



Javascript & React Testing with Jest

Comparing a couple testing utilities

Quick Review

- Why write tests?
- Types of test (unit, integration, e2e)
- Assertions, Stubs, Mocks, & Spies
- Javascript Testing Frameworks
- Jest & Snapshot Testing
- Poopie things about Jest
- Bomb ass live coding demo



Diving Deeper Into Jest w/ Testing Utilities



- Enzyme
 - a. Developed by AirBnb
 - b. “Enzyme is a JavaScript Testing utility for React that makes it easier to assert, manipulate, and traverse your React Components' output.”
 - c. Developed to mimic JQuery API
- React Testing Library
 - a. Developed By Kent C Dodds
 - b. “Simple and complete React DOM testing utilities that encourage good testing practices.”
 - c. Developed using React-DOM and was designed to mimic user actions

Enzyme

Mount

- Full DOM rendering including child components.
- Ideal for use cases where you have components that may interact with DOM API, or use React lifecycle methods in order to fully test the component
- Allows access to both props directly passed into the root component (including default props) and props passed into child components

Shallow

- Renders only the single component, not including its children. It protects against changes or bugs in a child component altering the behaviour or output of the component under test
- Shallow components do have access to lifecycle methods by default
- Cannot access props passed into the root component (therefore also not default props).

Render

- Renders to static HTML, including children
- Does not have access to React lifecycle methods
- Less costly than mount but provides less functionality

Enzyme Demo



react-testing-library

Render Can Do

- Renders component using ReactDOM (non-static HTML)
 - Does not require an adapter
- Query by text search or element attributes
- Fire events

Users Can Do

Render Can't Do

- Shallow rendering
- Access component instance, including:
 - State
 - Props
 - Class Methods
- Query by component properties (like component name)

Users Can't Do

The more your tests resemble the way your software is used, the more confidence they can give you.

react-testing-library Demo



Some References

- Enzyme
<https://airbnb.io/enzyme/>
- react-testing-library
<https://testing-library.com/docs/react-testing-library/intro>