

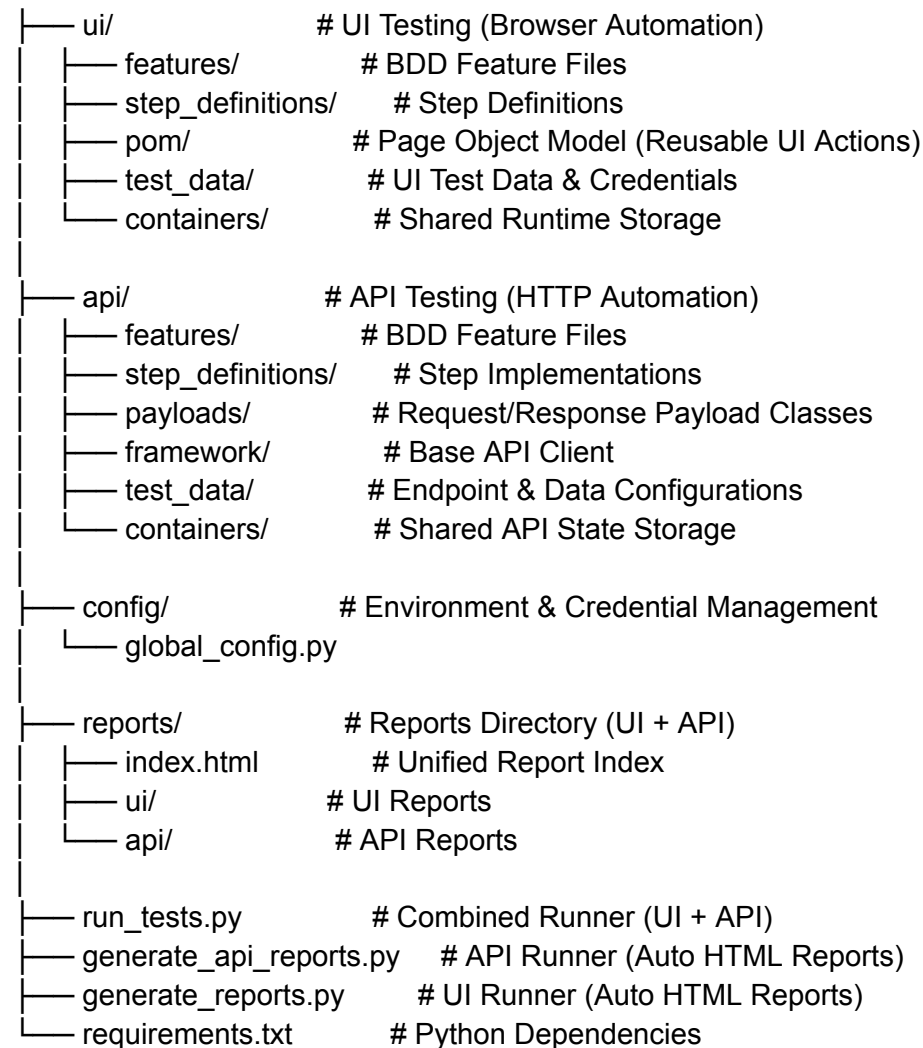
Testing Framework – Overview

Centric PLM supports both **UI automation** (Playwright-based browser testing) and **API automation** (HTTP-based validation).

It provides **dynamic environment management**, **centralized data control**, and **automatic reporting** — all in one unified structure.

Framework Architecture

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Key Modules Explained

Configuration

- `global_config.py` — central environment manager (DEV, SIT, UAT, PROD)
- Defines:
 - Base URLs
 - Credentials
 - Test modes (UI / API / BOTH)

API Layer

- Handles API testing with **cookie-based authentication** (`SecurityTokenURL`)
- Includes payload builders (`login_payload.py`, `style_payload.py`)
- Supports POST, GET, PATCH, and DELETE requests with built-in logging
- Manages dynamic test data through `variable_container.py`

UI Layer

- Built using **Playwright** for browser automation
- Follows the **Page Object Model (POM)** pattern:
 - Easy locator management
 - Reusable page interactions
- BDD test flow:
 - `.feature` files → readable test scenarios
 - `step_definitions/` → implementation logic

- Data isolation using `ui_container.py`

Reports

- Automatically generated **HTML, Console, and JSON** reports
- Auto-opens after test execution
- Maintains both **UI** and **API** reports separately with a unified index

Execution Commands

Type	Command	Output
Run UI Tests	<code>python3 generate_reports.py</code>	UI automation + HTML report
Run API Tests	<code>python3 generate_api_reports.py</code>	API flow + HTML & console reports
Run Both	<code>python3 run_tests.py</code>	Full regression suite (UI + API)

Core Capabilities

Category	Highlights
Environment Control	Switch between UAT, PROD, etc. from config
Test Data Management	Centralized JSON & Python files
UI Automation	Playwright with POM for modular actions
API Automation	RESTful client with reusable payloads
Data Sharing	Containers for step-level and module-level reuse
Error Handling	Built-in logging, retries, and validations
Reporting	Rich HTML, JSON, and console summaries

Scalability	Plug-and-play structure for new tests & modules
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API Style Creation Flow (Located in **api/**)

This part of the framework is handled inside the **api/** folder, which automates backend validation through API calls.

Flow Steps (and where they live):

Step	What It Does	Framework Location
Login to PLM API	Authenticates using credentials and generates a secure token	<code>api/payloads/login_payload.py</code> + <code>api/framework/base_api.py</code>
Fetch existing reference IDs	Retrieves valid IDs like category, season, and product type for style creation	<code>api/step_definitions/api_steps.py</code>
Create new Style (POST /styles)	Submits the style creation payload using Base API client	<code>api/payloads/style_payload.py</code> + <code>api/framework/base_api.py</code>
Validate response (GET /styles/{id})	Confirms that the new style exists in the database	<code>api/step_definitions/api_steps.py</code>

Store data in container	Saves style ID, code, and other response data for later UI use	<code>api/containers/variable_container.py</code>
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UI Verification Flow (Located in `ui/`)

This part of the framework, found under the `ui/` folder, automates frontend validation using Playwright.

It verifies that the style created via API is **visible and correct** in the PLM web application.

Flow Steps (and where they live):

Step	What It Does	Framework Location
Launch browser session	Opens the Centric PLM web application	<code>ui/step_definitions/plm_ui_steps.py</code>
Login to PLM	Logs in using credentials from test data	<code>ui/test_data/login_credentials.json</code>
Search for created style	Finds the API-created	<code>ui/pom/plm_style_creation_page.py</code>

(by code)	style in the UI grid	
Validate lifecycle and brand details	Confirms style properties match API data	ui/pom/plm_style_creation_page.py + ui/step_definitions/plm_ui_steps.py
Capture screen shot & store in report	Takes screenshots and attaches to report	ui/tests/validate_and_store_style_details.py + reports/ui/

Connection Between API and UI Layers

Component	Purpose	Connection
variable_container.py	Stores data like style ID and code	Shared between API & UI
reports/	Stores combined HTML reports for UI and API	Accessible to all runs
config/global_config.py	Handles environment, credentials, and mode	Controls both UI & API

`run_tests.py`

Runs UI + API together

Unified
execution entry
point

CORE TESTING FRAMEWORKS

- **Playwright** – Browser automation for UI testing
 - **Pytest** – Core Python testing framework
 - **Pytest-BDD** – Behavior-Driven Development (Gherkin support)
 - **Pytest-Asyncio** – Asynchronous test execution
 - **Pytest-HTML** – HTML report generation
 - **Pytest-JSON-Report** – Machine-readable test output
 - **Allure-Pytest** – Advanced test analytics and professional reporting
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API TESTING

- **HTTPX** – Asynchronous HTTP client (primary)
 - **Requests** – Synchronous HTTP client (fallback)
 - **JSON** – Serialization and deserialization
 - **Cookie Management** – Session persistence and authentication handling
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UI TESTING

- **Playwright** – Cross-browser automation

- **Page Object Model (POM)** – Reusable UI design pattern
 - **Dojo/Dijit Framework Handling** – Centric PLM-specific UI elements
 - **Locator Strategies** – XPath, CSS, and data attribute locators
 - **JavaScript Execution** – Direct DOM interactions and custom scripts
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REPORTING & VISUALIZATION

- **HTML Reports** – Technical and readable test results
 - **JSON Reports** – Data-driven report storage
 - **Allure Reports** – Executive-level analytics and dashboards
 - **Console Output Capture** – Detailed runtime logs
 - **Screenshots & Visual Evidence** – Automatic captures for validation
 - **Custom Styling** – CSS/JS enhancements for report presentation
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CONFIGURATION & DATA MANAGEMENT

- **JSON Configuration Files** – Environment-specific settings
 - **YAML Support** – Optional config format
 - **Environment Variables** – Dynamic runtime configuration
 - **Centralized Test Data** – Shared data for UI & API tests
 - **Secure Credential Storage** – Encrypted login credentials
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FRAMEWORK ARCHITECTURE

- **Page Object Model (POM)** – Organized UI automation structure
 - **Step Definitions** – BDD implementation layer
 - **Feature Files** – Human-readable Gherkin test cases
 - **Data Containers** – Shared test data across modules
 - **Base Classes** – Common reusable utilities
 - **Utility Functions** – Helpers for logging, parsing, and validation
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PYTHON ECOSYSTEM

- **Python 3.9+** – Core language
 - **Asyncio** – Async operations and concurrency
 - **Pathlib** – File path management
 - **Datetime** – Time and scheduling utilities
 - **Subprocess** – Process handling for parallel runs
 - **Webbrowser** – Auto-open reports after test completion
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UI FRAMEWORK INTEGRATION

- **Dojo/Dijit Components** – Handling dynamic Centric PLM widgets
- **Dynamic Locators** – For unique widget IDs (`widget_uniqName_*`)
- **Stable Data Locators** – Using `data-csi-form-field` attributes

- **Dropdown & Dialog Management** – Complex UI interactions
 - **Grid & Table Operations** – Automated verification of records
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AUTHENTICATION & SECURITY

- **Cookie-Based Authentication** – Session management for PLM
 - **Token Management** – API authentication lifecycle
 - **Credential Encryption** – Secured credential handling
 - **Session Persistence** – Continuous login state across tests
 - **CSRF Protection** – Handling Centric PLM security tokens
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MONITORING & DEBUGGING

- **Detailed Console Logging** – Step-by-step output
- **Error Handling** – Graceful failure and retry logic
- **Retry Mechanisms** – For flaky or delayed test cases
- **Screenshot Capture** – For visual debugging
- **Response Time Metrics** – API and UI performance tracking
- **Status Tracking** – Continuous test progress updates
- **Pytest Integration** – Seamless test discovery
- **HTML/Allure Reports** – Auto-publish reports post-run
- **Cross-Environment Deployment** – Run on any test stage (DEV → PROD)

PROJECT STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

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— api/	# API testing components
— ui/	# UI testing components
— config/	# Environment configuration
— reports/	# All reports (HTML, JSON, Allure)
— test_data/	# Test inputs and credentials
— features/	# BDD feature files
— step_definitions/	# Implementation of steps
— utils/	# Utility and helper modules

TEST EXECUTION MODES

- **UI Mode** – Runs Playwright UI automation only
 - **API Mode** – Executes HTTP-based API tests only
 - **Combined Mode** – Runs both API & UI tests together
 - **Regression Mode** – Executes the entire suite for validation
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DATA HANDLING

- **VariableContainer** – Stores API runtime data
- **UIContainer** – Maintains UI session data
- **StyleData Container** – Holds style-specific details
- **Test Data Classes** – Structured data management

