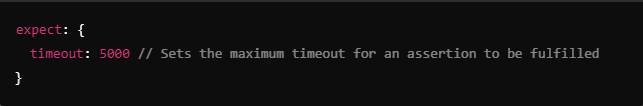
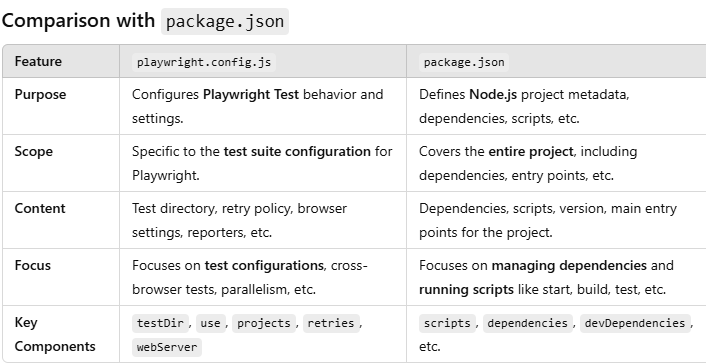
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**Comparison with package.json**

| **Feature** | **playwright.config.js** | **package.json** |
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| **Purpose** | Configures **Playwright Test** behavior and settings. | Defines **Node.js** project metadata, dependencies, scripts, etc. |
| **Scope** | Specific to the **test suite configuration** for Playwright. | Covers the **entire project**, including dependencies, entry points, etc. |
| **Content** | Test directory, retry policy, browser settings, reporters, etc. | Dependencies, scripts, version, main entry points for the project. |
| **Focus** | Focuses on **test configurations**, cross-browser tests, parallelism, etc. | Focuses on **managing dependencies** and **running scripts** like start, build, test, etc. |
| **Key Components** | testDir, use, projects, retries, webServer | scripts, dependencies, devDependencies, etc. |

**Key Differences:**

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