

# Purposeful testing with Jest



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Let's start with  
the ~~bug~~ big picture.



To get ready for the small picture,  
clone or fork, and then install:

<https://github.com/pedroottimark/whimper>

The main reason to write tests is to ensure that your app works the way it should.

Test the **high-value** features.

You click an “Add to Cart” button.

The app had better add that item to the cart.

<https://daveceddia.com/what-to-test-in-react-app/>

When you test React components:

- Given properties and state, what **structure**?
- Behavior or **interaction**: is there a possibility to transition from state A to state B?

<http://reactkungfu.com/2015/07/approaches-to-testing-react-components-an-overview/>

Writing tests defines your component's **contract**.

- From an outsider's perspective,  
is this detail important?
- Don't duplicate the application code.

<https://medium.com/@suchipi/the-right-way-to-test-react-components-548a4736ab22>

Communicate when you write a test.

- **C**orrect: now of course, but is it practical to keep test correct when code changes?
- **C**lear: where to fix code when test fails
- **C**omplete: fewer tests that fit your priorities for quality-scope-cost are better than more tests that don't

# Why test with Jest?

# Fast and sandboxed testing with Jest

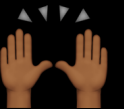
- Jest **parallelizes** test runs across workers.
- `jest --watch` runs tests only for changed files.
- Jest **resets** global state for each test  
so tests don't conflict with each other.



# Zero configuration testing with Jest

Jest is already configured  
if you create a project with

- `create-react-app`
- `react-native init`



# Zero configuration testing with Jest

- Provides **assertions** from expect library.
- `jest --env=jsdom` to simulate DOM.
- Supports **mocks** for functions, timers, modules, and React Native components.
- `jest --coverage` to report code coverage.

# Zero configuration testing with Jest

Jest finds test files

- in any **\_\_tests\_\_** folder like Facebook ✓
- with **.spec.js** extension like Jasmine ✗
- with **.test.js** extension unlike Facebook ✓

# Learning resources for Jest

- Using Matchers and expect
- Snapshot Testing
- Testing Asynchronous Code
- Configuring package.json
- Jest CLI options

## Other devDependencies

- `react-addons-test-utils` peer dependency
- `enzyme` shallow, mount, render
- `enzyme-to-json` for subset or snapshot
- `react-test-renderer` for subset or snapshot

enzyme

`shallow(element)` returns a wrapper

around the rendered output, as in jQuery.

Render component one level deep, to test it

independent of how children are implemented.

Traverse, optionally interact, and assert.

enzyme

`mount(element)` also returns a wrapper.

Render to full depth in simulated DOM.

- `traverse:` `.find(selector).at(index)`
- `interact:` `.simulate(event)`
- `assert:` `.prop(key)` or `.state(key)` or `.text()`

## enzyme-to-json and serializer

- shallowToJson
- mountToJson

mountToDeepObject

proposed

mountToShallowObject

proposed

- renderToJson



## react-test-renderer

- Render without simulated jsdom.
- Render without wrapper div.
- Render React elements as **test objects**  
compatible with **toMatchSnapshot** assertion.
- Doesn't yet support interaction with DOM.

## react-test-renderer

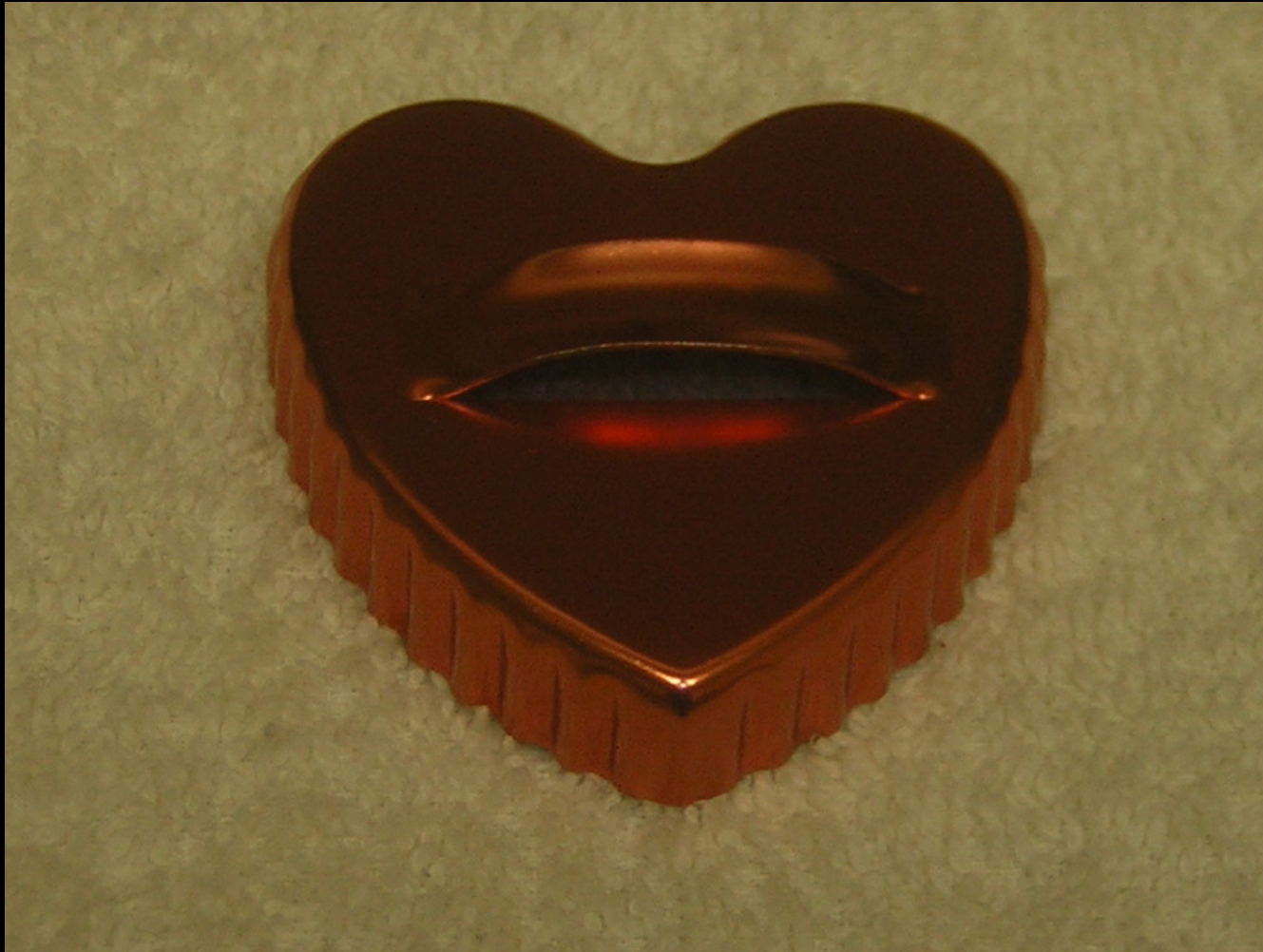
- `renderer.create(element).toJSON()`
- `renderAsTestObject(element)` proposed
- `relevantTestObject(element)` proposed
- `irrelevant` proposed

Beware of “one size fits all”

- “Use shallow rendering!”
- “Use snapshot testing!”



Instead, select a tool to fit your goal



Instead, select a tool to fit your goal





If you **apply patterns** and **follow examples**  
for 20% of tests that occur 80% of the time,



then you save 80% of your time and energy  
for difficult tests that occur 20% of the time.



Let's move to  
a smaller picture.





## Patterns for operations

- **R**ead or **r**ender
- **I**nteract
- **C**reate
- **D**elete
- **V**iew
- **U**ppdate or **u**ndo

## Examples of tests

TableHead-**R**.test.js

TableHead-**I**.test.js

Table-**C**.test.js



Table-**D**.test.js

Table-**V**.test.js

Table-**U**.test.js

# Examples of tests for **whimper** based on Whinepad from *React Up & Running*

<https://github.com/pedrottimark/whimper>

 <b>whimper</b>			
+			 filter rows
7	when	what	whimper
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✗	1999	ECMAScript 3	<code>function y2K(s) { return s.replace(/y/gi, "K"); }</code>
✗	1997	ECMAScript	sounds like a skin disease
✗	1995	JavaScript	10 days in May

# Read or render

Given combinations of **props** and **state** as input,  
the component renders correct output:

- what people “see” including accessibility
- what child components receive as props

# Read or render example: table head

+				
7	when	what		whimper

# This first example contrasts two methods

- baseline: typical “abstract” assertions 🤨
- proposed: the `toMatchSnapshot` assertion  
matches expected props and descendants  
in “descriptive” JSX 😊

# Read or render baseline tests



TableHead renders a button and text.

- simulate child components or DOM nodes
- traverse by selector
- assert each expected value,

but it can be hard to see too many criteria

# Read or render baseline tests



```
// src/components/__test0__/TableHead-R.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {shallow} from 'enzyme';  
  
import TableHead from '../TableHead';
```

```
describe('TableHead', () => {
  it('renders button, row count, and fields', () => {
    const $it = shallow(
      <TableHead
        addRow={() => {}}
        count={7}
        fields={fields}
      />
    );
    expect($it.find('button').length).toBe(1); // add row
    expect($it.find('tr').at(1).find('th').at(0).text()).toBe('3');
    // and so on for field labels in column headings
  });
});
```



# Read or render proposed tests



A few snapshots which control changes

to a component do more good than harm,

- because it's **easy to see** descriptive criteria,
- if you know that's their goal,
- from the name of the test file.

# Read or render proposed tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/TableHead-R.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';
```

```
import renderer from 'react-test-renderer';
```

```
import TableHead from '../TableHead';
```

```
describe('TableHead', () => {
  it('renders button, row count, and fields', () => {
    expect(renderer.create(
      <TableHead
        addRow={() => {}}
        count={7}
        fields={fields}
      />
    ).toJSON()).toMatchSnapshot();
  });
});
```

```
// src/components/__tests__/__snapshots__/TableHead-R.test.js.snap
```

```
exports[`TableHead renders button, row count, and fields 1`] = `
```

```
<thead>
```

```
  <tr>
```

```
    <th
```

```
      onClick={ [Function] }
```

```
      scope="col"
```

```
      title="add row"
```

```
    >
```

```
      <button>
```

```
        +
```

```
      </button>
```

```
    </th>
```

```
  </tr>
```

```
<tr>
  <th
    scope="col"
  >
    7
  </th>
  <th
    scope="col"
  >
    when
  </th>
  <th
    scope="col"
  >
```

```
        what
    </th>
    <th
        scope="col"
    >
        whimper
    </th>
</thead>
`;
```

# Read or render updating tests, part 1



An **expected relevant** change affects the test.

To sort rows by a field, click a column heading.

Add to the `th` element for each field:

- `onClick` property
- `span` and `abbr` children

```
npm test -- TableHead-R
```

```
TypeError: Cannot read property 'sorting' of undefined
```



```
// Import initial state of new child reducer to sort records.  
import {viewInitial} from '../reducers/view';
```

```
// Add new properties of TableHead component.
```

```
    expect(renderer.create(  
      <TableHead  
        addRow={() => {}}  
        count={7}  
        fields={fields}  
        sortRecords={() => {}}  
        view={viewInitial}  
      />  
    ).toJSON()).toMatchSnapshot();
```

TableHead › renders button, count, and fields

```
expect(value).toMatchSnapshot()
```

Received value does not match stored snapshot 1.

- Snapshot
- + Received

```
<tr>
  <th
+    onClick={ [Function] }
    scope="col"
  >
    7
</th>
```

```
<th
+   onClick={ [Function] }
+   scope="col"
+ >
-   when
+   <span>
+     when
+   </span>
+   <abbr
+     title=""
+   >
+
+   </abbr>
+ </th>
```

```
<th
+   onClick={ [Function] }
+   scope="col"
+ >
+   <span>
+     when
+   </span>
+   <abbr
+     title=""
+   >
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+   </abbr>
+ </th>
```

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+   </span>
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+   >
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+ </th>
```

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# Painless snapshot testing

Control changes in components:

- Prevent unexpected **regression**.

If change is incorrect, then fix code.

- Confirm expected **progress**.

If change is correct, then update snapshot.



# Painful snapshot testing



If you let the effort get out of balance:

- Too **easy** to write a test, which you do once.
- Too **hard** to understand if it fails, ever after.

Which changes are correct or incorrect?

Overlook a change that should be, but isn't?

The danger of Jest snapshot testing is...

**so much diff** for each code change

that you wouldn't see the actual bug

We will need to evolve **patterns** over time

and figure out the best **balance**.

[https://twitter.com/cpojer/status/](https://twitter.com/cpojer/status/774427994077048832)

**774427994077048832**

A snapshot test does not tell you your code **broke**,  
only that it **changed**.

It is easier to explain exactly which pieces you  
care about with the imperative approach...

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response-e8e9217db08f](https://medium.com/@suchipi/thanks-for-your-response-e8e9217db08f)

...but I would love to see  
tooling change that opinion.



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# Purposeful testing

When you write a test, minimize

- irrelevant details, which cause
- unnecessary updates, which risk
- incorrect decisions, especially
- false negatives, failing to report an error

The rest of examples replace `toMatchSnapshot` with `toMatchObject` to match a **relevant subset** of props and descendants in **descriptive** JSX.

**Read or render** example: sort indicator

TableHead renders ascending or descending indicator only in heading of primary sort field.

7	when	what ↓	whimper
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7	when ↑	what	whimper
---	--------	------	---------

# Read or render baseline tests



```
// src/components/__test0__/TableHead-R.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {shallow} from 'enzyme';
```

```
import TableHead, {ascending, descending} from '../TableHead';
```

```
const $abbrAt = (i) => $it.find('tr').at(1).find('abbr').at(i);
```



```
it('renders ascending indicator in `what` heading', () => {  
  const $it = shallow(  
    <TableHead  
      addRow={() => {}}  
      count={7}  
      fields={fields}  
      sortRecords={() => {}}  
      view={Object.assign({}, viewInitial, {sorting: [  
        {fieldKey: 'what', descending: false},  
      ]})}  
    />  
  );
```

```
let $abbr;
```

```
$abbr = $abbrAt(0);
```

```
expect($abbr.prop('title')).toBe('');
```

```
expect($abbr.text()).toBe('');
```

```
$abbr = $abbrAt(1);
```

```
expect($abbr.prop('title')).toBe('ascending');
```

```
expect($abbr.text()).toBe(ascending);
```

```
$abbr = $abbrAt(2);
```

```
expect($abbr.prop('title')).toBe('');
```

```
expect($abbr.text()).toBe('');
```

```
});
```

```
it('renders descending indicator in `when` heading', () => {  
  const $it = shallow(  
    <TableHead  
      addRow={() => {}}  
      count={7}  
      fields={fields}  
      sortRecords={() => {}}  
      view={Object.assign({}, viewInitial, {sorting: [  
        {fieldKey: 'when', descending: true},  
        {fieldKey: 'what', descending: false},  
      ]})}  
    />  
  );
```

```
let $abbr;
```

```
$abbr = $abbrAt(0);
```

```
expect($abbr.prop('title')).toBe('descending');
```

```
expect($abbr.text()).toBe(descending);
```

```
$abbr = $abbrAt(1);
```

```
expect($abbr.prop('title')).toBe('');
```

```
expect($abbr.text()).toBe('');
```

```
$abbr = $abbrAt(2);
```

```
expect($abbr.prop('title')).toBe('');
```

```
expect($abbr.text()).toBe('');
```

```
});
```

# Read or render proposed tests



- Content of non-heading cell is irrelevant.
- Content of span is irrelevant.
- Omit props from expected elements.

Test onClick prop elsewhere as interaction.

# Read or render proposed tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/TableHead-R.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';
import {
  irrelevant,
  relevantTestObject,
  renderAsTestObject,
} from 'react-test-renderer'; // proposed

import TableHead, {ascending, descending} from '../TableHead';
```

```
it('renders ascending indicator in `what` heading', () => {
  expect(renderAsTestObject(
    <TableHead
      addRow={() => {}}
      count={7}
      fields={fields}
      sortRecords={() => {}}
      view={Object.assign({}, viewInitial, {sorting: [
        {fieldKey: 'what', descending: false},
      ]})}
    />
  ).children[1]).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(
    <tr>
      <th>{irrelevant}</th>
```

```
<th>
  <span>{irrelevant}</span>
  <abbr title=""></abbr>
</th>
<th>
  <span>{irrelevant}</span>
  <abbr title="ascending">{ascending}</abbr>
</th>
<th>
  <span>{irrelevant}</span>
  <abbr title=""></abbr>
</th>
</tr>
));
});
```



```
it('renders descending indicator in `when` heading', () => {
  expect(renderAsTestObject(
    <TableHead
      addRow={() => {}}
      count={7}
      fields={fields}
      sortRecords={() => {}}
      view={Object.assign({}, viewInitial, {sorting: [
        {fieldKey: 'when', descending: true},
        {fieldKey: 'what', descending: false},
      ]})}
    />
  ).children[1]).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(
    <tr>
      <th>{irrelevant}</th>
```

```
<th>
  <span>{irrelevant}</span>
  <abbr title="descending">{descending}</abbr>
</th>
```

```
<th>
  <span>{irrelevant}</span>
  <abbr title=""></abbr>
</th>
```

```
<th>
  <span>{irrelevant}</span>
  <abbr title=""></abbr>
</th>
```

```
</tr>
```

```
));
```

```
});
```

How do you get the relevant JSX?

When

- Type it, based on render method. TDD
- Copy from existing **R**ead snapshot, TDD  
and delete whatever is irrelevant.
- Copy from temporary snapshot... non-TDD
- Maybe someday, paste by editor integration...

# Read or render updating tests, part 2



An **expected relevant** change affects the test.

To filter rows, type a substring.

Add input element at right of first tr.

+		 filter rows
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# Read or render updating tests, part 2



- Because one proposed snapshot fails,  
you must **decide** to update it.
- Because the baseline assertion passes,  
you must **remember** to update it.



TableHead › renders button, count, and fields

```
expect(value).toMatchSnapshot()
```

Received value does not match stored snapshot 1.

- Snapshot

+ Received

```
<th  
  colSpan={3}  
  scope="colgroup"
```

```
-   />
```

```
+   >
```

```
+   <input  
+     onChange={ [Function] }  
+     placeholder="🔍 filter rows"  
+   />
```

```
+   </th>
```

```
</tr>
```

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# Interact

If you don't have time to write tests  
for the rest of the patterns,  
or if components render simple views of data,  
then you might just test rendering and  
that interface **events** cause correct **actions**.

# Interact

`jest.fn()` returns a **mock function**,  
also known as a **spy**,  
to assert behavior of calling code,  
not just output.

# Interact example: click cells in table head

+				
7	when	what		whimper

# Interact tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/TableHead-I.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {mount} from 'enzyme';  
  
import TableHead from '../TableHead';
```

```
describe('TableHead', () => {  
  const addRow = jest.fn();  
  const sortRecords = jest.fn();  
  const $it = mount(  
    <TableHead  
      addRow={addRow}  
      count={7}  
      fields={fields}  
      sortRecords={sortRecords}  
      view={viewInitial}  
    />  
  );
```

```
// Click every cell in table head
$it.find('thead tr').forEach($tr => {
    $tr.find('th').forEach($th => {
        $th.simulate('click');
    });
});
```

```
// Interface events cause correct actions.
```

```
it('adds a row', () => {  
  expect(addRow).toHaveBeenCalledTimes(1);  
  expect(addRow).toHaveBeenCalledWith();  
});
```

```
it('sorts rows', () => {  
  // [] from click non-field heading at left to reset sort order.  
  expect(sortRecords.mock.calls).toEqual([[]].concat(  
    fields.map(({key}) => [key])  
  ));  
})  
});
```


# Create


An action **adds a child** to a component.

- **where**: add to correct place in siblings
- **what**: delegate details about children
- **what else**: update the (derived) state?



# Create example: add row

+				 filter rows
1	when	what	whimper	
✗	2016	ECMAScript 7	small but powerful: <code>ha * ha === ha ** 2</code>	

+				 filter rows
2	when	what	whimper	
✗	2017			
✗	2016	ECMAScript 7	small but powerful: <code>ha * ha === ha ** 2</code>	

# Create baseline tests



```
// src/components/__test0__/Table-C.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {mount} from 'enzyme';  
  
import Table from '../Table';
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const clickAdd = ($it) => {  
  $it.find('thead tr').at(0).find('th').at(0).simulate('click');  
};
```

```
const countRows = ($it) =>  
  Number($it.find('thead tr').at(1).find('th').at(0).text());
```

```
const countTableRows = ($it) => $it.find('TableRow').length;
```

```
const recordAtTableRow = ($it, i) =>  
  $it.find('TableRow').at(i).prop('record');
```

```
describe('Table', () =>
  it('creates a row preceding one existing row', () => {
    const store = createStore(reducer);
    const records = [recordB];
    store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));
    const $it = mount(
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Table />
      </Provider>
    );
```

```
clickAdd($it);  
expect(countRows($it)).toBe(records.length + 1);  
expect(countTableRows($it)).toBe(records.length + 1);  
expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 0)).toEqual(recordDefault(fields));  
expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 1)).toEqual(recordB);  
});
```

```
// and so on
```

```
});
```

# Create proposed tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/Table-C.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';
import {mount} from 'enzyme';
import {mountToShallowObject} from 'enzyme-to-json';      // proposed
import {relevantTestObject} from 'react-test-renderer';   // proposed

import Table from '../Table';
const TableRow = () => {}; // mock, and provide only relevant props
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const clickAdd = ($it) => {  
  $it.find('thead tr').at(0).find('th').at(0).simulate('click');  
};
```

```
const countRows = ($it) =>  
  Number($it.find('thead tr').at(1).find('th').at(0).text());
```

```
const tbodyShallow = ($it) =>  
  mountToShallowObject($it.find('tbody'));
```

```
describe('Table', () =>
  it('creates a row preceding one existing row', () => {
    const store = createStore(reducer);
    const records = [recordB];
    store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));
    const $it = mount(
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Table />
      </Provider>
    );
```



```
clickAdd($it);
expect(countRows($it)).toBe(records.length + 1);
expect(tbodyShallow($it)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(
  <tbody>
    <TableRow record={recordDefault(fields)} />
    <TableRow record={recordB} />
  </tbody>
));
});

// and so on
});
```

# Delete

An action **removes a child** from a component.

- **where**: remove from correct place in siblings
- **what**: delegate details about children
- **what else**: update the (derived) state?

# Delete example: delete row

4	when	what	whimper
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3	when	what	whimper
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# Delete baseline tests



```
// src/components/__test0__/Table-D.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {mount} from 'enzyme';  
  
import Table from '../Table';
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const clickDelete = ($it, i) => {  
  $it.find('tbody tr').at(i).find('td').at(0).simulate('click');  
};
```

```
const countRows = ($it) =>  
  Number($it.find('thead tr').at(1).find('th').at(0).text());
```

```
const countTableRows = ($it) => $it.find('TableRow').length;
```

```
const recordAtTableRow = ($it, i) =>  
  $it.find('TableRow').at(i).prop('record');
```

```
describe('Table deletes records', () => {  
  const store = createStore(reducer);  
  const records = [recordA, recordB, recordC, recordD];  
  store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));  
  const $it = mount(  
    <Provider store={store}>  
      <Table />  
    </Provider>  
  );
```

```
test('in the middle', () => {  
  clickDelete($it, 1); // recordB  
  expect(countRows($it)).toEqual(records.length - 1);  
  expect(countTableRows($it)).toEqual(records.length - 1);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 0)).toEqual(recordA);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 1)).toEqual(recordC);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 2)).toEqual(recordD);  
});
```

```
  // and so on  
});
```

# Delete proposed tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/Table-D.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {mount} from 'enzyme';  
import {mountToShallowObject} from 'enzyme-to-json';      // proposed  
import {relevantTestObject} from 'react-test-renderer';    // proposed  
  
import Table from '../Table';  
const TableRow = () => {}; // mock, and provide only relevant props
```



```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const clickDelete = ($it, i) => {  
  $it.find('tbody tr').at(i).find('td').at(0).simulate('click');  
};
```

```
const countRows = ($it) =>  
  Number($it.find('thead tr').at(1).find('th').at(0).text());
```

```
const tbodyShallow = ($it) =>  
  mountToShallowObject($it.find('tbody'));
```

```
describe('Table deletes records', () => {  
  const store = createStore(reducer);  
  const records = [recordA, recordB, recordC, recordD];  
  store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));  
  const $it = mount(  
    <Provider store={store}>  
      <Table />  
    </Provider>  
  );
```

```
test('in the middle', () => {
  clickDelete($it, 1); // recordB
  expect(countRows($it)).toEqual(records.length - 1);
  expect(tbodyShallow($it)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(
    <tbody>
      <TableRow record={recordA} />
      <TableRow record={recordC} />
      <TableRow record={recordD} />
    </tbody>
  ));
});

// and so on
});
```

# View

An action **changes derived state** of a component.

- **Create:** filter to “add” children
- **Delete:** filter to “remove” children
- **Create and Delete:** sort to reorder children
- **Update:** indicate state in user interface

# View example: sort rows

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# View baseline tests



```
// src/components/__test0__/Table-V.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {mount} from 'enzyme';  
  
import Table from '../Table';
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const clickHeading = ($it, i) => {  
  $it.find('thead tr').at(1).find('th').at(1 + i).simulate('click');  
};
```

```
const recordAtTableRow = ($it, i) =>  
  $it.find('TableRow').at(i).prop('record');
```

```
describe('Table sorting', () => {  
  const store = createStore(reducer);  
  const records = [recordA, recordB, recordC, recordD];  
  store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));  
  const $it = mount(  
    <Provider store={store}>  
      <Table />  
    </Provider>  
  );
```



```
it('is ascending on click `what` heading', () => {  
  clickHeading($it, 1);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 0)).toEqual(recordA);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 1)).toEqual(recordD);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 2)).toEqual(recordC);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 3)).toEqual(recordB);  
});
```

```
it('is descending on click `what` heading again', () => {  
  clickHeading($it, 1);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 0)).toEqual(recordB);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 1)).toEqual(recordC);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 2)).toEqual(recordD);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 3)).toEqual(recordA);  
});
```

```
// and so on
```

```
it('resets on click non-field heading at left', () => {  
  clickHeading($it, -1);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 0)).toEqual(recordA);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 1)).toEqual(recordB);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 2)).toEqual(recordC);  
  expect(recordAtTableRow($it, 3)).toEqual(recordD);  
});  
});
```

# View proposed tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/Table-V.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';
import {mount} from 'enzyme';
import {mountToShallowObject} from 'enzyme-to-json';      // proposed
import {relevantTestObject} from 'react-test-renderer';    // proposed

import Table from '../Table';
const TableRow = () => {}; // mock, and provide only relevant props
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const clickHeading = ($it, i) => {  
  $it.find('thead tr').at(1).find('th').at(1 + i).simulate('click');  
};
```

```
const tbodyShallow = ($it) =>  
  mountToShallowObject($it.find('tbody'));
```

```
describe('Table sorting', () => {  
  const store = createStore(reducer);  
  const records = [recordA, recordB, recordC, recordD];  
  store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));  
  const $it = mount(  
    <Provider store={store}>  
      <Table />  
    </Provider>  
  );
```

```
it('is ascending on click `what` heading', () => {  
  clickHeading($it, 1);  
  expect(tbodyShallow($it)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(  
    <tbody>  
      <TableRow record={recordA} />  
      <TableRow record={recordD} />  
      <TableRow record={recordC} />  
      <TableRow record={recordB} />  
    </tbody>  
  ));  
});
```

```
it('is descending on click `what` heading again', () => {  
  clickHeading($it, 1);  
  expect(tbodyShallow($it)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(  
    <tbody>  
      <TableRow record={recordB} />  
      <TableRow record={recordC} />  
      <TableRow record={recordD} />  
      <TableRow record={recordA} />  
    </tbody>  
  ));  
});
```

// and so on



```
it('resets on click non-field heading at left', () => {  
  clickHeading($it, -1);  
  expect(tbodyShallow($it)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(  
    <tbody>  
      <TableRow record={recordA} />  
      <TableRow record={recordB} />  
      <TableRow record={recordC} />  
      <TableRow record={recordD} />  
    </tbody>  
  ));  
});  
});
```

# Update or undo

An action **changes the state** of a component.

Assert relevant attributes, content, or structure:

- **prev** state: before the action
- **next** state: after the action
- **prev** state: undo the action

# Update or **u**ndo example: input or edit text

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# Update or **undo** baseline tests



```
// src/components/__test0__/Table-U.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';  
import {mount} from 'enzyme';
```

```
import invariant from 'invariant';
```

```
import Table from '../Table';
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const $tdAtIndex = ($it, rowIndex, fieldIndex) =>  
    $it.find('tbody tr').at(rowIndex).find('td').at(1 + fieldIndex);
```

```
describe('Table', () => {
  it('updates a text field', () => {
    const store = createStore(reducer);
    store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));
    const $it = mount(
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Table />
      </Provider>
    );

    const rowIndex = 2;
    const fieldIndex = 1;
    const field = fields[fieldIndex];
    invariant(field.type === 'text', 'testing a text field');
```

```
const $td = $tdAtIndex($it, rowIndex, fieldIndex);      // wrapper
const td = $td.get(0);                                  // element
if (!td.dataset) {
  // Make up for limitation of jsdom
  td.dataset = {
    rowIndex: td.getAttribute('data-record-id'),
    fieldKey: td.getAttribute('data-field-key'),
  };
}
$td.simulate('doubleClick');
```

```
const textInitial = records[rowIndex][fields[fieldIndex].key];  
expect($td.find('span').at(0).text()).toBe(textInitial);  
expect($td.find('input').at(0).props()).toMatchObject({  
  defaultValue: textInitial,  
  type: 'text',  
});
```



```
const textUpdated = 'ECMAScript 2015';  
$td.find('input').get(0).value = textUpdated;  
  
$td.find('form').simulate('submit');  
expect($td.text()).toBe(textUpdated);  
});  
});
```

# Update or **undo** proposed tests



```
// src/components/__tests__/Table-U.test.js
```

```
import React from 'react';
import {mount} from 'enzyme';
import {mountToDeepObject} from 'enzyme-to-json';           // proposed
import {relevantTestObject} from 'react-test-renderer';     // proposed

import invariant from 'invariant';

import Table from '../Table';
```

```
// helpers for operation on component
```

```
const $tdAtIndex = ($it, rowIndex, fieldIndex) =>  
    $it.find('tbody tr').at(rowIndex).find('td').at(1 + fieldIndex);
```

```
describe('Table', () => {
  it('updates a text field', () => {
    const store = createStore(reducer);
    store.dispatch(receiveData(fields, records));
    const $it = mount(
      <Provider store={store}>
        <Table />
      </Provider>
    );

    const rowIndex = 2;
    const fieldIndex = 1;
    const field = fields[fieldIndex];
    invariant(field.type === 'text', 'testing a text field');
```

```
const $td = $tdAtIndex($it, rowIndex, fieldIndex);      // wrapper
const td = $td.get(0);                                  // element
if (!td.dataset) {
  // Make up for limitation of jsdom
  td.dataset = {
    rowIndex: td.getAttribute('data-record-id'),
    fieldKey: td.getAttribute('data-field-key'),
  };
}
$td.simulate('doubleClick');
```

```
const textInitial = records[rowIndex][fields[fieldIndex].key];
expect(mountToDeepObject($td)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(
  <td>
    <div>
      <span>{textInitial}</span>
      <form>
        <input
          defaultValue={textInitial}
          type="text"
        />
      </form>
    </div>
  </td>
));
```

Copy from temporary snapshot.  
Delete whatever is irrelevant.

```
<td
  data-field-key="what"
  data-record-id={2}
>
  <div>
    <span>
      ECMAScript 6
    </span>
```

```
<form
  onSubmit={([Function])}
>
  <input
    autoFocus={true}
    defaultValue="ECMAScript 6"
    type="text"
  />
</form>
</div>
</td>
```

```
const textUpdated = 'ECMAScript 2015';
$td.find('input').get(0).value = textUpdated;

$td.find('form').simulate('submit');
expect(mountToDeepObject($td)).toMatchObject(relevantTestObject(
  <td>{textUpdated}</td>
));
});
});
```



```
describe('Table', () => {  
  it('cancels update on double-click input', () => {  
    // initialize as in preceding examples  
  
    const prev = mountToDeepObject($td);  
    $td.simulate('doubleClick');  
    $td.find('input').simulate('doubleClick');  
    const next = mountToDeepObject($td);  
  
    expect(next).toEqual(prev);  
  });  
});
```

It seems that perfection is attained  
not when there is **nothing more to add**,  
but when there is **nothing more to remove**.

Antoine de Saint Exupéry

Add as many abstract assertions as you can?



Delete as many irrelevant details as you can!



**Bonus** to swim in deep water



# Update or **undo** binding callbacks



```
// src/components/__tests__/TableHead-U.test.js
```

```
describe('TableHead sorting indicator', () => {  
  // initialize $it  
  const trInitial = trShallow($it);  
  // test various updates, and then add one more assertion:  
  it('resets on click cell at left', () => {  
    clickHeading($it, -1);  
    expect(trShallow($it)).toEqual(trInitial);  
  });  
});
```

TableHead sorting indicator › resets on click cell at left

```
expect(received).toEqual(expected)
```

Expected value to equal:

```
{"$$typeof": Symbol(react.test.json), "children": [{"$$typeof":  
Symbol(react.test.json), "children": [4], "props": { ...
```

Received:

```
{"$$typeof": Symbol(react.test.json), "children": [{"$$typeof":  
Symbol(react.test.json), "children": [4], "props": { ...
```

Difference:

Compared values have no visual difference.



```
// If render method has arrow function as value of onClick prop,  
// it creates a new function each time React re-renders TableHead.  
// So toEqual assertion fails. With an unhelpful error in Jest 19.
```

```
fields.map(field => (  
  <th  
    key={field.key}  
    onClick={() => sortRecords(field.key)}  
    scope="col"  
  >  
    ...  
  </th>  
)})
```

// An alternative is bind callback functions once in constructor:

```
class TableHead extends Component {  
  props: Props;  
  _sortRecords: Array<Function>;  
  
  constructor(props: Props) {  
    super(props);  
    const {fields, sortRecords} = props;  
    this._sortRecords = fields.map(field => () => {  
      sortRecords(field.key);  
    });  
  }  
}
```

```
// If render method always provides same value of onClick prop,  
// then the toEqual assertion succeeds.
```

```
fields.map((field, i) => (  
  <th  
    key={field.key}  
    onClick={this._sortRecords[i]}  
    scope="col"  
  >  
    ...  
  </th>  
)})
```



**React element** is a plain object that describes  
a component instance or DOM node:  
type and properties, including children.

[https://facebook.github.io/react/blog/2015/12/18/  
react-components-elements-and-instances.html](https://facebook.github.io/react/blog/2015/12/18/react-components-elements-and-instances.html)

```
// JSX compiles to React.createElement
```

```
<div>  
  <span>ECMAScript 6</span>  
  <form onSubmit={onSubmit}>  
    <input  
      autoFocus={true}  
      defaultValue="ECMAScript 6"  
      type="text"  
    />  
  </form>  
</div>
```

```
React.createElement(type, props, ...children)
```

```
// props and no children
```

```
<input  
  autoFocus={true}  
  defaultValue="ECMAScript 6"  
  type="text"  
>
```

```
React.createElement('input', {  
  autoFocus: true,  
  defaultValue: 'ECMAScript 6',  
  type: 'text',  
})
```

```
// no props and a text child
```

```
<span>ECMAScript 6</span>
```

```
React.createElement('span', null, 'ECMAScript 6')
```

```
// a prop and an element child
```

```
<form onSubmit={onSubmit}>  
  <input  
    autoFocus={true}  
    defaultValue="ECMAScript 6"  
    type="text"  
  />  
</form>
```

```
React.createElement('form', {onSubmit}, input)  
// input = React.createElement('input', { ... })
```

```
// no props and 2 children
```

```
<div>  
  <span>ECMAScript 6</span>  
  <form onSubmit={onSubmit}><input ... /></form>  
</div>
```

```
React.createElement('div', null, span, form)  
// span = React.createElement('span', null, 'ECMAScript 6')  
// form = React.createElement('form', {onSubmit}, input)
```

```
// no props nor children
```

```
<br />
```

```
React.createElement('br')
```

```
// React element and test object
```

```
const element = React.createElement(type, props, ...children)
```

```
const object = renderer.create(element).toJSON()           // does render
```

```
renderAsTestObject(element)                               // does render
```

```
relevantTestObject(element)                               // doesn't render
```

```
shallowToJson(shallow(element))                           // only children
```

```
mountToJson(mount(element))                               // includes components
```

```
mountToShallowObject($it.find(selector).at(index))
```

```
mountToDeepObject($it.find(selector).at(index))
```



```
// React element
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol(...),  
  type,  
  props: {  
    ...,  
    children: ...,  
  },  
  key: null,  
  ref: null,  
  _owner: null,  
  _store: {}  
}
```

```
// test object
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol.for(...),  
  type,  
  props: {  
    ...,  
  },  
  children: ...,  
}
```

```
// props and no children
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol(...),  
  type: 'input',  
  props: {  
    autoFocus: true,  
    defaultValue: 'ECMAScript 6',  
    type: 'text',  
  },  
}
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol.for(...),  
  type: 'input',  
  props: {  
    autoFocus: true,  
    defaultValue: 'ECMAScript 6',  
    type: 'text',  
  },  
  children: null,  
}
```

```
// no props and a text child
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol(...),  
  type: 'span',  
  props: {  
    children: 'ECMAScript 6',  
  },  
}
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol.for(...),  
  type: 'input',  
  props: {},  
  children: ['ECMAScript 6'],  
}
```

// a prop and an element child

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol(...),  
  type: 'form',  
  props: {  
    onSubmit,  
    children: input,  
  },  
}
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol.for(...),  
  type: 'form',  
  props: {  
    onSubmit,  
  },  
  children: [input],  
}
```

```
// no props and 2 children
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol(...),  
  type: 'div',  
  props: {  
    children: [span, form],  
  },  
}
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol.for(...),  
  type: 'div',  
  props: {},  
  children: [span, form],  
}
```

```
// no props nor children
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol(...),  
  type: 'br',  
  props: {},  
}
```

```
{  
  $$typeof: Symbol.for(...),  
  type: 'br',  
  props: {},  
  children: null,  
}
```