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# Playwright Workshop



## 2 - Basics

# Basic Rules in E2E Testing

- Let your test fail
- Use resilient selectors
  - data-\*
  - text
  - role
- Multiple Matchers are allowed
- Stay with locator, not do direct fetching



# test: useful methods

- **test.describe**
  - Suite: Defines a collection of tests
  - Can apply generic commands on test cases
- **test.only**
  - Runs only this test (relative to the suite)
- **test.skip**
  - Doesn't run this test
- **beforeEach, beforeAll**
  - setup Code
- **test.use**
  - override some configuration values



# Playwright's workhorse: `page.locator`

- Returns a promise of a DOM query
  - Is not the DOM element
- Chainable for actions
- Argument for assertions (`expect`)
- Different selectors (not just CSS)
  - Text selectors
  - Data-testid
  - Location-based
  - XPath
  - React/Vue experimental
- Nestable
- Shadow DOM "piercing"



# Text selectors

- `await page.locator("text=Welcome to Eternal").waitFor(); // partial match`
- `await page.locator("text='Welcome to Eternal']").waitFor(); // exact match`
- `await page.locator("'Welcome to Eternal']").waitFor(); // exact match`
- `await page.locator("*", { hasText: "Welcome to Eternal" }).waitFor(); // fails on strict mode`
- `await page.locator("h2", { hasText: "Welcome to Eternal" }).waitFor(); // right approach`
- `await page.locator("h2:has-text('Welcome to Eternal')").waitFor(); // 👍`
- `await page.locator(":has-text('Welcome to Eternal')").waitFor(); // 👎`



# Selectors via data-testid

```
await page.locator("data-testid=greeting").waitFor();
```

```
await page.locator("[data-testid=greeting]").waitFor();
```

```
await page.locator("css=[data-testid=greeting]").waitFor();
```

```
await page.getByTestId("greeting").waitFor();
```



# Engines, combinations & nested selection

```
page.locator("data-testid=holiday-card");
```

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```
page.locator("data-testid=holiday-card >> text=Vienna");
```

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data-testid=holiday-card >> text=Vienna  
empire



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page.locator("*data-testid=holiday-card >> text=Vienna");
```

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```
page.locator("data-testid=holiday-card", {hasText: "Vienna"});
```

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```
page.locator("data-testid=holiday-card", { has: page.locator("text=Vienna") })
```

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# Going down - v1

page

```
.locator("data-testid=holiday-card", { has: page.locator("text=Vienna") })  
.locator("data-testid=btn-brochure")
```

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# Going down - v2

page.locator("data-testid=btn-brochure >> nth=0")

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# Going down - v3

page

```
.locator(`data-testid=holiday-card`, {  
  has: page.locator("mat-card-title", { hasText: "Vienna" })  
})  
.locator("data-testid=btn-brochure")
```

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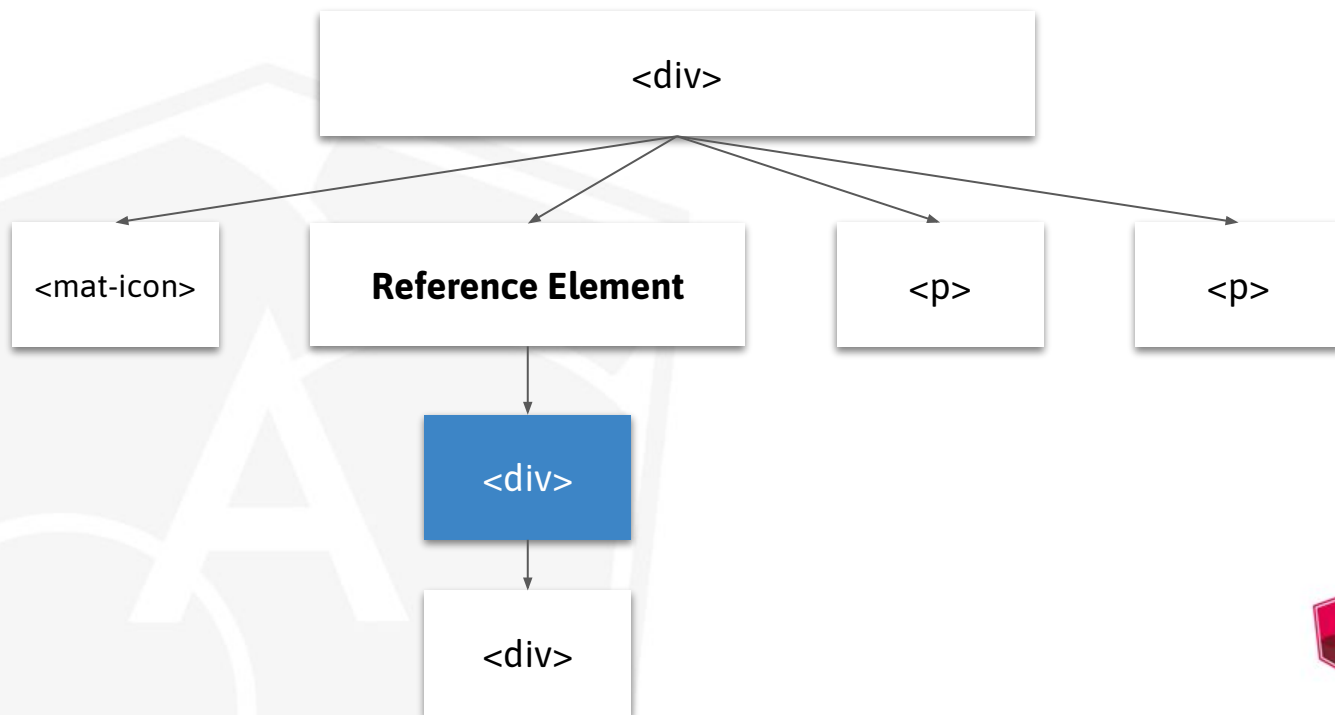


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# Relative Navigation: Direct Child

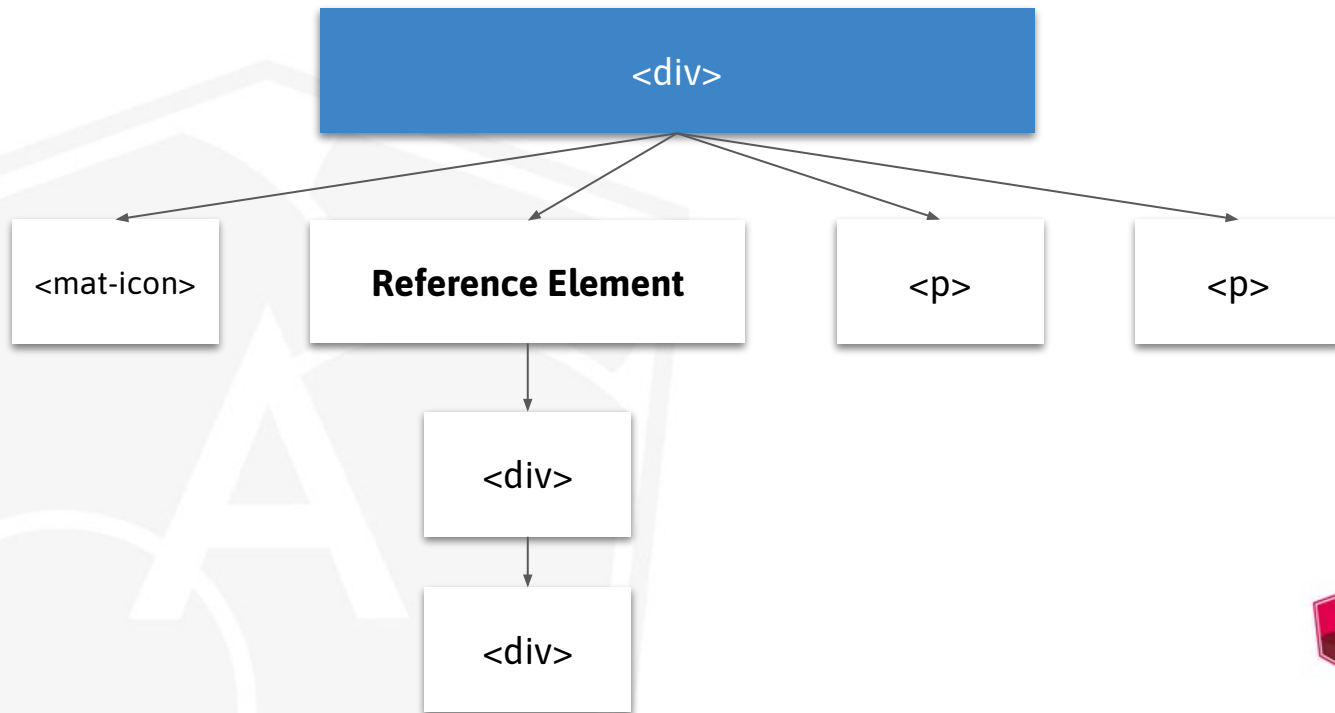
`data-testid=reference >> >div`





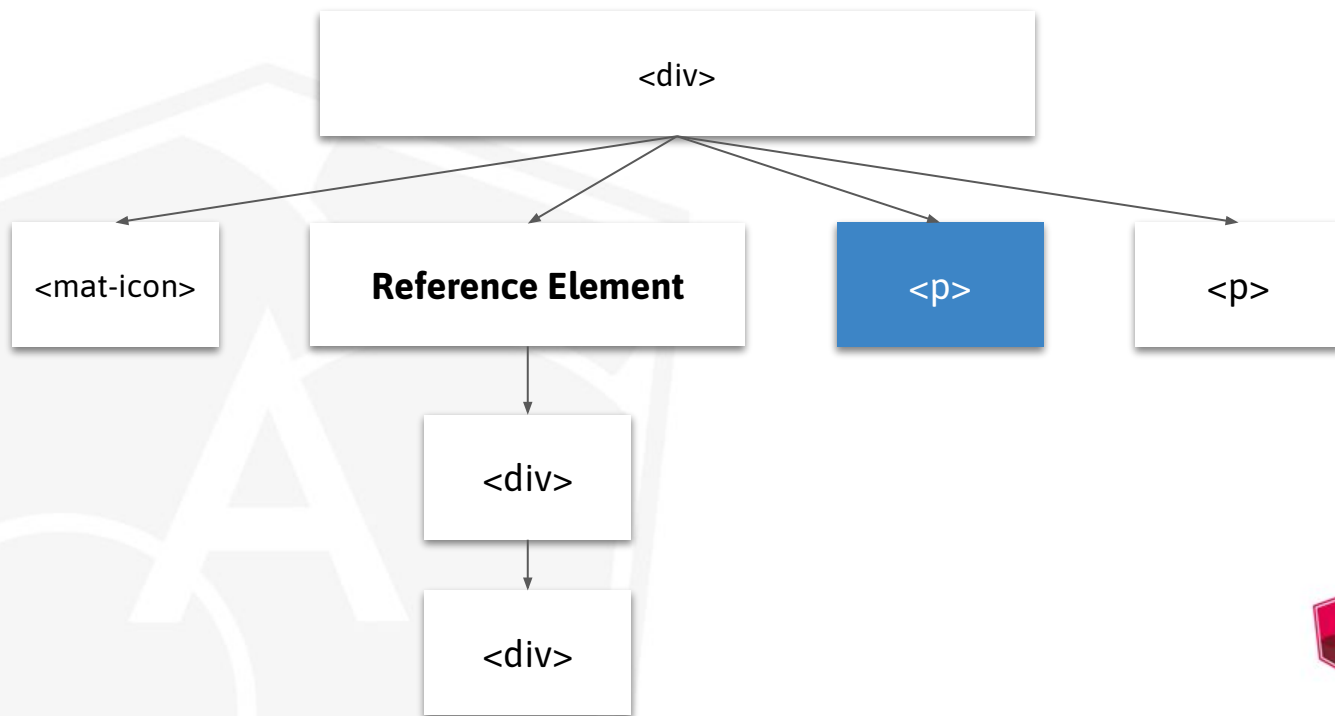
# Relative Navigation: Parent

`data-testid=reference >> ..`



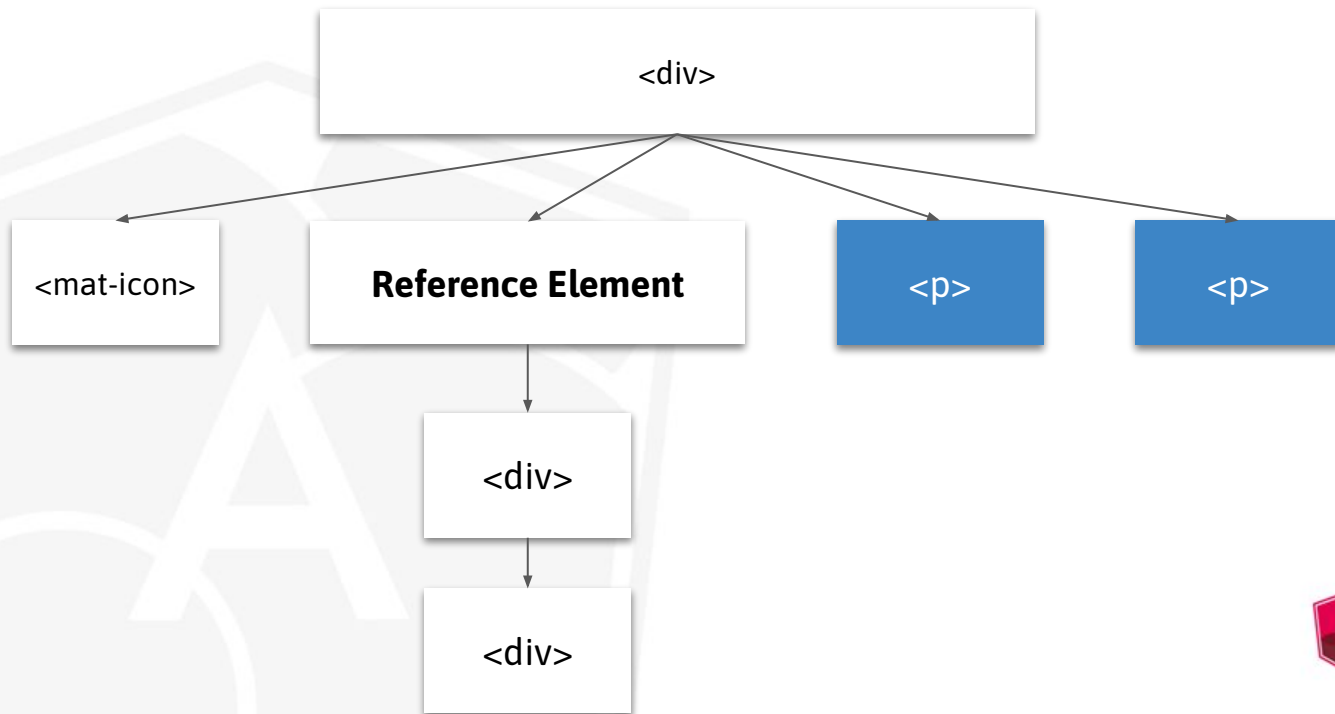
# Relative Navigation: Adjacent (Right) Sibling

`[data-testid=reference] + p`



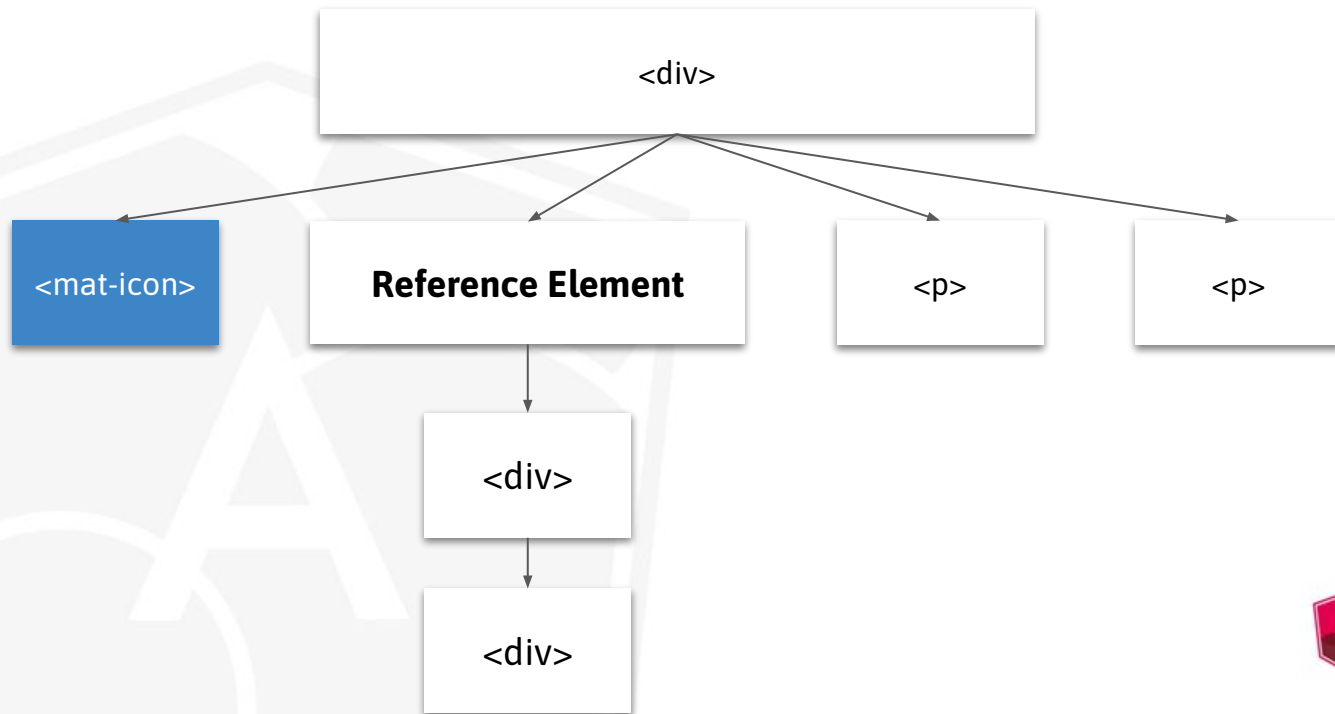
# Relative Navigation: Sibling

`[data-testid=reference] ~ p`



# Relative Navigation: Preceding Sibling

`data-testid=reference >> .. > mat-icon`



# Selector Strategies

## DOM-Based

- id Attribute
  - Must be unique
  - Browser-internal meaning
  - Consensus not to use it
- CSS Classes
  - Should be used for Layout
  - Don't deal with functionality
- Text
  - `page.locator(text='')`
  - Better to go with User-Facing Selectors
- data-testid
  - Best Practices
  - Recommended by Cypress

## User-Facing

- Use text and/or roles
- Includes partially a11y
- "Testing Library Style"
  - No dependencies in Playwright
- Careful when text changes often
  - Fallback to data-testid



# User-Facing Selectors

1. `page.getByRole`
2. `page.getByLabel`
3. `page.getByPlaceholder`
4. `page.getByText`
5. `page.getByAltText`
6. `page.getByTitle`
7. `page.getByTestId`




# A11y Tooling

Unforgettable Holidays

mat-card.mat-mdc-card.mdc-card.my-4.mx-4.ng-star-inserted 305 x 416

Welcome Rainer Hahnekamp [Sign Out](#)

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The northernmost capital of the world and entry to Iceland



Iceland is a small island between Europe and America. It is best known for its nature and landscape which


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SOLD OUT

Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark and is located on Seeland which is one of the three main Danish islands.

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East meets West



Although not being the capital of China, Shanghai is a good choice to for a China voyage. It can be reached

Elements

Console

Sources

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RootWebArea "Eternal" focusable: true

- link "Eternal Unforgettable Holidays" focusable: true
  - heading "Eternal Unforgettable Holidays"
- paragraph ""
- button "Sign Out" focusable: true
- list ""
- generic "Vienna / Wien"
- generic "London"
- generic "Detroit"
- generic "Reykjavík"
- generic "Copenhagen / København"
- generic "Shanghai / 上海市"
- generic "Florence/ Firenze"
- generic "Granada"
- generic "Lübeck"

group "grammarty-integration" focusable: true

- StaticText "{"mode":"full","isActive":true,"isUserDisabled":false}"

Styles

Computed

Layout

Event Listeners

DOM Breakpoints

Filter

:hov .cls +

No matching selector or style

# Examples

- `page.getByRole('link', { name: 'Holidays', exact: true })`  
`.click();`
- `page.getByRole('button', { name: /Save/ })`  
`.click();`
- `page.getByLabel(/Firenze/i);`
- `page.getByLabel(/Latitia/)`  
`.getByRole('link', { name: 'Edit Customer', exact: true });`





# Layout-specific tests

```
test("layout selectors", async ({ page }) => {  
  await expect(  
    page.locator("p:right-of(:has-text('Logout'))")  
  ).not.toBeVisible();  
  await expect(  
    page.locator("p:left-of(:has-text('Logout'))")  
  ).not.toBeVisible();  
  
  await expect(page.locator("p:below(:has-text('Logout'))")).toContainText(  
    "Welcome"  
  );  
});
```



# Actions

- click
- fill
- waitFor
  - can be used instead of matcher
- first
  - Required for strict mode



# Actionability built-in

- Based on action, Playwright runs checks before the action
- Checks
  - Attached
  - Visible
  - Stable
  - Receive Events (no overlay)
  - Enabled
  - Editable



# Assertions

```
await expect([Locator]).[matcher]
```



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# Assertions 1/2

- Assertions are build-in (Part of Playwright)
- Apply matchers to element
  - Always use locator
  - Don't forget about the await
- Verify that element(s) can be found
  - use `waitFor()` instead expect



# Assertions 2/2 - Common Matchers

- `toBeVisible`
- `toHaveCount`
- `toHaveText`
- `toContainText`
- `not.[otherMatcher]`



A photograph of two people, a man and a woman, working at computers in a modern, dimly lit office or lab environment. The man, with curly brown hair and wearing a blue button-down shirt, is seen from the back, looking at a large monitor displaying a complex code editor with multiple panels of code. The woman, with long brown hair and wearing a dark jacket, is seated next to him, looking at her own monitor which also shows code. The background is a textured, light-colored wall. The overall atmosphere is focused and professional.

# Lab Time