The State of Vue Testing

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Who am I

- Hi 👋 I'm Lachlan
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Agenda

1. State of Vue Test Utils
    1. A new code base
    2. What's new? What's changed?
2. A new philosophy
3. Resources

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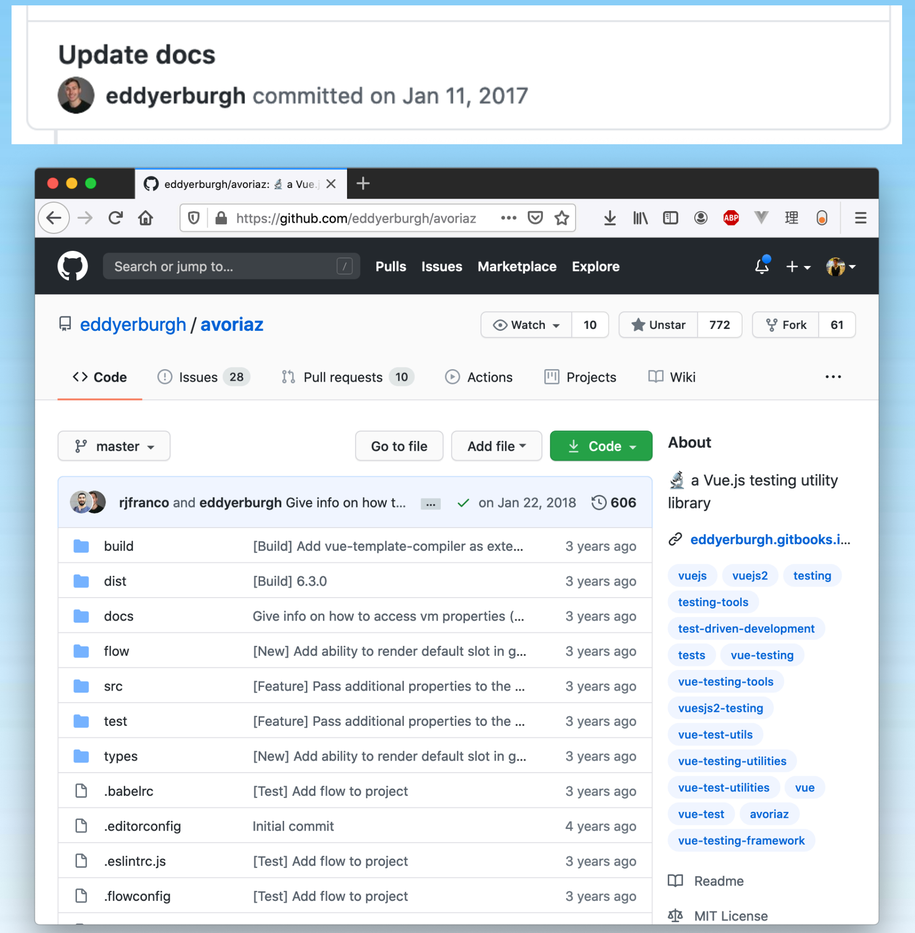
The journey so far...

- Jan 11, 2017 - "Enzyme for Vue" was born as "Avoriaz"
- A way to render and manipulate a component
- With "mounting options"



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The journey so far...

- Avoriaz used as a base for Vue Test Utils
- Naming similar to "React Test Utils"
- *Utilities* for testing Vue components

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Author: Edd Yerburgh <edward.yerburgh@gmail.com>
Date:   Wed May 31 19:54:49 2017 +0100

    Initial commit 🚀
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Vue renders async; runners are not

- This test fails! 🤔
- Test runner will execute the assertion before Vue has re-rendered the DOM
- Unintuitive!

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Vue renders async; runners are not

- Solution is to wait for the nextTick
- Un-necessary overhead

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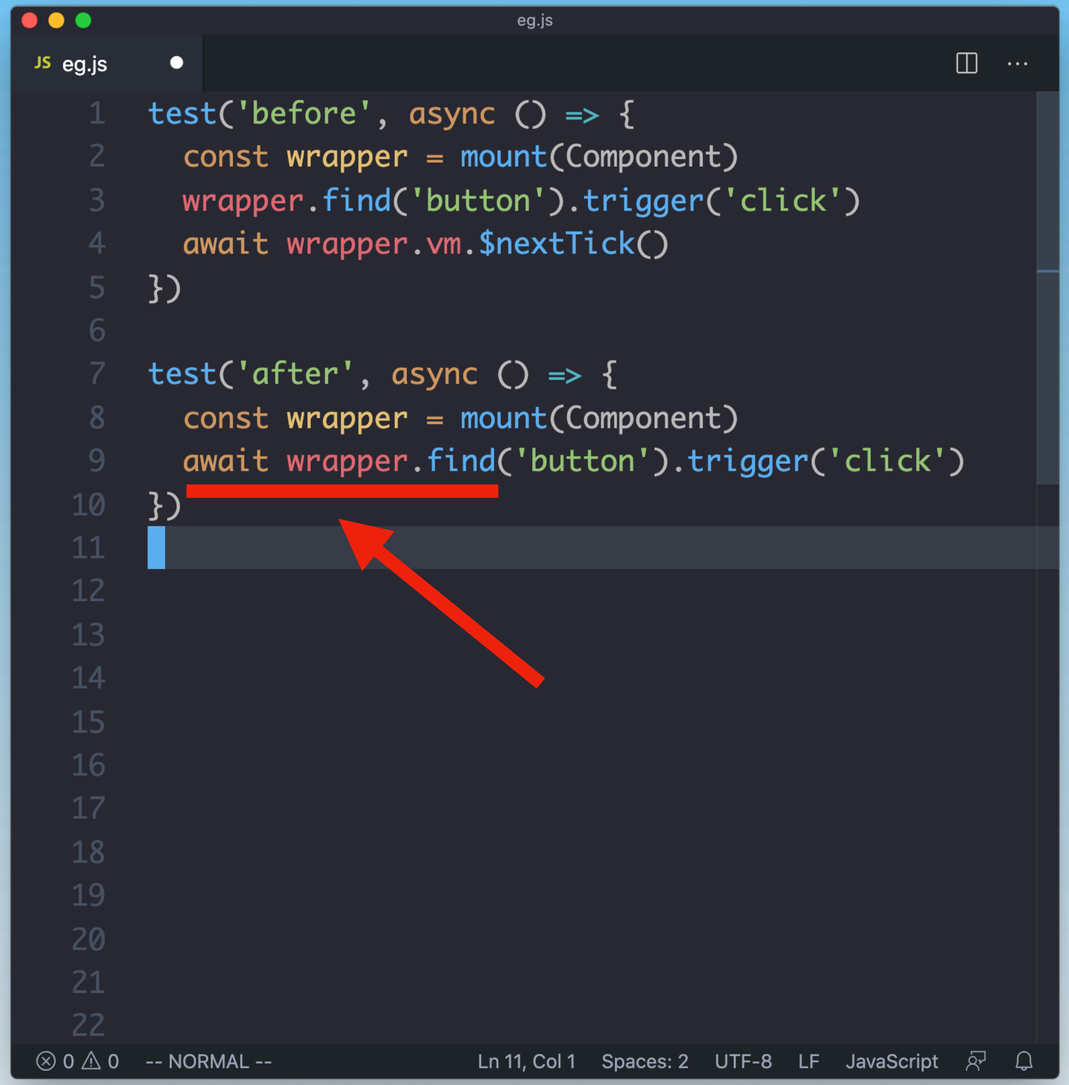
nextTick shorthand

- You can now `await` anything that mutates the DOM
- trigger
- setProps
- setData



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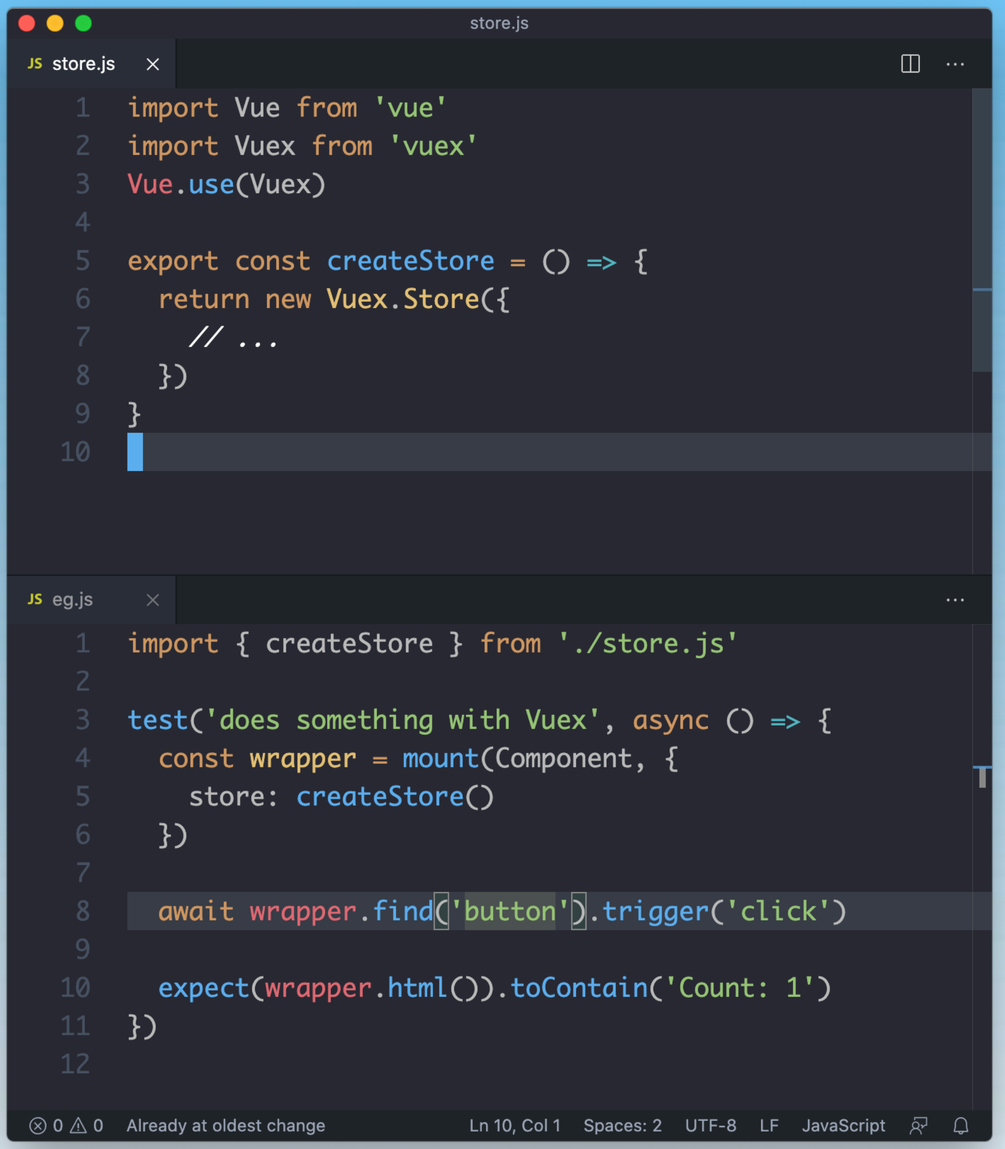
No more createLocalVue (1)

- Vue 2: plugins are installed by *mutating* the global Vue instance
- Not ideal; when we unit test, we want to *isolate*.



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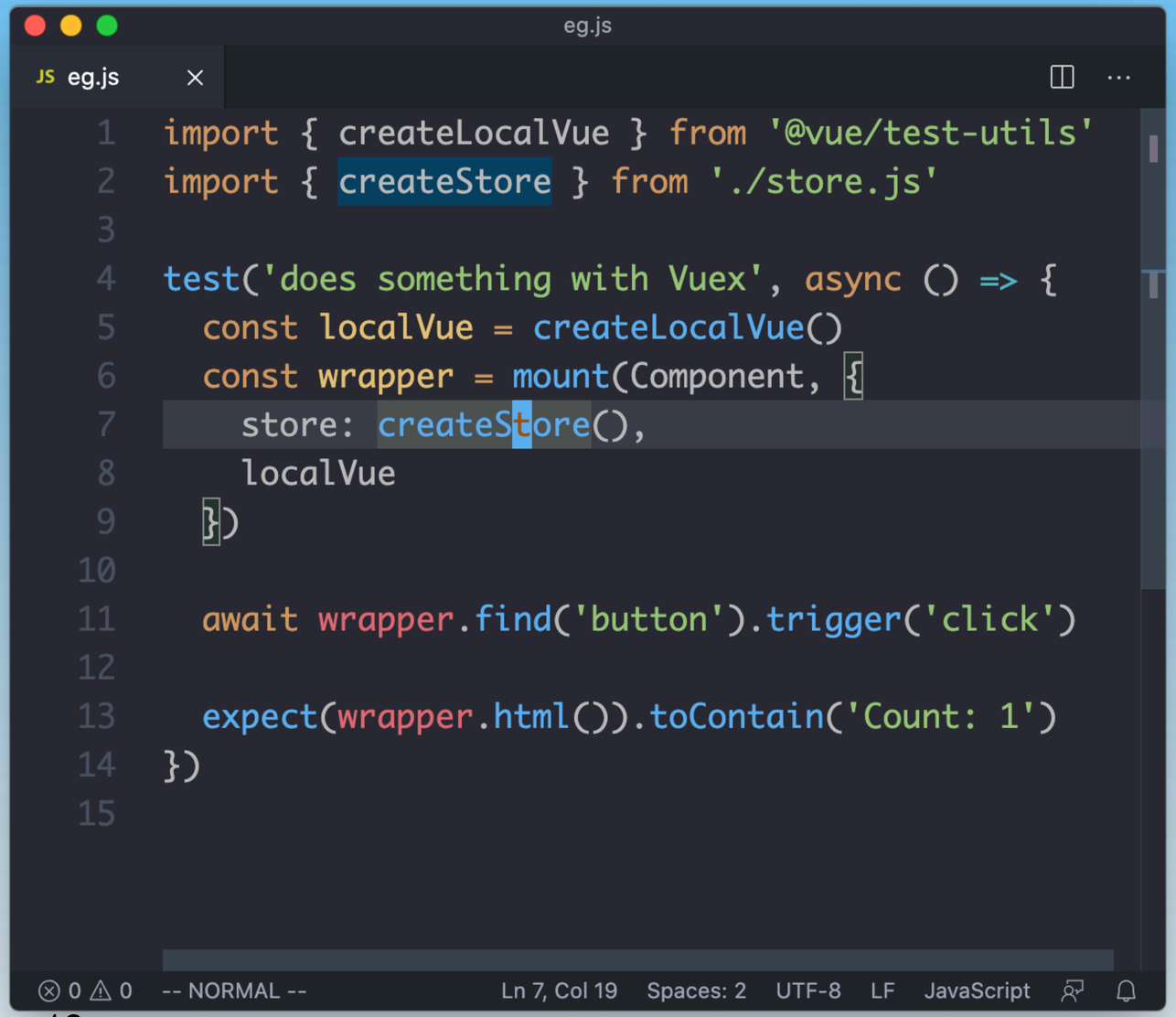
No more createLocalVue (2)

- localVue was introduced to solve this problem
- worked pretty well



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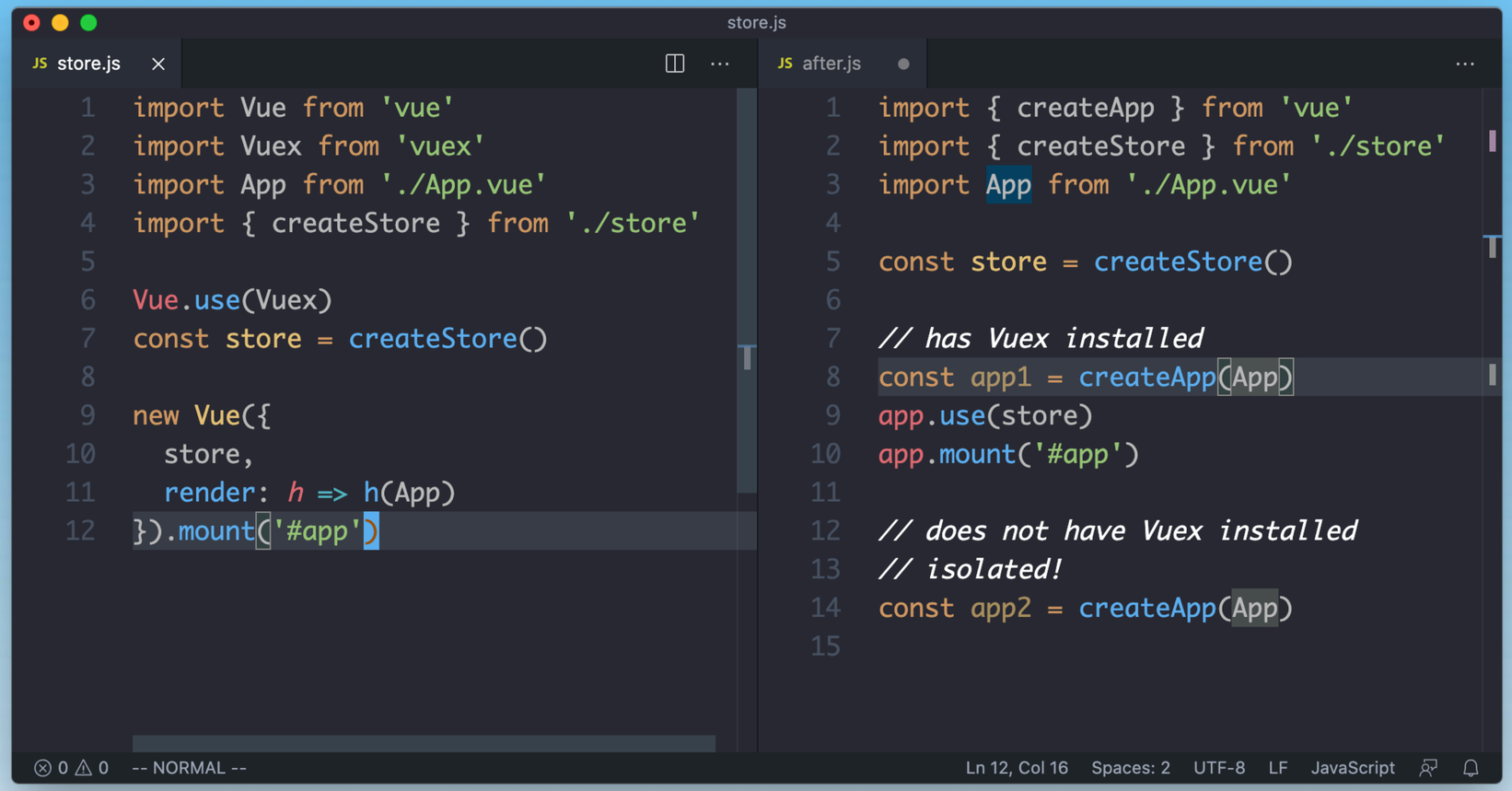
No more createLocalVue (3)

- Each Vue app and its plugins, directives etc are now *local by default*



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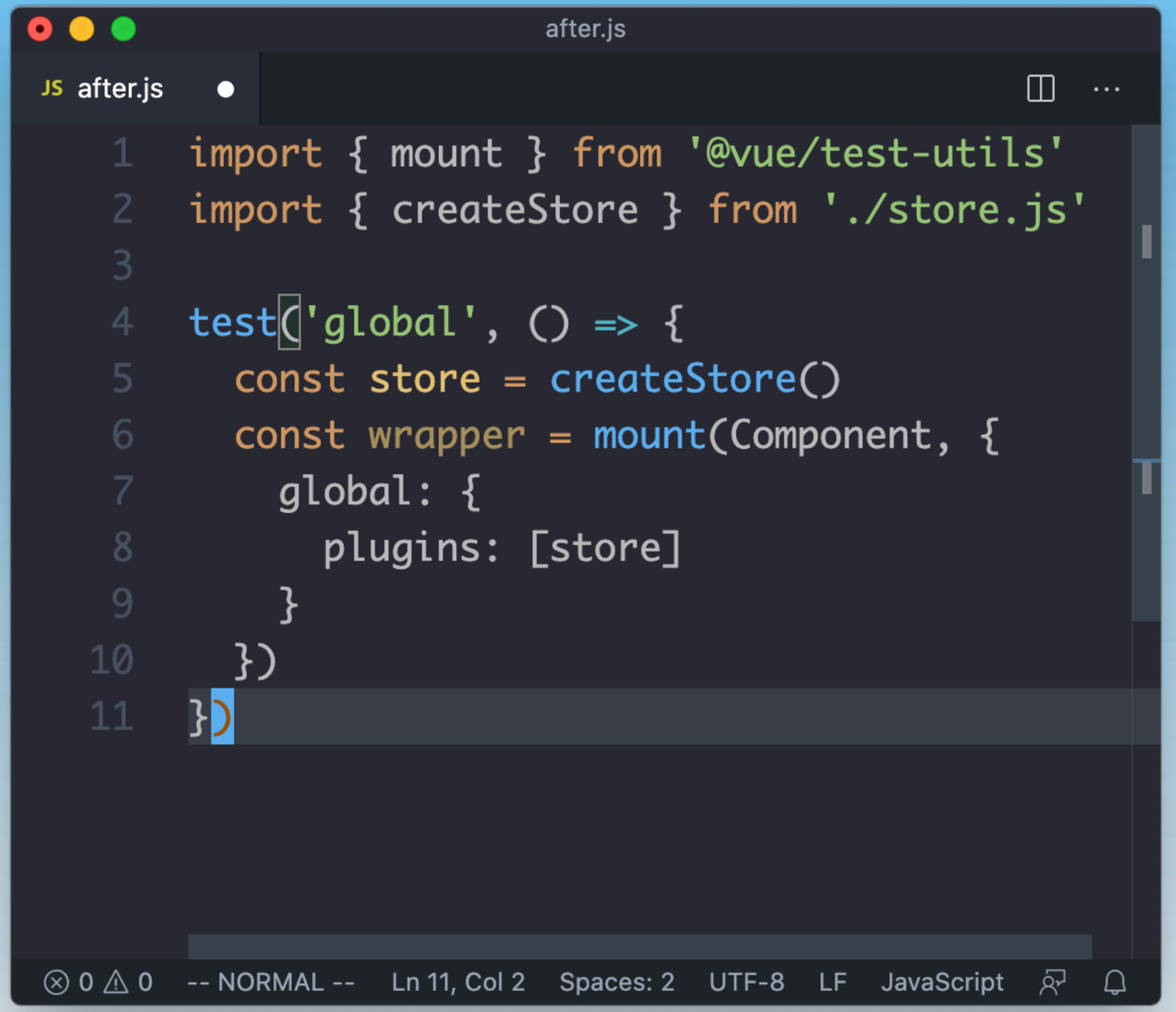
No more createLocalVue (4)

- Now you install plugins using the global mounting option.



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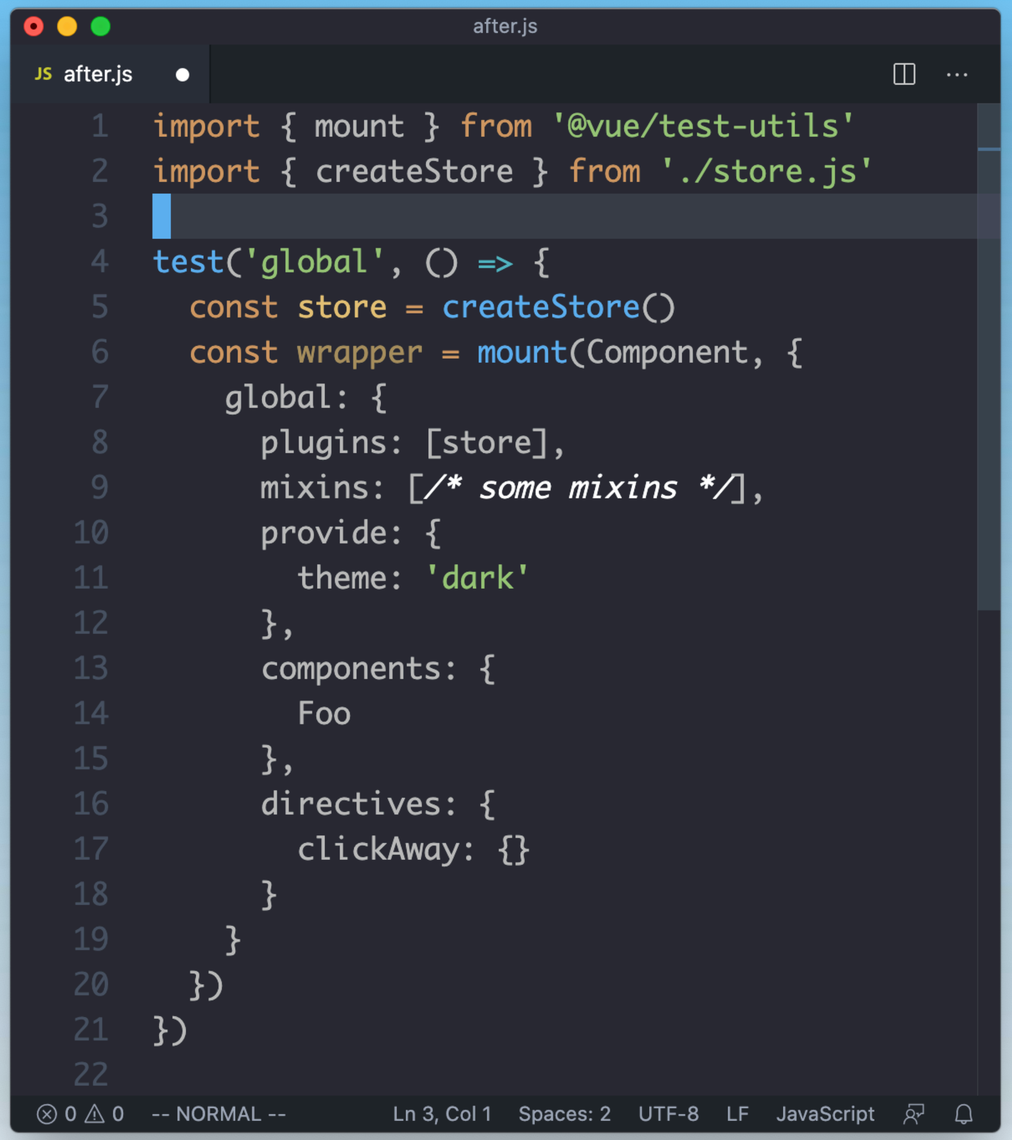
No more createLocalVue (5)

- This is where anything installed on app goes
- mixins
- provide
- components
- directives
- plugins



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No more createLocalVue (6)

- This also now includes *stubs* and *mocks*, since those affect all the components, not just the one you are testing, but all of it's children, too.

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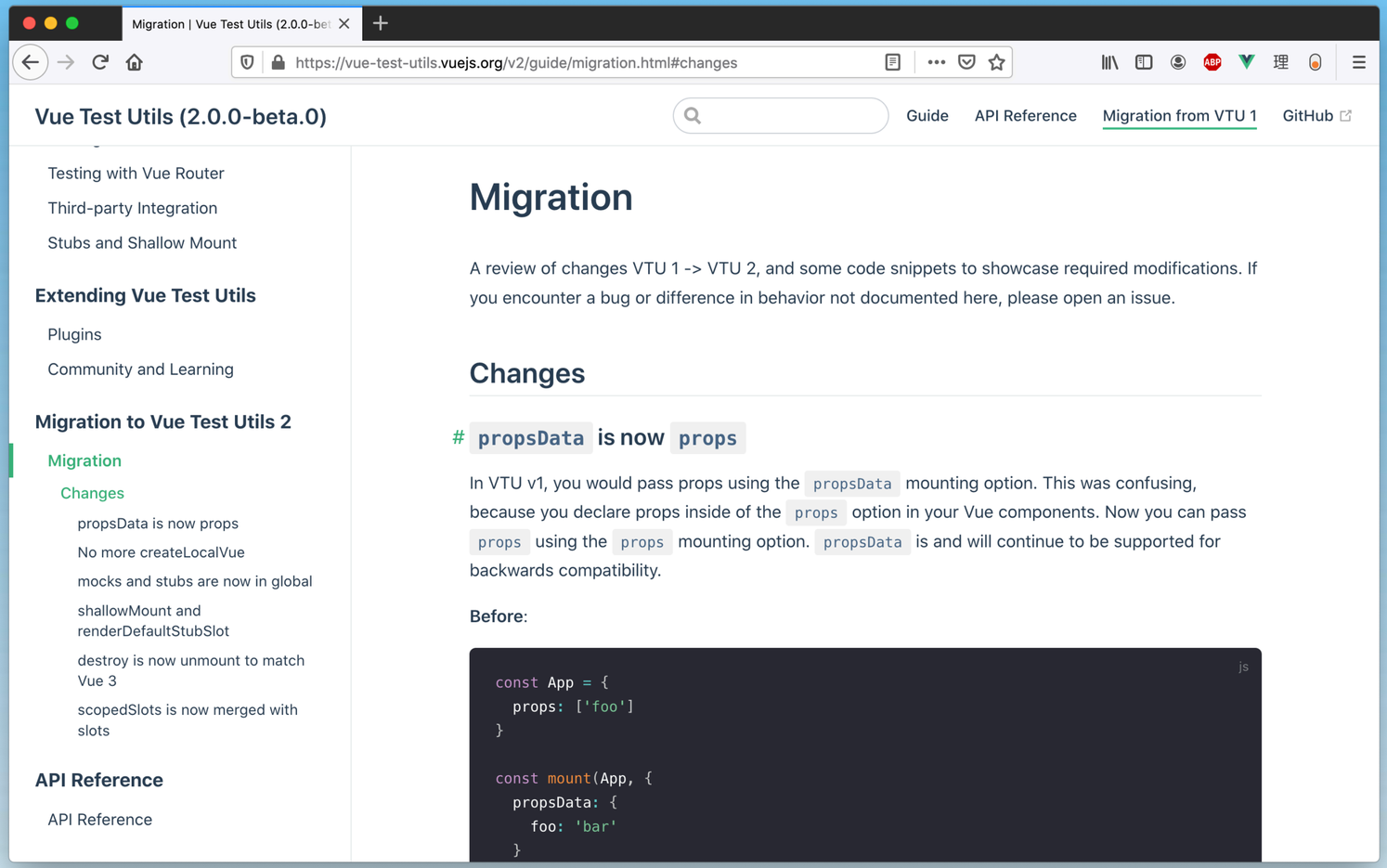
Migration Guide

- Some other small, trivial changes
- See "migration guide" in the VTU next docs



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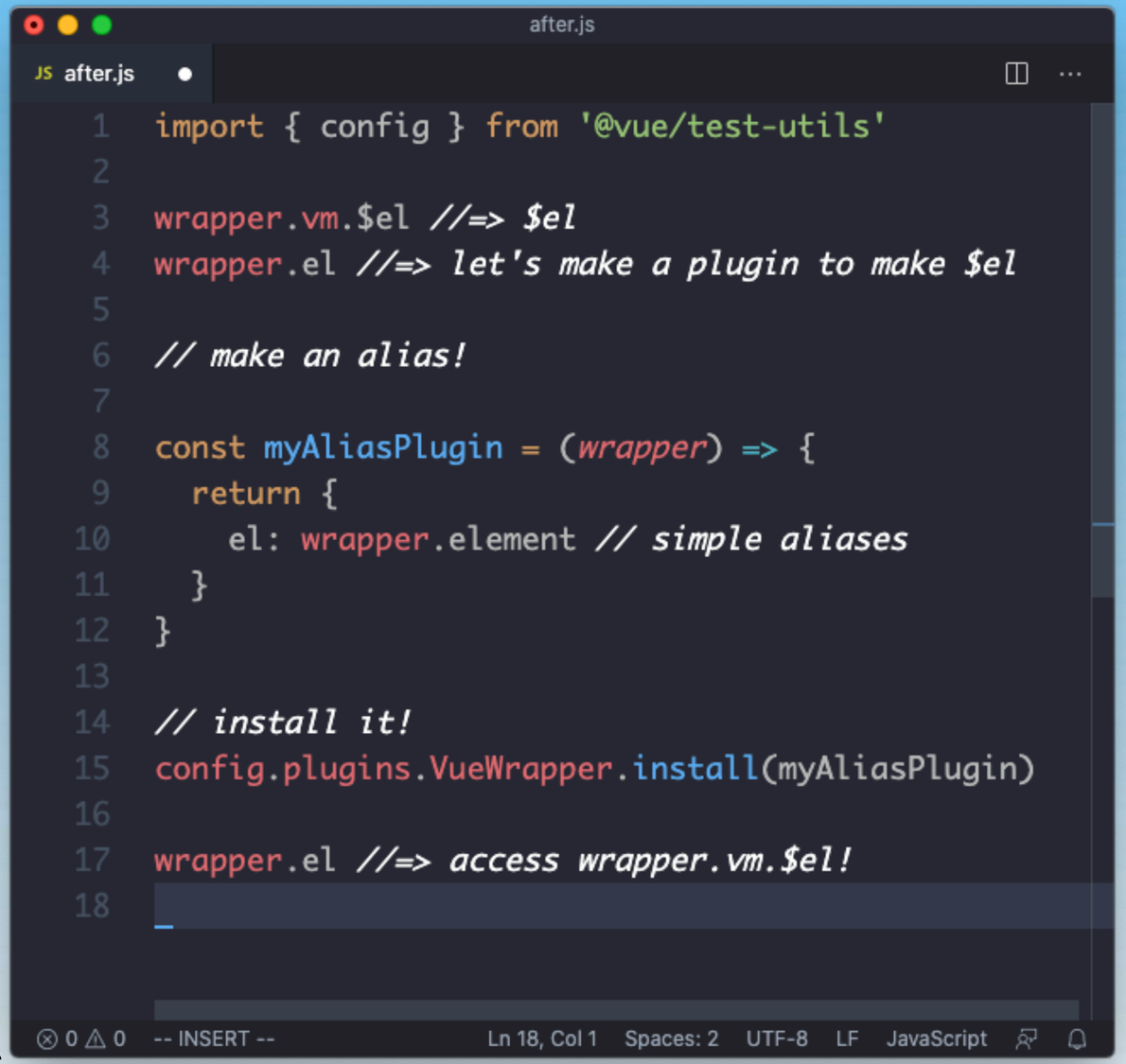
New Feature: Plugins!

- Extending Vue Test Utils by writing a plugin
- Function that receives wrapper as the first arg
- Returns methods made available on wrapper



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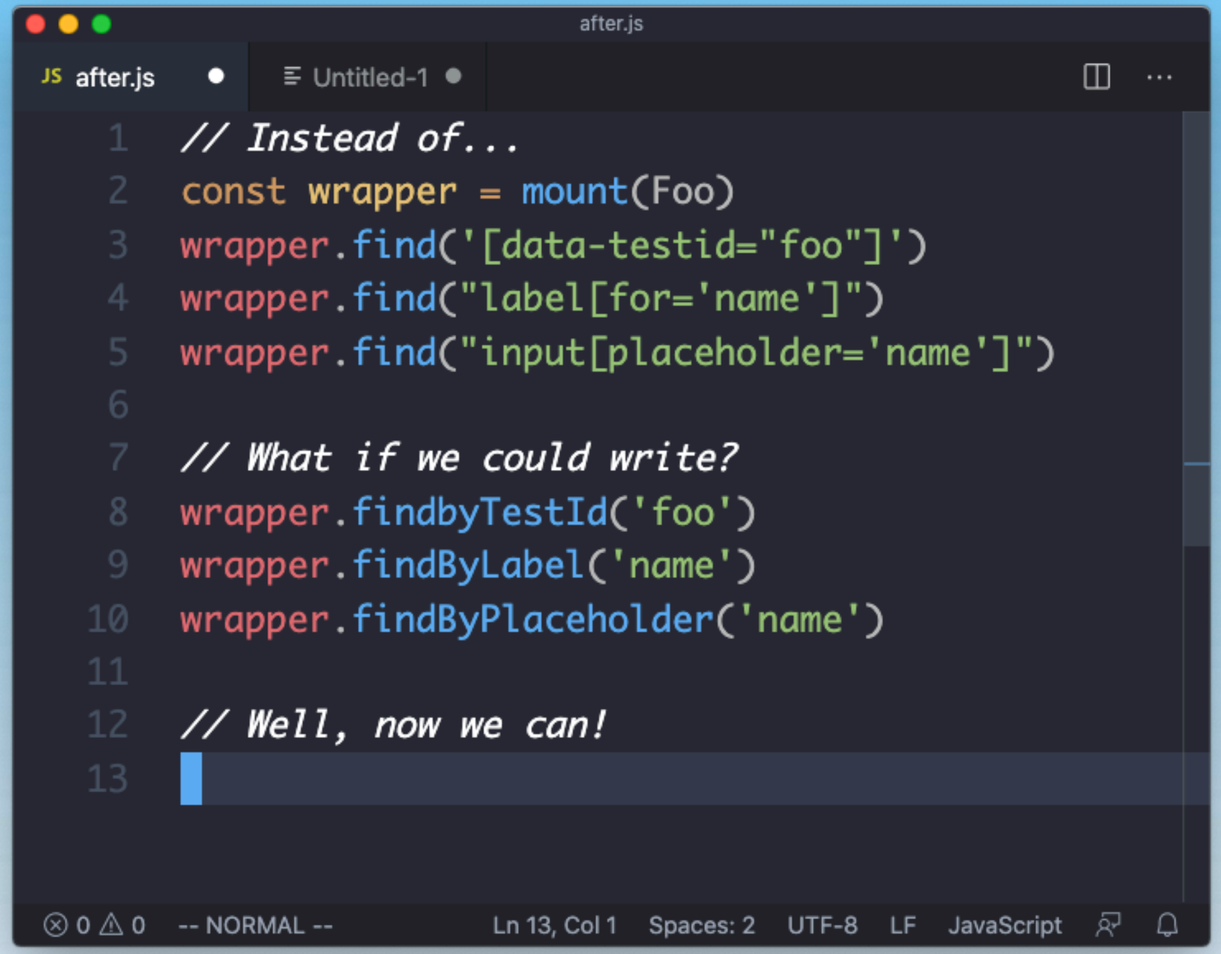
New Feature: Plugins!

- Can also add new methods to make your tests more *expressive*.



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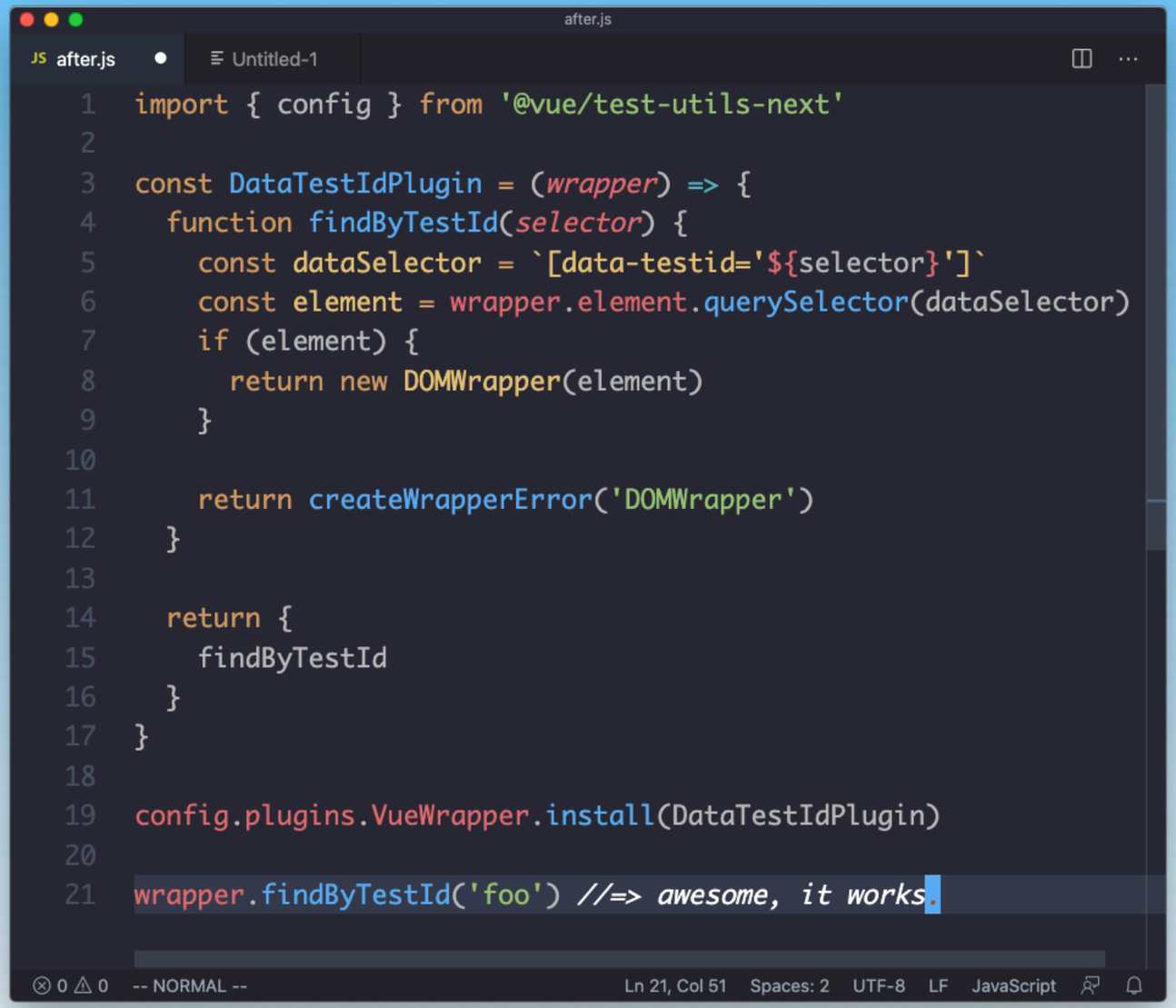
Example: findByTestId

- VueWrapper, DOMWrapper and other utilities are exposed, so you can be very creative.



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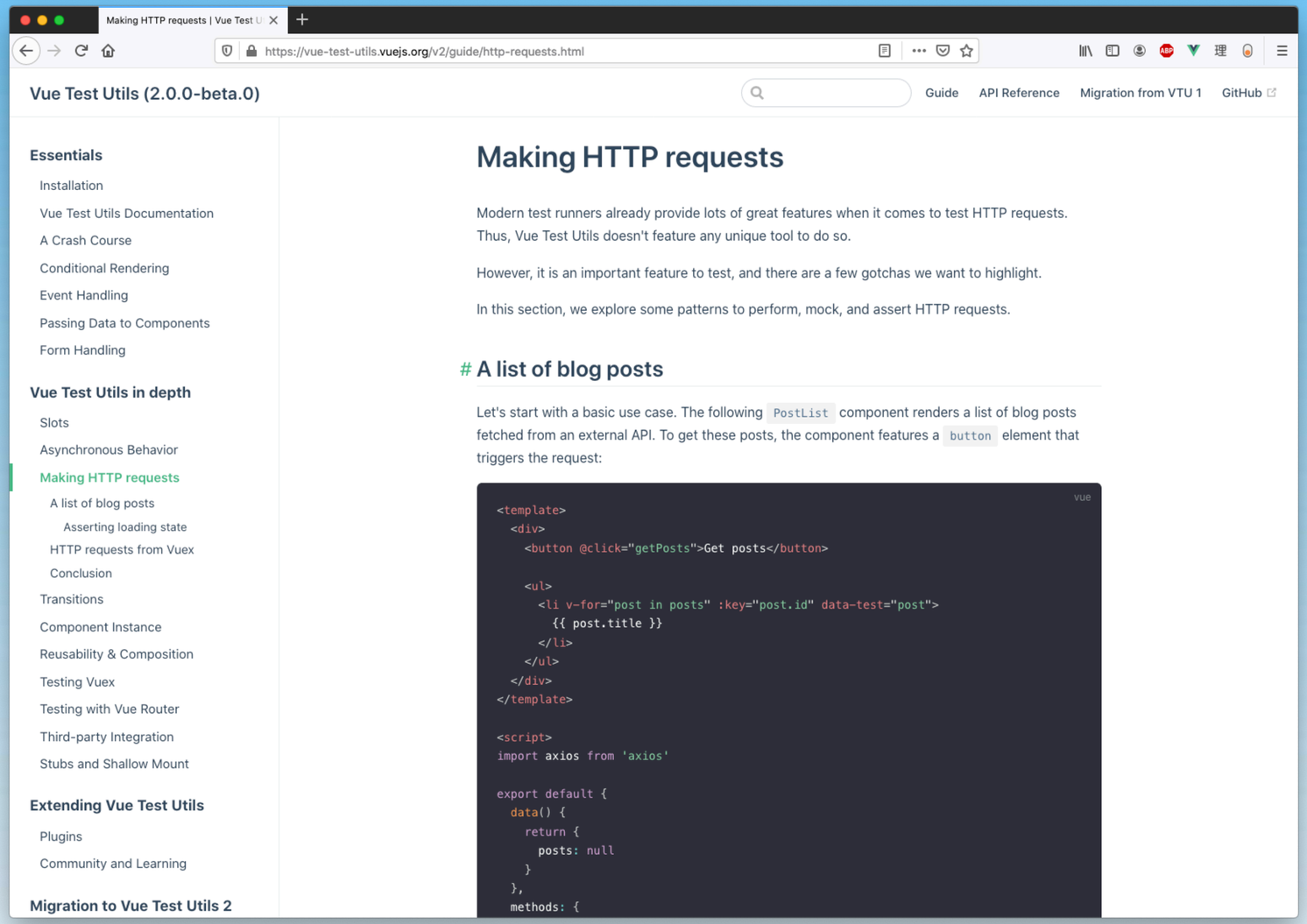
Updated Docs

- Greatly simplified.
- More focus on *how, why* and *what* to test.



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A New Philosophy

- Stable API.
  - Use RFC process for changes.
- Vue Test Utils are *utilities for testing.*
- Unopinionated, so you can write opinionated tests.
- Support for extending and building on.

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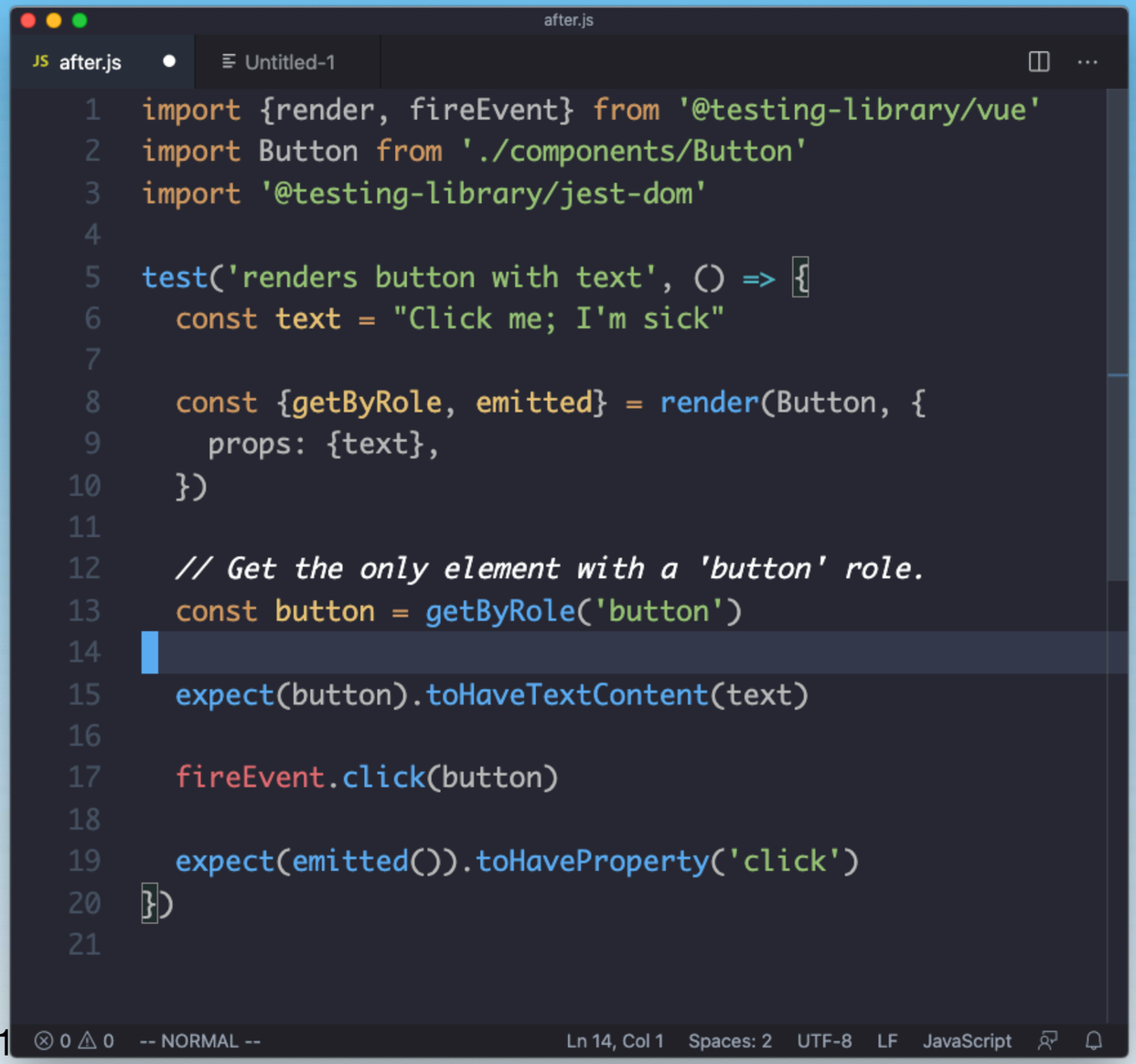
Case Study: Testing Library

- Write maintainable tests
- Develop with confidence
- Accessible by default
- Opinionated

- Vue Integration by Adria Fontcuberta (@afontq)
- https://github.com/testing-library/vue-testing-library



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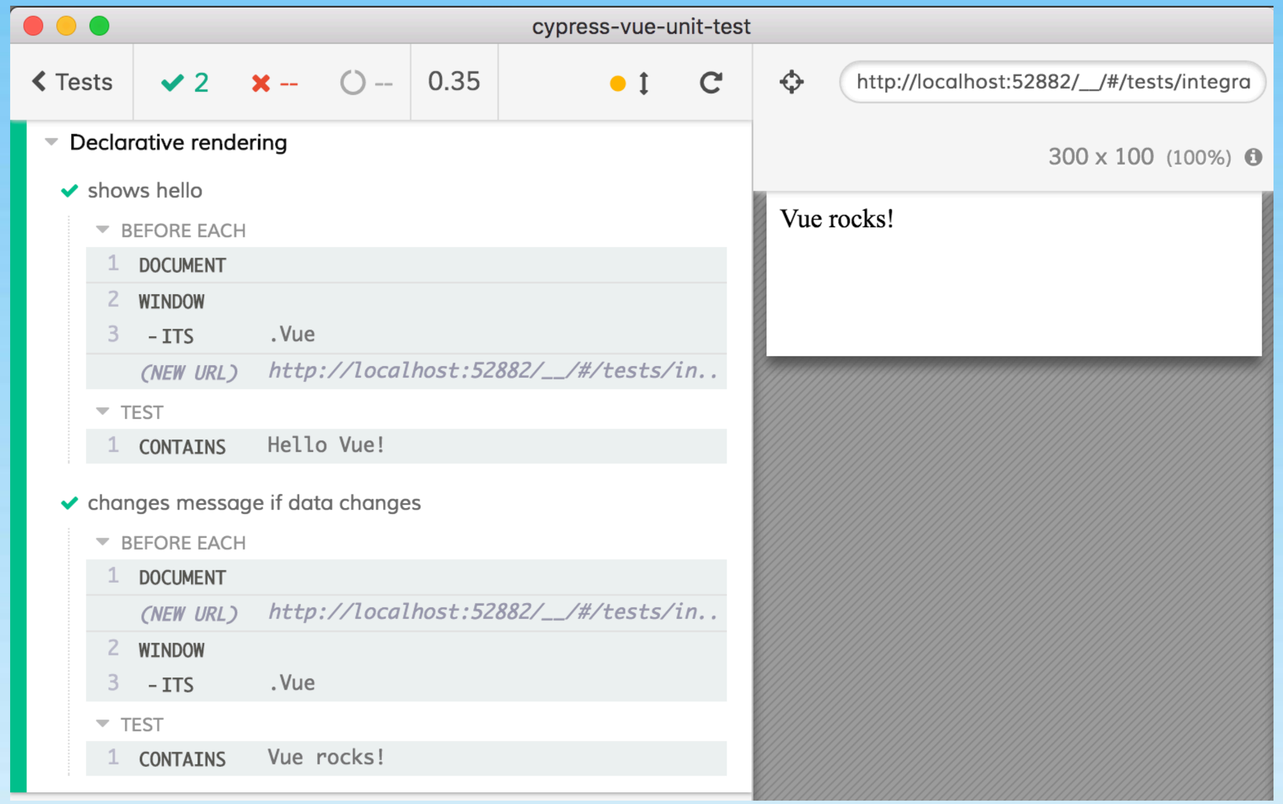
Case Study: Cypress

- Runs in a real browser
- Opinionated. *Tests like your users do.*
- Powered by Test Utils.
- Early days, but promising! Cypress is awesome.

- Vue Integration by Jess Sachs (@_jessicasachs)
- https://github.com/bahmutov/cypress-vue-unit-test



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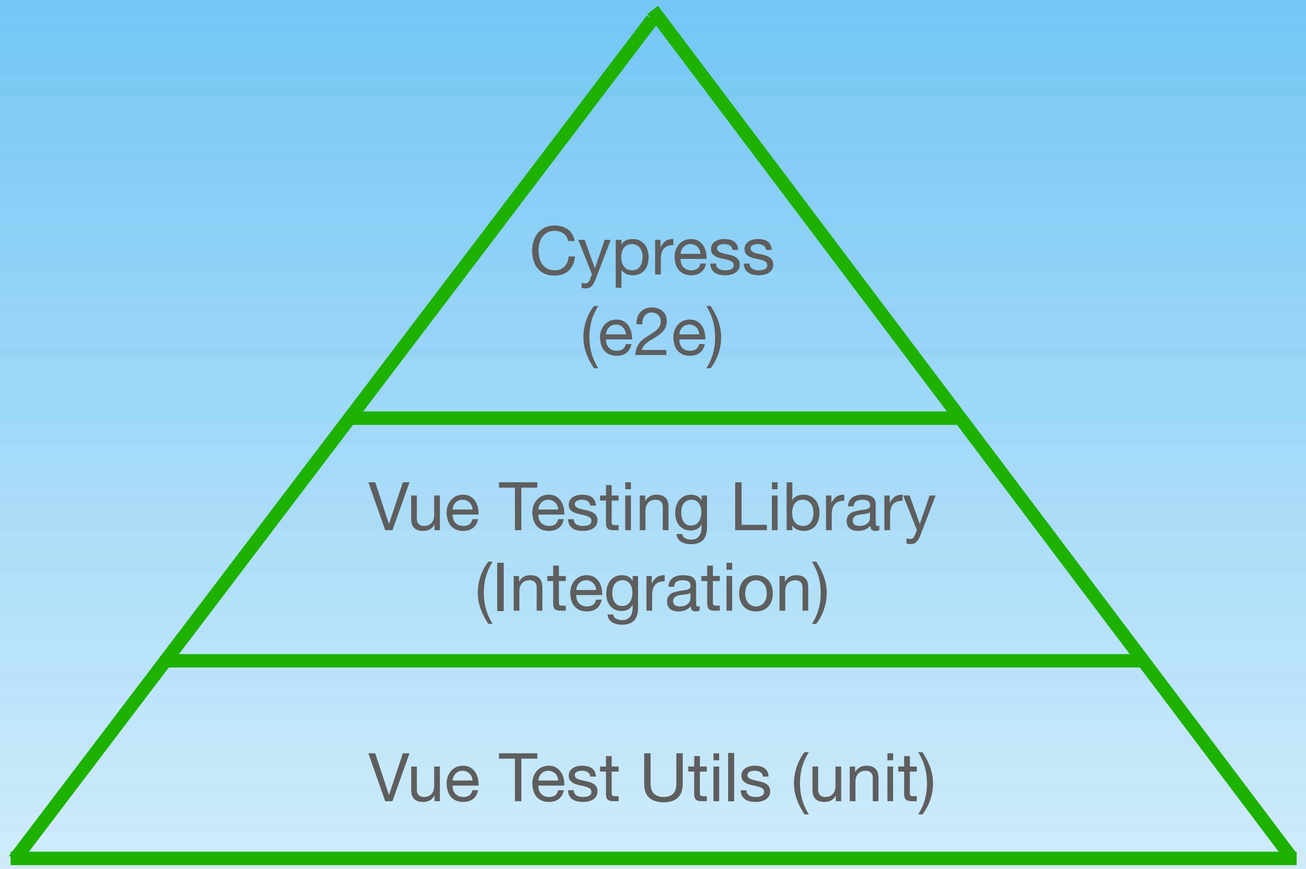
Which tool should I use?

- Vue Testing Pyramid
- You can basically write the same tests with any of these tools
- Personal preference
- Simple utilities library vs opinionated testing platform



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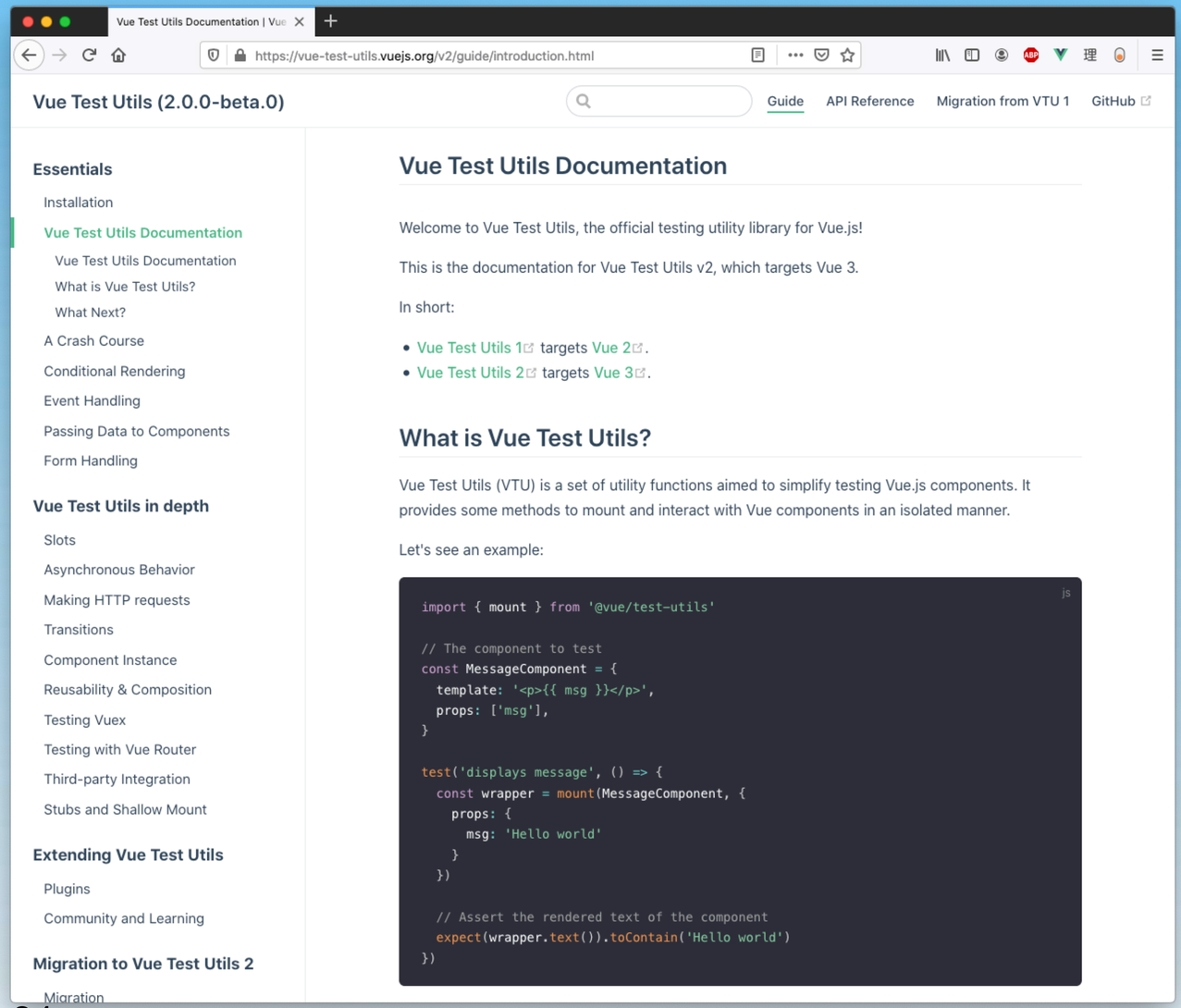
Where to next?

- Official documentation
- Some simple guides on getting started
- API reference



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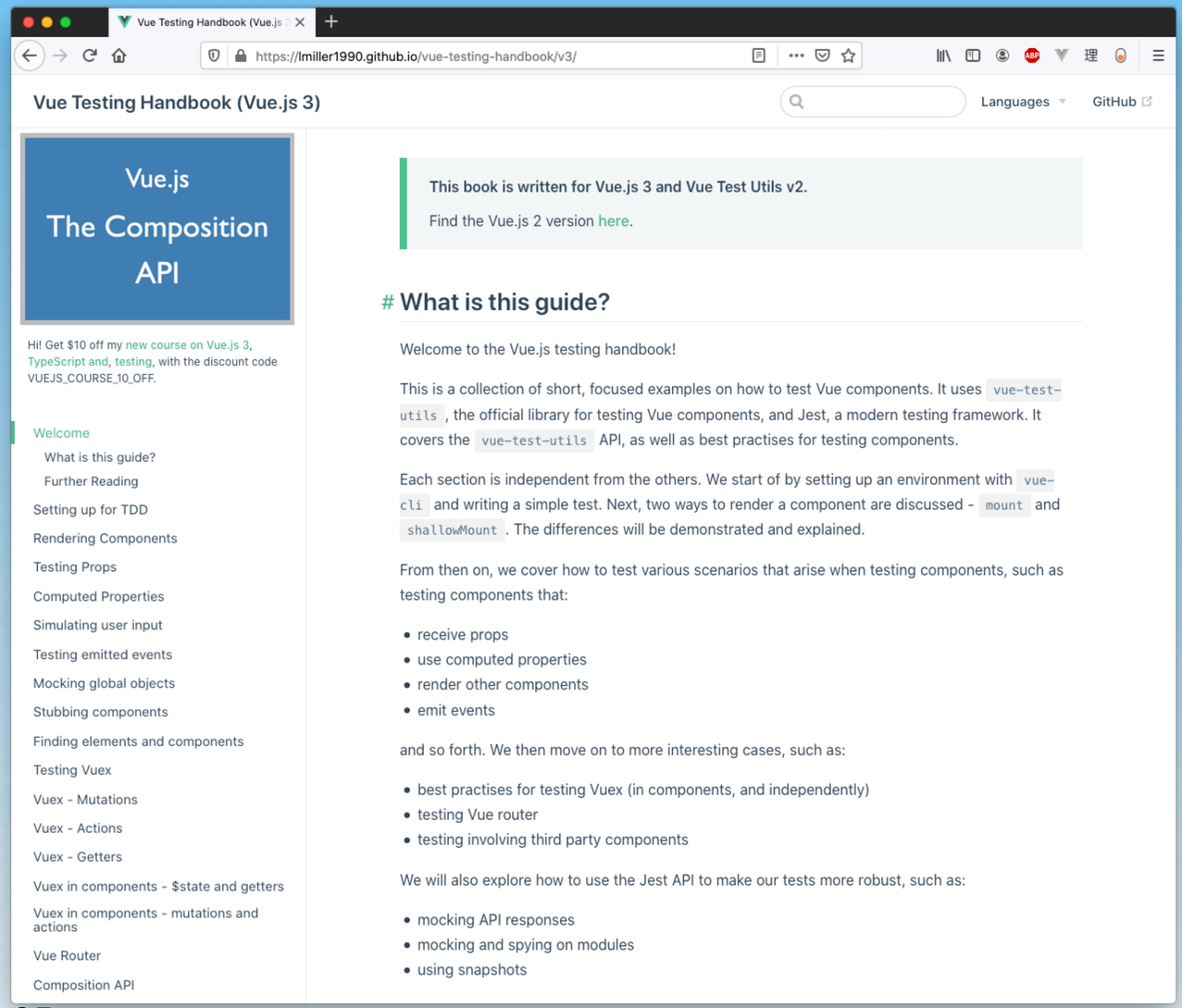
Where to next?

- Vue Testing Handbook
- Updated for Vue 3 + Vue Test Utils v2
- https://lmiller1990.github.io/vue-testing-handbook/v3/



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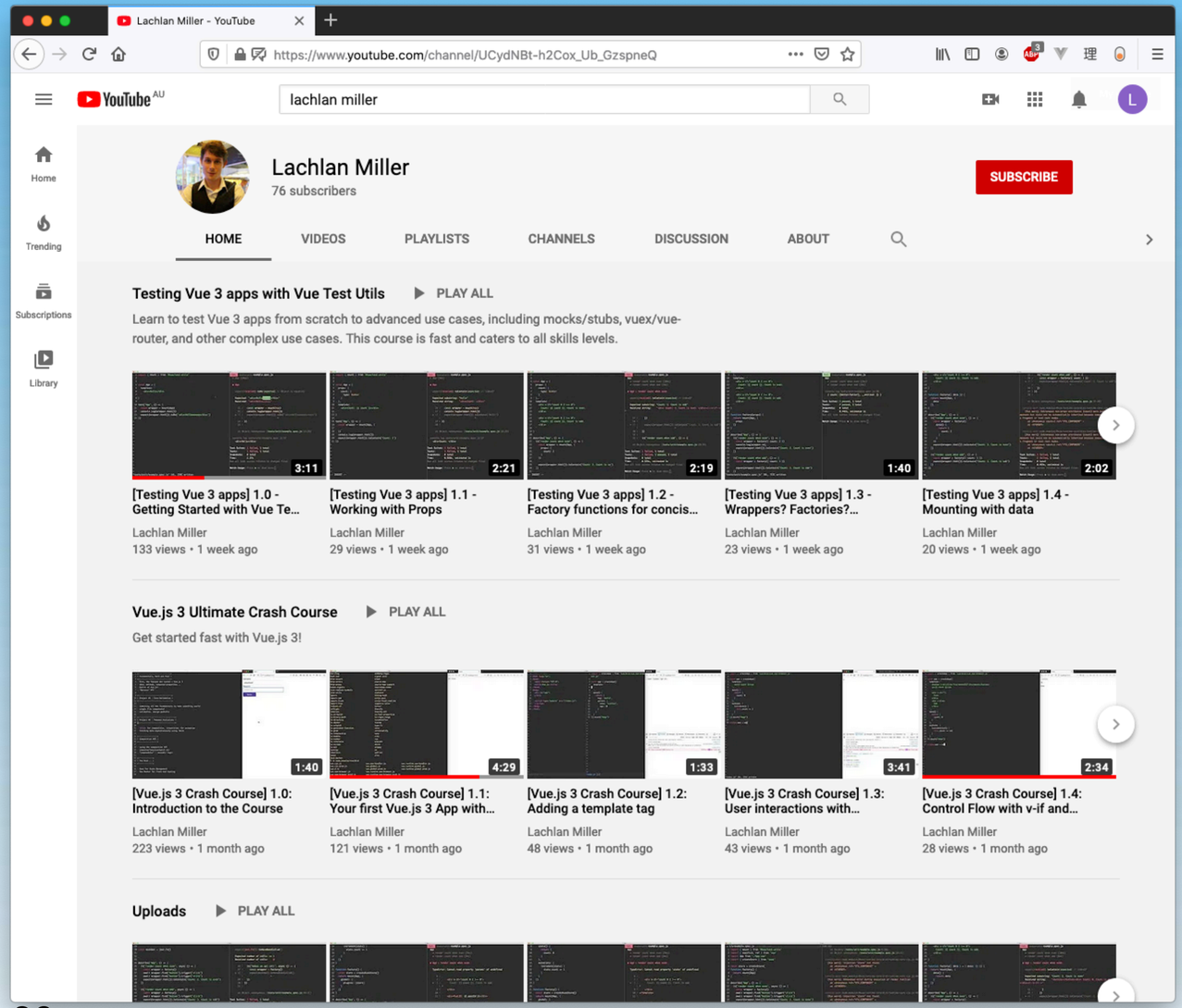
Where to next?

- Video lectures on YouTube
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lV4dVYOyBw&list=PLC2LZCNWKL9ahK1IoODqYxKu5aA9T5IOA



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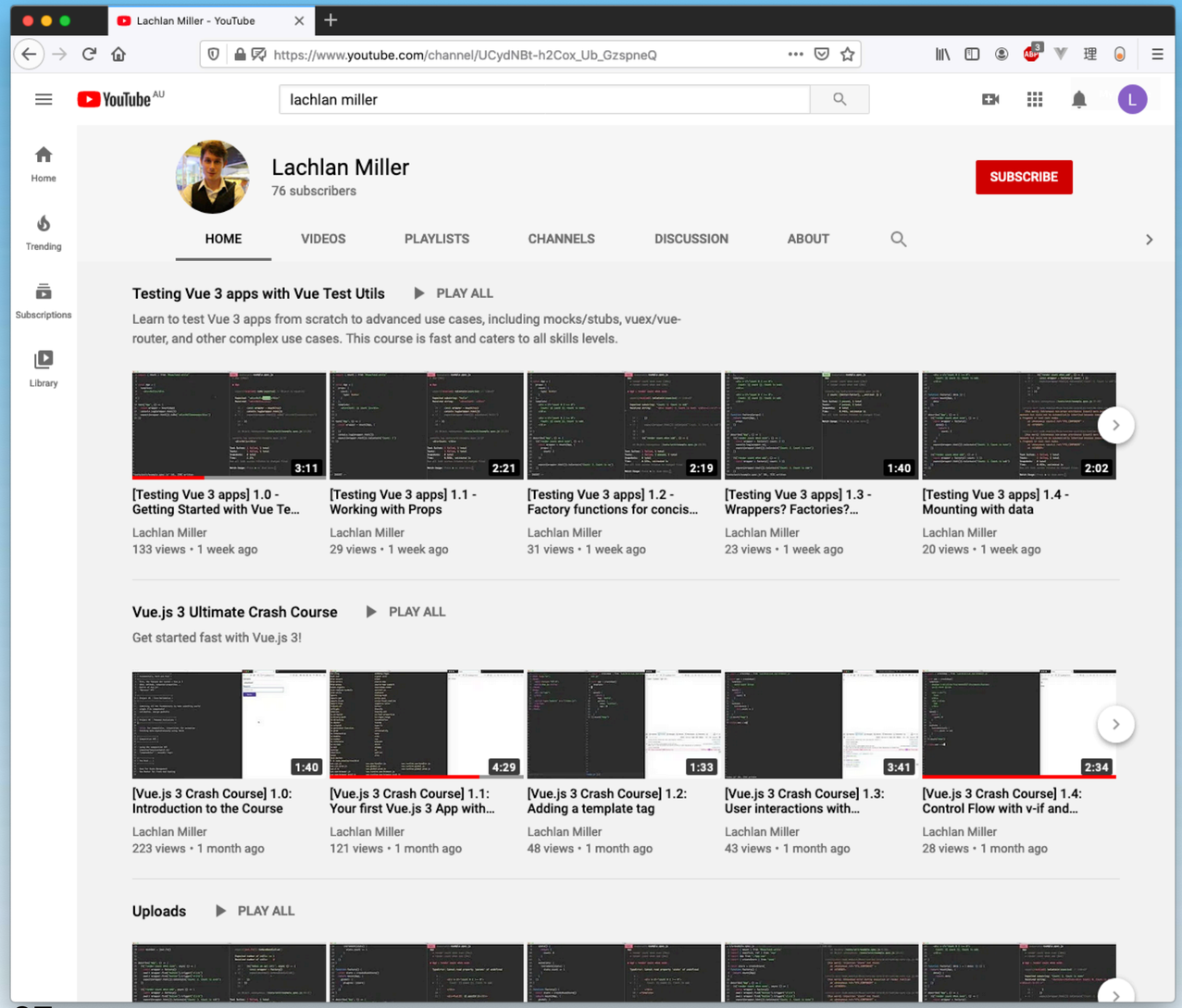

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