

Master Cypress in 15 minutes a day

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Course Goals

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- Learn what Cypress is
 - And what it can do for you
- Understand what the best practices are
 - And what not to do
- See how Cypress differs from other End to End testing tools
 - Like Selenium, Nightwatch.js etc.

Why this course?

- Cypress is not hard to use most of the time
 - Not knowing the best practices can trip you up
- Going beyond the basics can be tough

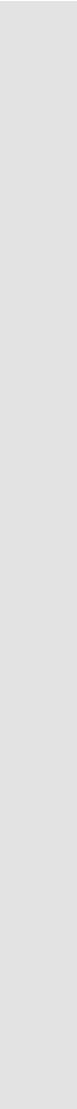


15 minutes

- Can I really do this in 15 minutes a day?



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What is Cypress

And why use it?

What is Cypress

- Cypress is a front end testing tool
 - Built for the modern web
- Tests are easy to write
 - Using simple JavaScript
- Time Travel runner lets you inspect test at each step
 - Click on a step to see the state of the browser
- Automatic waiting for elements
 - Makes tests more resilient
- Video recording of running test
 - Helps debugging failing tests on the CI server

What is Cypress

- Lets you fake the network
 - Or use the real backend as appropriate
- Automatically retry
 - Run flaky tests multiple times
- Many standard and 3rd party extensions
 - Or write your own in JavaScript
- Can run in Docker containers
 - Consistent cross platform behavior
- Runs inside the browser
 - Not based on Selenium

Interactive Test Runner

The screenshot shows the Cypress Interactive Test Runner interface. At the top, there's a header bar with the Cypress logo, the path "C:\Temp\c", and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). Below the header is a dark navigation bar with links for "File", "Edit", "View", "Window", and "Help". To the right of the navigation bar are "Support", "Docs", and "Log In" links. The main content area has tabs for "Tests" (which is selected), "Runs", and "Settings". A search bar with the placeholder "Press Ctrl + F to search..." is located above the test list. On the right side of the search bar is a "New Spec File" button. The central part of the interface lists "INTEGRATION TESTS" with a "COLLAPSE ALL | EXPAND ALL" link. Underneath, there's a list of spec files: "examples", "actions.spec.js", "aliasing.spec.js", "assertions.spec.js", "connectors.spec.js", "cookies.spec.js", "cypress_api.spec.js", "files.spec.js", "local_storage.spec.js", and "location.spec.js". To the right of this list is a button labeled "Run 20 integration specs". At the bottom of the interface is a footer bar with links for "Version 7.5.0" and "Changelog".

Interactive Test Runner

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the Cypress UI. On the left, the test runner interface displays a list of test cases and their results. One test case is expanded, showing the test code:

```
visit '/top-rated-movies'
get '#movie-278 a:first'
click
(page Load) --page Loaded--
(new url) https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/movie/278
get h1
assert expected <h1.bd-hd> to contain text The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
```

On the right, the application's user interface is displayed, showing the movie "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994). The page includes a title, a star rating of 8.7/10, a "WATCH TRAILER" button, and sections for Overview, Reviews, Cast & Crew, Media, and Similar Movies. The Overview section contains a plot summary and credits.

Command Line Interface

```
Windows PowerShell x + - ×
Running: block-buster.spec.js (1 of 1)

Block Buster Film Reviews
  ✓ Has the correct title (810ms)
  ✓ Can open The Shawshank Redemption (344ms)
  ✓ The Shawshank Redemption has the expected cast (175ms)
  ✓ Can navigate to Morgan Freeman (377ms)

4 passing (2s)

(Results)

Tests:      4
Passing:    4
Failing:   0
Pending:   0
Skipped:   0
Screenshots: 0
Video:      true
Duration:   1 second
Spec Ran:   block-buster.spec.js

(Video)

- Started processing: Compressing to 32 CRF
- Finished processing: C:\Temp\c\cypress\videos\block-buster.spec.mp4 (1 second)

=====
(Run Finished)

          Spec              Tests  Passing  Failing  Pending  Skipped
 $\checkmark$  block-buster.spec.js        00:01     4      4      -      -      -
 $\checkmark$  All specs passed!           00:01     4      4      -      -      -
```

Pros and Cons of Cypress

Pros

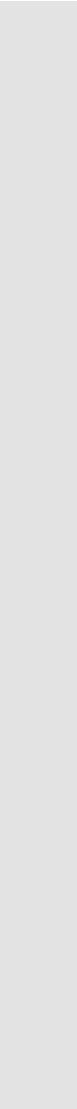
- Easy to get started
-  Fast execution
- Automatic waiting on elements
- Access to elements outside the DOM
- Support for FireFox and Chromium based browsers
- No driver dependencies
-  Time travel and debuggability
- Uses the Mocha test framework
- Open source
-  Mostly free

Cons

- Only JavaScript or TypeScript
- No support for Safari
- Only a single browser
- Only a single tab



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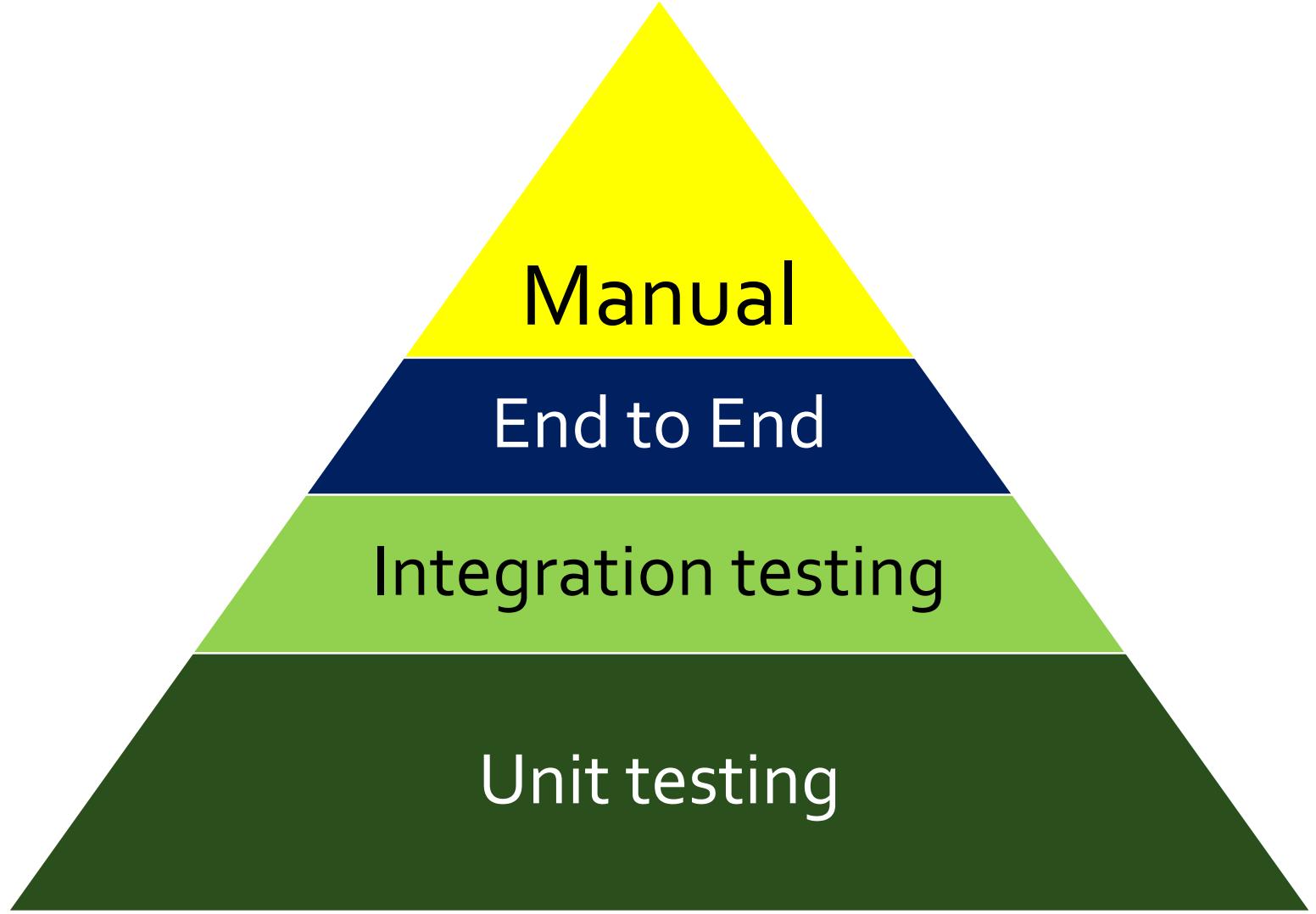
What is end to end testing

What is testing

“Software testing is an investigation conducted to provide stakeholders with information about the quality of the software product or service under test.”

-- Wikipedia --

The traditional
testing
pyramid



Unit Testing & Code Coverage

File	%Stmts	%Branch	%Funcs	%Lines	Uncovered Lines
All files	98.92	94.36	99.49	100	
yargs	99.17	93.95	100	100	
index.js	100	100	100	100	
yargs.js	99.15	93.86	100	100	
yargs/lib	98.7	94.72	99.07	100	
command.js	99.1	98.51	100	100	
completion.js	100	95.83	100	100	
obj-filter.js	87.5	83.33	66.67	100	
usage.js	97.89	92.59	100	100	
validation.js	100	95.56	100	100	

Both windows
are fine



via reddit.com/r/programmerhumor

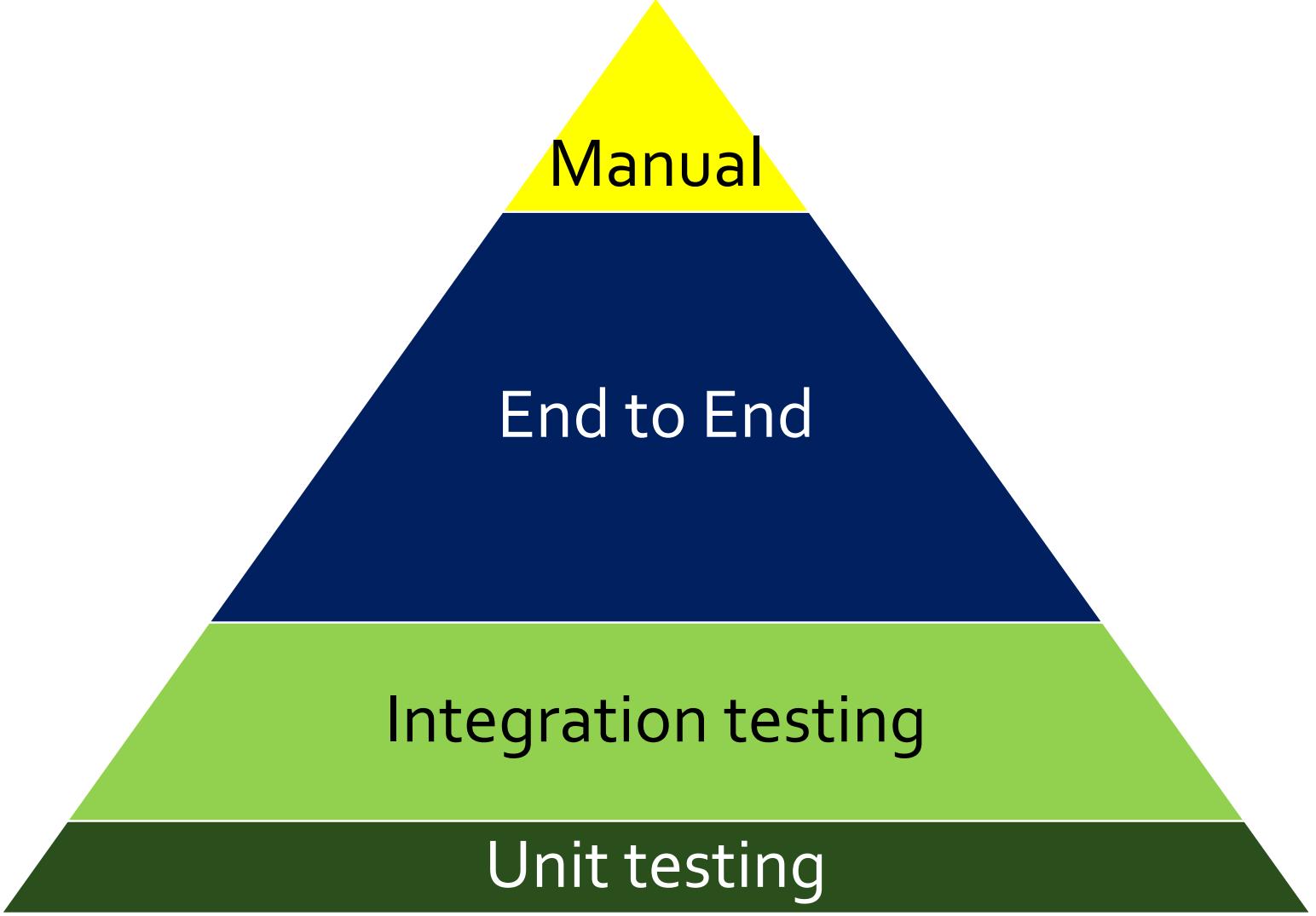
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A sturdy latch



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A better
testing
pyramid for
the web



End-to-end Testing

“End-to-end testing is a methodology used to test whether the flow of an application is performing as designed from start to finish. The purpose of carrying out end-to-end tests is to identify system dependencies and to ensure that the right information is passed between various system components and systems.”

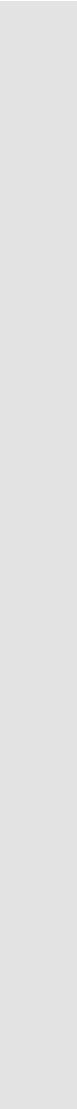
-- Techopedia --

End-to-end Testing

- Test an application's workflow from beginning to end
 - Including AJAX requests to the backend
- Based on workflows the end user actually executes
 - Using the same user interface, browser, network database etc.



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Personal introduction



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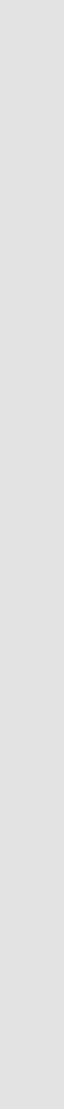








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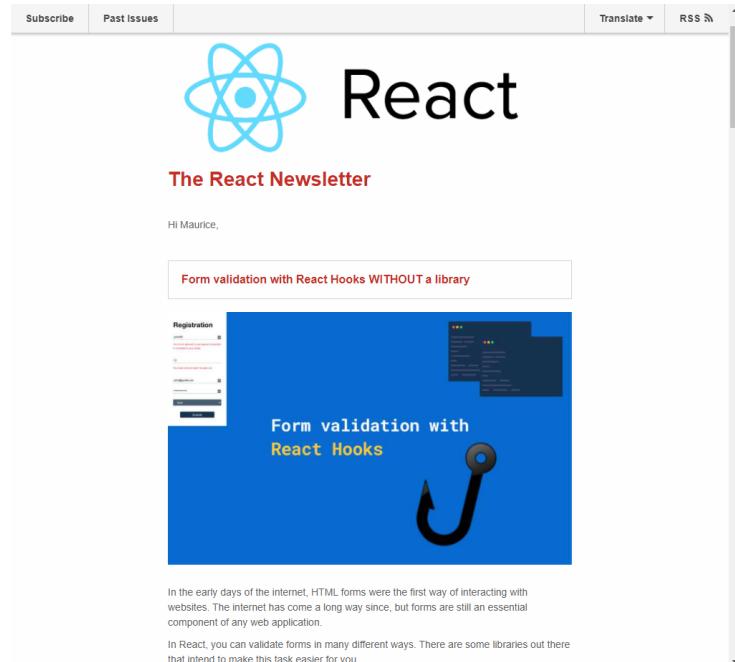
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The React Newsletter



The screenshot shows an email from "The React Newsletter". The header includes links for "Subscribe", "Past Issues", "Translate", and "RSS". The main content features the React logo and the word "React". Below that, it says "The React Newsletter" and "Hi Maurice,". A section titled "Form validation with React Hooks WITHOUT a library" contains a screenshot of a registration form and a blue background with the text "Form validation with React Hooks" and a fishhook icon. The footer notes that forms were essential in early days and that React offers multiple validation methods.

Hi Maurice,

Form validation with React Hooks WITHOUT a library

Registration

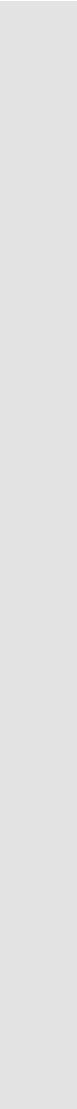
In the early days of the Internet, HTML forms were the first way of interacting with websites. The internet has come a long way since, but forms are still an essential component of any web application.

In React, you can validate forms in many different ways. There are some libraries out there that intend to make this task easier for you.





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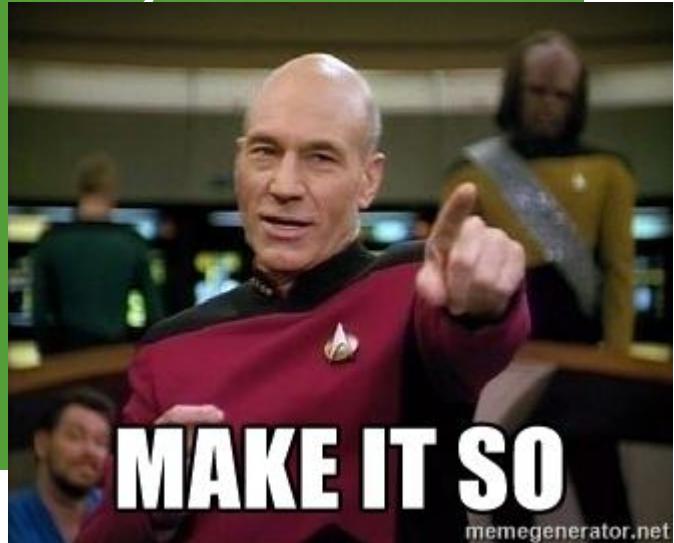


Prerequisites

Install Node & NPM

Install the GitHub starter repository

Following Along



- Slides:
 - <http://theproblemsolver.nl/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day.pdf>

```
JS block-buster.spec.js ✘
cypress > integration > JS block-buster.spec.js > ...
1 //<reference types="cypress" />
2
3 context('Block Buster Film Reviews', ()=>{
4
5   it('Has the correct title', () =>{
6     cy.visit('/')
7     cy.get('h1').should('contain.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
8   })
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10  it('Can open The Shawshank Redemption', () => {
11    cy.visit('/top-rated-movies')
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14  })
15
16  it('The Shawshank Redemption has the expected cast', () => {
17    cy.visit('/movie/278')
18    cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-504 > p').should('have.text', '... Andy Dufresne')
19    cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-192 > p').should('have.text', '... Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding')
20    cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-192 > .cast-left').should('contain.text', 'Morgan Freeman')
21  })
22
23  it('Can navigate to Morgan Freeman', () => {
24    cy.visit('/movie/278')
25    cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-192 a').click()
26    cy.get('h1').should('contain.text', 'Morgan Freeman')
27  })
28 })
```



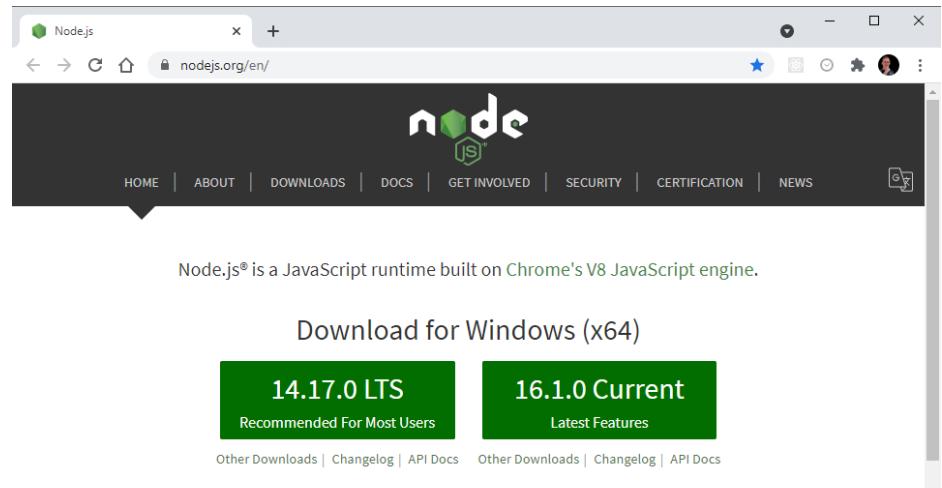
Type it out
by hand?

"Typing it drills it into your brain much better than simply copying and pasting it. You're forming new neuron pathways. Those pathways are going to help you in the future. Help them out now!"

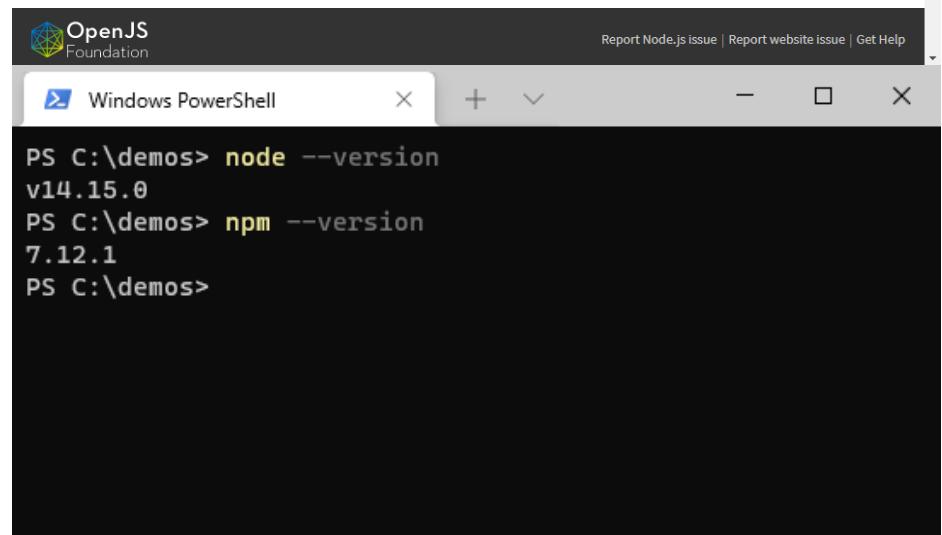
Install Node.js



- Minimal:
 - Node version 12



The screenshot shows the official Node.js website at nodejs.org/en/. The page features the Node.js logo and navigation links for HOME, ABOUT, DOWNLOADS, DOCS, GET INVOLVED, SECURITY, CERTIFICATION, and NEWS. A callout box highlights the "14.17.0 LTS" version as "Recommended For Most Users". Another button for "16.1.0 Current" is also visible. Below the download section, a note says "Or have a look at the Long Term Support (LTS) schedule." Navigation links for "Other Downloads", "Changelog", "API Docs", and "Report Node.js issue" are present.

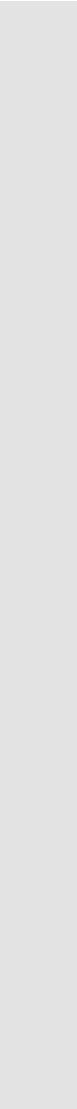


The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window titled "Windows PowerShell" running on Windows 10. The command "PS C:\demos> node --version" was run, outputting "v14.15.0". The command "PS C:\demos> npm --version" was also run, outputting "7.12.1". The OpenJS Foundation logo is visible in the top left corner of the slide.

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v14.15.0
PS C:\demos> npm --version
7.12.1
PS C:\demos>
```

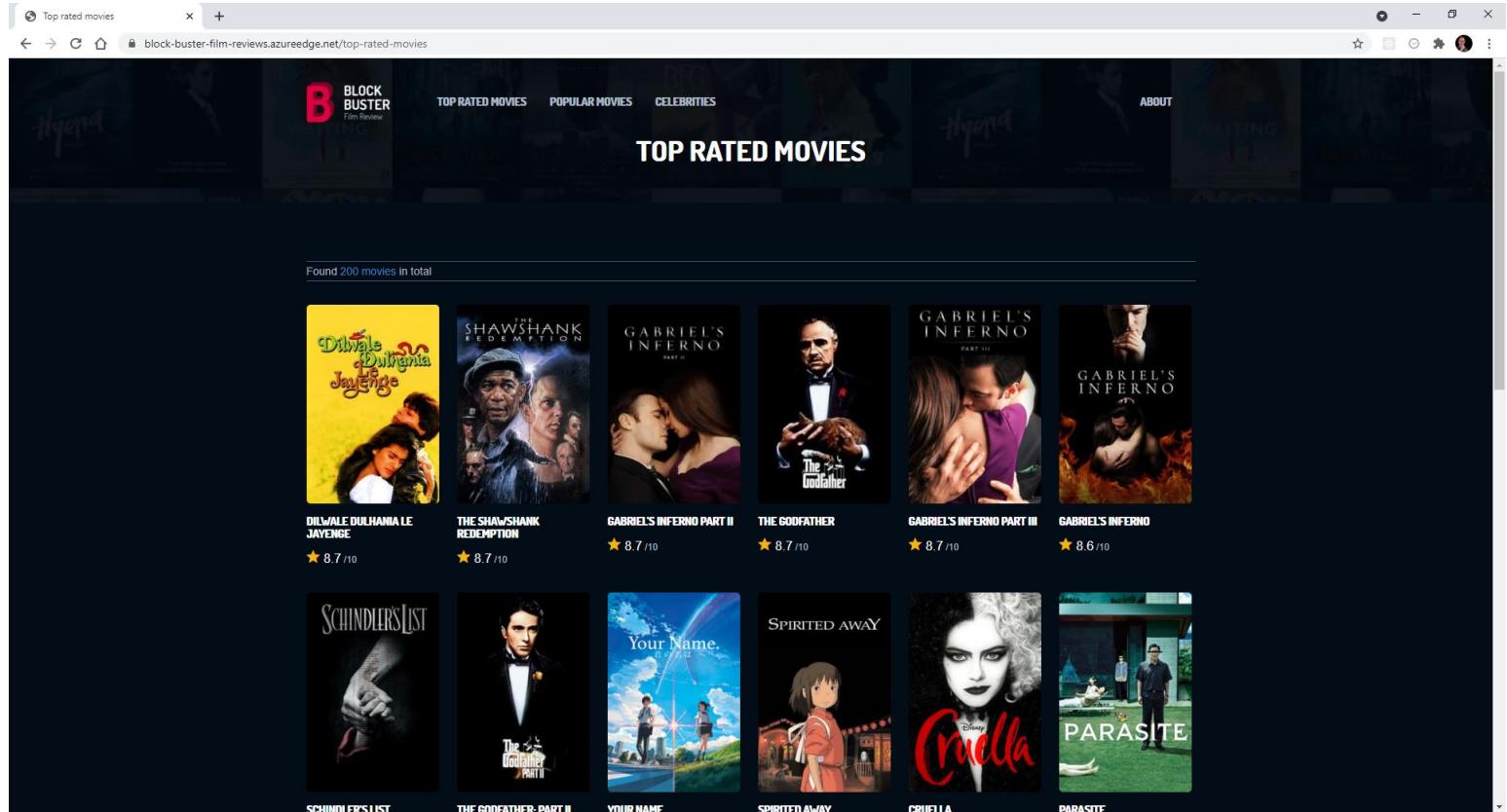


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Creating a first Cypress test

The Application



Opening Cypress

- Start Cypress using “npx cypress open”
 - This will automatically download and run Cypress
- The first time it will create the Cypress a folder structure
 - Including a number of example tests

Creating a first Cypress test

- Create a new spec file in the **/cypress/integration** folder
 - The spec file name must end with **spec.js**
- Call the **context()** function to create a group of specification
 - The **describe()** function is an alias for **context()**
- Call the **it()** function to create a End to End specification
 - Both **context()** and **it()** come from the Mocha test framework

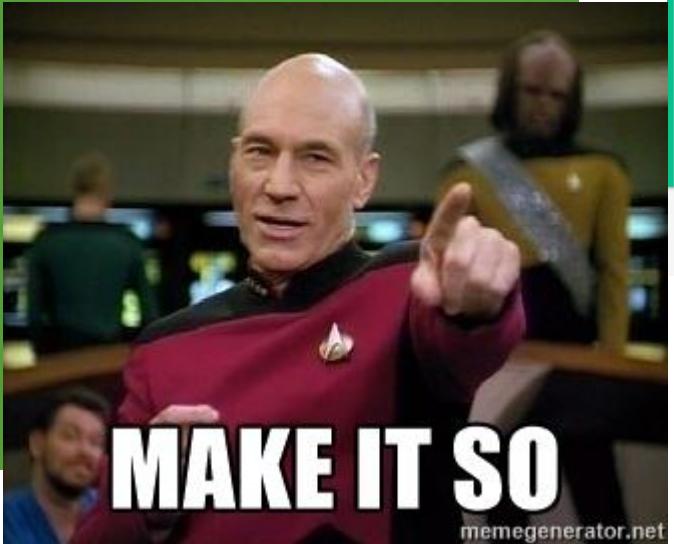
Creating a first Cypress test

```
JS home.spec.js ×  
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...  
1 context('Block Buster Film Reviews - Home Page', () => {  
2   it('Has the correct title', () => {  
3     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net');  
4  
5     cy.title().should('equal', 'Block Buster Film Reviews');  
6     cy.get('h1').should('have.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews');  
7   });  
8});
```

Cypress test runner

The screenshot shows the Cypress Test Runner application window. The title bar indicates the path: C:\Temp\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Window, and Help. The top right features links for Support, Docs, and Log In, along with a browser dropdown set to Chrome 91. The main interface has tabs for Tests (selected), Runs, and Settings. A search bar says "Press Ctrl + F to search...". On the right, there's a button for "+ New Spec File" and a link to "Run 21 integration specs". The left sidebar lists "INTEGRATION TESTS" with "COLLAPSE ALL | EXPAND ALL" options. Under "block-buster-films", the file "home.spec.js" is listed with an "Open in IDE" link. Under "examples", several files are listed: actions.spec.js, aliasing.spec.js, assertions.spec.js, connectors.spec.js, cookies.spec.js, cypress_api.spec.js, and files.spec.js. At the bottom right, there are links for "Version 7.5.0" and "Changelog".

Running the test



Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

Tests ✓ 1 ✖ 0 01.34 ⏴ ⏵ ⏷ ⏸ https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/ 1000 x 660 (53%) ⓘ

cypress/integration/block-buster-films/home.spec.js

Block Buster Film Reviews - Home Page

✓ Has the correct title

TEST BODY

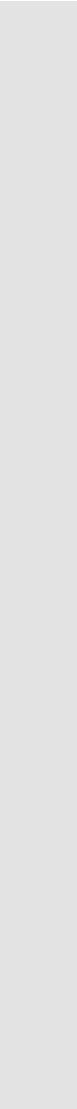
```
1 visit https://block-buster-film-reviews.azuree...
2 title
3 - assert expected Block Buster Film Reviews to
   equal Block Buster Film Reviews
4 get h1
5 - assert expected <h1> to have text Block Buster
   Film Reviews
```

B BLOCK BUSTER TOP RATED MOVIES POPULAR MOVIES CELEBRITIES ABOUT BLOCK BUSTER FILM REVIEWS

A screenshot of a Chrome browser window showing a Cypress test run. The test has passed (1 test, 0 failures). The test code checks if the page title is correct and if the main heading contains the text 'Block Buster Film Reviews'. The browser displays the homepage of 'BLOCK BUSTER FILM REVIEWS' with the correct title and heading.



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Adding a package.json

Specifying the Cypress version

- Right now we are always using the **latest version of Cypress**
 - Instead of being explicit about what version to use
- Each developer/tester **has to know** to run “npx cypress open”
 - Maybe look for it in the documentation

Adding a package.json

- When using Node.js the normal way is to **add a package.json**
 - And specify the dependencies with versions in there
 - As well as add important scripts to execute
- **Create a package.json** with the “npm init” command

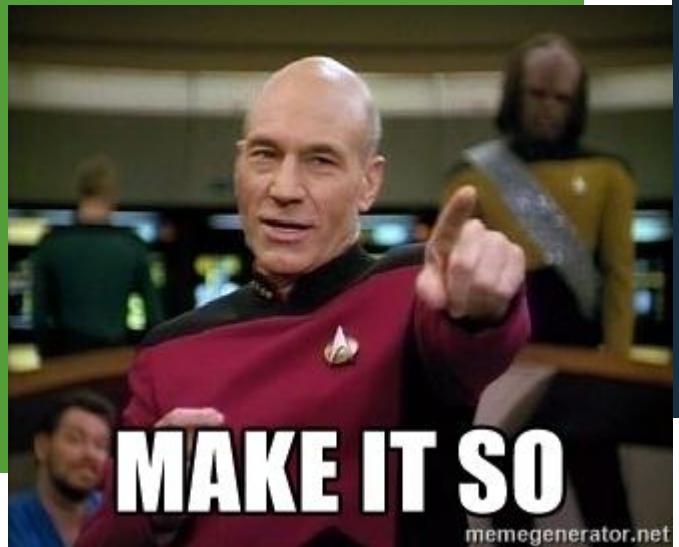
Adding dependencies

- **Add dependencies** with “npm install <>package<>”
 - Use the --save-dev option to register a development only package
 - Use “npm install cypress --save-dev”

Adding scripts

- Add relevant scripts to the “scripts” section
 - “cypress open”
 - “cypress run”
- Execute with “npm run [script name]”

The package.json

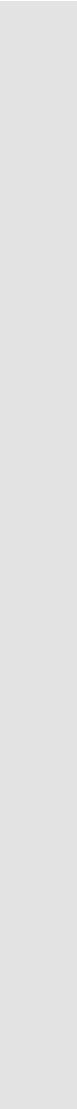


```
package.json x
package.json > ...
1  {
2    "name": "master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day",
3    "version": "1.0.0",
4    "description": "",
5    "main": "index.js",
6    ▶ Debug
7    "scripts": {
8      "test": "cypress run",
9      "open": "cypress open"
10     },
11    "repository": {
12      "type": "git",
13      "url": "git+https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day.git"
14    },
15    "keywords": [
16      "cypress"
17    ],
18    "author": "Maurice de Beijer",
19    "license": "MIT",
20    "bugs": {
21      "url": "https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day/issues"
22    },
23    "homepage": "https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day#readme",
24    "devDependencies": {
25      "cypress": "^7.6.0"
26    }
}
```





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Fixing a broken Cypress install

A broken Cypress Installation

```
Windows PowerShell

PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> npm run open

> master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day@1.0.0 open
> cypress open

No version of Cypress is installed in: C:\Users\mauri\AppData\Local\Cypress\Cache\7.6.0\Cypress

Please reinstall Cypress by running: cypress install
-----
Cypress executable not found at: C:\Users\mauri\AppData\Local\Cypress\Cache\7.6.0\Cypress\Cypress.exe
-----
Platform: win32 (10.0.19042)
Cypress Version: 7.6.0
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> |
```



Cypress NPM Package

- The Cypress NPM package is not complete
 - It only contains part of the required bits
- The rest is installed into an application cache
 - Once for ever version used

Cypress cache

Binary cache

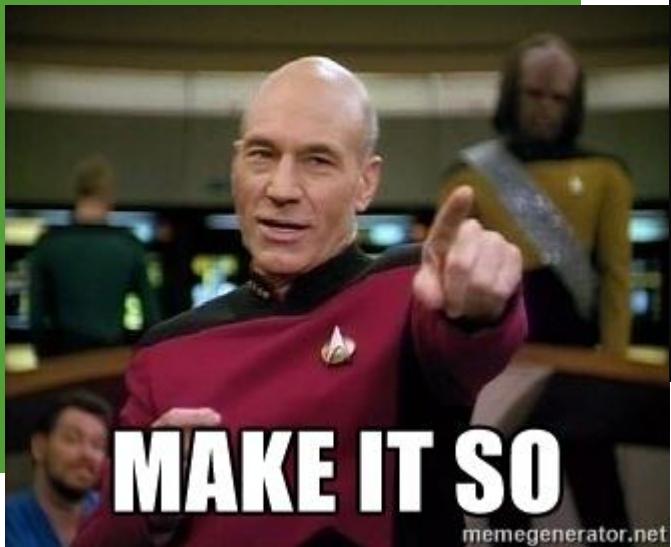
As of version [3.0](#), Cypress downloads the matching Cypress binary to the global system cache, so that the binary can be shared between projects. By default, global cache folders are:

- **MacOS:** [~/Library/Caches/Cypress](#)
- **Linux:** [~/.cache/Cypress](#)
- **Windows:** [/AppData/Local/Cypress/Cache](#)

Cypress cache

- Every version of Cypress is downloaded the first time it's required
 - And reused whenever needed
- Use the “cypress cache” command to manage the Cypress cache
 - `npx cypress cache path`
 - `npx cypress cache list [-size]`
 - `npx cypress cache prune`
 - `npx cypress cache clear`

Cypress cache



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```
Windows PowerShell

PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> npx cypress cache path
C:\Users\mauri\AppData\Local\Cypress\Cache
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> npx cypress cache list --size

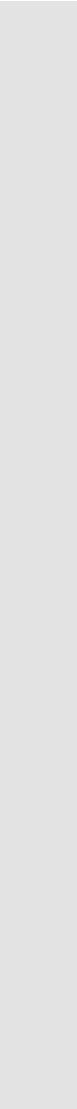
version      last used      size
6.0.1        26 minutes ago 516.1MB
6.5.0        23 minutes ago 609.0MB
6.9.1        20 minutes ago 579.1MB
7.0.1        17 minutes ago 587.4MB
7.3.0        12 minutes ago 574.9MB
7.5.0        14 minutes ago 575.4MB
7.6.0        unknown        444.3MB

PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> |
```

cypress



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The most important commands

cy.visit()

- Visit a URL in the browser
 - Takes the URL to navigate to
 - An optional options object with many settings
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/visit>

cy.get()

- Queries the DOM for one or more elements
 - Uses the jQuery selector engine
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/get>

.should()

- Check if a given condition is as expected
 - Based on the Chai NPM package
 - Often chain after a cy.get()
 - .and() is an alias
- Check for example
 - If an element is visible and enabled
 - A value is equal to another
 - Many more...
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/should>

Asynchronous

- Commands are asynchronous
 - They are not executed immediately but placed in a queue

Retry behavior

- Commands like `get()` and `should()` will retry upon failure
 - By default 4 seconds
- The retry timeout can be configured
 - Either globally or per command

Chainable

- Most commands return a Chainable object

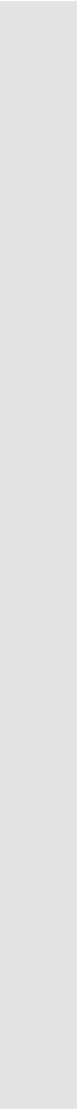
Top rated movies Specs



```
JS top-rated-movies.spec.js ✘
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS top-rated-movies.spec.js > ...
1 // top-rated-movies.spec.js created with Cypress
2 /**
3  * Start writing your Cypress tests below!
4  * If you're unfamiliar with how Cypress works,
5  * check out the link below and learn how to write your first test:
6  * https://on.cypress.io/writing-first-test
7
8 context('Top rated movies', () => {
9   it('Has 20 movies per page', () => {
10     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
11
12     cy.get('.movie-item-style-1').should('have.length', 24)
13   })
14
15   it('Has the correct title', () => {
16     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
17
18     cy.title().should('equal', 'Top rated movies')
19     cy.get('h1')
20       .should('be.visible')
21       .should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
22   })
23
24   it('The movie should be Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', () => {
25     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
26
27     cy.get('#movie-19404 > .mv-item-infor > h6 > a')
28       .should('have.text', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge')
29   })
})
```



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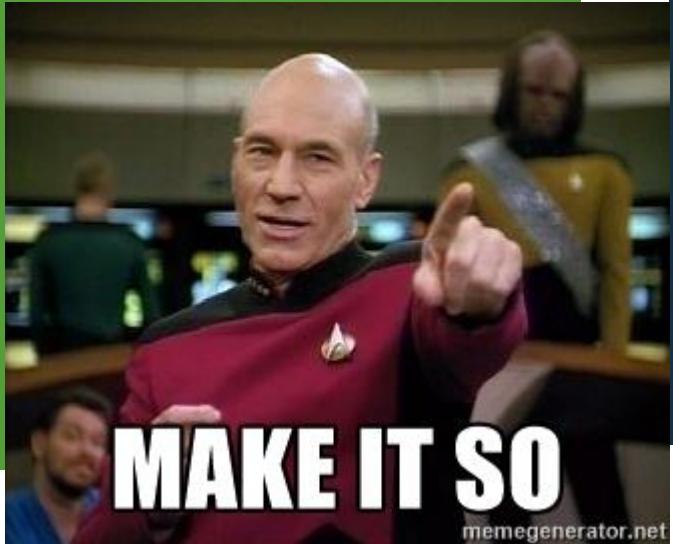


Adding IntelliSense

IntelliSense

- **IntelliSense** in VS Code can be added with:
 - `/// <reference types="Cypress" />`
- Uses the **TypeScript type declarations**
 - From the Cypress NPM package

IntelliSense



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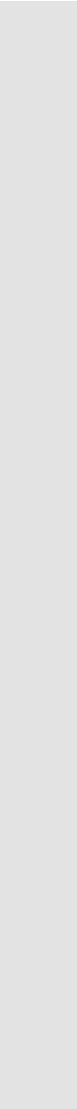
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8     ! cy.get('h1').should('have.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
9   })
10 })
11
```

The code is a Cypress test for a web application. It starts by visiting the URL 'https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net'. Then, it checks if the page title is 'Block Buster Film Reviews' and if the first heading (h1) contains the same text. A tooltip for the 'have.text' command is displayed, listing various matching methods:

- ▬ have.text have.text
- ▬ have.nested.property
- ▬ have.returned
- ▬ have.deep.nested.property
- ▬ have.length.gte
- ▬ have.length.lte
- ▬ have.lengthOf.gte
- ▬ have.lengthOf.lte
- ▬ have.always.returned
- ▬ have.length.greaterThan
- ▬ have.length
- ▬ have.length.above



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Mocha hooks

Mocha hooks

- Mocha provides **hooks** to run code **before and after** tests
 - The **before()** and **after()** run once per block
 - The **beforeEach()** and **afterEach()** run for every test
- Using the **beforeEach()** is very convenient
 - Use `cy.visit()` to load the right page

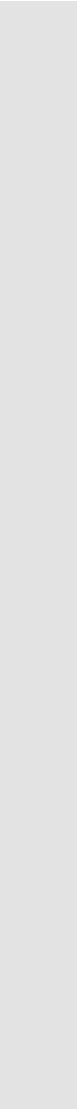
Using beforeEach()



```
JS top-rated-movies.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS top-rated-movies.spec.js > ...
10 context('Top rated movies', () => {
11   beforeEach(() => {
12     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
13   })
14
15
16 it('Has 24 movies per page', () => {
17   cy.get('.movie-item-style-1').should('have.length', 24)
18 })
19
20 it('Has the correct title', () => {
21   cy.title().should('equal', 'Top rated movies')
22   cy.get('h1')
23     .should('be.visible')
24     .and('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
25 })
26
27 it('The movie should be Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', () => {
28   cy.get('#movie-19404 > .mv-item-infor > h6 > a')
29     .should('have.text', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge')
30 })
31 })
```



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Cypress configuration

Cypress configuration

- The `cypress.json` is used to store **global configuration values**
 - Base URL
 - Environment variables
 - Retries
 - Timeouts
 - Etc.
- <https://docs.cypress.io/guides/references/configuration#cypress-json>

IntelliSense

- Add a `$schema` key to get **IntelliSense**
 - <https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json>

Cypress.config()

- The **Cypress.config()** function
 - Retrieve a configuration value
 - Override a configuration value for a single test

Command Line

- Use the `--config` option to **override config using the CLI**
 - Both with `cypress run` and `cypress open`

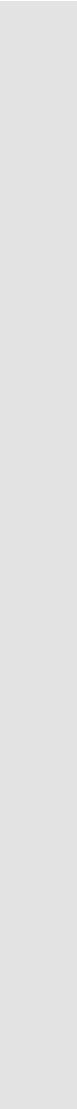
cypress.json



```
{} cypress.json M X
cypress.json > ...
You, seconds ago | 1 author (You)
1 {
2   "$schema": "https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json",
3   "baseUrl": "https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net",
4   "defaultCommandTimeout": 10000,
5   "ignoreTestFiles": [
6     "**/1-getting-started/*",
7     "**/2-advanced-examples/*"
8   ]
9 }
```



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Selecting DOM elements

CSS Selectors

- Cypress uses the **jQuery selector engine**
 - Supports the standard CSS queries plus extension
- <https://api.jquery.com/category/selectors/>

✗ Anti-Pattern

- Using **highly brittle selectors** that are subject to change
- <https://docs.cypress.io/guides/references/best-practices#Selecting-Elements>



Best Practice

- **Isolate selectors from CSS or JS changes**
 - ✗ Avoid: `cy.get('.btn.btn-large').click()`
- **Using data-* attributes**
 - ✓ Use: `cy.get('[data-cy=submit]').click()`

Recommendations

Selector	Recommended	Notes
<code>cy.get('button').click()</code>	⚠ Never	Worst - too generic, no context.
<code>cy.get('.btn.btn-large').click()</code>	⚠ Never	Bad. Coupled to styling. Highly subject to change.
<code>cy.get('#main').click()</code>	⚠ Sparingly	Better. But still coupled to styling or JS event listeners.
<code>cy.get('[name=submission]').click()</code>	⚠ Sparingly	Coupled to the <code>name</code> attribute which has HTML semantics.
<code>cy.contains('Submit').click()</code>	✓ Depends	Much better. But still coupled to text content that may change.
<code>cy.get('[data-cy=submit]').click()</code>	✓ Always	Best. Isolated from all changes.

.find()

- The `.find()` function **searches descendants** of a previous selection
 - Must be chained of a `cy.get()` or similar function
 - <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/find>

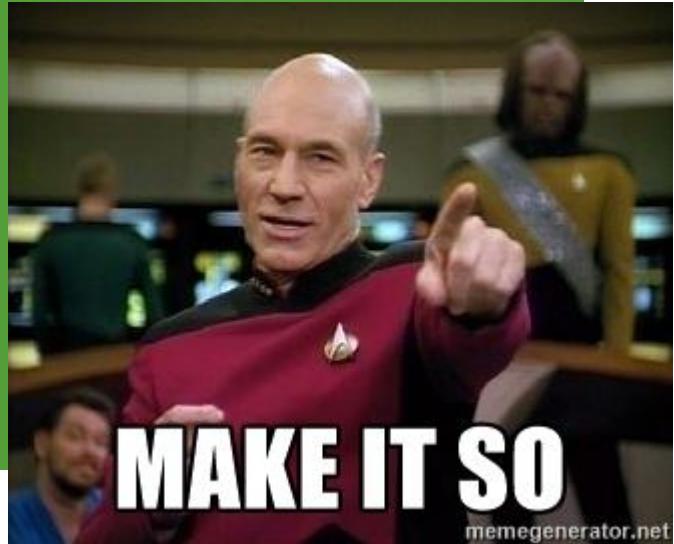
.within()

- Don't store the result of a command in a **variable**
 - ✗ You will not get a consistent result
- Use the `.within()` function
 - To **scope queries** to a previous result
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/within>

.eq()

- Use the `eq()` function to get a **specific element** from a **collection**
 - A negative index counts from the end
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/eq>

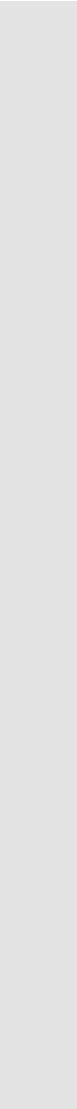
home.spec.js



```
js home.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > js home.spec.js > ...
13 context('The left navigation menu', () => {
14   it('The first navigation link points to Top rated movies', () => {
15     cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').first().should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
16   })
17
18   it('The last navigation link points to Celebrities', () => {
19     cy.get('.menu-left').find('a:visible').last().should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
20   })
21
22   it('Nested searches', () => {
23     cy.get('.menu-left').within(() => {
24       cy.get('a:visible').first().should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
25       cy.get('a:visible').last().should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
26     })
27   })
28 }
29
30 it('The navigation links have the correct text', () => {
31   cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').eq(0).should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
32   cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').eq(1).should('have.text', 'Popular movies')
33   cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').eq(-1).should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
34 })
35 }
36
37 context.skip('Anti-patterns', () => {
38   it("Don't use variables", () => {
39     // This is an anti-pattern. Don't use!
40     const menuLeft = cy.get('.menu-left')
41     menuLeft.find('a:visible').first().should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
```



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Querying by text

cy.contains()

- Searches for a DOM element **based on the text**
 - Based on a string or regular expression
- A string based search is **case sensitive**
 - Can be controlled with the `matchCase` option
- Can both be used as a **top level or a child command**

cy.contains()

- Always **returns a single DOM element**
 - The first in case of multiple matches
- Sometimes **returns a higher level DOM element**
 - With buttons, links and labels
 - Can be controlled with a selector

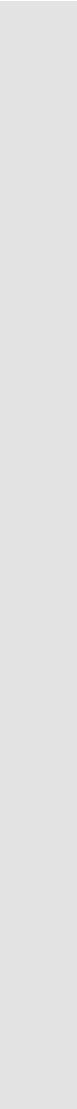
home.spec.js



```
JS home.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...
38  it('Can navigate to Top rated movies', () => {
39    cy.contains('Top rated movies').click()
40    cy.title().should('equal', 'Top rated movies')
41  })
42
43  it('Can navigate to Popular movies', () => {
44    cy.contains(/^popular movies$/i).click()
45    cy.title().should('equal', 'Popular movies')
46  })
47
48  it('Can navigate to Celebrities', () => {
49    cy.get('.menu-left').contains('Celebrities').click()
50    cy.title().should('equal', 'Celebrities')
51  })
52})
```



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Aliases

Aliases

- DOM queries can be **aliased for later reuse**
 - Alias a query:
`cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').as('nav-links')`
 - Use the alias:
`cy.get('@nav-links').eq(0).click()`
- Aliases can also be used with other concepts
 - AJAX requests, spies etc.
 - More about that in another video

Aliases and Retries

- The query is executed when first defined
 - And the result reused later
 - Querying will happen again when assertions fail

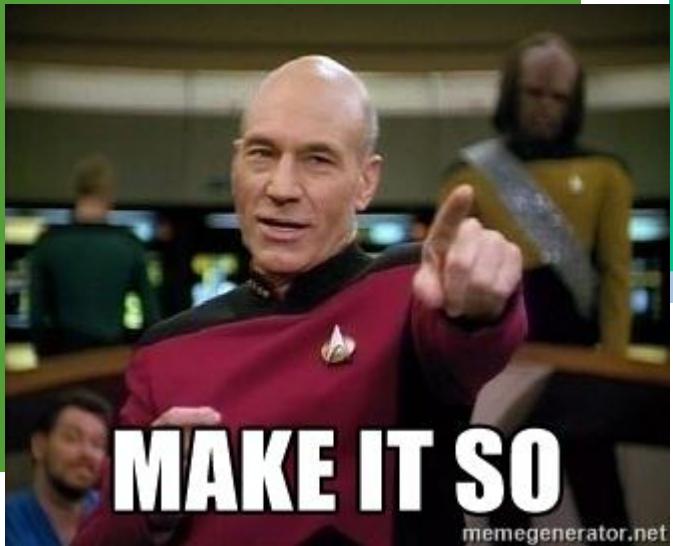
Register an alias with .as()

```
JS home.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...
13 |   context('The left navigation menu', () => {
14 |     beforeEach(()=> {
15 |       cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').as('nav-links')
16 |     })
  
```

Using an alias with .get()

```
JS home.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ⓘ context('Block Buster Film Reviews') callback > ⓘ context('The left navigation menu') callback
  37   it('The navigation links have the correct text', () => {
  38     |   cy.get('@nav-links').eq(0).should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
  39     |   cy.get('@nav-links').eq(1).should('have.text', 'Popular movies')
  40     |   cy.get('@nav-links').eq(-1).should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
  41   })
```

The result



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Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

Tests 8 0 01.69

cypress/integration/block-buster-films/home.spec.js

✓ The navigation links have the correct text

```
visit /
get .menu-left a:visible
get @nav-links
eq 0
assert expected <a> to have text Top rated movies
get @nav-links
eq 1
assert expected <a> to have text Popular movies
get @nav-links
eq -1
assert expected <a> to have text Celebrities
```

✗ Can navigate to Top rated movies

✗ Can navigate to Popular movies

✗ Can navigate to Celebrities

✗ Anti-patterns

B BLOCK BUSTER Film Review TOP RATED MOVIES POPULAR MOVIES CELEBRITIES ABOUT

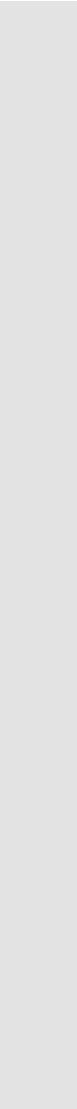
BLOCK BUSTER FILM REVIEWS

Resources DOM Snapshot (pinned) Cypress Course

A screenshot of a web browser window showing a Cypress test run. The test has passed 8 out of 8 tests in 01.69 seconds. The test code is displayed on the left, and the corresponding UI is shown on the right. The UI is a dark-themed movie review website called "BLOCK BUSTER FILM REVIEWS". The test checks if the navigation links have the correct text: "Top rated movies", "Popular movies", and "Celebrities". The test fails for these three items, indicated by the red "✗" icon next to the test descriptions. The browser status bar indicates the window is not secure.



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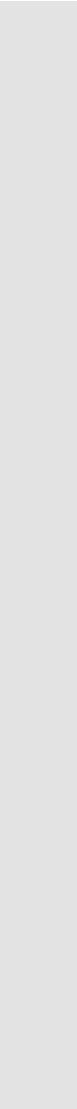
Interacting with Elements

Common actions

- **Input actions:**
 - Typing into inputs
 - Checking checkboxes
 - Selecting options
 - Etc.
- **Mouse actions:**
 - Clicking
 - Scrolling
 - Etc.



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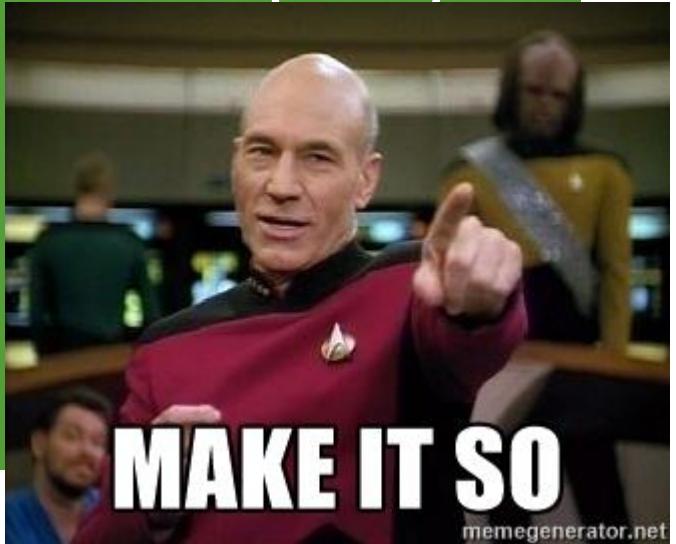


Clicking DOM elements

cy.click()

- With `cy.click()` you can **click on a DOM element**
 - All events are simulated by Cypress
- The element will **scroll into view**
- You can specify the **click position**
 - With coordinates or a position string
- Cypress checks if the **element is enabled and visible**
 - Use `{ force: true }` to override when needed
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/click>

top-rated-movies.spec.js



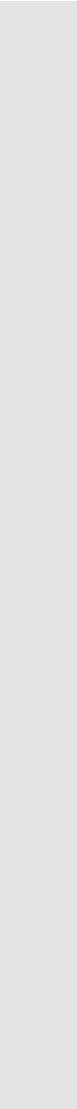
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```
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cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS top-rated-movies.spec.js > ...
31 |   it('Open Pulp Fiction', () => {
32 |     cy.get('#movie-680 .hvr-inner > a')
33 |       .click('bottomRight', { force: true })
34 |   })
35 | })
```



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Typing text

cy.type()

- With **cy.type()** you can simulate typing
 - Works with <input> and <textarea>
- Special keys can be entered using **{ } expressions**
 - Like {enter} or {backspace}
 - Or modifier keys like {alt} or {ctrl}
- There is a **10 ms delay** between key events
 - Makes the event flow more realistic
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/type>

todo-list.spec.js

```
JS todo-list.spec.js U X
cypress > integration > demos > JS todo-list.spec.js > ...
3  context('To Do List', () => {
4    beforeEach(() => {
5      cy.visit('/')
6      cy.get('[data-testid=new-todo]').as('new-todo')
7      cy.get('[data-testid=btn-add-todo]').as('btn-add-todo')
8    })
9
10   it('Can add a new to-do with button', () => {
11     cy.get('@new-todo').type('A new to-do with button')
12     cy.get('@btn-add-todo').click()
13
14     cy.contains('li', 'A new to-do with button').should('be.visible')
15   })
}
```

todo-list.spec.js

```
js todo-list.spec.js ✘ x
cypress > integration > demos > js todo-list.spec.js > ...
17   it('Can add a new to-do with enter', () => {
18     cy.get('@new-todo').type('A new to-do with enter{enter}')
19
20     cy.contains('li', 'A new to-do with enter').should('be.visible')
21   })
22
23   it('Can add a new to-do in steps', () => {
24     cy.get('@new-todo')
25       .type('A ')
26       .type('to-do ')
27       .type('in ')
28       .type('steps')
29     cy.get('@btn-add-todo').click()
30
31     cy.contains('li', 'A to-do in steps').should('be.visible')
32   })
```

settings.spec.js

```
JS settings.spec.js U X
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
3 context('Settings', () => {
4   beforeEach(() => {
5     cy.visit('/')
6     cy.get('#view #settings').click()
7   })
8
9   it('Change the name to Jack Sparrow', () => {
10    cy.get('#firstName').clear().type('Jack')
11    cy.get('#lastName').type('{selectAll}Sparrow')
12    cy.get('#email').type('captain@black-pearl.ship')
13
14    cy.get('#result')
15      .should('contain.value', {"firstName": "Jack", '})
16      .should('contain.value', {"lastName": "Sparrow", '})
17      .should('contain.value', {"email": "captain@black-pearl.ship", '})
18  })
19})
```

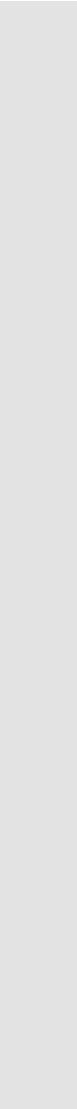
todo-list.spec.js



```
JS todo-list.spec.js ✘ X
cypress > integration > demos > JS todo-list.spec.js > ...
34  it('Can add {abc}', () => {
35    cy.get('@new-todo').type('Do {abc}', {
36      parseSpecialCharSequences: false
37    })
38    cy.get('@btn-add-todo').click()
39
40    cy.get('@new-todo').type('Do {{}xyz}{enter}')
41
42    cy.contains('li', 'Do {abc}').should('be.visible')
43  })
```



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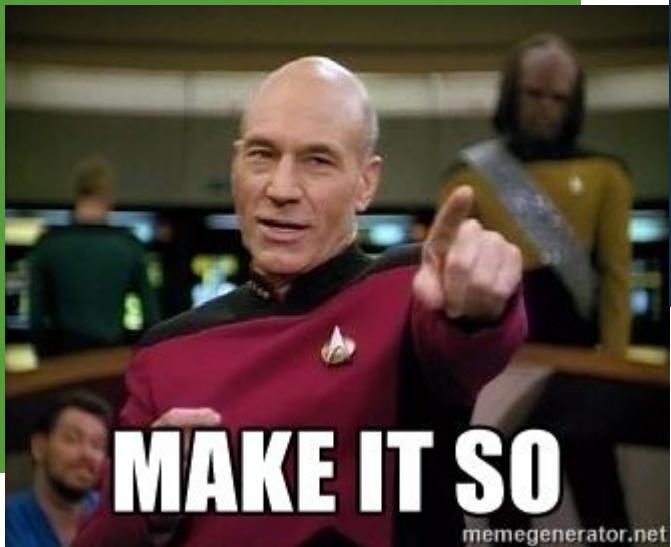


Radio buttons & checkboxes

cy.check()

- With `cy.check()` you can check an item
 - Works with `<input type="radio">` and `<input type="checkbox">`
 - <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/check>

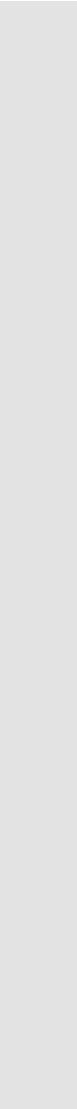
settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M X
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20 |   it('Change the gender to female', () => {
21 |     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', {"gender": ""})
22 |
23 |     cy.get('#female').check()
24 |
25 |     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', {"gender": "female"})
26 |   })
27 |
28 |   it('Select the newsletter', () => {
29 |     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', {"newsletter": false})
30 |
31 |     cy.get('#newsletter').check()
32 |
33 |     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', {"newsletter": true})
34 |   })
35 | })
```



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Select elements

cy.select()

- With **cy.select()** you can select an option
 - Works with <select>
- Use either the **visible text or the value**
 - Use an array with multiselecting
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/select>

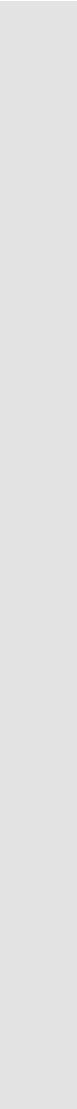
settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
38 |   it('Change the country to NL', () => {
39 |     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"country": "US"')
40 |
41 |     cy.get('#country').select('Netherlands')
42 |
43 |     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"country": "NL"')
44 |   })
45 | })
```



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Manipulating the value

Manipulating Values

- Some input elements are **harder to manipulate** like an end user
 - For example:
 - <input type="date"/>
 - <input type="range"/>
- **Manipulate the value directly** using:
 - `cy.get("input[type=range]").invoke("val", 25).trigger("change")`
- Note: Sometimes you need to trigger the **input event**
 - Instead of **change event**

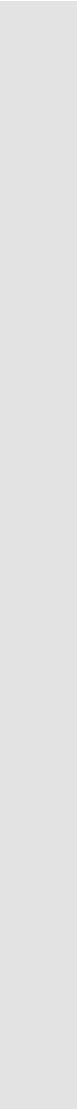
settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
46  it('Change the happiness to 95%', () => {
47    cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"happiness": 80')
48
49    cy.get('#happiness').invoke('val', 95).trigger('input')
50
51    cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"happiness": 95')
52  })
53})
```



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Validating the value

Validating the value

- **Validating inputs** is normally done using the `.should()` function
- Many **validation options** you can use
 - Have a specific value
 - Is checked or not checked
 - Is empty
 - Etc.
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/should>

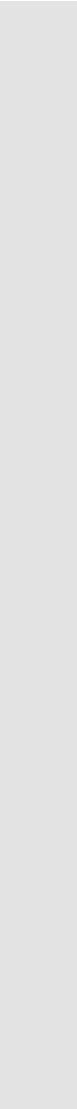
settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
9   it('Change the name to Jack Sparrow', () => {
10     cy.get('#firstName')
11       .clear()
12       .type('Jack')
13       .should('have.value', 'Jack')
14     cy.get('#lastName')
15       .type('{selectAll}Sparrow')
16       .should('have.value', 'Sparrow')
17     cy.get('#email')
18       .type('captain@black-pearl.ship')
19       .should('have.value', 'captain@black-pearl.ship')
20   })
21
22   it('Change the gender to female', () => {
23     cy.get('#unknown')
24       .should('be.checked')
25
26     cy.get('#female')
27       .check()
28       .should('be.checked')
29
30     cy.get('#unknown')
31       .should('not.be.checked')
32   })
```



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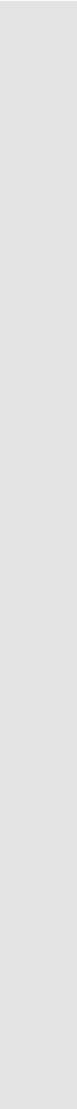
Network Requests & Cypress

Network Requests

- **Making network requests** with `cy.request()`
 - Dealing with cookies
 - Handling error responses
- **Intercepting network requests** with `cy.intercept()`
 - Waiting for request to have finished
 - Inspecting the request or response
 - Faking the response message



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Book Search

Book Search

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book-search.azureedge.net/search/intitle/The+Hitchhiker's+Guide+to+the+Galaxy

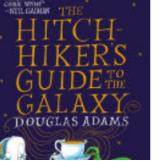
Book Search

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Title

 [The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)
... The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy One Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyperspace bypass.
[Douglas Adams](#)

 [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)
The intergalactic adventures of Arthur Dent begin in the first volume of the 'trilogy of five', Douglas Adams' comedy sci-fi classic The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.
[Douglas Adams](#)

 [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: The Illustrated Edition](#)
This beautifully illustrated edition of the New York Times bestselling classic celebrates the 42nd anniversary of the original publication—with all-new art by award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell.
[Douglas Adams](#)

GitHub

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for the project 'mauricedb/book-search'. The repository is public and has 1 branch and 0 tags. The master branch contains 30 commits. The repository was initialized using Create React App. Available scripts include 'yarn start' (Run the app in the development mode). The code is licensed under MIT. The repository has no description, website, or topics provided.

mauricedb/book-search

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This project was bootstrapped with [Create React App](#).

Available Scripts

In the project directory, you can run:

yarn start

Run the app in the development mode

search.spec.js

```
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cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
1  /// <reference types="cypress" />
2
3  describe('Search', () => {
4    beforeEach(() => {
5      cy.visit('/');
6    });
7
8    it('For books by Douglas Adams', () => {
9      cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
10   cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
11
12   cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
13     'be.visible'
14   );
15 });
16});
```

Cypress open



book-search

localhost:3000/_/#/tests/integration/search.spec.js

Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

Tests ✓ 1 ✘ 0 01.22

cypress/integration/search.spec.js

Search

For books by Douglas Adams

BEFORE EACH

1 visit /

TEST BODY

1 get select

2 -select inauthor

3 get input

4 -type Douglas Adams{enter}

(new url) http://localhost:3000/search/inauthor/Douglas...

(fetch) GET 200 https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volume...

5 contains .card-title, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Ga...

6 -assert expected <h5.card-title> to be visible

(fetch) GET https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=...

Book Search

Douglas Adams

Author Search

Book Search

Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

From Douglas Adams, the legendary author of one of the most beloved science fiction novels of all time, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, comes a wildly inventive novel of ghosts, time travel, and one detective's mission to save ...

[Douglas Adams.](#)

The Salmon of Doubt

This sublime collection dips into the wit and wisdom of the man behind The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, uncovering his unique comic musings on everything from his school-trousers to malt whisky and from the letter Y through to his own ...

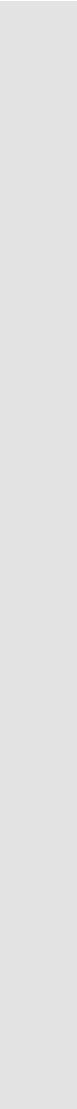
[Douglas Adams.](#)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: The Illustrated Edition

This beautifully illustrated edition of the New York Times bestselling classic celebrates the 42nd anniversary of the original publication—with all-new art by award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell



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Intercepting Requests

cy.intercept()

- With `cy.intercept()` you can **spy on network requests**
 - Both XMLHttpRequest and fetch requests
- **Wait for** network requests to **finish**
 - Before proceeding with a test
- **Intercept AJAX requests**
 - Assert the request message
 - Fake response messages
- **Intercept AJAX responses**
 - Delay a response
 - Use the response in the test body
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/intercept>

Cypress.minimatch

- Cypress uses the [minimatch](#) NPM package to match URL's
- Can be used to debug URL patterns
 - Available using Cypress.`minimatch()`
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/utilities/minimatch>



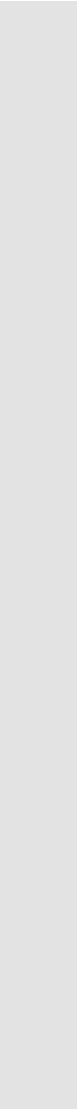
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Waiting for a Response

- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/wait>



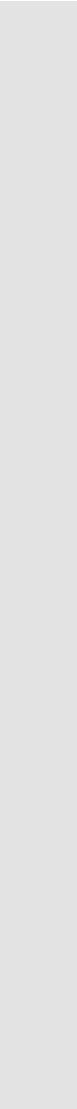
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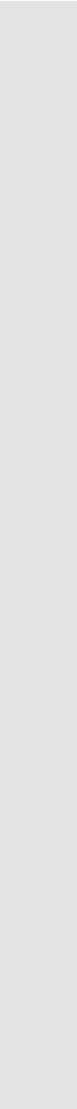
Continuous Integration

Continuous Integration

- Run your Cypress tests as part of your CI process
 - Make sure all tests pass before merging a pull request
- Tests need to run against the local code in the PR
 - Run your application with a development server
- The steps can vary between different environments
 - But the same principal applies everywhere



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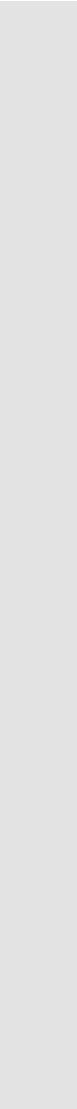
Extending Cypress

Extending Cypress

- Cypress can be extended with commands and tasks
- A custom command run in browser
 - Just like `cy.get()`
- A task runs in the Cypress backend Node process
 - Not limited by the browsers API



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The more your tests resemble the way your software is used, the more confidence they can give you

Kent C. Dodds



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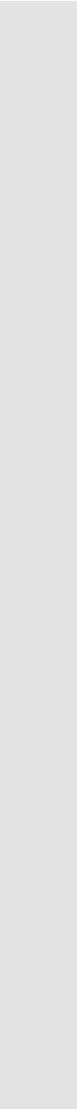
- **Users search for a button with the text “Save”**
 - They don’t search for an element with the ID `#btn-submit`

Cypress Testing Library

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying the Cypress Testing Library documentation at testing-library.com/docs/cypress-testing-library/intro. The page has a dark theme with light text. On the left, a sidebar navigation includes sections like Getting Started, Core API, Frameworks (with sub-sections for DOM, React, Reason, Native, Vue, Marko, Angular, Preact, Svelte, and Cypress Testing Library), Puppeteer, Testcafe, Nightwatch, WebdriverIO, and Ecosystem. The main content area features a large heading "Cypress Testing Library". Below it, a paragraph explains the library's purpose: "Cypress Testing Library allows the use of dom-testing queries within Cypress end-to-end browser tests." It includes a command-line instruction: `npm install --save-dev cypress @testing-library/cypress`. A section titled "Usage" provides instructions for adding the library to a project's `cypress/support/commands.js` file with the code: `import '@testing-library/cypress/add-commands';`. A note states: "You can now use all of DOM Testing Library's `findBy`, `findAllBy`, `queryBy` and `queryAllBy` commands off the global `cy` object. See the DOM Testing Library docs for reference." Another note about `get*` queries is present. The right sidebar contains links for "Usage", "With TypeScript", and "Examples". The top navigation bar includes links for "Testing Library", "Docs", "Examples", "Help", "Blog", and a search bar.



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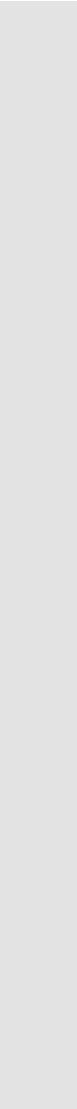
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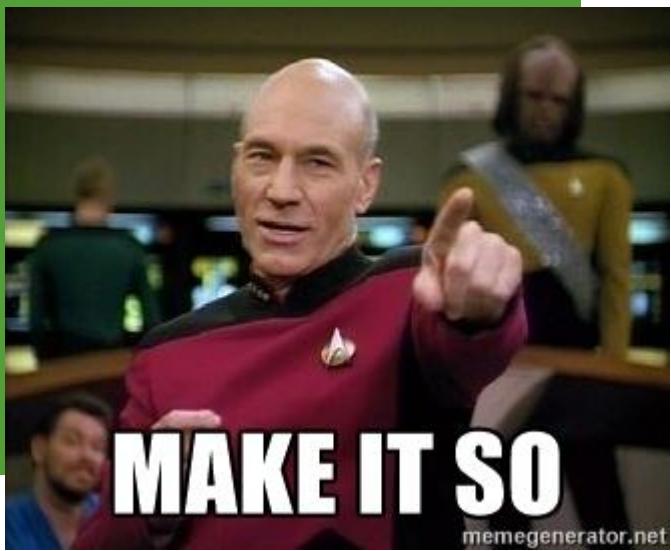
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IntelliSense in Visual Studio Code

IntelliSense

- Add a reference to a package types using **triple slash directives**
 - `/// <reference types="cypress" />`



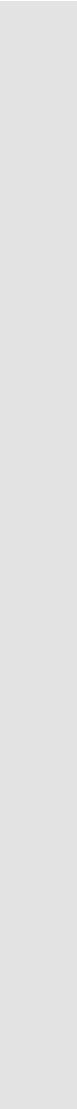
JS search.spec.js 4 ×

cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...

```
1  /// <reference types="cypress" />
2
3  describe('Search', () => {
4    beforeEach(() => {
5      cy.visit('/');
6    });
}
```



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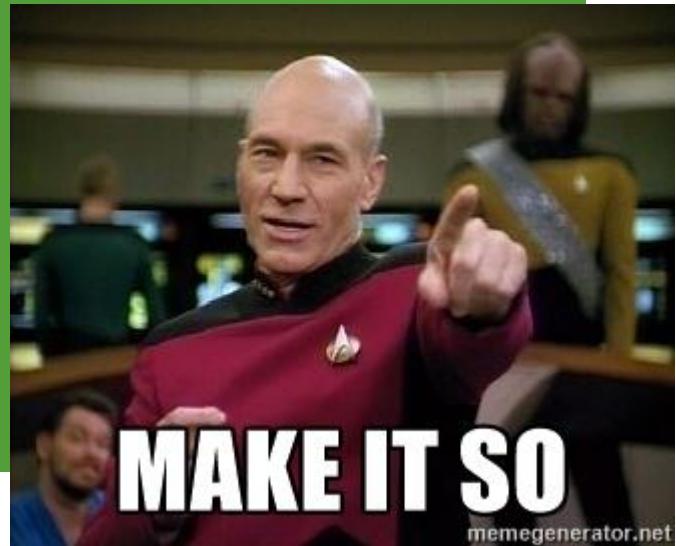


Configuring ESLint

Configuring ESLint

- Install the [eslint-plugin-cypress](#) NPM package
- Extend the **plugin:cypress/recommended** in your ESLint config

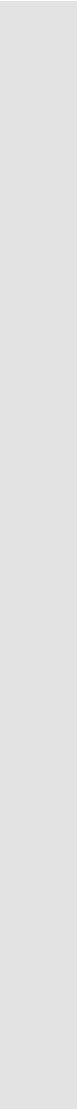
package.json



```
{} package.json M x
{} package.json > ...
23   "eslintConfig": {
24     "extends": [
25       "react-app",
26       "plugin:cypress/recommended"
27     ]
28   },
29   "browserslist": {
30     "production": [
31       ">0.2%",
32       "not dead",
33       "not op_mini all"
34     ],
35     "development": [
36       "last 1 chrome version",
37       "last 1 firefox version",
38       "last 1 safari version"
39     ]
40   },
41   "devDependencies": {
42     "@testing-library/jest-dom": "^5.14.1",
43     "@testing-library/react": "^12.1.0",
44     "@testing-library/user-event": "^13.2.1",
45     "@types/jest": "^27.0.1",
46     "@types/node": "^16.9.1",
47     "@types/react": "^17.0.20",
48     "@types/react-dom": "^17.0.9",
49     "@types/react-router-dom": "^5.1.8",
50     "cypress": "^8.4.0",
51     "eslint-plugin-cypress": "^2.12.1",
```



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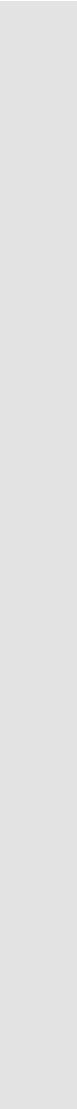
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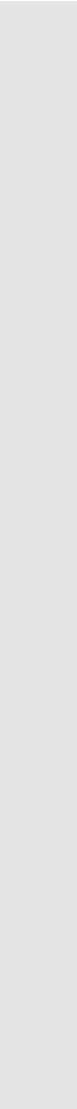
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