

Component testing using WCT

What is it?

It's a browser-based testing environment with:

- Mocha
- Chai
- Sinon
- text-fixture

How to set it up?

You need to load `browser.js` before running your tests, so you need to install it in your project:

```
bower install Polymer/web-component-tester --save
```

And then load it in your .html files:

```
<script src="../../../web-component-tester/browser.js">  
</script>
```

How to run the tests?

You can run them with the `wct` tool which you can install:

```
npm install -g web-component-tester
```

And then run it:

```
wct
```

It will run all the tests in all the browsers installed in your machine.

How to run the tests?

You can also run the tests using a `web server` like the one that comes with Polymer CLI:

```
polymer serve -o
```

Advantages of running them with a web server:

- You don't need to install `selenium webdrivers` every time you run `wct`.
- You can easily debug your tests.

Adding Suites to WCT

You can load more than one suite of tests to WCT using

```
WCT.loadSuites()
```

```
WCT.loadSuites([  
  'test-training_test.html',  
  'test-training_test.html?dom=shadow',  
  'fire-event_test.html',  
  'fire-event_test.html?dom=shadow'  
]);
```

Test Fixtures

It helps us resetting the test Suite's DOM.

```
<test-fixture id="BasicTestFixture">
  <template>
    <test-training></test-training>
  </template>
</test-fixture>
```

And then before each test we reset it:

```
beforeEach(() => {
  element = fixture('BasicTestFixture');
});
```

Mocha

We have the following functions to create Suites:

- `describe(string, function)`
- `context(string, function)`

This functions contains one or more Specs which can be defined with:

- `it(string, function)`
- `specify(string, function)`

Mocha

context is an alias of *describe* and *specify* is an alias of *it* so we strongly recommend to only use *describe* and *it*.

```
describe('button', function(){
  context('when it is focused', function() {
    it('should have the class focused', function() {
      ...
    });
  });
  describe('when it is not focused', function() {
    specify('should not have the class focused', function() {
      ...
    });
  });
});
```

Mocha Hooks Lifecycle

We can use the following functions to make things before or after each test:

- `before(function)` , only runs one time before a suite or spec starts.
- `beforeEach(function)` , runs everytime before a suite or spec starts.
- `after(function)` , runs one time after a suite or spec ends.
- `afterEach(function)` , runs everytime after a suite or spec ends.

Skipping tests in Mocha

If you need to skip some test to debug a specific one you can do it like this:

- Suites:

```
describe.skip('button', function() {...});  
xdescribe('button', function() {...});
```

- Specs:

```
it.skip('should have the class focused', function() {...});  
xit('should have the class focused', function() {...});
```

This syntax also works with *context* and *specify*

Chai

Give us expectations which evaluate to `true` or `false`:

```
expect(Array.from(button.classList)).to.include('focused');
```

Chai's API

Sinon's spies

A test spy is a function that records arguments and returns values for all its calls.

```
it('should fire two events when the button is tapped twice', ()  
  const spy = sinon.spy();  
  
  element.addEventListener('my-fired-event', spy);  
  
  MockInteractions.tap(button);  
  MockInteractions.tap(button);  
  
  expect(spy.calledTwice).to.be.true;  
});
```

Sinon's spies

Normally, you'll want to spy on a function that already exists.

```
sinon.spy(console, 'log');
```

It will behave as the original function but you will be able to know if it was called, with which arguments...

```
console.log.calledOnce
```

But you will have to restore it after the test ends.

```
afterEach(function() {  
    console.log.restore();  
});
```

Sinon's stubs

They are similar to sinon's spies but with a custom behavior.

```
beforeEach(() => {  
  const response = new Response(JSON.stringify(getPersons()),  
    });  
  
  sinon.stub(window, 'fetch');  
  
  fetch.returns(Promise.resolve(response));  
});
```

After using it you will have to restore it:

```
afterEach(() => {  
  fetch.restore();  
});
```

iron-test-helpers

It's a set of utility classes that help us to make tests.

1. Install it:

```
bower install --save-dev PolymerElements/iron-test-helpers
```

2. Import them using html import (`<link rel="import">`):

TestHelpers:

```
../../iron-test-helpers/test-helpers.html
```

MockInteractions:

```
../../iron-test-helpers/mock-interactions.html
```


Test DOM mutations

When your element mutate (it uses dom-repeat, dom-if or a slot) you will have to wrap your test using `flush` function and mark the spec as an asynchronous one.

```
it('should show the paragraph ...', (done) => {
  element.set('showProperty', true);

  flush(() => {
    // we get the paragraph
    const showParagraph = element.shadowRoot.querySelector('

    expect(element.showProperty).to.be.true;
    expect(showParagraph).to.not.be.null;

    done();
  });
});
```

Testing async calls

You can use `Polymer.Base.async` to wait a certain amount of time:

```
it('should have the expected number of ...', (done) => {  
  Polymer.Base.async(() => {  
    expect(fetch.calledOnce).to.be.true;  
    expect(element.persons).to.not.be.empty;  
    expect(element.persons).to.be.deep.equal(getPersons());  
    done();  
  }, 100);  
});
```

[Polymer.Base](#)