

# Nuxt Fundamentals

## Vitest Unit Testing

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Using `vitest` – the test runner for Vite-applications.

Looks *a lot* like Jest and is often considered a drop-in replacement

## What is 'Testing'?

*"You expect your components or apps to **behave** in a certain way.*

*You **test** if this **behavior** meets your **expectations**"*

## 2 Basic Types of Testing

- **Unit Testing**
  - Test individual components ('units') of the application
  - Packages `happy-dom` or `jsdom` to simulate a runtime Nuxt environment
- **End-to-End Testing**
  - Test the complete application
  - Spin up server, navigate to route, perform actions, etc.
  - Also: 'scenario testing'
  - Package `playwright` for e2e-testing

### Test Runner

- run the `*.spec.ts` or `*.test.ts` files you created using one of the options above. Popular choices: `vitest`, `cucumber`, `jest`, `playwright`

# Vitest

## Next Generation Testing Framework

A Vite-native testing framework. It's fast!

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Reuse Vite's config and plugins - consistent across your app and tests. But it's not required to use Vitest!



### Jest Compatible

Expect, snapshot, coverage, and more - migrating from Jest is straightforward.



### Smart & instant watch mode

Only rerun the related changes, just like HMR for tests!




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Out-of-box ESM, TypeScript and JSX support powered by esbuild.

# More testing tools...

**jsdom** DT  
26.0.0 • Public • Published a month ago

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**jsdom**

jsdom is a pure-JavaScript implementation of many web standards, notably the WHATWG **DOM** and **HTML** Standards, for use with Node.js. In general, the goal of the project is to emulate enough of a subset of a web browser to be useful for testing and scraping real-world web applications.

The latest versions of jsdom require Node.js v18 or newer. (Versions of jsdom below v23 still work with previous Node.js versions, but are unsupported.)

**happy-dom** TS  
17.1.2 • Public • Published 11 hours ago


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A JavaScript implementation of a web browser without its graphical user interface.

**playwright** TS  
1.50.1 • Public • Published 22 days ago

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 **Playwright**

npm v1.50.1 chromium 133.0.6943.16 firefox 134.0 webkit 18.2 join discord

**Documentation | API reference**

Playwright is a framework for Web Testing and Automation. It allows testing **Chromium**, **Firefox** and **WebKit** with a single API. Playwright is built to enable cross-browser web automation that is **ever-green, capable, reliable** and **fast**.


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Chromium 133.0.6943.16	✓	✓	✓
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# Introduction – what are we going to test?

## 1. Short introduction in Unit Testing

## 2. Starting point: `./pages/post/index.vue`

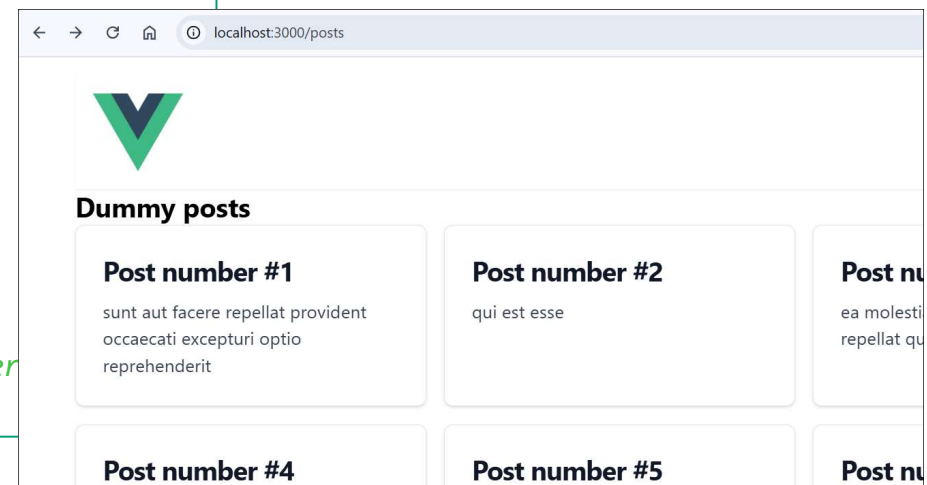
1. From `./examples/150/reusable` components
2. It has: (reactive) variables, async fetch, lifecycle, data etc.

```
<script setup lang="ts">
import {ref, onMounted} from 'vue';

// TypeScript interface for Posts.
import type {Post} from "@/types/Post";

// URL to fetch data from.
const url = 'https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts';

// Reactive variables
const posts = ref<Post[]>([]); // store the posts
const isLoading = ref(true); // handle loading state
const error = ref<string | null>(null); // handle possible error
...};
```



# Vitest Unit Testing



- Short explanation (true for all framework tests 😊):
  - “To write a **unit test**, we need to **simulate its behavior, interactions, and lifecycle hooks**”
- Configure a **mock** fetch-request to test the `fetchPosts()` functionality,
- mock the `onMounted` **lifecycle**,
- cover all **UI states**: `loading`, `error`, and rendering of post.
- Info on unit testing:
  - <https://nuxt.com/docs/getting-started/testing>
  - <https://masteringnuxt.com/blog/unit-testing-in-nuxt>



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# Testing

How to test your Nuxt application.

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If you are a module author, you can find more specific information in the [Module Author's guide](#).

Nuxt offers first-class support for end-to-end and unit testing of your Nuxt application via `@nuxt/test-utils`, a library of test utilities and configuration that currently powers the **tests we use on Nuxt itself** and tests throughout the module ecosystem.

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Watch a video from Alexander Lichter about getting started with the `@nuxt/test-utils`.

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## Installation

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# First: additional dependencies to install



1. `vitest` - The test runner
2. `@vue/test-utils` - For testing Vue components
3. `happy-dom` or `js-dom` – optional but recommended  
lightweight DOM for testing (since `vitest` doesn't use a browser by default)
4. `@testing-library/vue` - A friendly utility for testing Vue components (optional, for user-focused testing)
5. `@vitejs/plugin-vue` – for compiling `*.vue` files during tests

```
npm install vitest @vue/test-utils @vitejs/plugin-vue  
happy-dom --save-dev
```

```
npm install @testing-library/vue --save-dev
```

 (optional)

# package.json after installing dependencies

```
{  
  "name": "nuxt-app",  
  ...  
  "devDependencies": {  
    "@vue/test-utils": "^2.4.6",  
    "@vitejs/plugin-vue": "^5.2.1",  
    "happy-dom": "^16.8.1",  
    "vitest": "^3.0.4"  
  }  
}
```

```
"scripts": {  
  ...,  
  "test": "vitest"  
},
```

Add script to start the test runner

# Configure vitest – `vitest.config.ts`

- Config file **NOT strictly necessary** for very simple applications
- In real life: **almost always** `vitest.config.ts` for configuring the test runner.
- In our case: **minimal setup** for using `happy-dom` and parsing `*.vue` files
- Configuration ensures the **Vue templates are parsed and rendered** correctly during tests
- Configuration ensures the `@` is replaced with actual path in the tests
  - Remember: in tests you have to **do EVERYTHING yourself**

# Vitest.config.ts

```
// vitest.config.ts
import { defineConfig } from 'vitest/config';
import vue from '@vitejs/plugin-vue';
import path from 'path';

export default defineConfig({
  plugins: [vue()],
  resolve: {
    alias: {
      // Make sure aliases like '@' work in tests, maybe do the same for '~'
      '@': path.resolve(__dirname, './'),
    },
  },
  test: {
    globals: true,
    environment: 'happy-dom', // Simulate a DOM-like environment for Vue testing
  },
});
```



# Conventions on testing files

- Where should we **put our testing files**?
  - There are options. No strict rules
  - **Side-by-side**: next to the Vue component
  - Filenames: `PageComponent.spec.ts` or `PageComponent.test.ts`
  - **Testing folder**: place unit tests in a designated folder
  - Folder names: `tests/` or `__tests__/`
- Vue, mostly: **side-by-side**. Also in line with Angular/React

```
components/  
├── PostComponent.vue  
└── PostComponent.spec.ts  
pages/  
├── index.vue  
└── index.spec.ts
```

```
components/  
├── PostComponent.vue  
pages/  
├── index.vue  
└── tests/  
    ├── components/  
    │   └── PostComponent.spec.ts  
    ├── pages/  
    └── index.spec.ts
```



# Anatomy of a testing file

```
import {afterEach, beforeEach, describe, expect, it} from 'vitest';

describe('Component to test', () => {
  beforeEach(() => {
    // Setup...
  });

  afterEach(() => {
    // Teardown...
  });

  it('Should render true', () => {
    expect(true).toBeTruthy();
  });

  it('Should show every it-block', () => {

  });

  it.skip('Should skip this test in a run', () => {
    // expect() should be skipped
  });

  it.only('Should only run this test', () => {
    // only this expect() should run
  });
});
```



# Result – very simple

```
"scripts": {  
  ...  
  "test": "vitest"  
},
```

package.json

```
Terminal  PowerShell x + v  
RERUN pages/posts/index.spec.ts x1  
  
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (4 tests | 3 skipped) 5ms  
  ↓ Component to test > Should render true  
  ↓ Component to test > Should show every it-block  
  ↓ Component to test > Should skip this test in a run  
  ✓ Component to test > Should only run this test  
  
Test Files  1 passed (1)  
  Tests    1 passed | 3 skipped (4)  
Start at   08:46:48  
Duration   113ms  
  
PASS  Waiting for file changes...  
      press h to show help, press q to quit  
█
```





# Verbose output

- Note: we're using the **verbose output** here.
  - By default, Vitest intentionally provides a **minimal summary** in the terminal during testing
- Use `--reporter=verbose` if you want more details
- OR (like in our case): update `vitest.config.ts`

```
// vitest.config.ts
export default defineConfig({
  ...
  test: {
    reporters: ['verbose'],
    ...
  },
});
```

## Tip: Keyboard Shortcut

When Vitest is running in watch mode (like `PASS` `Waiting for file changes...`), press `h` to view `help` options.

*One of the options includes switching reporters dynamically.*

# Default vs. Verbose output



```
✓ pages/posts/simple.spec.ts (4 tests | 3 skipped)
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (6 tests | 5 skipped)

Test Files  2 passed (2)
Tests       2 passed | 8 skipped (10)
Start at    09:28:21
Duration    1.60s (transform 164ms, setup 0ms, collect 48ms)

PASS Waiting for file changes
press h to show help, press q to quit
```

Default output

```
DEV v3.0.4 C:/Users/Gebruiker/Desktop/nuxt-project

✓ pages/posts/simple.spec.ts (4 tests | 3 skipped) 4ms
  ↓ Component to test > Should render true
  ↓ Component to test > Should show every it-block
  ↓ Component to test > Should skip this test in a run
  ✓ Component to test > Should only run this test
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (6 tests | 5 skipped) 6ms
  ✓ PostComponent > PostComponent should exist
  ↓ PostComponent > mockPosts should be assigned to local posts
  ↓ PostComponent > renders loading state initially
  ↓ PostComponent > renders error state if fetch fails
  ↓ PostComponent > renders a list of posts when fetch is successful
  ↓ PostComponent > renders no posts if fetch returns empty data

Test Files  2 passed (2)
Tests       2 passed | 8 skipped (10)
Start at    09:29:24
```

Verbose output

**So a \*.spec.ts file typically contains:**



One or more `describe()` blocks

One or more `beforeEach()` blocks

One or (typically) more `it()` blocks, using  
logic, `expect()` statements and *matchers*

# The importance of `mount`



`mount` is the main method exposed by Vue Test Utils. It creates a Vue 3 app that holds and renders the Component under testing. In return, it creates a wrapper to act and assert against the Component.

```
import { mount } from '@vue/test-utils'

const Component = {
  template: '<div>Hello world</div>'
}

test('mounts a component', () => {
  const wrapper = mount(Component, {})

  expect(wrapper.html()).toContain('Hello world')
})
```

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# mount and wrapper methods

**API Reference**

## mount

Creates a Wrapper that contains the mounted and rendered Vue component to test. Note that when mocking dates/timers with Vitest, this must be called after `vi.setSystemTime`.

**Signature:**

```
interface MountingOptions<Props, Data = {}> {  
  attachTo?: Element | string  
  attrs?: Record<string, unknown>  
  data?: () => {} extends Data ? any : Data extends object ? Partial<Data> : any  
  props?: (RawProps & Props) | ({ extends Props ? null : never)  
  slots?: { [key: string]: Slot } & { default?: Slot }  
  global?: GlobalMountOptions  
  shallow?: boolean  
}  
  
function mount(Component, options?: MountingOptions): VueWrapper
```

**Details:**

`mount` is the main method exposed by Vue Test Utils. It creates a Vue 3 app that holds and renders the Component under testing. In return, it creates a wrapper to act and assert against the Component.

```
import { mount } from '@vue/test-utils'
```

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  - setData

<https://test-utils.vuejs.org/api/>



# 1. Simple real Component testing file

```
import { mount } from '@vue/test-utils';
import { describe, it, beforeEach, afterEach, expect, vi } from 'vitest';
import PostComponent from './index.vue'; // Adjust the path if needed

// Mock data for testing
const mockPosts = [
  { id: 1, title: 'Post 1', body: 'Content of Post 1' },
  { id: 2, title: 'Post 2', body: 'Content of Post 2' },
];

describe('PostComponent', () => {
  beforeEach(() => {
    // Mock the global `fetch` function before each test
    global.fetch = vi.fn();
  });

  afterEach(() => {
    // Restore original implementations after each test
    vi.restoreAllMocks();
  });

  it('PostComponent should exist', () => {
    expect(PostComponent).toBeTruthy();
  });
});
```



# Running the test

- Use the `test` script you defined earlier in your `package.json`
  - `npm run test`
  - Output be like:

```
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (1 test) 6ms
  ✓ PostComponent > PostComponent should exist

Test Files  1 passed (1)
  Tests     1 passed (1)
Start at    15:56:08
Duration    248ms

PASS Waiting for file changes...
       press h to show help, press q to quit
```





## 2. Testing local posts property

- Let's say we want to **assign the mocked posts** to the local `posts` property and test if they can be assigned.
- Because of **TypeScript**, we need additional typings:

```
import type {Post} from "@types/Post";  
  
// Define a type for your test environment's component instance  
type PostComponentInstance = {  
  posts: Post[];  
};
```



# Mounting the instance, using a wrapper



```
it('mockPosts should be assigned to local posts', async () => {  
  const wrapper = mount<PostComponentInstance>(PostComponent); // Add instance type  
  wrapper.vm.posts = mockPosts; // Access posts with proper typing  
  
  await wrapper.vm.$nextTick(); // Wait for the reactive update  
  
  expect(wrapper.vm.posts.length).toBe(2); // Check the length  
  expect(wrapper.vm.posts).toEqual(mockPosts); // Assert equality  
});
```

```
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (2 tests) 34ms  
✓ PostComponent > PostComponent should exist  
✓ PostComponent > mockPosts should be assigned to local posts
```

```
Test Files 1 passed (1)
```

```
Tests 2 passed (2)
```

```
Start at 16:24:10
```

```
Duration 240ms
```

```
PASS Waiting for file changes...
```

```
press h to show help, press q to quit
```

# Complaining that PostCard does not exist



- Since the original `index.vue` uses a `PostCard` child element to render individual posts, `vitest` is complaining:

```
stderr | .../post/index.vue:2:13: PostCard does not exist loading state initially
[Vue warn]: Failed to resolve component: PostCard
If this is a native custom element, make sure to exclude it from component resolution via
  at <Index ref="VTU_COMPONENT" >
  at <VTUROOT>
```

## Three possible solutions:

1. Mock `PostCard` by adding it as an empty stub
2. Import and register actual `PostCard` Component
3. Exclude `PostCard` rendering and ignore it altogether



# Stubbing & mocking

Simulating stuff you don't actually test.

```
../210-vitest-stubbing
```

# Solution 1: mocking <PostCard>



- Since we only want to test the functionality of `index.vue`, we **mock** the rest of the components
- Effectively, they are thus ignored
- Update the `wrapper` definition

```
const wrapper = mount<PostComponentInstance>(PostComponent, {
  global: {
    stubs: {
      PostCard: true, // Mock <PostCard> with an empty stub
    },
  },
});
wrapper.vm.posts = mockPosts; // Access posts with proper typing
...
```



## Solution 2 (less used)

- Actually import `PostCard` component and **register it** with the `wrapper`:
- Less used, because **sometimes we need to import dozens of components**, only to satisfy the test runner.
  - This is inefficient

```
import PostCard from "@/components/PostCard.vue";

// ...

const wrapper = mount<PostComponentInstance>(PostComponent, {
  global: {
    components: {
      PostCard, // Register <PostCard> in test environment
    },
  },
});
wrapper.vm.posts = mockPosts;
...
```

## Solution 3: Exclude <PostCard> Rendering



- If you want to test only the **data handling logic** of <PostComponent>
  - No worries about the DOM rendering of child components (like <PostCard>)
- Completely stub out the template
- Use `shallow: true` for that
- Previously: `shallowMount()` - this still works, but is a bit outdated

```
const wrapper=mount<PostComponentInstance>
(PostComponent, {
  shallow: true, // completely stub out all child components
});
```

# Info on Stubbing and (shallow)mount



**Vue Test Utils**

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- Getting Started
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## Stubs and Shallow Mount

Vue Test Utils provides some advanced features for *stubbing* components and directives. A *stub* is where you replace an existing implementation of a custom component or directive with a dummy one that doesn't do anything at all, which can simplify an otherwise complex test. Let's see an example.

### Stubbing a single child component

A common example is when you would like to test something in a component that appears very high in the component hierarchy.

In this example, we have an `<App>` that renders a message, as well as a `FetchDataFromApi` component that makes an API call and renders its result.

```
const FetchDataFromApi = {  
  name: 'FetchDataFromApi',  
  template: `  
    <div>{{ result }}</div>  
  `
```

<https://test-utils.vuejs.org/guide/advanced/stubs-shallow-mount>

# Global stubbing



- If you *always* want to stub out child components, you can tell Vitest that in a `test-setup.ts` file
- Use that file in `vitest.config.ts`.

```
// test-setup.ts
import { config } from '@vue/test-utils';

// Define global stubs for all tests
config.global.stubs = {
  PostCard: true, // Stub PostCard globally
};
```

```
// vitest.config.ts
import { defineConfig } from 'vitest/config';
export default defineConfig({
  ...
  test: {
    setupFiles: ['./test-setup.ts'],
  },
});
```



# Mocking: `mockResolvedValueOnce()`



- Helper method, used for mocking responses once
- You'll often see in tests, code like these:

```
(global.fetch as ReturnType<typeof vi.fn>).mockResolvedValueOnce({  
  ok: true,  
  json: () => Promise.resolve([]),  
});
```

`./220-vitest-mocks/pages/posts/index.spec.ts#49`

`../220-vitest-mocks`

# Breakdown, page 1/2



```
(global.fetch as ReturnType<typeof vi.fn>)
```

- Ensures that TypeScript knows `global.fetch` is being mocked and adheres to the type returned by a `vi.fn()` (e.g. the Vitest mocking function).
- Effectively, this tells TypeScript the mocked `fetch` function behaves as a `vi.fn`.

```
.mockResolvedValueOnce({...});
```

- Is a **helper method provided by Vitest's mocking utilities**.
- Sets up the mock function (`global.fetch` in this case) to resolve with the specified value *only once* during the next invocation.
- After this, the mock fetch will revert to its default behavior unless mocked again.



## Breakdown 2/2

```
{  
  ok: true,  
  json: () => Promise.resolve([]),  
}
```

- The mock data returned by the `fetch` function for this test invocation:
- `ok: true`: Simulates a successful HTTP response.
- `json: () => Promise.resolve([])`:
- Represents the `json(...)` method of the fetch response, which resolves to an empty array `[]` when called.

It is there as part of a controlled test environment to verify **how the component behaves** when fetching data.

# Complete test



```
it('renders loading state initially', async () => {  
  // Set up fetch to return an empty response for this test  
  (global.fetch as ReturnType<typeof vi.fn>).mockResolvedValueOnce({  
    ok: true,  
    json: () => Promise.resolve([]),  
  });  
  
  const wrapper = mount(PostComponent);  
  
  // Verify that the loading text is visible  
  expect(wrapper.text()).toContain('Loading posts...');  
});
```

- The mock ensures that `PostComponent` receives an empty list of posts from the simulated `fetch`.
- This enables the test to **focus on verifying** whether the component initially shows a "loading" state or not, without interference from the actual `fetch` implementation.



## mockRejectedValueOnce()

- Handy for **testing and simulating errors**
- The (mocked) fetch is simulating an error once, using `mockRejectedValueOnce()`

```
it('renders error state if fetch fails', async () => {  
  // Mock fetch to reject (simulate an error)  
  (global.fetch as ReturnType<typeof vi.fn>)  
    .mockRejectedValueOnce(new Error('Failed to fetch posts'));  
  
  const wrapper = mount(PostComponent);  
  
  // Using flushPromises() here.  
  await flushPromises();  
  
  // Verify that an error message is displayed  
  expect(wrapper.text()).toContain('Failed to fetch posts');  
});
```

`./220-vitest-mocks/pages/posts/index.spec.ts#64`



# Why it works...

- Unlike `nextTick`, which waits for DOM updates, `flushPromises()` **resolves all outstanding promises** in the entire queue.
- This ensures that any asynchronous operations (like fetching data or handling errors) **have finished before the test makes its assertion.**

```
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (4 tests) 23ms
  ✓ PostComponent > PostComponent should exist
  ✓ PostComponent > mockPosts should be assigned to local posts
  ✓ PostComponent > renders loading state initially
  ✓ PostComponent > renders error state if fetch fails
```



```
Test Files  1 passed (1)
  Tests     4 passed (4)
Start at    13:19:40
Duration    139ms
```

# Testing if posts are rendered




Again, using `mockResolvedValueOnce()`, but this time with the mocked post response


```
it('renders a list of posts when fetch is successful', async () => {  
  // This time, resolve the promise using the mocked posts (as defined above).  
  (global.fetch as ReturnType<typeof vi.fn>).mockResolvedValueOnce({  
    ok: true,  
    json: () => Promise.resolve(mockPosts),  
  });  
  
  // Create a wrapper  
  const wrapper = mount(PostComponent);  
  
  // wait for the promise(s) to resolve  
  await flushPromises();  
  
  // Validate that each mock post is in the rendered output  
  mockPosts.forEach((post) => {  
    expect(wrapper.text()).toContain(post.title);  
  });  
});
```

```
✓ pages/posts/index.spec.ts (5 tests) 34ms  
✓ PostComponent > PostComponent should exist  
✓ PostComponent > mockPosts should be assigned to local posts  
✓ PostComponent > renders loading state initially  
✓ PostComponent > renders error state if fetch fails  
✓ PostComponent > renders a list of posts when fetch is successful  
  
Test Files 1 passed (1)  
Tests 5 passed (5)  
Start at 13:32:49
```

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 Michael Thiessen

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The screenshot shows the Nuxt.js documentation website. The header includes the Nuxt logo with version 3.15, navigation links for Docs, Integrations, Resources, Products, Enterprise, and Blog, a search icon, a settings icon, and a user icon with 56.1K followers. The left sidebar contains a 'Get Started' section with links to Guide, API, Examples, and Community, followed by a list of topics from Introduction to Upgrade Guide, with 'Testing' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Testing' and includes a sub-header 'How to test your Nuxt application.' It features two callout boxes: one for module authors and another linking to a video. The 'Installation' section explains the use of @nuxt/test-utils and lists optional dependencies like happy-dom, jsdom, vitest, cucumber, jest, and playwright. The 'Unit Testing' section mentions the Nuxt runtime environment and vitest support. The 'Setup' section provides a step-by-step guide to configuring @nuxt/test-utils/module in nuxt.config. The right sidebar contains a 'Table of Contents' for the testing guide, a 'Community' section with links to edit, sponsor, and certify, and a 'NuxtUI Pro' advertisement.

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## Testing

How to test your Nuxt application.

If you are a module author, you can find more specific information in the [Module Author's guide](#).

Nuxt offers first-class support for end-to-end and unit testing of your Nuxt application via `@nuxt/test-utils`, a library of test utilities and configuration that currently powers the **tests we use on Nuxt itself** and tests throughout the module ecosystem.

Watch a video from Alexander Lichter about getting started with the `@nuxt/test-utils`.

### Installation

In order to allow you to manage your other testing dependencies, `@nuxt/test-utils` ships with various optional peer dependencies. For example:

- you can choose between `happy-dom` and `jsdom` for a runtime Nuxt environment
- you can choose between `vitest`, `cucumber`, `jest` and `playwright` for end-to-end test runners
- `playwright-core` is only required if you wish to use the built-in browser testing utilities (and are not using `@playwright/test` as your test runner)

```
npm i --save-dev @nuxt/test-utils vitest @vue/test-utils happy-dom playwright-core
```

### Unit Testing

We currently ship an environment for unit testing code that needs a **Nuxt** runtime environment. It currently *only has support for* `vitest` (although contribution to add other runtimes would be welcome).

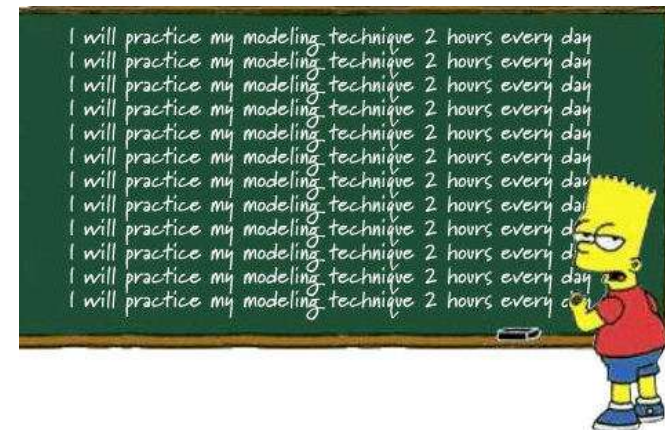
### Setup

- Add `@nuxt/test-utils/module` to your `nuxt.config` file (optional). It adds a Vitest integration to your Nuxt DevTools which supports running your unit tests in development.

<https://nuxt.com/docs/getting-started/testing#setup>

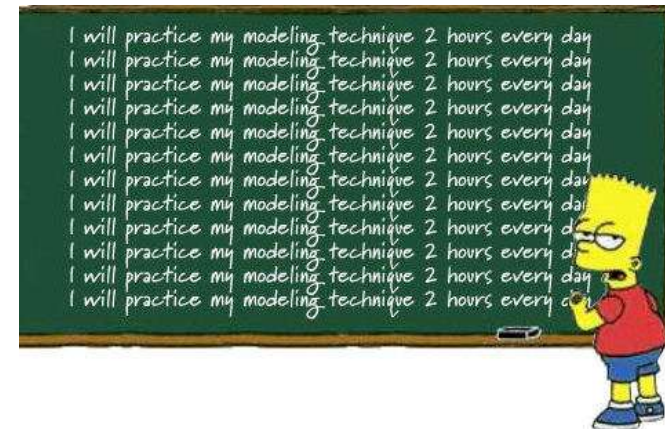
# Workshop #1

- Create a very simple `<HelloWorld>` Component.
  - The component should have a `msg` property
  - So if the component is called like `<HelloWorld msg="world">`, the output should render `Hello world`.
- Write a simple unit test for it, that checks if the component works correctly
  - Tip: use `props: {msg: 'world'}` as the second argument when creating the wrapper in your test file
- Tip: use AI when necessary, but always verify and test the results!



# Optional workshop #2

- The project has a `movies.vue` page.
  - Write a unit test for the movies page, making sure everything works as expected.
- Requirements:
  - The initial structure is rendered
  - `searchMovies` function is called when the button is clicked
  - `searchMovies` function is called when the user hits Enter in the search field
  - Renders movies when (mock) data is available
  - Handles empty movie results correctly
- Tips:
  - Use `wrapper.find()`, `wrapper.setData()` and more!



# Checkpoint



- You know what **Vitest** is and what it is used for
- You are able to **identify testing files** in a solution and **sections** of the testing files
- You can **write unit tests** for components
- You know the basics of **configuring** Vitest
- You know the **mount** function and to use **mocked data** in the results
- You can test **async** functions