

Beyond Consumer-Driven Contract Testing



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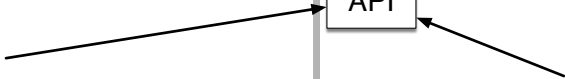
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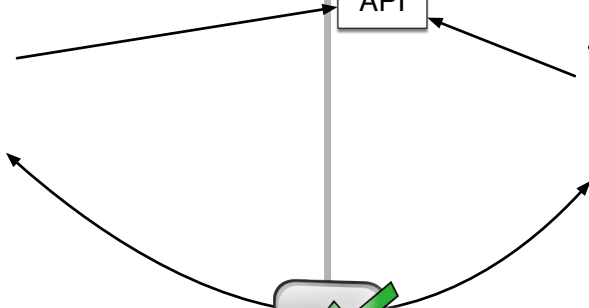
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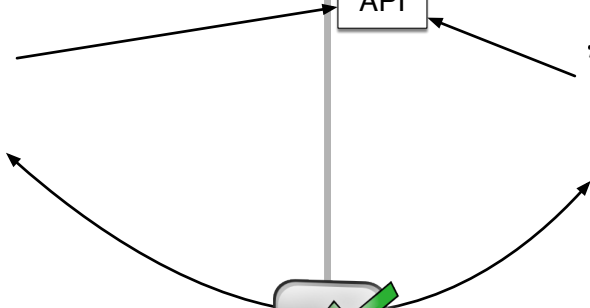
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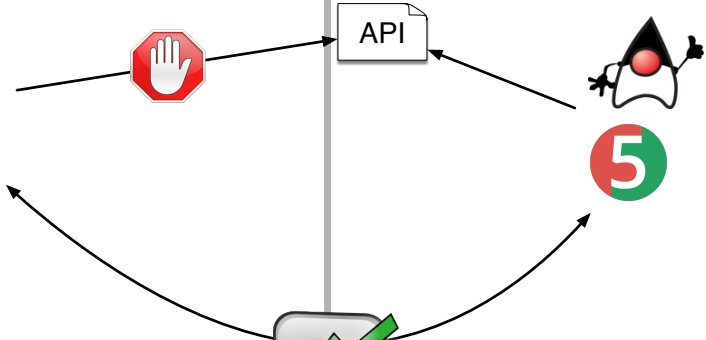
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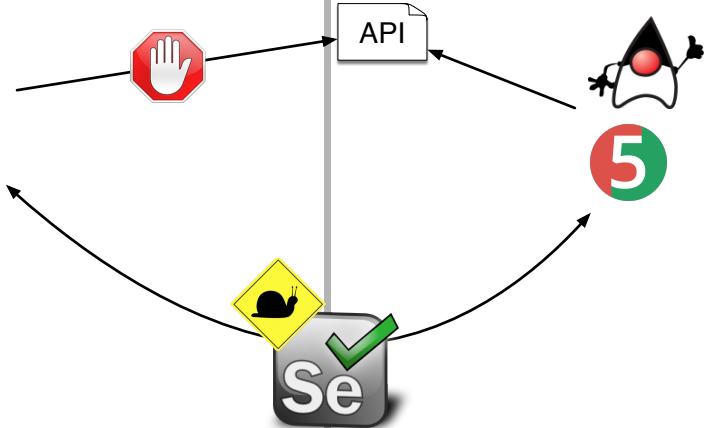
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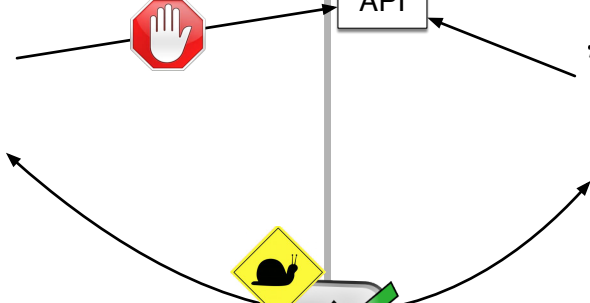
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“Still Quite Naïve” Approach

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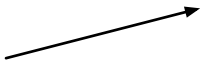
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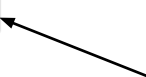


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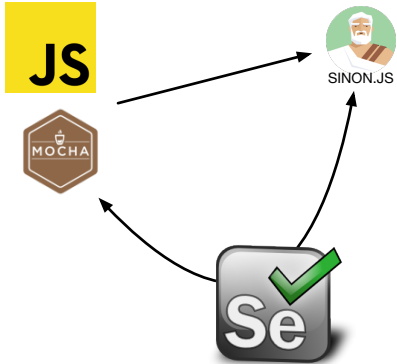


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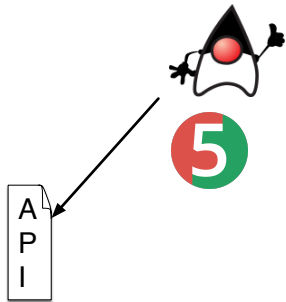
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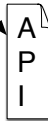


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“Industry-Strength” Approach: Consumer-Driven Contract Testing







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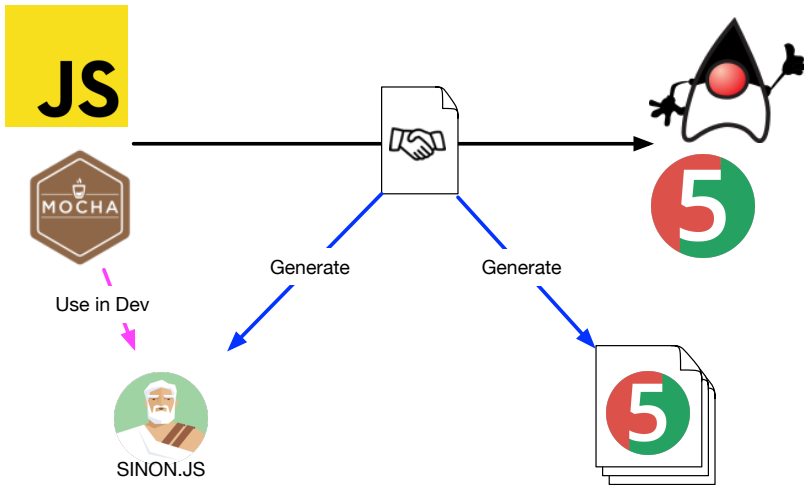


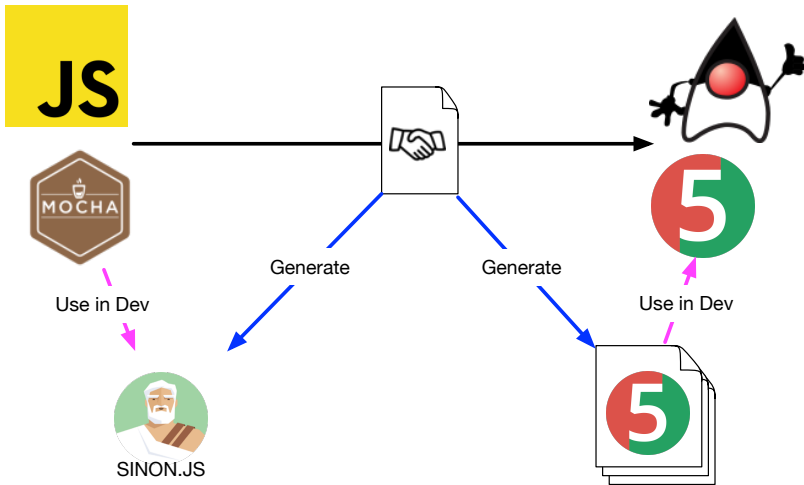
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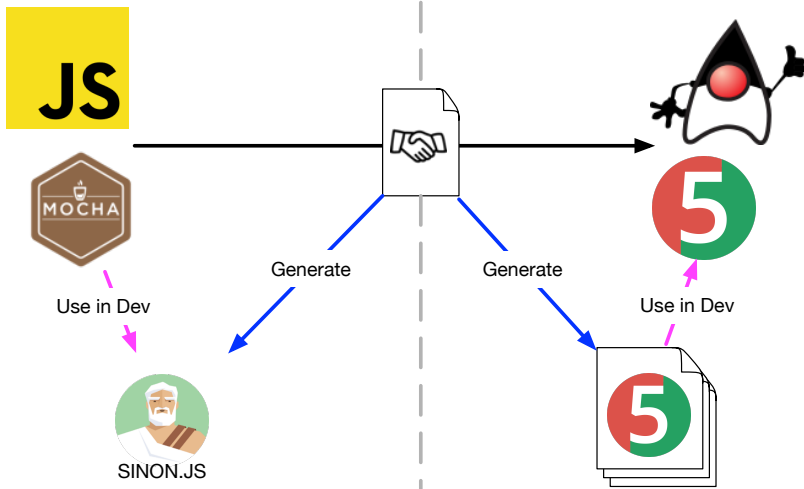


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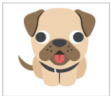
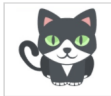
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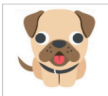
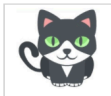
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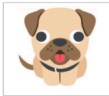
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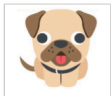
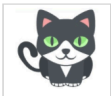
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      "tag": "Pets",
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        { "petName": "Fifi", "petType": "Dog" },
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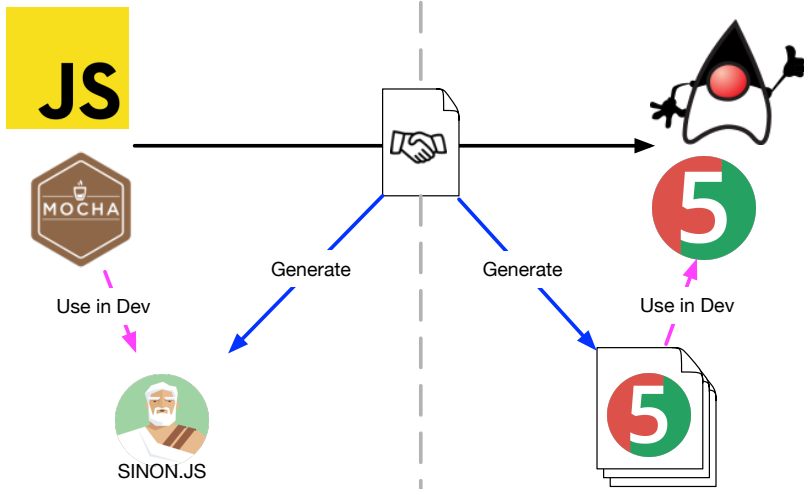
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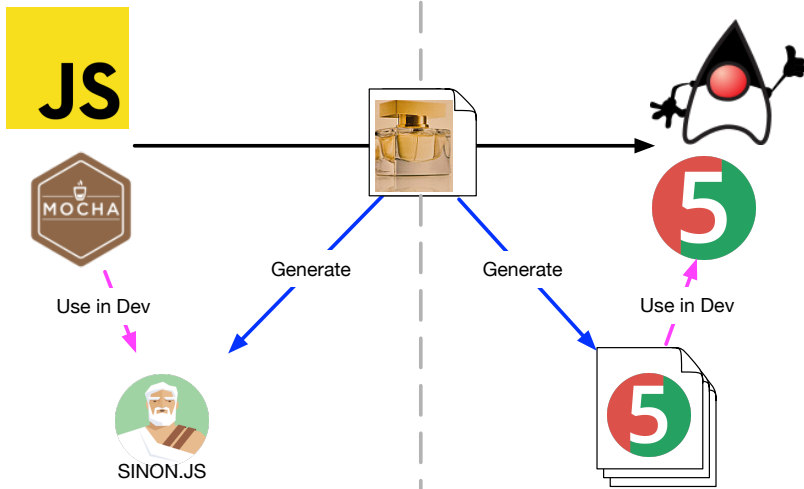
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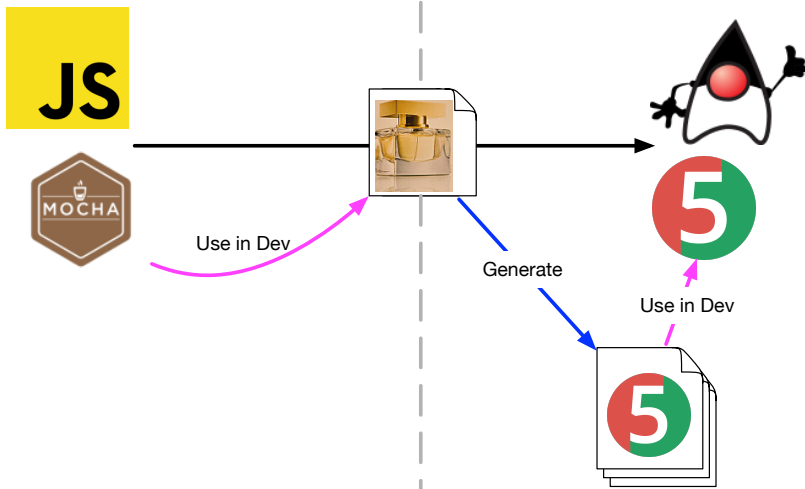
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The Pets Essence

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class Pets {
  constructor(){
    this._pets = [];
  }

  getPets() {
    return petSorter.sortPets(this._pets);
  }

  addPet(pet) {
    this._pets.push(pet);
    return 'Pet successfully added.';
  }

  removePet(pet) {
    this._pets = this._pets.filter(
      p => p.petName !== pet.petName || p.petType !== pet.petType);
    return 'Pet successfully removed.';
  }
}
```

The Overall Essence

```
class Essence {  
    constructor() {  
        this._pets = new Pets();  
        this._somethingElse = new SomethingElse();  
    }  
  
    pets() {  
        return this._pets;  
    }  
  
    somethingElse() {  
        return this._somethingElse;  
    }  
}
```

The Essence App

```
let essence = new Essence();

router.get('/pets', (req, res) => {
  const pets = essence.pets().getPets();
  res.json({tag: 'Pets', pets});
});

router.post('/pets', (req, res) => {
  const message = essence.pets().addPet({ petName: req.body.petName,
    petPrice: req.body.petPrice, petType: req.body.petType });
  res.json({message});
});

router.delete('/pets', (req, res) => {
  const message = essence.pets().removePet({ petName: req.body.petName,
    petPrice: req.body.petPrice, petType: req.body.petType });
  res.json({message});
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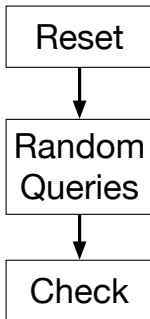
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Random
Queries



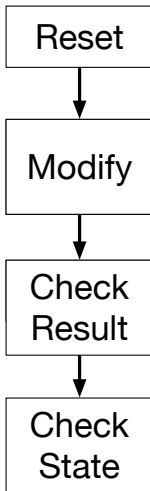
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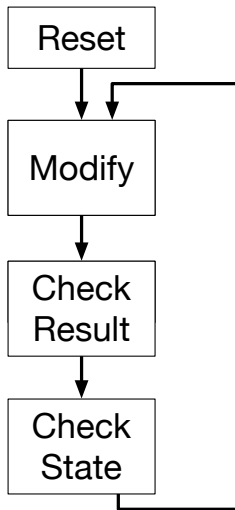


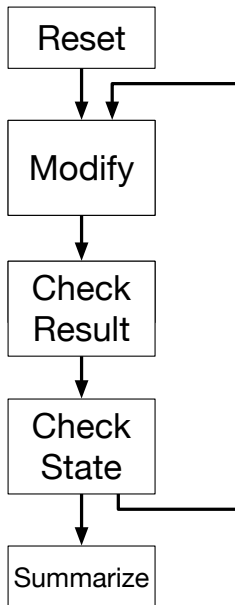
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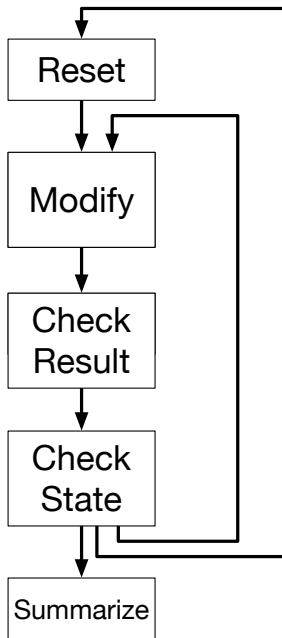


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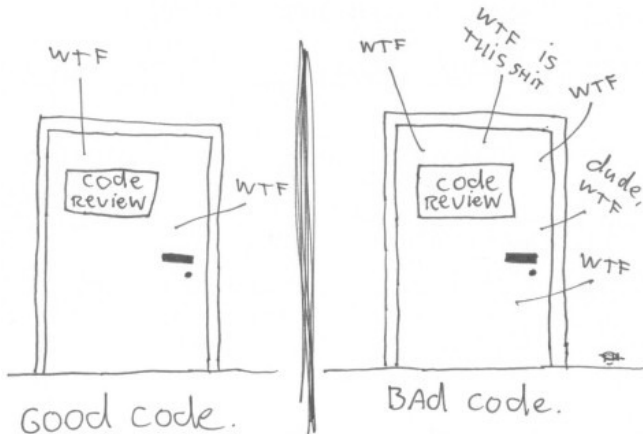






Comparator Implementation

The ONLY VALID MEASUREMENT OF CODE QUALITY: WTFs/MINUTE



The Main Loop

```
const requests = [resets[0]()]; // initial reset

let count = 0;

while (count < 50) {
  count++;
  requests.push(chooseFrom(modifyingRequestGenerator()));
}

async.mapSeries(requests, requestAndCompare, (err, results) => {
  results.map(result => console.log(result));
  if (err) {
    console.log(err);
  }
});
```

Request Generator

```
const resets = [  
  // delete all pets  
  () => ({url: '/reset', method: 'DELETE'}),  
];  
  
const modifyingRequestGenerator = [  
  // addPet  
  () => ({url: '/pets', method: 'POST', json: true, body: randomPet()}),  
  // removePet  
  () => ({url: '/pets', method: 'DELETE', json: true, body: randomPet()})  
];  
  
const comparisons = [  
  // getPets  
  () => ({url: '/pets', method: 'GET'}),  
];
```

Pet Generator

```
const chooseFrom = arr => arr[Math.floor(arr.length * Math.random())];

const possibleNames = ['Minka', 'Fifi', 'Pucki'];
const possibleSpecies = ['Cat', 'Dog', 'Canary', 'Rabbit', 'Fish'];

const name = () => chooseFrom(possibleNames);
const price = () => Math.floor(150 * Math.random());
const species = () => chooseFrom(possibleSpecies);

const randomPet = () =>
  ({petName: name(), petPrice: price(), petType: species()});
```

Revisiting the Main Loop

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Request-Compare-Loop

```
const requestAndCompare = (request, mainCallback) => {  
  
  console.log('Running the modification request:');  
  
  runRequest(request, (err, result) => {  
    const backendString = JSON.stringify(result.backend);  
    const essenceString = JSON.stringify(result.essence);  
  
    if (backendString !== essenceString) {  
      mainCallback('Backend and Essence responses differ! Backend: '  
        + backendString + ' - Essence: ' + essenceString);  
    } else {  
  
      console.log('Comparing all data:');  
      compareEverything(mainCallback);  
    }  
  });  
};
```

Query Submission

```
const backend = {baseUrl: 'http://localhost:9090'};
const essence = {baseUrl: 'http://localhost:8080'};

const merge = (req, server) =>
  Object.assign({}, req, {url: server.baseUrl + req.url});

const requestFunctionFor = (req, server) =>
  callback => request(merge(req, server),
    (err, response) => callback(err, response.body));

const runRequest = (req, callback) => {
  console.log('Now checking:', req);
  async.parallel({
    backend: requestFunctionFor(req, backend),
    essence: requestFunctionFor(req, essence)
  }, callback);
};
```

Comparisons

```
function compareEverything(mainCallback) {
  async.map(comparisons, (itemFunc, callback) =>
    runRequest(itemFunc(), (err, res) => {
      if (res.backend === res.essence) {
        callback(null, null); // no differences
      } else {
        const formatDiff = formatter.formatDiff({
          backend: JSON.parse(res.backend),
          essence: JSON.parse(res.essence)
        });
        callback(null, formatDiff);
      }
    }),
    (err, results) => {
      const nonmatching = results.filter(x => x);
      mainCallback(nonmatching.length
        ? 'Backend and Essence differ in their data' : null);
    });
}
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Questions – and Answers

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