Web Tooling in CTO

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Web Core Team

- We build the web platform used in some of the biggest apps in Telefonica

- We believe in a good DX (Developer Experience) as a mean to achieve a good UX (User Experience)

Ok, so I want to build a web. What do I need?

1. Choose a web framework: usually React 
2. Create React App, Next.js or just Webpack from scratch?
3. What else?

Let's start talking about testing

Testing Pyramid vs The Testing Trophy

Testing nomenclature

- **Unit testing**: testing a single unit of code in isolation
- **Integration testing**: testing how different units of code work together
- **Acceptance testing**: testing the web in a real browser
  - **Screenshot testing**: Take screenshots of your webapp and compare them with the previous ones. Useful to detect visual regressions.

Unit Testing: Jest & React Testing Library

- Run on Node simulating a browser environment (jsdom).
- ⚡ Fast.

Recomendations

- **Always see your test fail.**
- **Avoid testing implementation details:**
  - Refactors (changes to implementation but not functionality) should not break tests.
  - **Avoid snapshot testing**: If your component renders a `<div>` or a `<span>`, or uses inline styles or `classNames` for styling it's often an implementation detail. The markup can change without breaking the component's functionality.
- The more your tests resemble the way your software is used, the more confidence they can give you.
- Test the accesibility of your components.

```
test('LogInForm', async () => {
    const loginSpy = jest.fn();

    render(<LogInForm onLogin={loginSpy} />);

    const emailInput = screen.getByLabelText(/email/i);
    const passwordInput = screen.getByLabelText(/password/i);
    const submitButton = screen.getByRole('button', { name: /log in/i });

    expect(emailInput).toBeInTheDocument();
    expect(passwordInput).toBeInTheDocument();
    expect(submitButton).toBeInTheDocument();

    await userEvent.type(input, 'youremail@example.com');
    await userEvent.type(passwordInput, 'password1234');
    userEvent.click(button);

    expect(loginSpy).toHaveBeenCalledWith({
        email: 'youremail@example.com',
        password: 'password1234'
    });
});
```

Acceptance and screenshot testing (Jest with Puppeteer)

- Test the web in a real browser.
- These are the test that better resemble the way a real user uses your webapp.
- The webapp is a complete black box for the test.
- It's recommended to run against a production build of your webapp (`yarn build` in Next.js or Create React App).

@telefonica/acceptance-testing

Take screenshots

```
import {openPage, screen, serverHostName} from '@telefonica/acceptance-testing';

test('example screenshot test', async () => {
  const page = await openPage({path: '/foo'});

  await screen.findByText('Some text in the page');

  expect(await page.screenshot()).toMatchImageSnapshot();
});
```

Mock api endpoints

```
import {openPage, screen, createApiEndpointMock} from '@telefonica/acceptance-testing';

test('example screenshot test', async () => {
  const api = createApiEndpointMock({basePath: 'https://my-api-endpoint.com'});

  const getSpy = api.spyOn('/some-path').mockReturnValue({a: 1, b: 2});
  const postSpy = api.spyOn('/other-path', 'POST').mockReturnValue({c: 3});

  const page = await openPage({path: '/foo'});

  expect(getSpy).toHaveBeenCalled();

  await page.click(await screen.findByRole('button', {name: 'Send'}));

  expect(postSpy).toHaveBeenCalled();
});
```

Screenshot testing in Code Reviews

- GitHub has a built-in image diff viewer for PRs. But it's difficult to spot visual differences in some cases.
- We created a browser extension to help with that: Code Review Extension
- We recommend including someone from Design Team in the code review process.

Testing: Bonus tooling:

- Jest-runner VSCode extension

Static Typing: TypeScript

- Catch bugs earlier.
- Brings you additional safety and confidence when writing code.
- Remove a whole category of bugs.
- Good way to start adopting TypeScript in a React codebase:
  - Type component props (replace `propTypes`) and state.
  - Type your api endpoints (requests and responses).

Type your api endpoints

- OpenAPI schema to TypeScript types
- GraphQL schema to TypeScript types
- Custom solutions:
  - In Novum, our api services define an interface using an IDL (Java subset). We have custom tooling to generate static types for our webapp api client from that IDL.
- You can use the same types to generate api stubs:
  - Useful for testing.
  - And for development

Linting: ESLint

- Avoid common mistakes: `no-invalid-regexp`, `no-unsafe-negation`, `no-duplicate-case`, etc.
- Things that TS can't catch on its own.
- Enforce code style. (not code formatting): `prefer-as-const`, `dot-notation`, `object-shorthand`, etc
- Specific rules for some frameworks: `jest/no-disabled-tests`, `react/jsx-no-duplicate-props`, `react-hooks/rules-of-hooks`, etc.
- Customizable: you can create your own rules.

Some linting recomendations

- Marie Kondo principle: "Does this rule bring me joy?"
- Avoid warnings, always use errors.
- For custom rules, try to provide an autofix.

@telefonica/eslint-config

```yaml
# .eslintrc.yaml

extends:
  - '@telefonica/eslint-config'
```

Code formatting: Prettier

- Avoid discussions about code style.
- Consistent code style across the team.
- Easy search and replace code.

Recomendations

- Configure in your editor to format on save.
- Configure pre-commit hook.
- Make CI fail if code is not formatted.

@telefonica/prettier-config

- In your `package.json`:

```
"prettier": "@telefonica/prettier-config"
```

- Pre-commit hook:

```
"husky": {
    "hooks": {
        "pre-commit": "lint-staged"
    }
},
"lint-staged": {
    "*.{ts,tsx,js,json,md,yml,yaml}": ["prettier --write"]
}
```

Accessibility testing: Axe

- Test your webapp for accessibility issues.
- Run it in your CI pipeline as part of acceptance tests with Puppeteer.
- Browser extension.

More a11y testing tools:

- ESLint a11y plugin.
- Write tests with react-testing-library.
- Android/iOS built-in screen readers.
- Firefox Accessibility Inspector.

Styles

- Telefonica Design System.
- Big set of React components ready to use.
- Consistent styles and UI/UX patterns across Telefonica Apps.
- Multi brand support: Movistar, O2, Vivo, etc.
- Accessibility.
- Battle tested in production.
- Dark mode support.

CSS solutions

- CSS in JS:
  - JSS
  - Styled Components
  - Emotion
- CSS Modules (built in support in CRA and Next.js)
- Vanilla Extract: similiar to CSS Modules but with the power of TS.
  - We are migrating Mistica to Vanilla Extract.
- Tailwind: utility-first CSS framework

Monitoring: Sentry

- Catch errors in production.
- Any uncaught exception and unhandled Promise error is reported to Sentry.
- Explicit logs: for example, when an unexpected response is received from API.
- In React: log to Sentry in `<ErrorBoundary/>`
- Breadcrumbs support: navigation events, api calls, etc.
- Source maps support: see the original code and stack trace in Sentry.
- CSP violations reporting.

GitHub Actions Workflows

- If you want to enforce some rule (code style, formatting, linting, etc) make CI fail if it's not met.
- Make CI failures clear and actionable.
- Preview deployments in every PR.
  - Helps reviewers see the changes working.
  - Specially useful if you include non-dev stakeholders in the code review process: PMs, Designers, etc.

Some examples: preview

- In Mistica PRs we deploy a preview of Storybook/Playroom:

Some examples: bundle size

- GH Action that shows the difference of JS bundle size caused by the PR:

Some examples: screenshot diffs

Storybook

- Play with your components in isolation.
- Show all the posible states of a component.
- Configure component props using Storybook args.
- Useful for testing.

Mistica Storybook

Playroom

- Build screen prototypes using your components catalog.
- Snippets support.
- Multi theme support.
- Shareable links.
- Useful to create documentation examples.
- Good way to report UI bugs.

Mistica Playroom

Refactoring with codemods: jscodeshift

- A codemod is a tool to automate large-scale codebase refactors.
- It's a script that parses your code into an AST (Abstract Syntax Tree), transforms it, and generates the new code.
- It can be used to update your code to a new API, to migrate from one library to another, etc.
- Like find and replace but on steroids.
- Useful when shiping breaking changes in a library. You release a codemod to help library users migrate to the new version.

Some Examples

- Transform React propTypes to TypeScript types.
- Transform React class components to functional components.
- Transform function callbacks to arrow functions.

Build your own tools

- If something can be automated.
- Specially if you and your team mates do it often.
- If it will make dev life easier or help new devs onboard faster.

But with caution

Example: `yarn setup` in Novum webapp

Useful packages to build CLIs

- `inquirer` : A collection of common interactive command line user interfaces.
- `commander` : The complete solution for node.js command-line interfaces.
- `chalk` / `colors` : Terminal colors.

One extra step: why CLI when I'm a front end developer?

- You can create simple web UIs for your dev tools:

And, that's all for today. Thanks!

Questions?

References

Write tests. Not too many. Mostly integration.
Test Pyramid
The Testing Trophy and Testing Classifications