Testing React

How do we test that the ordering is correct?

How do we test opening and closing the detail view?

How do we test clicking on the stars?

Testing Library

“The more your tests resemble the way your software is used, the more confidence they can give you.”

- Kent C. Dodds

- Test DOM nodes, not components
- Tests should work the way the application is to be used

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React Testing Library

- render(component)
  - Takes in a React component and performs a virtual render
  - can accept JSX: render(<FilmExplorer />)
  - returns an object containing the rendered component, a rerender function, and all of the queries

- rerender(component)
  - returned by render, used to change props on a mounted component

- cleanup()
  - unmount React trees (we don’t need to do this since we use jest)

- act()
  - wrapper around React act() function — make sure React tasks are complete

https://testing-library.com/docs/guiding-principles
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Query variants

- **getBy*/ get*AllBy*/
  - queries the DOM for the first matching node/array of matches
  - throws error if none are found
  - single version throws error if more than one is found

- **queryBy*/ query*AllBy*/
  - queries the DOM for the first matching node/array of matches
  - returns null or empty [] if none are found
  - single version throws error if more than one is found

- **findBy*/ find*AllBy*/
  - returns a Promise which resolves when a matching node(s) is found
  - throws error after 1000ms if none are found
  - single version throws error if more than one is found

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Query types (partial list)

- **ByText**
  - looks for an element based on the text contents of the node

- **ByRole**
  - search based on the role of the component (e.g., listitem, button, textbox, etc…)
  - can narrow the search with options like the aria-label

- **ByTestId**
  - looks for specific components based on `data-testid` value
  - this is basically the cheat code and not really in the spirit of the library

A query is a variant + a type
e.g., queryByText() or find*AllByRole

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Tools

- **screen**
  - allows us to query the entire DOM
    (screen.find*ByText(‘example’))
  - screen.debug() prints out the virtual DOM

- **fireEvent.type(component, event properties)**
  - allows us to simulate user interaction
  - `type` is any kind of HTML event: click, change, drag, drop, keyDown, etc…

Matchers: jest-dom

- **toBeDisabled**
- **toBeEnabled**
- **toBeEmpty**
- **toBeEmptyDOMElement**
- **toBeInTheDocument**
- **toBeInvalid**
- **toBeRequired**
- **toBeValid**
- **toBeVisible**
- **toContainElement**
- **toContainHTML**
- **toHaveAttribute**
- **toHaveClass**
- **toHaveFocus**
- **toHaveFormValues**
- **toHaveStyle**
- **toHaveTextContent**
- **toHaveValue**
- **toHaveDisplayValue**
- **toBeChecked**
- **toBePartiallyChecked**
- **toHaveDescription**
Example

renders the component

uses mock function for callback

finds the section

Mocking fetch

fetch-mock-jest

beforeAll(() => {
  localFilms = films.map((film) => { ...film });

  fetchMock.reset();
  fetchMock.get(
    `${server}/api/films`,
    () => localFilms
  );
  fetchMock.put(
    `${server}/api/films/102`,
    (url, options) => {
      const id = 102;
      const modifiedFilm = JSON.parse(options.body);
      localFilms = localFilms.map((film) => {
        if (id === film.id) {
          return modifiedFilm;
        } else {
          return film;
        }
      });
      return modifiedFilm;
    }
  );
});

http://www.wheresrhys.co.uk/fetch-mock/