Architecture and Testing

Separation of Concerns. End-to-End Testing.



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Application Testing

Unit, Integration and End-to-End Testing

Types of Tests



- Unit tests cover separated functionality
 - E.g., test the result of a function with different input
- Integration tests cover the communication inside and between entire modules
 - E.g., test if data coming from a remote request is correctly interpreted by the business logic
- End-to-end (Functional) tests cover all steps that occur when the user performs an action, from the UI, to the DB, and back

Unit Tests Usage



- Unit tests are used to verify that a piece of code (function, class, etc.) operates correctly
- The tested code does not involve external dependencies (application state, other modules, external systems)
- They are fast to write and fast to execute
- Usually created by the developer, who is aware of the code specifics (white-box testing)
- Common tools include Mocha, Chai, QUnit, Jasmine, etc.

Integration Tests Usage



- Integration tests are used to check the communication between multiple code elements (functions, classes, entire modules)
- They often require the inclusion of external dependencies (other application modules, databases, remote resources)
- Relatively complex to create (due to the external dependencies)
- Can be delegated to a separate team, not involved in the writing of the code (black-box testing)
- Common tools include Sinon, JMock, Mockito, etc.

End-to-End (Functional) Tests Usage



- Functional tests are used to run through the entire application, in a real environment
- Usually involves the whole technological stack (REST services, database operations, authentication, etc.)
- Depending on the expected outcome and tools used, their complexity is comparable to integration tests
- Mostly the concern of specialized QA automation engineers
- Common tools include Selenium, Puppeteer, Cypress, etc.

Testing with Playwright

End-to-End Testing with a Headless Browser

What is Playwright?



- A complete suite for testing web applications in a real environment – the web browser
 - Our application is executed inside a "headless" browser
 - User input is simulated, and the result is monitored
- Compatible with Chromium, Firefox and WebKit
- Available in JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, C# and Java
- Home page: https://playwright.dev/

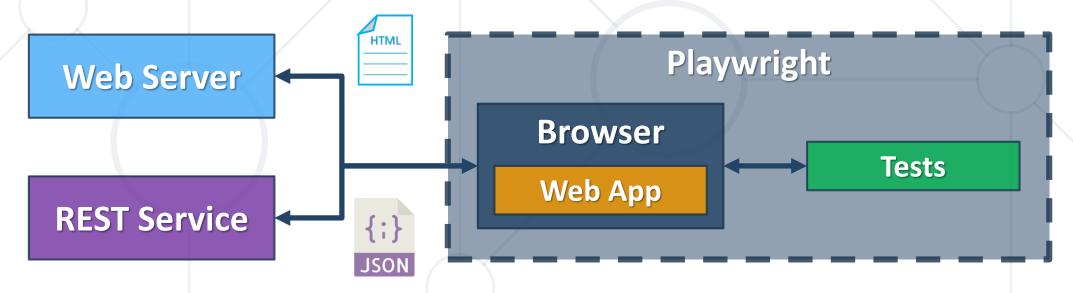
Installation and Environment



Install via NPM with Chromium support:

```
npm install --save-dev playwright-chromium
```

- Note: this will download browser binaries (~200 MB)
- Normal operation involves the following setup:



Your First Test



Create test.js and enter the following code:

```
const { chromium } = require('playwright-chromium');

(async () => {
  const browser = await chromium.launch();
  const page = await browser.newPage();
  await page.goto('https://google.com/');
  await page.screenshot({ path: `example.png` });
  await browser.close();
})();
```

Execute via Node.js:

```
node test.js
```

Project Setup



Combine with a test-running framework (e.g., Mocha and Chai)

```
const { chromium } = require('playwright-chromium');
const { expect } = require('chai');
let browser, page; // Declare reusable variables

describe('E2E tests', async function() {
  before(async () => { browser = await chromium.launch(); });
  after(async () => { await browser.close(); });
  beforeEach(async () => { page = await browser.newPage(); });
  afterEach(async () => { await page.close(); });
});
```

 Note: make sure both the REST service and web server are running before executing tests

Example: Loading Static Page



Direct navigation – same as entering the URL in the address-bar

```
it('loads static page', async function() {
   await page.goto('http://localhost:3000/');
   await page.screenshot({ path: `index.png` });
   await browser.close();
});
```

Visiting via clicking on links (<a>-tags)

```
await page.click('a[href="/register"]');
await page.waitForNavigation();
await page.waitForLoadState();
// Perform operations on new page
```

Example: Finding Elements



CSS Selectors:

```
await page.click('button');  // Basic slector
await page.click('article:has(div.promo)'); // Content-based
```

Find element by text content:

```
// Case-insensitive, partial matches
await page.click('text=Log in');
// Case-sensitive, full match only
await page.click('text="Log in"');
```

Advanced usage: https://playwright.dev/docs/selectors

Example: Verifying Content



Obtain text content:

```
const content = await page.textContent(selector);
```

Attribute value:

```
const val = await page.getAttribute(selector, attrName);
```

Checkbox state:

```
const checked = await page.isChecked(selector);
```

Visibility:

```
const visible = await page.isVisible(selector);
```

Example: Form Input



Text input:

```
await page.fill(selector, 'Peter');  // Text
await page.fill(selector, '2020-02-02');  // Date
await page.fill('text=First Name', 'Peter'); // Via label
```

Checkboxes and radio buttons:

```
await page.check(selector);
await page.uncheck(selector);
```

Select options (single and multiple values):

```
await page.selectOption(selector, 'blue');
await page.selectOption(selector, ['red', 'greeb', 'blue']);
```

Example: Request Handling



Submit form and wait for response:

```
const [response] = await Promise.all([
  page.waitForResponse('**/api/data'),
  page.click('input[type="submit"]'),
]);
```

Request matching can be done with predicate:

```
page.waitForResponse(
  response => response.url().includes(token))
```

Obtain request body (to validate sent values):

```
const postData = JSON.parse(response.request().postData())
```

Example: Response Mocking



Setup request interception can return mock data:

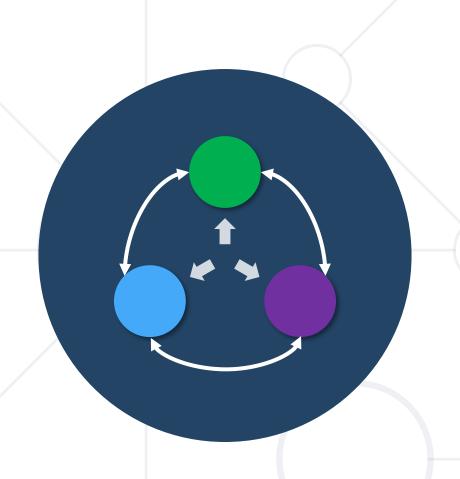
```
await page.route('**/api/data', route => route.fulfill({
   status: 200,
   body: testData,
}));
```

- Note: this must be configured before the form is submitted
- Abort requests (to prevent external calls or resource loading):



Live Demonstration

Applied TDD with Playwright



Separating Concerns

Writing Easy to Maintain Code

Drawbacks of Mixed Concerns



- Multiple concerns parts of the application perform actions on various domains (e.g., DB calls, business logic, UI)
- This leads to high coupling:
 - Low abstraction level limits the size of the application
 - It's difficult to change one module without affecting the rest
 - Code steps are repeated out of necessity
 - It's impractical to reuse a module in another applications
 - The developer must be aware of all specifics of every module

Goal of Separation of Concerns



- Limit a unit of code (function, module) to a single domain
 - E.g., a method that only visualizes (renders) data on screen
- Implementation is abstract from details
 - E.g., the rendering function does not concern itself with the source of the data
- The developer doesn't need to know how a module operates internally in order to use it
- Code reuse is a secondary effect easier reasoning is primary

Extracting Functionality into Modules



- Common steps:
 - Extract actions over different domains in their own functions
 - Identify similar actions across different parts of the application
 - Increase abstraction of the extracted functions, so that they can be used in more places with minimal changes
 - Move functions from a single domain to a separate module
- Don't overdo abstraction! A good rule of thumb increase abstraction when you need to refactor the code

Isolated Modules

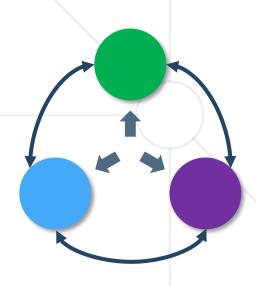


Multiple Concerns Isolated Concerns Details Catalog Catalog App **API Calls API Calls View control** Initialization **Auth check** Rendering Rendering **Details View control Navigation** Create App Rendering Initialization Input control Create **API Calls Navigation API calls** Rendering **Business Logic** View control

Example Isolated Modules



- Backend API specific to the used service
- Request logic specific to the application business logic
- Data manipulation specific to the application business logic
- UI display and control
- Utility functions





Live Demonstration

Refactoring Application Architecture

Summary



- Different categories of tests can be used at various stages of development
 - Unit, Integration, End-to-end
- Playwright is a testing suite for web apps
- By separating code concerns we make our programs easier to reason about
 - A code unit must be concerned only by a single domain (data, rendering, etc.)





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