



Front-End Testing

with Enzyme

Roadmap

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How does front-end testing differ from back-end?

Front vs Back

- Back end we control the environment; front end may be almost anything
- How do we test processes that extend multiple components?
- How do isolate various elements of the Redux loop?



Enzyme



- Developed by AirBnB
- Flexible React testing framework focused on “shallow rendering” of components.



Why we like it

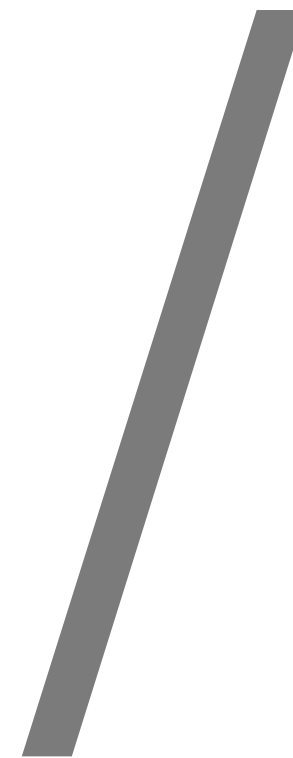


- **Testing Isomorphism:**
 - Tests look similar on the front and back ends.
- **chai for assertions**
- **sinon for spies**

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Sinon.JS



Install all the things

```
# mocha, chai, sinon
npm install mocha --save-dev
npm install chai sinon --save-dev # must `require` each in tests
# enzyme
npm install enzyme --save-dev
# if using React 15.x
npm i --save-dev react-addons-test-utils
```



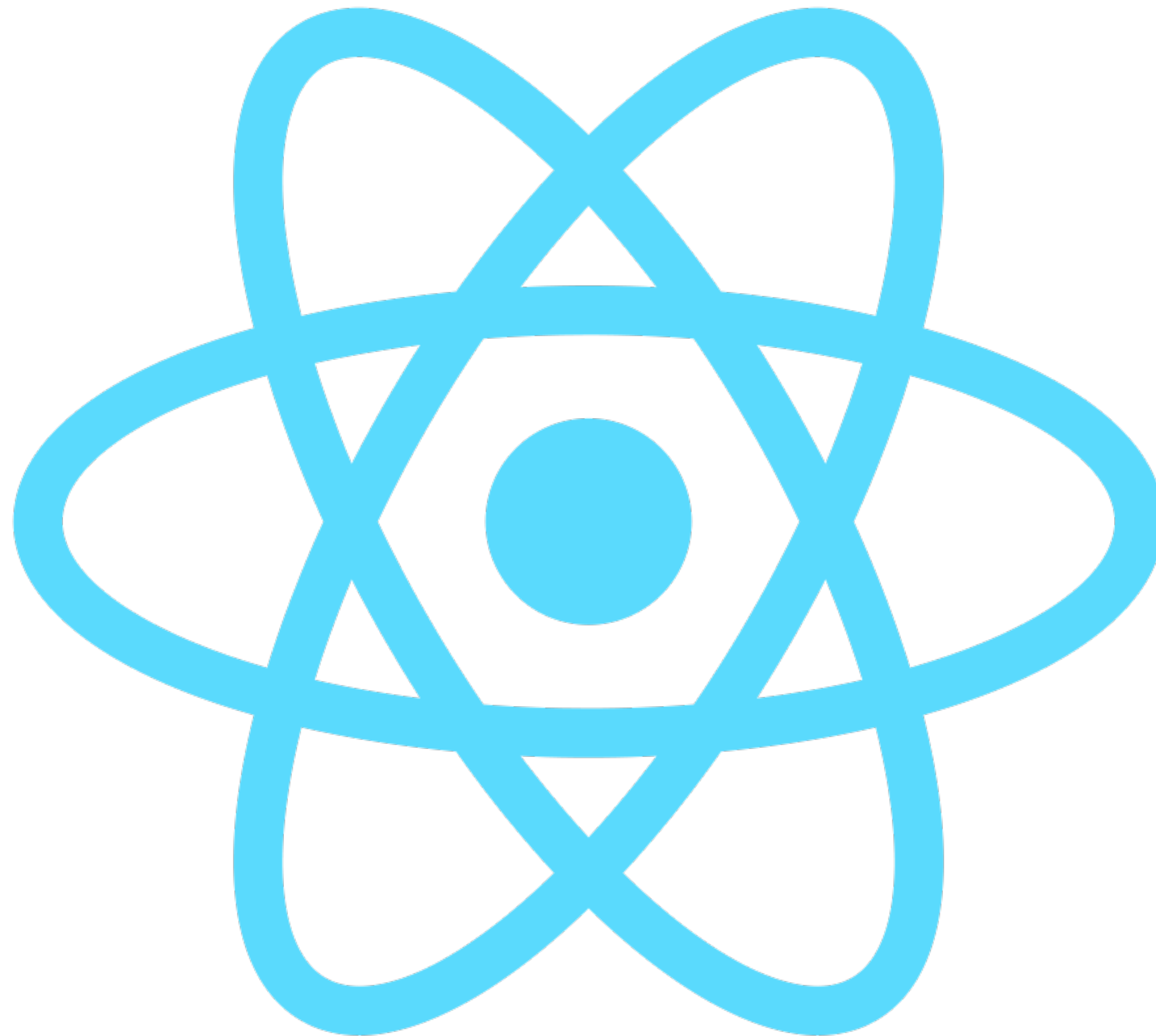
Review of Assertions in Mocha/Chai

```
describe('A suite', function(){ // `describe` & `it` from mocha

  var myString;
  beforeEach(function(){
    myString = 'testing is fun!';
  });

  it('uses Mocha, Chai, and Sinon', function(){
    var spy = sinon.spy(); // sinon spy
    spy();
    expect(spy.called).to.be.ok; // `expect` & matcher from chai
  });

});
```



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Setup tools & child components via import

```
import React from 'react';
import {expect} from 'chai';
import {shallow} from 'enzyme';
import {spy} from 'sinon';

import ChildComponent from '../src/components/Child';

describe('This component', () => { ... })
```

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Setup Example: a Component

```
describe('The Kitten Component', () => {  
  
  beforeEach('Create component and onChange spy', () => {  
    let clickSpy = spy();  
    let kitty = shallow(<Kitten onClick={clickSpy} />);  
  });  
  
  it('calls click fn', () => {  
    kitty.simulate('click', {});  
    expect(clickSpy.called).toBe(true);  
  });  
});
```



Redux

Redux is important to test too

- Mainly Action Creators and the Reducer
- In React/Redux your app's state = your app's view and behavior



Action Creator

```
// suppose we have this action creator
```

```
export const sayMeow = volume => {  
  return {  
    type: 'SAYS_MEOW',  
    volume  
  };  
};
```

The test

```
import {expect} from 'chai';

import {sayMeow} from '../src/store/action-creators';

describe('saysMeow', () => {
  it('saysMeow loudly', () => {
    const loudMeow = '12dbs'

    expect(sayMeow(volume)).to.be.deep.equal({
      type: 'SAY_MEOW',
      volume: loudMeow
    });
  });
});
```



Reducer

```
const initialState = {
  volume: '0'
};

export default (state = initialState, action) => {

  const newState = Object.assign({}, state);

  switch (action.type) {

    case 'SAY_MEOW':
      newState.volume = action.volume;
      break;

    default:
      return state;
  }

  return newState;

};
```

```
import {expect} from 'chai';

import {createStore} from 'redux';
import mainReducer from '../src/store/reducers/main';

describe('Main reducer', () => {

  let testStore;
  beforeEach('Create testing store', () => {
    testStore = createStore(mainReducer);
  });

  it('has expected initial state', () => {
    expect(testStore.getState()).to.be.deep.equal({
      volume : '0db's
    });
  });

  describe('Says Meow', () => {

    it('says Meow', () => {
      testStore.dispatch({ type: 'SAY_MEOW', volume: '99db's' });
      const newState = testStore.getState();
      expect(newState.volume).to.be.deep.equal('99db's');
    });

  });

});
```


Priorities

- ◎ **Tests are valuable when they:**
 - Help drive writing the code in the first place
 - Cover heavily re-used code, especially for multiple contexts
 - Reveal breaking changes
 - Act as documentation
- ◎ **Tests are less valuable when they:**
 - Get in the way of meaningful progress
 - Are not idempotent / are reliant on a specific order
 - Are so brittle/specific that they discourage refactoring
 - Focus on implementation instead of behavior

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