Playwright Browser test runner

CONCEPTS

Test filters are regexes on the file path, so "login" runs every file with login in its path.

Config projects, browsers
↓ test
Workers parallel files
↓ reporter
Report HTML, traces
↓ show-trace
Trace viewer timeline, DOM

Each project in the config is one browser or device setup. Select it with --project.

SETUP

npm init playwright@latest
Scaffold config, example tests and CI file

npx playwright install
Install the default browsers

npx playwright install --with-deps
Install browsers and system libraries

RUNNING TESTS

npx playwright test
Run every test headless

npx playwright test *<file>*
Run files matching a path regex

npx playwright test *<file>*:*<line>*
Run the test at a line

npx playwright test -g "*<title>***"**
Run tests whose title matches

npx playwright test --project=*<name>*
Run one project (browser)

npx playwright test --headed
Show the browser window

npx playwright test --last-failed
Re-run only the failures

DEBUGGING

npx playwright test --ui
Interactive UI mode with time travel

npx playwright test --debug
Run with the Inspector, headed, 1 worker

npx playwright test --trace on
Record a trace for every test

npx playwright show-trace *<trace.zip>*
Open a trace in the viewer

PARALLELISM AND CI

npx playwright test --workers *<N>*
Number of workers or a percent of cores

npx playwright test --workers=1
Run serially in one worker

npx playwright test --retries *<N>*
Retry failed tests N times

npx playwright test --shard *<n>*/*<total>*
Run one slice, e.g. 2/4

npx playwright test --forbid-only
Fail if test.only is left in

REPORTS AND OUTPUT

npx playwright show-report
Open the last HTML report

npx playwright test --reporter *<name>*
Choose reporters: list, line, dot, html, json, junit

SNAPSHOTS

npx playwright test -u
Update snapshots that changed

CODEGEN

npx playwright codegen *<url>*
Record actions into test code

npx playwright codegen --save-storage *<file>*
Save logged-in state