

# Cypress on Rails

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Most of the code from this presentation can be found at

[https://github.com/stex/cypress\\_demo](https://github.com/stex/cypress_demo)



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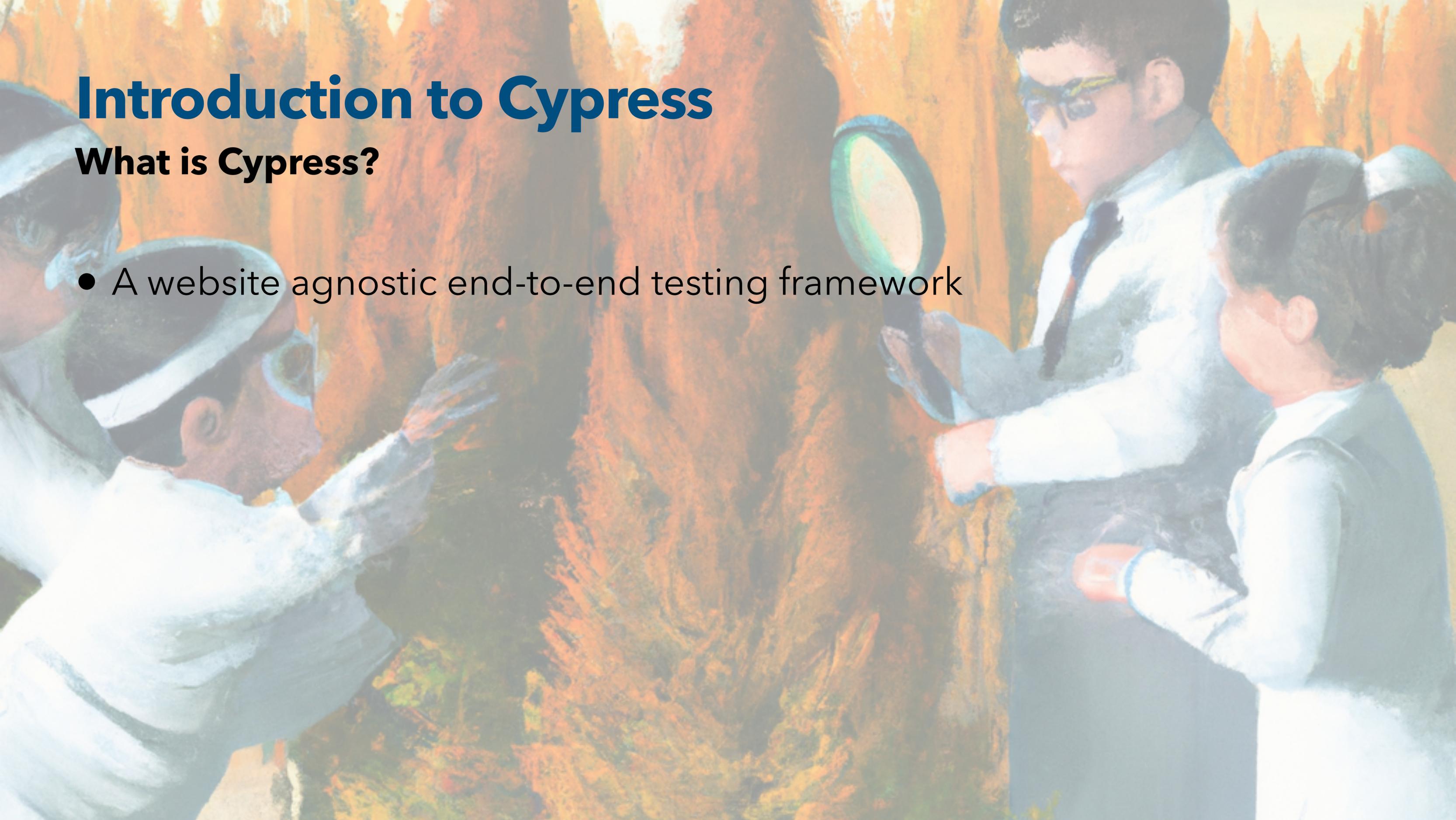
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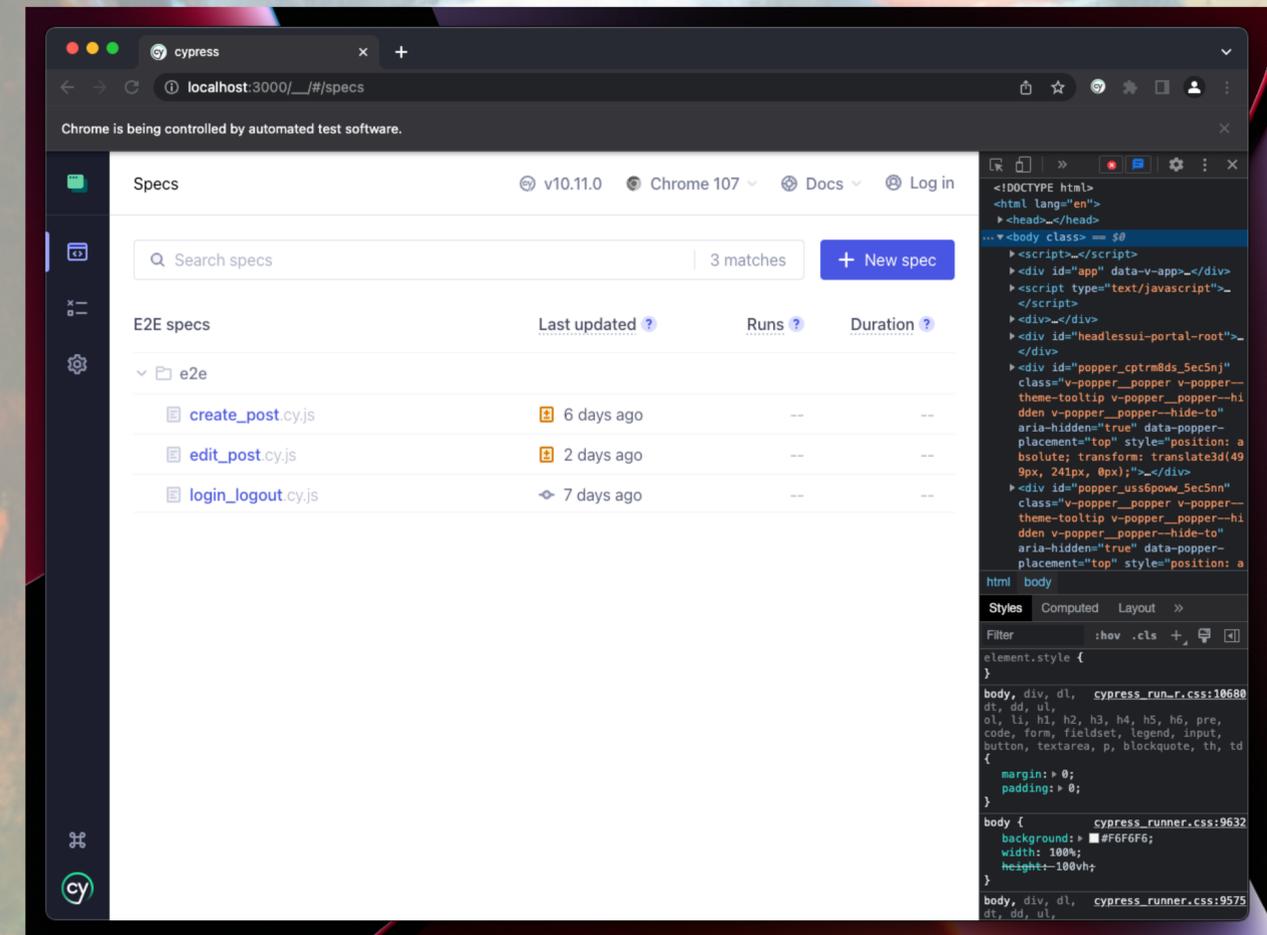
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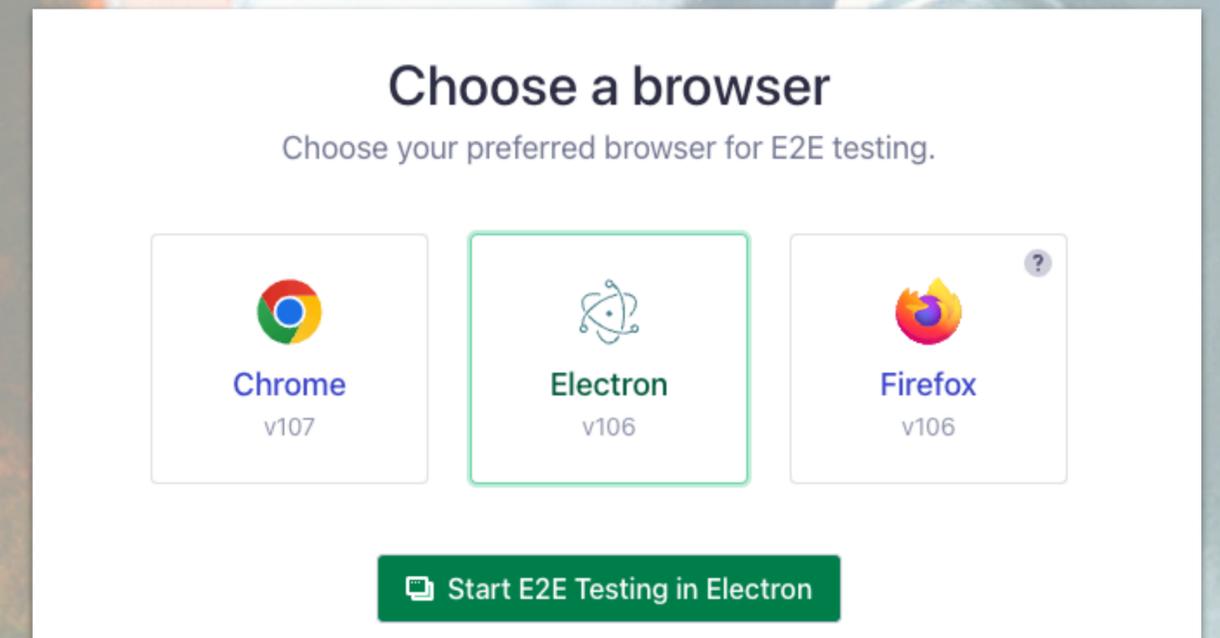
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**Choose a browser**  
Choose your preferred browser for E2E testing.

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[Start E2E Testing in Electron](#)

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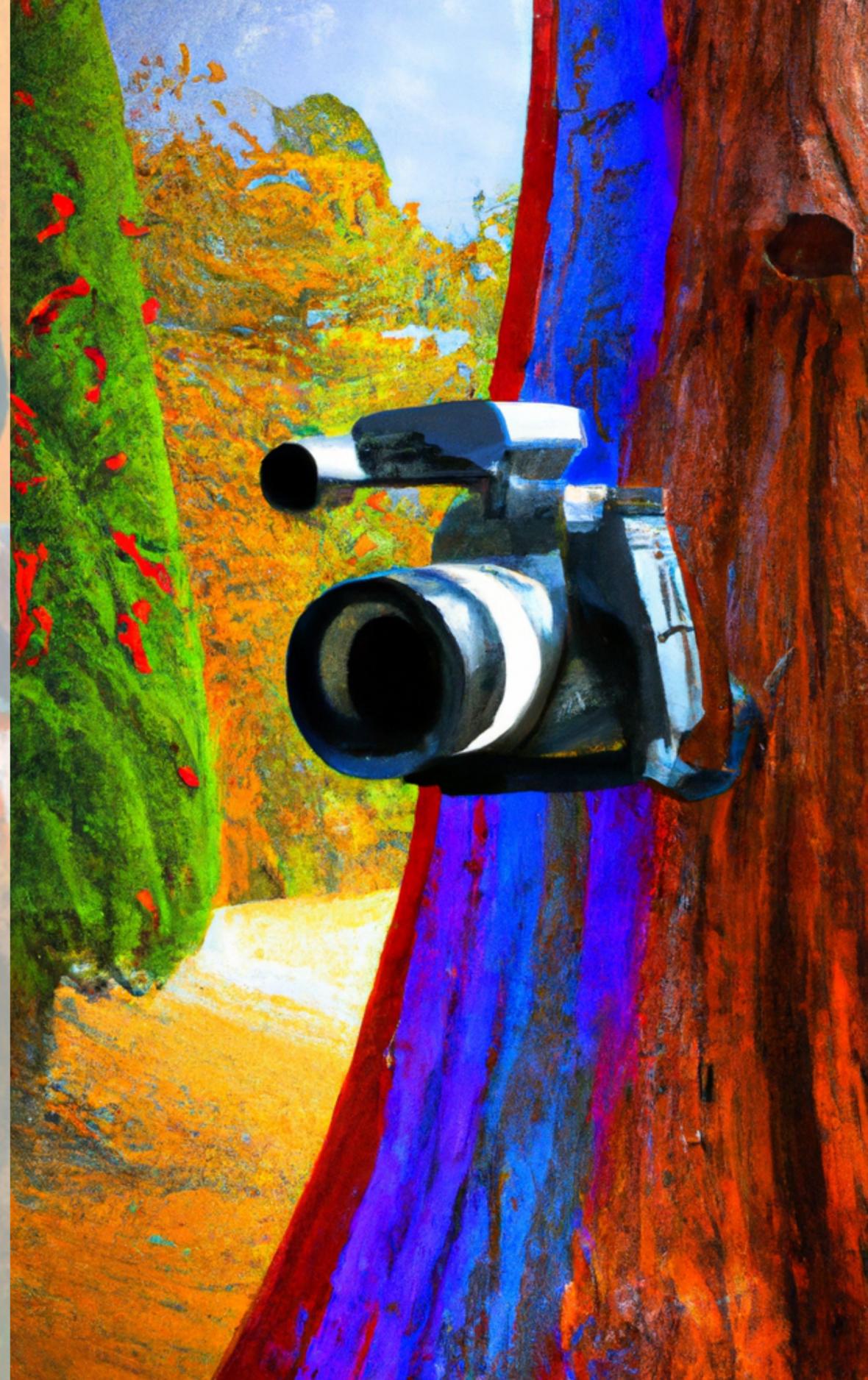
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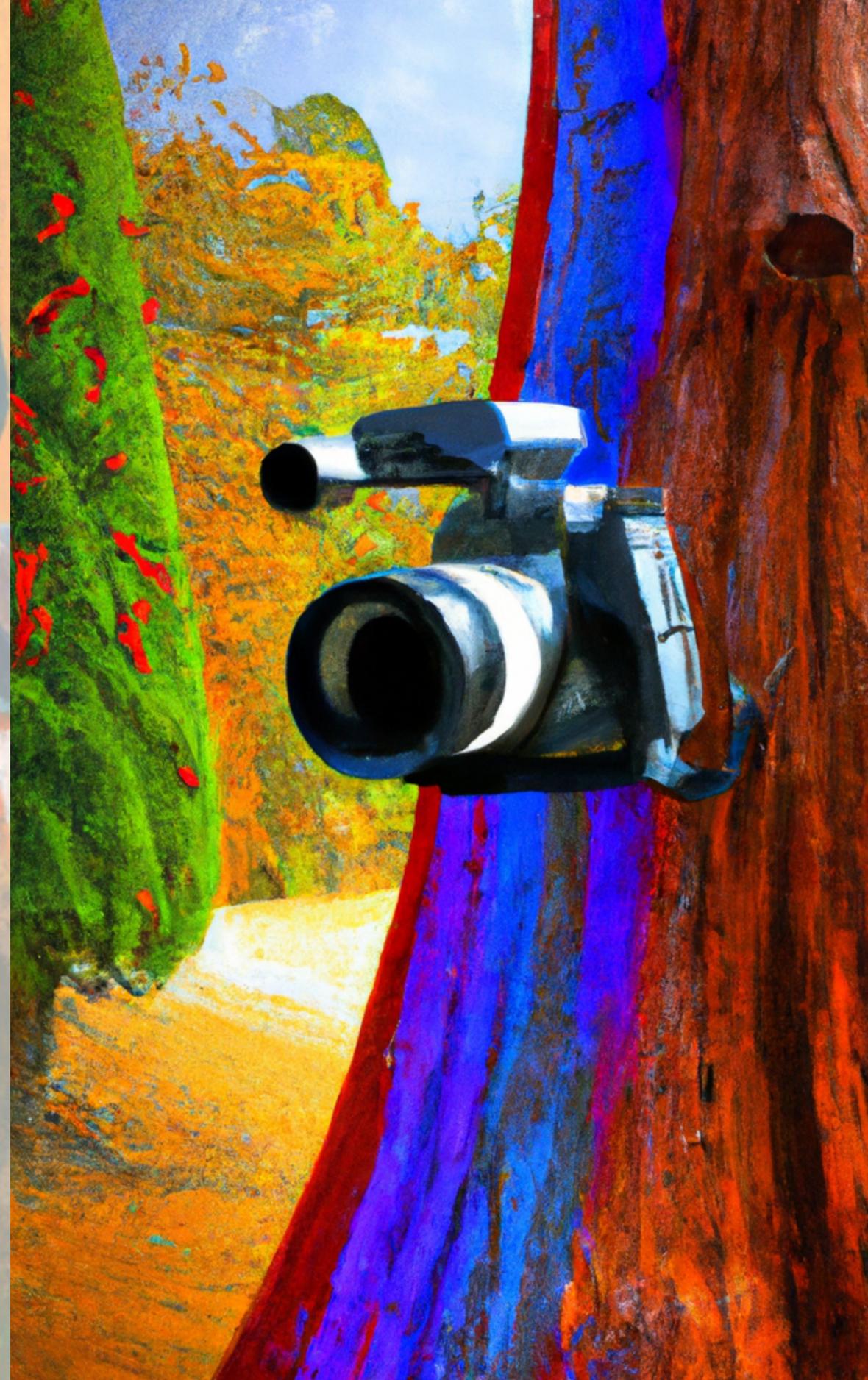
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1 // fixtures/user.json
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```
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```



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4   })
5
6   it("supports base64 representation", function () {
7     cy.fixture("beaver_angry.png").then(beaver => {
8       cy.log(beaver) // base64 representation of beaver image
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10
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12
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15
16  it("supports binary representation", function () {
17    cy.fixture("beaver_angry.png", "binary").then(beaver => {
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19      // be attached to DOM elements / file lists / ...
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  {
    prevSubject: "element"
  },
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    Array(treeCount).fill().forEach(() => {
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- A real-world example would be a login request that can be executed before the actual tests

```
1 Cypress.Commands.add('login', ({ email, password }) => {  
2   cy.request('POST', '/login', {  
3     login: email,  
4     password  
5   })  
6 })  
7  
8 cy.login({email: "user@example.com", password: "12345678"})
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- **Important:** This doesn't mean that cypress and the rails server have to be running on the same machine. You could use an external staging server to run your E2E tests against\*

\*later more regarding why that might be quite dangerous though

# Cypress on Rails

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**The middleware allows remote code execution! That's what it's made for!**

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# Cypress on Rails

## Custom Factory Commands

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2   return cy.app('factory_bot', options).then(r => r[0])  
3 }  
4  
5 Cypress.Commands.add('factory', (type, traits = [], attributes = {}) =>  
6   internalFactory('create', type, ...traits, attributes)  
7 )  
8  
9 Cypress.Commands.add('factoryList', (type, amount, traits = [], attributes = {}) =>  
10  internalFactory('create_list', type, amount, ...traits, attributes)  
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# Cypress on Rails

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```
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- cypress\_on\_rails comes with a basic app command which supports factory\_bot



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- It accepts global IDs as associations, emulating assigning a record in `factory_bot` instead of setting attributes



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# Cypress on Rails

## Scenario Base Class

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Containerisation and CI

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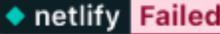
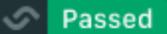
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AWS Amplify Console		amplify.yml	
AWS CodeBuild		basic/buildspec.yml	buildspec.yml
AppVeyor	 build passing	appveyor.yml	
Azure CI	 Azure Pipelines never built	basic/azure-ci.yml	azure-ci.yml
Buddy		buddy.yml	
Buildkite		.buildkite/pipeline.yml	
Circle	 FAILED	basic/.circleci/config.yml	.circleci/config.yml
Codeship Pro		basic/codeship-pro	
GitHub Actions	 Cypress parallel tests passing	single.yml	parallel.yml
GitLab	 pipeline failed	basic/.gitlab-ci.yml	.gitlab-ci.yml
Heroku CI		basic/app.json	
Jenkins		basic/Jenkinsfile	Jenkinsfile
Netlify	 netlify Failed	netlify.toml	
Semaphore v2	 Passed	basic/.semaphore.yml	.semaphore/semaphore.yml
Shippable	Shippable CI	shippable.yml	
Travis	 build passing	basic/.travis.yml	.travis.yml

# Containerisation and CI

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```
1 name: Chrome
2
3 on: push
4
5 jobs:
6   chrome:
7     runs-on: ubuntu-18.04
8     steps:
9       - name: Checkout
10        uses: actions/checkout@v1
11       - name: Chrome
12        uses: cypress-io/github-action@v4
13        timeout-minutes: 10
14        with:
15          build: npm run build
16          start: npm start
17          browser: chrome
```

# Containerisation and CI

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- Docker image with node + cypress pre-installed

```
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4   stage: test
5   script:
6     # start the server in the background
7     # ./bin/node_server.sh
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## We likely need a little more complex setup

- The demo project uses a very simple node server that's just ran as a background process
- Examples do not include additional services or dependencies for the server
- Not really how a Rails app works

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# Containerisation and CI

## Adding the Backend Service to CI

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2 cypress:
3   image: $CI_REGISTRY_IMAGE/cypress:$CI_COMMIT_REF_SLUG
4   services:
5     - postgres:14
6     - redis
7     - name: $CI_REGISTRY_IMAGE/development:$CI_COMMIT_REF_SLUG
8       alias: backend
9       command: ["/app/docker/setup_cypress_server.sh"]
10  variables:
11    RAILS_ENV: test
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Questions /  
Custom Application Requirements?



Thank you