

TEST UI



YOU WILL LEARN

- test the user interface using fixture data
- better separate test steps

- clean up the existing code
 - `git reset --hard`
 - `git clean -d -f`
- `git checkout b5`
- `npm install`

JSON FIXTURE

```
[  
  {  
    "title": "Write code",  
    "completed": false,  
    "id": "1"  
  },  
  {  
    "title": "Write tests",  
    "completed": true,  
    "id": "2"  
  },  
  {  
    "title": "Make tests pass",  
    "completed": false,  
    "id": "3"  
  }
```

Fixture items in fixtures/three.json

PLAYWRIGHT

If we reset the backend data using the fixture items

```
const items = require('../fixtures/three.json')

test.beforeEach(async ({ request }) => {
  await request.post('/reset', { data: { todos: items } })
})
```

Then we can check if the user interface shows the data correctly

```
// pw/shows-items.spec.js
const items = require('../fixtures/three.json')

test('shows items', async ({ page }) => {
  // common locators
  const todos = page.locator('.todo-list li')
  const count = page.locator('[data-cy="remaining-count"]')

  await page.goto('/')

  // shows N items

  // go through the items and confirm each is rendered correctly
  // - label text
  // - completed or not
```

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  await page.goto('/')

  // shows N items
  await expect(todos).toHaveLength(items.length)
  // go through the items and confirm each is rendered correctly
  // - label text
  // - completed or not
  for (const [k, item] of items.entries()) {
    const itemLocator = todos.nth(k)
```

Playwright solution. Note: for (... of items.entries()) loop around the await ... test commands.

CYPRESS

Reset the data using the fixture array

```
// cypress/e2e/shows-items.cy.js

import items from '../../fixtures/three.json'

beforeEach(() => {
  // confirm there are several items
  // and some are completed and some are not

  cy.request('POST', '/reset', { todos: items })
})
```

Confirm the data is rendered correctly

```
import items from '../../fixtures/three.json'

it('completes a todo', () => {
  // common locators
  const todos = '.todo-list li'
  const count = '[data-cy="remaining-count"]'

  cy.visit('/')

  // shows N items

  // go through the items and confirm each is rendered correctly
  // - label text
  // - completed or not

  // confirm the remaining items count is correct
```

```
it('completes a todo', () => {
  // common locators
  const todos = '.todo-list li'
  const todoLabels = todos + ' label'
  const count = '[data-cy="remaining-count"]'

  cy.visit('/')

  // shows N items
  cy.get(todos).should('have.length', items.length)

  // go through the items and confirm each is rendered correctly
  // - label text
  // - completed or not
  items.forEach((item, k) => {
    cy.get(todos).eq(k).contains('label', item.title)
  })
})
```

Note: Cypress queues up its commands before executing them, thus we can use simple Array.`forEach` method.

BETTER TEST STEPS UI

- git checkout b6

Let's improve how the test runner shows parts of a longer test

```
// shows the expected number of items  
...  
// check each item  
...  
// shows the remaining count
```

PLAYWRIGHT TEST STEPS

```
// pw/shows-items.spec.js

test('shows items', async ({ page }) => {
  // common locators
  const todos = page.locator('.todo-list li')
  const count = page.locator('[data-cy="remaining-count"]')

  await page.goto('/')

  // shows the expected number of items
  await expect(todos).toHaveLength(items.length)

  // check each item
  for (const [k, item] of items.entries()) {
    const itemLocator = todos.nth(k)
    await expect(itemLocator.locator('label')).toHaveText(item.title)
  }
})
```

Replace test code comments with `test.step` commands, see
<https://playwright.dev/docs/api/class-test#test-step>

```
test('shows items', async ({ page }) => {
  // common locators
  const todos = page.locator('.todo-list li')
  const count = page.locator('[data-cy="remaining-count"]')

  await page.goto('/')

  await test.step(`shows ${items.length} items`, async () => {
    await expect(todos).toHaveLength(items.length)
  })

  await test.step('check each item', async () => {
    for (const [k, item] of items.entries()) {
      const itemLocator = todos.nth(k)
      await expect(itemLocator.locator('label')).toHaveText(item.title)
      if (item.completed) {
        await expect(itemLocator.locator('.checkbox')).toBeChecked()
      }
    }
  })
})
```

PLAYWRIGHT NESTED STEPS

```
await test.step(`shows ${items.length} items`, async () => {
  await expect(todos).toHaveLength(items.length)
})
```

Playwright Test

PLAYWRIGHT

> Filter (e.g. text, @tag)

Status: all Projects: chromium

1/1 passed (100%)

✓ shows-items.spec.js

✓ App

✓ shows items

Action	Metadata	Before	After
✓ Passed			953ms
> Before Hooks			564ms
page.goto /			141ms
✓ shows 3 items			42ms
expect.toHaveCount locator('.todo-list...')	31ms		
✓ check each item			73ms
expect.toHaveText locator('.todo-list li')...	7ms		
expect.not.toHaveClass locator('.todo-l...')	5ms		
expect.toHaveText locator('.todo-list li')...	4ms		
expect.toHaveClass locator('.todo-list li...')	5ms		
expect.toHaveText locator('.todo-list li')...	5ms		
expect.not.toHaveClass locator('.todo-l...')	3ms		
✓ remaining count 2	9ms		
expect.toHaveText locator('[data-cy="r...')	4ms		
> After Hooks			76ms

Actions Metadata

Action Before After

http://localhost:3000/

todos

What needs to be done?

Write code

Write tests

Make tests pass

2 items left All Active Completed Clear completed

cy-vs-pw-example-todomvc
Cypress vs Playwright course

Locator Source Call Log Errors Console 4 Network 11 Attachments

remaining count 2

CYPRESS LOG COMMAND

```
// cypress/e2e/shows-items.cy.js

it('completes a todo', () => {
  // common locators
  const todos = '.todo-list li'
  const count = '[data-cy="remaining-count"]'

  cy.visit('/')

  // shows the expected number of items
  cy.get(todos).should('have.length', items.length)

  // check each item
  items.forEach((item, k) => {
    cy.get(todos).eq(k).contains('label', item.title)
    if (item.completed) {
```

Replace test code comments with bold log messages using the `cy.log` command <https://on.cypress.io/log>

```
it('completes a todo', () => {
  // common locators
  const todos = '.todo-list li'
  const count = '[data-cy="remaining-count"]'

  cy.visit('/')

  cy.log(`**shows _${items.length}_ items**`)
  cy.get(todos).should('have.length', items.length)

  cy.log('**check each item**')
  items.forEach((item, k) => {
    cy.get(todos).eq(k).contains('label', item.title)
    if (item.completed) {
      cy.get(todos).eq(k).should('have.class', 'completed')
    } else {
```

You can use simple Markdown when using cy.log

```
cy.log(`**shows _${items.length}_ items**`)
cy.get(todos).should('have.length', items.length)
```

The screenshot shows the Cypress Test Runner interface. At the top, there's a header with a green checkmark icon, the text "Specs", and a status bar showing "✓ 1 ✘ -- ⏪ --". Below the header is a list of test cases under the file "shows-items.cy.js". The first test case, line 2, fails with the message "expected [<li.todo>, 2 more...] to have a length of 3". The second test case, line 5, fails with the message "expected <li.todo> not to have class completed". Both tests have a status of "3" in a small box next to them. The total execution time is listed as "560ms".

```
2 log shows 3 items
3 get .todo-list li
4 -assert expected [ <li.todo>, 2 more... ] to have a length of 3
(xhr) ● GET 200 /todos
5 log check each item
6 get .todo-list li
7 eq 0
8 -contains label, Write code
9 get .todo-list li
10 eq 0
11 -assert expected <li.todo> not to have class completed
12 get .todo-list li
13 eq 1
14 -contains label, Write tests
15 get .todo-list li
16 eq 1
17 -assert expected <li.todo.completed> to have class completed
18 get .todo-list li
19 eq 2
20 -contains label. Make tests pass
```

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL "http://localhost:3000/" and the title "Electron 114". The page displays a todo application with the heading "todos" in large red text. Below it is a list of todos:

- Write code
- Write tests
- Make tests pass

At the bottom of the list, there are buttons for "All", "Active", "Completed", and "Clear completed". The status bar at the bottom of the browser window shows "cy-vs-pw-example-todomvc" and "Cypress vs Playwright course".

TESTING THE UI

- If you control the application data, checking how it is displayed is relatively easy
- Playwright has good wait to indent test steps
- Cypress can format its Command Log messages
 - it can also indent commands, but only inside custom commands



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