



Automate your cloud application testing with Playwright

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Agenda

- Testing Challenges & Goals
- Playwright Overview
- Getting Started
- Authoring, Debugging, Running
- Additional Built in Features
- Time Travel Experience
- Continuous Integration Testing
- Demos

UI Testing Challenges

Consistent design across browsers! Dynamic content and maintaining performance!

- Testing is **hard**
- Testing takes **time to learn**
- Testing takes **time to build**
- Tests are **slow** – they take too long to run!
- Tests are **brittle** – they break whenever the app changes!
- Tests are **flaky** – they crash all the time!

Modern Testing Goals

Major goals for modern web testing

- Make testing **easy**
- Make testing **fun**
- Focus on **fast feedback loops** rather than certain types of tests.
- Make test development as **painless** as possible.
- Choose test tooling that naturally **complements dev workflows**.

Test Automation Practices

Tests should be automated when they give positive ROI

Advantages

- Tests can be **rerun at any time** the same way.
- Tests can run as **part of CI/CD**.
- **Setup and cleanup** can be **automated**.
- **Frameworks** can **provide** reports, logs, and screenshots.

ProTips!

- Each test should **focus** on **one** main **behavior** or variation.
- Tests should **run independently** of each other and in **any order**.
- Tests should be **self-descriptive** and **intuitively understandable**.
- Do not automate every test – use a risk-based strategy with ROI.
- Tests should run **in parallel**, especially in CI/CD.



Playwright Overview



AN INTRODUCTION TO PLAYWRIGHT

@playwrightweb
<https://playwright.dev>



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU JUMPSTART YOUR TEST ADVENTURE

1 READ THE DOCS

- <https://aka.ms/playwright>
- <https://aka.ms/playwright/get-started>
- Install Playwright
- Run your first test
- Explore Tools & Libraries

2 EXPLORE THE API
<https://aka.ms/playwright/api>

- Playwright Test Runner
- Test Reporter
- Testing + Experimental

3 VISIT THE REPO
<https://github.com/microsoft/playwright>

- Playwright framework source
- Examples + Release docs
- Discussions

4 FOLLOW @PLAYWRIGHTWEB

- Framework release updates
- Content + event announcements
- Community interactions

5 CHECKOUT DEMO CODE
<https://aka.ms/playwright/demo>

- Test script examples
- Github Actions integration
- Test Reporting outputs



- AN OPEN SOURCE TESTING FRAMEWORK
- ENABLES RELIABLE END-TO-END TESTING AND AUTOMATION
- FOR MODERN WEB APPLICATIONS



1 CODEGEN



2 LOG IN ONCE!



4 FULL ISOLATION FAST EXECUTION

1 BROWSER CONTEXT



2 TEST API



3 NO TRADE-OFFS LIMITS



WHY SHOULD I BE USING PLAYWRIGHT?

- 1 ONE API, MULTI-EVERYTHING
- 2 RESILIENT, NO FLAKY TESTS
- 3 LIMITLESS, NO TRADEOFFS
- 4 ISOLATED, FAST EXECUTION
- 5 TOOLING, CREATE-DEBUG-ANALYZE

5 POWERFUL TOOLING!

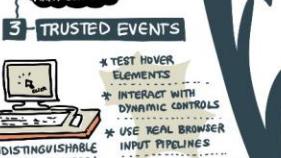
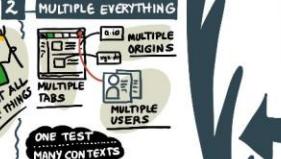
1 CODEGEN

2 INSPECTOR

3 LOG IN ONCE!

4 TRACE VIEWER

5 TEST FRAMES



ANY BROWSER ANY PLATFORM
 Chromium, Webkit, Firefox
 MacOs, Linux, Windows

CROSS LANGUAGE
 JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, Java, .NET - Libraries.

TEST MOBILE WEB
 Native emulation
 Chrome on Android
 Mobile Safari on iOS
 Same Rendering Engine on Cloud and Desktop.

CROSS BROWSER TESTING

TEST AUTOMATION AT CLOUD SCALE

ALIGNED WITH MODERN WEB ARCHITECTURES

MULTIPLE EVERYTHING

TEST ALL THE THINGS

ONE TEST MANY CONTEXTS

AUTO-WAIT

No more artificial timeouts to manage

+ RICH introspection events available!

WEB-FIRST ASSERTIONS

tailored for the dynamic web!

convenience async matchers for assertions

separate timeout (from test) for web first assert with default = 5 secs

TRACING

configurable strategy

checks conditions till met

ILLUSTRATED BY @SKETCHTHEDOCS

Playwright Overview

Open-source web test automation library on Node.js, which makes test automation easier for browsers based on Chromium, Firefox, and Webkit through a single API.

✓ **Cross-Browser**

- Chromium, Firefox, and WebKit

✓ **Cross-language**

- JavaScript, Python, and C#

✓ **Cross-platform**

- Windows, Linux, and macOS

✓ **Modern Asynchronous API**

- `async/await`

✓ **Rich Element Interaction**

- wide range of built-in functions

✓ **Screenshots and Video Recording**

- visual evidence of issues

✓ **Full Isolation – Fast Execution**

- separate browser contexts



Reliable end-to-end testing for modern web apps

...by Microsoft

...and the people who made Puppeteer

<https://playwright.dev/>

<https://github.com/microsoft/playwright>

Playwright Architecture

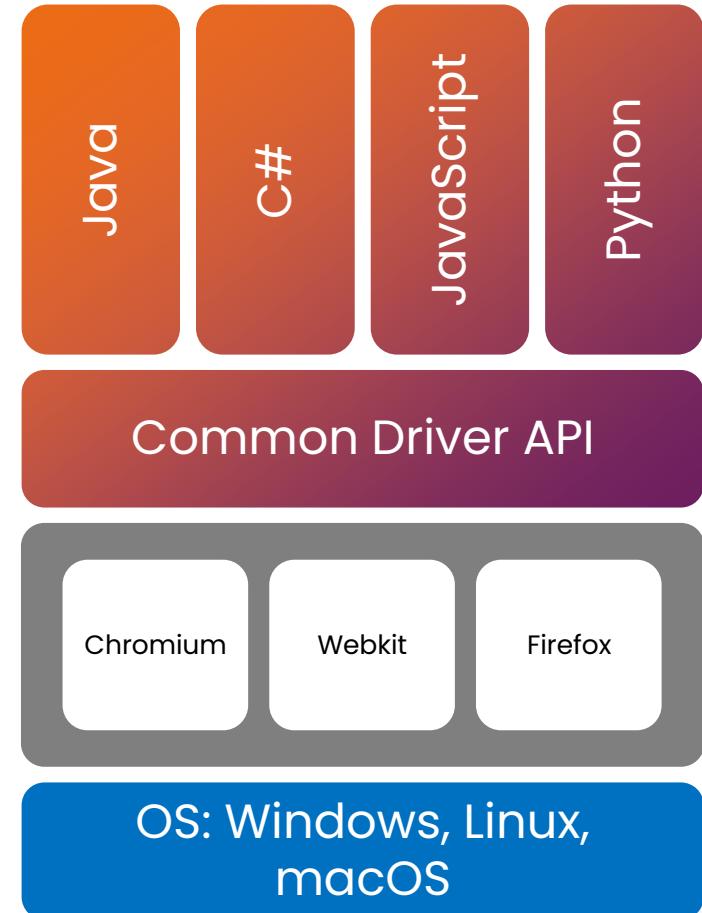
✓ Language Bindings

✓ Single Automation Protocol

✓ (Native) browser
debugging protocols,

✓ Unify all debugging
protocols

e.g. ChromeDevTools Protocol,
(Safari) Web Inspector



Getting Started

Setting up using VS Code

Install Extension

Install Playwright

- npm init playwright@latest

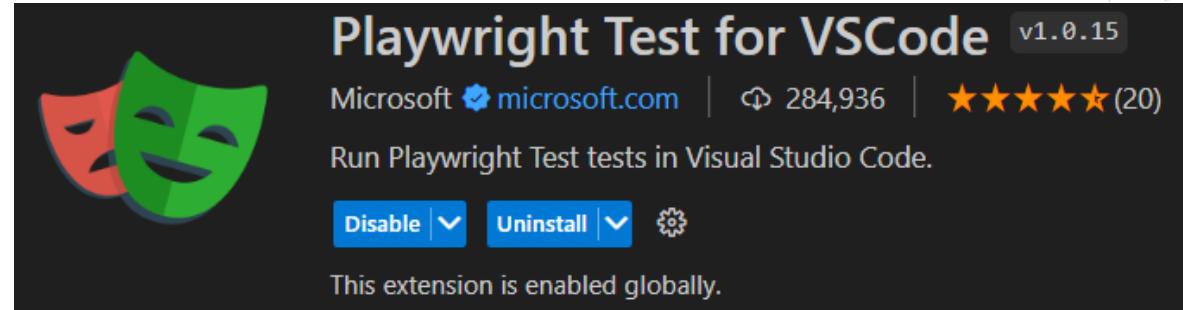
Run Tests

- npx playwright test
- npx playwright test --ui

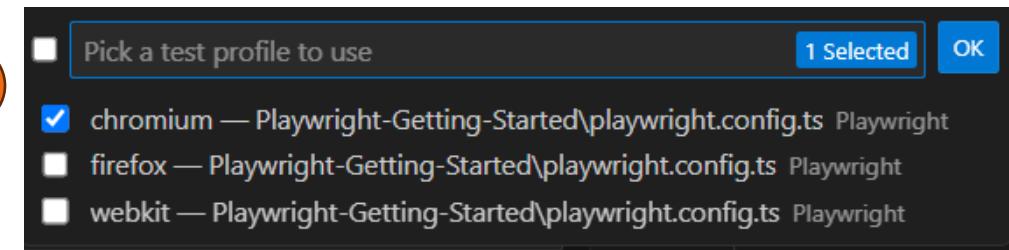
Test Reports

- npx playwright show-report

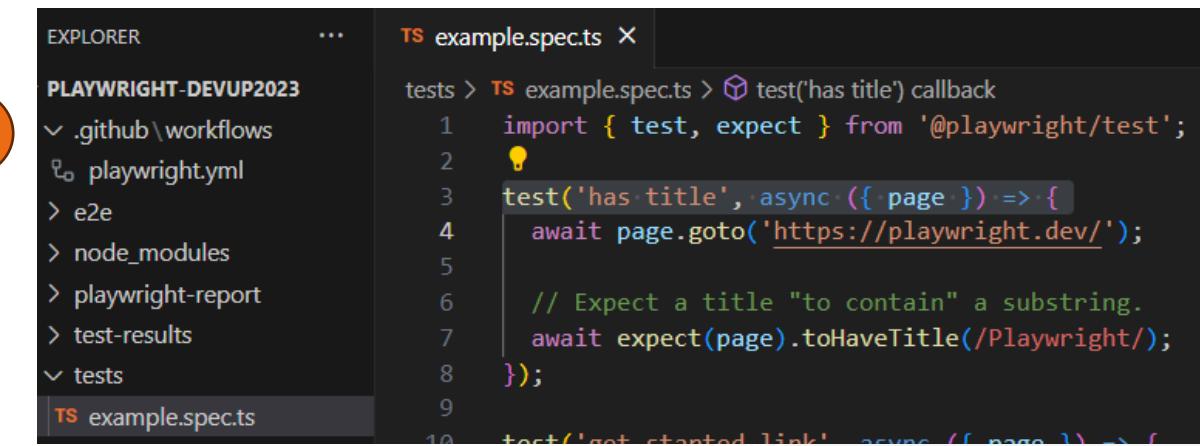
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Test Generator

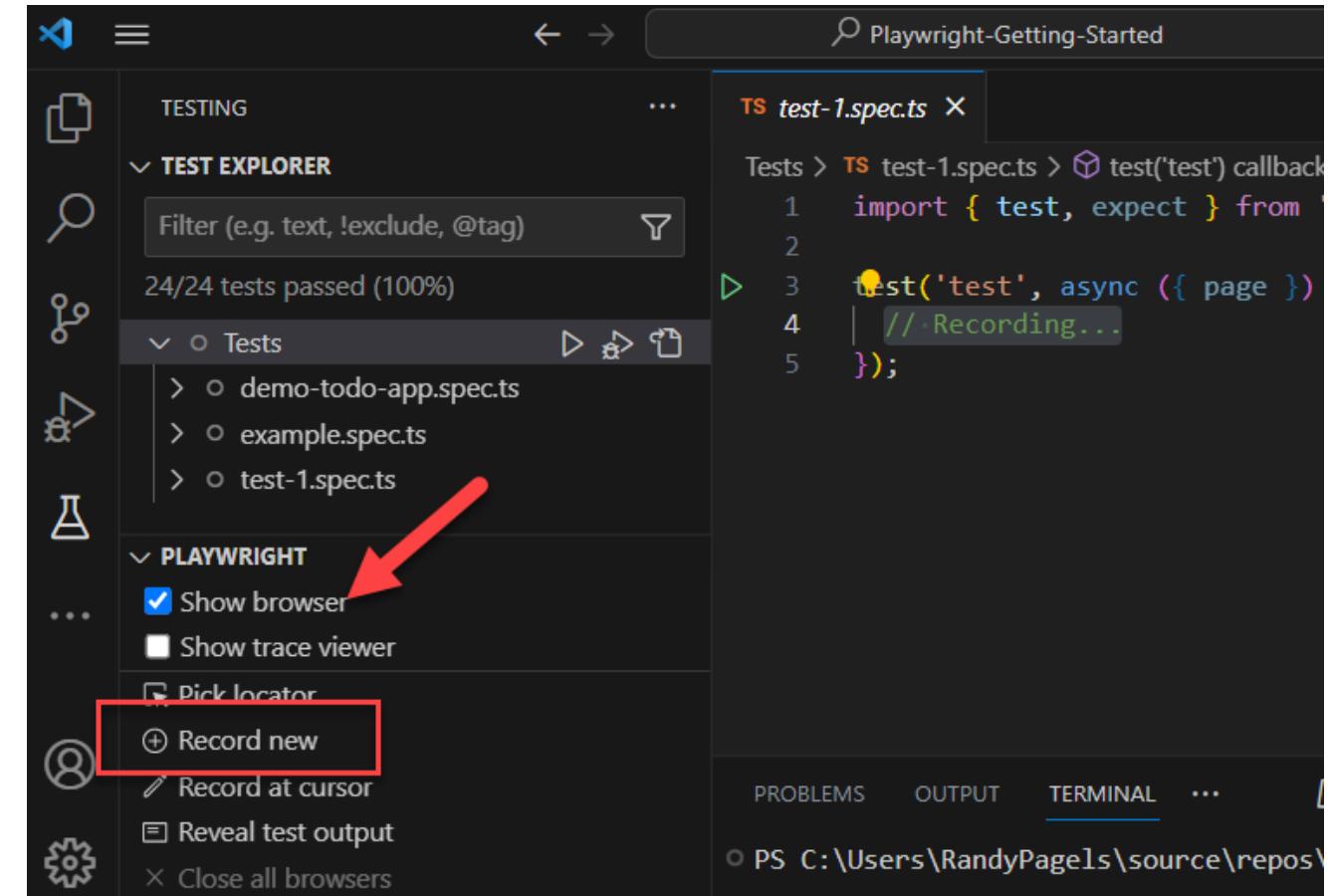
Playwright Test Generator is a GUI tool that helps you explore recorded Playwright traces after the script has ran.

CLI

- npx playwright codegen

VS Code

- Use Plugin, “Record Now”



Trace Viewer

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CLI

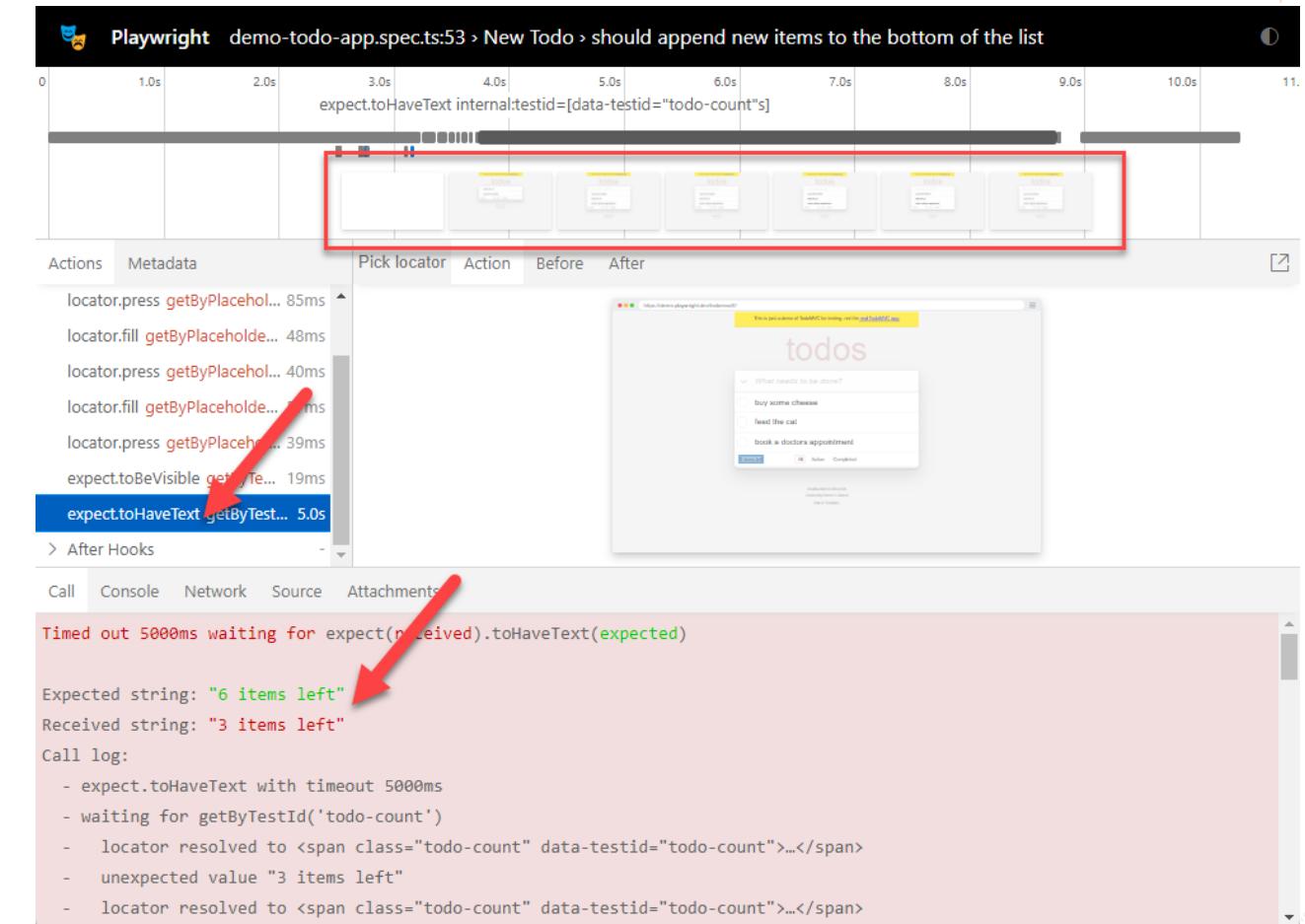
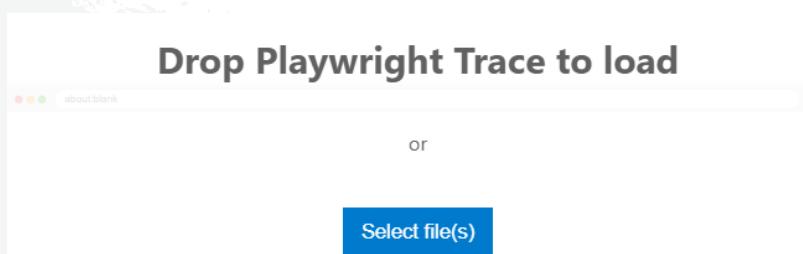
- `npx playwright test test.ts --trace on`

VS Code

- Use Plugin

Hosted Trace File Viewer

- <https://trace.playwright.dev>



Report List

Playwright Test comes with a few built-in reporter.

HTML Report

- npx playwright test --reporter=html

List Report

- npx playwright test --reporter=list

Line Report

- npx playwright test --reporter=line

Dot Report

- npx playwright test --reporter=dot

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All 24 Passed 23 Failed 1 Flaky 0 Skipped 0

Project: chromium Total time: 12.0s

demo-todo-app.spec.ts

- ✗ New Todo > should append new items to the bottom of the list 7.2s
demo-todo-app.spec.ts:53
- ✓ New Todo > should allow me to add todo items 1.3s
demo-todo-app.spec.ts:14
- ✓ New Todo > should clear text input field when an item is added 1.4s
demo-todo-app.spec.ts:40

2

```
Running 6 tests using 6 workers

✓ 1 [chromium] > demo-todo-app.spec.ts:14:7 > New Todo >
✓ 2 [chromium] > demo-todo-app.spec.ts:53:7 > New Todo >
✓ 3 [firefox] > demo-todo-app.spec.ts:14:7 > New Todo > 5
✓ 4 [firefox] > demo-todo-app.spec.ts:40:7 > New Todo > 5
✓ 5 [chromium] > demo-todo-app.spec.ts:40:7 > New Todo >
✓ 6 [firefox] > demo-todo-app.spec.ts:53:7 > New Todo > 5

6 passed (11.1s)
```

3

```
Running 6 tests using 6 workers
.....
6 passed (11.1s)
```

Playwright UI Mode

Explore, run and debug tests with a time travel experience complete with watch mode

CLI

```
npx playwright test testname.ts --ui
```

DOM Inspection

- page structure, inspect elements, view attributes.

Console Logs

- JavaScript-generated logs, errors, and warnings.

Network Monitoring

- Requests, timings, inspect headers, payloads.

Interactivity

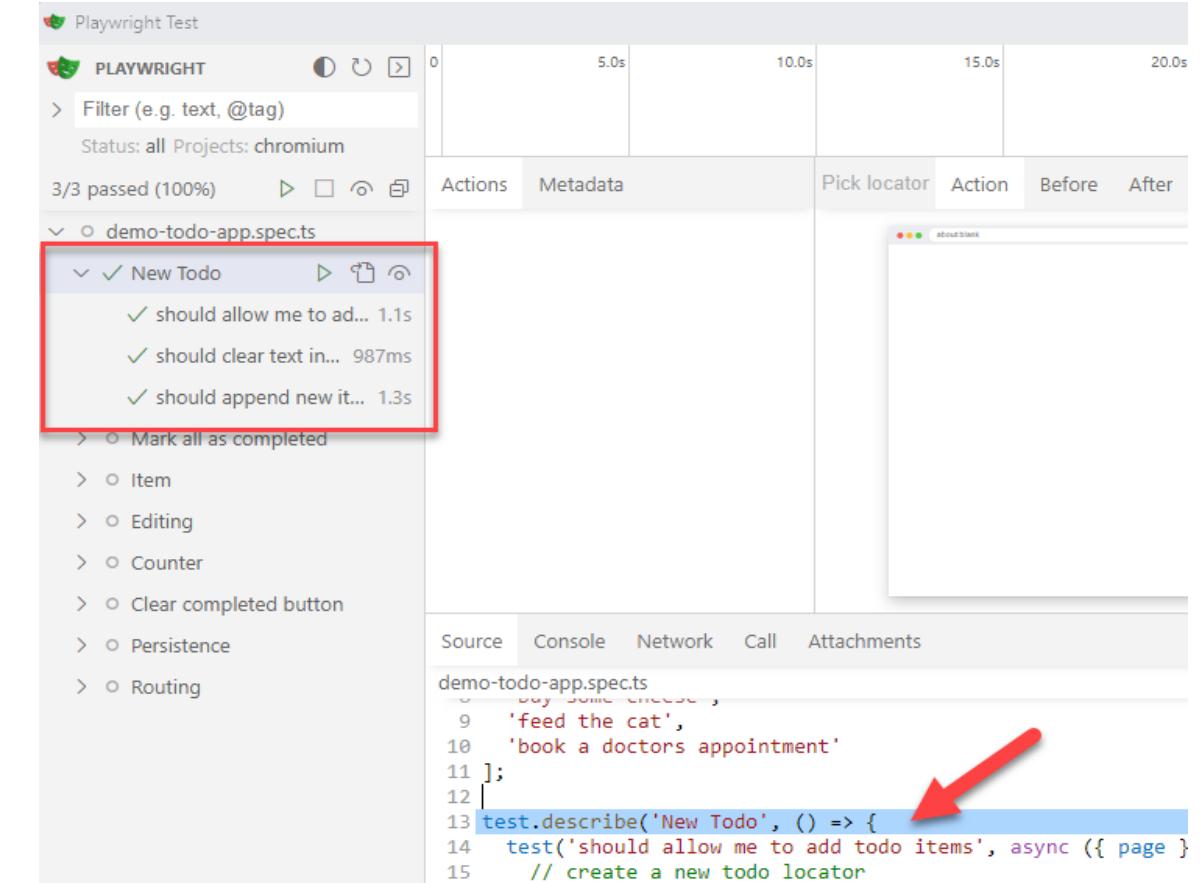
- Trigger events, clicks, real-time page responses.

Element Highlighting

- Hover over elements to highlight them.

Source Code Access

- View HTML, CSS, JS source for debugging.

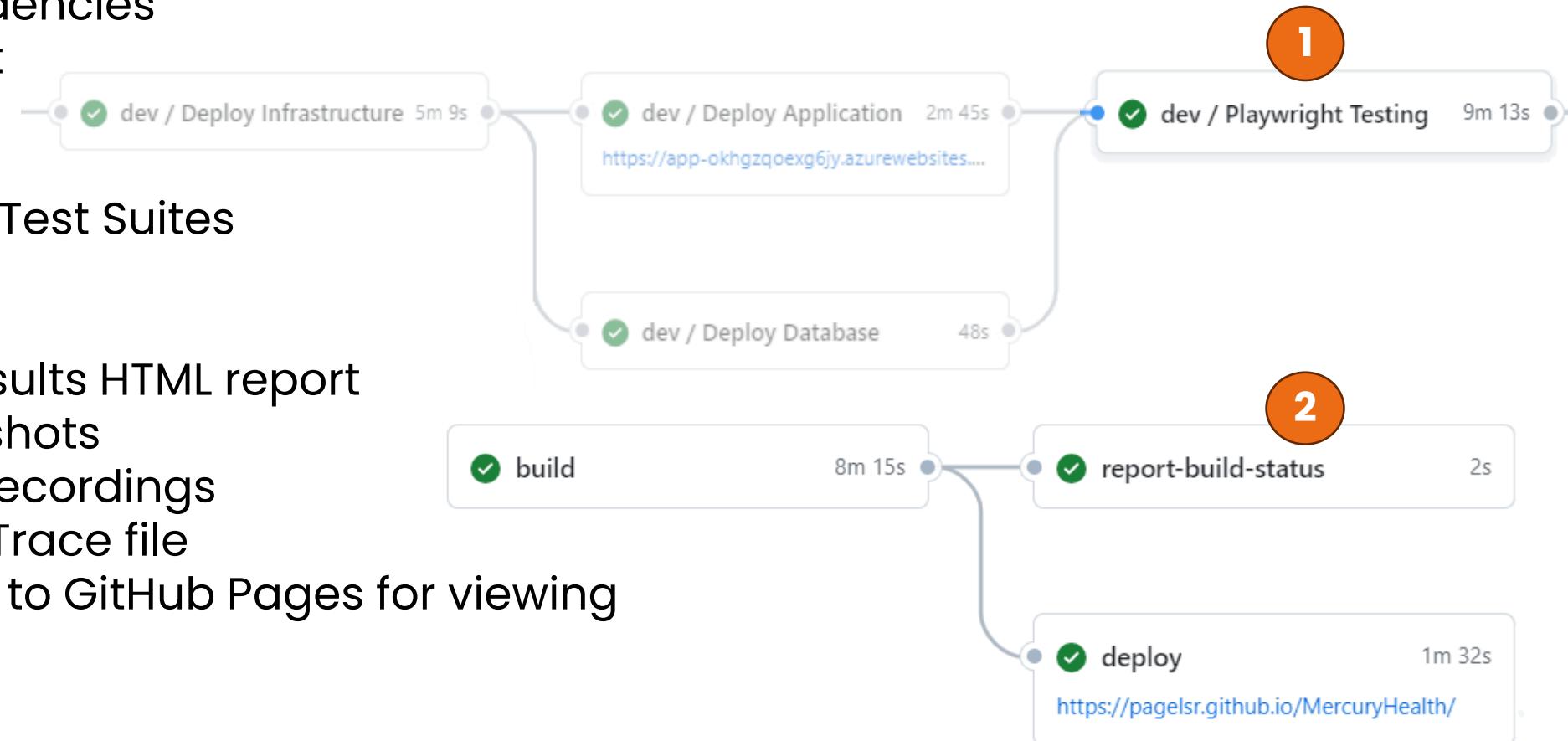


Continuous Integration Testing

Continuous Testing

Tests run on each push and pull request into the main/master branch

- Installs all dependencies
 - Installs Playwright
 - Installs Browsers
 - Run all the tests
 - Parallelization for Test Suites
-
- Generate Test Results HTML report
 - Generate Screenshots
 - Generate Video Recordings
 - Generate Debug Trace file
 - Deploy static files to GitHub Pages for viewing



Demos

Azure AD Authentication

- Store the credentials of test accounts using environment variables.

```
test(`example test`, async ({ page }) => {
  // ...
  await page.getByLabel('User Name').fill(process.env.USERNAME);
  await page.getByLabel('Password').fill(process.env.PASSWORD);
});
```

- Set the values of these variables to use your CI system's secret management or Azure Key Vault.

```
testE2E:
  name: Run Playwright E2E tests
  runs-on: ubuntu-latest
  container: mcr.microsoft.com/playwright:v1.27.0-jammy
  env:
    USERNAME: ${{secrets.USERNAME}}
    PASSWORD: ${{secrets.PASSWORD}}
```

- Local Development? Use .env files and add to .gitignore.

```
# .env file
STAGING=0
USERNAME=me
PASSWORD=secret
```

Note: MFA cannot be fully automated and requires manual intervention.

Tool Comparison

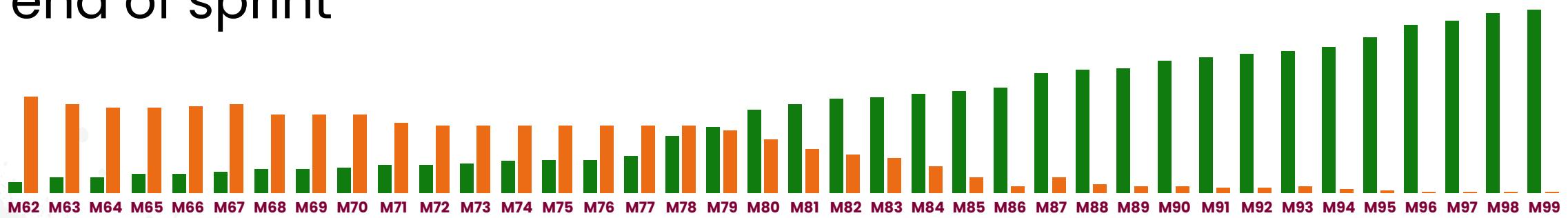
Playwright is not the only browser automation tool out there

Selenium	Cypress	Playwright
Popular among testers	Popular among developers	So hot right now
C#, Java, JavaScript, Ruby, Python	JavaScript only	C#, Java, JavaScript, Python
All major full browsers	Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Electron	Chromium+, Firefox, WebKit
WebDriver protocol	In-browser JavaScript	Debug protocols
Just a tool – requires a framework	Full, modern framework	Full, modern framework
Can be slow/flaky if waiting is poor	Visual execution but can be slow	Typically the fastest execution
Open source, standards, & gov	Open source from Cypress	Open source from Microsoft

Azure DevOps team

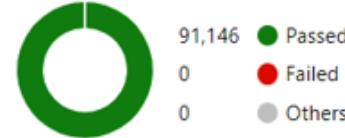
Balancing UI vs Unit Testing in your strategy to maximizes test coverage and effectiveness.

Long running UI functional tests at end of sprint



ADO PRs require 100% pass rate before merging

91,146
Total tests
-1



100%
Pass percentage

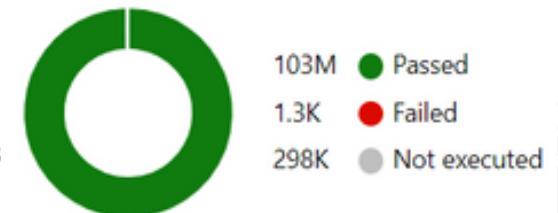
20m 19s
Run duration ⓘ
↓ 20s 293ms

322
Tests not reported

ADO Unit Tests in build pipeline for past 14 days

99.99%
Pass rate

104M
Test results



Microsoft Playwright Testing

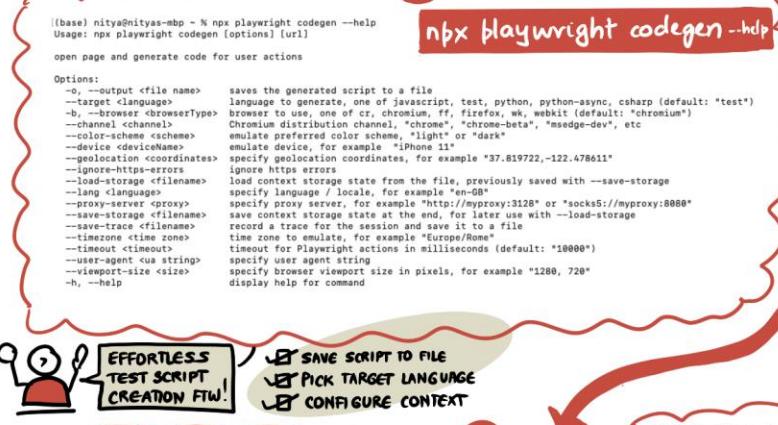
Join the waitlist for Microsoft Playwright Testing private preview

- New Azure service for running Playwright tests.
- Cloud enabled to run Playwright tests at scale.
- High parallelization across operating system-browser combinations.
- Get tests done much faster.
- Speed up delivery of features without sacrificing quality.



Private Preview

To learn more about Microsoft Playwright Testing, refer to <https://aka.ms/mpt/private-preview-blog>.



npx playwright show-trace --help

```
(base) nitya@nityas-mbp ~ % npx playwright show-trace --help
Usage: npx playwright show-trace [options] [trace]

Show trace viewer

Options:
  -b, --browser <browserType>  browser to use, one of cr, chromium, ff, firefox, wk, webkit (default: "chromium")
  -h, --help                     display help for command

Examples:
  $ show-trace https://example.com/trace.zip
```

npx playwright open --help

```
(base) nitya@nityas-mbp ~ % npx playwright open --help
Usage: npx playwright open [options] [url]

open page in browser specified via -b, --browser

Options:
  -b, --browser <browserType>  browser to use, one of cr, chromium, ff, firefox, wk, webkit (default: "chromium")
  --channel <channel>           Chromium distribution channel, "stable", "chromium-beta", "msedge-dev", etc
  --color-scheme <scheme>       emulate preferred color scheme, "light" or "dark"
  --device <deviceName>         emulate device, for example "iPhone 11"
  --geolocation <coordinates>  specify geolocation coordinates, for example "37.819722,-122.478611"
  --ignore-ssl-errors           ignore SSL errors
  --load-storage <filename>    load context storage state from the file, previously saved with --save-storage
  --proxy-server <proxy>        specify proxy server, for example "http://myproxy:3128" or "socks5://myproxy:8888"
  --save-storage <filename>     save context storage state at the end, for later use with --load-storage
  --timeout <timeout>          timeout for actions in milliseconds (default: "10000")
  --viewport-size <size>       specify browser viewport size in pixels, for example "1280, 720"
  -h, --help                     display help for command
```

THE PLAYWRIGHT CLI

npx playwright --help

```
(base) nitya@nityas-mbp ~ % npx playwright --help
Usage: npx playwright [options] [command]

Options:
  -V, --version                  output the version number
  -h, --help                      display help for command

Commands:
  open [options] [url]            open page in browser specified via -b, --browser
  codegen [options] [url]          open page and generate code for user actions
  install [options] [browser...]  install dependencies necessary for this version of Playwright are installed
  install-deps [browser...]      install dependencies necessary to run browsers (will ask for sudo permissions)
  cr [options] [url]              open page in Chromium
  ff [options] [url]              open page in Firefox
  wk [options] [url]              open page in Webkit
  screenshot [options] [url]      capture a page screenshot
  pdf [options] [url] <filename>  save page as pdf
  show-trace [options] [trace]    Show trace viewer
  test                           Run tests with Playwright Test. Available in @playwright/test package.
  show-report                     Show Playwright Test HTML report. Available in @playwright/test package.
  help [command]                 display help for command
```

open as open -b {cr|ff|wk3}

npx playwright screenshot --help

```
(base) nitya@nityas-mbp ~ % npx playwright screenshot --help
Usage: npx playwright screenshot [options] [url] <filename>

capture a page screenshot

Options:
  -w, --wait-for-selector <selector>  wait for selector before taking a screenshot
  -w, --wait-for-timeout <timeout>    wait for timeout in milliseconds before taking a screenshot
  -b, --browser <browserType>        whether to take a full page screenshot (entire scrollable area)
  --channel <channel>               Chromium distribution channel, "stable", "chromium-beta", "msedge-dev", etc
  --color-scheme <scheme>           emulate preferred color scheme, "light" or "dark"
  --device <deviceName>             emulate device, for example "iPhone 11"
  --geolocation <coordinates>      specify geolocation coordinates, for example "37.819722,-122.478611"
  --ignore-ssl-errors               ignore SSL errors
  --load-storage <filename>        load context storage state from the file, previously saved with --save-storage
  --lang <language>                specify language / locale, for example "en-GB"
  --proxy-server <proxy>           specify proxy server, for example "http://myproxy:3128" or "socks5://myproxy:8888"
  --save-storage <filename>        save context storage state at the end, for later use with --load-storage
  --timeout <timeout>              timeout for the trace for the session and save it to a file
  --viewport-size <size>           specify user agent string
  --viewport-size <size>           specify browser viewport size in pixels, for example "1280, 720"
  -h, --help                        display help for command
```

**DEVICE TYPE
COLOR SCHEME etc.
GEO LOCATION**

CAPTURE page screenshot with emulated device or specific contexts!!

**SAVE PAGE AS PDF
CUSTOMIZE YOUR BROWSER, CONTENT!**

BUILT IN ABILITY TO WAIT FOR SELECTOR (RELIABILITY) OR TIMEOUT (STABILITY) TO SAVE!



THE "playwright test" command will be the one you use most often!

playwright test --debug will launch the INSPECTOR tool!



Complete set of Playwright Test options is available in the configuration file. Following options can be passed to a command line and take a priority over the configuration file:

- --headed: Run tests in headed browsers. Useful for debugging.
- --browser: Run test in a specific browser. Available options are "chromium", "firefox", "webkit" or "all" to run tests in all three browsers at the same time.
- --debug: Run tests with Playwright Inspector. Shortcut for PWDEBUG=1 environment variable and --timeout=0 --maxFailures=1 --headed --workers=1 options
- -c <file> or --config <file>: Configuration file. If not passed, defaults to playwright.config.ts or playwright.config.js in the current directory.
- -c <dir> or --config <dir>: Directory for artifacts produced by tests. Defaults to test-results or playwright-test.
- --forbid-only: Whether to disallow test.only. Useful on CI.
- -g <grep> or --grep <grep>: Only run tests matching this regular expression. For example, this will run 'should add to cart' when passed -g"add to cart".
- --grep-invert <grep>: Only runs tests not matching this regular expression. The opposite of --grep.
- -glocal-timeout <number>: Total timeout for the whole test run in milliseconds. By default, there is no global timeout.
- -list: List all the tests, but do not run them.
- -max-failures <n> or -x: Stop after the first N test failures. Passing -x stops after the first failure.
- -output <dir>: Directory for artifacts produced by tests, defaults to test-results.
- -quiet: Whether to suppress stdout and stderr from the tests.
- -repeat-each <N>: Run each test N times, defaults to one.
- -reporter <reporter>: Choose a reporter: minimalist_dot, concise_line or detailed_list. See reporters for more information.
- -retries <n>: The maximum number of retries for flaky tests, defaults to zero (no retries).
- -shard <shard>: Shard tests and execute only selected shard, specified in the form current/all, 1-based, for example 3/5.
- -timeout <number>: Maximum timeout in milliseconds for each test, defaults to 30 seconds.
- -update-snapshots or -u: Whether to update snapshots with actual results instead of comparing them. Use this when snapshot expectations have changed.
- -workers <number> or -j <number>: The maximum number of concurrent worker processes that run in parallel.

npx playwright show-report

DID YOU KNOW "GREP" HELPS!

THINK PARALLELIZM!

ONLY RUN TESTS IN SCRIPT FILE IF THEY MATCH THE CLI-given EXPRESSION !!

SHARDS!!

THE PLAYWRIGHT TEST RUNNER WORKS WITH A STATIC TEST CONFIGURATION FILE THAT PROVIDES TEST RUN CONTEXT

LET PROJECTS

LET RETRIES

LET FIXTURES (use)

LET TIMEOUT

LET DIRECTORIES (various)

LET METADATA

OR YOU CAN DYNAMICALLY CONFIG THIS VIA CLI!

Resources

Documentation

- <https://playwright.dev/>

Slides

<https://github.com/PagelsR/Talks>

Source | Issues | Discussion

- <https://github.com/microsoft/playwright>

Social Media

- <https://aka.ms/playwright/twitter>
- <https://aka.ms/playwright/youtube>

Microsoft Playwright Testing

- <https://aka.ms/mpt/private-preview-blog>

Test Automation with Playwright with Visual Guide Cheatsheet

- <https://www.azurestaticwebapps.dev/blog/devtools-playwright>



Thank you!