

# MVC 1.0 Technology Compatibility Kit

## *Documentation & Usage Guide*

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# Chapter 1. Introduction

This guide describes how to download, install and run the Technology Compatibility Kit (TCK) for the Model-View-Controller Specification 1.0.

## 1.1. TCK Primer

A TCK, or Technology Compatibility Kit, is one of the three required pieces for any JSR (the other two being the specification document and the reference implementation). The TCK is a set of tools and tests to verify that an implementation of the technology conforms to the specification. The tests are the primary component, but the tools serve an equally critical role of providing a framework and/or set of SPIs for executing the tests.

The tests in the TCK are derived from assertions in the written specification document. The assertions are itemized in an XML document, where they each get assigned a unique identifier, and materialize as a suite of automated tests that collectively validate whether an implementation complies with the aforementioned assertions, and in turn the specification. For a particular implementation to be certified, all the required tests must pass (meaning the provided test suite must be run unmodified).

A TCK is entirely implementation agnostic. It should validate assertions by consulting the specification's public API.

## 1.2. Compatibility Testing

The goal of any specification is to eliminate portability problems so long as the program which uses the implementation also conforms to the rules laid out in the specification.

Executing the TCK is a form of compatibility testing. It's important to understand that compatibility testing is distinctly different from product testing. The TCK is not concerned with robustness, performance or ease of use, and therefore cannot vouch for how well an implementation meets these criteria. What a TCK can do is to ensure the exactness of an implementation as it relates to the specification.

Compatibility testing of any feature relies on both a complete specification and a complete reference implementation. The reference implementation demonstrates how each test can be passed and provides additional context to the implementor during development for the corresponding assertion.

## 1.3. About the MVC TCK

The MVC 1.0 TCK is designed as a portable, configurable and automated test suite for verifying the compatibility of an implementation of the Model-View-Controller Specification. The test suite is built atop JUnit and provides a series of extensions that allow runtime packaging and deployment of Java EE artifacts for in-container testing (Arquillian).

Each test class in the suite acts as a deployable unit. The deployable units, or artifacts, are defined

in a declarative way using annotations.

## 1.4. TCK Components

The MVC 1.0 TCK includes the following components:

- **The test suite**, which is a collection of JUnit tests and supplemental resources that configure the runtime and other software components.
- **The TCK audit** (`tck-audit.xml`) used to list out the assertions identified in the MVC 1.0 specification. It matches the assertions to test cases in the test suite by unique identifier and produces a coverage report. The audit document is provided along with the TCK. Each assertion is defined with a reference to a chapter, section and paragraph from the specification document, making it easy for the implementor to locate the language in the specification document that supports the feature being tested.
- A **setup example** demonstrating Maven and Ant setups to run the TCK test suite.

## 1.5. Passing the MVC 1.0 TCK

In order to pass the MVC 1.0 TCK, you need to:

- Pass the MVC 1.0 signature tests (see [Running the signature tests](#)) asserting the correctness of the MVC 1.0 API used.
- Run and pass the test suite (see [Running the TCK tests](#)).

# Chapter 2. Appeals Process

The MVC 1.0 has been created with maximum care. However, it's reasonable to assume that an implementor may discover new and/or better ways to validate the assertions. This chapter covers the appeals process, defined by the MVC 1.0 Specification Leads, which allows implementors of the MVC 1.0 specification to challenge one or more tests defined by the MVC 1.0 TCK.

The appeals process identifies who can make challenges to the TCK, what challenges to the TCK may be submitted, how these challenges are submitted, how and by whom challenges are addressed and how accepted challenges to the TCK are managed.

## 2.1. Who can make challenges to the TCK?

Everybody may submit an appeal to challenge one or more tests in the MVC 1.0 TCK. In fact, the Specification Leads and members of the MVC 1.0 Expert Group encourage this level of participation.

## 2.2. What challenges to the TCK may be submitted?

Any test case (i.e. `@Test` method), test case configuration (i.e. `@Deployment`), test entities, annotations and other resources may be challenged by an appeal.

What is generally not challengeable are the assertions made by the specification. The specification document is controlled by a separate process and challenges to it should be handled through the MVC 1.0 Expert Group.

## 2.3. How these challenges are submitted?

To submit a challenge, a new issue should be created in the [mvc-tck](#) GitHub repository. The appellant should select the **TCK Challenge** template and answer the following questions:

- The relevant specification version and section number(s)
- The coordinates of the challenged test(s)
- The exact TCK and exclude list versions
- The implementation being tested, including name and company
- The full test name
- A full description of why the test is invalid and what the correct behavior is believed to be
- Any supporting material; debug logs, test output, test logs, run scripts, etc.

To submit an issue in the GitHub repository, you must have a (free) GitHub account. You can create a GitHub account using the [on-line registration](#).

## 2.4. How and by whom challenges are addressed?

The challenges will be addressed in a timely fashion by the MVC 1.0 TCK Project Lead, as designated

by Specification Lead, or his/her designate. The appellant can also monitor the process by watching the issue filed.

## **2.5. How accepted challenges to the TCK are managed?**

Accepted challenges will be acknowledged via the filed issue's comment section. Communication between the MVC 1.0 TCK Project Lead and the appellant will take place via the issue comments. The issue's status will be set to "Closed" when the TCK project lead believes the issue to be resolved. The appellant should, within 30 days, comment on the issue if they do not believe the issue to be resolved.

# Chapter 3. Coverage report

A specification can be distilled into a collection of assertions that define the behavior of the software. This section introduces the MVC 1.0 TCK coverage report, which documents the relationship between the assertions that have been identified in the MVC 1.0 specification document and the tests in the TCK test suite.

The structure of this report is controlled by the assertion document, so we'll start there.

## 3.1. MVC 1.0 TCK Assertions

The MVC 1.0 TCK developers have analyzed the MVC 1.0 specification document and identified the assertions that are present in each chapter.

The assertions are listed in an XML file which is generated from the specification document. Each assertion is identified by the section of the specification document in which it resides and a unique paragraph identifier to narrow down the location of the assertion further.

See the following example of an example:

```
<section id="controllers" title="Controllers" level="2">
  <!-- ... -->
  <assertion id="ctrl-method">
    <text>An MVC controller is a JAX-RS resource method decorated by @Controller</text>
  </assertion>
  <!-- ... -->
</section>
```

The strategy of the MVC 1.0 TCK is to write a test which validates this assertion when run against an implementation. A test case (a method annotated with `@Test`) is correlated with an assertion using the `@org.jboss.test.audit.annotations.SpecAssertion` annotation as follows:

```
@RunWith(Arquillian.class)
@SpecVersion(spec = "mvc", version = "1.0")
public class ControllerAnnotationTest {

    /* more tests */

    @Test
    @SpecAssertion(section = Sections.MVC_CONTROLLERS, id = "ctrl-method")
    public void controllerMethod() throws IOException {
        // test implementation
    }

    /* more tests */

}
```

To help evaluate the distribution of coverage for these assertions, the TCK provides a detailed coverage report. This report is also useful to help implementors match tests with the language in the specification that supports the behavior being tested.

## 3.2. The Coverage Report

The coverage report is an HTML report generated as part of the TCK project build. Specifically, it is generated by an annotation processor that attaches to the compilation of the classes in the TCK test suite. The report is written to the directory `tests/target/coverage-report/`.

The report itself has three main sections:

### Chapter Summary

List the chapters in the specification document along with total assertions, tests and coverage percentage.

### Section Summary

Lists the sections in the specification document along with total assertions, tests and coverage percentage.

### Coverage Detail

Each assertion and the test that covers it, if any.

The coverage report is color coded to indicate the status of an assertion, or group of assertions. The status codes are as follows:

#### Covered

Test exists for this assertion

#### Not covered

No test exists for this assertion

#### Unimplemented

A test exists, but is unimplemented

#### Untestable

the assertion has been deemed untestable, a note, explaining why, is normally provided

For reasons provided in the `tck-audit.xml` document and presented in the coverage report, some assertions are not testable.



# Chapter 4. Running the TCK tests

This chapter describes how to run and configure the TCK test suite against a given MVC 1.0 implementation in a given Java EE container. The testsuite uses [Arquillian](#) to execute tests against real Java EE containers. It is strongly recommended making yourself familiar with the Arquillian documentation. It will give you a deeper understanding of the different parts described in the following sections.

## 4.1. The TCK runner template

The TCK contains a directory `sample` which contains an example project for running the TCK and which should be used as a template for creating new projects. This sample project is using the reference implementation Eclipse Krazo and runs the TCK against Eclipse Glassfish 5.1.0.

The project is using Apache Maven and contains just three files:

### `pom.xml`

The Maven POM file imports the TCK BOM, declares all required dependencies and configures the Maven Surefire Plugin to run the tests defined by the MVC 1.0 TCK.

### `arquillian.xml`

This file configures Arquillian to deploy the web applications which are used by the TCK tests to Eclipse Glassfish.

### `KrazoGlassfishProvider.java`

This Java class is an implementation of the `BaseArchiveProvider` interface which is part of the TCK. The responsibility of the archive provider is to create a base Shrinkwrap archive which is used by all TCK tests. The archive produced by the provider depends on the specific environment you are running the tests against. As MVC 1.0 API and implementation is not provided by Eclipse Glassfish, the `KrazoGlassfishProvider` builds an archive which adds the API JAR and Eclipse Krazo to the `/WEB-INF/lib` directory of the archive so that both are deployed as part of the web application.

Running the TCK is simple. First you have to download, unpack and start Eclipse Glassfish 5.1.0. Then just execute the following command in the sample project folder to run the TCK against this Eclipse Glassfish instance:

```
mvn verify
```

After a few minutes you should get an output like this:

```
[...]
Running org.mvcspec.tck.tests.mvc.controller.mediatype.MediaTypeTest
Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 1.109 sec - in
org.mvcspec.tck.tests.mvc.controller.mediatype.MediaTypeTest
Running org.mvcspec.tck.tests.mvc.controller.inject.InjectParamsTest
Tests run: 5, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 1.047 sec - in
org.mvcspec.tck.tests.mvc.controller.inject.InjectParamsTest

Results :

Tests run: 132, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0

[...]
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 01:02 min
[INFO] Finished at: 2019-11-15T08:21:54+01:00
[INFO] -----
```

Congratulations! You just ran the MVC 1.0 TCK!

## 4.2. Adjusting the template project

If you want to run the MVC 1.0 TCK against a different environment, you should start from the template project and adjust it like described in the following sections.

## 4.3. Update Arquillian configuration

If you want to run the TCK against a different container, you will typically have to adjust the Arquillian configuration. In most cases this is really easy, because Arquillian already supports a wide range of containers. However, it is strongly recommended having a deeper look at the [Arquillian documentation](#) to learn more.

Generally, you will have to follow these steps:

- Replace the `arquillian-glassfish-remote-3.1` Arquillian adapter with the adapter for your environment in the `pom.xml` file.
- Then adjust the `arquillian.xml` file as described in the Arquillian adapter documentation. This typically includes adjusting port numbers and providing credentials for performing remote deployments.

As mentioned above, the details depend on the specific environment.

## 4.4. Provide a custom BaseArchiveProvider

The `BaseArchiveProvider` is used by the TCK to create a base web application archive capable of running MVC 1.0 application in the specific target environment. The TCK then just adds controllers, views and other artifacts to that base archive and deploys it to the target container.

As the template project runs the TCK against Eclipse Glassfish 5.1.0 which doesn't provide support

for MVC 1.0 out of the box, the corresponding archive provider creates a web application archive which includes both the MVC 1.0 API JAR and the reference implementation Eclipse Krazo in `/WEB-INF/lib`.

The default implementation provided with the template project looks like this:

```
public class KrazoGlassfishProvider implements BaseArchiveProvider {

    @Override
    public WebArchive getBaseArchive() {

        File[] dependencies = Maven.resolver()
            .resolve(
                "javax.mvc:javax.mvc-api:1.0.0",
                "org.eclipse.krazo:krazo-core:1.0.0",
                "org.eclipse.krazo:krazo-jersey:1.0.0"
            )
            .withoutTransitivity()
            .asFile();

        return ShrinkWrap.create(WebArchive.class)
            .addAsLibraries(dependencies);

    }

}
```

You will have to create a similar class which does the same for the environment you want to run the test against.

If your container provides MVC 1.0 support out of the box, you would have to create an implementation which returns an empty archive like this:

```
public class EmptyArchiveProvider implements BaseArchiveProvider {

    @Override
    public WebArchive getBaseArchive() {
        return ShrinkWrap.create(WebArchive.class);
    }

}
```

The TCK uses a Java system property to learn about the implementation that should be used for building archives. This system property is configured using the Maven Surefire Plugin configuration in your `pom.xml`. The relevant section in the template project looks like this:

```
<plugin>
  <artifactId>maven-surefire-plugin</artifactId>
  <version>2.19.1</version>
  <configuration>
    <dependenciesToScan>org.mvc-spec.tck:mvc-tck-tests</dependenciesToScan>
    <systemProperties>
      <org.mvcspec.tck.api.BaseArchiveProvider>
        org.mvcspec.tck.runner.KrazoGlassfishProvider
      </org.mvcspec.tck.api.BaseArchiveProvider>
    </systemProperties>
  </configuration>
</plugin>
```

If you provide a custom implementation of `ArchiveBaseProvider`, you will have to adjust the configuration and change the FQCN if the implementation class.

# Chapter 5. Running the signature tests

One of the requirements of an implementation passing the TCK is for it to pass the MVC 1.0 signature test. This section describes how to run it against your implementation.

## 5.1. Obtaining the sigtest tool

To run the signature tests against an implementation, you will need the Sigtest tool. You can download the latest version here:

<https://download.java.net/sigtest/download.html>

The process has been tested against `sigtest-3_0-dev-bin-b09-24_apr_2013.zip`.

Download the corresponding ZIP file and unpack it to some location:

```
mkdir ${HOME}/sigtest && cd $_
wget http://download.java.net/sigtest/3.0/PreRel/sigtest-3_0-dev-bin-b09-24_apr_2013.zip
unzip sigtest-3_0-dev-bin-b09-24_apr_2013.zip
```

Now set the following environment variables:

### **SIGTEST\_HOME**

Directory of the just downloaded Sigtest tool.

### **JAVA\_HOME**

Location of the JDK you want to use for the test.

If you use the installation directory from the example above:

```
export SIGTEST_HOME=${HOME}/sigtest/sigtest-3.0
export JAVA_HOME=/lib/jvm/java-1.8.0
```



It is strongly recommended to use Java 8 for running the signature tests, because the Sigtest tool doesn't work well with newer Java versions.

## 5.2. Preparing the environment

To run the signature tests, you will need obtain three files. To simplify the invocation of the Sigtest tool, it is recommended to place all files in the same directory and to run the Sigtest from this directory:

```
mkdir ${HOME}/sigtest/mvc/ && cd $_
```

First you will need to get the Java EE 8 API JAR. You can download this directly from Maven Central:

```
wget https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/javax/javaee-api/8.0/javaee-api-8.0.jar
```

Next, you will need the implementation JAR of the MVC 1.0 API. In this example we will simply use the official API JAR.

```
wget https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/javax/mvc/javax.mvc-api/1.0.0/javax.mvc-api-1.0.0.jar
```

Finally you will need the `.sigtest` definition file, which you can also get from Maven Central:

```
wget https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/org/mvc-spec/tck/mvc-tck-sigtest/1.0.0/mvc-tck-sigtest-1.0.0.sigfile
```

Now you are ready to run the signature tests.

## 5.3. Running the signature test

```
${JAVA_HOME}/bin/java -jar ${SIGTEST_HOME}/lib/sigtestdev.jar SignatureTest \  
-Classpath "${JAVA_HOME}/jre/lib/rt.jar:./javaee-api-8.0.jar:./javax.mvc-api-1.0.0.jar" \  
-Package javax.mvc \  
-FileName ./mvc-tck-sigtest-1.0.0.sigfile \  
-static
```

If the test is successful, you should see an output like this:

```
SignatureTest report  
Base version: 1.0.0  
Tested version:  
Check mode: src [throws normalized]  
Constant checking: on  
  
STATUS:Passed.
```

## 5.4. Forcing a signature test failure

To verify that the signature test works correctly, you can modify the signature file:

```
CLASS public abstract interface javax.mvc.Models  
  intf java.lang.Iterable<java.lang.String>  
  meth public abstract <%0 extends java.lang.Object> {%%0} get(java.lang.String,java.lang.Class<{%%0}>)  
  meth public abstract java.lang.Object get(java.lang.String)  
  meth public abstract java.util.Map<java.lang.String,java.lang.Object> asMap()  
  meth public abstract javax.mvc.Models put(java.lang.String,java.lang.Object)
```

You can for example delete the line containing the definition of the `get` method. Now run the signature test again. The check should fail like this:

```
SignatureTest report
Base version: 1.0.0
Tested version:
Check mode: src [throws normalized]
Constant checking: on

Added Methods
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javax.mvc.Models:  method public abstract java.lang.Object javax.mvc.Models.get(java.lang.String)

STATUS:Failed.1 errors
```