



Karate und Gatling – Testautomatisierung und integrierte Lasttests

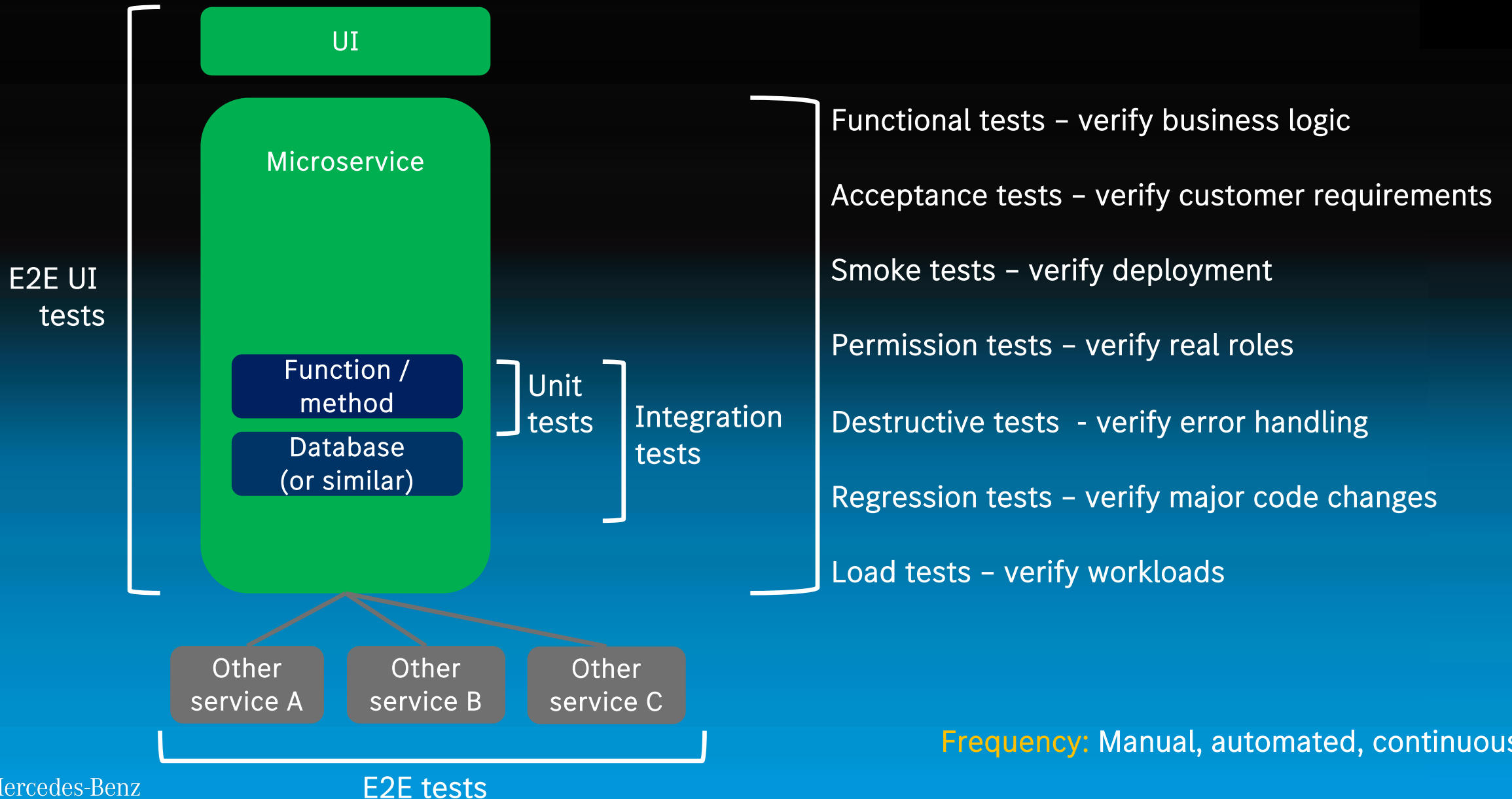
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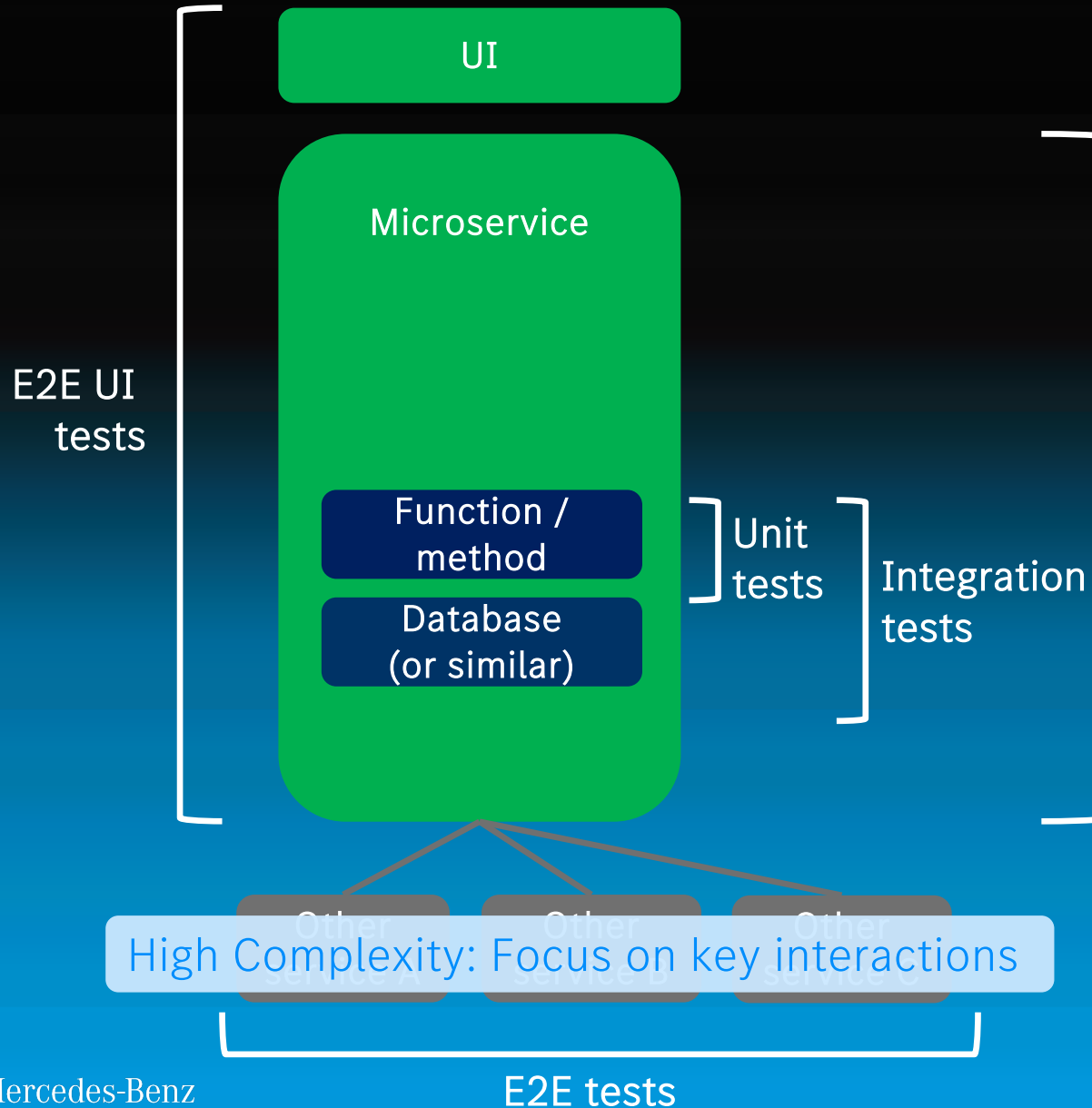


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Software Testing



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Functional tests – verify business logic

Acceptance tests – verify user requirements

Karate API tests & Gatling load tests

Unified tests for multiple purposes

Smoke tests – verify deployment

→ Outside perspective

→ Serve as fitness functions

→ Extend to BDD (Behavior-Driven Development)

Permission tests – verify real roles

Destructive tests – verify error handling

Regression tests – verify major code changes

Load tests – verify workloads

Frequency: Integrate in CI/CD pipelines

→ Continuous testing (CT)

Karate API Tests

Karate API Test Framework - Overview



Open Source framework for API test automation

Seamless integration into CI/CD pipelines

Parallel execution to reduce runtimes

Data-driven tests

Built-in support for switching configs (e.g., Dev, QA, Nonprod)

Async Kafka API testing (requires Pro license)

www.karatelabs.io

Karate API Tests - Suitable Language

```
Given url "postman-echo.com/get"  
And header demo = 'sample'  
When method GET  
Then status 200  
And match  
  response.headers.demo == 'sample'
```

Syntax is language neutral – designed for HTTP and JSON

Scripts are plain-text and super readable

No compilation needed, no helper code needed

Based on Gherkin for BDD (Behaviour-Driven Development)

Facilitates collaboration with CFOs, POs, business analysts

Native support for reading JSON, YAML and CSV files

Powerful result set assertions in single step

Karate API Tests - Scenario

```
Scenario: Create a cake and retrieve it
```

```
Given url 'http://somecakes.ccc/v1/cakes'
```

```
And request { type: 'cheese' }
```

```
When method POST
```

```
Then status 201
```

```
And match response == { id: '#notnull', type: 'cheese' }
```

Native JSON
syntax

Single line JSON
payload assertion

Pre-defined marker
for fuzzy matching

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```
Given path '/v1/cakes', response.id
```

```
When method GET
```

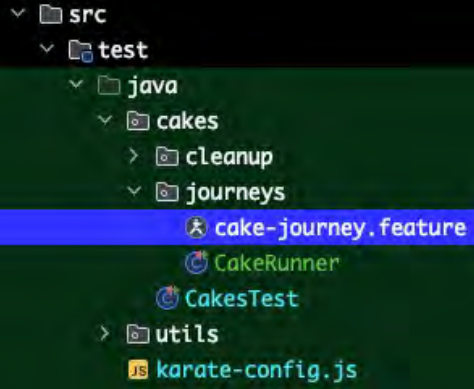
```
Then status 200
```

```
And match response.type == 'cheese'
```



Use response data
in subsequent calls

Karate API Tests - Feature File



JS karate-config.js

```
var config = {  
  cakesPath : '/v1/cakes'  
};  
if (profile == 'dev') {  
  config.serviceUrl =  
    'http://dev.somecakes.ccc';  
}  
if (profile == 'local') {  
  config.serviceUrl =  
    'http://localhost:8091';  
}
```

Feature: Complete cake journey

Feature file with multiple scenarios

Background:

* url serviceUrl

Preparation step using config file

Scenario: Lifecycle of a cake

Given path cakesPath

And request { type: 'cheese' }

Variable defined in config file

When method POST

Then status 201

Given path cakesPath, response.id

When method GET

Then status 200

Given path cakesPath, response.id

When method DELETE

Then status 200

Karate API Tests - HTML Report



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Features

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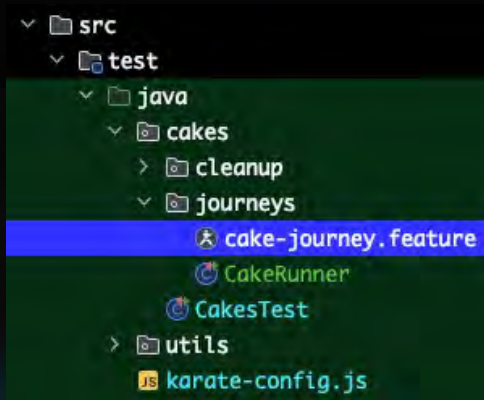
Feature	Title	Passed	Failed	Scenarios	Time (ms)
cakes/journeys/cake-journey.feature	Complete journey of a cake	1	0	1	942

Scenario: [1:7] Create a cake and retrieve it		ms: 295
>> Background:		
9 Given path cakesPath		1
10 And request { type: 'cheese'}		24
11 When method POST		235
12 Then status 201		0
13 And match response == { id: '#notnull', type: 'cheese' }		12
15 Given path cakesPath, response.id		7
16 When method GET		7
17 Then status 200		0
18 And match response.type == 'cheese'		1
20 Given path cakesPath, response.id		0
21 When method DELETE		7
22 Then status 200		0

Provides detailed timeline

Test Execution

Karate API Tests - Test Execution with Java Classes



CakeRunner

```
public class CakeRunner
    extends BasicKarateTestSuite {

    @Karate.Test
    Karate testAll() {
        return getKarateConfigurationForCurrentDir();
    }
}
```

```
package utils;
import com.intuit.karate.junit5.Karate;
```

Define test configuration

```
public abstract class BasicKarateTestSuite {
    protected Karate getKarateConfigurationForCurrentDir() {
        return Karate.run()
            .relativeTo(getClass())
            .reportDir("build/reports/karate-reports");
    }
}
```

CakesTest

```
package cakes;
class CakesTest extends BasicKarateTestSuite {

    @Test
    void testParallel() {
        Results results = getKarateConfigurationForCurrentDir()
            .parallel(5);
        assertEquals(0, results.getFailCount());
    }
}
```

Runs all tests in this package

For JUnit integration

Configure parallel degree

Karate API Tests – Standalone Test Execution

Feature files can also be run using standalone executable:

- Single feature file:

```
java -Dkarate.config.dir=<path> -jar karate.jar cake-journey.feature
```

- All features files in a folder:

```
java -Dkarate.config.dir=<path> -jar karate.jar cakes/journeys
```

→ [More details on standalone JAR](#)

Karate API Tests - Switching Between Configs

File karate-config.js

```
function fn() {  
  var profile = karate.env; // Java system property 'karate.env'  
  var config = {  
    cakesPath      : 'v1/cakes'  
  }  
  
  if (profile == 'local') {  
    config.baseUrl: 'http://localhost';  
  }  
  
  var token = karate.callSingle('get-token.feature', config);  
  var globalHeaders = {};  
  globalHeaders.Authorization = 'Bearer ' + token.response.id_token;  
  karate.configure('headers', globalHeaders);  
  
  return config;  
}
```

Invoked before
every scenario!

Adapt config
based on stage

Globally invoked
only once

Returns
JSON object

Karate API Tests – Integrate in CI/CD Pipeline

Extensive integration capabilities – examples:

- GitHub Action to run Karate tests
- Add test step as quality gate for Azure DevOps pipelines
- Execute using
 - Maven or Gradle task
 - Standalone JAR
 - Docker
 - NPM

→ [Further integrations](#)

Data-Driven Tests

Karate API Tests - Data Driven Testing

```
src
├── test
│   ├── java
│   └── resources
│       └── testfiles
│           └── cakeTypes.csv
```

cakeTypes.csv

type	decoration
cheese	no
cheery	yes
linzer	no
sacher	yes

```
Feature: Cake factory - bake lots of cakes
```

```
Background:
```

```
* url serviceUrl
```

```
Scenario Outline: Create cakes of different types
```

```
Given path cakesPath
```

```
And request { type: <type> }
```

```
When method POST
```

```
Then status 201
```

```
Examples:
```

```
| read('classpath:testfiles/cakeTypes.csv') |
```

Executed for
every row in csv

Be aware that the background steps are re-run for every scenario and for every row in the Examples:

→ To execute a background call only once, use 'callonce'

Karate API Tests - Integrate Further Feature Files

```
Scenario Outline: Create cakes of different types
```

```
  Given path cakesPath
```

```
  And request { type: <type> }
```

```
  When method POST
```

```
  Then status 201
```

```
  * def result = karate.call('generate-invoice.feature',  
                              { id: response.id } )
```

Call feature and
pass parameters

```
Examples:
```

```
  | read('classpath:testfiles/cakeTypes.csv') |
```

Ⓜ generate-invoice.feature

```
Feature: Generate invoice for a cake
```

```
Background:
```

```
  * url serviceUrl
```

```
Scenario: Call endpoint that generates an invoice
```

```
  Given path invoicePath
```

```
  And request { soldCake: id }
```

```
  When method POST
```

```
  Then status 201
```

Karate API Tests - Automatic Processing of Arrays

Call feature file for every object of array:

```
Given path '/v1/cakes'
```

```
When method GET
```

```
Then status 200
```

```
* def result = karate.call('generate-invoice.feature',  
                             response.cakes)
```

Response of GET request:

```
{  
  "traceId": "1234",  
  "cakes": [  
    {  
      "id": "dlqd9qd",  
      "type": "chocolate cake"  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "i2lqd9qd",  
      "type": "cheese"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Karate API Tests - Generate Test Data

Readily generate JSON test data:

```
Feature: Cake factory - bake lots of cakes
```

```
Background:
```

```
  * def generateIdList = function(i)
```

```
    { return { id: 'SomePrefix' + String(i).padStart(7, '0') } }
```

```
Scenario: Create cakes of different types
```

```
  * def idList = karate.repeat(1000, (i) => generateIdListPut(i))
```

```
    Given path cakesPath, cakeId
```

```
    And request idList
```

```
    When method PUT
```

```
    Then status 200
```

Forms array of results



Karate API Tests – Sophisticated and Powerful Result Checks

Straightforward processing of arrays in result:

```
Given path cakesPath
And request { type: 'cheese' }
When method POST
Then status 201
* def cakeId = response.id
```

```
Given path '/v1/cakes'
When method GET
And retry until responseStatus == 200
And assert response.cakes.length >= 1
And match response.cakes[*].id
    contains cakeId
```

Retry capability

Check size of array

Check field value
of array

Response of GET request:

```
{
  "traceId": "1234",
  "cakes": [
    {
      "id": "dlqd9qd",
      "type": "chocolate cake"
    },
    {
      "id": "i2lqd9qd",
      "type": "cheese"
    }
  ]
}
```

Karate API Tests – Sophisticated and Powerful Result Checks

Identity records using built-in JSONPath evaluation:

```
Given path cakesPath
And request { type: 'cheese' }
When method POST
Then status 201
* def cakeId = response.id

Given path '/v1/cakes'
When method GET
Then status 200
* def records = karate.jsonPath(response,
    "$..cakes[?(@.id=='" + cakeId + "')]")
* match records[0].type == "cheese"
```



Response of GET request:

```
{
  "traceId": "1234",
  "cakes": [
    {
      "id": "dlqd9qd",
      "type": "chocolate cake"
    },
    {
      "id": "i2lqd9qd",
      "type": "cheese"
    }
  ]
}
```

Karate API Tests – Sophisticated and Powerful Result Checks

Verify record that matches RegEx on string “chee” in field ‘type’ in array “cakes”:

```
Given path '/v1/cakes'  
When method GET  
Then status 200  
* match karate.jsonPath(response,  
    "$..cakes[?(@.type =~ /.*chee.*)/]") [0].id == cakeId
```

Response of GET request:

```
{  
  "traceId": "1234",  
  "cakes": [  
    {  
      "id": "dlqd9qd",  
      "type": "chocolate cake"  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "i2lqd9qd",  
      "type": "cheese"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```


Gatling Load Tests

Load Tests

Goal:

- Validate behavior of application under **specific expected load**
- Execute tests with a volume **that simulates production workload**
 - Identify potential bottlenecks before new version is deployed to production

Variations:

- **Stress testing:** Identify breaking points and evaluate the behavior under extreme conditions
 - Check robustness during extreme load
- **Spike testing:** Suddenly increasing or decreasing the workload
- **Capacity testing:** Incrementally increase workload to find out maximum workload that can be handled
 - Also known as breakpoint testing
- **Soak testing:** Make sure the application can sustain a continuous workload
 - Also known as endurance testing

→ Can serve as fitness functions for evolutionary architectures

Gatling Load Tests



Powerful open-source load testing solution – load test as code

Designed for continuous load testing: integrates with CI/CD pipelines

Can re-use Karate tests as load tests

Use Gatling for defining the load model and everything else in Karate

Highly efficient asynchronous actor model to mimic realistic workload

Assertions on response times, min, max, percentiles → Quality gates

Detailed performance dashboards

gatling.io

Gatling Load Tests

```
public class CakeFactorySimulation extends Simulation {  
    public CakeFactorySimulation() {  
        KarateProtocolBuilder protocol =  
            karateProtocol(uri("/v1/cakes/{cakeId}").nil());  
  
        ScenarioBuilder getCakeScenario = scenario("getCake")  
            .feed(csv("testfiles/cakeIds.csv").circular())  
            .exec(karateFeature("classpath:performance/cake-load-test.feature"));  
  
        setUp(getCakeScenario  
            .injectOpen(rampUsersPerSec(3).to(80).during(30),  
                nothingFor(Duration.ofSeconds(5)),  
                constantUsersPerSec(80).during(20))  
            .protocols(protocol)  
            .assertions(  
                global().responseTime().max().lt(100),  
                details("GET /v1/cakes").responseTime().percentile3().lt(75),  
                global().failedRequests().percent().is(0d));  
    }  
}
```

Specify feeder of test data

Define feature file of scenario

Set up workload, e.g. ramping up users

Define response time assertions

cakeIds.csv

cakeId

4144-fwdq-4131

0593-fffo-9918

6163-ymfm-6161

That's all ☺

Gatling Load Tests

Standard Karate feature files are called by Gatling:

cake-load-test.feature

Feature: Load test for querying cakes

Background:

* url serviceUrl

Scenario: Get requested cake and all cakes

* def cakeId = karate.get('__gatling.cakeId',
'defaultId')

Given path cakesPath, cakeId

When method GET

Then status 200

And match response.type == 'cheese'

Given path cakesPath

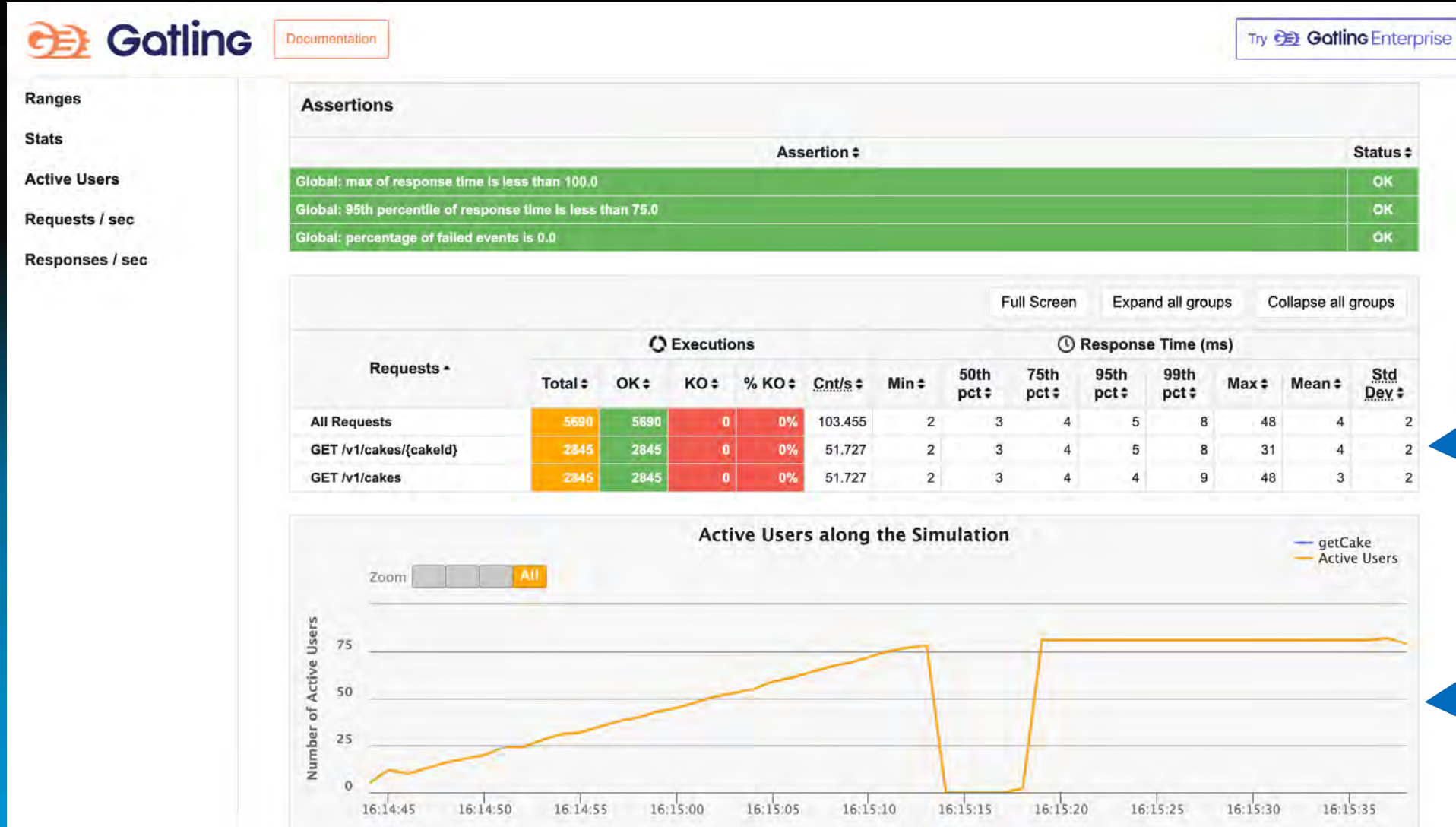
When method GET

Then status 200

Retrieve values from
Gatling feeder

```
src
├── test
│   ├── java
│   │   ├── cakes
│   │   │   ├── cleanup
│   │   │   ├── journeys
│   │   │   ├── CakesTest
│   │   └── performance
│   │       ├── cake-load-test.feature
│   │       ├── CakeFactorySimulation
│   │       └── PerformanceRunner
│   └── utils
│       └── karate-config.js
```

Gatling Performance Report – Automatically Generated



Response time breakdown

Evolution of workload

Summary



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Karate API tests for real-life verification of microservices

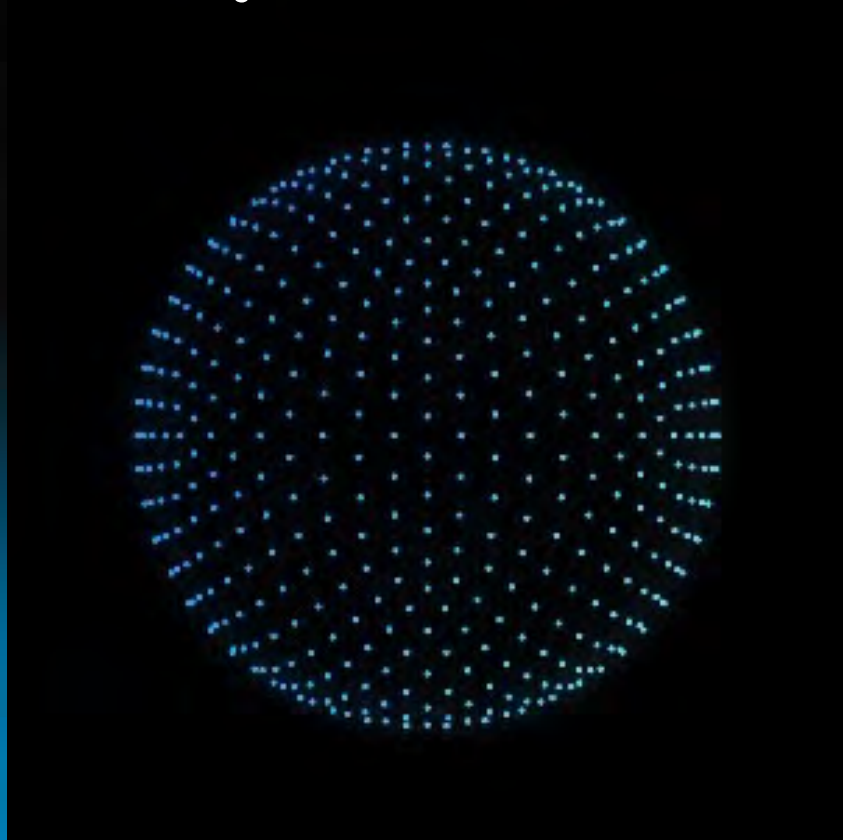
- Tests are easy to write with little efforts
- Covering various test dimensions
- Perform comprehensive checks and assertions
- Inherent parallelism cuts down runtime

Gatling is powerful open-source load testing solution

- Integrates seamlessly with Karate
- Declarative workload definitions and assertions
- *Load test as code* as fitness function

→ Enable automated CI/CD pipelines up to Prod
→ Speed up the delivery of new features
with confidence

Thank you



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