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 - Working with a team
 - Critical features must always exist
 - Wanting to make large code changes
 - Updating dependencies
 - Too many features to remember!!



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workflow

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1. Add some reactivity
2. Click "Run App"
3. **Experiment** with it in the viewer to see if it works
4. Rinse and repeat







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 - View live test App in Chrome browser
 - Familiar debugging tools in Chrome browser



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Questions?

How does {shinytest2}
orchestrate everything?

