

Test Driven Development with NUnit for .NET - Getting Started

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- Migrated my engineering solution skills from Thermal Design Analysis of AeroSpace Controls
- Design and Development of User Interfaces and Databases.
- Following Test Driven Development, TDD, for several years.
- Primarily: JUnit, VBUUnit and NUnit.



Unit Testing Frameworks

- JUnit, from <http://www.junit.org>, is designed for JAVA Unit Testing.
- VBUnit3, from <http://www.vbunit.org>, is designed for Visual Basic, Pre .NET. VBUnit3 benefited several VB6 projects.
- NUnit, from <http://www.nunit.org>, is a unit-testing framework for all of the .NET languages. Learning how to use NUnit with VB 2005.



Getting Started

- Installed Visual Studio 2005.
- Downloaded and installed NUnit-2.2.8 from <http://www.nunit.org> .
- Created Visual Studio 2005 and NUnit 2.2.8 development environment.
- With a lot of help from the folks at: nunit-users@lists.sourceforge.net
<https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/nunit-users>



VS 2005 - NUnit Environment

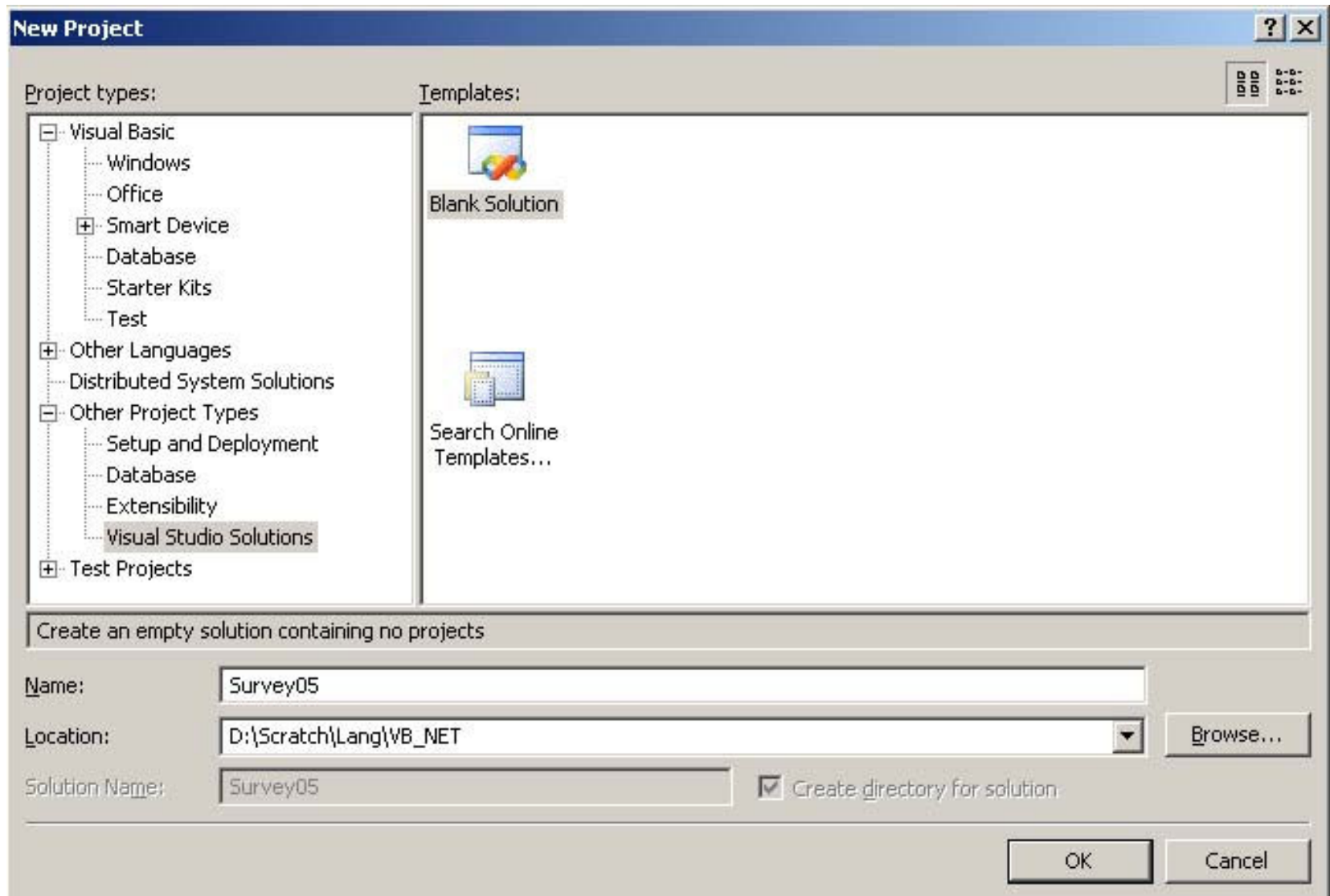
- Create a new Solution in Visual Studio.
- Within solution, create new Project for target product.
- Within solution, create new Class Library for unit testing code.
- Add references between new Projects.
- Add beginning NUnit code.
- Test, Develop, Test (TDD).



Create a new Solution in VS

- Select menu item:
File/New Project...
- Other Project Types
- Visual studio Solutions
- Blank Solution
- Name: (e.g.: Survey05)
- Location: (e.g.:
D:\Scratch\Lang\VB_NET)

Create a new Solution in VS





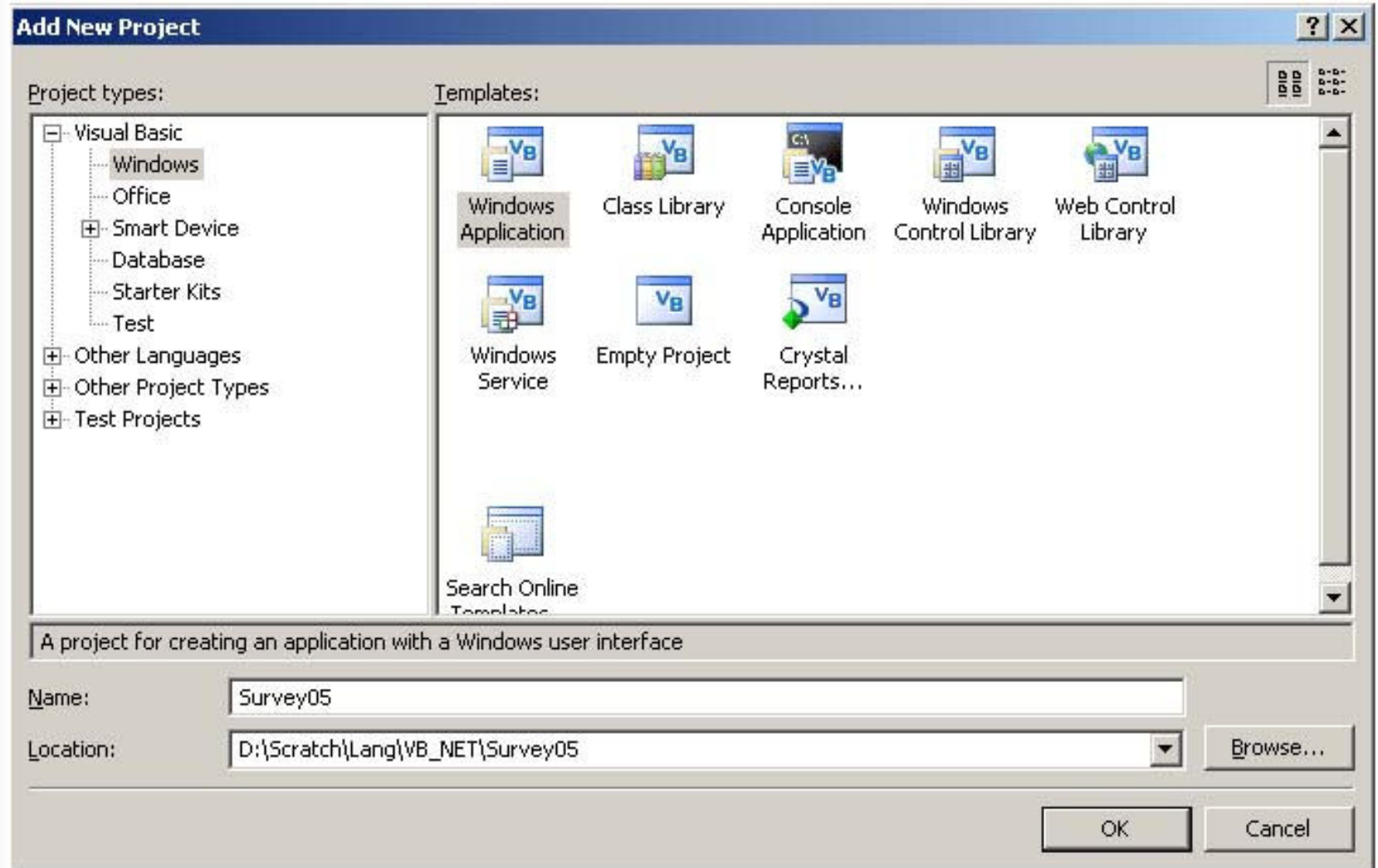
- Within solution, create new Project for your target product.

- Select menu item:

File/**Add**/New Project...

- Visual Basic (or Visual C#)
- Windows
- Windows Application Template
- Name: Survey05
- Location:
D:\Scratch\Lang\VB_NET\Survey05

Within solution, create new Project for your target product.





- In the product/target Project, add a code Module:

With the product/target Project selected in the solution Browser,

- Select menu item:

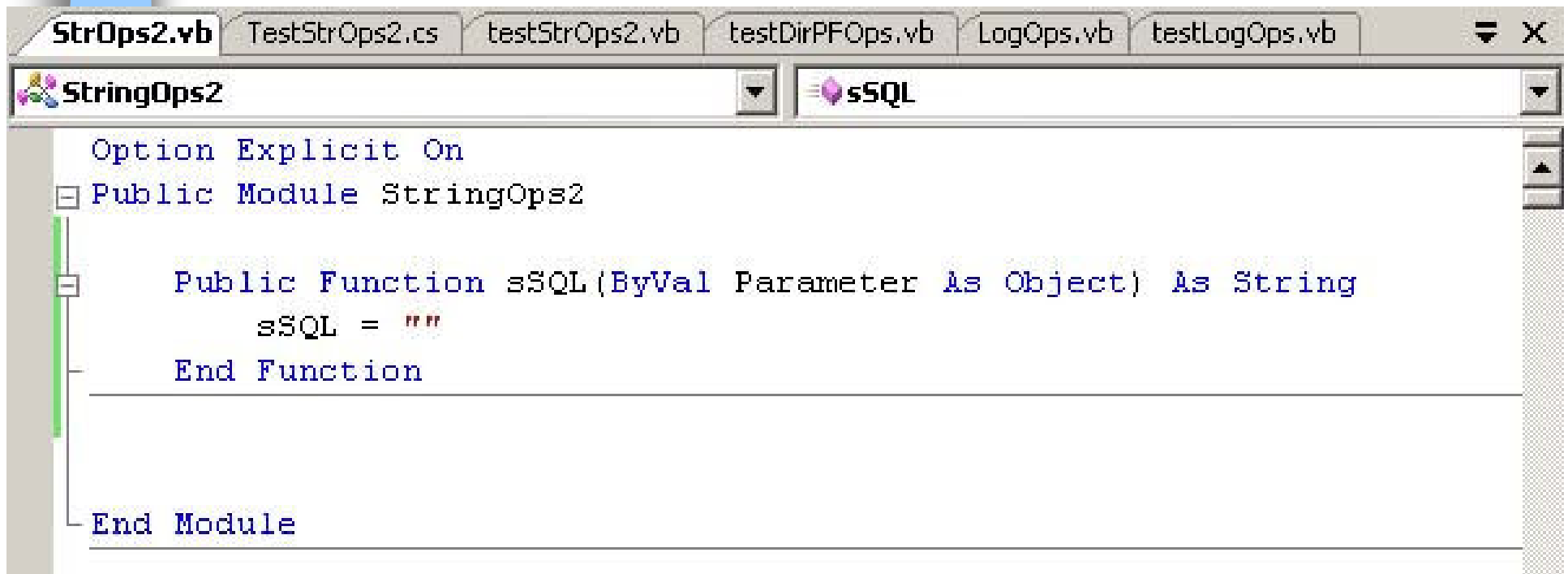
Project/Add Module...

- Module Template

- Name: StrOps2

- Click [OK].

In code Module view/edit window:
Insert some Target/Product code(VB)!
(The entire Module must be Public.)



The screenshot shows a Visual Basic code editor window with several tabs at the top: StrOps2.vb, TestStrOps2.cs, testStrOps2.vb, testDirPFOps.vb, LogOps.vb, and testLogOps.vb. The active window is titled 'StringOps2' and contains the following code:

```
Option Explicit On
Public Module StringOps2

    Public Function sSQL(ByVal Parameter As Object) As String
        sSQL = ""
    End Function

End Module
```



In the product/target Project, set Build output path:

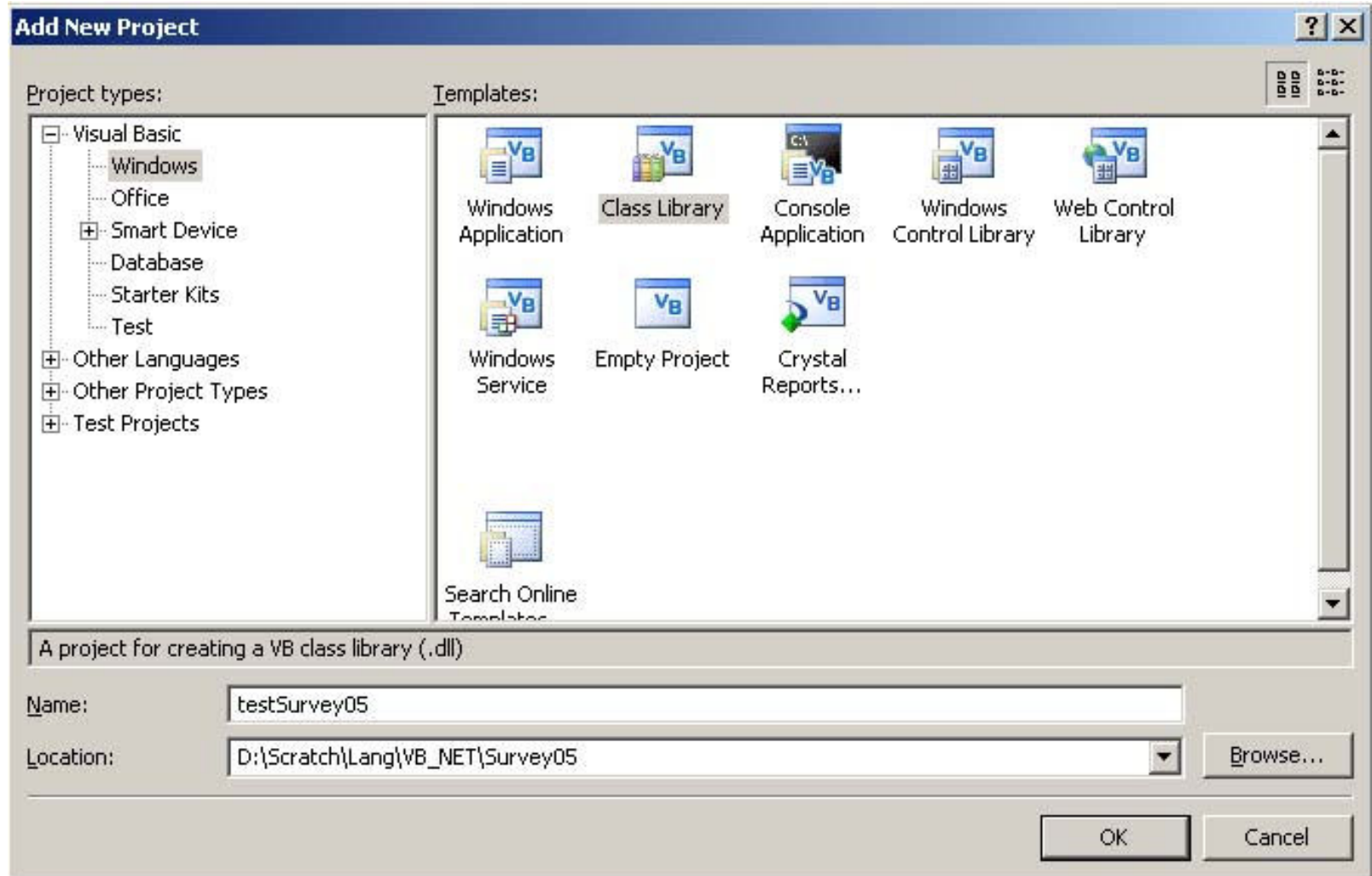
- Select menu item:
Project/Survey05 Properties...
- Compile tab
- Build output path:
- Click [Browse...]
- Navigate back to the bin folder and select bin\Debug.
- Select Menu item: File / Save All



Within solution, create new Class Library for unit testing code.

- Select menu item:
File/Add/New Project...
- Visual Basic (or Visual C#)
- Windows
- Class Library Template
- Name: testSurvey05
- Location:
D:\Scratch\Lang\VB_NET\Survey05

Within solution, create new Class Library for unit testing code.





Add references between the new Projects: nunit.framework

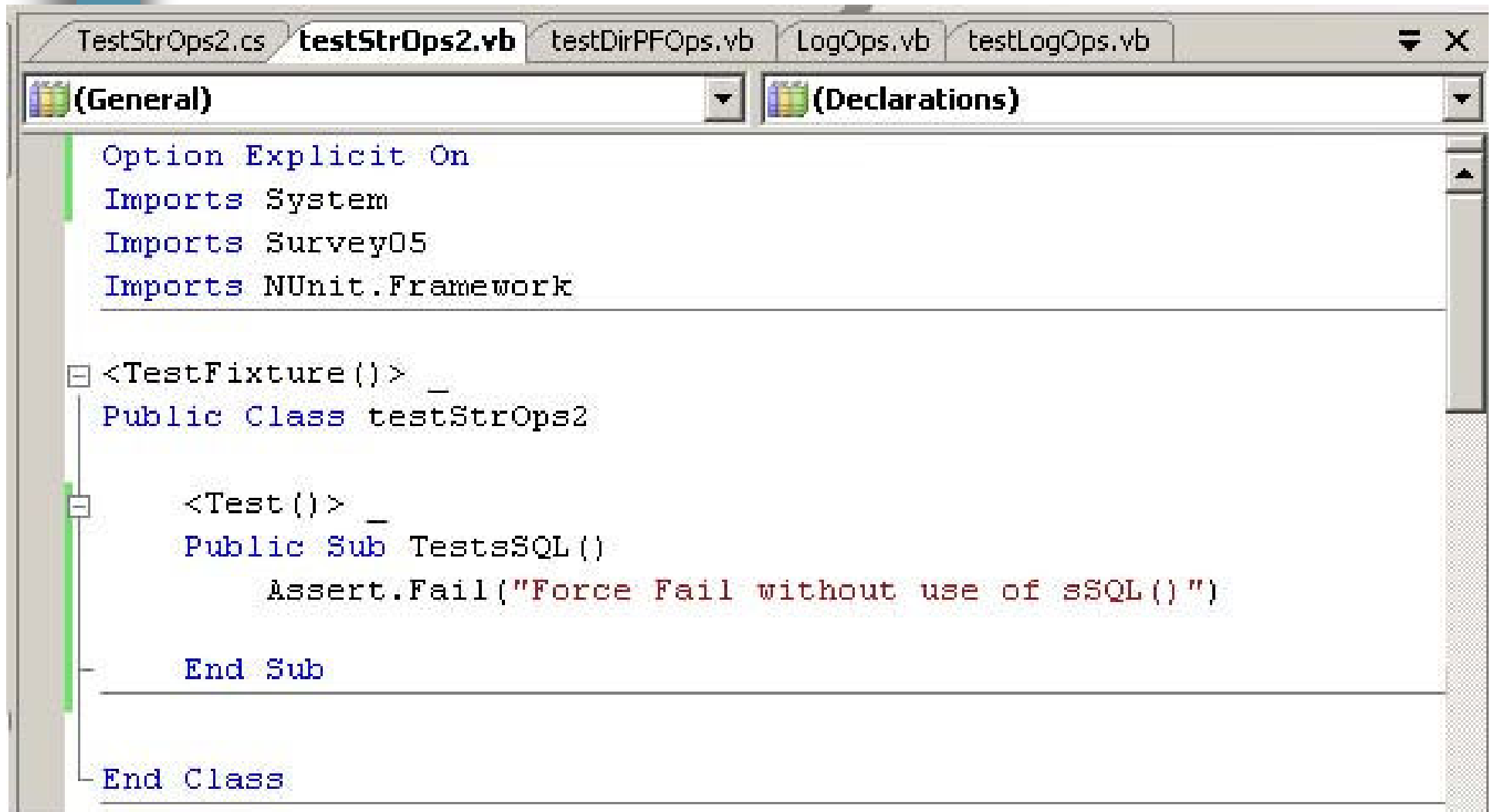
- With the new test ClassLibrary selected in the solution Browser,
- Select menu item:
 Project/Add Reference...
- Click .NET tab
- Search for and Select nunit.framework
- Click [OK].



Add references between the new Projects: target/product project

- With the new test ClassLibrary selected in the solution Browser,
- Select menu item:
Project/Add Reference...
- Click Projects tab
- Select Survey05
D:\Scratch\Lang\VB_NET\Survey05\Survey05
- Click [OK].

In Class Library view/edit window (VB): Insert some test code!



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio window with the following tabs: TestStrOps2.cs, testStrOps2.vb (selected), testDirPFOps.vb, LogOps.vb, and testLogOps.vb. The window is split into two panes: (General) and (Declarations). The (General) pane displays the following code:

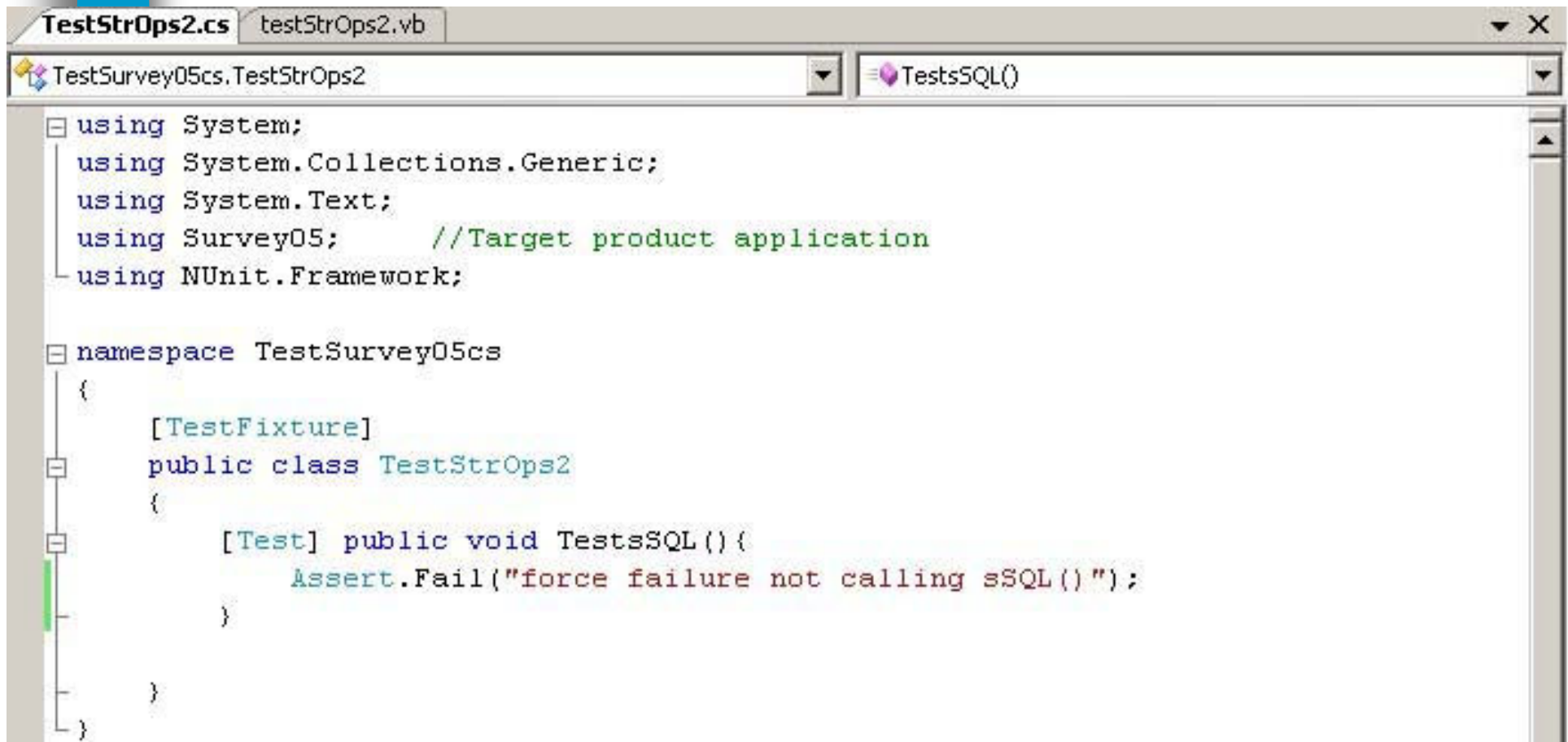
```
Option Explicit On
Imports System
Imports Survey05
Imports NUnit.Framework

<TestFixture()> _
Public Class testStrOps2

    <Test()> _
    Public Sub TestsSQL()
        Assert.Fail("Force Fail without use of sSQL()")
    End Sub

End Class
```

In Class Library view/edit window (C#): Insert some test code!



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio window with the following details:

- Tab: `TestStrOps2.cs`
- File: `testStrOps2.vb`
- Project: `TestSurvey05cs.TestStrOps2`
- Method: `TestsSQL()`
- Code content:

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using Survey05; //Target product application
using NUnit.Framework;

namespace TestSurvey05cs
{
    [TestFixture]
    public class TestStrOps2
    {
        [Test] public void TestsSQL() {
            Assert.Fail("force failure not calling sSQL()");
        }
    }
}
```



In the Class Library, set Build output path:

- Select menu item:
Project/testSurvey05 Properties...
- Compile tab
- Build output path:
- Click [Browse...]
- Navigate back to the bin folder and select: bin\Debug.
- Select Menu item: File / Save All



We are finally going to Run NUnit!

- Select menu item: Build\Build Solution
- Select menu item: Tools\Nunit

The NUnit-GUI form should open!

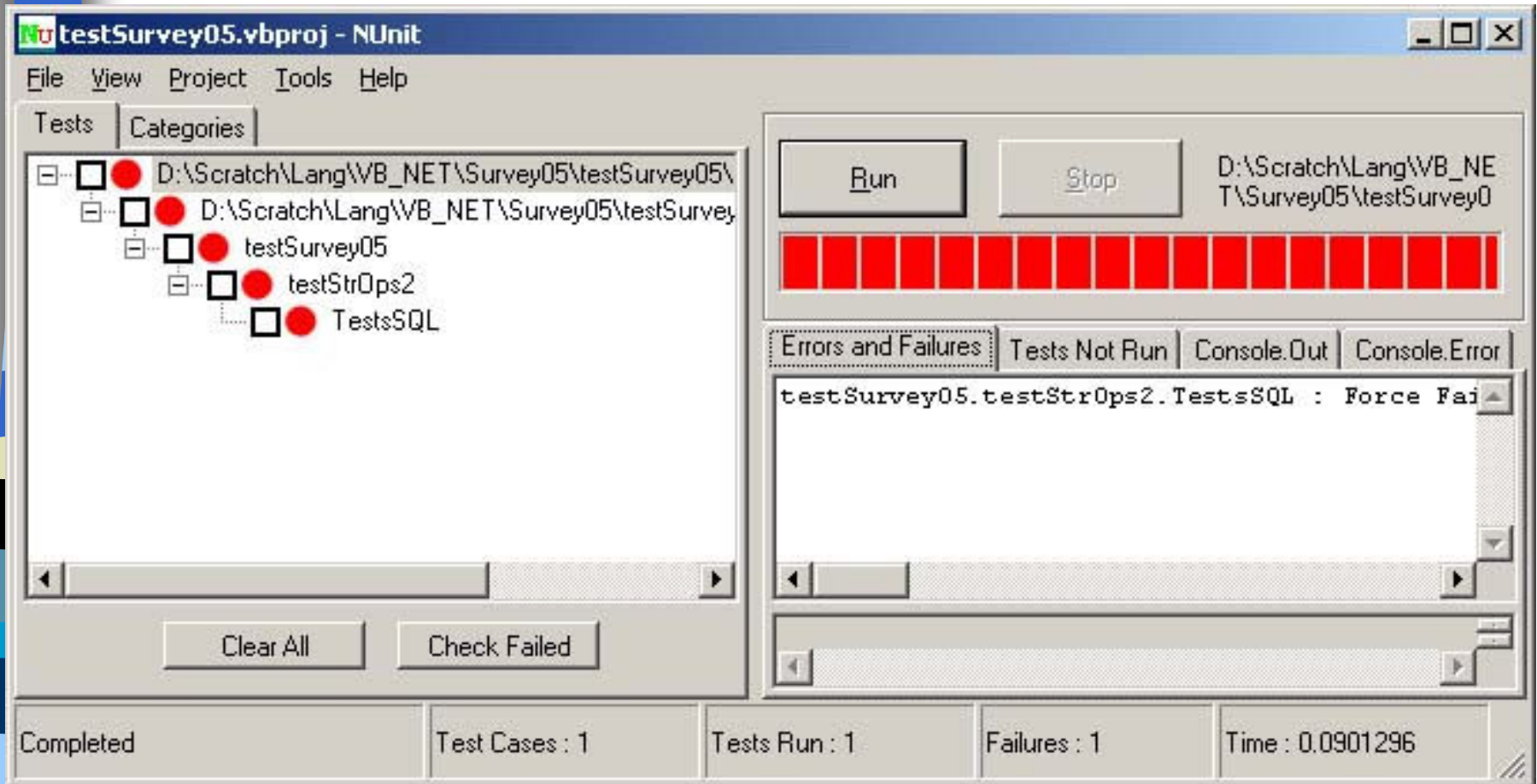
(Nunit menu item: Tools/Options/Test: [x] Enable VS support)

- Select NUnit menu item: File\Open...
- Navigate to
D:\Scratch\Lang\VB_NET\Survey05\testSurvey05\testSurvey05.vbproj

The Tests tree should populate!

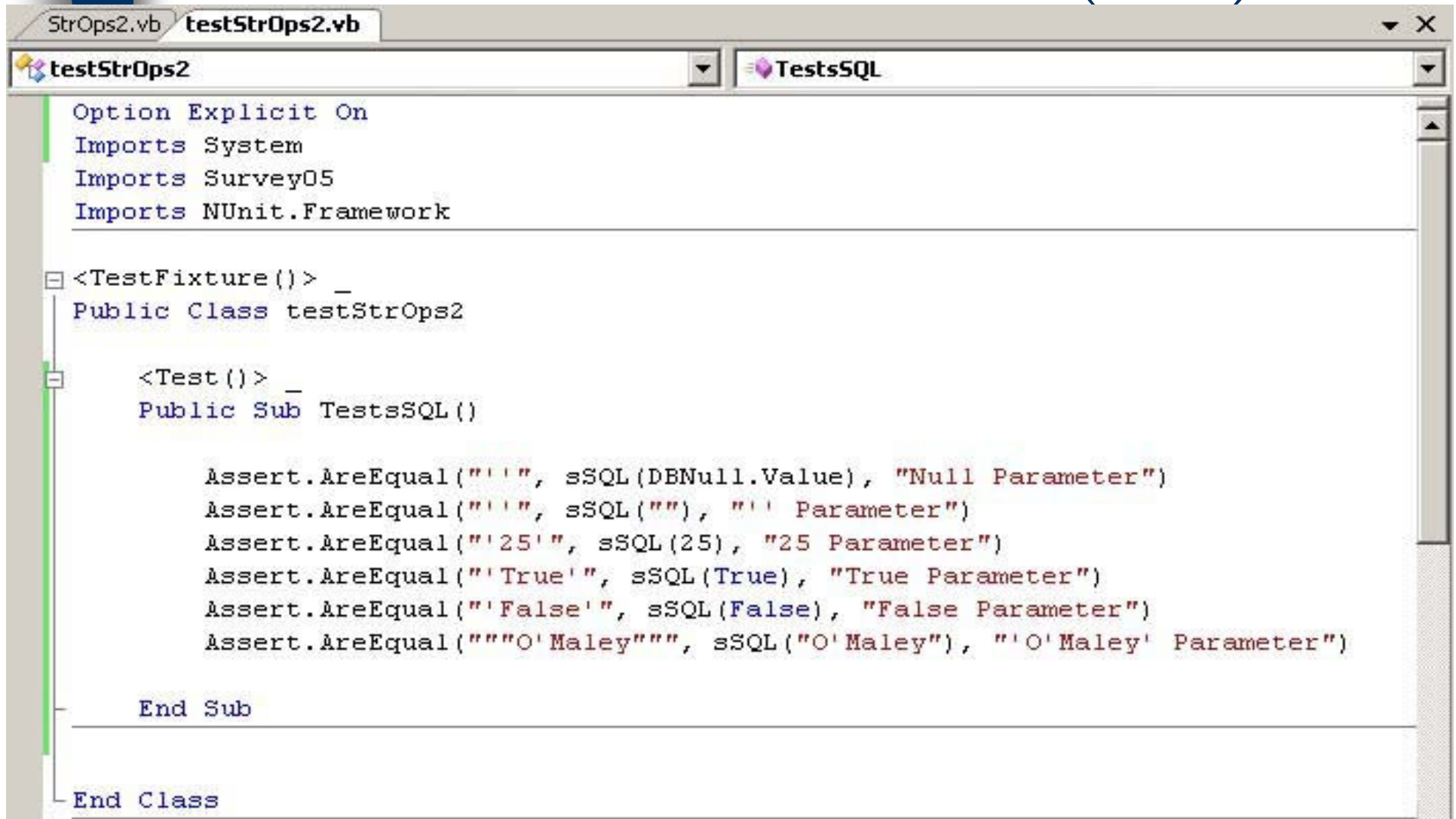
- Click [Run]

Nunit Results: Assert.Fail()



We know our test is working! The one line of test code causes the RED BAR.

Add some real test code (VB):



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio code editor window with two tabs: 'StrOps2.vb' and 'testStrOps2.vb'. The active tab is 'testStrOps2.vb'. The code is written in VB.NET and includes the following:

```
Option Explicit On
Imports System
Imports Survey05
Imports NUnit.Framework

<TestFixture()> _
Public Class testStrOps2

    <Test()> _
    Public Sub TestsSQL()

        Assert.AreEqual("", sSQL(DBNull.Value), "Null Parameter")
        Assert.AreEqual("", sSQL(""), "' ' Parameter")
        Assert.AreEqual("'25'", sSQL(25), "25 Parameter")
        Assert.AreEqual("'True'", sSQL(True), "True Parameter")
        Assert.AreEqual("'False'", sSQL(False), "False Parameter")
        Assert.AreEqual(""'O'Maley'", sSQL("O'Maley"), "'O'Maley' Parameter")

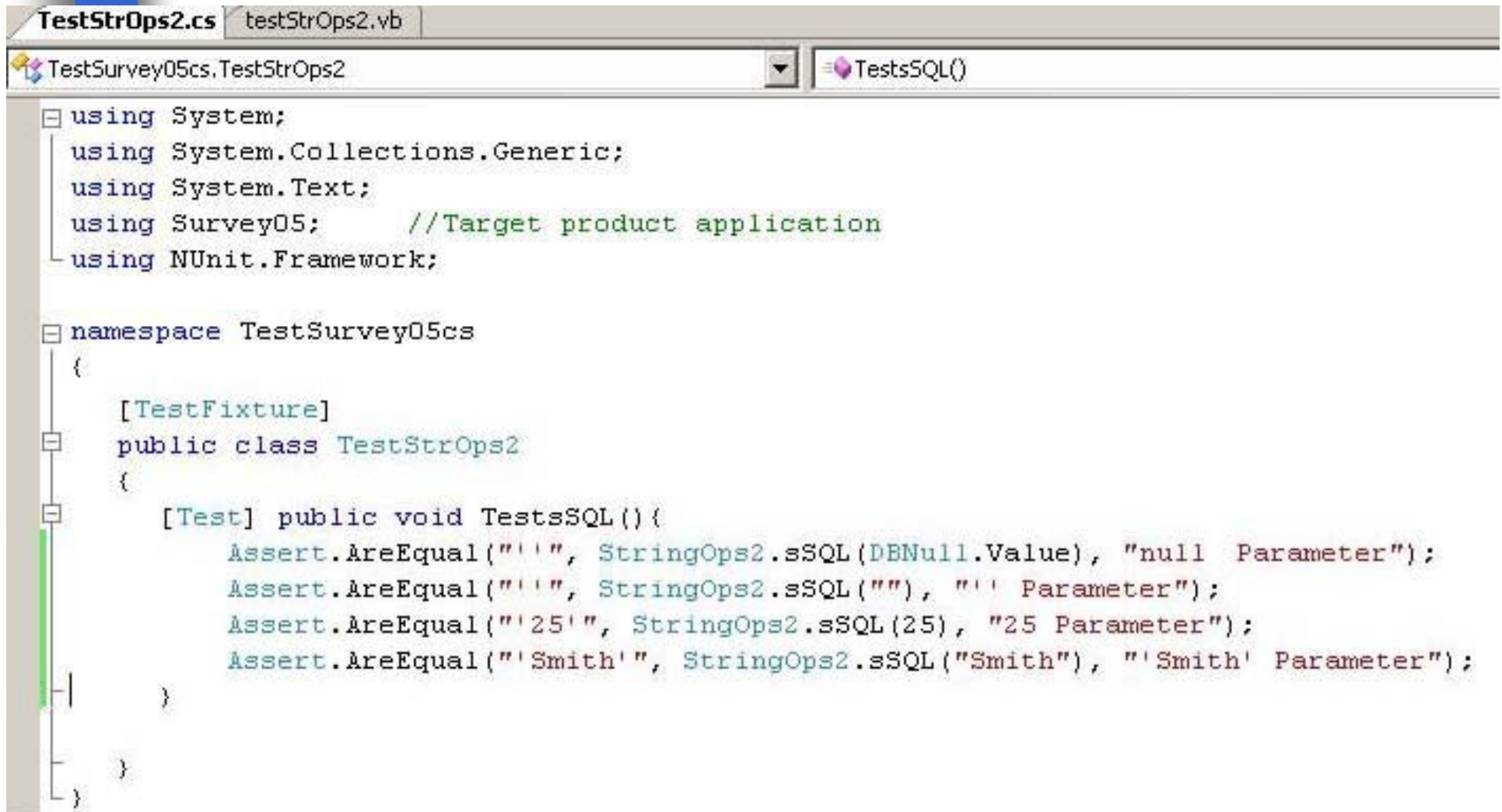
    End Sub

End Class
```

File/Save All

Build/Rebuild Solution

Add some real test code (C#):



```
TestStrOps2.cs | testStrOps2.vb
TestSurvey05cs.TestStrOps2 | TestsSQL()
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;
using Survey05; //Target product application
using NUnit.Framework;

namespace TestSurvey05cs
{
    [TestFixture]
    public class TestStrOps2
    {
        [Test] public void TestsSQL(){
            Assert.AreEqual("", StringOps2.sSQL(DBNull.Value), "null Parameter");
            Assert.AreEqual("", StringOps2.sSQL(""), "' ' Parameter");
            Assert.AreEqual("'25'", StringOps2.sSQL(25), "25 Parameter");
            Assert.AreEqual("'Smith'", StringOps2.sSQL("Smith"), "'Smith' Parameter");
        }
    }
}
```

File/Save All

Build/Rebuild Solution

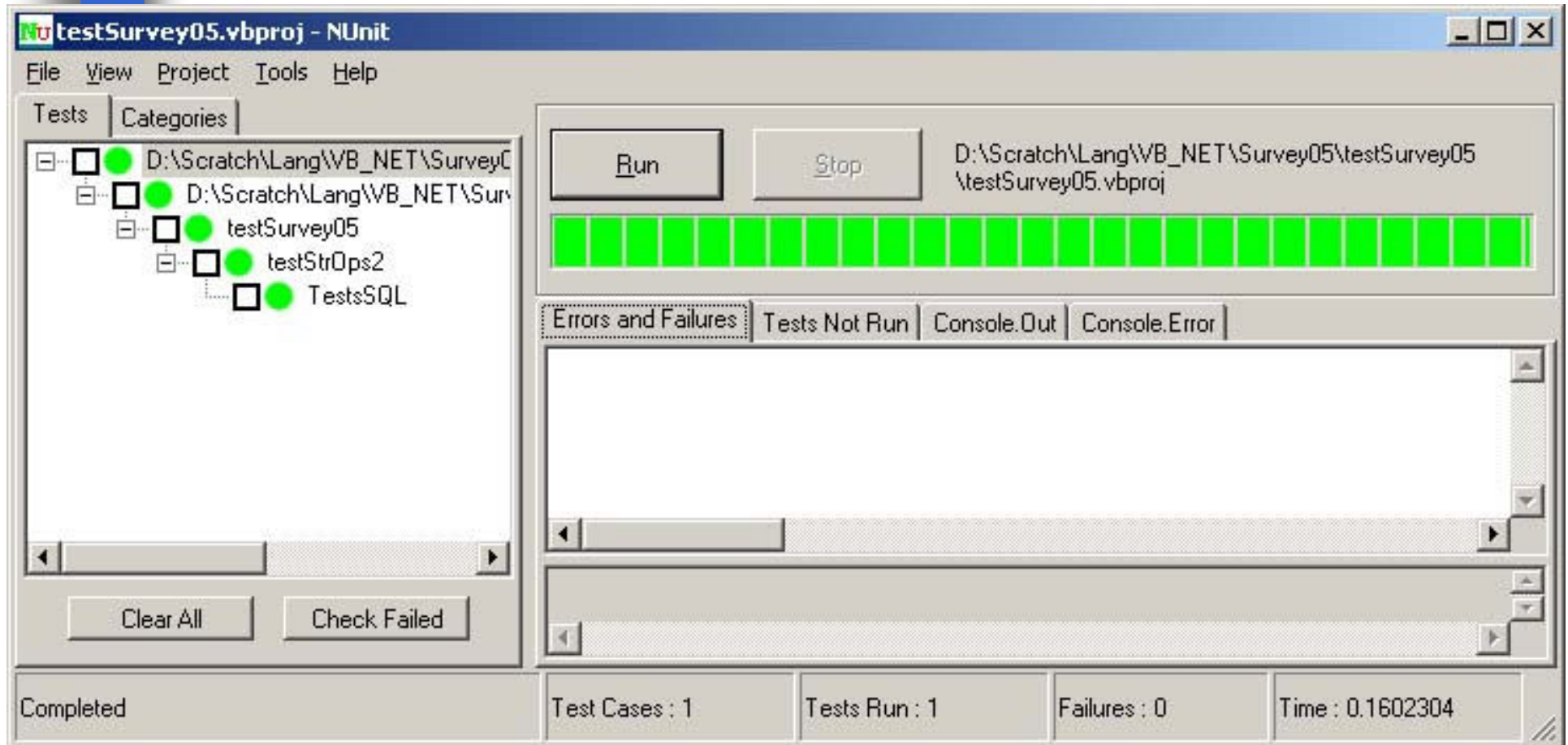
Nunit Results: Assert. ...

The screenshot shows the NUnit GUI for a project named 'testSurvey05.vbproj'. The left pane shows a tree view of tests, with 'testSurvey05.testStrOps2.TestsSQL' selected. The right pane shows the 'Run' button, a progress bar, and the 'Errors and Failures' tab. The error message is: 'testSurvey05.testStrOps2.TestsSQL : Null Parameter. String lengths differ. Expected length=2, but was length=0. Strings differ at index 0. expected: <'\"

Completed	Test Cases : 1	Tests Run : 1	Failures : 1	Time : 0.3404896
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Oh Well! The test fails on the first Assert.
The series of Assert statements are to
Drive our Development.

Nunit Results: Pass!



This is a tiny example of
Test Driven Development.



Nunit - Tip of the Iceberg!

- There is a growing variety of Assert Methods:

.AreEqual() .AreNotEqual()
.AreNotSame() .AreSame().Contains()
.Fail().Greater() .Ignore()
.IsAssignableFrom() .IsEmpty()
.IsFalse() .InstanceOfType()
.IsNaN() .IsNotAssignableFrom()
.IsNotEmpty() .IsNotInstanceOfType()
.IsNotNull() .IsNull() .IsTrue() .Less()
.ReferenceEquals()



NUnit - Benefits!

- As your product development continues, NUnit can immediately flag code if it 'breaks'.
- Creating NUnit test
 - Before development is ideal!
 - Before major changes is quite beneficial.
 - Any time for critical code blocks can be lifesaver!



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<http://www.nunit.org>

<http://www.testdriven.net/> (.NET 2.0 Beta)

(Looks promising for better integration!)

<https://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/nunit-users>