API call returns the correct values, that a button click actually did close a dialog, or that when the timeout should have occurred, the System Under Test triggered the expected event.
- **model:** A model is a graph, which is a set of vertices and edges.

From a model, GraphWalker will generate a **path** through it. A model has a **start element**, and a **generator** which rules how the path is generated, and associated **stop condition** which tells GraphWalker when to stop generating the path.

Generators and stop conditions are essential in GraphWalker (more info [here](#) and [here](#)), as they influence how the model will be "walked" and until when.

Multiple models can interact with one another (i.e. jump from one to other and vice-versa), using shared states (i.e. vertices that have a "shared name").

Each model has an internal state with some variables - its **context**. Besides, and since GraphWalker can transverse multiple models, there is also a **global context**.

We can also add actions and guards to the model, which can affect how the model is walked and how it behaves:

- **action:** a way of setting variables in the model or global context; actions are implemented using JavaScript
- **guard:** a way of blocking/guard edges from being walked/executed, usually considering variables stored in the model or global context; guards are implemented using JavaScript.

In sum, we model (i.e. build a model) a certain aspect related to our system using directed graphs; the model represents a test idea that describes expected behaviors. Checks are implemented in the vertices (i.e. states) and actions are performed in the edges. GraphWalker will then "walk" the model (i.e. perform a set of "steps"/edges) using a generated path. While doing so, it looks at JavaScript guards to check if edges can be "walked" and performs JavaScript based *actions* to set internal context variables. It stops "walking" if stop condition(s) are met.

To build the model, we can use a visual tool and ([GraphWalker Studio](#)) and export it to a JSON file.

Mapping concepts to Xray

Tests

Besides other entities, in Xray we have Test issues and "requirements" (i.e. issues that can be covered with Tests).

In GraphWalker, the testing is performed continuously by walking a path (as a result of its generator) and until certain condition(s) is(are) met.

This is a bit different from traditional, sequential test scripts where each one has a set of well-defined actions and expected results.

We can say that GraphWalker produces dynamic test cases, where each one corresponds to the full path that was generated. Since the number of possible paths can be quite high, we can follow a more straightforward approach: consider each model a Test, no matter exactly what path is executed. Remember that a model in itself is a high-level test idea, something that you want to validate; therefore, this seems a good fit as long as we have the means to later on debug it.

Requirements

What about "requirements"?

Well, even though GraphWalker allows you to assign one or more requirement identifiers to each vertex, it may not be the most suitable approach linking our model (or parts of it) to requirements. Therefore, and since we consider the model as a Test, we can eventually link each model to a "requirement" later on in Jira.

Results

In sequential scripted automated tests/checks, we look at the expectation(s) using assert(s) statement(s), after we perform a set of well-known and predefined actions. Therefore, we can clearly say that the test scenario exercised by that test either passed or failed.

In MBT, especially in the case of State Transition Model-Based Testing, we start from a given vertex but then the path, that describes the sequence of edges and vertices visited, can be quite different each time the tool generates it. Besides, the stop condition is not composed by one or more well-known and fixed expectations; it's based on some more graph/model related criteria.

When we "execute the model", it will walk the path (i.e. go over from vertex to vertex through a given edge) and performing checks in the vertices. If those checks are successful until the stop condition(s) is achieved, we can say that it was successful; otherwise, the model is not a good representation of the system as it is we can say that it "failed."

Example

In this tutorial, we'll use an example provided by the GraphWalker community (please check [GraphWalker wiki page describing it](#)) which targets the well-known [PetClinic sample site](#).

Welcome



Requirements

- Java 8
- PetClinic sample application (requires Java 8 as it is)
 - `git clone https://github.com/SpringSource/spring-petclinic.git`
 - `cd spring-petclinic`
 - `git reset --hard 482eeb1c217789b5d772f5c15c3ab7aa89caf279`
 - `mvn tomcat7:run`
- GraphWalker
- GraphWalker Studio

How can we test the PetClinic website using MBT technique?

Well, one approach could be to model the interactions between different pages. Ultimately they represent certain features that the site provides and that are connected with one another.

In this example, we'll be using these:

- **PetClinic**: main model of the PetClinic store, that relates several models provided by different sections in the site
- **FindOwners**: model around the feature of finding owners
- **Veterinarians**: model around the feature of listing veterinarians
- **OwnerInformation**: model around the ability of showing information/details of a owner
- **NewOwner**: model around the feature of creating a new owner

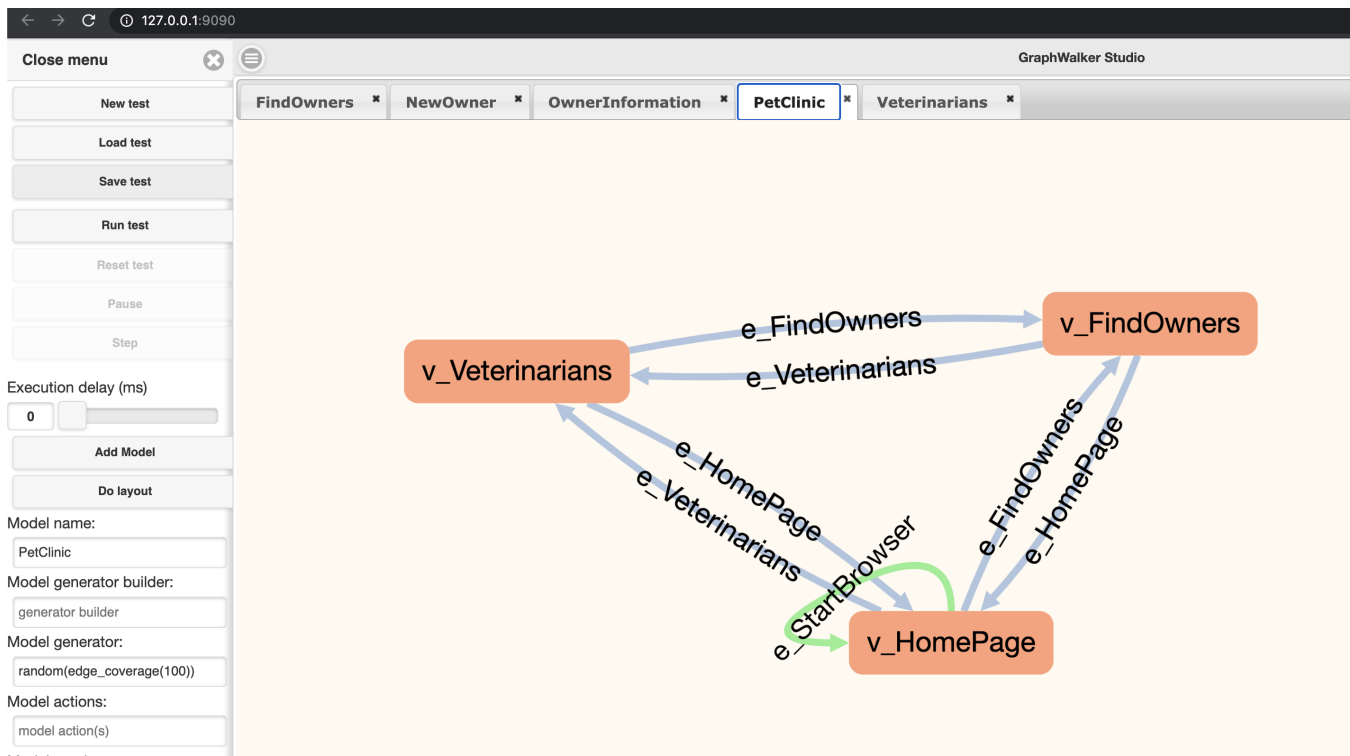


Please note

Remember that you could model it completely differently; modeling represents a perspective.

Models can be built using [GraphWalker Studio](#). We can use it to load previously saved model(s) like the ones in [PetClinic.json](#). In this case, the JSON file contains several models; we could also have one JSON file per model.

The following picture shows the overall PetClinic model, that interacts with other models.



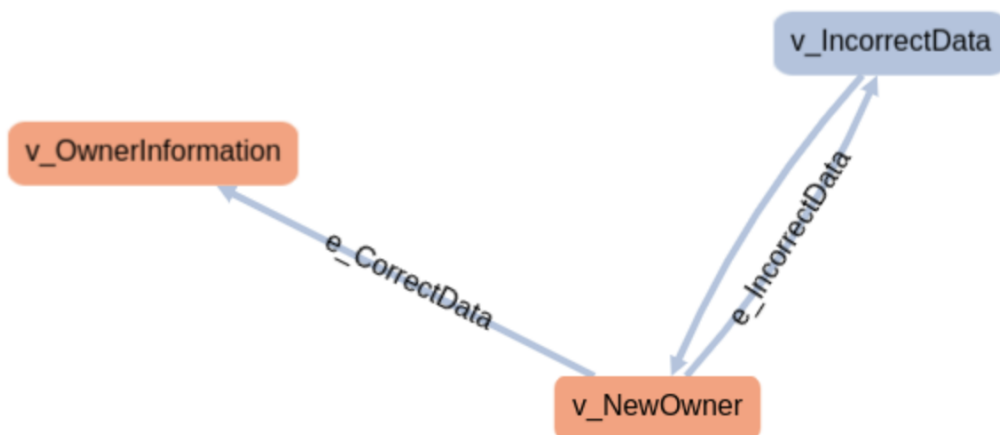
GraphWalker Studio allow us to run the model in offline, i.e. without executing the underlying test automation code, so we can validate it.

Let's pick the NewOwner model as an example, which is quite simple.

"v_NewOwner" represents, accordingly to what we've defined for our model, being on the "New Owner" page.

If we fill correct data (i.e. using the edge "e_CorrectData"), we'll be redirected to a page showing the owner information.

Otherwise, if we fill incorrect data (i.e. using the edge "e_IncorrectData") an error will be shown and the user keeps on the "New Owner" page.





Please note

Usually, to implement the automation code we would create a Maven project from scratch, copy the model file(s), and generate a skeleton of the sources for our model.

To do so, we would perform something such as:

```
# generate a Maven project prepared for GraphWalker
mvn archetype:generate -B -DarchetypeGroupId=org.graphwalker -DarchetypeArtifactId=graphwalker-maven-archetype -DgroupId=com.
company -DartifactId=myProject

# store the JSON of the model(s) in src/main/resources/
...

# generate a skeleton of an implementable interface
mvn graphwalker:generate-sources
```

The Java class that implements the edges and vertices of this model is defined in the class [NewOwnerTest](#). Actions performed in the edges are quite simple. Assertions are also simple as they're only focused on the state/vertex they are at.

class implementing the model "NewOwner"

```

package com.company.modelimplementations;

import com.company.NewOwner;
import com.github.javafaker.Faker;
import org.graphwalker.core.machine.ExecutionContext;
import org.graphwalker.java.annotation.GraphWalker;
import org.openqa.selenium.By;

import static com.codeborne.selenide.Condition.text;
import static com.codeborne.selenide.Condition.visible;
import static com.codeborne.selenide.Selenide.$;
import static com.codeborne.selenide.Selenide.$x;

/**
 * Implements the model (and interface) NewOwnerSharedState
 * The default path generator is Random Path.
 * Stop condition is 100% coverage of all edges.
 */
@GraphWalker(value = "random(edge_coverage(100))")
public class NewOwnerTest extends ExecutionContext implements NewOwner {

    @Override
    public void v_OwnerInformation() {
        $(By.tagName("h2")).shouldHave(text("Owner Information"));
        $x("/html/body/div/table[last()]/tbody/tr/td[2]/img").shouldBe(visible);
    }

    @Override
    public void e_CorrectData() {
        fillOwnerData();
        $(By.id("telephone")).sendKeys(String.valueOf(new Faker().number().digits(10)));
        $("button[type=\"submit\"]").click();
    }

    @Override
    public void e_IncorrectData() {
        fillOwnerData();
        $(By.id("telephone")).sendKeys(String.valueOf(new Faker().number().digits(20)));
        $("button[type=\"submit\"]").click();
    }

    @Override
    public void v_IncorrectData() {
        $(By.cssSelector("div.control-group.error > div.controls > span.help-inline"))
            .shouldHave(text("numeric value out of bounds (<10 digits>.<0 digits> expected)"));
    }

    @Override
    public void v_NewOwner() {
        $(By.tagName("h2")).shouldHave(text("New Owner"));
        $x("/html/body/table/tbody/tr/td[2]/img").shouldBe(visible);
    }

    private void fillOwnerData() {
        $(By.id("firstName")).clear();
        $(By.id("firstName")).sendKeys(new Faker().name().firstName());

        $(By.id("lastName")).clear();
        $(By.id("lastName")).sendKeys(new Faker().name().lastName());

        $(By.id("address")).clear();
        $(By.id("address")).sendKeys(new Faker().address().fullAddress());

        $(By.id("city")).clear();
        $(By.id("city")).sendKeys(new Faker().address().city());

        $(By.id("telephone")).clear();
    }
}

```

In the previous example, we can see that the class `NewOwnerTest` extends `ExecutionContext`; this ties the model with the path generator and provides a context for tracking the internal state and history of the model.

The **@GraphWalker** annotation is used to specify the path generator and stop conditions. This is used for *online* path generation during test execution.

It follows this syntax:

```
@GraphWalker(value = "generator(stop_conditions)", start = "start_element", groups = { "group" } )
```

such as:

```
@GraphWalker(value = "random(reached_vertex(v_ShoppingCart))", start = "e_StartBrowser", groups = { "default" } )
```



Please note

Tests using the model can also be created and executed programmatically similar to other tests, using JUnit or other testing framework. More info [here](#) and [here](#).

The flow would be something like:

1. create a TestBuilder object
2. create a Context object
3. add the Context to the TestBuilder
4. execute it, using .execute()
5. optionally, look at the Result object returned to see if it has errors, using .hasErrors()

example of some Tests implementing using JUnit

```
public class SimpleTest extends ExecutionContext implements Login {
    public final static Path MODEL_PATH = Paths.get("org/myorg/testautomation/Login.json");
    ...
    @Test
    public void runSmokeTest() {
        new TestBuilder()
            .addContext(new SimpleTest().setNextElement(new Edge().setName("e_Init").build()),
                MODEL_PATH,
                new AStarPath(new ReachedVertex("v_Browse")))
            .execute();
    }

    @Test
    public void runFunctionalTest1() {
        new TestBuilder()
            .addContext(new SimpleTest().setNextElement(new Edge().setName("e_Init").build()),
                MODEL_PATH,
                new RandomPath(new EdgeCoverage(100)))
            .execute();
    }

    @Test
    public void runFunctionalTest2() {
        TestBuilder builder = new TestBuilder()
            .addContext(new SimpleTest().setNextElement(new Edge().setName("e_Init").build()),
                MODEL_PATH,
                new RandomPath(new EdgeCoverage(100)));
        Result result = builder.execute(true);
        Assert.assertFalse(result.hasErrors());
    }

    @Test
    public void runStabilityTest() {
        new TestBuilder()
            .addContext(new SimpleTest().setNextElement(new Edge().setName("e_Init").build()),
                MODEL_PATH,
                new RandomPath(new TimeDuration(30, TimeUnit.SECONDS)))
            .execute();
    }
}
```

In this case, we could execute the tests using Maven. We would then use the JUnit XML report produced by JUnit itself.

```
mvn test
```

To run the tests online with GraphWalker we can use Maven, since there is a specific plugin for assisting with this. This will produce a single JUnit XML report stored in the target/graphwalker-reports/ directory.

example of a Bash script to run the tests

```
rm -f target/graphwalker-reports/*.xml
mvn graphwalker:test
```

After successfully running the tests and generating the JUnit XML report, it can be imported to Xray (either by the REST API or through the Import Execution Results action within the Test Execution, or even by using a CI tool of your choice).

example of a Bash script to import the results

```
REPORT_FILE=$(ls target/graphwalker-reports/TEST-GraphWalker-*.xml | sort | tail -n 1)
curl -H "Content-Type: multipart/form-data" -u admin:admin -F "file=@$REPORT_FILE" http://jiraserver.example/rest/raven/1.0/import/execution/junit?projectKey=CALC
```

Calculator / CALC-8049

Execution results - TEST-GraphWalker-20201202T164130775.xml - [1606927747887]

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Start ProgressResolve IssueClose IssueAdmin

Details

Type:Test Execution

Priority:Major

Affects Version/s:None

Component/s:None

Labels:None

Test Environments:None

Test Plan:None

Status:OPEN (View Workflow)

Resolution:Unresolved

Fix Version/s:None

Description

Execution results imported from external source

Tests

Overall Execution Status

5 PASS

Total Tests: 5

Filter(s)

Apply Rank

Rank	Key	Summary	Test Type	#Req	#Def	Assignee	Status
4	CALC-8053	FindOwnersTest	Generic	0	0	Administrator	PASS
3	CALC-8052	NewOwnerTest	Generic	0	0	Administrator	PASS
5	CALC-8054	OwnerInformationTest	Generic	0	0	Administrator	PASS
1	CALC-8050	PetClinicTest	Generic	0	0	Administrator	PASS
2	CALC-8051	VeterinariansTest	Generic	0	0	Administrator	PASS

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Assignee: **Administrator** Versions: -
 Executed By: **Administrator** Revision: -
 Tests -
 environments:

None

Preview Comment |

Create Defect | Create Sub-Task | Add Defects |

Add Evidence |

Test Description

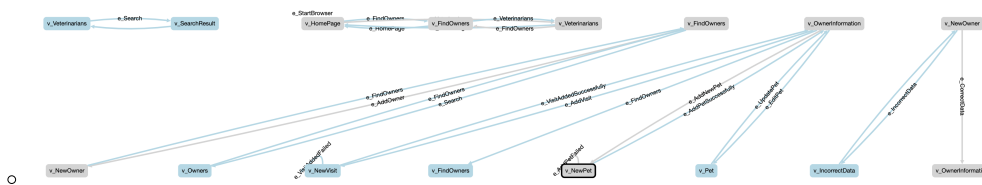
None

There are no Test Run Custom Fields defined.

Test Type:	Generic
Definition:	com.company.modelimplementations.NewOwnerTest.NewOwnerTest

Context	Output	Duration	Status
TestSuite GraphWalker	-	31 sec	PASS

- Use MBT not to replace existing test scripts but in cases where you need to provide greater coverage
- Discuss the model(s) with the team and the ones that can be most useful for your use case
- You can control the seed of the random generator used by GraphWalker, so you can easily reproduce bugs (i.e. by reproducing the generated path)
- You can use [GraphWalker Player](#) to see the graph being walked in real-time. You can use a [sample HTML](#) file that contains the code to connect to a WebSocket server that you need to instantiate in the runner side ([example](#)) .
 - Example:
 - open the file index.html in your browser, using an URL such as "file:///Users/you/index.html?wsURI=localhost:8887?wsURI=localhost:8887"
 - execute GraphWalker, using the [custom runner](#)
 - `mvn exec:java -Dexec.mainClass="com.company.runners.WebSocketApplication"`



- Calculator / CALC-8055

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Story

Major

None

None

None

UNCOVERED

Resolution: Unresolved

Resolution:	Unresolved
Fix Version/s:	None

File Version(s):	None
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As a user, I can access the PetClinic site to perform a set of operations.

[Create Test](#) [Create Sub-Test Execution](#) [+ Link](#)

☐ No Tests were found testing the requirement.

Calculator / CALC-8055

As a user, I can access the PetClinic site

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Details

Type: Story
Priority: Major
Affects Version/s: None
Component/s: None
Labels: None
Requirement Status: OK

Status: OPEN (View Workflow)
Resolution: Unresolved
Fix Version/s: None

Description

As a user, I can access the PetClinic site to perform a set of operations.

Test Coverage

Create Test
Create Sub-Test Execution
+ Link

TEST COVERAGE FOR THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS SCOPE

Scope: Version; Version: None - latest execution; Environment: All Environments
OK

Filter(s)

P	Status	Resolution	Key	Summary	Test Runs	Test Status
☐	OPEN	Unresolved	CALC-8050	PetClinicTest	10	PASS
☐	OPEN	Unresolved	CALC-8051	VeterinariansTest	10	PASS
☐	OPEN	Unresolved	CALC-8052	NewOwnerTest	10	PASS
☐	OPEN	Unresolved	CALC-8053	FindOwnersTest	10	PASS
☐	OPEN	Unresolved	CALC-8054	OwnerInformationTest	10	PASS

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Reports
Issues
Components
Structure
Xray Reports
Xray Test Repository
Xray Test Plan Board
Automated Steps Library

All sprints

QUICK FILTERS: Only My Issues Recently Updated

TO DO

CALC-982
As a user, I can calculate add positive numbers
NOK

CALC-983
As a user, I can calculate the sum of 2 numbers
Sub Test Execution for CALC-983

CALC-970
calculator screen does not show anything

IN PROGRESS

CALC-8055
As a user, I can access the PetClinic site
OK

CALC-8048
As a user, I can obtain location data for a given country's zipcode
OK

CALC-3208
As a user, I can calculate the sum of two numbers
NOK

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