

API Validators

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Task 3.1: Develop API (M1-M28)

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Define an API to be used in the Photon and Neutron community that will allow for FAIR exposure of the data at the individual institutions through a catalogue service.

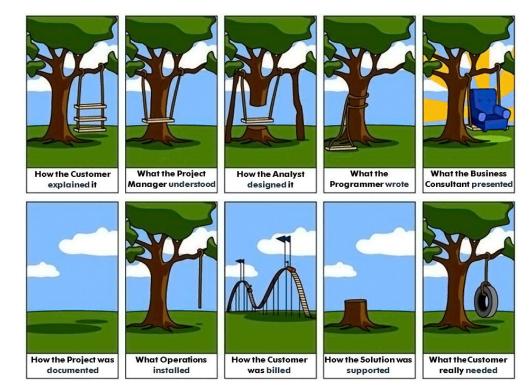




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[.....] In order to test any implementation at facilities for compliance, a set of API tests will be developed. The test harness will be executable against a given site catalogue service and result in a report stating the status towards compliance.





http://www.projectcartoon.com/cartoon/61940







API: https://github.com/panosc-eu/panosc





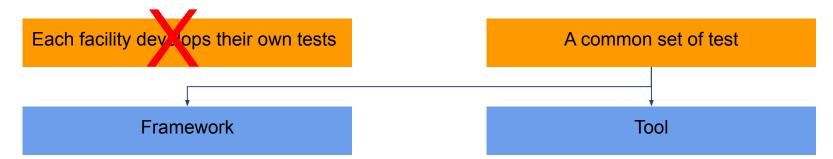


Each facility develops their own tests

A common set of tests











REST-assured







"http://localhost:8080/lotto/{id}":

```
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build passing maven central 4.1.1 javadoc 4.1.1
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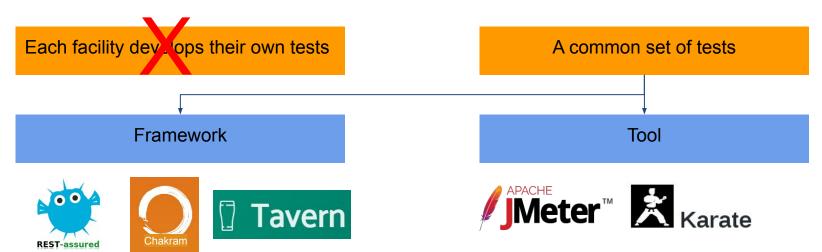


Chakram is a REST API testing framework

```
describe("HTTP assertions", function () {
  it("should make HTTP assertions easy", function () {
    var response = chakram.get("http://httpbin.org/get?test=chakram");
    expect(response).to.have.status(200);
    expect(response).to.have.header("content-type", "application/json");
    expect(response).not.to.be.encoded.with.gzip;
    expect(response).to.comprise.of.json({
        args: { test: "chakram" }
    });
    return chakram.wait();
});
```













```
Scenario: create and retrieve a cat
                                                     JSON is 'native'
                                                      to the syntax
Given url 'http://myhost.com/v1/cats'
And request { name: 'Billie' }
                                                      Intuitive DSL
When method post -
                                                        for HTTP
Then status 201
                                                                          Payload
                                                                         assertion in
And match response == { id: '#notnull', name: 'Billie' } =
                                                                          one line
                                                      Second HTTP
Given path response.id
                                                        call using
When method get
                                                     response data
Then status 200
```





TDD (Test Driven Development)

The TDD process consists of the following steps:

- 1. Start by writing a test
- 2. Run the test and any other tests. At this point, your newly added test should fail. If it doesn't fail here, it might not be testing the right thing and thus has a bug in it.
- 3. Write the minimum amount of code required to make the test pass
- 4. Run the tests to check the new test passes
- 5. Optionally refactor your code
- 6. Repeat from 1





Conclusion

- Many testing tools and/or frameworks are simple and ready to be used
- If number of end points of the API is small then:
 - Less testing to be done
 - Less documentation to write down
 - Less code to maintain
- API should not be a moving target



