

## Playwright Timeout Error - Root Cause and Fix

### Error Summary:

```
playwright._impl._errors.TimeoutError: Locator.text_content: Timeout 30000ms
exceeded.
waiting for locator("//div[contains(text(),'\u20b9')]").nth(5)
```

**Reason:** This error occurs when Playwright is instructed to access an element at a specific index (e.g., `prices.nth(5)`) but that element **does not exist or is not ready** within the default timeout (30 seconds).

In scraping situations like Flipkart, the number of titles and prices may not always match due to:

- Lazy loading or asynchronous rendering
- Ads or non-product elements
- Missing prices for some items

**Additionally**, if you use `for i in range(await titles.count())` and assume the same number of prices exists, but Flipkart shows **fewer prices than titles**, then accessing `prices.nth(i)` will result in a **TimeoutError** if index `i` exceeds the available price elements.

### Code Example with Problem:

```
count = await titles.count()
for i in range(count):
    title = await titles.nth(i).text_content()
    price = await prices.nth(i).text_content() # <-- may raise timeout if i >=
prices.count()
```

**Fix:** Use Python's `min()` function to ensure you only iterate over the number of items that are **safely available** in both locators:

```
title_count = await titles.count()
price_count = await prices.count()
loop_count = min(title_count, price_count) # Safest common range

for i in range(loop_count):
    title = await titles.nth(i).text_content()
    price = await prices.nth(i).text_content()
    # process data
```

**What ``min`` does:** Returns the smallest value among its inputs.

Example:

```
min(10, 7) # returns 7
```

This prevents index out-of-range errors or timeouts when one list is shorter.

#### Best Practice:

- Always compare element counts when working with multiple locators that should align by index.
- Optionally, use try-except to catch and log errors without breaking the whole loop.

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#### Optional Robust Version:

```
for i in range(await titles.count()):
    title = await titles.nth(i).text_content()
    try:
        price = await prices.nth(i).text_content()
    except:
        print(f"Price not found for item {i}")
        continue

    if title and price:
        # store or process item
```

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#### Next Button Loop Bug - Root Cause and Fix

**Problem:** On Flipkart's product listing pages, the "Next" button appears even on the last page. Clicking it again does **not** advance to a new page — the product listings remain the same, leading to an **infinite loop** in your scraper.

**Reason:** Flipkart's "Next" button:

- May be visible even when pagination has ended
- Does not change the URL
- Reloads the **same product data** (or does nothing) after the last page

**Fix:** Detect whether the page content changed after clicking "Next" by comparing the first product title **before and after** the click:

```
# Save the first product title
first_title_before = await titles.first.text_content()
```

```

# Click the Next button
await next_locator.click()
await page.wait_for_timeout(3000)

# Get first title after clicking
titles = page.locator("//div[contains(text(),'Laptop')]")
first_title_after = await titles.first.text_content()

# Check if you're stuck
if first_title_before == first_title_after:
    print("No change after clicking next - last page reached")
    break

```

**Benefit:** Prevents your scraper from reloading the same page in a loop when there's no new data to scrape.

**Best Practice:**

- Always verify if pagination actually changes content (not just the appearance of a button)
- Consider adding a `page_number` counter and logging progress during scraping