

# PHPUnit - No coverage report

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I was trying to get PHPUnit to give me some coverage report for a project I had not worked on for a long time. I had received a github pull request from someone and I wanted to see what the coverage was on the project to see if the submitter had done a good job of covering his code, but I couldn't get PHPUnit to generate a report that contained any data. All I would get was a couple of empty directory folders pages, which was useless.

I had code coverage work on another project in the same environment I was in, so I was pretty sure that my problem had to do either with how I had setup PHPUnit for that particular project, or that something else was interfering with the report generation.

I tried a couple of things, starting by calling `phpunit` from the command line using different arguments:

Would generate some report with data in it, good!

Would generate an empty report, not good...

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So at that point I saw that it was working correctly and that something was definitely wrong with my `phpunit.xml` configuration file. I went back to the [phpunit.de](#) manual, specifically on the configuration page, and tried to figure out my problem.

For code coverage to be included in your report, you have to add a filter, be it a blacklist or a whitelist, but you have to have a filter.

So I quickly added a filter such as

which would whitelist everything that is in the project (my project root is one level above test). Ran `phpunit` in the test folder and I finally got a report with data!