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sleep better on release day

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"The code was working on my machine."

What actually matters

Unit

Integration

E2E

Smoke

Regression

Cross-browser

Visual regression

Accessibility

Compatibility

Manual exploratory

Performance

This is where release confidence lives.

I’m just the messenger

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The three pillars

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Integration Matrix

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Timeline Strategy

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AI Models Interoperability

The four pillars

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the scope

TinyMCE Core

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OSS plugins

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premium plugins

Two renderers, one truth

File Edit View Insert Format Tools

Explore trial

Center

thoughtfully, we can ensure our feline friends live longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives alongside us.

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Decoding Feline Communication and Body Language

Cats communicate through a complex system of vocalizations, body language, and scent marking. While many people assume cats are aloof, they are actually quite expressive once you learn to read their signals. A slow blink is a sign of affection, while a swishing tail indicates agitation. Purring typically signals contentment, though cats may also purr when stressed. By understanding these subtle cues, cat owners can respond more effectively to their pets' needs and build deeper connections with them.

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Build with tinyMCE

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shared libraries

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supported frameworks

Supported frameworks

Angular	React	Vue	Svelte
Web Components	jQuery	Ruby on Rails	Django
Laravel	.NET	Blazor	Bootstrap
Node.js	+ more		

17k+

automated tests

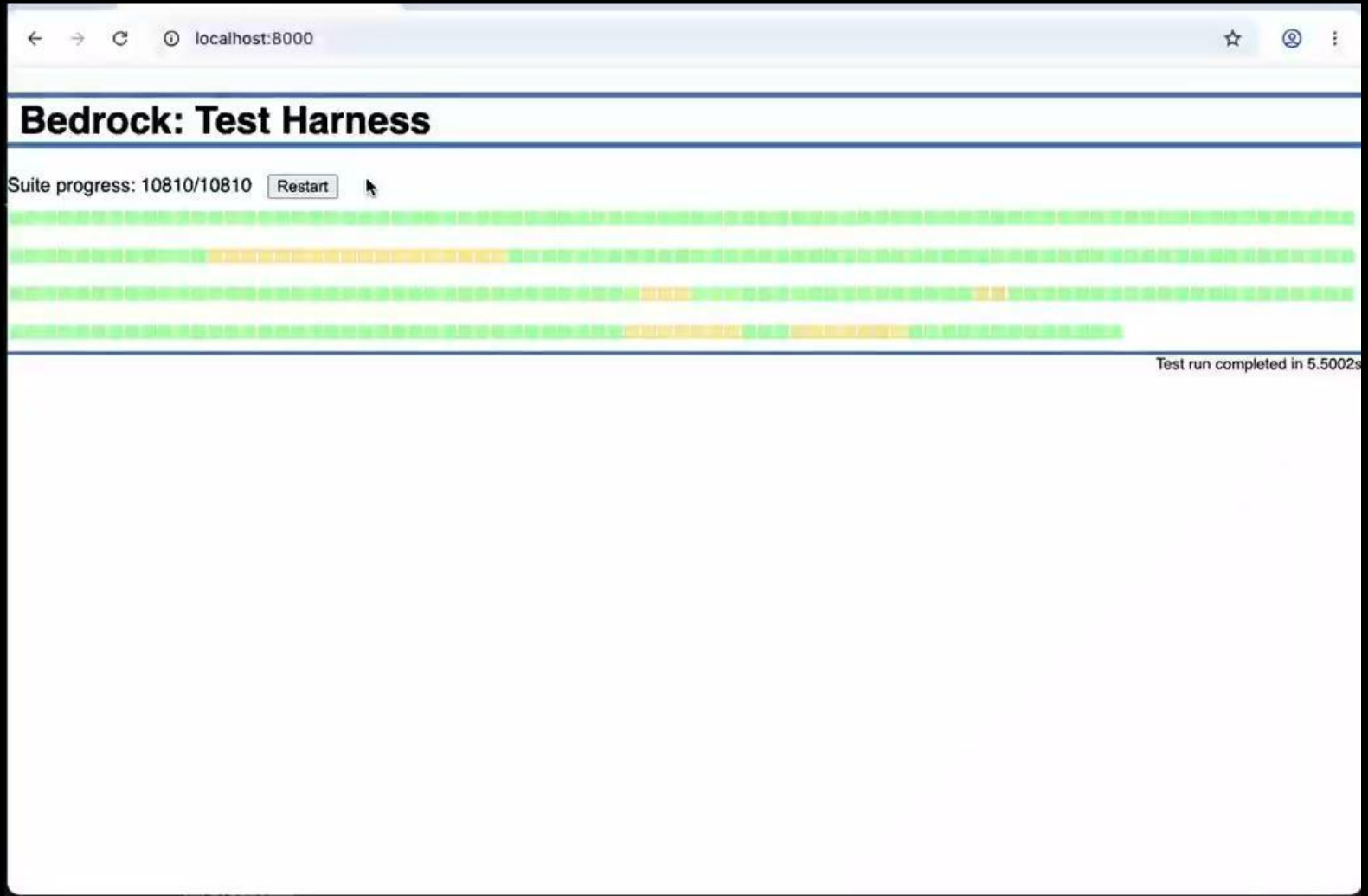
Pillar 1: integration matrix

The matrix

Bundlers (CI)	Rollup + rspack
Browsers	Chrome (Win + macOS) + Firefox (Win + macOS) + Safari (macOS) + Edge (Win)
OS	Windows latest + macOS Sequoia + (Linux for Node unit tests)

Three tiers of tests

atomic	`Node + jsdom`	*fastest, no browser*
browser	`Headless Chrome`	*real DOM, real rendering*
webdriver	`Selenium + BrowserStack`	*cross-browser, real OS*


localhost:8000
Bedrock: Test Harness
Suite progress: 10810/10810
Restart
Test run completed in 5.5002s

What we don't test

Other bundlers

Webpack · Vite · esbuild · Parcel

Real LLM providers

No live OpenAI, Anthropic, etc.

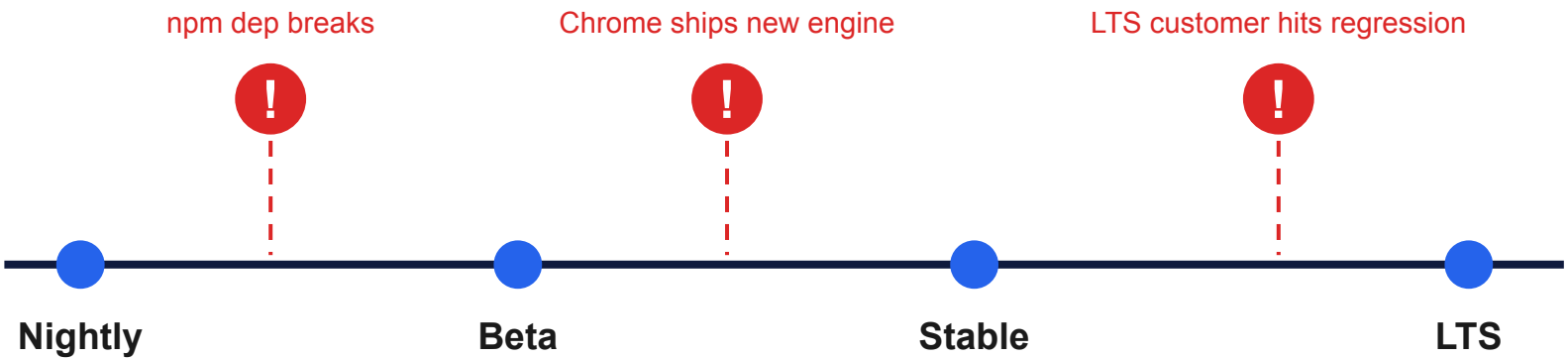
AI text content

Wording of model responses

"Pretending you have 100% coverage is a lie that bites you later."

Pillar 2: timeline strategy

You don't control the timeline



Chasing the browser

Chrome 146 (Before)

```
border-right-style: none
```

Chrome 147 (After)

```
border-right: medium none
currentcolor
```

Pasting content from Office with PowerPaste: same rendering, but different CSS.

The coverage ladder

PR build	Affected modules only on 3-browser subset
Main build	All modules with the full browser matrix
Nightly	Latest main, published to cloud
Release pipeline	Publishes RC to production

The nightly cadence

17:00 UTC

Community nightly

OSS TinyMCE → public artifact

18:00 UTC

RC nightly

Premium → cloud dev channel

Alert on transitions

#tinymce-build-status

Fires when main or release branches transition pass ↔ fail

#tinymce-releases

Release progress: started, RC built, published, etc.

The path from "done" to "in customer hands"

Exploratory phase

5 phases on TestRail

issues filed in Jira

Code freeze

no new features

candidate branch cut

RC build

premium → cloud testing

QA exercises on real build

Sign-off + release

QA Mgr + Product Mgr

publish to production

Gate the release

Content	Bugs	Editor	Docs	Sign-off
No loss or corruption	No P1 issues open	Stays operational	Updated for release	QA + Product Manager

Pillar 3:
AI models interoperability

How do you test a maybe?

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input A → output B
assert(output === B)
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Same input → same output

Non-deterministic AI

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Don't test the LLM.

Test everything around it.

No network. No tokens. No flakes.

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Force the edge cases

`delay-5000`	Pause 5 seconds before responding (test slow paths)
`error-foo`	Return a specific error envelope (test error handling)

What about production?

1. **Real session breaks**
   Customer reports a bug.

2. **/dump exports state**
   Every HTTP request, every SSE message, every error.

3. **JSON becomes fixture**
   Becomes the source for a new mock fixture

What this strategy doesn't catch

- Real provider regressions
- Content quality (whether the AI's output is actually useful)
- Token cost behavior under load

Pillar Foundation: manual

"100% automation is a lie."

What automation still misses

- Visual glitches in skins & icon packs
- Mobile touch, on-screen keyboards, gestures
- Accessibility: screen-reader behavior, focus traps
- UX & copy: confusing tooltips, awkward labels
- Undo/redo state-history bugs
- Copy/paste & drag-drop fidelity
- Console errors that don't break anything

What humans see that code can't

Print plugin didn't open print window on Firefox

Headless automation didn't catch it: headless has no print dialog.

Humans, on real machines, found it instantly.

in the end

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1. Matrix
2. Timeline
3. AI
+ Manual


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