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Test Automation using Cypress What, why and how

- ConsultancyExperts



We're nothing short of wizards

### Credentials

### Consultancy

- Test Automation Engineer 10 year
- Managing Partner at b.ignited
- Dozens of projects completed
- Countless of courses taught

### Technical

- Cypress Ambassador for 2 years
- Use Selenium. Playwright. Cypress. Katalon. Tricentis
- Worked in Typescript, Java, Python, Go, Rust, ...

## Personal

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- Countless hobby projects
- Quite good at my job

#### Test Automatio

### What

- Execution of test cases, using scripts or low-coded workflow
- Software to test other software
- Automated checks on the application
- Building the user flow in the application under tes

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#### Test Automation

# Why?

- Regression testing is expensive
- Humans make mistakes

# 🛮 🛕 Warning

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# Software never does ???

- Speedy thing is speedy
- Testing as a shared objective

#### Test Automatio

Why

- Almost a requirement in an Agile methodolog
- Regression testing whenever (?
- Continuous integration and continuous deployment

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#### Test Automatior

### How

- Write code
- Ilse framework
- Drag&Drop with low-code toolin

### In essence

Test using technical solution

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# Advantages & Disadvantages

# Advantages

- Cheap
  - Low execution cost

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# High investment cost

- Reliable
- Automate all the things
- Except the hard thing
- High consistency
  - nigh consistency

### Advantages & Disadvantage:

# Disadvantage

- Easy to get lost in code
- Complexit
- Slow to create test:
  - Decent code takes time
- Higher requirements for tester
- Testing as a shared objective

### Advantages & Disadvantage

- Mitigating the Disadvantages
- Easy to get lost in coo
  - Consider the over-engineering is a ris
  - The focus should remain on the test

### Advantages & Disadvantage:

- Mitigating the Disadvantages
- Complexity
  - Coding isn't eas
  - git gud
    - Continuous Learni

### Advantages & Disadvantages

- Mitigating the Disadvantages
- Slow to create tests
  - Initial validation could be manual testing
- ① Caution
- Automation could be forgotten
- Slow is smooth, smooth is fast

### Advantages & Disadvantages

- Mitigating the Disadvantages
- Higher requirements for tester
  - Continuous learnin
  - On the job training
- ① Caution

More demanding job

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# Cypress

- Modern UI testing framewor
- Built for developer:
- · Design for UI testin
- e2e testing
- Component testi

Cypress

What is the part we care about

- Not Seleniu
- Free
- Easy to use
- Incredibly fas
- Not Seleniu

# Cypress

- Node framework
- Highly customizabl
- Many many supporting plugins

# ① Caution

The documentation has been written by developers, that happen to write tests.

# Cypress

```
describe('Homepage validation checks' () => {
  beforeEach(() => {
    cy.visit('/home');
  });

it('Should see the banner on the homepage', () => {
    cy.get(home.field.banner).should('be.visible')
  });
});
```

Basic

Navigating to a websit

cy.visit('{url}

Basic

Visit the application

Basic

A better way to navigate to the baseUrl would be

```
export default defineConfig({
   e2e: {
     baseUrl: '{baseUrl}'
   },
});
```

In combination with

```
cy.visit('/')
```

Access the baseUrl as a global variable

Basic

Edit the Cypress Config

Debugging options

Wait for a full second

cy.wait(1000)

• Pause the test, can be resume

cy.pause(

# Debugging options

Good old fashion debuggir

# cy.debug()

• Debug the return of the get command

cy.get({element}).debug()

Developer tools have to be open

- Debugging options
  - Can't go wrong with the classic

```
cy.log('Doing stuff')
```

- Requests and responses
- Can be used for assertions

```
cy.intercept('/users/**').as('users'
// Do stuff
cy.wait('@users')
```

Elements & selectors

Almost anything on the web can be considered an element. And each element can be interacted with thanks to a selector

There are several type of selector

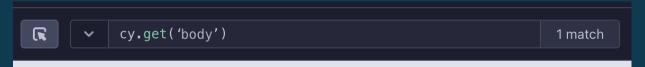
- Good ones
- Bad ones
- Terrible ones

- Elements & selectors
- Xpat
  - Most powerful
- Most versatile
- Only as a last resor
- 🛮 🛕 Warning

Xpath is incredibly untrustworthy



- CSS
  - Powerful
  - Most commor
  - Native to Cypress



① Note

Requires some knowledge-ability to create sturdy selectors

- Elements & selectors
- Data-cy
- Unlikely to encounter in the wile
- Requires frontends to facilitate
- Best possible option
- │ ① Note

Always force the frontenders, life should be easy

- Elements & selectors
- Dynamic selectors
  - · Selectors are just strings until used

```
export const inbox = {
    findMessageByTopic: (topic: string) => {
      return `#box-message-topic${topic}`;
    }
}
```

cy.get(inbox.findMessageByTopic('Unremarkable topic about a boring subject')).click()

- Elements & selectors
- More complicated selectors
- '\*' => Wildcard
- '^' => Starting with
- '\$' => Ending with

```
export const inbox = {
  messageDelete: '[id*="delete"]',
  messageForward: '[id^="forwardTo"]',
  folder: '[id$="-folder-name"]'
}
```

.....

Buttons

Time to start clicking

cy.get({element}).click(



Dropdowns

We should select somethin

cv.get({dropdownElement}).select({value}

Difficult to imagine something more simple

Input

Maybe we want to type something

cy.get({input}).type({whatever})

📗 🛈 Note

SendKeys is for the ancient ones

Into Practi

- Navigate to the create for
  - Fill in the fo
  - 3. Submit the for

Assertions

Should we assert ?

cy.get({element}).should({SomeChaiAssert}

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Any chai assert is possible

Assertions

- Assert the submi
- 2. Assert all the value

The Page-Object Mode

Define a page

```
export const home = {
   searchBar: '[data-cy=".vl-searchbar"]',
   searchButton: '[data-cy=".vl-search-submit"]',
}
```

The Page-Object Model

Define a page

```
export const home = {
  button: {
    search: '[data-cy=".vl-search-submit"]',
  },
  input: {
    search: '[data-cy=".vl-searchbar"]',
  }
}
cy.get(home.button.search).click()
```

The Component-Object

Make the definition as small as possible

```
export const header = {
  field: {
    navigateHome: '[data-cy=".vl-home"]',
    profile: '[data-cy=".vl-profile"]',
  }
}
```

Ω Tip

Decent frontend-developers define components

Ω Tip

Think reusabi<u>lity</u>

The Perfect marriage

A page does contain components, usually

```
import { header } from './componentObjects/header'
import { footer } from './componentObjects/footer'

export const home = {
  button: {
    search: '[data-cy=".vl-search-submit"]',
  },
  input: {
    search: '[data-cy=".vl-searchbar"]',
  },
  header,
  footer
}
```

cy.get(home.header.profile).click()

Too much of a good thing ?

```
import { header } from './componentObjects/header'
import { footer } from './componentObjects/footer'
import { search } from './componentObjects/search'

export const home = {
   search,
   header,
   footer
}
```

```
cy.get(home.search.input).type('Searching for something')
cy.get(home.search.button).click()
```

#### Implementation of Cypres

Page-Objects

- 1. Create the Component object
  - . Create the rage object

### Implementation of Cypress

Other selector options

Sometimes we need to get creative

- .children(
- .parent()
- .within(

Action-Page Model

A component is more than it's selectors

```
const search = {
  searchBar: '[data-cy=".vl-searchbar"]',
  searchButton: '[data-cy=".vl-search-submit"]',
}

export function search(param: string) {
  cy.get(searchBar).type(param)
  cy.get(searchButton).click()
}
```

Marning

Over-engineering is a clear and every present danger

## Implementation of Cypres

Cypress commands

# The DRY rule

```
Cypress.Commands.add('login', (username: string, password: string) => {
    cy.get(login.input.username).type(username)
    cy.get(login.input.password).type(password)
    cy.get(login.button.login).click()
})
```

#### Implementation of Cypres

Cypress commands

- 1. Create a custom login command
  - ?. Create a custom create course comma

## implementation of Cypress

Mocking API responses

Pesky unstable backend ruining my tests

- Mocking improves stabilit;
- Easier setur
- Faster tests
- Independence from the backens

① Caution

It will no longer qualify as an e2e test

① Caution

Don't forget to test the backend

Mocking API responses

Cypress can do this right out of the gate

```
cy.intercept('GET', '/users/*', {
  statusCode: 200,
  body: {
    firstname: 'Robert',
    lastname: 'Martin',
    books: [
        'Clean Code',
        'Clean Architecture',
        'The Clean Coder'
    ]
  }
})
```

# Mocking API responses

```
cy.intercept('GET', '/users/*', {
  statusCode: 200,
    lastname: 'Martin',
      'Clean Architecture',
      'The Clean Coder'
}).as('getUsers')
cy.wait('@getUsers')
```

Mocking API responses

And now we can even assert any cal

```
cy.intercept('GET', '/users/*').as('getUsers')

cy.get(userOverview.button.filter).click()
cy.wait('@getUsers').then((interception) => {
    expect(interception.request.body.filter.status).to.eq('CREATED')
})
```

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Mocking API responses

1. Mock the get courses API to show multip

## implementation of Cypres

Mocking API responses

Mocking can create an end2end story

Just in different tests

- 1. Validate the actual requestBody
- 2. Validate the handling of the mocked response
- ΩTip
- No Backend involved, and yet all is tested

