

Master Cypress in 15 minutes a day

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Course Goals

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- Learn what Cypress is
 - And what it can do for you
- Understand what the best practices are
 - And what not to do
- See how Cypress differs from other End to End testing tools
 - Like Selenium, Nightwatch.js etc.

Why this course?

- Cypress is not hard to use most of the time
 - Not knowing the best practices can trip you up
- Going beyond the basics can be tough

15 minutes

- Can I really do this in 15 minutes a day?

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What is Cypress

And why use it?

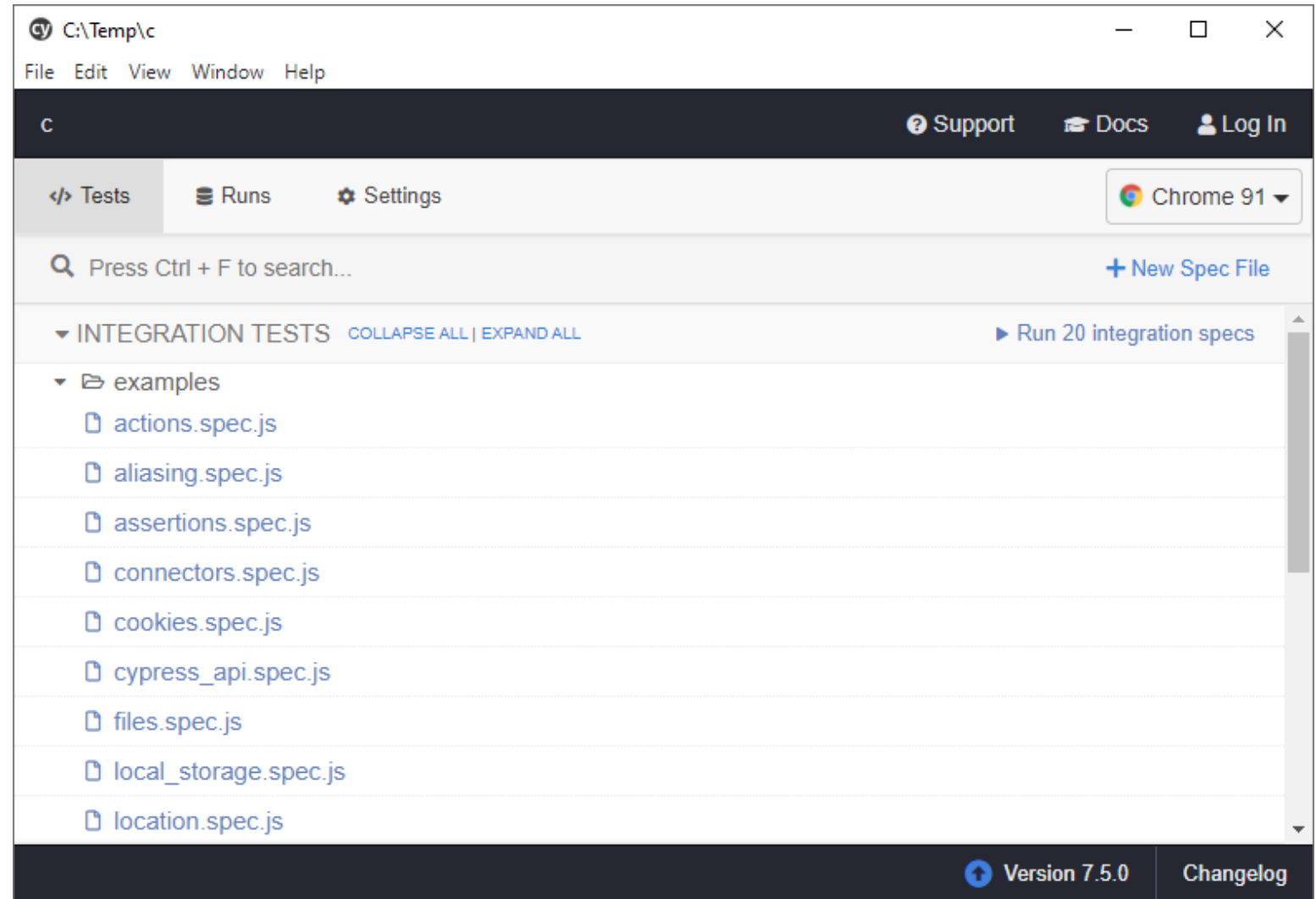
What is Cypress

- Cypress is a front end testing tool
 - Built for the modern web
- Tests are easy to write
 - Using simple JavaScript
- Time Travel runner lets you inspect test at each step
 - Click on a step to see the state of the browser
- Automatic waiting for elements
 - Makes tests more resilient
- Video recording of running test
 - Helps debugging failing tests on the CI server

What is Cypress

- Lets you fake the network
 - Or use the real backend as appropriate
- Automatically retry
 - Run flaky tests multiple times
- Many standard and 3rd party extensions
 - Or write your own in JavaScript
- Can run in Docker containers
 - Consistent cross platform behavior
- Runs inside the browser
 - Not based on Selenium

Interactive Test Runner



Interactive Test Runner

The screenshot displays the Cypress test runner interface. On the left, the 'Tests' panel shows a test suite 'Block Buster Film Reviews' with two passing tests: 'Has the correct title' and 'Can open The Shawshank Redemption'. Below these, the 'TEST BODY' section shows a sequence of commands: 'visit /top-rated-movies', 'get #movie-278 a:first', '-click', '(page Load) --page Loaded--', '(new url) https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/movie/278', 'get h1', and '-assert expected <h1.bd-hd> to contain text The Shawshank Redemption (1994)'. The right side of the image shows the web application under test, which is a movie review page for 'The Shawshank Redemption (1994)'. The page features a movie poster, a rating of 8.7/10, and tabs for 'OVERVIEW', 'REVIEWS', 'CAST & CREW', 'MEDIA', and 'SIMILAR MOVIES'. The 'OVERVIEW' tab is active, displaying a synopsis of the film. The 'CAST & CREW' section lists the Director as Frank Darabont and the Writer as Stephen King (Novel) and Frank Darabont (Writer). The 'VIDEOS & PHOTOS' section shows a 'DOM Snapshot (pinned)' and a 'WATCH TRAILER' button.

Command Line Interface

```
Windows PowerShell x + -

Running: block-buster.spec.js (1 of 1)

Block Buster Film Reviews
  ✓ Has the correct title (810ms)
  ✓ Can open The Shawshank Redemption (344ms)
  ✓ The Shawshank Redemption has the expected cast (175ms)
  ✓ Can navigate to Morgan Freeman (377ms)

4 passing (2s)

(Results)

Tests:      4
Passing:    4
Failing:    0
Pending:    0
Skipped:    0
Screenshots: 0
Video:      true
Duration:   1 second
Spec Ran:   block-buster.spec.js

(Video)

- Started processing: Compressing to 32 CRF
- Finished processing: C:\Temp\c\cypress\videos\block-buster.spec.js.mp4 (1 second)




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(Run Finished)

Spec                                Tests  Passing  Failing  Pending  Skipped
✓ block-buster.spec.js              00:01    4        4        -        -        -
✓ All specs passed!                 00:01    4        4        -        -        -
```

Pros and Cons of Cypress

Pros

- Easy to get started
-  Fast execution
- Automatic waiting on elements
- Access to elements outside the DOM
- Support for FireFox and Chromium based browsers
- No driver dependencies
-  Time travel and debuggability
- Uses the Mocha test framework
- Open source
-  Mostly free

Cons

- Only JavaScript or TypeScript
- No support for Safari
- Only a single browser
- Only a single tab

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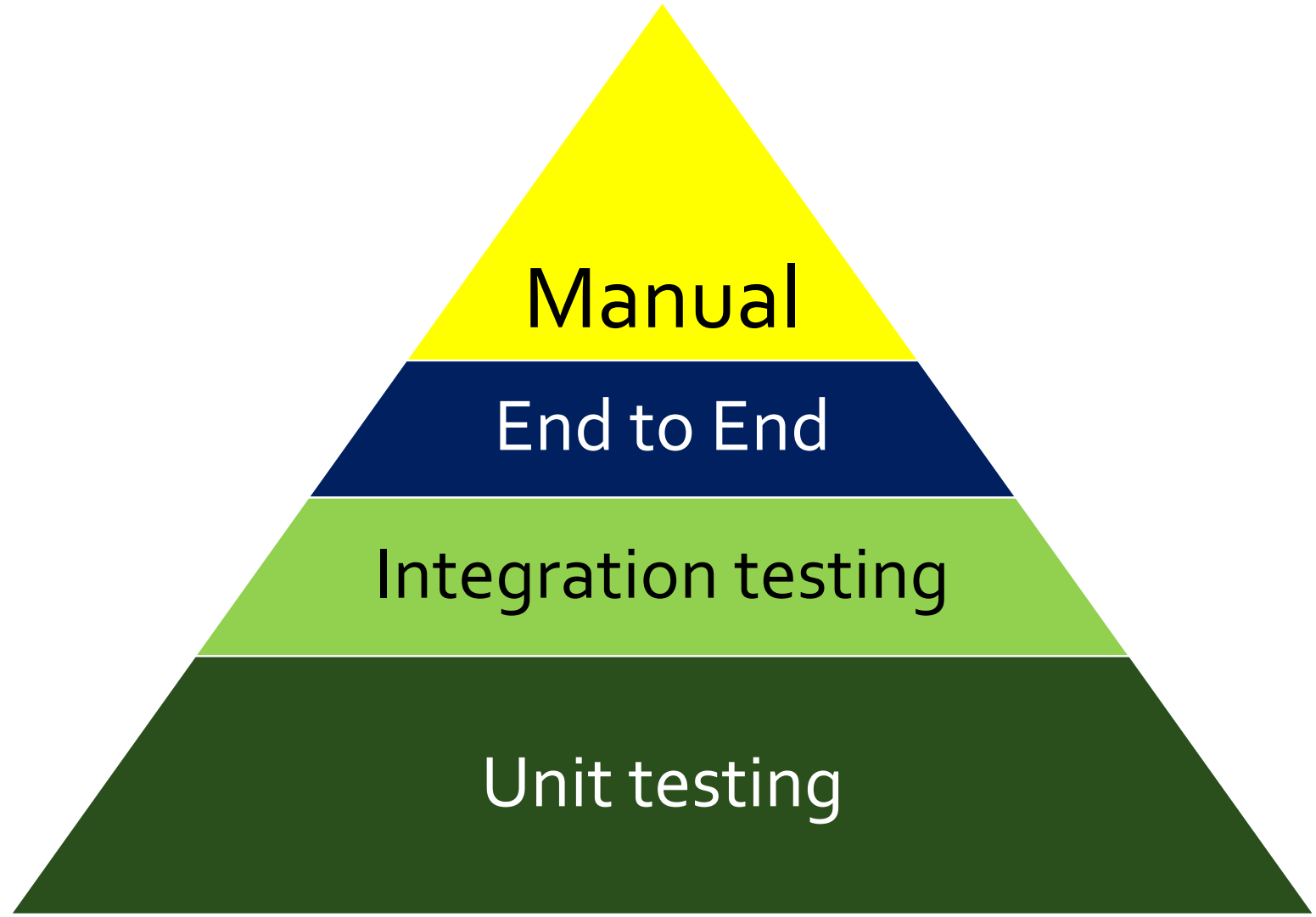
What is end to end testing

What is testing

“Software testing is an investigation conducted to provide stakeholders with information about the quality of the software product or service under test.”

-- Wikipedia --

The traditional
testing
pyramid



Unit Testing & Code Coverage

File	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Lines
All files	98.92	94.36	99.49	100	
yargs	99.17	93.95	100	100	
index.js	100	100	100	100	
yargs.js	99.15	93.86	100	100	
yargs/lib	98.7	94.72	99.07	100	
command.js	99.1	98.51	100	100	
completion.js	100	95.83	100	100	
obj-filter.js	87.5	83.33	66.67	100	
usage.js	97.89	92.59	100	100	
validation.js	100	95.56	100	100	

Both windows
are fine



via reddit.com/r/programmerhumor

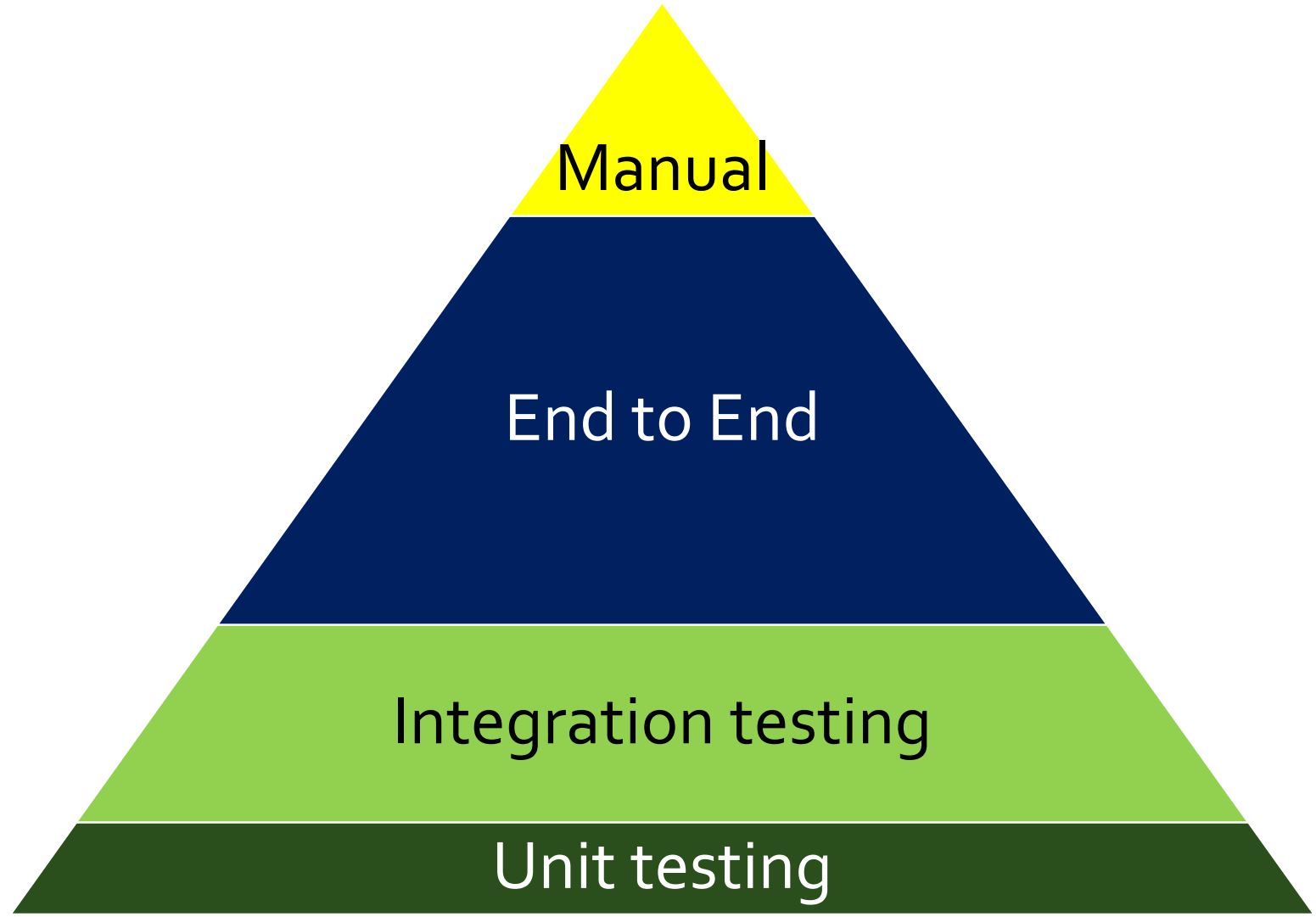
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A sturdy latch



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A better
testing
pyramid for
the web



End-to-end Testing

“End-to-end testing is a methodology used to test whether the flow of an application is performing as designed from start to finish. The purpose of carrying out end-to-end tests is to identify system dependencies and to ensure that the right information is passed between various system components and systems.”

-- Techopedia --

End-to-end Testing

- Test an application's workflow from beginning to end
 - Including AJAX requests to the backend
- Based on workflows the end user actually executes
 - Using the same user interface, browser, network database etc.



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Personal introduction



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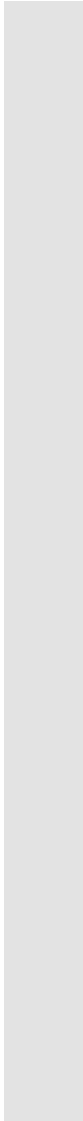







Happily married





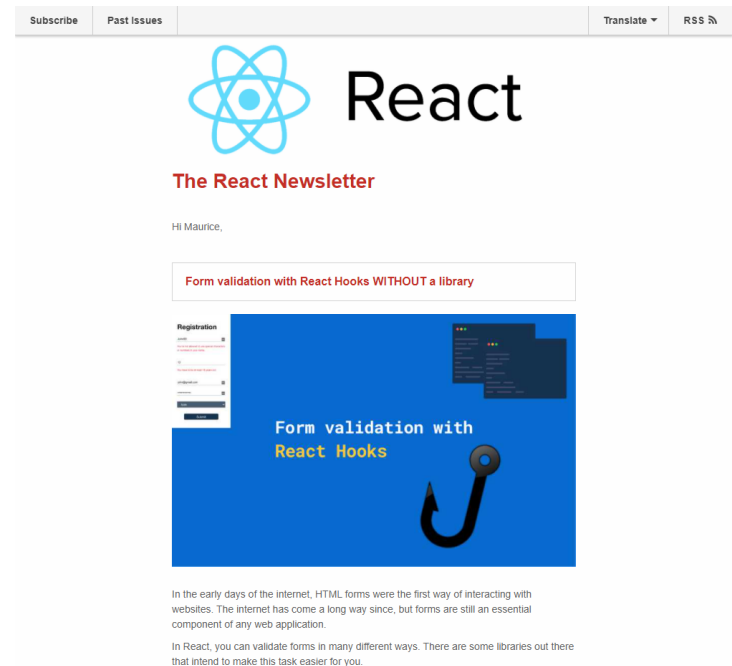
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Prerequisites

Install Node & NPM

Install the GitHub starter repository

Following Along



```
1  /// <reference types="cypress" />
2
3  context('Block Buster Film Reviews', () => {
4
5    it('Has the correct title', () => {
6      cy.visit('/')
7      cy.get('h1').should('contain.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
8    })
9
10   it('Can open The Shawshank Redemption', () => {
11     cy.visit('/top-rated-movies')
12     cy.get('#movie-278 a:first').click()
13     cy.get('h1').should('contain.text', 'The Shawshank Redemption (1994)')
14   })
15
16   it('The Shawshank Redemption has the expected cast', () => {
17     cy.visit('/movie/278')
18     cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-504 > p').should('have.text', '... Andy Dufresne')
19     cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-192 > p').should('have.text', '... Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding')
20     cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-192 > .cast-left').should('contain.text', 'Morgan Freeman')
21   })
22
23   it('Can navigate to Morgan Freeman', () => {
24     cy.visit('/movie/278')
25     cy.get('.col-md-8 > .mvcast-item > #cast-192 a').click()
26     cy.get('h1').should('contain.text', 'Morgan Freeman')
27   })
28 })
```

- Slides:
 - <http://theproblemsolver.nl/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day.pdf>

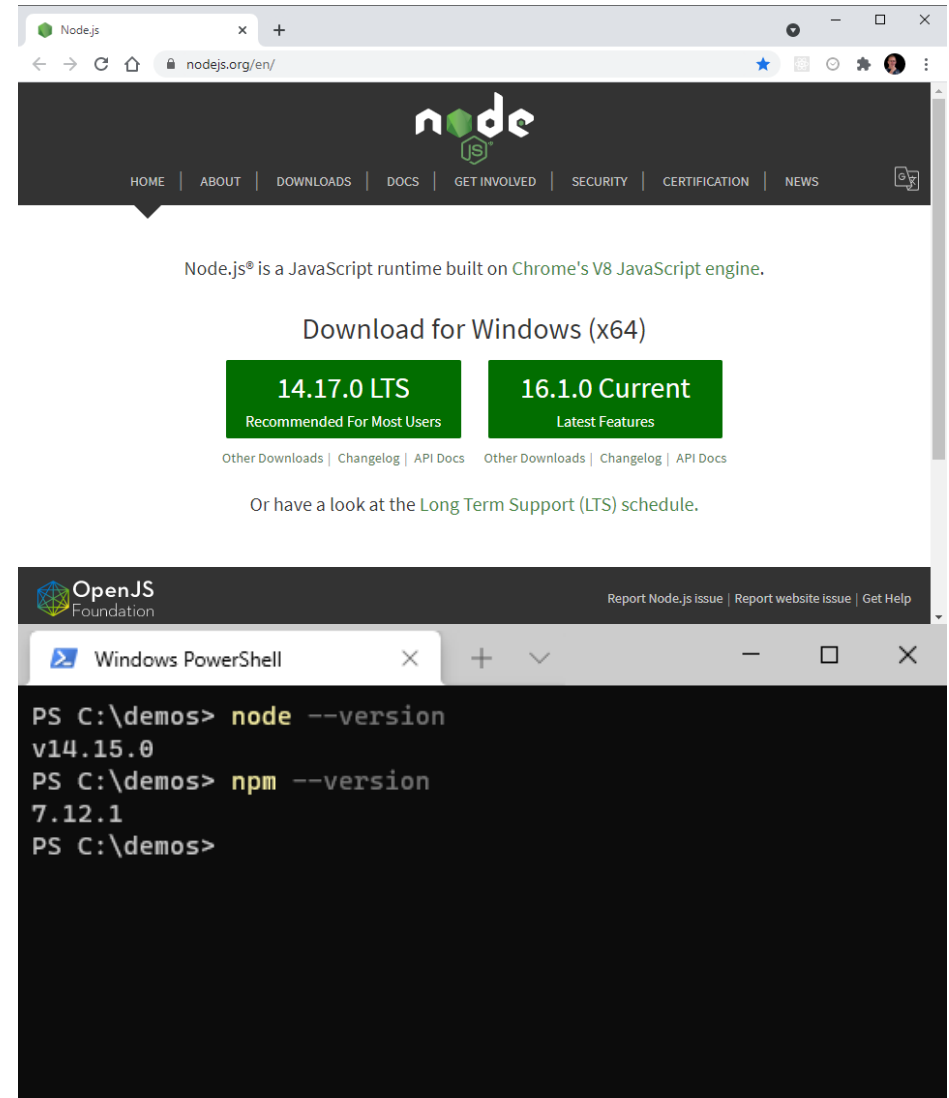
Type it out
by hand?

"Typing it drills it into your brain much better than simply copying and pasting it. You're forming new neuron pathways. Those pathways are going to help you in the future. Help them out now!"

Install Node.js



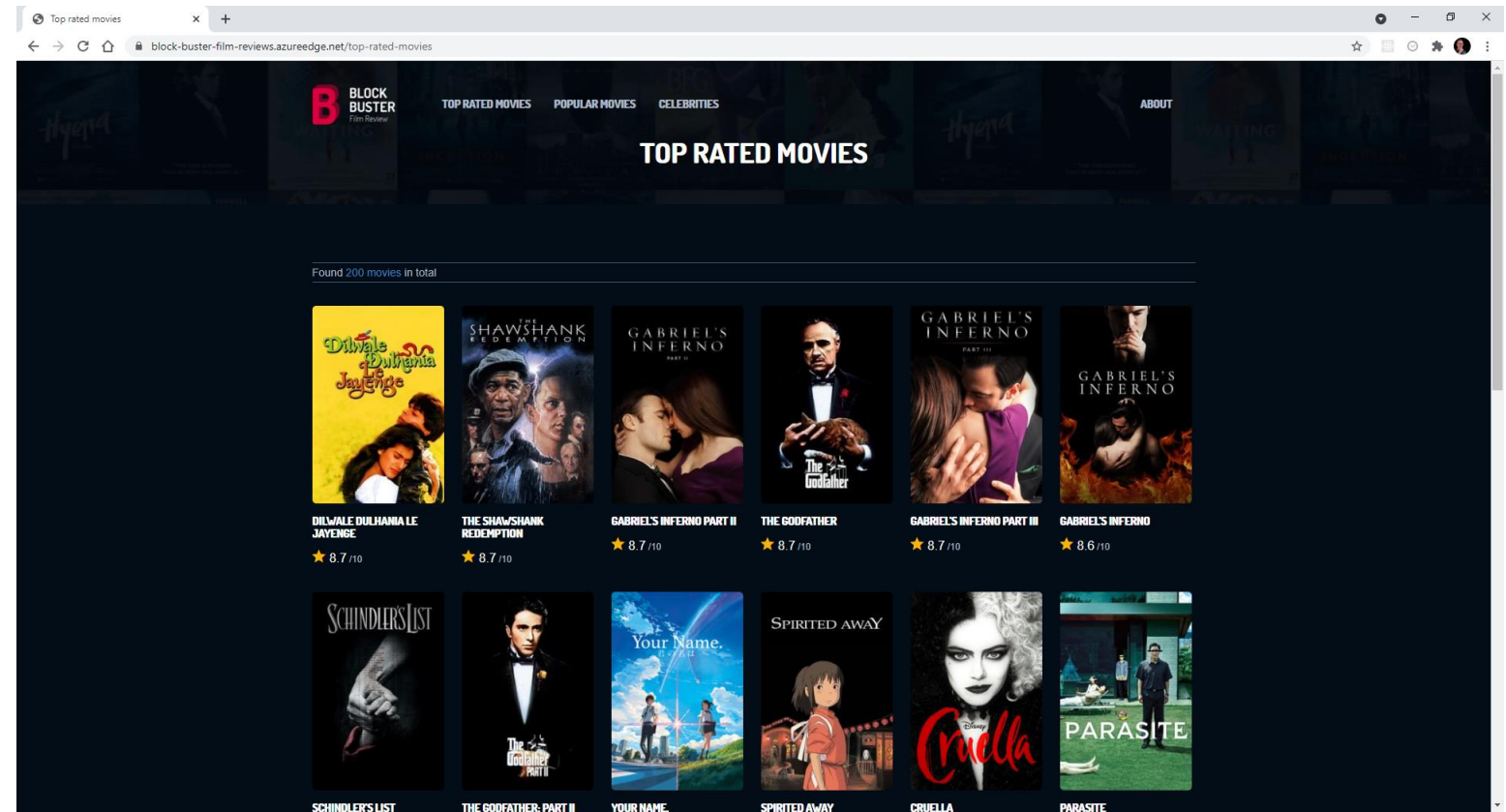
- Minimal:
 - Node version 12



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Creating a first Cypress test

The Application



Opening Cypress

- Start Cypress using “npx cypress open”
 - This will automatically download and run Cypress
- The first time it will create the Cypress a folder structure
 - Including a number of example tests

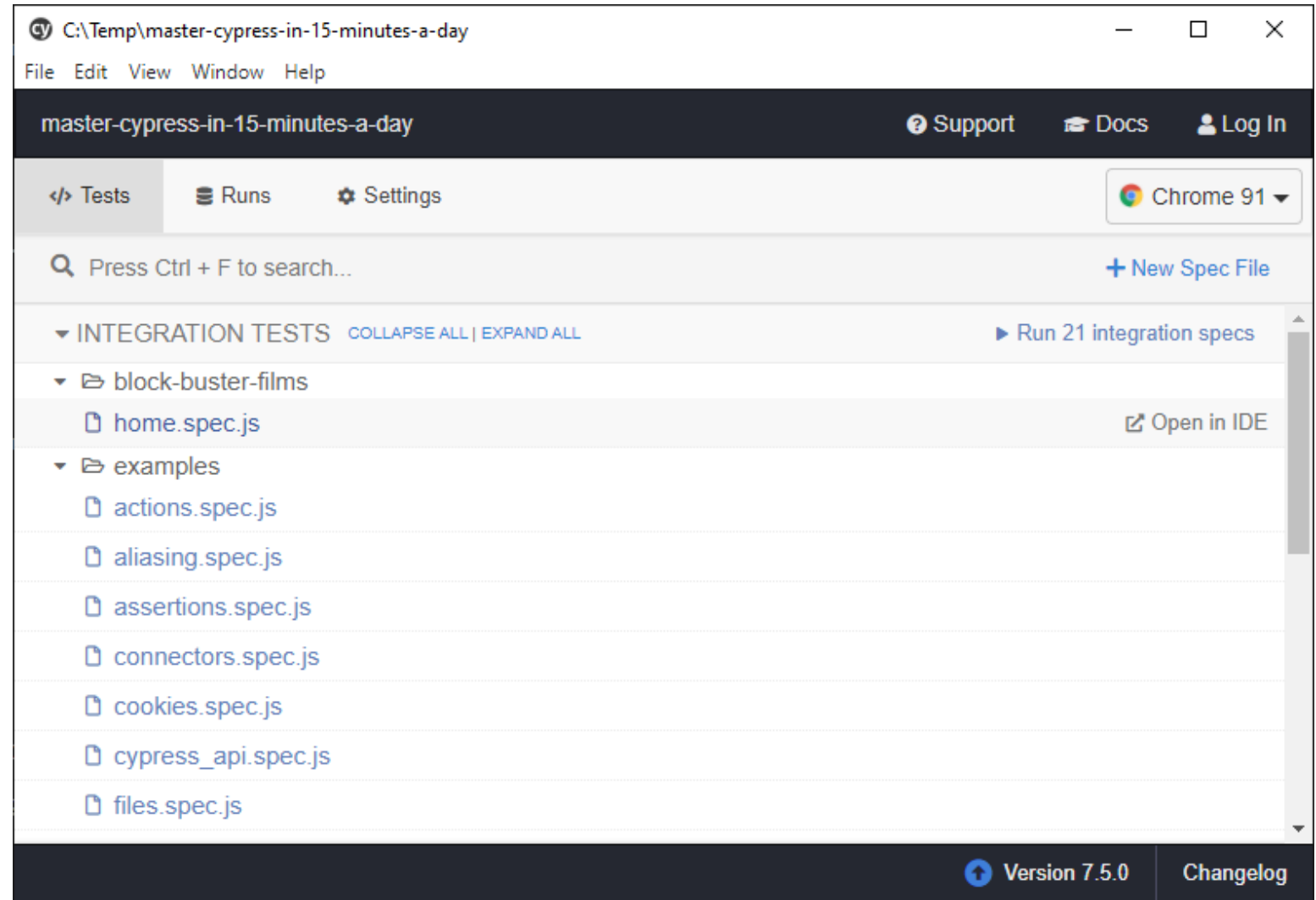
Creating a first Cypress test

- Create a new spec file in the **/cypress/integration** folder
 - The spec file name must end with **spec.js**
- Call the **context()** function to create a group of specification
 - The **describe()** function is an alias for context()
- Call the **it()** function to create a End to End specification
 - Both **context()** and **it()** come from the Mocha test framework

Creating a first Cypress test

```
JS home.spec.js X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...
1 context('Block Buster Film Reviews - Home Page', () => {
2   it('Has the correct title', () => {
3     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net');
4
5     cy.title().should('equal', 'Block Buster Film Reviews');
6     cy.get('h1').should('have.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews');
7   });
8 });
```

Cypress test runner



Running the test



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Not secure | block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/_/#/tests/integration/block-buster-films/home.spec.js

Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

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cypress/integration/block-buster-films/home.spec.js

Block Buster Film Reviews - Home Page

Has the correct title

TEST BODY

- 1 visit https://block-buster-film-reviews.azuree...
- 2 title
- 3 - assert expected Block Buster Film Reviews to equal Block Buster Film Reviews
- 4 get h1
- 5 - assert expected <h1> to have text Block Buster Film Reviews

Block Buster Film Reviews

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Adding a package.json

Specifying the Cypress version

- Right now we are always using the **latest version of Cypress**
 - Instead of being explicit about what version to use
- Each developer/tester **has to know** to run “npx cypress open”
 - Maybe look for it in the documentation

Adding a package.json

- When using Node.js the normal way is to **add a package.json**
 - And specify the dependencies with versions in there
 - As well as add important scripts to execute
- **Create a package.json** with the “npm init” command

Adding dependencies

- **Add dependencies** with “npm install <<package>>”
 - Use the --save-dev option to register a development only package
 - Use “npm install cypress --save-dev”

Adding scripts

- Add relevant scripts to the “scripts” section
 - “cypress open”
 - “cypress run”
- Execute with “npm run [script name]”

The package.json



```
{ package.json U x
{ package.json > ...
1  {
2    "name": "master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day",
3    "version": "1.0.0",
4    "description": "",
5    "main": "index.js",
6    "scripts": {
7      "test": "cypress run",
8      "open": "cypress open"
9    },
10   "repository": {
11     "type": "git",
12     "url": "git+https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day.git"
13   },
14   "keywords": [
15     "cypress"
16   ],
17   "author": "Maurice de Beijer",
18   "license": "MIT",
19   "bugs": {
20     "url": "https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day/issues"
21   },
22   "homepage": "https://github.com/mauricedb/master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day#readme",
23   "devDependencies": {
24     "cypress": "^7.6.0"
25   }
26 }
```

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Fixing a broken Cypress install

A broken Cypress Installation

```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> npm run open

> master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day@1.0.0 open
> cypress open

No version of Cypress is installed in: C:\Users\mauri\AppData\Local\Cypress\Cache\7.6.0\Cypress

Please reinstall Cypress by running: cypress install

-----

Cypress executable not found at: C:\Users\mauri\AppData\Local\Cypress\Cache\7.6.0\Cypress\Cypress.exe

-----

Platform: win32 (10.0.19042)
Cypress Version: 7.6.0
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> |
```

Cypress NPM Package

- The Cypress NPM package is not complete
 - It only contains part of the required bits
- The rest is installed into an application cache
 - Once for ever version used

Cypress cache

Binary cache

As of version `3.0`, Cypress downloads the matching Cypress binary to the global system cache, so that the binary can be shared between projects. By default, global cache folders are:

- **MacOS:** `~/Library/Caches/Cypress`
- **Linux:** `~/.cache/Cypress`
- **Windows:** `/AppData/Local/Cypress/Cache`

Cypress cache

- Every version of Cypress is downloaded the first time it's required
 - And reused whenever needed
- Use the “cypress cache” command to manage the Cypress cache
 - `npx cypress cache path`
 - `npx cypress cache list [--size]`
 - `npx cypress cache prune`
 - `npx cypress cache clear`

Cypress cache



```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> npx cypress cache path
C:\Users\mauri\AppData\Local\Cypress\Cache
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> npx cypress cache list --size
```

version	last used	size
6.0.1	26 minutes ago	516.1MB
6.5.0	23 minutes ago	609.0MB
6.9.1	20 minutes ago	579.1MB
7.0.1	17 minutes ago	587.4MB
7.3.0	12 minutes ago	574.9MB
7.5.0	14 minutes ago	575.4MB
7.6.0	unknown	444.3MB

```
PS C:\Repos\master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a-day> |
```

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The most important commands

cy.visit()

- Visit a URL in the browser
 - Takes the URL to navigate to
 - An optional options object with many settings
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/visit>

cy.get()

- Queries the DOM for one or more elements
 - Uses the jQuery selector engine
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/get>

.should()

- Check if a given condition is as expected
 - Based on the Chai NPM package
 - Often chain after a cy.get()
 - .and() is an alias
- Check for example
 - If an elements is visible and enabled
 - A value is equal to another
 - Many more...
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/should>

Asynchronous

- Commands are asynchronous
 - They not executed immediately but placed in a queue

Retry behavior

- Commands like `get()` and `should()` will retry upon failure
 - By default 4 seconds
- The retry timeout can be configured
 - Either globally or per command

Chainable

- Most commands return a Chainable object

Top rated movies Specs



```
JS top-rated-movies.spec.js U x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS top-rated-movies.spec.js > ...
1  // top-rated-movies.spec.js created with Cypress
2  //
3  // Start writing your Cypress tests below!
4  // If you're unfamiliar with how Cypress works,
5  // check out the link below and learn how to write your first test:
6  // https://on.cypress.io/writing-first-test
7
8  context('Top rated movies', () => {
9    it('Has 20 movies per page', () => {
10     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
11
12     cy.get('.movie-item-style-1').should('have.length', 24)
13   })
14
15   it('Has the correct title', () => {
16     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
17
18     cy.title().should('equal', 'Top rated movies')
19     cy.get('h1')
20       .should('be.visible')
21       .should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
22   })
23
24   it('The movie should be Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', () => {
25     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
26
27     cy.get('#movie-19404 > .mv-item-infor > h6 > a')
28       .should('have.text', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge')
29   })
}
```

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Adding IntelliSense

IntelliSense

- **IntelliSense** in VS Code can be added with:
 - `/// <reference types="Cypress" />`
- Uses the **TypeScript type declarations**
 - From the Cypress NPM package

IntelliSense



```
JS home.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > context('Block Buster Film Reviews') callback > it('Has the correct title - Home Page') callback

You, 2 minutes ago | 1 author (You)
1  /// <reference types="Cypress" />
2
3  context('Block Buster Film Reviews', () => {
4    it('Has the correct title - Home Page', () => {
5      cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net')
6
7      cy.title().should('equal', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
8      cy.get('h1').should('have.text', 'Block Buster Film Reviews')
9    })
10 }
11
```

- have.text
- have.nested.property
- have.returned
- have.deep.nested.property
- have.length.gte
- have.length.lte
- have.lengthOf.gte
- have.lengthOf.lte
- have.always.returned
- have.length.greaterThan
- have.length
- have.length.above

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Mocha hooks

Mocha hooks

- Mocha provides **hooks** to run code **before and after tests**
 - The **before()** and **after()** run once per block
 - The **beforeEach()** and **afterEach()** run for every test
- Using the **beforeEach()** is very convenient
 - Use `cy.visit()` to load the right page

Using beforeEach()



```
JS top-rated-movies.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS top-rated-movies.spec.js > ...

10 context('Top rated movies', () => {
11
12   beforeEach(() => {
13     cy.visit('https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/top-rated-movies')
14   })
15
16   it('Has 24 movies per page', () => {
17     cy.get('.movie-item-style-1').should('have.length', 24)
18   })
19
20   it('Has the correct title', () => {
21     cy.title().should('equal', 'Top rated movies')
22     cy.get('h1')
23       .should('be.visible')
24       .and('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
25   })
26
27   it('The movie should be Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', () => {
28     cy.get('#movie-19404 > .mv-item-infor > h6 > a')
29       .should('have.text', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge')
30   })
31 })
```

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Cypress configuration

Cypress configuration

- The `cypress.json` is used to store **global configuration values**
 - Base URL
 - Environment variables
 - Retries
 - Timeouts
 - Etc.
- <https://docs.cypress.io/guides/references/configuration#cypress-json>

IntelliSense

- Add a **\$schema** key to get **IntelliSense**
 - <https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json>

Cypress.config()

- The **Cypress.config()** function
 - Retrieve a configuration value
 - Override a configuration value for a single test

Command Line

- Use the `--config` option to **override config using the CLI**
 - Both with `cypress run` and `cypress open`

cypress.json



```
{ cypress.json M x
{ cypress.json > ...
You, seconds ago | 1 author (You)
1 {
2   "$schema": "https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json",
3   "baseUrl": "https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net",
4   "defaultCommandTimeout": 10000,
5   "ignoreTestFiles": [
6     "**/1-getting-started/*",
7     "**/2-advanced-examples/*"
8   ]
9 }
```

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Selecting DOM elements

CSS Selectors

- Cypress uses the **jQuery selector engine**
 - Supports the standard CSS queries plus extension
- <https://api.jquery.com/category/selectors/>

✗ Anti-Pattern

- Using **highly brittle selectors** that are subject to change
- <https://docs.cypress.io/guides/references/best-practices#Selecting-Elements>

✓ Best Practice

- **Isolate selectors** from CSS or JS changes
 - ✗ Avoid: `cy.get('.btn.btn-large').click()`
- Using **data-* attributes**
 - ✓ Use: `cy.get('[data-cy=submit]').click()`

Recommendations

Selector	Recommended	Notes
<code>cy.get('button').click()</code>	⚠ Never	Worst - too generic, no context.
<code>cy.get('.btn.btn-large').click()</code>	⚠ Never	Bad. Coupled to styling. Highly subject to change.
<code>cy.get('#main').click()</code>	⚠ Sparingly	Better. But still coupled to styling or JS event listeners.
<code>cy.get('[name=submission]').click()</code>	⚠ Sparingly	Coupled to the <code>name</code> attribute which has HTML semantics.
<code>cy.contains('Submit').click()</code>	✅ Depends	Much better. But still coupled to text content that may change.
<code>cy.get('[data-cy=submit]').click()</code>	✅ Always	Best. Isolated from all changes.

.find()

- The `.find()` function **searches descendants** of a previous selection
 - Must be chained of a `cy.get()` or similar function
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/find>

.within()

- **Don't** store the result of a command in a **variable**
 - ✘ You will not get a consistent result
- Use the `.within()` function
 - To **scope queries** to a previous result
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/within>

.eq()

- Use the eq() function to get a **specific element** from a **collection**
 - A negative index counts from the end
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/eq>

home.spec.js



```
JS home.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...
13 context('The left navigation menu', () => {
14   it('The first navigation link points to Top rated movies', () => {
15     cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').first().should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
16   })
17
18   it('The last navigation link points to Celebrities', () => {
19     cy.get('.menu-left').find('a:visible').last().should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
20   })
21
22   it('Nested searches', () => {
23     cy.get('.menu-left').within(() => {
24       cy.get('a:visible').first().should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
25       cy.get('a:visible').last().should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
26     })
27   })
28 })
29
30 it('The navigation links have the correct text', () => {
31   cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').eq(0).should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
32   cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').eq(1).should('have.text', 'Popular movies')
33   cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').eq(-1).should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
34 })
35 })
36
37 context.skip('Anti-patterns', () => {
38   it("Don't use variables", () => {
39     // This is an anti-pattern. Don't use!
40     const menuLeft = cy.get('.menu-left')
41     menuLeft.find('a:visible').first().should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
```

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Querying by text

cy.contains()

- **Searches** for a DOM element **based on the text**
 - Based on a string or regular expression
- A string based search is **case sensitive**
 - Can be controlled with the `matchCase` option
- Can both be use as a **top level** or a **child command**

cy.contains()

- Always **returns a single DOM element**
 - The first in case of multiple matches
- Sometimes **returns a higher level DOM element**
 - With buttons, links and labels
 - Can be controlled with a selector

home.spec.js



```
JS home.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...

38   it('Can navigate to Top rated movies', () => {
39     cy.contains('Top rated movies').click()
40     cy.title().should('equal', 'Top rated movies')
41   })
42
43   it('Can navigate to Popular movies', () => {
44     cy.contains(/^popular movies$/i).click()
45     cy.title().should('equal', 'Popular movies')
46   })
47
48   it('Can navigate to Celebrities', () => {
49     cy.get('.menu-left').contains('Celebrities').click()
50     cy.title().should('equal', 'Celebrities')
51   })
52 })
```

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Aliases

Aliases

- DOM queries can be **aliased for later reuse**
 - Alias a query:
`cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').as('nav-links')`
 - Use the alias:
`cy.get('@nav-links').eq(0).click()`
- Aliases can also be use with other concepts
 - AJAX requests, spies etc.
 - More about that in another video

Aliases and Retries

- The query is executed when first defined
 - And the result reused later
 - Querying will happen again when assertions fail

Register an
alias with `.as()`

```
JS home.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > ...
13   context('The left navigation menu', () => {
14     beforeEach(() => {
15       cy.get('.menu-left a:visible').as('nav-links')
16     })
17   })
```

Using an alias with .get()

```
JS home.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS home.spec.js > context('Block Buster Film Reviews') callback > context('The left navigation menu') callback
37   it('The navigation links have the correct text', () => {
38     cy.get('@nav-links').eq(0).should('have.text', 'Top rated movies')
39     cy.get('@nav-links').eq(1).should('have.text', 'Popular movies')
40     cy.get('@nav-links').eq(-1).should('have.text', 'Celebrities')
41   })
```

The result



master-cypress-in-15-minutes-a x +

Not secure | block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/_/#/tests/integration/block-buster-films/home.spec.js

Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

Tests 8 -- 1 01.69

https://block-buster-film-reviews.azureedge.net/ 1000 x 660 (82%)

cypress/integration/block-buster-films/home.spec.js

✓ The navigation links have the correct text

BEFORE EACH (1)

visit /

BEFORE EACH (2)

1 get .menu-left a:visible 1 nav-links

TEST BODY

1 get @nav-links 3

2 -eq 0

3 -assert expected <a> to have text Top rated movies

4 get @nav-links 3

5 -eq 1

6 -assert expected <a> to have text Popular movies

7 get @nav-links 3

8 -eq -1

9 -assert expected <a> to have text Celebrities

✓ Can navigate to Top rated movies

✓ Can navigate to Popular movies

✓ Can navigate to Celebrities

Anti-patterns

Resources DOM Snapshot (pinned) Cypress Course

Block Buster Film Reviews

TOP RATED MOVIES POPULAR MOVIES CELEBRITIES ABOUT

Block Buster Film Reviews

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Interacting with Elements

Common actions

- **Input actions:**
 - Typing into inputs
 - Checking checkboxes
 - Selecting options
 - Etc.
- **Mouse actions:**
 - Clicking
 - Scrolling
 - Etc.

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Clicking DOM elements

cy.click()

- With `cy.click()` you can **click on a DOM element**
 - All events are simulated by Cypress
- The element will **scroll into view**
- You can specify the **click position**
 - With coordinates or a position string
- Cypress checks if the **element is enabled and visible**
 - Use `{ force: true }` to override when needed
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/click>

top-rated-
movies.spec.js



```
JS top-rated-movies.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > block-buster-films > JS top-rated-movies.spec.js > ...
31 |     it('Open Pulp Fiction', () => {
32 |         cy.get('#movie-680 .hvr-inner > a')
33 |             .click('bottomRight', { force: true })
34 |     })
35 | })
```

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Typing text

cy.type()

- With **cy.type()** you can simulate typing
 - Works with `<input>` and `<textarea>`
- Special keys can be entered using **`{}` expressions**
 - Like `{enter}` or `{backspace}`
 - Or modifier keys like `{alt}` or `{ctrl}`
- There is a **10 ms delay** between key events
 - Makes the event flow more realistic
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/type>

todo-list.spec.js

```
JS todo-list.spec.js U x
cypress > integration > demos > JS todo-list.spec.js > ...

3 context('To Do List', () => {
4   beforeEach(() => {
5     cy.visit('/')
6     cy.get('[data-testid=new-todo]').as('new-todo')
7     cy.get('[data-testid=btn-add-todo]').as('btn-add-todo')
8   })
9
10  it('Can add a new to-do with button', () => {
11    cy.get('@new-todo').type('A new to-do with button')
12    cy.get('@btn-add-todo').click()
13
14    cy.contains('li', 'A new to-do with button').should('be.visible')
15  })
}
```

todo-list.spec.js

```
JS todo-list.spec.js U x
cypress > integration > demos > JS todo-list.spec.js > ...

17  it('Can add a new to-do with enter', () => {
18    cy.get('@new-todo').type('A new to-do with enter{enter}')
19
20    cy.contains('li', 'A new to-do with enter').should('be.visible')
21  })
22
23  it('Can add a new to-do in steps', () => {
24    cy.get('@new-todo')
25      .type('A ')
26      .type('to-do ')
27      .type('in ')
28      .type('steps')
29    cy.get('@btn-add-todo').click()
30
31    cy.contains('li', 'A to-do in steps').should('be.visible')
32  })
```

settings.spec.js

```
JS settings.spec.js U x
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...

3 context('Settings', () => {
4   beforeEach(() => {
5     cy.visit('/')
6     cy.get('#view #settings').click()
7   })
8
9   it('Change the name to Jack Sparrow', () => {
10     cy.get('#firstName').clear().type('Jack')
11     cy.get('#lastName').type('{selectAll}Sparrow')
12     cy.get('#email').type('captain@black-pearl.ship')
13
14     cy.get('#result')
15       .should('contain.value', '"firstName": "Jack",')
16       .should('contain.value', '"lastName": "Sparrow",')
17       .should('contain.value', '"email": "captain@black-pearl.ship",')
18   })
19 })
```

todo-list.spec.js



```
JS todo-list.spec.js U x
cypress > integration > demos > JS todo-list.spec.js > ...

34  it('Can add {abc}', () => {
35    cy.get('@new-todo').type('Do {abc}', {
36      parseSpecialCharSequences: false
37    })
38    cy.get('@btn-add-todo').click()
39
40    cy.get('@new-todo').type('Do {{xyz}}{enter}')
41
42    cy.contains('li', 'Do {abc}').should('be.visible')
43  })
```

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Radio buttons & checkboxes

cy.check()

- With **cy.check()** you can check an item
 - Works with `<input type="radio">` and `<input type="checkbox">`
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/check>

settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
20 it('Change the gender to female', () => {
21   cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"gender": ""')
22
23   cy.get('#female').check()
24
25   cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"gender": "female"')
26 })
27
28 it('Select the newsletter', () => {
29   cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"newsletter": false')
30
31   cy.get('#newsletter').check()
32
33   cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"newsletter": true')
34 })
35 })
```

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Select elements

cy.select()

- With **cy.select()** you can select an option
 - Works with <select>
- Use either the **visible text or the value**
 - Use an array with multiselecting
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/select>

settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
38   it('Change the country to NL', () => {
39     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"country": "US"')
40
41     cy.get('#country').select('Netherlands')
42
43     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"country": "NL"')
44   })
45 })
```

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Manipulating the value

Manipulating Values

- Some input elements are **harder to manipulate** like an end user
 - For example:
 - `<input type="date"/>`
 - `<input type="range"/>`
- **Manipulate the value directly** using:
 - `cy.get("input[type=range]").invoke("val", 25).trigger("change")`
- Note: Sometimes you need to trigger the **input event**
 - Instead of **change event**

settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...
46   it('Change the happiness to 95%', () => {
47     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"happiness": 80')
48
49     cy.get('#happiness').invoke('val', 95).trigger('input')
50
51     cy.get('#result').should('contain.value', '"happiness": 95')
52   })
53 })
```

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Validating the value

Validating the value

- **Validating inputs** is normally done using the `.should()` function
- Many **validation options** you can use
 - Have a specific value
 - Is checked or not checked
 - Is empty
 - Etc.
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/should>

settings.spec.js



```
JS settings.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > demos > JS settings.spec.js > ...

9   it('Change the name to Jack Sparrow', () => {
10     cy.get('#firstName')
11       .clear()
12       .type('Jack')
13       .should('have.value', 'Jack')
14     cy.get('#lastName')
15       .type('{selectAll}Sparrow')
16       .should('have.value', 'Sparrow')
17     cy.get('#email')
18       .type('captain@black-pearl.ship')
19       .should('have.value', 'captain@black-pearl.ship')
20   })
21
22   it('Change the gender to female', () => {
23     cy.get('#unknown')
24       .should('be.checked')
25
26     cy.get('#female')
27       .check()
28       .should('be.checked')
29
30     cy.get('#unknown')
31       .should('not.be.checked')
32   })
```

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Network Requests & Cypress

Network Requests

- **Making network requests** with `cy.request()`
 - Dealing with cookies
 - Handling error responses
- **Intercepting network requests** with `cy.intercept()`
 - Waiting for request to have finished
 - Inspecting the request or response
 - Faking the response message

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Book Search


Book Search

Book Search

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Title

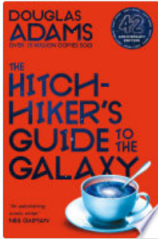
Search



[The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)

.. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy One Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyperspace bypass.

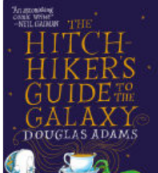
[Douglas Adams](#)



[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)

The intergalactic adventures of Arthur Dent begin in the first volume of the 'trilogy of five', Douglas Adams' comedy sci-fi classic The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

[Douglas Adams](#)



[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: The Illustrated Edition](#)

This beautifully illustrated edition of the New York Times bestselling classic celebrates the 42nd anniversary of the original publication—with all-new art by award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell.

[Douglas Adams](#)

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GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'mauricedb/book-search'. The repository is public and has 1 star and 0 forks. The main branch is 'master' with 1 branch and 0 tags. The repository contains a table of files and folders, including '.github/workflows', 'public', 'src', '.gitignore', '.prettierrc', 'LICENSE', 'README.md', 'package-lock.json', 'package.json', and 'tsconfig.json'. The repository is licensed under MIT. A section titled 'Available Scripts' provides instructions on how to run the application in development mode using 'yarn start'.

File/Folder	Description	Commit Date
.github/workflows	Deploy to Static Website on Azure Blob Storage	11 months ago
public	404 and title	11 months ago
src	No default title	42 minutes ago
.gitignore	Initialize project using Create React App	15 months ago
.prettierrc	Add prettier	11 months ago
LICENSE	Initial commit	15 months ago
README.md	Initialize project using Create React App	15 months ago
package-lock.json	ncu -u	yesterday
package.json	ncu -u	yesterday
tsconfig.json	ncu -u	yesterday

Available Scripts

In the project directory, you can run:

```
yarn start
```

Run the app in the development mode

search.spec.js

```
JS search.spec.js 4, U X
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
1  /// <reference types="cypress" />
2
3  describe('Search', () => {
4    beforeEach(() => {
5      cy.visit('/');
6    });
7
8    it('For books by Douglas Adams', () => {
9      cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
10     cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
11
12     cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
13       'be.visible'
14     );
15   });
16 });
```

Cypress open



book-search

localhost:3000/_/#/tests/integration/search.spec.js

Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

Tests: 1 passed, 0 failed, 0 pending, 0.122s

cypress/integration/search.spec.js

Search

For books by Douglas Adams

BEFORE EACH

1 visit /

TEST BODY

1 get select

2 -select inauthor

3 get input

4 -type Douglas Adams{enter}

(new url) http://localhost:3000/search/inauthor/Douglas...

(fetch) GET 200 https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volume...

5 contains .card-title, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Ga...

6 -assert expected <h5.card-title> to be visible

(fetch) GET https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=...

Book Search

Douglas Adams Author Search

Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

From Douglas Adams, the legendary author of one of the most beloved science fiction novels of all time, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, comes a wildly inventive novel of ghosts, time travel, and one detective's mission to save ...

[Douglas Adams](#)

The Salmon of Doubt

This sublime collection dips into the wit and wisdom of the man behind The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, uncovering his unique comic musings on everything from his school-trousers to malt whisky and from the letter Y through to his own ...

[Douglas Adams](#)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: The Illustrated Edition

This beautifully illustrated edition of the New York Times bestselling classic celebrates the 42nd anniversary of the original publication—with all-new art by award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell

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Intercepting Requests

cy.intercept()

- With `cy.intercept()` you can **spy on network requests**
 - Both XMLHttpRequest and fetch requests
- **Enables waiting for network requests to finish**
 - Before proceeding with a test
- **Intercept AJAX requests**
 - Assert the request message
 - Fake response messages
- **Intercept AJAX responses**
 - Delay a response
 - Use the response in the test body
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/intercept>

cy.intercept()



```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...

8   it('intercept with a StringMatcher', () => {
9     cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*').as('book-search');
10
11     cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
12     cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
13
14     cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
15       'be.visible'
16     );
17   });
18
19   it('intercept with a RouteMatcher', () => {
20     cy.intercept({
21       hostname: 'www.googleapis.com',
22       method: 'get',
23       pathname: '/books/v1/volumes',
24     }).as('book-search');
25
26     cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
27     cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
28
29     cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
30       'be.visible'
31     );
32   });
```

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Cypress.minimatch()

Cypress.minimatch()

- Cypress uses the [minimatch](#) NPM package to match URL's
- Can be used to debug URL patterns
 - Available using `Cypress.minimatch()`
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/utilities/minimatch>
- <https://github.com/isaacs/minimatch#minimatch>

Cypress.minimatch()



cypress/integration/search.spec.js

```
3 get      input
4 -type    Douglas Adams{enter}
(new url) http://localhost:3000/search/inauthor/Douglas+Adams
(fetch) GET 200 https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=inautho... book-search
5 contains .card-title, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
6 -assert  expected <h5.card-title> to be visible
```

DOM

Elements Console Sources Network Performance Memory Application Security Lighthouse

top Filter

Console was cleared

Event: request

Resource type: fetch

Method: GET

Url: https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks

Request went to origin?: yes

Matched `cy.intercept()`: {RouteMatcher: {...}, RouteHandler Type: 'Spy', RouteHandler: undefined, Request: {...}, Response: {...}, ...}

Request headers:

{sec-ch-ua: "Google Chrome";v="93", " Not;A Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="93", Referer: 'http://localhost:3000/', sec-ch-ua-mobile: '?0', User-Agent: sec-ch-ua-platform: "Windows"}

Response status code: 200

Response headers:

{date: 'Fri, 24 Sep 2021 07:08:02 GMT', content-encoding: 'gzip', x-content-type-options: 'nosniff', server: 'ESF', Vary: 'Origin'}

Response body:

{kind: 'books#volumes', totalItems: 300, items: Array(25)}

```
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '/books/v1/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< true
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '/books/v1/volumes', { matchBase: true })
< false
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< false
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '*/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< false
> Cypress.minimatch('/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxResults=25&langRestrict=en&filter=ebooks', '**/volumes?*', { matchBase: true })
< true
```

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`cy.route()` & `cy.server()`

`cy.route()`
`cy.server()`

- Both `cy.route()` and `cy.server()` have been **deprecated**
 - Use `cy.intercept()` instead!



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Waiting for a response

cy.wait()

- Waits for a network request to complete
 - It can wait on multiple requests
- Fails the test if the requests doesn't complete in time
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/wait>

cy.wait()



```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
41 it('waiting for a fetch()', () => {
42   cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*').as('book-search');
43
44   cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
45   cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
46
47   cy.wait('@book-search');
48
49   cy.contains('.card-title', "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy").should(
50     'be.visible'
51   );
52 });
```

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Faking AJAX responses

Faking AJAX responses

- Use a `staticResponse` to return a predetermined response
 - Preventing the original AJAX request
- Set the `statusCode`, `body` and/or `headers` options as needed
- The `fixture` option loads a file from the `cypress/fixtures` folder
 - The fixture location is configurable
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/intercept#staticResponse-lt-code-gtStaticResponse-lt-code-gt>

Faking AJAX responses

Pro's

- Faster
- No dependencies on the backend services
- No need to reset the DB between tests
- No issues with external API's

Con's

- Doesn't test the application as it will be used
- The API response might be updated

search.spec.js



```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
54   it('respond with fake data', () => {
55     cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*',{ fixture: 'douglas-adams.json' }).as(
56       'book-search'
57     );
58
59     cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
60     cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
61
62     cy.contains('.card-title', 'Book two').should('be.visible');
63   });
```

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Intercepting the response

Intercepting the response

- Using `cy.wait()` with an AJAX request yields the response object
 - With a JSON body object if appropriate
- Use the response data to test the UI elements
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/wait#Yields>

search.spec.js



```
JS search.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
54   it('intercept and use the response', () => {
55     cy.intercept('/books/v1/volumes?*').as('book-search');
56
57     cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
58     cy.get('input').type('Douglas Adams{enter}');
59
60     cy.wait('@book-search').then((xhr) => {
61       const books = xhr.response.body.items;
62
63       books.forEach((book, index) => {
64         cy.get('.card')
65           .eq(index)
66           .within(() => {
67             cy.get('.card-title').should('have.text', book.volumeInfo.title);
68             cy.get('.card-author').should(
69               'have.text',
70               book.volumeInfo.authors.join(', ')
71             );
72           });
73       });
74     });
75   });
76 });
```

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Making network requests

cy.request()

- Using `cy.request()` you can make network requests from a test
 - Useful for testing your API's
 - Submitting URL encoded forms
 - Calling an API to seed test data
 - Etc...
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/request>

Login example

```
JS request.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS request.spec.js > ...
6   it.skip('to login and retrieve the token', () => {
7     cy.request('POST', '/login', {
8       username: 'maurice.de.beijer',
9       password: 'p@ssw0rd',
10    })
11    .its('body.token')
12    .then((token) => {
13      console.log(`Token: ${token}`);
14    });
15  });
```

request.spec.js



```
JS request.spec.js M X
cypress > integration > JS request.spec.js > ...
17 it('to search for Douglas Adams', () => {
18   cy.request(
19     'https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=inauthor:Douglas+Adams&maxR
20   ).as('response');
21
22   cy.get('@response').its('body.kind').should('equal', 'books#volumes');
23   cy.get('@response').its('body.totalItems').should('be.greaterThan', 350);
24   cy.get('@response').its('body.items').should('have.length', 25);
25   cy.get('@response').its('body.items.0.volumeInfo.title').should('exist');
26   cy.get('@response').its('body.items.0.volumeInfo.authors').should('exist');
27 });
```

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Continuous Integration

Continuous Integration

- Run your Cypress tests as part of your CI process
 - Make sure all tests pass before merging a pull request
- Tests need to run against the local code in the PR
 - Run your application with a development server
- The steps can vary between different environments
 - But the same principal applies everywhere

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CI using GitHub Actions

GitHub Actions

- Run Cypress as part of a **GitHub CI/CD pipeline**
 - Only deploy the application if the tests pass
- Run the development server on the **GitHub infrastructure**
 - Run the Cypress tests against this GitHub hosted server
- The **cypress-io/github-action** often makes this easy
 - Supports most of the common use cases
- <https://docs.cypress.io/guides/continuous-integration/github-actions>

cypress-io.yml



```
! cypress-io.yml U x
.github > workflows > ! cypress-io.yml
1  name: Cypress CI Tests
2
3  on:
4    # Manual button click from the GitHub UI
5    workflow_dispatch:
6    push:
7      branches: [main]
8    pull_request:
9      branches: [main]
10
11 jobs:
12   start:
13     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
14     steps:
15       - name: Checkout Code
16         uses: actions/checkout@v2
17
18       - name: Run Cypress E2E Tests
19         uses: cypress-io/github-action@v2
20         with:
21           start: npm start
22           wait-on: 'http://localhost:3000'
23
24       - name: Upload Cypress Screenshots
25         uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
26         if: failure()
27         with:
28           name: Cypress screenshots
29           path: cypress/screenshots
```

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Cypress Continuous Integration Steps

Cypress CI Steps

- The **basic steps** for a Cypress continuous integration process are:
 1. Get the latest version of the application
 2. Run `npm install`
 3. Start the web server
 4. Execute a `cypress run`
 5. Report the result

Booting the web server

- **Booting the web server** can be tricky
 - It should not block the process
 - The Cypress tests should only start when the app is available
- The [start-server-and-test](#) NPM package is very useful

cypress-io.yml



```
! cypress-io.yml M x
.github > workflows > ! cypress-io.yml
14 steps:
15   - name: Checkout Code
16     uses: actions/checkout@v2
17
18   - name: NPM Install
19     run: npm ci
20
21   - name: Install Start Server and Test
22     run: npm install start-server-and-test --no-save
23
24   - name: Run Application and Cypress E2E Tests
25     run: npx start-server-and-test start http://localhost:3000 cypress:run
26
27   - name: Upload Cypress Screenshots
28     uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
29     if: failure()
30     with:
31       name: Cypress screenshots
32       path: cypress/screenshots
33
34   - name: Upload Cypress Videos
35     uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
36     if: failure()
37     with:
38       name: Cypress videos
39       path: cypress/videos
```

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Using a Docker container

Docker containers

- Using Docker containers can help create a **consistent environment**
 - The same runtime locally and on the CI server
- Required when doing **visual regression testing**
 - Often a good approach
- <https://hub.docker.com/r/cypress/included>

cypress-io.yml



```
! cypress-io.yml X
.github > workflows > ! cypress-io.yml
11 jobs:
12   start:
13     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
14     container:
15       image: cypress/included:8.5.0
16       options: --ipc=host
17
18   steps:
19     - name: Checkout Code
20       uses: actions/checkout@v2
```

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Flaky tests

Flaky tests

- Flaky tests are tests that **sometimes fail** and sometimes pass without any change in code
- Cypress can **automatically retry failing tests** to detect flakiness
 - Helps prevent a complete CI build from failing
 - The underlying flaky test should still be fixed

cypress.json



```
cypress.json M x
cypress.json > ...
You, seconds ago | 1 author (You)
1 {
2   "$schema": "https://on.cypress.io/cypress.schema.json",
3   "baseUrl": "http://localhost:3000",
4   "retries": {
5     "runMode": 3,
6     "openMode": 1
7   },
8   "ignoreTestFiles": ["**/1-getting-started/*", "**/2-advanced-examples/*"]
9 }
```

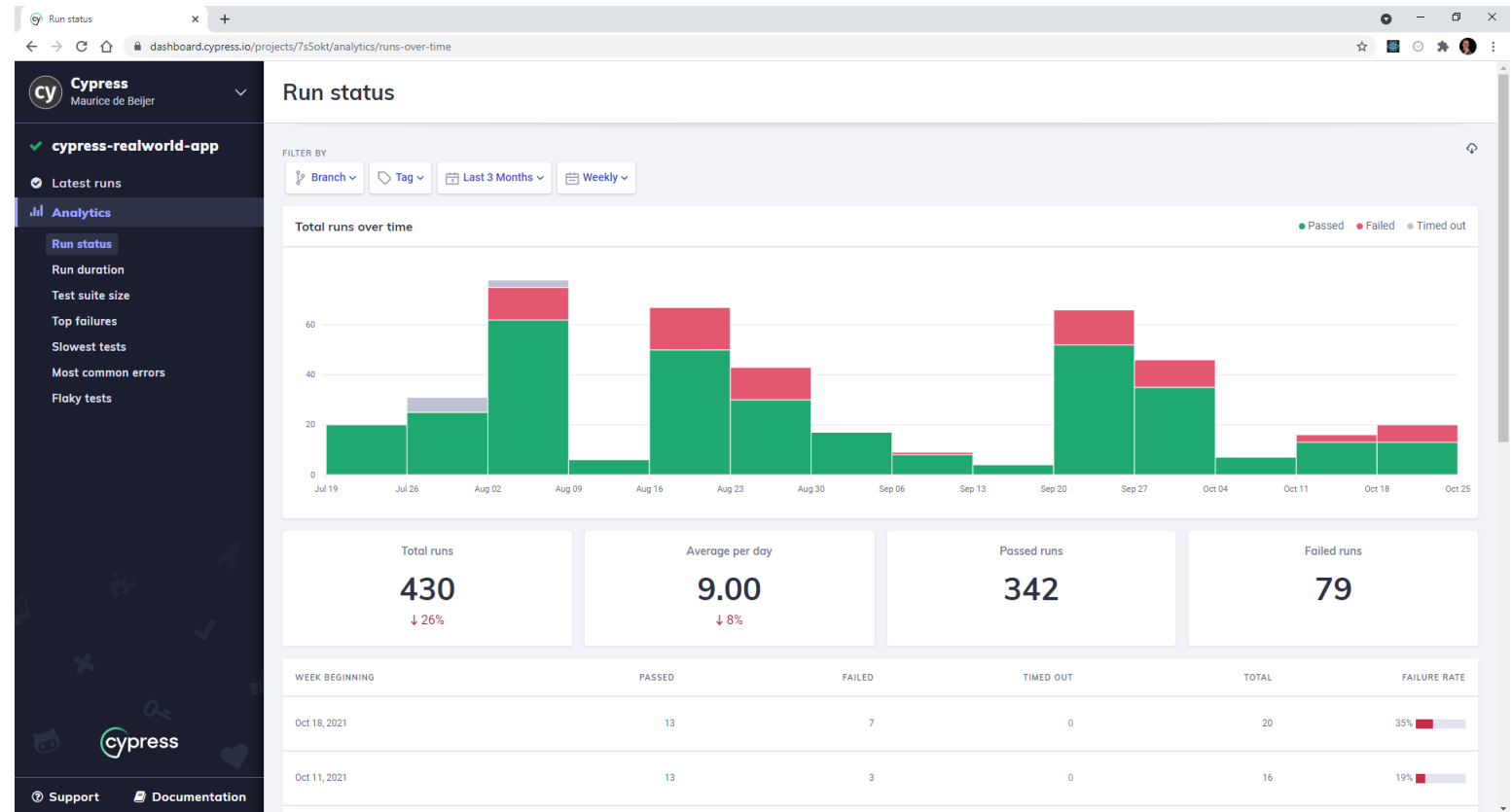
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The Cypress Dashboard

Cypress Dashboard

- Makes it easy to **see what is happening** on the CI server
- **Saves a video** of the test running
- **Not required**, totally optional
 - This is a paid for option
 - With a limited free tier to get started

Cypress Dashboard



cypress-io.yml

```
! cypress-io.yml x package.json
.github > workflows > ! cypress-io.yml
11 jobs:
12   start:
13     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
14     container:
15       image: cypress/included:8.6.0
16       options: --ipc=host
17     env:
18       CYPRESS_PROJECT_ID: ${ secrets.CYPRESS_PROJECT_ID }
19       CYPRESS_RECORD_KEY: ${ secrets.CYPRESS_RECORD_KEY }
20
21     steps:
22       - name: Checkout Code
23         uses: actions/checkout@v2
24
25       - name: NPM Install
26         run: npm ci
27
28       - name: Install Start Server and Test
29         run: npm install start-server-and-test --no-save
30
31       - name: Run Application and Cypress E2E Tests
32         run: npx start-server-and-test start http://localhost:3000 cypress:run
```

package.json

```
! cypress-io.yml {} package.json X
{} package.json > ...
15   "scripts": {
16     "start": "react-scripts start",
17     "build": "react-scripts build",
18     "test": "react-scripts test",
19     "prettier": "prettier --write {src,public}/**/*",
20     "cypress:open": "cypress open",
21     "cypress:run": "cypress run --record"
22   },
```

The dashboard



Book Search

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100% Onboarding complete
Great work! Now invite your teammates to share your test suite analytics.
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✓ Book Search
View all projects

Latest runs

Analytics

- Run status
- Run duration
- Test suite size
- Top failures
- Slowest tests
- Most common errors
- Flaky tests

Project settings

Support Documentation

Merge ef893e7a3714af60cea3f2812411c989dfb98b71 into 2a4062fbccde85beff49c1ec7f64...
Maurice de Beijer · Ran 5 mins ago · 00:46 · refs/pull/4/merge · GitHub Actions 1371708202 · #1

Overview Test Results 9 Specs 3

All specs are complete! ✓ 3 specs passed

SORT BY: Execution order FILTER BY: Status Flaky Tests Last Modified Spec File Run Group Browser Operating System

flaky.spec.js	✓ 1	123ms	Linux Debian - 10.11	Electron 93	View Output
Flaky tests > will fail sometimes					>
request.spec.js	○ 1	981ms	Linux Debian - 10.11	Electron 93	View Output
Using cy.request() > to login and retrieve the token					>
Using cy.request() > to search for Douglas Adams					>
search.spec.js	✓ 6	00:19	Linux Debian - 10.11	Electron 93	View Output
Search > For books by Douglas Adams					>
Search > intercept with a StringMatcher					>
Search > intercept with a RouteMatcher					>
Search > wait for fetch()					>
Search > intercept and fake the response					>

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Local GitHub Actions

Local GitHub Actions

- Using [Act](#) you can run GitHub Actions on a local machine
 - Much easier to test and debug actions
- Runs in a local Docker container
- Cypress tests needs to run in a cypress/included image
 - To prevent: Your system is missing the dependency: Xvfb
- Use a .secrets and/or a .env file to configure the environment
 - Or skip steps if needed

Running Act



```
PS C:\Repos\cypress-tutorial-demos\book-search> act
[cyress CI Tests/start] Start image=cyress/included:9.1.1
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker run image=cyress/included:9.1.1 platform= entrypoint=["/usr/bin/tail" "-f" "/dev/null"] cmd=[]
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker exec cmd=[mkdir -m 0777 -p /var/run/act] user=root
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker cp src=C:\Repos\cypress-tutorial-demos\book-search\ dst=/mnt/c/Repos/cypress-tutorial-demos\book-search
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker exec cmd=[mkdir -p /mnt/c/Repos/cypress-tutorial-demos\book-search] user=
[cyress CI Tests/start] Run Checkout Code
[cyress CI Tests/start] Success - Checkout Code
[cyress CI Tests/start] Run Run Cypress E2E Tests
time="2021-12-15T14:37:23+01:00" level=info msg=" * git clone 'https://github.com/cypress-io/github-action' # ref=v2"
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker cp src=C:\Users\mauri\cache\act\cypress-io-github-action@v2/ dst=/var/run/act/actions/cypress-io-github-action@v2/
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker exec cmd=[mkdir -p /var/run/act/actions/cypress-io-github-action@v2/] user=
[cyress CI Tests/start] docker exec cmd=[node /var/run/act/actions/cypress-io-github-action@v2/dist/index.js] user=
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::Resolved Keys:
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::["npm-linux-x64-3de529f50eafb2251381de866ff8199033b27c3ddba611a254aeb57060252ff2dbc7ab3bd26577daaff1f874d1a4bee3dd19bae7a35b55bfa252b62d87af365bc", "npm-linux-x64-3de529f50eafb2251381de866ff8199033b27c3ddba611a254aeb57060252ff2dbc7ab3bd26577daaff1f874d1a4bee3dd19bae7a35b55bfa252b62d87af365bc"]
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::Checking zstd --version
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::Resolved Keys:
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::["cypress-linux-x64-3de529f50eafb2251381de866ff8199033b27c3ddba611a254aeb57060252ff2dbc7ab3bd26577daaff1f874d1a4bee3dd19bae7a35b55bfa252b62d87af365bc", "cypress-linux-x64-3de529f50eafb2251381de866ff8199033b27c3ddba611a254aeb57060252ff2dbc7ab3bd26577daaff1f874d1a4bee3dd19bae7a35b55bfa252b62d87af365bc"]
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::Checking zstd --version
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::Unable to locate executable file: zstd. Please verify either the file path exists or the file can be found within a directory specified by the PATH environment variable. Also check the file mode to verify the file is executable.
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::getCacheEntry - Attempt 1 of 2 failed with error: Cache Service Url not found, unable to restore cache.
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::Unable to locate executable file: zstd. Please verify either the file path exists or the file can be found within a directory specified by the PATH environment variable. Also check the file mode to verify the file is executable.
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::getCacheEntry - Attempt 1 of 2 failed with error: Cache Service Url not found, unable to restore cache.
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::getCacheEntry - Attempt 2 of 2 failed with error: Cache Service Url not found, unable to restore cache.
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::getCacheEntry - Attempt 2 of 2 failed with error: Cache Service Url not found, unable to restore cache.
[cyress CI Tests/start] ::debug::
[cyress CI Tests/start] Restoring NPM cache error: getCacheEntry failed: Cache Service Url not found, unable to restore cache.
[cyress CI Tests/start] Restoring Cypress cache error: getCacheEntry failed: Cache Service Url not found, unable to restore cache.
[command]/usr/local/bin/npm ci
npm WARN deprecated querystring@0.2.0: The querystring API is considered Legacy. new code should use the URLSearchParams API instead.
npm WARN deprecated uuid@3.4.0: Please upgrade to version 7 or higher. Older versions may use Math.random() in certain circumstances, which is known to be problematic. See https://v8.dev/blog/math-random for details.
npm WARN deprecated urix@0.1.0: Please see https://github.com/lydell/urix#deprecated
npm WARN deprecated chokidar@2.1.8: Chokidar 2 will break on node v14+. Upgrade to chokidar 3 with 15x less dependencies.
npm WARN deprecated chokidar@2.1.8: Chokidar 2 will break on node v14+. Upgrade to chokidar 3 with 15x less dependencies.
npm WARN deprecated sane@4.1.0: some dependency vulnerabilities fixed, support for node < 10 dropped, and newer ECMAScript syntax/features added
npm WARN deprecated resolve-url@0.2.1: https://github.com/lydell/resolve-url#deprecated
npm WARN deprecated rollup-plugin-babel@4.4.0: This package has been deprecated and is no longer maintained. Please use @rollup/plugin-babel.
npm WARN deprecated svgo@1.3.2: This SVGO version is no longer supported. Upgrade to v2.x.x.
npm WARN deprecated flatten@1.0.3: Flatten is deprecated in favor of utility frameworks such as lodash.
npm WARN deprecated babel-eslint@10.1.0: babel-eslint is now @babel/eslint-parser. This package will no longer receive updates.
npm WARN deprecated @hapi/bourne@1.3.2: This version has been deprecated and is no longer supported or maintained
npm WARN deprecated @hapi/topo@3.1.6: This version has been deprecated and is no longer supported or maintained
npm WARN deprecated @hapi/address@2.1.4: Moved to 'npm install @sideway/address'
npm WARN deprecated @hapi/hoek@8.5.1: This version has been deprecated and is no longer supported or maintained
npm WARN deprecated @hapi/joi@15.1.1: Switch to 'npm install joi'
npm WARN deprecated core-js@2.6.12: core-js@3.3 is no longer maintained and not recommended for usage due to the number of issues. Because of the V8 engine whims, feature detection in old core-js versions c
```

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Extending Cypress

Extending Cypress

- Cypress can be extended with commands and tasks
- A custom command run in browser
 - Just like `cy.get()`
- A task runs in the Cypress backend Node process
 - Not limited by the browsers API

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Adding Custom Commands

Custom Commands

- Commands can be used to add new commands to the cy object
 - Or overwrite already existing ones
 - Normally added in cypress/support/commands.js
- Commands can either be parent, child or dual commands
 - Depending on how they are called

commands.js

```
JS commands.js M x
cypress > support > JS commands.js > ...
27 Cypress.Commands.add('searchForAuthor', (author) => {
28   cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
29   cy.get('input').type(author);
30   cy.contains('button', 'Search').click();
31 });
```

search.spec.js



```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
88  [
89    {
90      name: 'Douglas Adams',
91      books: [
92        'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy',
93        'So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish',
94      ],
95    },
96    {
97      name: 'James S. A. Corey',
98      books: ['The Expanse', 'Leviathan Falls'],
99    },
100  ].forEach((author) => {
101    author.books.forEach((book) => {
102      it(`Search for "${book}" by "${author.name}"`, () => {
103        cy.searchForAuthor(author.name);
104
105        cy.contains('.card-title', book).should('be.visible');
106      });
107    });
108  });
109 });
```

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Adding Child Commands

Adding Child Commands

- Child commands are chained of another command
 - Either a parent or another child command
- Add the prevSubject option
 - Either true for any previous child
 - Or element, document or window to specify the type of subject
- They receive the current subject as a parameter
 - And any additional parameters

commands.js

```
JS commands.js M x
cypress > support > JS commands.js > ...

33 Cypress.Commands.add(
34   'checkSearchResultImage',
35   { prevSubject: 'element' },
36   (subject, title) => {
37     return cy
38       .wrap(subject)
39       .parents('.card')
40       .find('.card-img')
41       .should('be.visible')
42       .should('have.attr', 'alt', title);
43   }
44 );
```

search.spec.js



```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
100   ].forEach((author) => {
101     author.books.forEach((book) => {
102       it(`Search for "${book}" by "${author.name}"`, () => {
103         cy.searchForAuthor(author.name);
104
105         cy.contains('.card-title', book)
106           .should('be.visible')
107           .checkSearchResultImage(book);
108       });
109     });
110   });
111 });
```

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Writing Dual Commands

Dual Commands

- Dual commands can be used as both parent or child commands
 - Useful for some commands
- Specify that the prevSubject is optional
 - Will be undefined when used

commands.js

```
JS commands.js M x
cypress > support > JS commands.js > ...
33 Cypress.Commands.add(
34   'checkSearchResultImage',
35   { prevSubject: ['element', 'optional'] },
36   (subject, title) => {
37     return (subject ? cy.wrap(subject) : cy.contains('.card-title', title))
38       .parents('.card')
39       .find('.card-img')
40       .should('be.visible')
41       .should('have.attr', 'alt', title);
42   }
43 );
```

search.spec.js

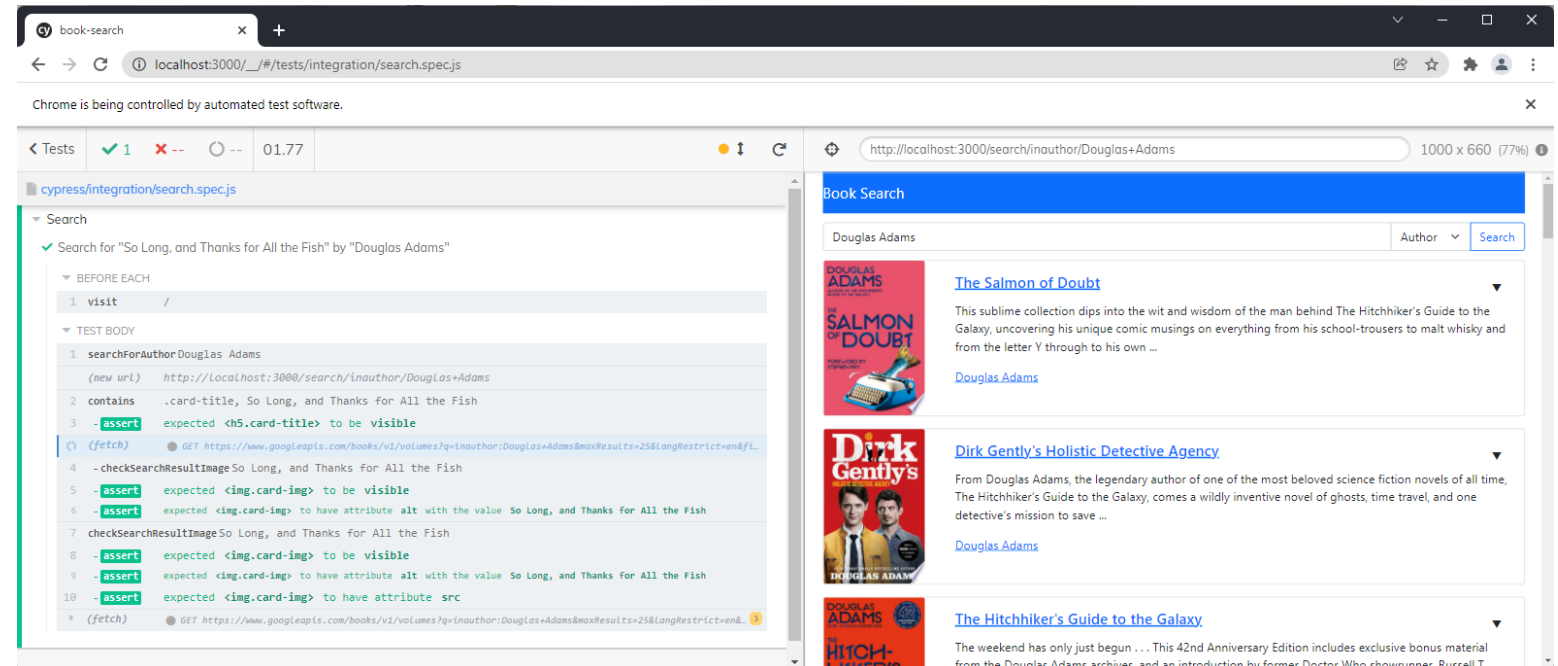


```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
100   ].forEach((author) => {
101     author.books.forEach((book) => {
102       it(`Search for "${book}" by "${author.name}"`, () => {
103         cy.searchForAuthor(author.name);
104
105         cy.contains('.card-title', book)
106           .should('be.visible')
107           .checkSearchResultImage(book);
108
109         cy.checkSearchResultImage(book).should('have.attr', 'src');
110       });
111     });
112   });
113 });
```

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Logging Custom Commands

- Using `Cypress.log()` you can add custom log messages for commands
 - Recommended for custom commands
 - There is a `cy.log()` for simple messages
- Often you will want to suppress nested log messages
 - Use the `{ log: false }` options



commands.js



```
JS commands.js M x
cypress > support > JS commands.js > ...

37 Cypress.Commands.add(
38   'checkSearchResultImage',
39   { prevSubject: ['element', 'optional'] },
40   (subject, title) => {
41     Cypress.log({
42       name: 'checkSearchResultImage',
43       message: title,
44       type: subject ? 'child' : 'parent',
45     });
46
47     return (
48       subject
49         ? cy.wrap(subject, { log: false })
50         : cy.contains('.card-title', title, { log: false })
51     )
52       .parents('.card', { log: false })
53       .find('.card-img', { log: false })
54       .should('be.visible')
55       .should('have.attr', 'alt', title);
56   }
57 );
```

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Better Command Logging

Better Command Logging

- Cypress can show additional debug information
 - When you open the dev tools console and click on a command
- The `Cypress.log()` function will accept a `consoleProps()` function
 - The result is printed to the dev tools console on click

Console Output

The screenshot displays the Cypress test runner interface. The top section shows the test suite 'cypress/integration/search.spec.js' with a search test. The test body includes several steps: visiting the search page, performing a search for 'Douglas Adams', and asserting that the search results are visible. The console output shows the following commands and assertions:

```
1 visit /
2 searchForAuthor Douglas Adams
3 contains .card-title, So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish
4 -assert expected <h5.card-title> to be visible
5 -checkSearchResultImage So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish
6 -assert expected <img.card-img> to be visible
7 -assert expected <img.card-img> to have attribute alt with the value So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish
8 checkSearchResultImage So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish
9 -assert expected <img.card-img> to be visible
10 -assert expected <img.card-img> to have attribute alt with the value So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish
11 -assert expected <img.card-img> to have attribute src
```

The web application on the right shows a 'Book Search' results page for 'Douglas Adams'. It lists three books: 'The Salmon of Doubt', 'Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency', and 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'. Each book entry includes a cover image, a title link, a brief description, and a link to the book page.

The bottom section of the interface shows the 'Console' tab with the following output:

```
Console was cleared
Command: checkSearchResultImage
Title: So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish
Subject: [h5.card-title]
Yielded: [img.card-img]
```

commands.js



```
JS commands.js M X
cypress > support > JS commands.js > ...
37 Cypress.Commands.add(
38   'checkSearchResultImage',
39   { prevSubject: ['element', 'optional'] },
40   (subject, title) => {
41     const props = {
42       title,
43       subject: subject?.toArray(),
44     };
45
46     Cypress.log({
47       type: subject ? 'child' : 'parent',
48       consoleProps: () => props,
49     });
50
51     return (
52       subject
53       ? cy.wrap(subject, { log: false })
54       : cy.contains('.card-title', title, { log: false })
55     )
56     .parents('.card', { log: false })
57     .find('.card-img', { log: false })
58     .then((el) => {
59       props.yielded = el.toArray();
60       return el;
61     })
62     .should('be.visible')
63     .should('have.attr', 'alt', title);
64   }
```

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Adding Custom Tasks

Custom Tasks

- Task are functions that run in the node environment of Cypress
 - Unlike a command that executes in the browser
- Tasks always need to return a value or a promise of a value
 - Or null in the case of no explicit value
 - Arguments and result values need to be serializable
- Tasks can be started with the `cy.task()` command
 - The result is passed to a `then()` handler
- Each task has a default timeout of `taskTimeout` (1 minute)
 - But that can be overridden using the `timeout` option

plugins/index.js

```
JS search.spec.js M JS index.js M X
cypress > plugins > JS index.js > ...
22 module.exports = (on, config) => {
23   // `on` is used to hook into various events Cypress emits
24   // `config` is the resolved Cypress config
25   on('task', {
26     log(message) {
27       console.log(`\u001B[31m${message}\u001B[39m`);
28       return null;
29     },
30     async readFileOrDefault({ filePath, defaultValue = null }) {
31       const fullPath = resolve(filePath);
32
33       try {
34         await access(fullPath);
35
36         const data = await readFile(fullPath, 'utf8');
37         return JSON.parse(data);
38       } catch (err) {}
39
40       return defaultValue;
41     },
42   });
43 };
```

search.spec.js



```
JS search.spec.js M x JS index.js M
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
114 it.only('Read an optional file', () => {
115   cy.readFile('cypress/fixtures/example.json').then(cy.log);
116   // cy.readFile('not-there.json').then(cy.log);
117
118   cy.task('readFileOrDefault', {
119     filePath: 'cypress/fixtures/example.json',
120   }).then(cy.log);
121
122   cy.task('readFileOrDefault', {
123     filePath: 'not-there.json',
124     defaultValue: { notFound: true },
125   }).then(cy.log);
126 });
127 });
```

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Combining Tasks & Commands

Combining Tasks & Commands

- Tasks are great to execute Node.js code
 - But the `cy.task()` syntax with parameters can be awkward
- Use custom commands to make tasks easier to use
 - Including IntelliSense in Visual Studio Code
 - And type checking when using TypeScript

commands.js

```
JS commands.js M X
cypress > support > JS commands.js > ...
67 Cypress.Commands.add('readFileOrDefault', (filePath, defaultValue) => {
68   Cypress.log();
69
70   return cy.task(
71     'readFileOrDefault',
72     {
73       filePath,
74       defaultValue,
75     },
76     { log: false }
77   );
78 });
```

search.spec.js



```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
114 | it.only('use a task', () => {
115 |   cy.log('=> Log this message in Cypress. <==');
116 |   cy.task('log', '=> Log this message in the Node console. <==');
117 |
118 |   cy.readFile('cypress/fixtures/example.json').then(cy.log);
119 |   // cy.readFile('not-there.json').then(cy.log);
120 |
121 |   cy.readFileOrDefault('cypress/fixtures/example.json').then(cy.log);
122 |   cy.readFileOrDefault('not-there.json', { notFound: true }).then(cy.log);
123 | });
124 | });
```

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Cypress Testing Library

Cypress Testing Library

- Test your UI components in a **more user-centric way**
 - Users don't use CSS queries
- Allows **better queries** within Cypress
 - Queries are often based on accessibility
- **DOM/React/Vue/Angular/Svelte Testing Library**
 - Also usable **with Jest**
 - Using the same query functions

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Tip & Tricks

Tip & Tricks



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IntelliSense in Visual Studio Code

IntelliSense

- Add a reference to a package types using **triple slash directives**
 - `/// <reference types="cypress" />`



```
JS search.spec.js 4 X
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...
1  /// <reference types="cypress" />
2
3  describe('Search', () => {
4    beforeEach(() => {
5      cy.visit('/');
6    });
7  });
```

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Configuring ESLint

Configuring ESLint

- Install the [eslint-plugin-cypress](#) NPM package
- Extend the **plugin:cypress/recommended** in your ESLint config

package.json



```
package.json M x
package.json > ...
23  "eslintConfig": {
24    "extends": [
25      "react-app",
26      "plugin:cypress/recommended"
27    ]
28  },
29  "browserslist": {
30    "production": [
31      ">0.2%",
32      "not dead",
33      "not op_mini all"
34    ],
35    "development": [
36      "last 1 chrome version",
37      "last 1 firefox version",
38      "last 1 safari version"
39    ]
40  },
41  "devDependencies": {
42    "@testing-library/jest-dom": "^5.14.1",
43    "@testing-library/react": "^12.1.0",
44    "@testing-library/user-event": "^13.2.1",
45    "@types/jest": "^27.0.1",
46    "@types/node": "^16.9.1",
47    "@types/react": "^17.0.20",
48    "@types/react-dom": "^17.0.9",
49    "@types/react-router-dom": "^5.1.8",
50    "cypress": "^8.4.0",
51    "eslint-plugin-cypress": "^2.12.1",
```

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Faking Math.random()

Faking Math.random()

- The `cy.stub()` command will let fake an existing function
 - Including native browser functions
- It returns a Sinon.js stub
- A `cy.visit()` reloads the page and resets the stub
- <https://docs.cypress.io/api/commands/stub>

random.spec.js



```
JS random.spec.js U X
cypress > integration > JS random.spec.js > ...
1  /// <reference types='cypress' />
2
3  describe('Random numbers', () => {
4    beforeEach(() => {
5      cy.visit('/random.html');
6
7      const randomQueue = [
8        0.1750883340521796, 0.9007112009326497, 0.0019656171919002485,
9        0.740324897488438, 0.555555555555555, 0.666666666666666,
10     ];
11
12     cy.window().then((win) => {
13       cy.stub(win.Math, 'random').callsFake(() => {
14         const rnd = randomQueue.shift();
15         randomQueue.push(rnd);
16         return rnd;
17       });
18     });
19   });
20
21   it('Make sure they are there', () => {
22     cy.get('#btn-generate').click();
23
24     cy.contains('Random number 1: 0.1750883340521796').should('be.visible');
25     cy.contains('Random number 2: 0.9007112009326497').should('be.visible');
26   });
27 });
```

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Overriding the configuration

Overriding the configuration

- You can override the Cypress runtime configuration as needed
 - Using the `--config` command line option
- Useful to run the Cypress tests against another base URL
 - Like an acceptance environment

package.json



```
{} package.json M x
{} package.json > ...
15   "scripts": {
16     "start": "react-scripts start",
17     "build": "react-scripts build",
18     "test": "react-scripts test",
19     "prettier": "prettier --write {src,public}/**/*.{js,ts,jsx,tsx,css,json,html}",
20     "cypress:open": "cypress open",
21     "cypress:run": "cypress run --record",
22     "cypress:run:azure": "cypress run --config baseUrl=https://book-search.azureedge.net/"
23   },
```

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Data driven tests

Data driven tests

- Writing tests that validate the same sort of thing is common
 - The only differences are the values used
- Mocha has no `describe.each()` or `it.each()` by default
 - Easy to add using [cypress-each](#)
- Can also easy to do with a simple JavaScript loop

search.spec.js

```
JS search.spec.js M x
cypress > integration > JS search.spec.js > ...

88  [
89    {
90      name: 'Douglas Adams',
91      books: [
92        'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy',
93        'So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish',
94      ],
95    },
96    {
97      name: 'James S. A. Corey',
98      books: ['The Expanse', 'Leviathan Falls'],
99    },
100  ].forEach((author) => {
101    author.books.forEach((book) => {
102      it(`Search for "${book}" by "${author.name}"`, () => {
103        cy.get('select').select('inauthor');
104        cy.get('input').type(author.name);
105        cy.contains('button', 'Search').click();
106
107        cy.contains('.card-title', book).should('be.visible');
108      });
109    });
110  });
111 });
```

Data driven tests



book-search

localhost:3000/_/#/tests/integration/search.spec.js

Chrome is being controlled by automated test software.

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cypress/integration/search.spec.js

Search

- ✓ For books by Douglas Adams
- ✓ intercept with a StringMatcher
- ✓ intercept with a RouteMatcher
- ✓ wait for fetch()
- ✓ intercept and fake the response
- ✓ intercept and use the response
- ✓ Search for "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by "Douglas Adams"
- ✓ Search for "So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish" by "Douglas Adams"
- ✓ Search for "The Expanse" by "James S. A. Corey"
- ✓ Search for "Leviathan Falls" by "James S. A. Corey"

Book Search

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