

Full Solution with Explanations

1. Three Main Issues in the Original Code:

1. No explicit waits: The code uses `findElement` without waiting explicitly for elements to be available and loaded. This can cause flaky tests when the site or elements load slowly.

2. Hardcoded values: URL, username, password, and expected text are all hardcoded directly in the test, making maintenance, reuse, and running tests across different environments harder.

3. Unclear error messages: The test throws a generic error on failure without detailed assertion messages, making debugging difficult.

4. Bonus (Playwright): Use of Storage State: To avoid logging in before every test run, Playwright allows saving the authenticated session using `storageState`. This improves performance and stability by reusing the login state across tests. Ideal for setups requiring authentication without repeating login flows.

2. Recommended Improvements:

1. Add explicit waits using `until.elementLocated` before interacting with elements.

2. Move all hardcoded values to a separate config file (`config.js`) for easier maintenance and flexibility.

3. Use assertions with clear, descriptive error messages to simplify debugging and test failure analysis

3. Complete Clean and Maintainable Selenium Code:

`config.js`

```
module.exports = {
  BASE_URL: 'https://example.com/login',
  USERNAME: 'user',
  PASSWORD: 'pass',
  EXPECTED_WELCOME_TEXT: 'Welcome User',
  TIMEOUT: 10000,
};
```

`testLogin.js`

```
const { Builder, By, until } = require('selenium-webdriver');
const assert = require('assert');
const config = require('./config');

async function testLogin() {
  const driver = await new Builder().forBrowser('chrome').build();

  try {
    await driver.get(config.BASE_URL);

    // Explicit wait and fill username
    const usernameField = await driver.wait(until.elementLocated(By.id('username')), config.TIMEOUT);
    await usernameField.sendKeys(config.USERNAME);

    // Explicit wait and fill password
    const passwordField = await driver.wait(until.elementLocated(By.id('password')), config.TIMEOUT);
    await passwordField.sendKeys(config.PASSWORD);

    // Explicit wait and click login button
    const loginButton = await driver.wait(until.elementLocated(By.id('login-button')), config.TIMEOUT);
    await loginButton.click();

    // Explicit wait for welcome text element and get text
    const welcomeElement = await driver.wait(until.elementLocated(By.id('welcome')), config.TIMEOUT);
    const actualWelcomeText = await welcomeElement.getText();

    // Assert with detailed error message
    assert.strictEqual(
      actualWelcomeText,
      config.EXPECTED_WELCOME_TEXT,
      `❌ Welcome message mismatch. Expected: "${config.EXPECTED_WELCOME_TEXT}", but got: "${actualWelcomeText}"`
    );

    console.log('✅ Login successful!');
  } catch (err) {
    console.error('❌ Test failed:', err.message);
  } finally {
    await driver.quit();
  }
}

testLogin();
```

4. (Bonus) Playwright globalSetup for saving storageState to avoid repeated logins

```
import { chromium } from '@playwright/test';
import config from './config';

async function globalSetup() {
  const browser = await chromium.launch({ headless: true });
  const context = await browser.newContext();
  const page = await context.newPage();

  await page.goto(config.BASE_URL);
  await page.fill('#username', config.USERNAME);
  await page.fill('#password', config.PASSWORD);
  await page.click('#login-button');

  await page.waitForSelector('#welcome', { timeout: config.TIMEOUT });

  await context.storageState({ path: 'storageState.json' });
  console.log('✅ storageState saved successfully');

  await browser.close();
}

export default globalSetup;
```