



Nuxt Fundamentals

@nuxt/test-utils

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Using Nuxt-specific test utils



The screenshot shows the Nuxt.js documentation page for Unit Testing. The page has a sidebar on the left with links to 'Get Started', 'Guide', 'API', 'Examples', and 'Community'. The main content area is titled 'Unit Testing' and includes a section for 'Setup'. The setup instructions state that the environment currently only supports Vitest. A code block shows the configuration for @nuxt/test-utils/module in the nuxt.config file. The right sidebar contains a 'Table of Contents' with links to 'Installation', 'Unit Testing', 'Setup', 'Using a Nuxt Runtime...', 'Built-In Mocks', 'Helpers', 'Using @vue/test-utils', 'End-To-End Testing', 'Setup', 'APIs', and 'Testing in a Browser'. At the bottom of the right sidebar, there is a 'Community' section with links to 'Edit this page' and 'Become a Sponsor'.

```
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

1. 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.

```
export default defineNuxtConfig({
  modules: [
    '@nuxt/test-utils/module'
  ]
})
```

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

Nuxt specific testing looks A LOT like 'just' Vue testing with Vitest.

So, master that first!

There are some extras, though – Borders are often times unclear (IMO)!

Extra dependencies



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

- `@nuxt/test-utils` for nuxt runtime environment
- `vitest` as the test runner
- `@vue/test-utils` for Vue testing
- `happy-dom` as a DOM library for Node
- `playwright` as solution for e2e-tests

```
{  
  "...",  
  "devDependencies": {  
    "@nuxt/test-utils": "^3.15.4",  
    "@vue/test-utils": "^2.4.6",  
    "happy-dom": "^16.8.1",  
    "playwright-core": "^1.50.1",  
    "vitest": "^3.0.5"  
  }  
}
```

package.json



Update files

1. Update `nuxt.config.ts` to add modules

```
// nuxt.config.ts
// https://nuxt.com/docs/api/configuration/nuxt-config
export default defineNuxtConfig({
  compatibilityDate: '2024-11-01',
  devtools: { enabled: true },
  modules: [
    '@nuxt/test-utils/module'
  ]
})
```

2. Update `vitest.config.ts` to use nuxt as testing environment

```
// vitest.config.ts
import {defineVitestConfig} from '@nuxt/test-utils/config'

export default defineVitestConfig({
  test: {
    environment: 'nuxt',
  }
  // other custom configuration required...
})
```



See if it all works

- Add script to package.json "test": "vitest"
- Npm run test
- Tests should fail, b/c No test files found.
 - Which, of course, is correct
 - But at least, everything works!
- We can start writing tests now

```
DEV v3.0.5 C:/Users/Gebruiker/Desktop/nuxt-fundamentals/examples/250-vitest-nuxt  
  
No test files found. You can change the file name pattern by pressing "p"  
  
include: **/*.{test,spec}.{c|m}[jt]s?(x)  
exclude: **/node_modules/**, **/dist/**, **/cypress/**, **/.{idea,git,cache,output,temp  
est,jest,ava,babel,nyc,cypress,tsup,build,eslint,prettier}.config.*
```



1. Test if the component can mount

- Using `mountSuspended()`
 - This is a Nuxt-alternative to `mount()`
 - "Mount a Vue component to a DOM element, but do NOT render the component immediately"
- Suspend the rendering until explicitly resumed
 - For instance: wait until fetching async data is complete
- Not really necessary in our case, but as a precaution
 - `mountSuspended()` gives you more control over the rendering process

```
it('can mount the component', async () => {  
  const component = await mountSuspended(RandomNumber)  
  expect(component).toBeTruthy();  
})
```

`randomNumber.spec.ts`

```
✓ components/RandomNumber.spec.ts (1 test) 23ms  
✓ RandomNumber Component > can mount the component  
  
Test Files 1 passed (1)  
Tests 1 passed (1)  
Start at 15:37:15  
Duration 327ms
```

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



`mountSuspended`

`mountSuspended` allows you to mount any Vue component within the Nuxt environment, allowing async setup and access to injections from your Nuxt plugins.

Under the hood, `mountSuspended` wraps `mount` from `@vue/test-utils`, so you can check out [the Vue Test Utils documentation](#) for more on the options you can pass, and how to use this utility.

2. Test if component is correctly rendered



- The function `mountSuspended()` *will* render the component, but it *waits for async operations* to complete, before doing so.
- So, we can test if `text` or `html` is available in the DOM
- Note: no `vm.wrapper` necessary

```
// 2. Test if the HTML is correctly rendered
it('has the text Random Number Generator', async () => {
  const component = await mountSuspended(RandomNumber)
  expect(component.html()).toContain('Random number generator');
})
```

```
✓ RandomNumber Component > can mount the component
✓ RandomNumber Component > has the text Random Number Generator
```

```
Test Files  1 passed (1)
  Tests     2 passed (2)
  Start at  15:40:51
  Duration  265ms
```

`randomNumber.spec.ts`



3. Test if the state is correctly used

- Test if the calculated number / state is correctly used
- We mock the `useState` function, b/c the calculated number is different every time
- Use the `mockNuxtImport()` macro for that
 - Can be used only once (1x!) in a file

```
// Helper function to mock useState  
mockNuxtImport('useState', () => {  
  return () => 20000;  
})
```

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

```
// 3. Test if the state is correctly used.  
it('returns the state', async () => {  
  const component = await mountSuspended(RandomNumber)  
  console.log(component.text());  
  expect(component.text()).toContain('20000')  
})
```



4. Using a spy

- We want to make sure that clicking the `Refresh` button actually calls the `refresh()` function
- In traditional situations you use a *spy* for that
- Spies are available on the `vi` object, imported from `vitest`:

```
// NOTE: will NOT work in Vue 3 <script setup> blocks!!
it('should call the refresh function when the refresh button is clicked', async () => {
  const wrapper = await mountSuspended(RandomNumber)

  // Create a spy on the 'refresh' function
  const refreshSpy = vi.spyOn(wrapper.vm, 'refresh')

  // Simulate click on the refresh button
  await wrapper.find('button').trigger('click')

  // Verify that the refresh function was called
  expect(refreshSpy).toHaveBeenCalled()
})
```

Use `.spyOn()` in Options API

Spies in `<script setup>` blocks

- In `<script setup>` blocks, internals are **NOT exposed** on the wrapper/vm.
 - *"Because of the Vue 3 Composition API `refresh()` is inaccessible as a method on `component.vm`"*
 - Test is failing.
- We therefore need to **test on outcome**, instead of directly spying on a method
 - *"Instead of directly testing if `refresh()` is called, the test **verifies the outcome of clicking the button**, which results in changing the state and updating the displayed random number."*
 - *"This approach aligns well with the philosophy of Vue 3's Composition API and how `<script setup>` encapsulates methods and data."*

Therefore, Composition API test like:



```
// 4. Test if the refresh() function is called when button is clicked
it('should call the refresh function when button is clicked', async () => {
  // Mount the component using `mountSuspended`
  const component = await mountSuspended(RandomNumber)

  // Access the text element displaying the random number
  const numberBefore = component.find('h3').text()

  // Simulate click on the refresh button
  await component.find('button').trigger('click')

  // Access the text element displaying the random number again
  const numberAfter = component.find('h3').text()

  // Verify that the number displayed is updated
  expect(numberBefore).not.toBe(numberAfter)
})
```

← Expect result to be different

When are traditional spies still used?



- Spies in Vue 3 are mostly used *outside* components
- For instance on libraries or utility functions

```
// do something like:  
import { someFunction } from "@/utils";  
  
vi.spyOn(someFunction);  
someFunction();  
expect(someFunction).toHaveBeenCalled();
```

Mocking `Math.random`



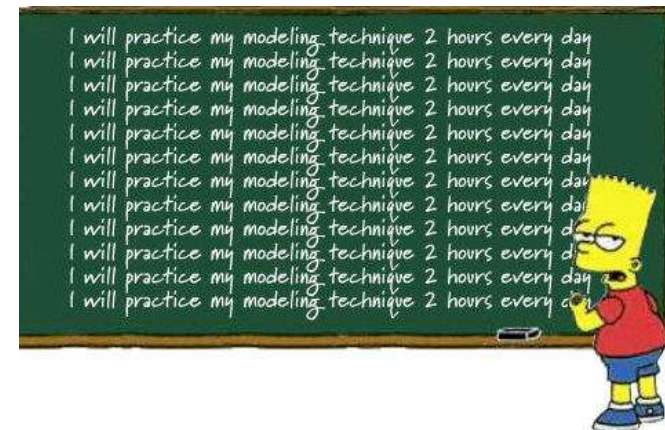
- We can also `mock Math.random` and simulate clicks.
 - This will ensure a new random number is generated and shown in the UI
 - This is a combination of techniques
- use `vi.spyOn` to spy on `Math.random` and replace it with a mock using `.mockImplementation()`.
 - This gives us access to mock-specific methods such as `mockReturnValueOnce`.
- After the test, call `randomSpy.mockRestore()` to restore the original `Math.random` implementation
 - To ensure: *no interference* with other tests.



```
it('should generate a new random number on refresh', async () => {  
  
  // Spy on Math.random() and mock it's implementation  
  const randomSpy = vi.spyOn(Math, 'random')  
    .mockImplementation(() => 0);  
  
  // Mock the first random number  
  randomSpy.mockReturnValueOnce(0.5); // First random number  
  const component = await mountSuspended(RandomNumber);  
  
  // Simulate click on the refresh button  
  await component.find('button').trigger('click')  
  
  // Initial rendering of the random number  
  const initialNum = parseInt(component.find('h3').text());  
  expect(initialNum).toBe(50000); // 0.5 * 100000  
  
  // Mock Math.random() for subsequent numbers  
  randomSpy.mockReturnValueOnce(0.8); // Second random number  
  await component.find('button').trigger('click'); // Simulate click event  
  const numAfterFirstClick = parseInt(component.find('h3').text());  
  expect(numAfterFirstClick).toBe(80000); // 0.8 * 100000  
  
  ...  
  // Clean up by restoring the original implementation  
  randomSpy.mockRestore()  
})
```

Workshop #2

- Add Nuxt3-specific nuxt test-utils and see presentation on examples of tests
- Add tests to a component in your own application





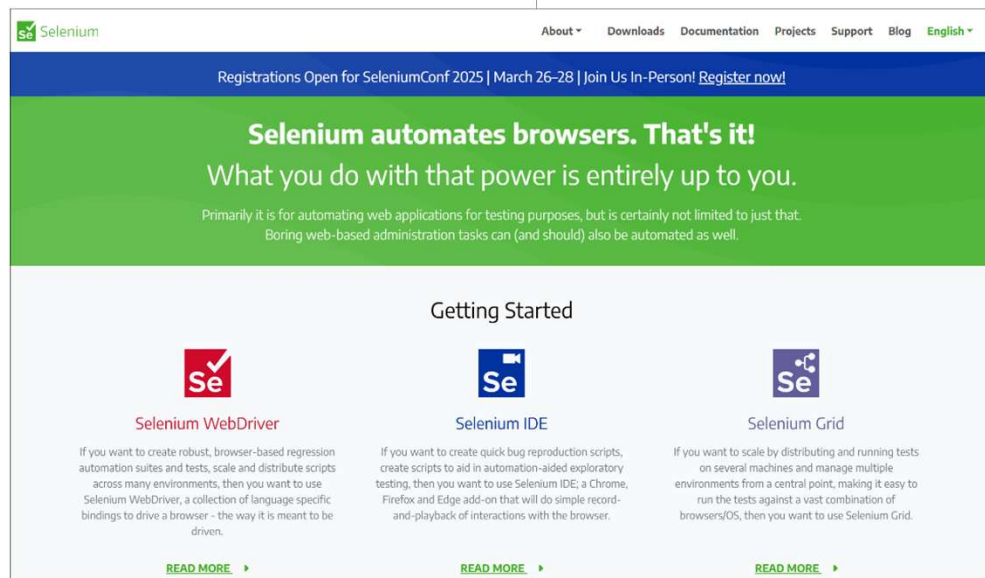
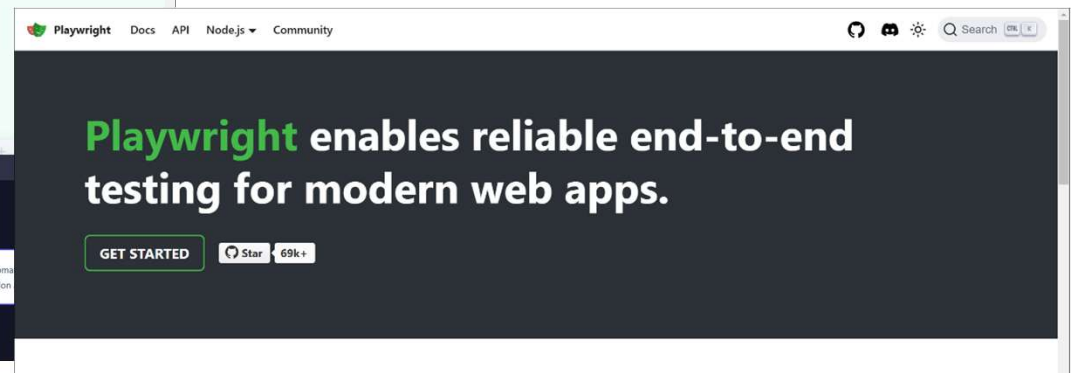
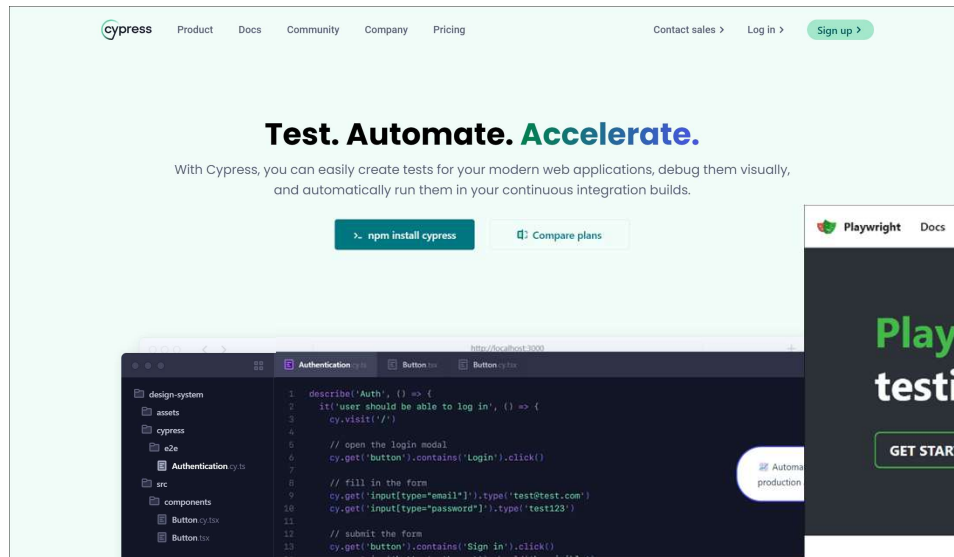
End-2-end testing

Using Playwright for your e2e-tests

End-to-end (e2e)-tests

- Spin up an **actual server** and **(headless) browser**
- Load the **complete application** in the test
- **Navigate** to pages, **interact** with application via testing code
- Also called *Scenario Testing*
- Testers write scenario's like:
 - *"Open the browser, navigate to the login page, Click the sign-up button, fill in username and password, click Submit, then expect the application to register you as a new user."*
 - In other words: you test if your combination of pages and components work as intended.
- You DON'T have to test component functionality – this is already done in unit tests!

E2e-tooling



Install playwright globally

(=headless chromium)

```
Duration 3.91s
PS C:\Users\info\Desktop\nuxt-fundamentals\examples\260-e2e-testing> npx playwright install
Downloading Chromium 133.0.6943.16 (playwright build v1155) from https://cdn.playwright.dev/dbazure/
zip
140 MiB [=====] 50% 10.0s
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87.4 MiB [=====] 100% 0.0s
Chromium Headless Shell 133.0.6943.16 (playwright build v1155) downloaded to C:\Users\info\AppData\Local\ms-playwright\chromium_headless_shell-1
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PS C:\Users\info\Desktop\nuxt-fundamentals\examples\260-e2e-testing>
```

Headless browsers installed

E2e testing? Import the right package!



- Import the e2e-packages to use end-to-end testing!

- `import {setup, $fetch, createPage, url} from "@nuxt/test-utils/e2e"`

```
import {describe, it, expect} from "vitest";
// NOTE: import from 'e2e' module!
import {setup, $fetch, createPage, url} from "@nuxt/test-utils/e2e";

describe('Complete App, e2e', async () => {
  await setup() // await the setting up of the complete nuxt application

  // Option 1: using Vitest
  it('...', async () => {
    ...
  });

  // Option 2: with playwright
  it('...', async () => {
    ...
  })
})
```

1. Using Vitest

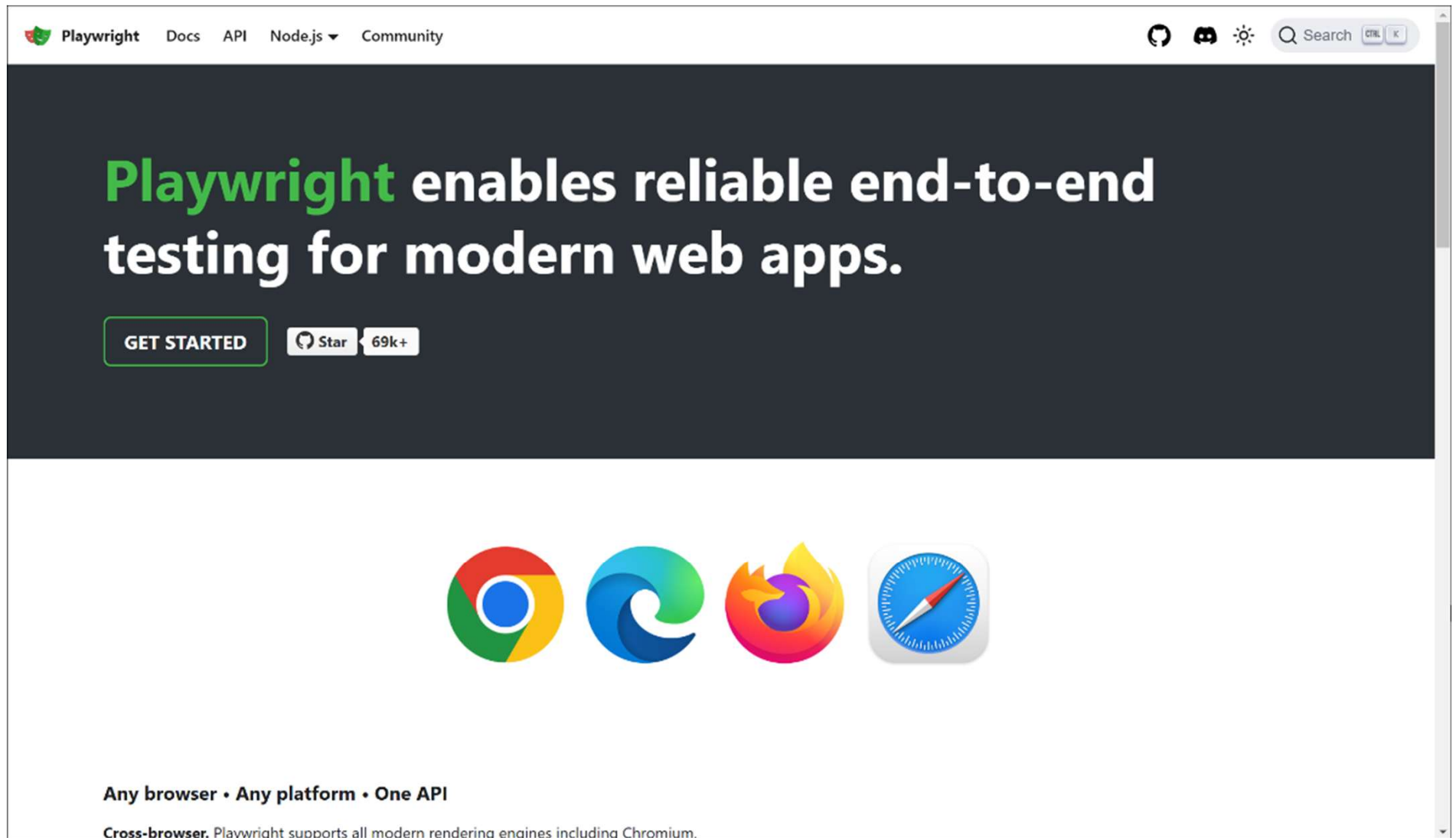
- You CAN simply use Vitest for e2e-testing,
 - but this way you can't really interact with the generated DOM.
- You can however, for instance, test if the page is rendered correctly

```
// Option 1: using Vitest
it('1. contains text as a string (Vitest)', async () => {
  const html = await $fetch('/'); // fetch the page, from e2e test-utils(!).
  expect(html).contains('Random number generator')
});
```

2. Using Playwright

- Playwright creates a DOM that you can query and interact with.
- More advantages (though Cypress and Selenium offer this also, mostly)
 - **Parallel execution** (Tests run in multiple browsers at the same time)
 - **Headless mode** by default: Faster than UI-based testing.
 - **Auto-waiting**: No need for `waitForSelector()`, as Playwright waits for elements to be ready.
 - **Cross-Browser & Cross-Platform** - Supports Chromium, Firefox, WebKit (Safari) and Edge. Allows mobile emulation (iOS & Android).
 - Can run tests on **Windows**, **macOS**, and **Linux** without extra setup.
 - **SSR & SPA-Friendly**
 - **Network & API Testing** - Intercept network requests to mock/stub API responses.
 - ...and more...

<https://playwright.dev/>



Sample playwright test



```
// Option 2: with playwright
it('2. Test in browser, with playwright', async () => {
  // 1. create the page (imported from test-utils/e2e)
  const page = await createPage();
  // 2. go to the root, wait until page is fully hydrated
  await page.goto(url('/'), {
    waitUntil: 'hydration'
  });
  // 3. get the generated number from the page. It lives inside an <h3>,
  // therefore we use that selector.
  const text = await page.textContent('h3');
  // 4. casting
  const number = Number(text);
  // 5. expectation
  expect(number).toBeGreaterThan(0);

  // 6. Let's interact with the page.
  // We now expect a new number, which is different from the previous number
  await page.click('button');
  const newText = await page.textContent('h3');
  const newNumber = Number(newText);
  expect(number).not.toBe(newNumber);
})
```

Sample output

```
Terminal  PowerShell x + v
Listening on http://127.0.0.1:63712
✓ e2e/app.spec.ts (2 tests) 20179ms
  ✓ Complete App, e2e > 1. contains text as a string (Vitest) 389ms
  ✓ Complete App, e2e > 2. Test in browser, with playwright 1283ms

Test Files  1 passed (1)
Tests       2 passed (2)
Start at    19:20:11
Duration    21.49s

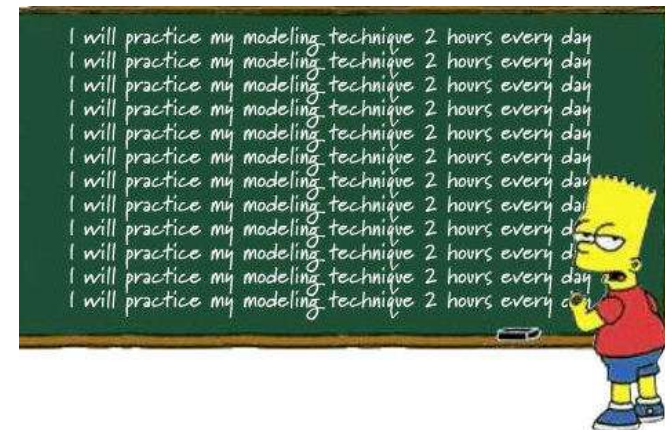
PASS Waiting for file changes...
press h to show help, press q to quit
```

Note: e2e-testing takes *considerably longer*, because the web server and browser have to start in-memory.

A *fast computer* definitely helps!

Workshop e2e

- Create a page in your app that you can navigate to, for instance `./pages/about.vue`
- Make sure the page is composed of multiple components.
- Install the correct playwright dependencies
- Create an e2e-folder and write an `./e2e/about.spec.ts` that tests:
 - If the page can be navigated to
 - If the page has the correct header
 - If the page contains the stuff that you included
- Update the test to navigate from the homepage to the `/about` page and see if everything still works
 - Tip: create a link, or `MainNavigation` on homepage
- Read the playwright-docs to use it directly
 - <https://playwright.dev/docs/intro>



Checkpoint

- You know what generic **types of tests** are available
- You are able to **identify testing files** in a project
- You can create both **unit tests** and **e2e-tests**
- You can test the **basic behavior** of a component
- You know which **dependencies** to install in your project to enable testing
- You what to include in the **imports** of the page depending on your tests.
- When **using AI**, always include the *framework, version number* and *API* used in your prompt!