

# Interview With Gleb

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Hi guys!

One of our wonderful speakers and workshop teachers agreed to give us a short interview. Welcome Gleb Bahmutov from Cypress!

**Jagoda (ngVikings):** Hi Gleb! Can you tell us a bit about Cypress?

**Gleb Bahmutov (Cypress):** It is a framework agnostic tool that does not depend on Angular, React, because frameworks come and go. So it's better to test the web specification not the framework or libraries. Cypress can test anything that runs in a browser! And it is an open source (MIT licence) tool for developers from developers. It has a complete documentation at [docs.cypress.io](https://docs.cypress.io).

**Jagoda:** Why did you pick this particular subject to teach at the conference? Why do you like it?

**Gleb:** I always liked a good code. I have spend a lot of time reading it and thought "How can I make it better? What if I write it differently, can I reuse it? Can I somehow clean it up?". I was using cypress before I joined my current company. I have done around 90 presentations and a lot's of different topics and this one I like the best.

E2E testing is a bit of blind spot and cypress solves that issue. I am very proud of this tool and I am not trying to sell it (open source, remember?).

**Jagoda:** What is the most awesome thing about your workshop?

**Gleb:** This month we are exploring visual testing and we are going to show it at the workshop! It means if there are changes in your UI that are purely visual, you are will know about it for sure (usually Cypress is used for functional testing).

The second thing is accessibility testing, for example, it checks that all your content, i.e. fonts, is still at the place. You just need to add a command that checks accessibility. The workshop will depend on the audience experience: we will cover topic, depending on attendees interests and I am definitely prepared for different levels.

Every exercise will be available after the workshop, even the issues that we do not have time to cover. There are no secret notes: <https://github.com/cypress-io/testing-workshop-cypress>. Another recommendation: please use Visual Studio Code or Web Storm for the workshop to it ever easier!

**Jagoda:** Who can come to the workshop? Is it for Front End developers, only...or..?

**Gleb:** Everyone, who does JavaScript! That's not just front-end developers but also back-end people, QA, testers, etc.

**Jagoda:** Indeed all kinds of developers should come to your workshop! Is there another workshop that complements learnings from yours and that you can recommend? (after a some thinking) The best complement might be Dominik's State management Redux & NgRx workshop since state management can be tested with cypress: <https://www.cypress.io/blog/2018/11/14/testing-redux-store/>.

**Jagoda:** You work at Cypress. Can you describe one day from you life?

**Gleb:** I leave my son at school, have coffee with my wife and than go to a co-working space in Boston. I work remotely.

My work consist out of lots of explorations, talking to people about how they use cypress and the things that people struggle with. I can make into a blogpost at <https://glebbahmutov.com/blog/>. I do also for myself to help remembering things and to see how far I have gotten. All of my workshops are based on users feedback.

We spend 25% of our time updating our documentation, so if you are just getting started, no worries, we got your back.

Last year I was in Copenhagen, doing workshops on meetups and it was great so I am coming back to connect with developers from all over Scandinavia and Europe!

**Jagoda:** If you were not a developer what would you be?

**Gleb:** A space engineer.

Check out Gleb's workshop at coming ngVikings conference in Copenhagen! Link: <https://ti.to/ngvikings/2019/with/bckh-xt3h70>.

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