

Rock Your Testing World with Devel::Cover

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Oh, Yeaahh!

- Hopefully, everyone here hath drunk of the testing kool-aid
- Coverage is the next step in your test-fu

Coverage?

- Ok, so you have some tests...
- How much of the code are your tests actually exercising?
- Code coverage measures tested program logic
- `Devel::Cover` adds the magic

Devel::Cover

- On CPAN
- Eerily simple to use
- Complete voodoo inside
- Paul Johnson rocks

Coverage in 2 Easy Steps

```
$ HARNESS_PERL_SWITCHES=-MDevel::Cover make test  
$ cover
```

Coverage in 3 Easy Steps

```
$ cover -delete
```

```
$ HARNESS_PERL_SWITCHES=-MDevel::Cover make test
```

```
$ cover
```

- That's too much work for me

Coverage in 1 Easy Step

- Savvy modules make life even better

```
$ make testcover
```

- `testcover-aware` modules

- `Module::Build`

- `Apache-Test`

- `ExtUtils::MakeMaker::Coverage`

Don't like dependencies?

- do it yourself...

Makefile.PL

```
sub MY::test {  
    my $test = shift->MM::test(@_);  
  
    if (eval { require Devel::Cover }) {  
        $test .= <<EOF;  
testcover ::  
    cover -delete  
    HARNESS_PERL_SWITCHES=-MDevel::Cover make test  
    cover  
EOF  
    }  
  
    return $test;  
}
```


That's It!

- I've just told you everything you need to know to use `Devel::Cover`
- Go forth
- The rest of the talk...
 - understanding `Devel::Cover` data
 - code coverage concepts
 - real-world examples

3 Coverage Metrics

- Statement

- simple execution

```
print "ok" if $foo || $bar;
```

- Branch

- logical pathways

```
print "ok" if $foo || $bar;
```

- Condition

- elements of a branch

```
print "ok" if $foo || $bar;
```

```
t/12url.....ok
t/13expire.....ok
t/60_init.....ok
t/61_verify_random_string....ok
t/62_cleanup.....ok
t/63_time_to_cleanup.....ok
t/80cgi.....skipped
```

all skipped: Apache-Test not configured

```
t/99pod.....skipped
```

all skipped: Test::Pod required for testing POD

All tests successful, 2 tests skipped.

Files=13, Tests=99, 95 wallclock secs (77.54 cusr + 3.93 csys = 81.47 CPU)

[WebService-CaptchasDotNet-0.06]\$ cover

Reading database from /src/WebService-CaptchasDotNet-0.06/cover_db

File	stmt	bran	cond	sub	time	total
...lib/WebService/CaptchasDotNet.pm	100.0	81.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.3
Total	100.0	81.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.3

Writing HTML output to /src/WebService-CaptchasDotNet-0.06/cover_db/coverage.html .

..

done.

[WebService-CaptchasDotNet-0.06]\$

Coverage Summary

Database: /src/devel/WebService-CaptchasDotNet-0.06/cover_db

file	stmt	bran	cond	sub	time	total
blib/lib/WebService/CaptchasDotNet.pm	100.0	81.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.3
Total	100.0	81.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.3

File Coverage

File: blib/lib/WebService/CaptchasDotNet.pm

Coverage: 95.3%

line	stmt	bran	cond	sub	time	code
1						package WebService::CaptchasDotNet;
2						
3	11			11	548	use 5.006;
	11				106	
	11				152	
4						
5	11			11	436	use strict;
	11				87	
	11				393	
6	11			11	486	use warnings FATAL => qw(all);
	11				98	
					170	

File Coverage: blib/lib/WebService...

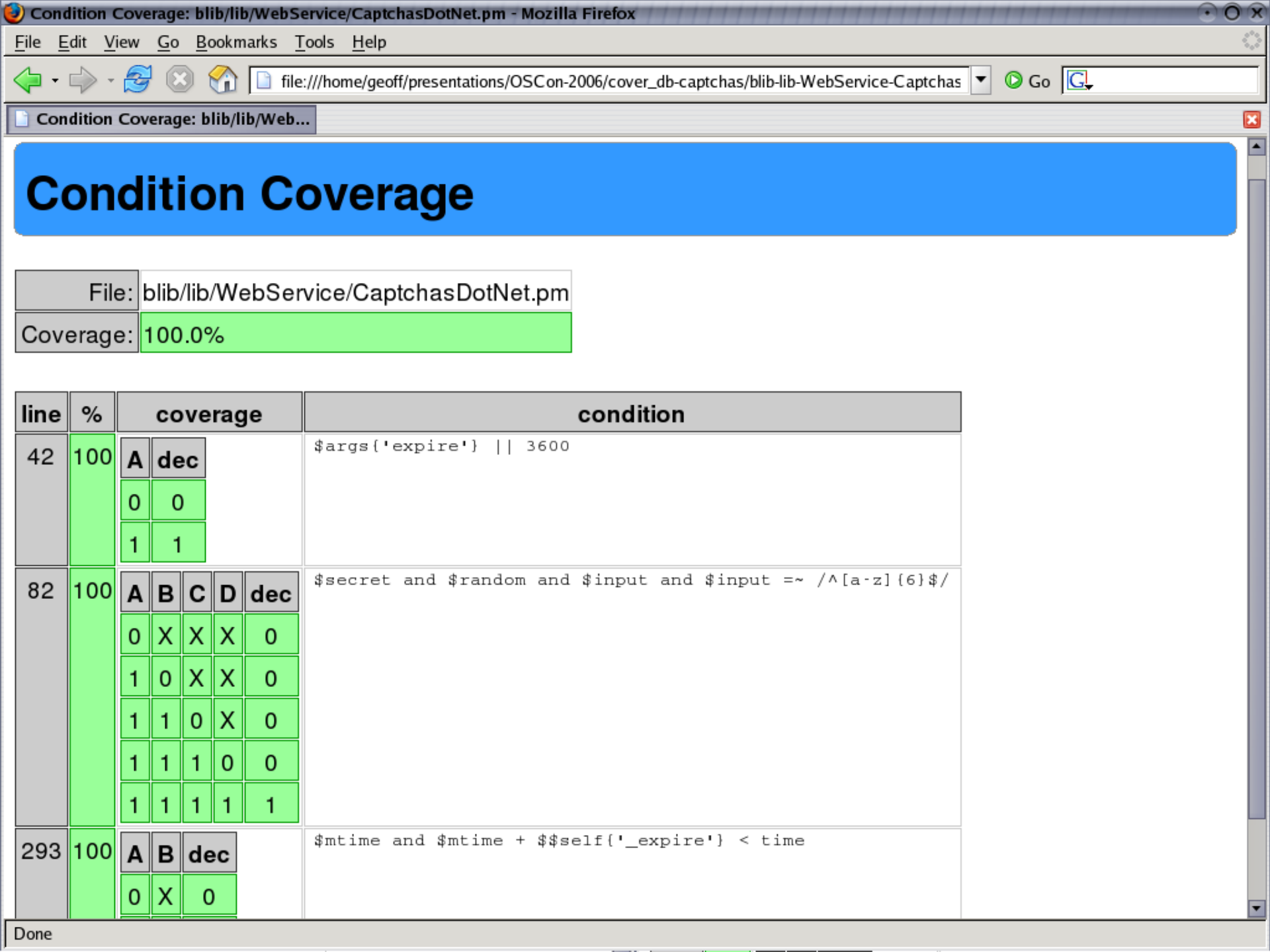
71						#-----
72						sub verify {
73						
74	18		18	1275		my \$self = shift;
75						
76	18			206		my (\$input, \$random) = @_;
77						
78	18			3023		my \$secret = \$self->{_secret};
79						
80						# basic sanity checking
81						
82	18	100	100	1084		unless (\$secret && \$random && \$input && \$input =~ m/^[a-z]{6}\$/) {
83	12	50		152		print STDERR join ' ', 'WebService::CaptchasDotNet - ',
84						"insufficient data for verify()\n"
85						if \$DEBUG;
86						
87	12			220		return;
88						}

Branch Coverage

File: blib/lib/WebService/CaptchasDotNet.pm

Coverage: 81.2%

line	%	coverage		branch
62	100	T	F	if @_
82	100	T	F	unless (\$secret and \$random and \$input and \$input =~ /^[a-z]{6}\$/)
83	50	T	F	if \$DEBUG
93	100	T	F	unless \$file
105	100	T	F	if (\$input eq \$captcha)
143	100	T	F	if (-e \$file)
144	50	T	F	if \$DEBUG
153	100	T	F	unless (\$fh)
154	50	T	F	if \$DEBUG
194	100	T	F	unless -d \$tmp
213	100	T	F	if \$random
214	100	T	F	unless (\$random)



Subroutine Coverage: blib/lib/WebService/CaptchasDotNet.pm - Mozilla Firefox

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Subroutine Coverage: blib/lib/We...

Subroutine Coverage

File: blib/lib/WebService/CaptchasDotNet.pm

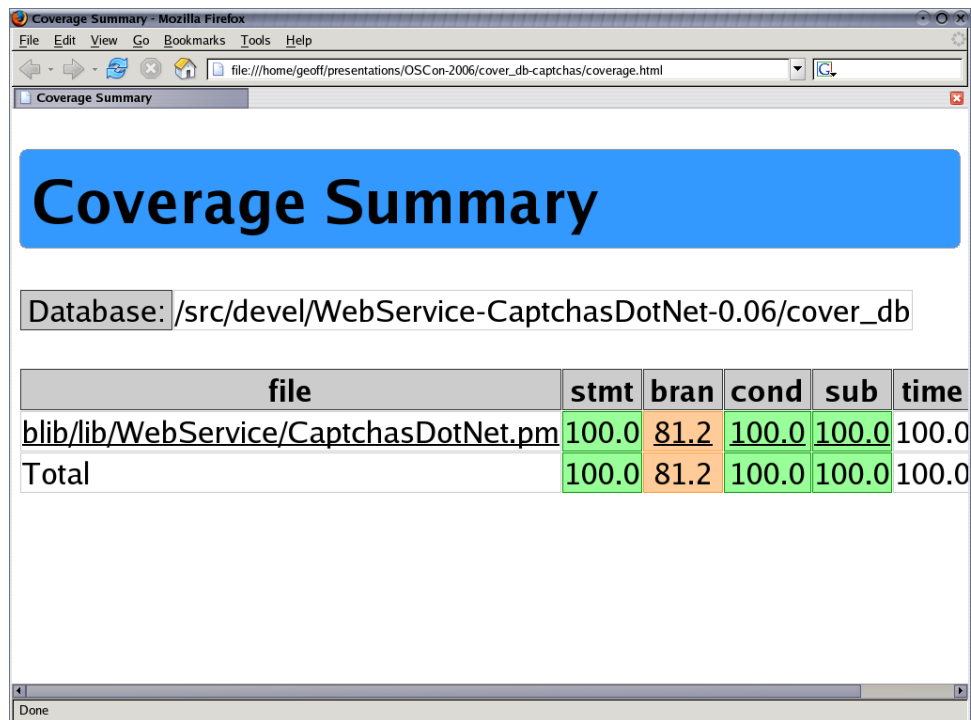
Coverage: 100.0%

line	subroutine
3	BEGIN
5	BEGIN
6	BEGIN
8	BEGIN
9	BEGIN
10	BEGIN
11	BEGIN
12	BEGIN
13	BEGIN
38	new
60	expire
74	verify
122	random
172	url

Done

PHB

- As soon as pictures are involved, you're pretty much doomed



Coverage Summary

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Total	100.0	81.2	100.0	100.0	100.0

Done

- "Why isn't it *all* green?"

For the Record...

1. "Wow, we have tests?"
2. "Your initiative is impressive."
3. "Good work."
4. "I didn't know you could even do that"
5. "Take tomorrow off."
6. "Your new code coverage technique is unstoppable."

...*Then*

1. "If it's not too much trouble, sir, after your so obviously selfless toils to improve our understanding of what was before an unnavigable mire of jumbled code, could you be so kind to me, sir, as to explain why, despite your best efforts, the results are less than the perfection you, yourself, aim to achieve, even if we as a company do not."

Translation

- "What do the numbers actually mean?"
- "What should our goals be?"

- Coverage tells you *nothing* about code
 - specifically, whether it works or not
- Says little about test completeness
 - not what was tested well, just what was tested
- More a measure of test gaps
 - where you need tests
- Coverage is never the whole story

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File Coverage: /app/shared/home/tmweb/head/tmweb/lib/perl/TM/Util/Genres/Bitmap.pm - Mozilla Firefox

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File Coverage: /app/shared/home...

78						
79	65				717	foreach my \$value (sort keys %values) {
80						
81	81	100			849	if (\$value - 32 <= \$offset) {
82						
83	19				126	\$columns{\$name} = (1 << \$value);
84						
85	19				197	delete \$values{\$value};
86						
87						}
88						}
89						}

Done

Don't Just Test – Test Well

- Don't be led into a false sense of security by coverage reports
- A pretty image won't save you from incomplete or poor tests

What *is* it Good For?

- Paired with good testing practices, code coverage is very powerful
- Coverage shows which parts of your code you still need to test
 - "untested code does not exist"
- Can also uncover unsavory code

Branch Coverage: /app/shared/h...

488	100	T	F	if (not defined &\$method)
489	100	T	F	if (0 == \$dirty_style) { }
	100	T	F	elsif (1 == \$dirty_style) { }
	100	T	F	elsif (2 == \$dirty_style) { }
494	100	T	F	if (@_)
497	100	T	F	if ref \$lang or not defined \$lang
499	50	T	F	if not defined \$lang
504	100	T	F	if \$\$args{'lang'} and \$\$args{'lang'} eq 'all'
507	100	T	F	if (exists \$\$args{'lang'} and ref \$\$args{'lang'} eq 'ARRAY') { }
	100	T	F	elsif (exists \$\$args{'lang'} and not ref \$\$args{'lang'} and defined \$\$
512	100	T	F	unless \$lang and ref \$lang eq 'ARRAY'
518	100	T	F	unless \$lang and ref \$lang eq 'ARRAY'
523	100	T	F	if exists \$\$self{'data'}{\$field}{\$language}
526	50	T	F	unless defined &\$method
533	100	T	F	if (@_)

```
throw TMCS::Exception(text => "...", modify_depth => 1)
  if (ref($lang) || !defined $lang);
```

```
throw TMCS::Exception(text => "...", modify_depth => 1)
  if (not defined $lang);
```

```
if(not defined &$method) {  
  
    . . .  
  
    *$method = sub {...} unless defined &$method;  
}
```

How Much Green is Enough?

- Some people will claim arbitrary goals
 - "... you should aim to provide at least 80% coverage in your code"
- Untested code is untested code
 - "Untested code does not exist"
- 100% coverage is impractical
 - for a number of reasons
- Aim for 100% *understood* coverage

Impractical?

- Yeah, 100% is impractical
 - some say it's sometimes impossible
- Sometimes you don't really care about testing an execution path
 - simple debug statements
 - `$self` in object oriented code
- `Devel::Cover` has its own set of "features"

File Coverage: blib/lib/WebServi...

71						#-----
72						sub verify {
73						
74	18		18	1275		my \$self = shift;
75						
76	18			206		my (\$input, \$random) = @_;
77						
78	18			3023		my \$secret = \$self->{_secret};
79						
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84						"insufficient data for verify()\n"
85						if \$DEBUG;
86						
87	12			220		return;
88						}



Back



Forward



Reload



Stop



file:///src/tm/cover_db/-home-geoff-src-webcore-lib-perl-TMCS-Model-pm-condition.html



Print



Condition Coverage: /home/geoff/sr...



	67	A	B	dec	ref \$self \$self
		0	0	0	
		0	1	1	
		1	X	1	
	67	A	B	dec	\$args{'data'} \$self
		0	0	0	
		0	1	1	
		1	X	1	
793	67	A	B	dec	ref \$self \$self
		0	0	0	
		0	1	1	
		1	X	1	
818	67	A	B	dec	ref \$self \$self
		0	0	0	
		0	1	1	
		1	X	1	
822	100	A	B	dec	\$_[0] && (\$_[0] eq 'y' \$_[0] eq 'Y' \$_[0] > 0)
		0	X	0	
		1	0	0	

line	stmt	bran	cond	sub	time	code
12	1				14	foreach my \$attribute (qw(one two)) {
13						
14	2		<u>67</u>		55	\$self->{_att1} = \$attribute;
15						
16	2	<u>100</u>			63	\$self->{_att2} (\$self->{_att2} = \$attribute);
17						
18	2		<u>100</u>		46	\$self->{_att3} = 'three';
19						
20	2	<u>100</u>			53	\$self->{_att4} (\$self->{_att4} = 'four');
21						
22						}
23						
24	1				20	return \$self;
25						}

```
$ perl -MO=Deparse lib/My/Bug.pm
```

```
package My::Bug;
```

```
sub BEGIN {
```

```
    require strict;
```

```
    do {
```

```
        'strict'->import
```

```
    };
```

```
}
```

```
sub testme {
```

```
    BEGIN {${^WARNING_BITS} = "\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377"}  
    use strict 'refs';
```

```
    my $self = shift @_;
```

```
    my $foo;
```

```
    foreach my $attribute ('one', 'two') {  
        $$self{'_att1'} ||= $attribute;
```

```
        $$self{'_att2'} ||= $attribute;
```

```
        $$self{'_att2'} = $attribute unless $$self{'_att2'};
```

```
        $$self{'_att3'} ||= 'three';
```

```
        $$self{'_att4'} = 'four' unless $$self{'_att4'};
```

```
    }
```

```
    return $self;
```

```
}
```

```
BEGIN {${^WARNING_BITS} = "\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377\377"}  
use strict 'refs';
```

```
'???';
```

```
'???';
```

```
lib/My/Bug.pm syntax OK
```

```
$
```

Aesthetically (Un)Pleasing

- Don't let (un)pretty graphs distract you
- 100% coverage is nice, but not always practical

100% Understood Coverage

- Ideally, tests should get as close to 100% as possible
 - don't shoot for 80% or some arbitrary value
- The missing percent should be easily explained
 - non-production code
 - clear API violations
- Colors don't matter

Debugging with Coverage

- `Devel::Cover` adds value to your tests
 - worth the time just for that
- Also a worthy debugging aid

```
my $LAST_CHECK = 0;
my @DEAD_SERVERS = ();

sub _get_dead_servers {

    if ($LAST_CHECK < (my $mtime = (stat($TM::dsfile))[9])) {

        $LAST_CHECK = $mtime;

        my $fh = gensym;
        if (open($fh, $TM::dsfile)) {
            my(@list) = <$fh>;
            close $fh;
            chomp(@list);
            @DEAD_SERVERS = grep { length($_) > 0 } @list;
        } else {
            @DEAD_SERVERS = ();
        }
    }

    return @DEAD_SERVERS;
}
```

My Test Philosophy

- I like to test three things with files
 - No file
 - Unreadable file
 - Readable file
- `httpd` environments lend themselves to unreadable files
 - server starts as `root`
 - requests served by `nobody`


```
$ make test TEST_VERBOSE=1
PERL_DL_NONLAZY=1 /usr/bin/perl "-MExtUtils::Command::MM" "-e" "test_harness(1, 'blib/lib', 'blib/arch')" t/*.t
t/_get_dead_servers....1..3
ok 1 - handles non-existent file gracefully
ok 2 - handles unreadable file gracefully
not ok 3 - returned 4 servers

# Failed test 'returned 4 servers'
# in t/_get_dead_servers.t at line 40.
# Looks like you failed 1 test of 3.
dubious
    Test returned status 1 (wstat 256, 0x100)
DIED. FAILED test 3
    Failed 1/3 tests, 66.67% okay

Failed Test          Stat Wstat Total Fail  Failed  List of Failed
-----
t/_get_dead_servers.t    1    256      3     1   33.33%      3

Failed 1/1 test scripts, 0.00% okay. 1/3 subtests failed, 66.67% okay.
make: *** [test_dynamic] Error 1
$
```

What Went Wrong?

- It's not immediately obvious
- The old way to debug this might be to add a bunch of print statements
 - or maybe whip out the debugger
- Since you already have the tests in place, `Devel::Cover` can help

Branch Coverage

File: blib/lib/TM.pm

Coverage: 75.0%

line	%	coverage		branch
15	100	T	F	if (\$LAST_CHECK < (my \$mtime = (stat \$file)[9]))
20	50	T	F	if (open \$fh, \$file) { }

Non-Existent File Test

```
local $TM::dbfile = 'deadserver.test';  
  
{  
  my @dead_servers = TM->_get_dead_servers();  
  
  is (scalar @dead_servers,  
      0,  
      'handles non-existent file gracefully');  
}
```

Non-Existent File Test

```
local $TM::dbfile = 'deadserver.test';  
  
{  
  my @dead_servers = TM->_get_dead_servers();  
  
  is (scalar @dead_servers,  
      0,  
      'handles non-existent file gracefully');  
}
```

Unreadable File Test

```
my @servers = qw(test1 test2 test3 test4);  
  
[ stuff that creates and populates the file ]  
  
{  
    chmod 0111, $TM::dbfile;  
  
    my @dead_servers = TM->_get_dead_servers();  
  
    is (scalar @dead_servers,  
        0,  
        'handles unreadable file gracefully');  
}
```

Readable File Test

```
my @servers = qw(test1 test2 test3 test4);  
  
{  
  chmod 0644, $TM::file;  
  
  my @dead_servers = TM->_get_dead_servers();  
  
  ok (eq_array(\@dead_servers, \@servers),  
      'returned 4 servers');  
}
```


Why Does It Fail?

- `chmod` does not update the `mtime`
- `$LAST_CHECK` represents a *failed* check
- Now you get to decide whether this is a bug or a feature
 - is the test or the code wrong?
- I decided it is a bug
 - you want to be able to `chmod` a file without restarting the server

```
$ make test TEST_VERBOSE=1
cp lib/TM.pm blib/lib/TM.pm
Skip blib/lib/My/Bug.pm (unchanged)
PERL_DL_NONLAZY=1 /usr/bin/perl "-MExtUtils::Command::MM" "-e" "test_harness(1, 'blib/lib', 'blib/arch')" t/*.t
t/_get_dead_servers....1..3
ok 1 - handles non-existent file gracefully
ok 2 - handles unreadable file gracefully
ok 3 - returned 4 servers
ok
All tests successful.
Files=1, Tests=3, 2 wallclock secs ( 1.60 cusr + 0.11 csys = 1.71 CPU)
$
```

line	stmt	bran	cond	sub	time	code
15	3	<u>100</u>		<u>3</u>	204	if (\$LAST_CHECK < (my \$mtime = (stat(\$TM::file))[9])) {
16						
17	2				20	\$LAST_CHECK = \$mtime;
18						
19	2				31	my \$fh = gensym;
20	2	<u>100</u>			372	if (open(\$fh, \$TM::file)) {
21	1				136	my(@list) = <\$fh>;
22	1				44	close \$fh;
23	1				16	chomp(@list);
24	1				13	@DEAD_SERVERS = grep { length(\$_) > 0 } @list;
	5				58	
25						} else {
26	1				12	@DEAD_SERVERS = ();
27	1				17	undef \$LAST_CHECK;

got core?

- `Devel::Cover` mostly "just works"
- But when it doesn't it pretty much just dumps core
- Figuring out why is generally an exercise best left to Paul
- XP practices ease the pain
 - code, test, code, test

Boom!

```
use strict;
use warnings FATAL => 'all';

BEGIN {
    foreach my $atom (*year, *month, *day) {

        *{$atom} = sub($$) { ... };
    }
}
```

Devel::Cover "Compliant"

```
use strict;
use warnings FATAL => 'all';

BEGIN {
    foreach my $atom (qw(year month day)) {

        no strict qw(refs);

        *{$atom} = sub($$) { ... };
    }
}
```

ETOOOLITTLETIME

- `Devel::Cover` **options**
 - `-MDevel::Cover=db, $(TOPDIR)/cover_db`
 - `-MDevel::Cover=+ignore, .t$,`
- **Coverage for XS code**
 - `$ man gcov2perl`
 - `$ cover -test`
- `httpd` **integration**
 - `-Apache-Test` **magic**

Resources

- `Devel::Cover` **sources**

<http://search.cpan.org/dist/Devel-Cover/>

- **Code coverage articles**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_coverage

- **Kathy Sierra's "girl code" blog entry**

<http://xrl.us/girlcode>

- **These slides**

<http://modperlcookbook.org/~geoff/>