Master Cypress in 15 minutes a day

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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.

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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

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- 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

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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

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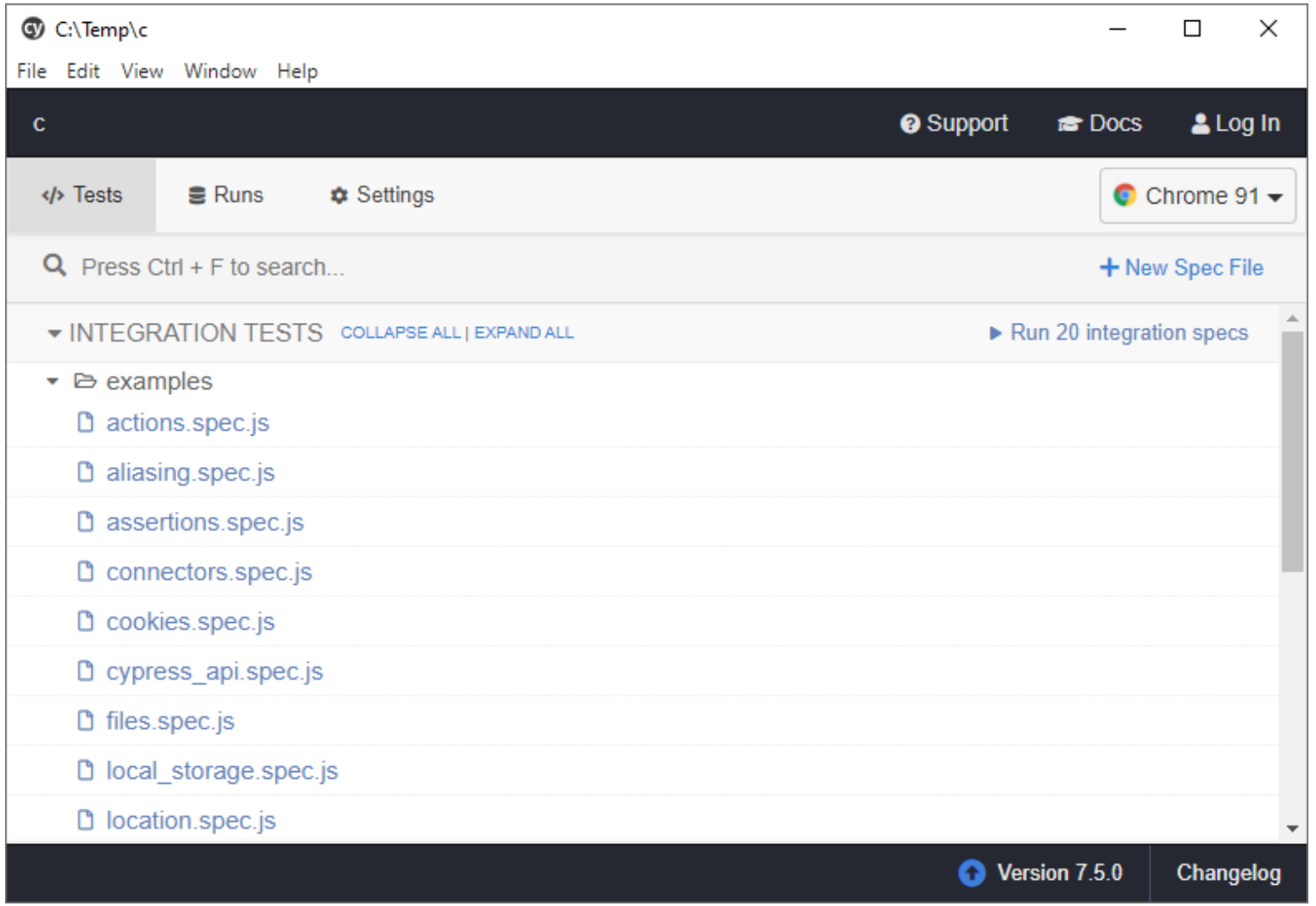
Interactive Test Runner



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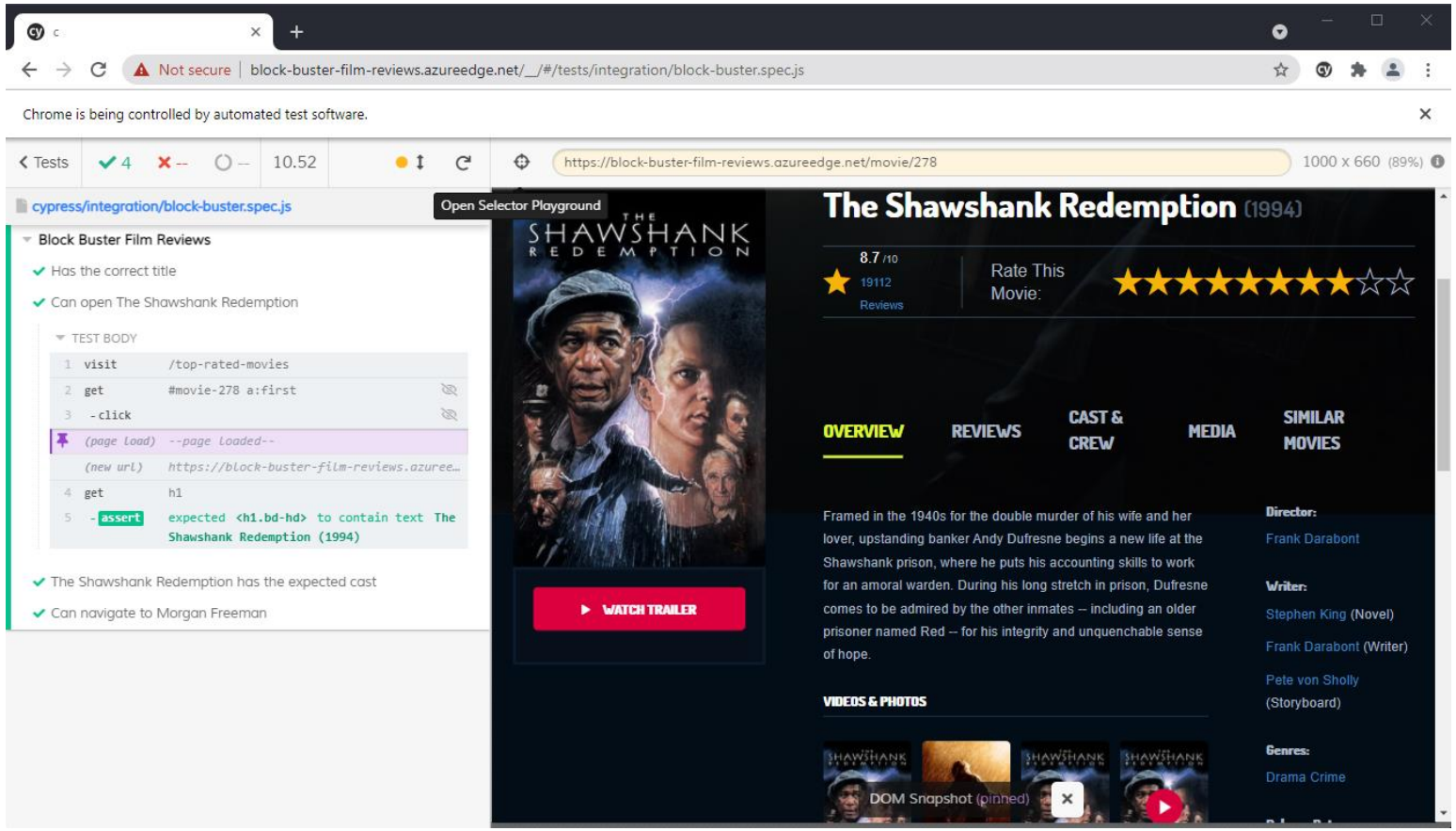
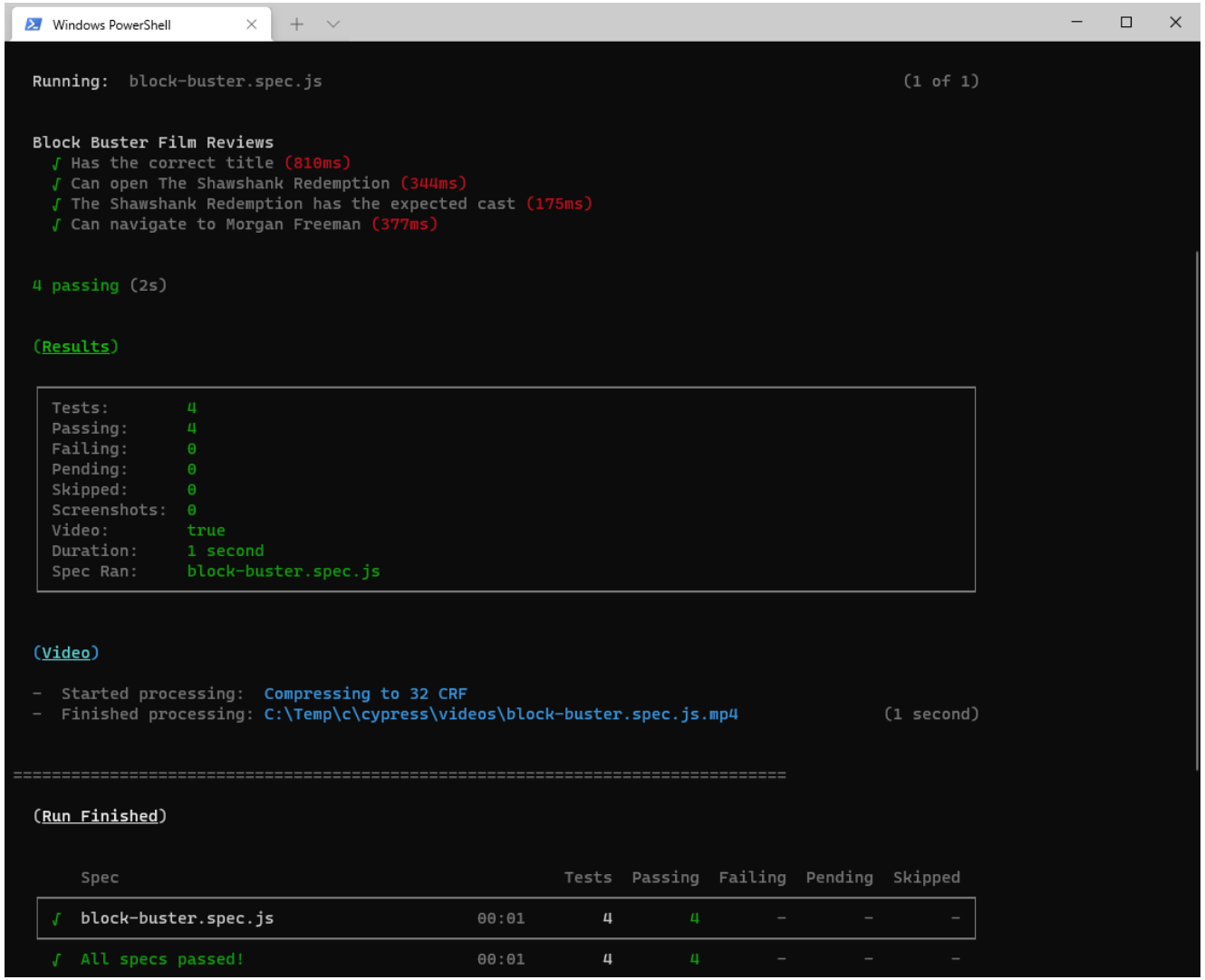


Command Line Interface



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 bowser
- Only a single tab

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What is end to end testing

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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 --

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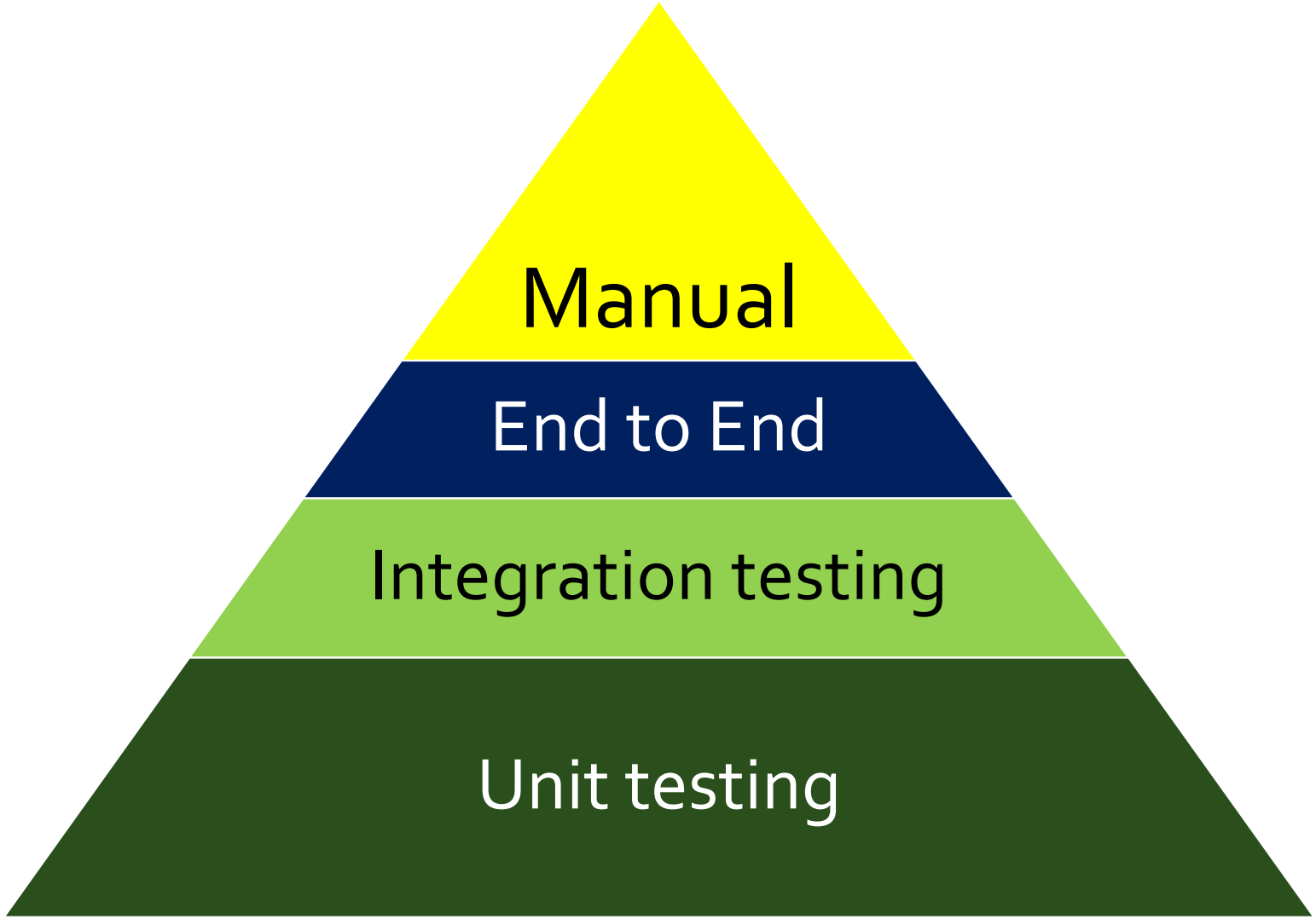
The traditional testing pyramid



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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	

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Both windows are fine

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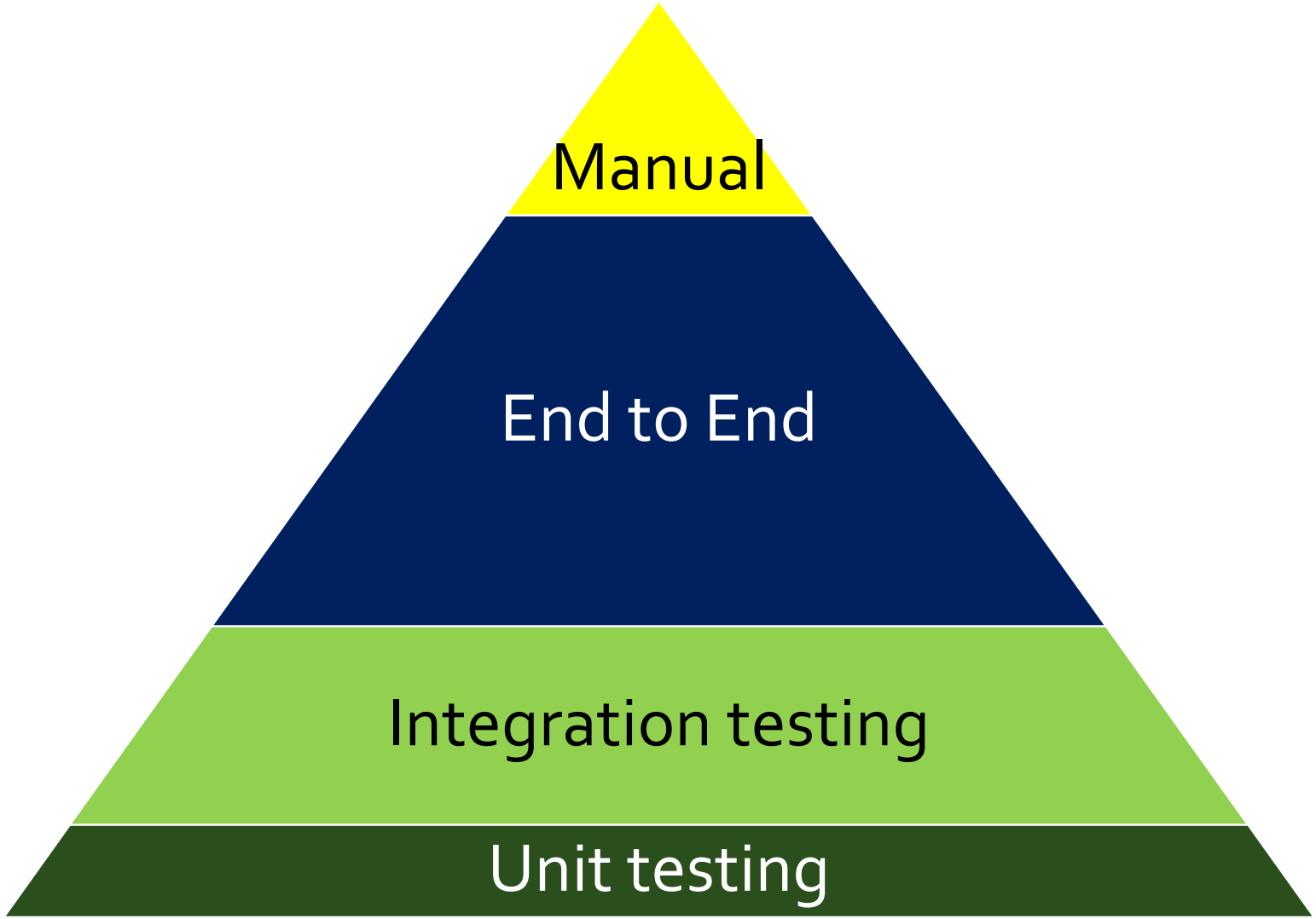
A better testing pyramid for the web



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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 --

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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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Prerequisites

Install Node & NPM

Install the GitHub starter repository

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Following Along


```
block-buster.spec.js
cypress > integration > 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    })
9
10   it('Can open The Shawshank Redemption', () => {
11     cy.visit('/top-rated-movies')
12     cy.get('#movie-278 a:first').click()
13     cy.get('h1').should('contain.text', 'The Shawshank Redemption (1994)')
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 })
```

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

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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!"

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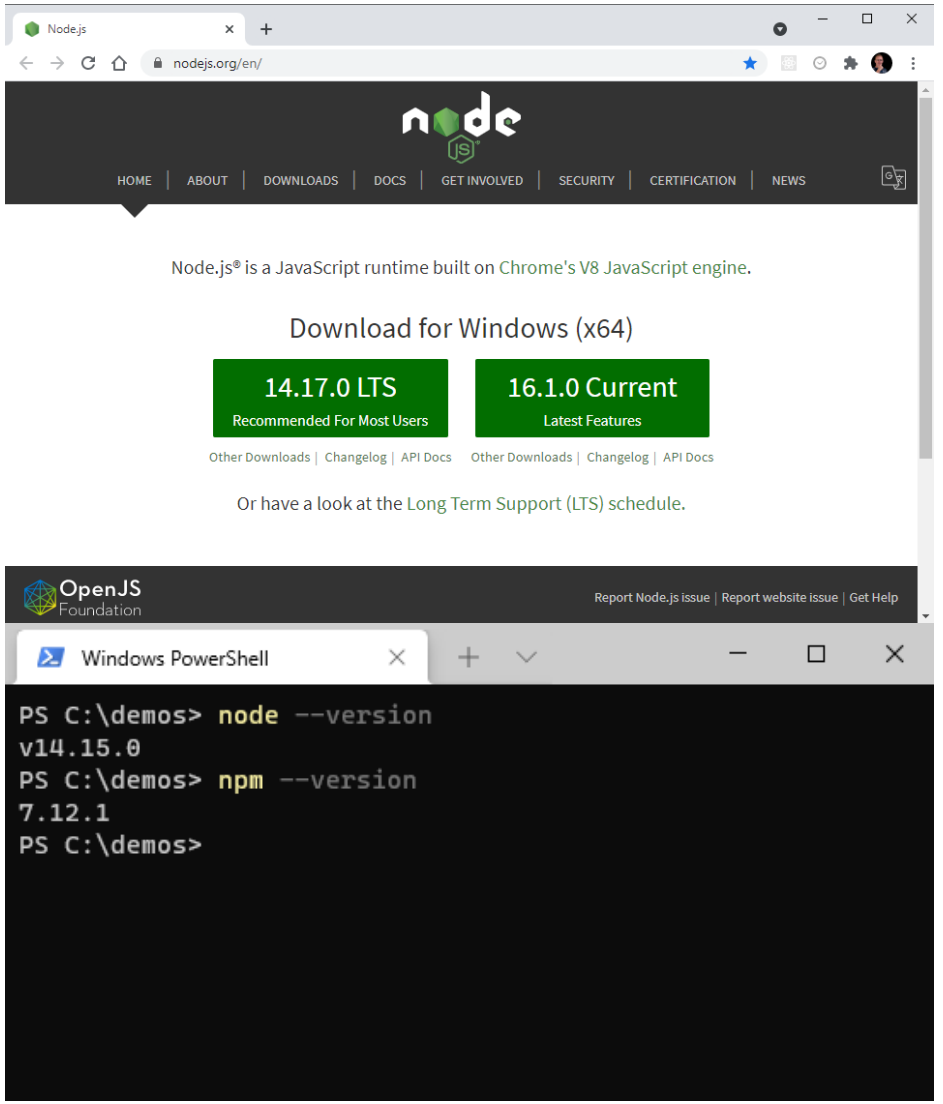
Install Node.js

- Minimal:
  - Node version 12



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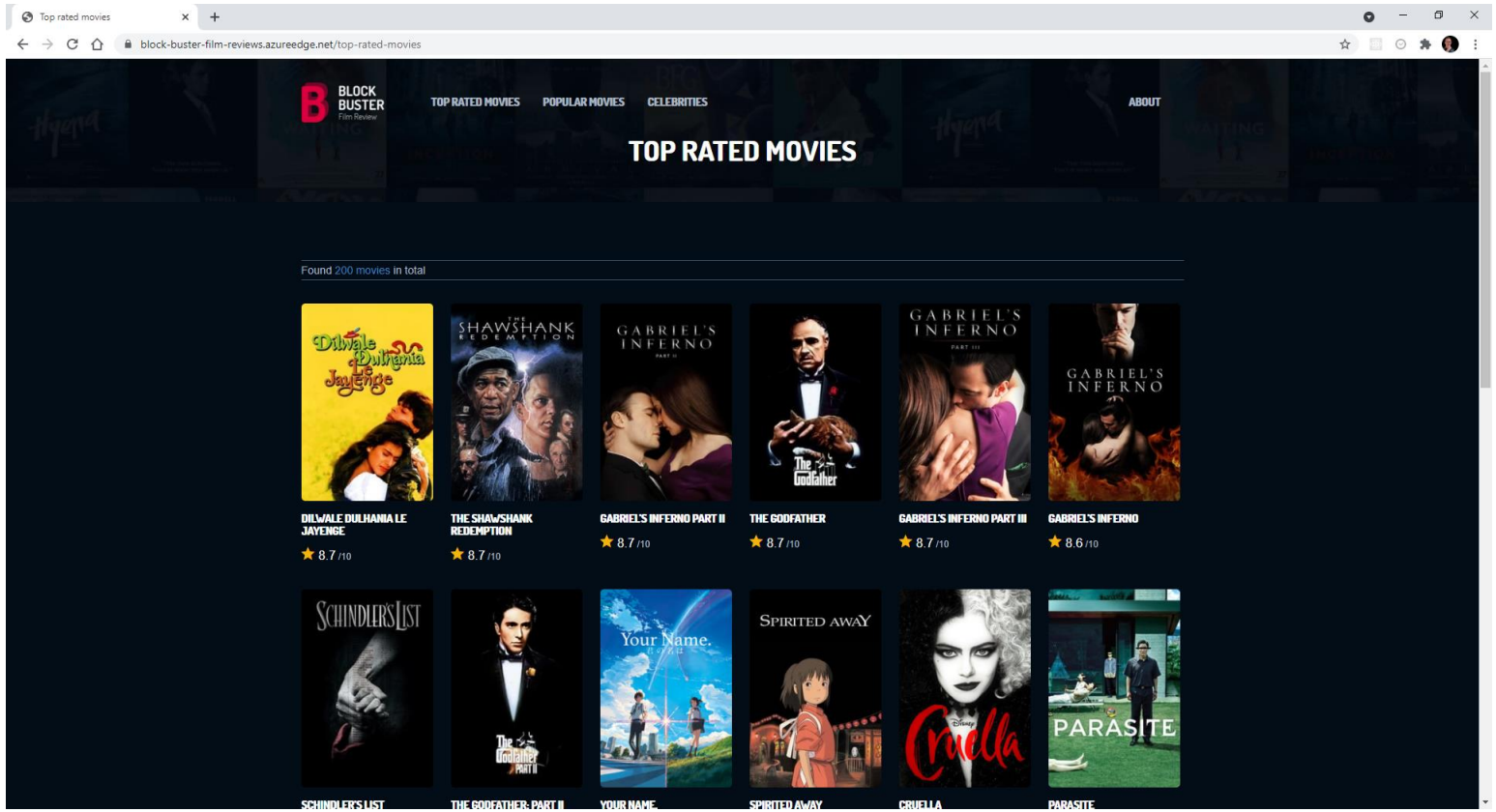
Creating a first Cypress test

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

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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

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Creating a first Cypress test

home.spec.js

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```
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  });
```

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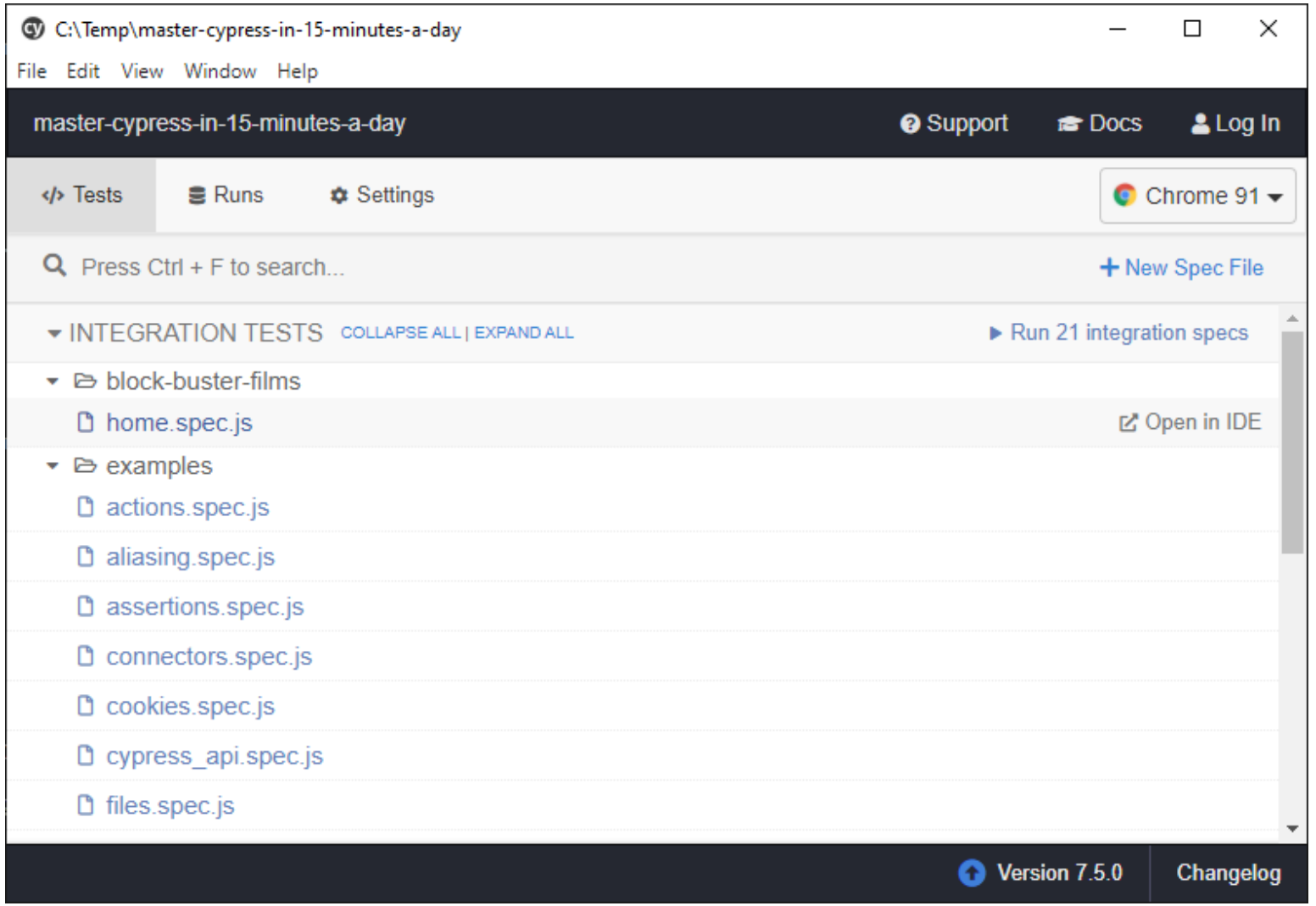
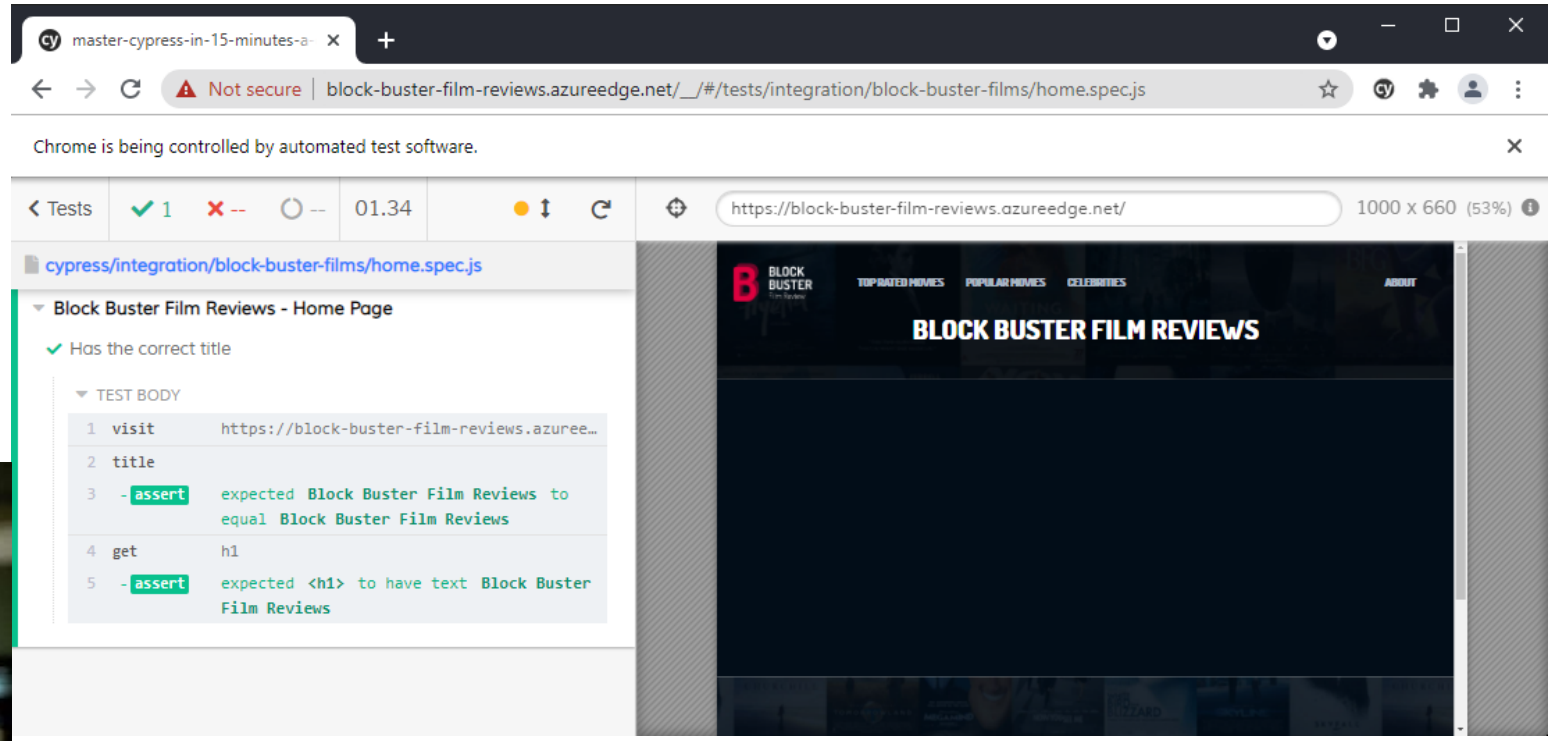
Cypress test runner



Running the test



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Adding a package.json

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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

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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

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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"

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Adding scripts

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

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The package.json

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package.json > ...

```
{
  "name": "master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "",
  "main": "index.js",
  ▷ Debug
  "scripts": {
    "test": "cypress run",
    "open": "cypress open"
  },
  "repository": {
    "type": "git",
    "url": "git+https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day.git"
  },
  "keywords": [
    "cypress"
  ],
  "author": "Maurice de Beijer",
  "license": "MIT",
  "bugs": {
    "url": "https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day/issues"
  },
  "homepage": "https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day#readme",
  "devDependencies": {
    "cypress": "^7.6.0"
  }
}
```

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Fixing a broken Cypress install

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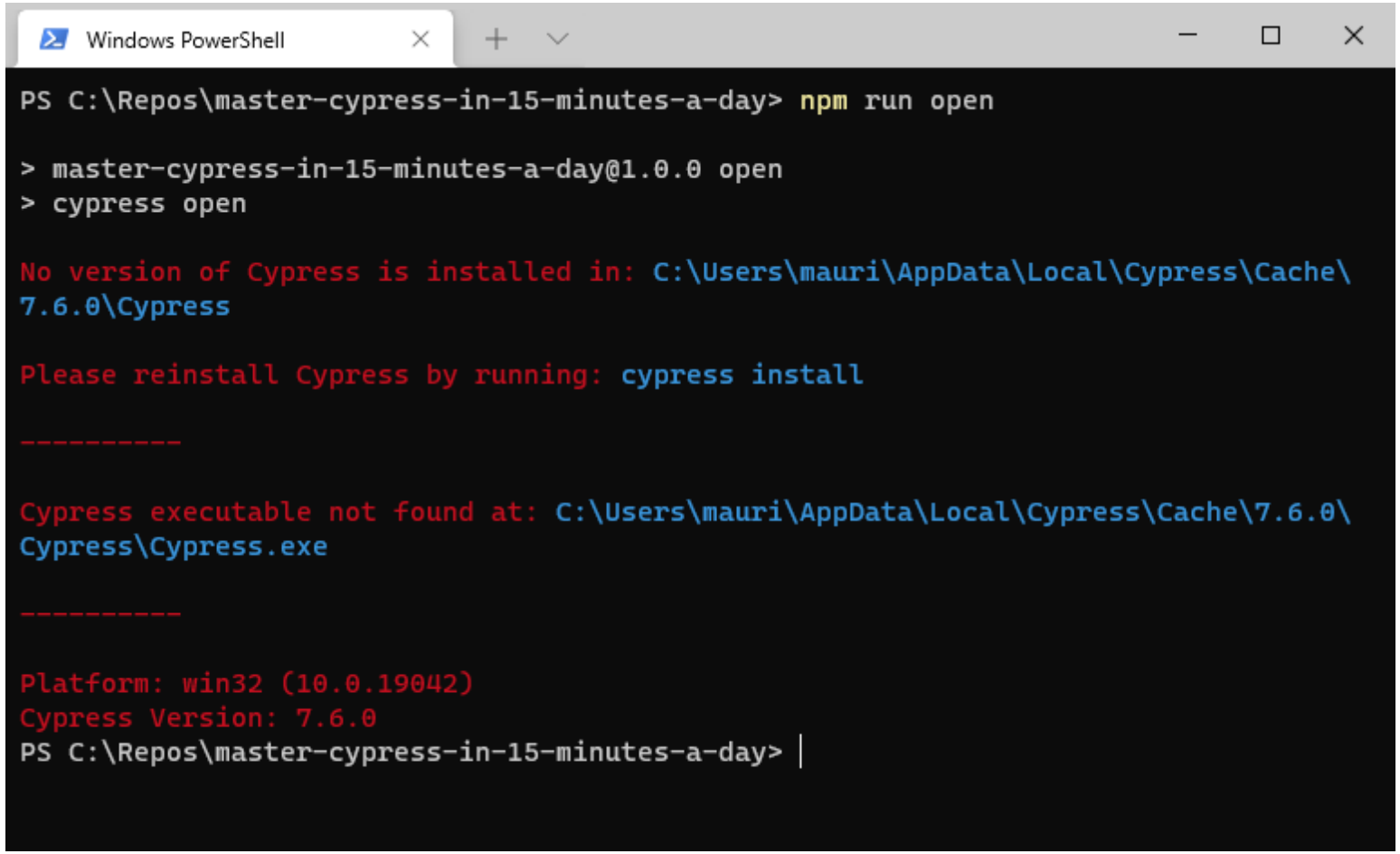
A broken Cypress Installation



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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

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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`

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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

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Cypress cache

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>
```

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The most important commands

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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

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cy.get()

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

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.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 elements is visible and enabled
  - A value is equal to another
  - Many more…
- https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/should

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Asynchronous

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

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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

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Chainable

- Most commands return a Chainable object

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Top rated movies Specs

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```
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

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IntelliSense

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```
1  /// <reference types="Cypress" />
2
3  context('Block Buster Film Reviews', () => {
4    it('Has the correct title - Home Page', () => {
5      cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net')
6
7      cy.title().should('equal', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
8      cy.get('h1').should('have.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
9    })
10 })
11
```

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

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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

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Using beforeEach()

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```
10  context('Top rated movies', () => {
11
12    beforeEach(() => {
13      cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
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

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Cypress.config()

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

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Command Line

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

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```
{
  "$schema": "https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json",
  "baseUrl": "https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net",
  "defaultCommandTimeout": 10000,
  "ignoreTestFiles": [
    "**/1-getting-started/*",
    "**/2-advanced-examples/*"
  ]
}
```

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Selecting DOM elements

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CSS Selectors

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

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✕ Anti-Pattern

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

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✔ 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()`

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Recommendations

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

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.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

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.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

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.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

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```
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 use as a **top level or a child command**

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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

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```
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

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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 use with other concepts
  - AJAX requests, spies etc.
  - More about that in another video

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Aliases and Retries

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

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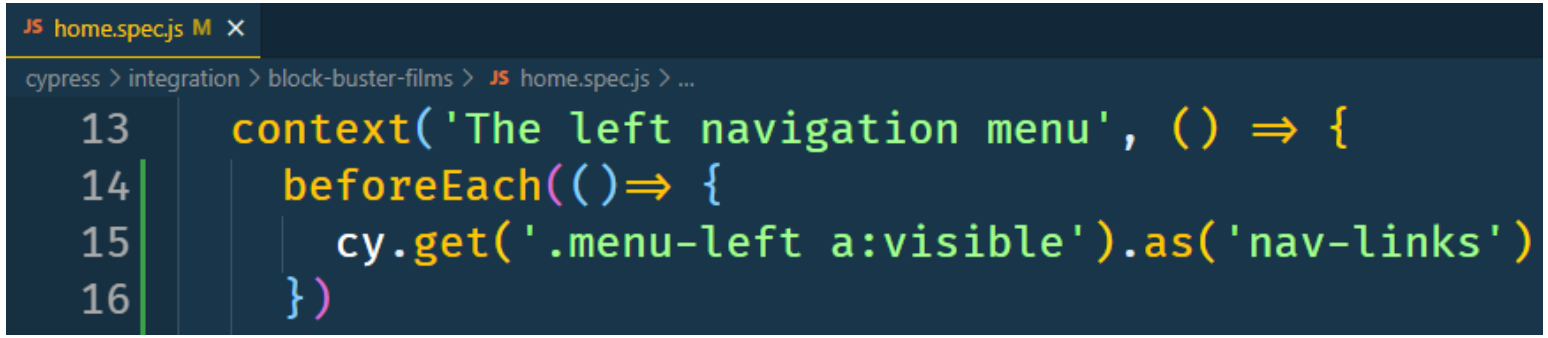
Register an alias with .as()



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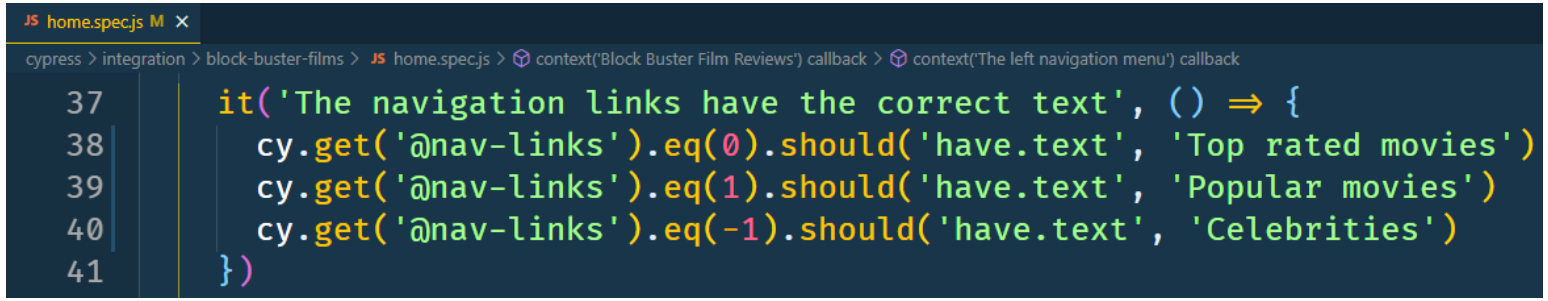
Using an alias with .get()



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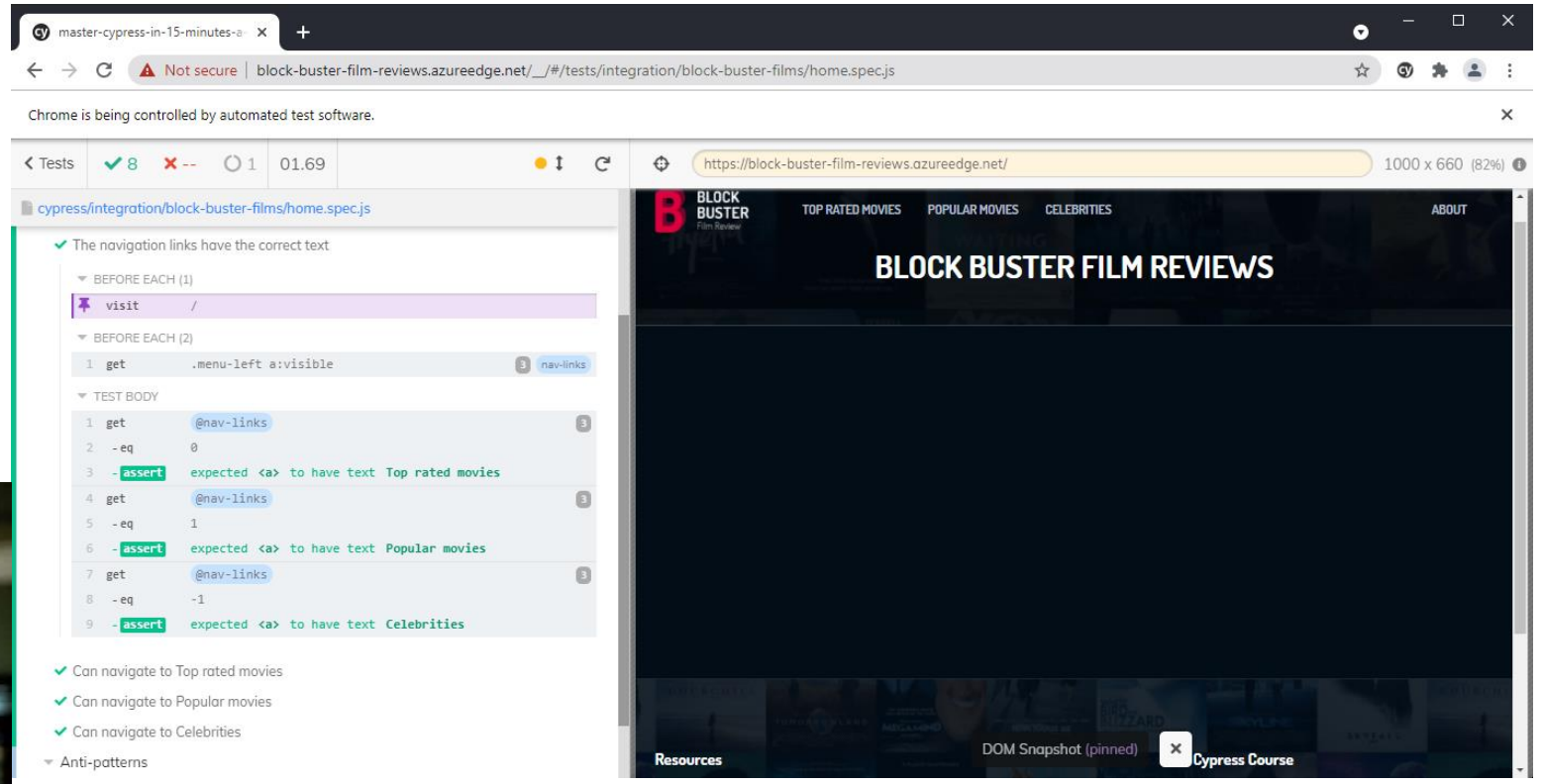
The result



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Interacting with Elements

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Common actions

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

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Clicking DOM elements

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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

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top-rated-movies.spec.js

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```
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

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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

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todo-list.spec.js

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```
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   })
```

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```
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  })
```

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settings.spec.js

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```
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 })
```

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todo-list.spec.js

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```
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

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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

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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

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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

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```
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

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```
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

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```
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

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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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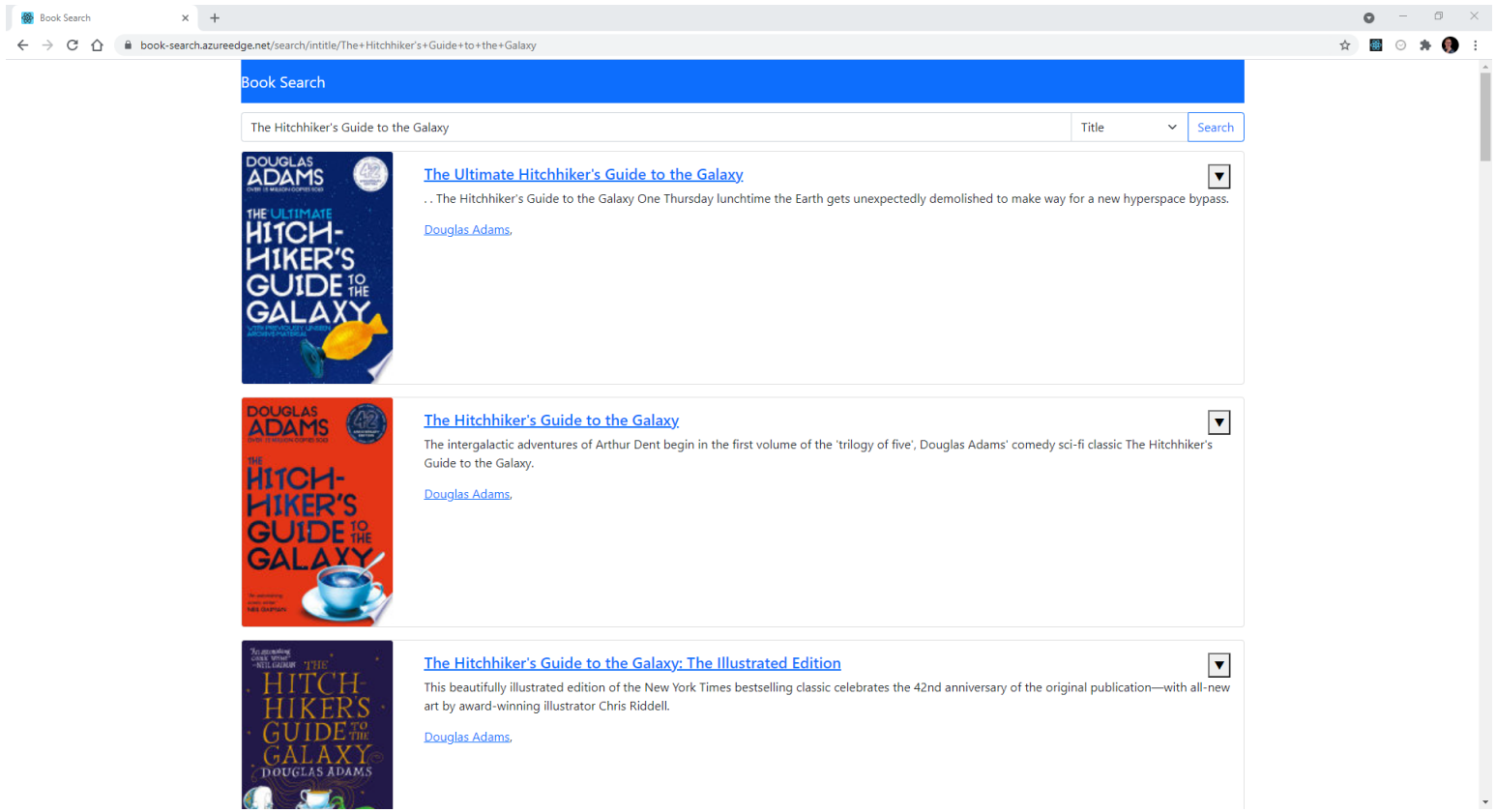
Book Search

Book Search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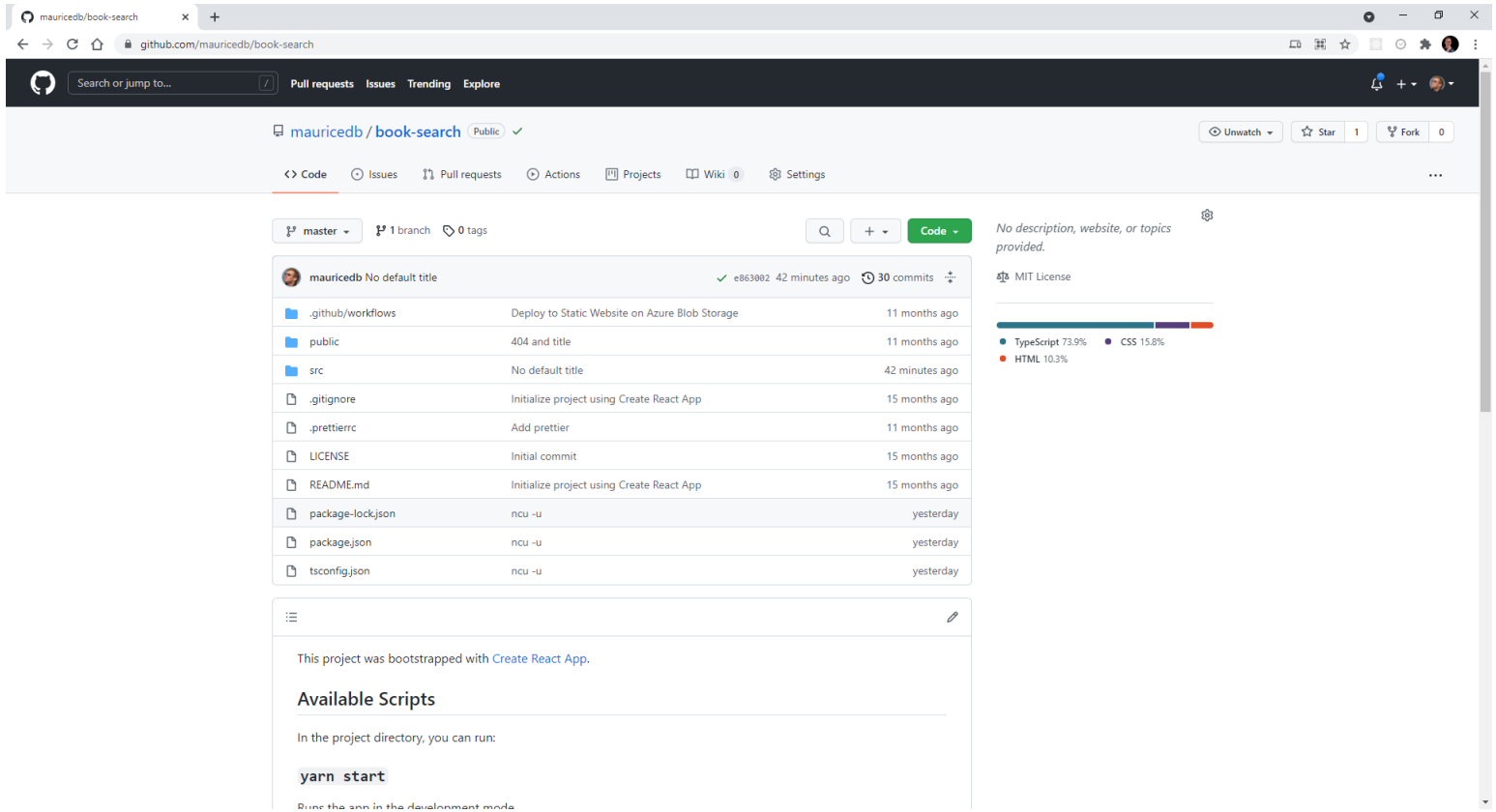

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search.spec.js

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```
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 });
```

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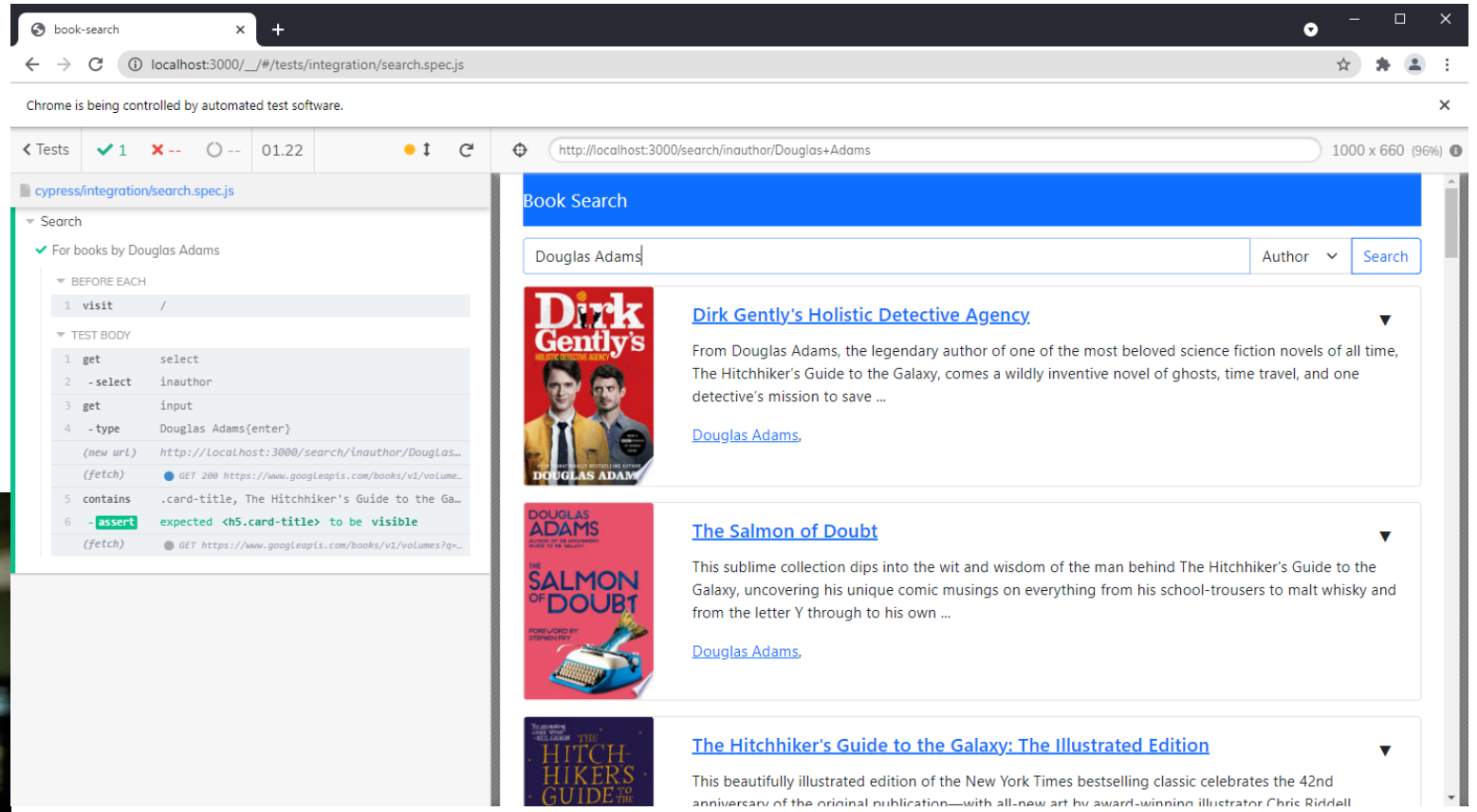
Cypress open



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Intercepting Requests

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cy.intercept()

- With `cy.intercept()` you can **spy on network requests**
  - Both `XMLHttpRequest` and `fetch` requests
- **Enables waiting 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

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cy.intercept()

search.spec.js M

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```
8   it('intercept with a StringMatcher', () => {
9     cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*').as('book-search');
10
11    cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
12    cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
13
14    cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
15      'be.visible'
16    );
17  });
18
19  it('intercept with a RouteMatcher', () => {
20    cy.intercept({
21      hostname: 'www.googleapis.com',
22      method: 'get',
23      pathname: '/books/v1/volumes',
24    }).as('book-search');
25
26    cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
27    cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
28
29    cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
30      'be.visible'
31    );
32  });
```

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Cypress.minimatch()

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
- https://github.com/isaacs/minimatch#minimatch

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Cypress.minimatch()

cypress/integration/search.spec.js

```
3  get          input
4  -type        Douglas Adams{enter}
   (new url)    http://localhost:3000/search/inauthor/Douglas+Adams
   (fetch)      GET 200 https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=inautho…  book-search
5  contains     .card-title, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
6  -assert      expected <h5.card-title> to be visible
```

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```
Console was cleared
Event:                  request
Resource type:          fetch
Method:                 GET
Url:                    https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks
Request went to origin?: yes
Matched `cy.intercept()`: ▶ {RouteMatcher: {…}, RouteHandler Type: 'Spy', RouteHandler: undefined, Request: {…}, Response: {…}, …}
Request headers:
▶ {sec-ch-ua: '"Google Chrome";v="93", " Not;A Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="93"', Referer: 'http://localhost:3000/', sec-ch-ua-mobile: '?0', User-Agent:
  sec-ch-ua-platform: '"Windows"'}
Response status code:   200
Response headers:       ▶ {date: 'Fri, 24 Sep 2021 07:08:02 GMT', content-encoding: 'gzip', x-content-type-options: 'nosniff', server: 'ESF', Vary: 'Or
Response body:          ▶ {kind: 'books#volumes', totalItems: 300, items: Array(25)}
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '/books/v1/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< true
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '/books/v1/volumes', { matchBase: true })
< false
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< false
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '*/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< false
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '**/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< true
```

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cy.route() & cy.server()

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cy.route()
cy.server()

- Both `cy.route()` and `cy.server()` have been **deprecated**
  - Use `cy.intercept()` instead!

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Waiting for a response

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cy.wait()

- Waits for a network request to complete
  - It can wait on multiple requests
- Fails the test if the requests doesn't complete in time
- https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/wait

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cy.wait()

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```
41  it('waiting for a fetch()', () => {
42    cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*').as('book-search');
43
44    cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
45    cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
46
47    cy.wait('@book-search');
48
49    cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
50      'be.visible'
51    );
52  });
```

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Faking AJAX responses

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Faking AJAX responses

- Use a `staticResponse` to return a predetermined response
  - Preventing the original AJAX request
- Set the `statusCode`, `body` and/or `headers` options as needed
- The `fixture` option loads a file from the `cypress/fixtures` folder
  - The fixture location is configurable
- https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/intercept#staticResponse-lt-code-gtStaticResponselt-code-gt

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Faking AJAX responses

Pro's

- Faster
- No dependencies on the backend services
- No need to reset the DB between tests
- No issues with external API's

Con's

- Doesn't test the application as it will be used
- The API response might be updated

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search.spec.js

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```
54    it('respond with fake data', () => {
55      cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*', { fixture: 'douglas-adams.json' }).as(
56        'book-search'
57      );
58
59      cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
60      cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
61
62      cy.contains('.card-title', 'Book two').should('be.visible');
63    });
```

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Intercepting the response

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Intercepting the response

- Using `cy.wait()` with an AJAX request yields the `response` object
  - With a JSON body object if appropriate
- Use the response data to test the UI elements
- https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/wait#Yields

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search.spec.js

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```
54    it('intercept and use the response', () => {
55      cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*').as('book-search');
56
57      cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
58      cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
59
60      cy.wait('@book-search').then((xhr) => {
61        const books = xhr.response.body.items;
62
63        books.forEach((book, index) => {
64          cy.get('.card')
65            .eq(index)
66            .within(() => {
67              cy.get('.card-title').should('have.text', book.volumeInfo.title);
68              cy.get('.card-author').should(
69                'have.text',
70                book.volumeInfo.authors.join(', ')
71              );
72            });
73        });
74      });
75    });
76  });
```

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Making network requests

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cy.request()

- Using `cy.request()` you can make network requests from a test
  - Useful for testing your API's
  - Submitting URL encoded forms
  - Calling an API to seed test data
  - Etc…
- https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/request

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Login example

request.spec.js M

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```
6   it.skip('to login and retreive the token', () => {
7     cy.request('POST', '/login', {
8       username: 'maurice.de.beijer',
9       password: 'p@ssw0rd',
10    })
11      .its('body.token')
12      .then((token) => {
13        console.log(`Token: ${token}`);
14      });
15  });
```

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request.spec.js

request.spec.js M

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```
17  it('to search for Douglas Adams', () => {
18    cy.request(
19      'https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxR
20    ).as('response');
21
22    cy.get('@response').its('body.kind').should('equal', 'books#volumes');
23    cy.get('@response').its('body.totalItems').should('be.greaterThan', 350);
24    cy.get('@response').its('body.items').should('have.length', 25);
25    cy.get('@response').its('body.items.0.volumeInfo.title').should('exist');
26    cy.get('@response').its('body.items.0.volumeInfo.authors').should('exist');
27  });
```

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Continuous Integration

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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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CI using GitHub Actions

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GitHub Actions

- Run Cypress as part of a **GitHub CI/CD pipeline**
  - Only deploy the application if the tests pass
- Run the development server on the **GitHub infrastructure**
  - Run the Cypress tests against this GitHub hosted server
- The **cypress-io/github-action** often makes this easy
  - Supports most of the common use cases
- https://docs.cypress.io/guides/continuous-integration/github-actions

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cypress-io.yml

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```yaml
name: Cypress CI Tests

on:
  # Manual button click from the GitHub UI
  workflow_dispatch:
  push:
    branches: [main]
  pull_request:
    branches: [main]

jobs:
  start:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Checkout Code
        uses: actions/checkout@v2

      - name: Run Cypress E2E Tests
        uses: cypress-io/github-action@v2
        with:
          start: npm start
          wait-on: 'http://localhost:3000'

      - name: Upload Cypress Screenshots
        uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
        if: failure()
        with:
          name: Cypress screenshots
          path: cypress/screenshots
```

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Cypress Continuous Integration Steps

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Cypress CI Steps

- The **basic steps** for a Cypress continuous integration process are:
  1. Get the latest version of the application
  2. Run `npm install`
  3. Start the web server
  4. Execute a `cypress run`
  5. `Report the result`

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Booting the web server

- **Booting the web server** can be tricky
  - It should not block the process
  - The Cypress tests should only start when the app is available
- The start-server-and-test NPM package is very useful

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cypress-io.yml

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.github > workflows > cypress-io.yml

```yaml
steps:
  - name: Checkout Code
    uses: actions/checkout@v2

  - name: NPM Install
    run: npm ci

  - name: Install Start Server and Test
    run: npm install start-server-and-test --no-save

  - name: Run Application and Cypress E2E Tests
    run: npx start-server-and-test start http://localhost:3000 cypress:run

  - name: Upload Cypress Screenshots
    uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
    if: failure()
    with:
      name: Cypress screenshots
      path: cypress/screenshots

  - name: Upload Cypress Videos
    uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
    if: failure()
    with:
      name: Cypress videos
      path: cypress/videos
```

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Using a Docker container

Docker containers

- Using Docker containers can help create a **consistent environment**
  - The same runtime locally and on the CI server
- Required when doing **visual regression testing**
  - Often a good approach
- https://hub.docker.com/r/cypress/included

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cypress-io.yml

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.github > workflows > ! cypress-io.yml

```yaml
jobs:
  start:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    container:
      image: cypress/included:8.5.0
      options: --ipc=host

    steps:
      - name: Checkout Code
        uses: actions/checkout@v2
```

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Flaky tests

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Flaky tests

- Flaky tests are tests that **sometimes fail** and sometimes pass without any change in code
- Cypress can **automatically retry failing tests** to detect flakiness
  - Helps prevent a complete CI build from failing
  - The underlying flaky test should still be fixed

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```
{
  "$schema": "https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json",
  "baseUrl": "http://localhost:3000",
  "retries": {
    "runMode": 3,
    "openMode": 1
  },
  "ignoreTestFiles": ["**/1-getting-started/*", "**/2-advanced-examples/*"]
}
```

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The Cypress Dashboard

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Cypress Dashboard

- Makes it easy to **see what is happening** on the CI server
- **Saves a video** of the test running
- **Not required**, totally optional
  - This is a paid for option
  - With a limited free tier to get started

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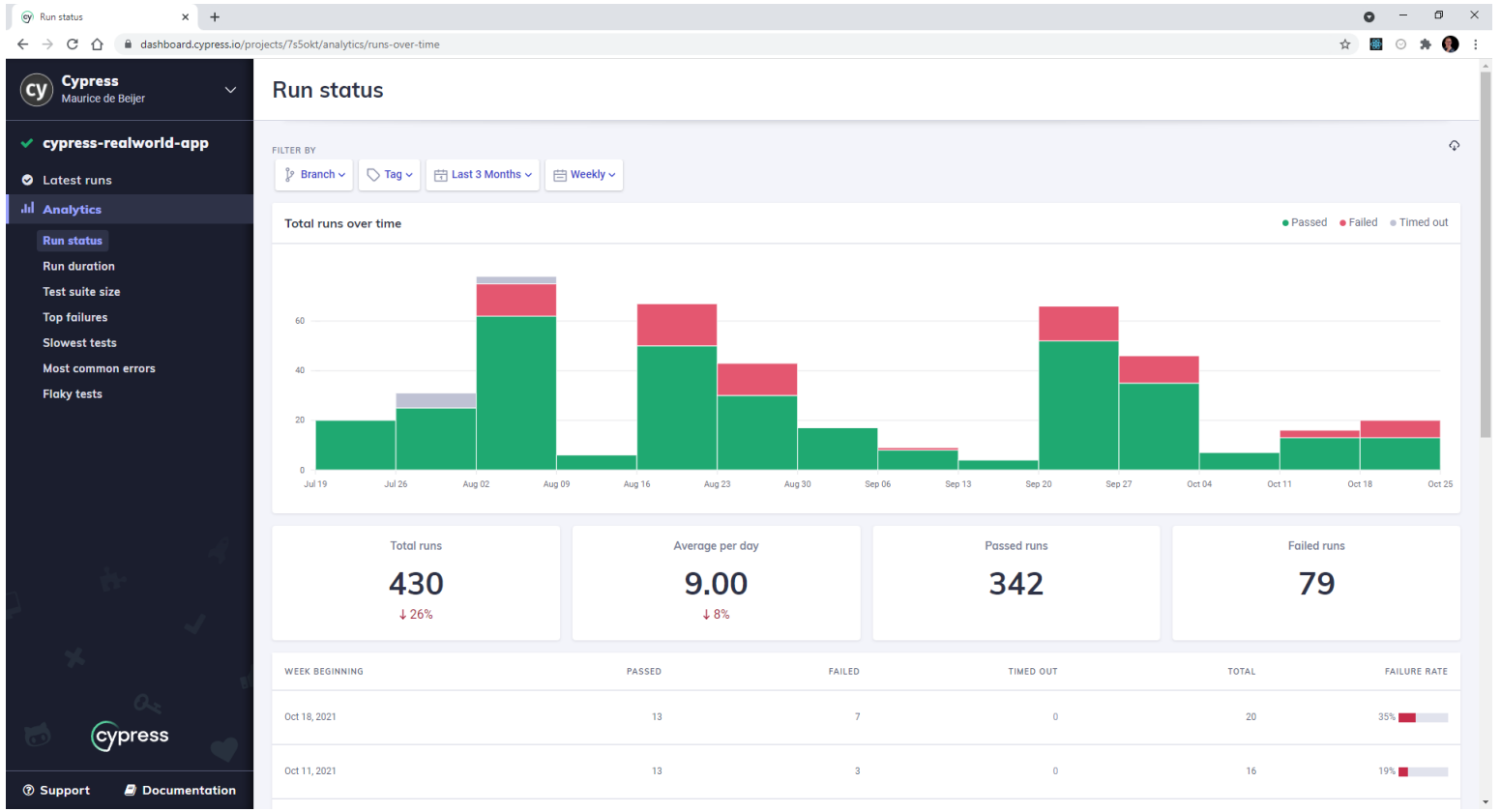
Cypress Dashboard



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cypress-io.yml

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.github > workflows > cypress-io.yml

```yaml
jobs:
  start:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    container:
      image: cypress/included:8.6.0
      options: --ipc=host
    env:
      CYPRESS_PROJECT_ID: ${{ secrets.CYPRESS_PROJECT_ID }}
      CYPRESS_RECORD_KEY: ${{ secrets.CYPRESS_RECORD_KEY }}

    steps:
      - name: Checkout Code
        uses: actions/checkout@v2

      - name: NPM Install
        run: npm ci

      - name: Install Start Server and Test
        run: npm install start-server-and-test --no-save

      - name: Run Application and Cypress E2E Tests
        run: npx start-server-and-test start http://localhost:3000 cypress:run
```

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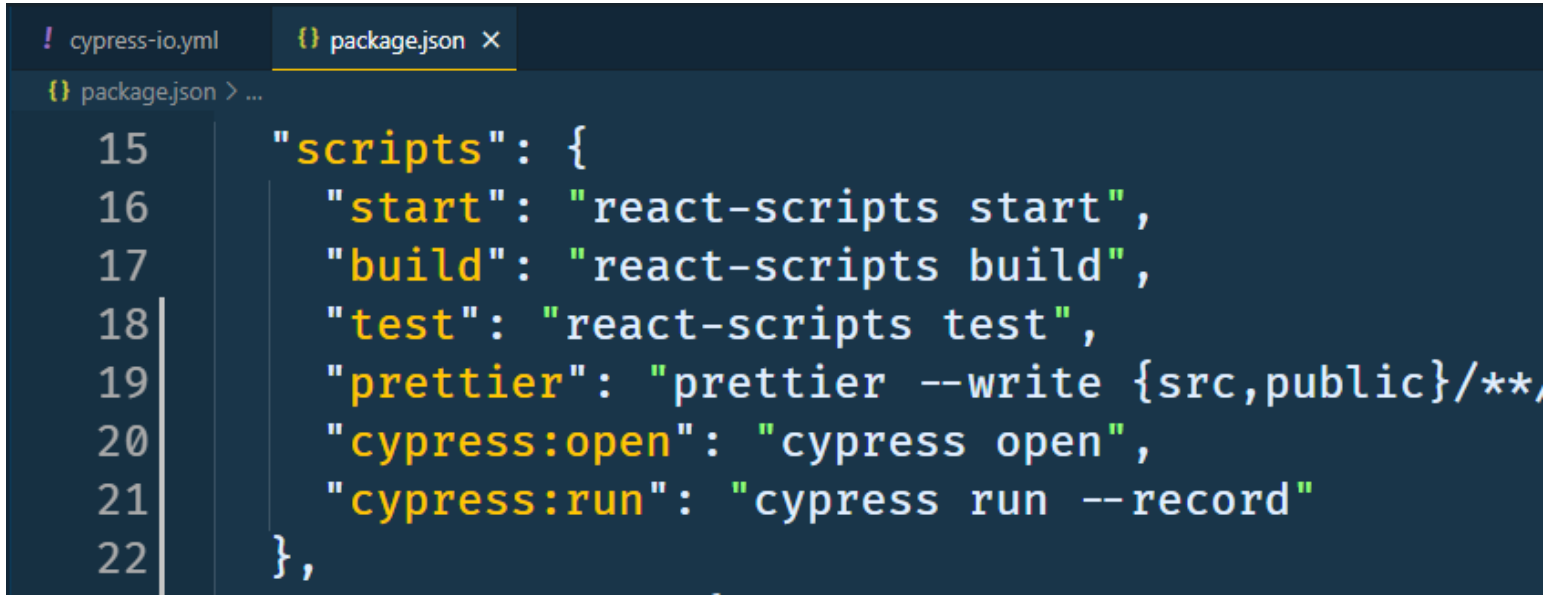
package.json



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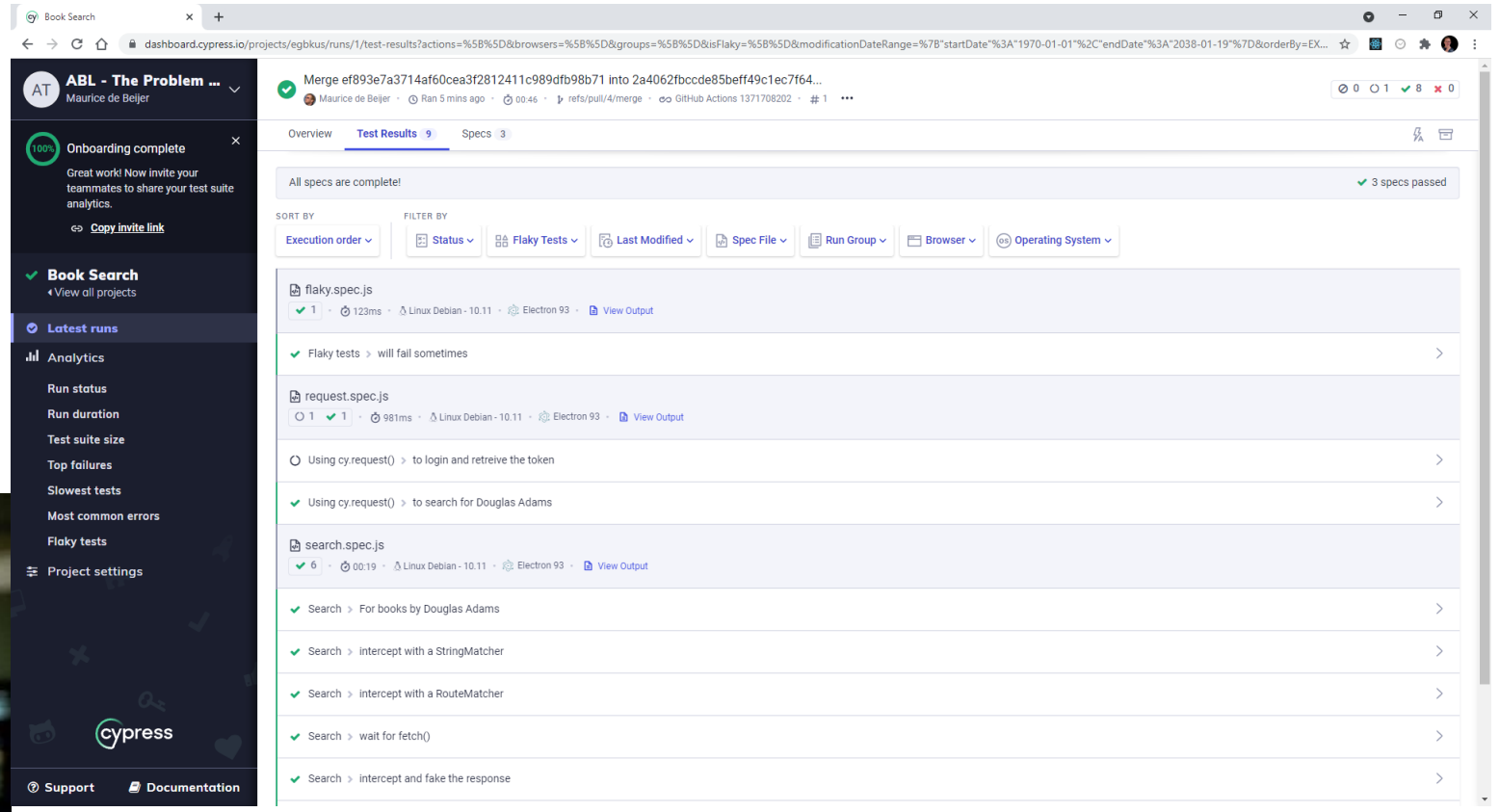
The dashboard



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IntelliSense in Visual Studio Code

IntelliSense

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

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```
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

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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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