##### **You said:**

why we mention fixtures in confest.py

###### **ChatGPT said:**

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In pytest, conftest.py is a special configuration file that allows you to define fixtures, hooks, and other configurations that can be shared across multiple test files within a test suite. Fixtures in conftest.py are often mentioned because:

1. **Centralized Fixture Management**: Fixtures in conftest.py are automatically available to all test modules in the same directory or in subdirectories, without the need to import them explicitly. This allows you to avoid redundancy by defining commonly used fixtures once and reusing them across multiple test files.
2. **Test Setup and Cleanup**: Fixtures are used to set up the necessary context (e.g., creating test data, initializing resources, setting up mock objects) before a test runs, and clean up afterward (e.g., closing database connections, deleting temporary files). Defining these fixtures in conftest.py allows you to manage setup and teardown in a centralized and reusable manner.
3. **Automatic Discovery**: When you define fixtures in conftest.py, pytest automatically discovers and makes them available to any test function that requests them via parameterization. This makes it easy to manage complex dependencies without needing to import or manually link them in each test file.
4. **Scopes**: You can also define the scope of fixtures in conftest.py (e.g., function scope, module scope, session scope) to control the lifecycle of the fixture. For example, a session-scoped fixture might be used to create and tear down a database connection that is shared across multiple tests.

Here’s a quick example to demonstrate why you might mention fixtures in conftest.py:

### **Example conftest.py**

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import pytest

@pytest.fixture

def example\_fixture():

# Setup code

resource = {"name": "example"}

yield resource # Fixture provides the resource to the test

# Cleanup code

resource.clear()

### **Example Test File test\_example.py**

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def test\_example(example\_fixture):

assert example\_fixture["name"] == "example"

In this case, the example\_fixture fixture is defined in conftest.py and is automatically available to test\_example.py. You don’t need to import the fixture manually into your test file.

### **Benefits:**

* **Reusability**: Fixtures defined in conftest.py are available to all tests in the project without needing to be imported explicitly.
* **Cleaner Test Files**: Test files stay clean and focused on testing logic, while setup and teardown logic is managed centrally.
* **Customizable and Configurable**: You can define more complex fixtures, parametrized fixtures, or even fixture dependencies, all in conftest.py, making it easier to manage test configurations.

To summarize: fixtures are mentioned in conftest.py to centralize their definition and management, making them reusable and available across your entire test suite.

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##### **You said:**

please explain the below: import pytest @pytest.fixture(scope="session") def browser\_context\_args(browser\_context\_args): return { \*\*browser\_context\_args, "ignore\_https\_errors":True }

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

The code you've provided defines a **pytest fixture** called browser\_context\_args with a **session scope**. This fixture is meant to modify or extend the browser\_context\_args that are passed to it by other fixtures or the test framework. Let's break down each part of the code to understand what it's doing.

### **1. import pytest**

This line imports the pytest module, which is necessary to use pytest's features, including fixtures.

### **2. @pytest.fixture(scope="session")**

This is a **decorator** provided by pytest to define a fixture. The scope="session" part specifies that the fixture's **lifetime** should be **session-scoped**. This means that the fixture will be set up **once per test session**, and the fixture's value will be shared by all tests in the session. In other words, the fixture will be initialized once at the start of the test session and cleaned up (if needed) at the end of the session.

* **Scope options** in pytest:
  + "function": The fixture is set up and torn down for each individual test function (default scope).
  + "module": The fixture is set up and torn down once per module.
  + "class": The fixture is set up and torn down once per test class.
  + "session": The fixture is set up and torn down once per test session.

In this case, the session scope is used because the browser\_context\_args fixture might be expensive to set up (such as setting up a browser or browser context), and we don't want to recreate it multiple times during the tests.

### **3. def browser\_context\_args(browser\_context\_args):**

This defines the fixture itself. The browser\_context\_args parameter in the function definition indicates that this fixture is **dependent** on another fixture or value called browser\_context\_args.

* Pytest allows you to define fixtures that depend on other fixtures. The framework will automatically resolve and provide the value for any dependencies (in this case, the browser\_context\_args fixture).

The function signature suggests that there is already another fixture named browser\_context\_args in the code base, and this fixture is being **extended** or **modified**.

### **4. return { ... }**

This returns a dictionary, which is the value provided by the fixture. This returned dictionary will be used by any test or fixture that requests browser\_context\_args.

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{

\*\*browser\_context\_args, # Spread the original browser\_context\_args

"ignore\_https\_errors": True # Add or modify an additional key-value pair

}

The \*\*browser\_context\_args syntax is called **dictionary unpacking**. It takes the contents of the browser\_context\_args dictionary and adds them to the new dictionary. This allows you to modify or extend the original browser\_context\_args without completely replacing it.

* "ignore\_https\_errors": True adds or **modifies** the "ignore\_https\_errors" key in the dictionary to True. This option is often used in browser automation (for example, with tools like Playwright or Puppeteer) to **ignore SSL certificate errors** while interacting with web pages that might have invalid or self-signed certificates.

### **Final Code Walkthrough**

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import pytest

@pytest.fixture(scope="session")

def browser\_context\_args(browser\_context\_args):

return {

\*\*browser\_context\_args, # Unpack and extend the original browser\_context\_args

"ignore\_https\_errors": True # Modify or add this option

}

* The fixture browser\_context\_args is modified by the session-scoped fixture.
* It first **unpacks** the existing browser\_context\_args (likely coming from another fixture) into the dictionary.
* Then, it **adds** or **modifies** the "ignore\_https\_errors" key to be True, ensuring that any browser context created during the test session will ignore SSL errors.
* This fixture is session-scoped, so the changes will apply to all tests that use the browser\_context\_args fixture throughout the test session.

### **Practical Usage**

If you have a test suite where browser automation is involved (e.g., using Playwright or Puppeteer), the browser\_context\_args fixture might be setting up browser options or context. By extending it with ignore\_https\_errors=True, you are ensuring that any HTTPS-related errors (such as invalid certificates) do not interfere with the tests.

For example, if another fixture or test needs to create a browser context, it will automatically receive the modified browser\_context\_args that now includes ignore\_https\_errors=True, allowing you to bypass certificate issues during the tests.

### **Example Test Using the Fixture**

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def test\_some\_browser\_feature(browser\_context\_args):

assert browser\_context\_args["ignore\_https\_errors"] is True

# Now you can use the browser\_context\_args in the test for context creation

In this test, browser\_context\_args is automatically injected as a fixture, and the test can verify that the ignore\_https\_errors setting is applied correctly.

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##### **You said:**

why we are using \*\* in \*\*browser\_context\_args here

###### **ChatGPT said:**

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The \*\* syntax in Python is called **unpacking**, and it is used to unpack the contents of a dictionary (or any other iterable) into the current dictionary or function call.

In the context of the \*\*browser\_context\_args in your pytest fixture, it is being used to **unpack** the values from the browser\_context\_args dictionary into a new dictionary. This allows you to retain the original content of browser\_context\_args while adding or modifying specific values.

### **Detailed Explanation**

Here's the relevant line from your code:

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return {

\*\*browser\_context\_args, # Unpack the original browser\_context\_args dictionary

"ignore\_https\_errors": True # Add or modify this specific key

}

### **Breakdown:**

**What is \*\* doing?** The \*\* operator is used to **unpack** the keys and values of a dictionary into another dictionary. When you do:  
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\*\*browser\_context\_args

1. It takes each key-value pair in browser\_context\_args and places it into the new dictionary that you are returning. It’s similar to writing out the individual key-value pairs manually, but \*\* allows you to do this in a more compact and readable way.
2. **How does it work in this example?**
   * browser\_context\_args is expected to be a dictionary, which may contain several key-value pairs.
   * By using \*\*browser\_context\_args, you're effectively saying: “Take all the key-value pairs from the browser\_context\_args dictionary and place them into the new dictionary.”
3. **Why is this useful?**
   * **Extending**: You can extend the existing dictionary with new key-value pairs, without having to manually copy the entire content. You simply add or modify the keys you need.
   * **Avoiding Redundancy**: If browser\_context\_args contains multiple settings, you don't need to repeat them when you create a new dictionary. The \*\* unpacks all of them for you.
   * **Overriding**: You can override or modify specific keys in the new dictionary. For example, in your case, you're adding "ignore\_https\_errors": True, which may not have been part of the original dictionary, or it may override an existing value.

### **Example to Illustrate:**

Let's assume browser\_context\_args is a dictionary like this:

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browser\_context\_args = {

"user\_agent": "Mozilla/5.0",

"headless": True,

"viewport": {"width": 1280, "height": 720}

}

When you write:

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return {

\*\*browser\_context\_args,

"ignore\_https\_errors": True

}

It does the following:

* It unpacks the existing dictionary browser\_context\_args and adds each key-value pair into the new dictionary.
* It then adds the "ignore\_https\_errors": True key-value pair **on top of** the unpacked content.

The resulting dictionary will look like this:

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{

"user\_agent": "Mozilla/5.0",

"headless": True,

"viewport": {"width": 1280, "height": 720},

"ignore\_https\_errors": True # Newly added or overridden

}

### **Why Not Just Return a New Dictionary Without \*\*?**

If you didn't use \*\*browser\_context\_args, you'd have to manually copy every key-value pair from browser\_context\_args into the new dictionary, like so:

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return {

"user\_agent": "Mozilla/5.0",

"headless": True,

"viewport": {"width": 1280, "height": 720},

"ignore\_https\_errors": True

}

This would work, but it becomes cumbersome if browser\_context\_args is large or if you want to ensure it always stays in sync with some other source of data.

By using \*\*, you're making your code more **dynamic** and **maintainable**, as it allows you to modify or extend browser\_context\_args with minimal effort and without manually repeating its contents.

### **Summary**

* \*\* is a syntax for **unpacking** a dictionary into a new dictionary or function call.
* In your code, \*\*browser\_context\_args takes all the key-value pairs from browser\_context\_args and places them into the returned dictionary.
* This allows you to **extend** or **modify** browser\_context\_args without rewriting or duplicating its contents.

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##### **You said:**

what is browser\_context\_args in playwright?

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

In **Playwright**, browser\_context\_args refers to the configuration or options passed when creating a **browser context**. A browser context in Playwright represents a **separate session** within a browser, where multiple pages can be opened and interact with each other. Each context can have its own cookies, cache, local storage, and other session-related settings, making it useful for scenarios like **multi-user testing**, **isolated testing**, or **simulating different browsing environments**.

The browser\_context\_args would typically be a dictionary or a set of configuration options that define how the browser context should behave. Playwright provides various settings you can configure when creating a new browser context, and these options are passed to the browser.new\_context() method.

### **Common Options in browser\_context\_args:**

Some of the most commonly used options in the browser\_context\_args dictionary include:

1. **ignore\_https\_errors**:
   * This option tells Playwright to ignore HTTPS certificate errors, which is helpful when testing websites with self-signed or invalid certificates.
   * Set to True to allow browsing sites with invalid SSL certificates without failing.
2. **user\_agent**:
   * Allows you to set a custom User-Agent string to simulate requests from a specific browser or device.
3. **viewport**:
   * Allows you to set the size of the browser window (width and height), simulating different devices and screen sizes.
   * Example: {"width": 1280, "height": 800}.
4. **device\_scale\_factor**:
   * Sets the device scale factor for high-DPI (retina) displays.
5. **color\_scheme**:
   * Controls the color scheme (e.g., "light" or "dark"), which is useful for testing websites' responsiveness to different UI themes.
6. **locale**:
   * Specifies the locale (e.g., "en-US", "fr-FR") for testing websites in different languages or regional settings.
7. **permissions**:
   * Defines permissions for the context (e.g., camera, geolocation). You can set permissions like "geolocation", "camera", or "notifications" for the context.
8. **storage\_state**:
   * Allows you to load or save the session state of the context, including cookies, local storage, and session storage. This is helpful for simulating logged-in users or specific user sessions.
9. **proxy**:
   * Configures a proxy server for the browser context to route requests through.

### **Example: Using browser\_context\_args in Playwright**

In Playwright, creating a new browser context can involve specifying some or all of the above options. Here's an example of how you might configure a browser context using browser\_context\_args:

#### **1. Basic Example in Python:**

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from playwright.sync\_api import sync\_playwright

def run(playwright):

browser = playwright.chromium.launch(headless=False)

# Define browser context args (configuration options)

browser\_context\_args = {

"ignore\_https\_errors": True,

"user\_agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/91.0.4472.124 Safari/537.36",

"viewport": {"width": 1280, "height": 800},

"locale": "en-US"

}

# Create a new browser context with the provided configuration

context = browser.new\_context(\*\*browser\_context\_args)

# Open a new page and navigate to a URL

page = context.new\_page()

page.goto("https://example.com")

# Interact with the page

print(page.title())

# Close the browser

browser.close()

# Run the Playwright script

with sync\_playwright() as playwright:

run(playwright)

In this example:

* We define a browser\_context\_args dictionary to configure the browser context.
* The context will:
  + Ignore HTTPS certificate errors (ignore\_https\_errors=True).
  + Use a custom User-Agent (user\_agent).
  + Set the viewport size (viewport).
  + Use the en-US locale for the session (locale).

Then, the \*\*browser\_context\_args syntax is used to unpack the options and pass them to the new\_context() method when creating the new browser context.

#### **2. Example of Using storage\_state (Cookies and Session Data):**

If you want to start a browser context with a pre-existing session, you can load cookies or session data using the storage\_state option:

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context = browser.new\_context(

storage\_state="state.json" # Load session state from a file (cookies, local storage, etc.)

)

Here, state.json would be a file that contains previously saved session data, including cookies and local storage. This can be useful for simulating a logged-in user or maintaining session state across multiple tests.

### **Why Use browser\_context\_args?**

Using browser\_context\_args (or just the options passed to new\_context()) is important for customizing and controlling the behavior of each test session or user environment within Playwright. Some common use cases for creating custom browser contexts include:

* **Testing different devices**: By setting the viewport, user\_agent, and device\_scale\_factor, you can simulate tests on different devices or browsers (mobile, desktop, etc.).
* **Multi-user testing**: If you need to simulate different users interacting with the same application (e.g., logged-in users and anonymous users), you can use multiple contexts to isolate each session.
* **Ignoring SSL errors**: For testing websites with invalid SSL certificates or self-signed certificates, setting ignore\_https\_errors=True ensures that Playwright won't fail due to these errors.
* **Simulating specific locales**: Setting the locale allows you to test how your application behaves under different regional settings (e.g., language, currency, date formats).

### **Summary**

In Playwright, browser\_context\_args refers to the configuration options passed to create a new **browser context**, which is essentially a new "browser session" with its own independent settings (such as cookies, storage, user agent, etc.). You can customize these settings to simulate different user behaviors, devices, or environments during your tests.

In the code you provided earlier, browser\_context\_args would likely be a dictionary containing these configuration options, and using \*\*browser\_context\_args in the pytest fixture allows you to modify or extend these options before passing them to the Playwright context creation method.

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##### **You said:**

should we use the word "fixtures" when we are using fixtures in python

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

In Python, specifically when using **pytest**, you don't need to explicitly use the word "fixtures" in the names of your fixture functions. However, the term "fixture" is commonly used in both the **pytest documentation** and in code to describe functions that provide a fixed baseline or setup for tests to operate on.

Here's a breakdown of when and how "fixtures" are used in the context of pytest:

### **1. Naming Fixtures**

The word "fixture" does **not** need to be part of the name of the fixture function itself. You can name your fixture whatever you like, but it's a good convention to give them names that clearly reflect their purpose.

#### **Example 1: Naming a fixture**

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import pytest

@pytest.fixture

def database\_connection():

# Setup code (e.g., creating a connection to a database)

connection = create\_connection()

yield connection

# Teardown code (e.g., closing the database connection)

connection.close()

In this case, database\_connection is the name of the fixture, and it is **implicitly understood** to be a fixture because it is decorated with @pytest.fixture.

While database\_connection doesn't have the word "fixture" in the name, it’s clear from the context (i.e., it’s decorated with @pytest.fixture) that it’s a fixture.

#### **Example 2: Using the fixture in a test**

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def test\_database\_query(database\_connection):

# The `database\_connection` fixture will be injected automatically

result = database\_connection.query("SELECT \* FROM users")

assert result is not None

Here, database\_connection is used as an argument in the test function. pytest will automatically inject the fixture into the test when the test is run.

### **2. Describing Fixtures**

While you don't have to use the word "fixtures" in the function name, you might choose to use it in your **test suite documentation** or **test naming convention** to indicate that certain functions are fixtures. This can make your code more readable, especially for developers who are new to pytest or to the specific test suite.

#### **Example: Using the word "fixture" in test descriptions**

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@pytest.fixture

def database\_connection():

# Setup code for database connection

connection = create\_connection()

yield connection

connection.close()

def test\_database\_query\_with\_fixture(database\_connection):

result = database\_connection.query("SELECT \* FROM users")

assert result is not None

Here, "with\_fixture" in the test name clarifies that the test involves a fixture, though this is just a naming choice and not a requirement.

### **3. Using Fixtures as Parameters**

In pytest, fixtures are typically passed as parameters to test functions. Pytest then **automatically** matches the fixture name with a fixture definition based on the name of the function parameter.

#### **Example of using fixtures as parameters:**

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@pytest.fixture

def example\_fixture():

return {"key": "value"}

def test\_with\_fixture(example\_fixture):

assert example\_fixture["key"] == "value"

In this example:

* The fixture example\_fixture provides a dictionary {"key": "value"}.
* The test function test\_with\_fixture accepts example\_fixture as a parameter, and pytest automatically injects the fixture's return value into the test.

### **4. Fixture Scope**

While defining fixtures, you can control their **scope** (i.e., how long they live during the test run). The fixture scope can be:

* **function** (default): A new fixture instance for each test function.
* **module**: One instance of the fixture for all tests within a module.
* **class**: One instance of the fixture for all tests within a test class.
* **session**: One fixture instance for the entire test session.

These scopes are specified with the scope argument in the @pytest.fixture decorator.

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@pytest.fixture(scope="session")

def shared\_resource():

return {"shared\_key": "shared\_value"}

In this example, shared\_resource will be created once for the entire session and shared across tests.

### **Summary: Do You Need to Use the Word "Fixture"?**

* **No**, you **don’t need** to use the word "fixture" in your function names. The @pytest.fixture decorator tells pytest that the function is a fixture.
* **Yes**, it’s common and helpful to use descriptive names for fixtures (e.g., database\_connection, example\_fixture, etc.), but you don’t need to include the word "fixture" in the name unless it makes the meaning clearer in your specific case.
* The term "fixture" is mostly used in documentation, comments, or when talking about the test architecture (e.g., "This test requires a fixture"), but not necessarily in the names of the fixture functions themselves.

So, to answer your question: **you don’t need to include the word "fixture" in the name** of a fixture, but it can sometimes help with clarity when talking about or documenting your test setup.

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##### **You said:**

what is @pytest.fixture in playwright?

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

In **Playwright** with **pytest**, @pytest.fixture is used to define a **fixture** that sets up and tears down resources needed for testing, such as launching a browser, creating a browser context, or initializing a page for testing. This helps to avoid repetitive setup code in your test functions and provides a clean, reusable way to manage the lifecycle of resources across multiple tests.

When using Playwright with pytest, the @pytest.fixture decorator allows you to define reusable setup/teardown logic for operations like opening a browser, creating a context, and handling pages that will be shared across multiple tests. You can also use it to manage things like session data, authentication, or environment setup.

### **Basic Use of @pytest.fixture in Playwright**

Here’s a typical example of how you might use @pytest.fixture in Playwright with pytest to manage a browser and context for your tests:

### **Example 1: Simple Browser Fixture**

In this example, we define a fixture to launch a browser and provide it to the test function.

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import pytest

from playwright.sync\_api import sync\_playwright

@pytest.fixture(scope="session")

def browser():

# Setup: Launch the browser

with sync\_playwright() as p:

browser = p.chromium.launch(headless=False) # Launch browser (set headless=True for no UI)

yield browser # Provide browser to the test

browser.close() # Teardown: Close the browser after tests are done

@pytest.fixture()

def page(browser):

# Setup: Create a new browser context and page for each test

context = browser.new\_context()

page = context.new\_page()

yield page # Provide page to the test

context.close() # Teardown: Close context after the test is done

def test\_example(page):

page.goto('https://example.com')

assert page.title() == 'Example Domain'

### **Breakdown of this Example:**

1. **@pytest.fixture(scope="session")**:
   * The browser fixture is **session-scoped**, meaning it is created once for the entire test session and shared across all tests.
   * It sets up and tears down the browser instance once per test session using yield. The code before yield sets up the resource (launching the browser), and the code after yield cleans up (closing the browser).
2. **@pytest.fixture()**:
   * The page fixture is defined with the default scope (function), meaning it is set up and torn down for each individual test function. It uses the browser fixture as an argument, and pytest will automatically inject it when the test is run.
   * The page fixture sets up a new **browser context** (which simulates a new browser session) and creates a new page in that context. After the test, the context is closed to clean up.
3. **The yield keyword**:
   * yield is used in pytest fixtures to "pause" the execution of the fixture. It allows you to pass control back to the test function while keeping the setup/teardown structure intact. Everything after yield is the cleanup code.
4. **Using the fixtures in tests**:
   * The test function test\_example receives the page fixture as an argument. Pytest automatically passes the fixture value to the test.

### **Example 2: Using Fixtures for Authentication**

You can also use fixtures to handle things like **authentication** or **pre-setup** tasks, such as logging in before running tests.

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import pytest

from playwright.sync\_api import sync\_playwright

@pytest.fixture(scope="session")

def browser():

with sync\_playwright() as p:

browser = p.chromium.launch(headless=False)

yield browser

browser.close()

@pytest.fixture()

def authenticated\_page(browser):

# Setup: Create context and perform login action

context = browser.new\_context()

page = context.new\_page()

# Example: Login via a form

page.goto('https://example.com/login')

page.fill('input[name="username"]', 'user')

page.fill('input[name="password"]', 'password')

page.click('button[type="submit"]')

# Yield the page to the test

yield page

# Teardown: Close the context after test

context.close()

def test\_authenticated\_page(authenticated\_page):

authenticated\_page.goto('https://example.com/dashboard')

assert authenticated\_page.title() == 'Dashboard'

### **Explanation:**

* The authenticated\_page fixture automates the login process. It creates a new browser context, navigates to the login page, fills in credentials, and clicks the login button.
* The fixture yields the authenticated page to the test, and once the test is done, the context is closed in the teardown part.
* This allows you to easily run tests that require authentication without duplicating the login logic in every test.

### **Why Use @pytest.fixture in Playwright?**

1. **Avoiding Repetition**: You don't need to repeat the browser setup, context creation, and teardown code in every test. Fixtures let you write this code once and reuse it across multiple tests.
2. **Separation of Concerns**: You can isolate test setup logic (such as creating a page or logging in) from the actual tests themselves. This keeps your tests focused on assertions and behavior.
3. **Flexibility**: Fixtures in pytest can be scoped differently (function, module, class, session), giving you fine control over how long the fixture lasts and how it is reused. For example, you can have a **session-wide** browser and **function-wide** pages.
4. **Parameterization**: You can use pytest's @pytest.mark.parametrize decorator in conjunction with fixtures to run the same test with different inputs, making tests more comprehensive.

### **Fixture Scope**

* **Function Scope** (default): The fixture is set up and torn down for each test function.
* **Module Scope**: The fixture is set up and torn down once per module (shared across multiple tests in the module).
* **Class Scope**: The fixture is set up and torn down once per test class.
* **Session Scope**: The fixture is set up and torn down once per test session (shared across all tests in the session).

Example of changing fixture scope to module:

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@pytest.fixture(scope="module")

def browser():

with sync\_playwright() as p:

browser = p.chromium.launch(headless=False)

yield browser

browser.close()

### **Summary**

* **@pytest.fixture** is a decorator provided by pytest to create reusable setup/teardown logic for your tests.
* In **Playwright** tests, fixtures are typically used to manage resources like browser instances, contexts, and pages.
* Fixtures help avoid redundant code, improve test readability, and allow for efficient resource management (e.g., launching the browser only once per session).

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##### **You said:**

what are the minimum required decorators to be used while doing a web or api testing in playwright?

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

When performing **web** or **API testing** with **Playwright** and **pytest**, the **minimum required decorators** depend on your specific testing needs and the type of test you are writing (e.g., **browser-based tests** for web applications or **API tests**). However, some decorators are commonly used in Playwright-based test setups for both web and API testing scenarios.

### **Minimum Required Decorators for Web Testing in Playwright**

For web testing with Playwright, especially when interacting with a browser, the minimum required decorators would typically be:

1. **@pytest.fixture**: This decorator is essential for setting up any necessary resources such as the browser, browser context, or page that your test functions will depend on.
   * This helps with resource setup (like launching a browser) and teardown (closing the browser).
2. **@pytest.mark (optional)**: If you need to parameterize tests or group tests, the @pytest.mark decorator can be used. It's optional, but it’s commonly used in testing to pass different parameters or mark tests (e.g., as slow, smoke, etc.).

### **Example: Web Testing Setup in Playwright**

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import pytest

from playwright.sync\_api import sync\_playwright

# Fixture to launch the browser and set up a page for tests

@pytest.fixture(scope="session")

def browser():

with sync\_playwright() as p:

browser = p.chromium.launch(headless=False) # Use True for headless mode

yield browser

browser.close()

# Fixture to create a page for each test

@pytest.fixture()

def page(browser):

context = browser.new\_context()

page = context.new\_page()

yield page

context.close()

# Example test case using the page fixture

def test\_open\_page(page):

page.goto("https://example.com")

assert page.title() == "Example Domain"

### **Key Points:**

* **@pytest.fixture** is used to provide reusable test setup (e.g., launching a browser, creating a page).
* **Test functions** (test\_open\_page) automatically receive the page fixture as an argument when they are executed.

### **Minimum Required Decorators for API Testing in Playwright**

For **API testing**, Playwright can be used to interact with REST APIs using the built-in request API, which allows you to make HTTP requests, inspect responses, and test the backend.

For API testing, the key decorators you might need are:

1. **@pytest.fixture**: This is still necessary if you need to set up something like a session for API authentication, or an HTTP client that sends requests to your API.
2. **@pytest.mark (optional)**: If you need to categorize or parameterize your tests, you can use this decorator.

### **Example: API Testing with Playwright**

python

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import pytest

from playwright.sync\_api import sync\_playwright

# Fixture to initialize Playwright's request API for making API calls

@pytest.fixture(scope="session")

def api\_client():

with sync\_playwright() as p:

# Initialize the Playwright API request context

context = p.request.new\_context(base\_url="https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com")

yield context

context.close()

# Example API test using the api\_client fixture

def test\_get\_api\_data(api\_client):

response = api\_client.get("/todos/1")

assert response.status == 200

assert response.json()["id"] == 1

### **Key Points:**

* **@pytest.fixture** is used to set up the api\_client, which interacts with the API.
* The api\_client fixture provides a context that can be used to make HTTP requests within your test functions.
* The actual test (test\_get\_api\_data) uses the fixture to perform an API call and asserts the response.

### **Summary of Minimum Required Decorators**

1. **For Web Testing** (using Playwright and pytest):
   * **@pytest.fixture**: Used to create reusable setup (browser, page, context).
   * Optionally, **@pytest.mark** to mark or parameterize tests (optional, based on your needs).
2. **For API Testing** (using Playwright and pytest):
   * **@pytest.fixture**: Used for setting up reusable components like an HTTP client for making API calls.
   * Optionally, **@pytest.mark** to mark tests as needed (e.g., @pytest.mark.parametrize to run the same test with multiple inputs).

In most cases, **@pytest.fixture** is the only **required** decorator, as it helps you manage test setup and teardown for both web and API tests. Playwright is flexible and provides a simple API for interacting with both browsers and APIs, making it a versatile tool for your testing needs.

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##### **You said:**

give me an example for @pytest.mark decorator

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

The @pytest.mark decorator in **pytest** is used for **marking tests** with metadata or specific instructions. These marks allow you to categorize tests, apply specific configurations, or parameterize tests to run them with different sets of inputs.

Here are a few examples of how the @pytest.mark decorator can be used:

### **1. Marking Tests for Categorization (e.g., @pytest.mark.smoke, @pytest.mark.regression)**

You can categorize tests based on their purpose. For example, you might want to distinguish between smoke tests and regression tests.

#### **Example: Categorizing tests with @pytest.mark**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.smoke # Mark this test as a smoke test

def test\_smoke():

assert 1 + 1 == 2

@pytest.mark.regression # Mark this test as a regression test

def test\_regression():

assert 2 \* 2 == 4

@pytest.mark.slow # Mark this test as a slow test

def test\_slow():

assert 3 + 3 == 6

#### **Running Specific Marked Tests:**

You can run tests with a specific mark by using the -m option when running pytest from the command line.

To run only **smoke tests**:  
bash  
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pytest -m smoke

To run only **regression tests**:  
bash  
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pytest -m regression

To run only **slow tests**:  
bash  
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pytest -m slow

#### **Notes:**

* You can mark multiple tests with the same mark.
* Marks are helpful for grouping tests (e.g., smoke tests, regression tests, slow tests, etc.) and running subsets of tests based on these marks.

### **2. Marking Tests as Parametrized with @pytest.mark.parametrize**

The @pytest.mark.parametrize decorator allows you to run the same test with multiple sets of input parameters. This is useful when you want to test the same functionality with different inputs without duplicating test code.

#### **Example: Parameterized Test**

python

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import pytest

# Parametrize a test function with multiple sets of data

@pytest.mark.parametrize(

"input\_value, expected\_result",

[

(1, 2), # input\_value=1, expected\_result=2

(2, 4), # input\_value=2, expected\_result=4

(3, 6), # input\_value=3, expected\_result=6

]

)

def test\_multiplication(input\_value, expected\_result):

assert input\_value \* 2 == expected\_result

#### **Running the Parametrized Test:**

In the above example, the test test\_multiplication will run **three times**, once for each of the parameter sets:

* Test 1: input\_value=1, expected\_result=2
* Test 2: input\_value=2, expected\_result=4
* Test 3: input\_value=3, expected\_result=6

You don't need to write three separate test functions for each set of values. @pytest.mark.parametrize will automatically handle the looping for you.

### **3. Marking Tests for Skipping or Conditional Execution**

You can use @pytest.mark.skip and @pytest.mark.skipif to conditionally skip tests based on certain conditions (e.g., system configurations or feature flags).

#### **Example: Skipping Tests**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.skip(reason="This test is skipped temporarily")

def test\_skipped():

assert 1 + 1 == 2

This test will be skipped when you run the test suite. You can provide a **reason** to explain why the test is being skipped.

#### **Example: Conditionally Skipping Tests**

python

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import pytest

import sys

@pytest.mark.skipif(sys.platform != "linux", reason="This test only runs on Linux")

def test\_only\_on\_linux():

assert 2 + 2 == 4

In this case, the test will only run if the platform is Linux. If the platform is not Linux, the test will be skipped, and the specified reason will be displayed.

### **4. Marking Tests as Expected Failures with @pytest.mark.xfail**

You can mark a test as an **expected failure** using @pytest.mark.xfail. This is useful when you know that a test is going to fail, but you still want to track it without failing the entire test suite.

#### **Example: Expected Failure**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.xfail(reason="Feature is not yet implemented")

def test\_feature\_not\_implemented():

assert 2 + 2 == 5

* This test is expected to fail, and pytest will **not** count it as a failure in the test results.
* If the test unexpectedly **passes**, pytest will mark it as an "unexpected success."

### **5. Combining Multiple Marks**

You can also combine multiple marks on a single test function, using them to group tests and apply conditional logic.

#### **Example: Combining Marks**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.smoke

@pytest.mark.regression

def test\_smoke\_and\_regression():

assert 2 + 2 == 4

This test is both a **smoke test** and a **regression test**, and you can run it by specifying either mark or both when running pytest.

### **Summary of Common @pytest.mark Usage:**

* **@pytest.mark.smoke**: Mark tests as smoke tests.
* **@pytest.mark.regression**: Mark tests as regression tests.
* **@pytest.mark.slow**: Mark tests that are slow (helpful for filtering during runs).
* **@pytest.mark.parametrize**: Parametrize tests to run the same test with different input values.
* **@pytest.mark.skip**: Skip a test unconditionally.
* **@pytest.mark.skipif**: Skip a test conditionally based on an expression.
* **@pytest.mark.xfail**: Mark a test as expected to fail.

The @pytest.mark decorators are powerful tools for organizing, filtering, and controlling the execution of your tests in pytest, especially when working with large test suites.

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##### **You said:**

in the below code, test will only skip if the platform is Linux, right ? correct me if i am wrong... @pytest.mark.skipif(sys.platform != "linux", reason="This test only runs on Linux") def test\_only\_on\_linux():

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

You're absolutely correct! In the code you provided:

python

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@pytest.mark.skipif(sys.platform != "linux", reason="This test only runs on Linux")

def test\_only\_on\_linux():

# Test implementation

The test will **only be skipped if the platform is not Linux**.

### **Explanation:**

* **sys.platform != "linux"**: This condition checks the platform your test is running on. sys.platform returns a string that indicates the platform, such as:
  + "linux" for Linux,
  + "win32" for Windows,
  + "darwin" for macOS, etc.
* **@pytest.mark.skipif**: This decorator skips the test if the condition inside the parentheses evaluates to True. In this case, the test will be skipped when the platform is **not Linux** (i.e., when sys.platform != "linux").
  + If the platform is **Linux**, the condition (sys.platform != "linux") will evaluate to False, and the test will **not be skipped** and will run normally.
  + If the platform is **not Linux** (for example, Windows or macOS), the condition will evaluate to True, and the test will **be skipped**.

### **Correct Behavior:**

* **On Linux**: The test will **run**.
* **On non-Linux platforms (Windows, macOS, etc.)**: The test will **skip** with the reason "This test only runs on Linux".

So yes, you are correct that the test will only be skipped **if the platform is not Linux**.

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##### **You said:**

what are the other decorators that required or can be used when we do api testing or web testing except @pytest.fixture and @pytest.mark

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

In addition to @pytest.fixture and @pytest.mark, there are several other **pytest decorators** and utilities that are often used in **API testing** and **web testing** (including with Playwright or other web automation tools). These decorators can help you manage test setup, configure test behavior, or handle specific scenarios more efficiently.

### **1. @pytest.parametrize**

The @pytest.mark.parametrize decorator is one of the most powerful features of pytest. It allows you to **parameterize** a test so that the same test function is run with different sets of input data, making your tests more flexible and comprehensive.

#### **Usage:**

* This decorator can be used to run the same test with multiple input values (for both **web** and **API** tests).
* It's very useful when you want to test the same functionality with different inputs or data sets.

#### **Example:**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.parametrize(

"url, expected\_title",

[

("https://example.com", "Example Domain"),

("https://playwright.dev", "Playwright"),

("https://github.com", "GitHub")

]

)

def test\_webpage\_titles(page, url, expected\_title):

page.goto(url)

assert page.title() == expected\_title

In this example, the same test is run for three different URLs with corresponding expected titles. This helps avoid duplicating test logic and ensures all cases are covered.

### **2. @pytest.mark.xfail**

The @pytest.mark.xfail decorator is used when you expect a test to fail. This is particularly useful in scenarios where you know that a test is not yet fixed or a feature isn't implemented yet. If the test **does fail**, pytest will not count it as a failure.

#### **Usage:**

* **Useful for known bugs**, incomplete features, or when testing things that are expected to fail.
* If the test **unexpectedly passes**, pytest will report it as an "unexpected success."

#### **Example:**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.xfail(reason="Feature is not implemented yet")

def test\_feature\_not\_implemented():

assert 2 + 2 == 5

In this case, the test will **pass silently** if it fails (as expected) but will show as an "unexpected success" if it passes.

### **3. @pytest.mark.skip**

This decorator is used to **skip a test unconditionally**. It's helpful when you want to temporarily disable a test or mark it as irrelevant under certain conditions (e.g., an environment issue or bug).

#### **Usage:**

* Tests that are skipped will be reported as **skipped**, and pytest won't run them.

#### **Example:**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.skip(reason="Test is not needed right now")

def test\_skip\_example():

assert 2 + 2 == 4

This test will be skipped when you run the test suite, and the reason provided ("Test is not needed right now") will be displayed.

### **4. @pytest.mark.skipif**

@pytest.mark.skipif is similar to @pytest.mark.skip, but the test will be skipped **conditionally**, based on an expression or condition. This is useful if you want to skip tests based on external factors, such as the operating system, environment variables, or other conditions.

#### **Usage:**

* **Conditionally skip a test** based on a runtime condition (e.g., platform, system configuration).

#### **Example:**

python

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import pytest

import sys

@pytest.mark.skipif(sys.platform != "linux", reason="Test only runs on Linux")

def test\_only\_on\_linux():

assert 2 + 2 == 4

In this example, the test will only run if the platform is **Linux**. If the platform is Windows or macOS, the test will be skipped.

### **5. @pytest.mark.timeout (via pytest-timeout plugin)**

While this is not a built-in part of pytest, if you install the pytest-timeout plugin, you can use the @pytest.mark.timeout decorator to automatically terminate tests that take too long to execute. This is particularly useful in API and web testing when certain tests may hang or exceed acceptable execution times.

#### **Usage:**

* **Set a maximum time limit** for a test (in seconds). If the test exceeds this time, it will be aborted.

#### **Example:**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.timeout(5) # Set timeout to 5 seconds

def test\_api\_call():

response = some\_api\_call()

assert response.status\_code == 200

In this case, if the test\_api\_call takes longer than 5 seconds, it will be aborted.

### **6. @pytest.mark.usefixtures**

@pytest.mark.usefixtures is used to **explicitly associate a fixture** with a test function without passing the fixture as a function argument. It's particularly useful when you want to ensure that certain fixtures are executed but don't need to use their values directly in the test.

#### **Usage:**

* Can be useful when you want to use a fixture to perform some setup or teardown, but you don't need to directly interact with the fixture in the test.

#### **Example:**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.fixture

def setup\_database():

# Setup code (e.g., initializing a database connection)

db = initialize\_db()

yield db

# Teardown code (e.g., closing database connection)

db.close()

@pytest.mark.usefixtures("setup\_database")

def test\_database\_insertion():

# Test code that implicitly uses the `setup\_database` fixture

insert\_data\_to\_db()

assert check\_data\_in\_db() == True

In this example, setup\_database is automatically executed before the test, but it's not passed explicitly as a parameter to test\_database\_insertion.

### **7. @pytest.mark.parametrize for Class-Level Tests**

In addition to parameterizing individual test functions, you can also use @pytest.mark.parametrize on **class-level** tests, which allows you to run multiple tests with different parameters across the entire class.

#### **Example:**

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.parametrize("param", [1, 2, 3])

class TestClass:

def test\_example(self, param):

assert param != 0

This will run test\_example three times, once with each value of param (1, 2, 3).

### **Summary of Useful Decorators:**

* **@pytest.mark.parametrize**: Parametrize tests with multiple sets of input data.
* **@pytest.mark.xfail**: Mark tests that are expected to fail.
* **@pytest.mark.skip**: Skip tests unconditionally.
* **@pytest.mark.skipif**: Skip tests conditionally based on an expression.
* **@pytest.mark.timeout** (via pytest-timeout plugin): Set a timeout limit for the test execution.
* **@pytest.mark.usefixtures**: Use fixtures implicitly in tests without directly passing them as arguments.
* **@pytest.mark.smoke**, **@pytest.mark.regression**, **@pytest.mark.slow**, etc.: Custom marks to categorize or organize tests (useful for test filtering).

### **Conclusion**

These additional decorators and features in **pytest** are helpful in managing test behavior, especially in scenarios like **API testing** or **web testing** with tools like Playwright. They allow you to:

* Parametrize tests.
* Skip tests conditionally.
* Handle expected failures.
* Organize tests effectively using custom marks.

By combining these decorators with **fixtures** and **marks**, you can create a flexible, efficient, and organized test suite for both web and API testing.

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##### **You said:**

please elaborate @pytest.mark.parametrize with a basic example

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

The @pytest.mark.parametrize decorator in **pytest** is used to **parametrize** a test, allowing it to run multiple times with different input values. This is extremely useful when you want to run the same test logic for a variety of input values, making your tests more concise and avoiding repetition.

### **Basic Concept of @pytest.mark.parametrize**

The @pytest.mark.parametrize decorator allows you to define multiple sets of parameters that will be passed to the test function. Each set of parameters corresponds to one test case.

Here’s the basic syntax:

python

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@pytest.mark.parametrize("parameter\_name1, parameter\_name2", [

(value1, value2),

(value3, value4),

(value5, value6),

])

def test\_function(parameter\_name1, parameter\_name2):

# test logic using parameter\_name1 and parameter\_name2

* **First Argument**: A comma-separated string of parameter names that your test function will accept.
* **Second Argument**: A list of tuples, where each tuple contains a set of values that will be passed to the test function.
* **Each Test Case**: The test function will run once for each tuple of values.

### **Example 1: Basic Parametrized Test**

Let’s start with a simple example where we want to test a function that adds two numbers.

#### **Code:**

python

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import pytest

# Function to test

def add(a, b):

return a + b

# Parametrized test using pytest.mark.parametrize

@pytest.mark.parametrize("a, b, expected", [

(1, 2, 3), # Test case 1: 1 + 2 should equal 3

(3, 4, 7), # Test case 2: 3 + 4 should equal 7

(10, 15, 25), # Test case 3: 10 + 15 should equal 25

])

def test\_addition(a, b, expected):

result = add(a, b)

assert result == expected

### **Explanation:**

1. **Function**: add(a, b) simply returns the sum of a and b.
2. **Parametrized Test**:
   * The test function test\_addition(a, b, expected) is decorated with @pytest.mark.parametrize.
   * The test will be run **three times**, each time with different values for a, b, and expected:
     + **First Run**: a = 1, b = 2, expected = 3
     + **Second Run**: a = 3, b = 4, expected = 7
     + **Third Run**: a = 10, b = 15, expected = 25
3. **Assertions**: The test checks whether add(a, b) equals the expected value.

### **How It Works:**

* The test test\_addition runs three times with different input values for a, b, and expected.
* Each combination of (a, b, expected) is passed to the test function as arguments, so it essentially runs the same test for multiple sets of values.

### **Output:**

When you run the tests, pytest will output something like this:

bash

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$ pytest test\_addition.py

=========================== test session starts ============================

collected 3 items

test\_addition.py::test\_addition[1-2-3] PASSED [ 33%]

test\_addition.py::test\_addition[3-4-7] PASSED [ 66%]

test\_addition.py::test\_addition[10-15-25] PASSED [100%]

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Each test case (test\_addition[1-2-3], test\_addition[3-4-7], and test\_addition[10-15-25]) is executed and passes successfully.

### **Example 2: Parametrize with Strings and Numbers**

You can use @pytest.mark.parametrize with different types of data. For example, you can test a string manipulation function with various inputs.

#### **Code:**

python

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import pytest

# Function to test

def reverse\_string(s):

return s[::-1]

# Parametrized test using pytest.mark.parametrize

@pytest.mark.parametrize("input\_str, expected", [

("hello", "olleh"), # Test case 1: reverse "hello"

("world", "dlrow"), # Test case 2: reverse "world"

("python", "nohtyp"), # Test case 3: reverse "python"

])

def test\_reverse\_string(input\_str, expected):

result = reverse\_string(input\_str)

assert result == expected

### **Explanation:**

* **Function**: reverse\_string(s) reverses a given string.
* **Parametrized Test**:
  + The test is parameterized to run three different string inputs ("hello", "world", "python") and check if the reversed string matches the expected result.
* **Assertions**: The test checks if the reversed string equals the expected value.

### **Output:**

bash

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$ pytest test\_reverse\_string.py

=========================== test session starts ============================

collected 3 items

test\_reverse\_string.py::test\_reverse\_string[hello-olleh] PASSED [ 33%]

test\_reverse\_string.py::test\_reverse\_string[world-dlrow] PASSED [ 66%]

test\_reverse\_string.py::test\_reverse\_string[python-nohtyp] PASSED [100%]

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### **Example 3: Parametrize with More Complex Test Cases (e.g., API Testing)**

In an API testing scenario, you might want to parametrize the test with multiple HTTP status codes or response payloads.

#### **Code:**

python

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import pytest

import requests

# Function to test an API endpoint

def get\_status\_code(url):

response = requests.get(url)

return response.status\_code

# Parametrized test for different URLs and expected HTTP status codes

@pytest.mark.parametrize("url, expected\_status", [

("https://httpbin.org/status/200", 200), # Expected: 200 OK

("https://httpbin.org/status/404", 404), # Expected: 404 Not Found

("https://httpbin.org/status/500", 500), # Expected: 500 Internal Server Error

])

def test\_api\_status\_code(url, expected\_status):

status = get\_status\_code(url)

assert status == expected\_status

### **Explanation:**

* **Function**: get\_status\_code(url) performs a **GET request** to the provided URL and returns the HTTP status code.
* **Parametrized Test**:
  + The test is parametrized to check the status code for three different URLs:
    - https://httpbin.org/status/200 (expecting status 200),
    - https://httpbin.org/status/404 (expecting status 404),
    - https://httpbin.org/status/500 (expecting status 500).
* **Assertions**: The test compares the actual status code returned by the API with the expected value.

### **Output:**

bash

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$ pytest test\_api\_status.py

=========================== test session starts ============================

collected 3 items

test\_api\_status.py::test\_api\_status\_code[https://httpbin.org/status/200-200] PASSED [ 33%]

test\_api\_status.py::test\_api\_status\_code[https://httpbin.org/status/404-404] PASSED [ 66%]

test\_api\_status.py::test\_api\_status\_code[https://httpbin.org/status/500-500] PASSED [100%]

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### **Example 4: Parametrize with Different Data Types**

You can parametrize tests with different data types (integers, strings, lists, dictionaries, etc.).

#### **Code:**

python

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import pytest

@pytest.mark.parametrize("input\_data, expected\_output", [

(5, 25), # Test case 1: Square of 5 is 25

("hello", "HELLO"), # Test case 2: Uppercase of "hello" is "HELLO"

([1, 2, 3], 6), # Test case 3: Sum of list [1, 2, 3] is 6

])

def test\_various\_data(input\_data, expected\_output):

if isinstance(input\_data, int):

result = input\_data \*\* 2 # Square if it's an integer

elif isinstance(input\_data, str):

result = input\_data.upper() # Convert to uppercase if it's a string

elif isinstance(input\_data, list):

result = sum(input\_data) # Sum the list if it's a list

assert result == expected\_output

### **Explanation:**

* **Test Cases**:
  + If the input is an **integer**, the test squares it.
  + If the input is a **string**, the test converts it to uppercase.
  + If the input is a **list**, the test sums the elements.
* The test is parametrized with a variety of data types and expected outputs.

### **Output:**

bash

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$ pytest test\_various\_data.py

=========================== test session starts ============================

collected 3 items

test\_various\_data.py::test\_various\_data[5-25] PASSED [ 33%]

test\_various\_data.py::test\_various\_data[hello-HELLO] PASSED [ 66%]

test\_various\_data.py::test\_various\_data[[1, 2, 3]-6] PASSED [100%]

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### **Summary:**

* **@pytest.mark.parametrize** allows you to run the same test function with different sets of inputs.
* You provide a list of parameters and corresponding expected values, and pytest will automatically run the test for each combination.
* This approach reduces the need to write multiple test functions and makes your tests more efficient and flexible.
* It is widely used in both **API testing** and **web testing**, especially when you need to test the same behavior with various inputs or data.

predefined and custom fixtures in playwright

###### **ChatGPT said:**

ChatGPT

In Playwright, fixtures are objects or functions that help you set up and tear down necessary test dependencies. They help in managing the environment and resources that tests require, such as launching browsers, setting up web servers, or configuring test data.

Playwright provides both **predefined fixtures** and **custom fixtures**.

### **1. Predefined Fixtures in Playwright**

Playwright offers several built-in or predefined fixtures that are automatically available when you're writing tests with Playwright Test. These fixtures are commonly used for managing browsers, contexts, pages, and other essential test components.

#### **Common Predefined Fixtures:**

* **browser**: Represents the browser instance. You use this to launch browsers (Chromium, Firefox, WebKit).
* **browserContext**: Represents an isolated browser context, which simulates a new browser profile with its own cookies, cache, and local storage.
* **page**: Represents a browser page or tab. It's the fundamental unit for interacting with the web application you're testing.
* **device**: Allows you to simulate devices (like mobile phones) using Playwright's built-in device descriptors.
* **context**: Represents a browser context, where you can manage things like cookies and storage across pages.
* **route**: Used to mock or intercept network requests during the test.
* **testInfo**: Provides information about the current test, such as test name, start time, and other details.

#### **Example of Predefined Fixtures:**

javascript

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import { test, expect } from '@playwright/test';

test('should load the page', async ({ page }) => {

await page.goto('https://example.com');

await expect(page).toHaveTitle('Example Domain');

});

In this example, Playwright's page fixture is automatically injected into the test.

### **2. Custom Fixtures in Playwright**

Custom fixtures are defined by the test writer to meet the specific needs of a test or suite. They can be used to encapsulate setup logic that isn’t covered by predefined fixtures, like setting up specific test data or preparing a server.

To create custom fixtures, you typically use test.extend() to extend Playwright's built-in fixtures with your own.

#### **Defining Custom Fixtures:**

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import { test as base, expect } from '@playwright/test';

// Custom fixture example: A fixture that provides a custom API client

const test = base.extend({

apiClient: async ({}, use) => {

const client = new ApiClient();

await client.authenticate();

await use(client);

await client.close();

},

});

test('should use custom fixture', async ({ page, apiClient }) => {

await page.goto('https://example.com');

const data = await apiClient.fetchData();

expect(data).toBeDefined();

});

In this example:

* apiClient is a custom fixture that sets up an instance of an API client, authenticates it, and provides it to the test.
* The use function is called to inject the fixture into the test.

The custom fixture will automatically be passed to the test, just like predefined fixtures.

#### **Custom Fixtures with Setup and Teardown:**

Custom fixtures can include both setup and teardown logic using use:

javascript

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import { test as base, expect } from '@playwright/test';

const test = base.extend({

server: async ({}, use) => {

const server = new MockServer();

await server.start();

await use(server);

await server.stop(); // Cleanup after the test

},

});

test('should use server fixture', async ({ page, server }) => {

await page.goto(server.url('/path'));

await expect(page).toHaveText('Mocked Content');

});

In this example:

* A MockServer is set up before each test and torn down afterward.
* The server fixture is passed into the test, which then interacts with it.

### **3. Fixture Scope**

* **test Scope**: If you use a fixture in a test, it is automatically scoped to that test and is set up before and torn down after the test execution.
* **suite Scope**: If you need a fixture to be shared across multiple tests in a test suite, you can use test.describe and define shared fixtures within that context.

#### **Example of Shared Fixture in Suite:**

javascript

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import { test as base, expect } from '@playwright/test';

const test = base.extend({

sharedData: async ({}, use) => {

const data = await fetchDataFromDB();

await use(data); // Share data with tests

},

});

test.describe('Test Suite with Shared Fixture', () => {

test('test 1', async ({ page, sharedData }) => {

console.log(sharedData); // Use shared fixture

await page.goto('https://example.com');

expect(await page.title()).toBe('Example Domain');

});

test('test 2', async ({ page, sharedData }) => {

console.log(sharedData); // Use shared fixture

await page.goto('https://example.com');

expect(await page.title()).toBe('Example Domain');

});

});

### **4. Fixture Lifecycle**

Fixtures in Playwright follow a clear lifecycle:

1. **Setup**: The fixture is set up before the test runs.
2. **Test Execution**: The fixture is injected into the test, and the test can use it.
3. **Teardown**: After the test finishes, Playwright will automatically clean up the fixture (if necessary).

### **Conclusion**

* **Predefined Fixtures**: These are automatically available and cover most common use cases (browser, page, context, etc.).
* **Custom Fixtures**: These are user-defined to meet specific requirements (like setting up a mock server, custom authentication, etc.) and offer flexibility in managing test setup and teardown.

By combining predefined and custom fixtures, you can make your Playwright tests cleaner, more reusable, and easier to maintain.

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##### **You said:**

what are the things we will place in fixture?

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In Playwright, fixtures are used to set up and tear down necessary resources or dependencies that tests require. These can include anything from launching browsers and pages to setting up external services, mock data, or custom configurations. Fixtures help manage the environment around your tests and ensure the tests are isolated, repeatable, and consistent.

Here are the types of things you might place in a fixture:

### **1. Browser and Page Setup**

These are the most common fixtures you’ll see in many tests. You can set up a browser instance, create contexts, and open pages that will be reused across multiple tests.

* **Launching Browsers**: Browser instances (e.g., Chromium, Firefox, WebKit).
* **Browser Contexts**: Isolated environments for handling cookies, local storage, and other session data.
* **Pages**: Individual browser tabs (pages) where you interact with the app under test.

**Example**:

javascript

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import { test, expect } from '@playwright/test';

test('should navigate to a page', async ({ browser }) => {

const context = await browser.newContext();

const page = await context.newPage();

await page.goto('https://example.com');

await expect(page).toHaveTitle('Example Domain');

});

### **2. Authentication Setup**

If your app requires authentication (e.g., logging in), you can create a fixture to handle the login process and reuse the authenticated session in multiple tests.

* **Login Tokens**: You can set up a fixture that generates or retrieves a valid login token.
* **Login Session**: A fixture that manages the creation of user sessions and cookies, including pre-logged-in pages or contexts.

**Example**:

javascript

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import { test as base } from '@playwright/test';

const test = base.extend({

loggedInPage: async ({ page }, use) => {

// Set up authentication (e.g., login) for the page

await page.goto('https://example.com/login');

await page.fill('#username', 'user');

await page.fill('#password', 'password');

await page.click('button[type="submit"]');

await use(page); // Inject the logged-in page into tests

},

});

test('should access a logged-in page', async ({ loggedInPage }) => {

await loggedInPage.goto('https://example.com/dashboard');

expect(await loggedInPage.locator('h1')).toHaveText('Dashboard');

});

### **3. Mocking Data or Network Requests**

You may want to mock or intercept API calls during your tests to isolate the frontend from external dependencies. Fixtures are useful for setting up mocked responses or network interception.

* **Network Interception**: Use fixtures to set up mock APIs or intercept HTTP requests/responses.
* **Mocked Data**: You can set up fake data to be used in your tests instead of interacting with real servers.

**Example**:

javascript

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import { test, expect } from '@playwright/test';

test('should mock API response', async ({ page }) => {

await page.route('https://api.example.com/data', (route) => {

route.fulfill({

status: 200,

body: JSON.stringify({ key: 'mocked value' }),

});

});

await page.goto('https://example.com');

const data = await page.locator('#apiData').textContent();

expect(data).toBe('mocked value');

});

### **4. Database Setup**

For integration tests, you might need to set up a database state before each test, or clean up data after each test. This could include:

* **Database Connections**: Setting up connections to a test database.
* **Test Data**: Populating the database with test data.
* **Cleaning Up**: After the test runs, you can clean up test data or close the database connection.

**Example**:

javascript

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import { test as base } from '@playwright/test';

import { DatabaseClient } from './database';

const test = base.extend({

db: async ({}, use) => {

const db = new DatabaseClient();

await db.connect();

await use(db);

await db.disconnect(); // Cleanup after the test

},

});

test('should interact with the database', async ({ db }) => {

const user = await db.getUser('userId');

expect(user.name).toBe('Test User');

});

### **5. Server Setup (Mock or Real Backend Services)**

If you're testing an app that requires a server or backend service, you might need a fixture to spin up a test server, either a real backend or a mock server.

* **Test Servers**: Set up and run a local server that provides responses for tests.
* **Mocking APIs**: Similar to network mocking, you might create a mock server for a more controlled environment.

**Example**:

javascript

Copy code

import { test as base, expect } from '@playwright/test';

import { createMockServer } from './mockServer';

const test = base.extend({

mockServer: async ({}, use) => {

const server = createMockServer();

await server.start();

await use(server);

await server.stop(); // Cleanup after the test

},

});

test('should interact with a mock server', async ({ page, mockServer }) => {

await page.goto(mockServer.url('/endpoint'));

expect(await page.locator('h1')).toHaveText('Mocked Response');

});

### **6. Custom Utilities or Helpers**

Sometimes, your tests may need reusable setup logic, such as:

* **Utility Functions**: For example, generating random test data or preparing a specific test environment.
* **File Uploads**: If your app allows file uploads, you might want a fixture to handle the file preparation and upload process.

**Example**:

javascript

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import { test, expect } from '@playwright/test';

test('should upload a file', async ({ page }) => {

const filePath = '/path/to/test/file.txt';

await page.setInputFiles('input[type="file"]', filePath);

await page.click('button[type="submit"]');

expect(await page.locator('text="File uploaded successfully"')).toBeVisible();

});

### **7. Environment Variables and Configuration**

If your tests need environment-specific data or configurations, you can set these up in fixtures. This is useful for scenarios where you need to run tests in different environments (e.g., staging, production) or need special configurations like API keys.

* **Environment Variables**: Set up environment variables for the test run.
* **Configuration**: You can provide configuration values that are injected into tests.

**Example**:

javascript

Copy code

import { test as base, expect } from '@playwright/test';

const test = base.extend({

config: async ({}, use) => {

const config = { apiUrl: process.env.API\_URL, timeout: 5000 };

await use(config);

},

});

test('should use environment configuration', async ({ page, config }) => {

await page.goto(config.apiUrl);

expect(await page.locator('h1')).toHaveText('API Response');

});

### **8. Custom Test Setup or Cleanup**

In some cases, you might need to perform specific setup or cleanup steps before or after each test. This could include preparing test data, clearing caches, or resetting state.

* **Test Preparation**: Setting up necessary resources before the test.
* **Teardown**: Cleaning up resources (e.g., closing connections, deleting files) after the test.

**Example**:

javascript

Copy code

import { test as base, expect } from '@playwright/test';

const test = base.extend({

cleanUp: async ({}, use) => {

console.log('Test setup logic here...');

await use();

console.log('Test cleanup logic here...');

},

});

test('should run custom setup and cleanup', async ({ cleanUp }) => {

expect(true).toBe(true); // Example test logic

});

### **Conclusion**

In Playwright, fixtures can be used for a wide variety of tasks, including but not limited to:

* Browser, page, and context management.
* Authentication (session setup).
* Mocking and intercepting network requests.
* Setting up databases or external services.
* Handling custom test data, configurations, and environment variables.
* Managing file uploads or external resources.

Fixtures help create a reusable, isolated, and consistent environment for each test to ensure tests run independently of each other and in a predictable manner. By placing relevant setup and teardown logic in fixtures, you can avoid repetitive code in individual test cases and keep your tests more maintainable.