

await browserType.launchPersistentContext(userDataDir, options);

Arguments

- `userDataDir` string #

Path to a User Data Directory, which stores browser session data like cookies and local storage. More details for **Chromium** and **Firefox**. Note that Chromium's user data directory is the **parent** directory of the "Profile Path" seen at `chrome://version`. Pass an empty string to use a temporary directory instead.

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openbrowsernonincognito1.spec.ts x openbrowsernonincognito2.spec.ts 1 openbrowsernonincognito3.spec.ts openbrowsernonincognito4.spe
mytest > openbrowsernonincognito1.spec.ts > test('No Incognito test') callback
1 import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2 import { log } from 'console';
3 import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4 import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6 test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8   // open the browser in incognito mode
9   //launch persistent context is the option.
10  //first parameter can be blank.
11  //first parameter creates temporary directory at browser itself.
12  const browser: BrowserContext = await chromium.launchPersistentContext('',
13    { headless: false, channel: 'chrome' });
14
15  const page: Page = await browser.newPage();
16  await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register");
17
18  //enter first name and last name.
19  await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen');
20  await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs');
21
22  await page.waitForTimeout(10000)
23  });
24
```

Persistent context will always open one default window and then our test window. Its how it is developed.

Hack to solve it-

Grab the pages.

Then get first page.

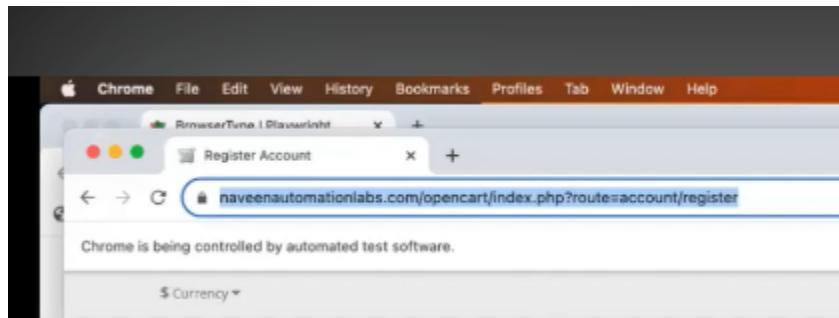
Then go to the url and work.

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... openbrowsernonincognito2.spect.ts x openbrowsernonincognito3.spect.ts openbrowsernonincognito4.spect.ts openbrowsernonincognito5.spect.ts
mytest > openbrowsernonincognito2.spect.ts > test('No Incognito test') callback
1 import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2 import { log } from 'console';
3 import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4 import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6 test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8     //launch persistent will always launch one additional blank tab.
9     //then the test window.
10    //how to resolve this using hack.
11    //this blank window developed by pw intentionally.
12    const browser: BrowserContext = await chromium.launchPersistentContext('',
13        { headless: false, channel: 'chrome' });
14
15    //pages method returns all open pages.
16    //returns Page[]
17    const pages:Page[]=browser.pages()
18    const page:Page=pages[0]; //warning - Type 'undefined' is not assignable to type 'Page'.ts(2322)
19    //though the test case passes but pw says what if undefined comes.
20
21    await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register");
22
23    //enter first name and last name.
24    await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen');
25    await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs');
26
27    await page.waitForTimeout(10000)
28 });
29
```

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... openbrowsernonincognito3.spect.ts x openbrowsernonincognito4.spect.ts openbrowsernonincognito5.spect.ts openbrowsernonincognito6.spect.ts
mytest > openbrowsernonincognito3.spect.ts > test('No Incognito test') callback
1 import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2 import { log } from 'console';
3 import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4 import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6 test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8     //launch persistent will always launch one additional blank tab.
9     //then the test window.
10    //how to resolve this using hack.
11    //this blank window developed by pw intentionally.
12    const browser: BrowserContext = await chromium.launchPersistentContext('',
13        { headless: false, channel: 'chrome' });
14
15    //pages method returns all open pages.
16    //returns Page[]
17    const pages:Page[]=browser.pages()
18    const page:Page=pages[0]!; //warning - Type 'undefined' is not assignable to type 'Page'.ts(2322)
19    //though the test case passes but pw says what if undefined comes.
20    //put an assertion stating that page[0] will not be undefined.
21    //compile warning gone.
22
23    await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register");
24
25    //enter first name and last name.
26    await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen');
27    await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs');
28
29    await page.waitForTimeout(10000)
30 });
31
```

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openbrowseronincognito7.spec.ts X
mytest > openbrowseronincognito7.spec.ts > test('No Incognito test') callback > browser > channel
1 import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2 import { log } from 'console';
3 import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4 import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6 test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8   //launch persistent will always launch one additional blank tab.
9   //then the test window.
10  //how to resolve this using hack.
11  //this blank window developed by pw intentionally.
12  const browser: BrowserContext = await chromium.launchPersistentContext('', - 1407ms
13    { headless: false, channel: 'chrome' });
14
15  //pages method returns all open pages.
16  //returns Page[]
17  //we can write page array like this also without mentioning return type.
18  const pages=browser.pages()
19  const page:Page=pages[0]!; //warning - Type 'undefined' is not assignable to type 'Page'.ts(2322)
20  //though the test case passes but pw says what if undefined comes.
21
22  await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register"); - 986ms
23
24  //enter first name and last name.
25  await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen'); - 52ms
26  await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs'); - 28ms
27
28  await page.waitForTimeout(10000) - 10013ms
29  });
30
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Only one page opened.



Try with firefox or webkit in normal mode-

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...  openbrowsernonincognito4.spec.ts X  openbrowsernonincognito5.spec.ts  openbrowsernonincognito6.spec.ts
mytest > openbrowsernonincognito4.spec.ts > test("No Incognito test") callback
1  import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2  import { log } from 'console';
3  import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4  import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6  test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8      //try with webkit in normal mode.
9      const browser: BrowserContext = await webkit.launchPersistentContext('',
10         { headless: false});
11
12         //pages method returns all open pages.
13         //returns Page[]
14         const pages:Page[]=browser.pages()
15         const page:Page=pages[0]!; //warning - Type 'undefined' is not assignable to type 'Page'.ts(2322)
16         //though the test case passes but pw says what if undefined comes.
17         //put an assertion stating that page[0] will not be undefined.
18         //compile warning gone.
19
20         await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register");
21
22         //enter first name and last name.
23         await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen');
24         await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs');
25
26         await page.waitForTimeout(10000)
27     });
28
```

Store the session in our project-

```
openbrowsernonincognito5.spec.ts x openbrowsernonincognito6.spec.ts
mytest > openbrowsernonincognito5.spec.ts > test('No Incognito test') callback
1 import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2 import { log } from 'console';
3 import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4 import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6 test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8   //store the session at our project level.
9   const browser: BrowserContext = await webkit.launchPersistentContext('./sessions/',
10     { headless: false});
11
12   //pages method returns all open pages.
13   //returns Page[]
14   const pages:Page[]=browser.pages()
15   const page:Page=pages[0]!; //warning - Type 'undefined' is not assignable to type 'Page'.ts(2322)
16   //though the test case passes but pw says what if undefined comes.
17   //put an assertion stating that page[0] will not be undefined.
18   //compile warning gone.
19
20   await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register");
21
22   //enter first name and last name.
23   await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen');
24   await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs');
25
26   await page.waitForTimeout(10000)
27 });
28
```

```
openbrowsernonincognito6.spec.ts x
mytest > openbrowsernonincognito6.spec.ts > test('No Incognito test') callback
1 import { test, expect, Browser, Page, Locator, FrameLocator, BrowserContext } from '@playwright/test';
2 import { log } from 'console';
3 import { channel } from 'diagnostics_channel';
4 import { webkit, chromium, firefox } from 'playwright';
5
6 test('No Incognito test', async () => {
7
8   //store the session at our project level.
9   //this time dont add / after sessions.
10   const browser: BrowserContext = await webkit.launchPersistentContext('./session',
11     { headless: false});
12
13   //pages method returns all open pages.
14   //returns Page[]
15   const pages:Page[]=browser.pages()
16   const page:Page=pages[0]!; //warning - Type 'undefined' is not assignable to type 'Page'.ts(2322)
17   //though the test case passes but pw says what if undefined comes.
18   //put an assertion stating that page[0] will not be undefined.
19   //compile warning gone.
20
21   await page.goto("https://naveenautomationlabs.com/opencart/index.php?route=account/register");
22
23   //enter first name and last name.
24   await page.locator('#input-firstname').fill('naveen');
25   await page.locator('#input-lastname').fill('Automation Labs');
26
27   await page.waitForTimeout(10000)
28 });
29
```

