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# E2E Testing With Cypress

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# Outline

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# Motivation Testing

- Prevent bugs
- Enforce code quality
- Tests must be backed by Devs (require discipline)
- Writing Tests needs to be learned
- Tests must run fast, each has its own universe

# Testing pyramid

**End-to-End (E2E) Tests**

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Component Tests  
(Functional & Visual)

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Unit Tests



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# Official version (until NG 11)

End-to-End (E2E) Tests



Component Tests



Unit Tests



# Our recommendation



# cypress vs protractor

Enter an npm package...

cypress x

protractor x

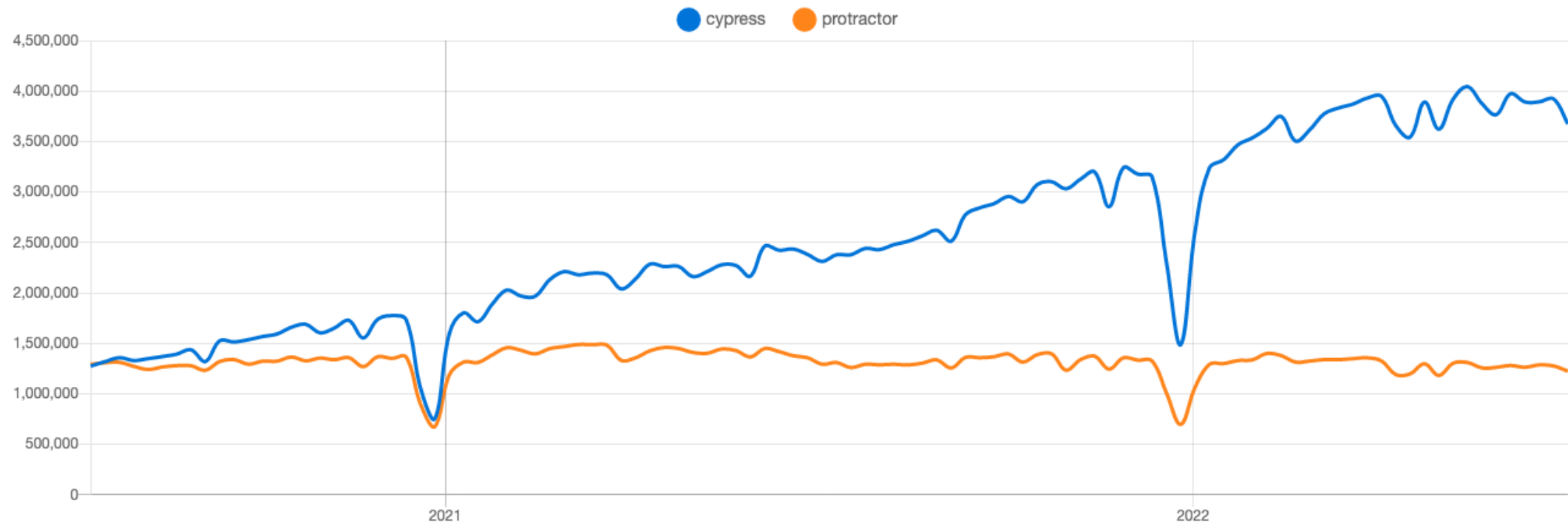
+ nightwatch

+ webdriverio

+ puppeteer

+ testcafe

Downloads in past 2 Years v



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# Intro



- Cypress (in most cases) perfect successor
- Migration is a rewrite



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# Motivation

- Great Developer Experience
- Good Documentation
- Easy Setup
- Internal "IDE"
- CI Features like Videorecording and Screenshots



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# Cypress Setup

- Cypress has no Angular integration (yet?)
- `yarn add -D cypress`
- add `tsconfig.json` to newly cypress directory
- `cypress open` (open the Cypress Dashboard) or
- `cypress run` (just runs the tests)

# Basic commands

- `cy.visit(url: string)`
  - Can only be run at the beginning (of a test)
  - Domain can't be changed
- `cy.get(selector)`
  - Uses jQuery style selectors
  - Runs asynchronously
  - Chainable
    - contains
    - click
    - type
    - ...



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# Assertions Implicit

- Behaves like a normal command
- Does waiting as well (asynchronicity)
- Good for single assertions

```
cy

  .get('h1')

  .should(

    'have.text',

    ' Unforgettable Holidays '

  );
```



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# Assertions Explicit

- More verbose
- Good when more logic is involved

```
cy.get('h1').should(($h1) => {  
  
    expect($h1).to.have  
  
        .text(' Unforgettable Holidays ');  
  
});
```



Assertions are  
not required!



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# Cypress – Demo

# Ready for the lab!

- What are your questions?



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# Setup for Labs

- Prerequisites
  - NodeJS (I use version 14 because NG 12 currently demands it)
  - IDE: Visual Studio Code (free) or IntelliJ WebStorm
  - Chrome (or Chromium based)
  - Your repos checked out



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# Advanced topics



# Page Object Model

- a page object should allow a software client
  - to do anything
  - see anything that a human can
- used for significant elements on a page

```
class Sidemenu {  
    click(name: "Customers" | "Holidays"): Chainable {  
        return cy.get("mat-drawer a").contains(name).click();  
    }  
}  
  
export const sidemenu = new Sidemenu();
```



# Page Object Model - Demo

# Database Test Seed?

- Provide a Database specifically for Tests
- "One size fits all" approach
- Does not scale
- Better: Use Backend API for Arrange/Given Parts



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# Without API access

- Reasons
  - Requires special privileges
  - External Data Source/Proxy
  - Unreasonable (complexity, efforts)
- Mocked API

```
cy.server();

cy.route({

  method: 'GET',

  url: '/customer',

  response: [

    { id: 1, firstname: 'Hugo', name: 'Brandt', country: 'AT'},

    { id: 2, firstname: 'Natalia', name: 'Rusnov', country: 'RU'},

  ],

});

cy.visit('');
```



# Alternative: Arrange API Requests

- Call same endpoints as Angular
- Don't use the frontend directly!

```
cy.request({  
  method: 'POST',  
  url: '/holidays',  
  body: {  
    title: 'Pyramids',  
    teaser: 'Visit the Ancient Wonders of Old Egypt',  
    description: 'Fly to Cairo, get on a ship on the Nile and live like a Pharaoh'  
  }  
}).then(res => res.body.id);
```



# Best Case: Dedicated Test API

- Backend provides special API for test mode
- Shortcuts possible, e.g.
  - merge chain of requests into one
  - Overcome Security Issues
- Best option, but of course expensive



# Now you know how to use Cypress

- Any questions left over? 😊



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