
Web UI Automation with Selenium for Beginners Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

About the Speaker



Fig. 1: Og Maciel

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 - Red Hat Satellite
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CHAPTER 2

Objective

- Cover **Web UI automation** using **Selenium** with a focus on the **Python** programming language.
- Learn how to easily gather Web UI information, record their actions and play them back via **Selenium IDE** or **Scirocco**.
- Write **Python** code to perform the same actions **interactively**
- Write automated tests using Python's **Unittest** module 'style'
- Write automated tests using **pytest** 'style'
- Use **SauceLabs** to execute automated tests on multiple types of operating systems and web browser combinations.
- **BONUS Round:** Time permitting, use **Gitlab Pipelines** for a **Continuous Integration / Delivery** process

CHAPTER 3

Follow Along

You can get a copy of all files used in this tutorial by cloning this repository!

```
git clone https://gitlab.com/omaciel/DevConfUSA18.git
```

Then, make sure to install all the required Python modules, either using *pip*...

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

... or the *make* command:

```
make install
```


4.1 When I say web UI automation...

... I mean:

- Control a web browser and access a web page's elements...
- **Programmatically** :)

4.2 DOM Object

DOM stands for Document Object Model and “is a cross-platform and language-independent application programming interface that treats an HTML, XHTML, or XML document as a tree structure wherein each node is an object representing a part of the document. The objects can be manipulated programmatically and any visible changes occurring as a result may then be reflected in the display of the document¹.”

When you're automating a web application, your job is to locate all elements that you need to interact with:

- Fields
- Buttons
- Menus
- Images
- Spinners
- Dropdowns
- Lists
- ...

¹ DOM https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Document_Object_Model

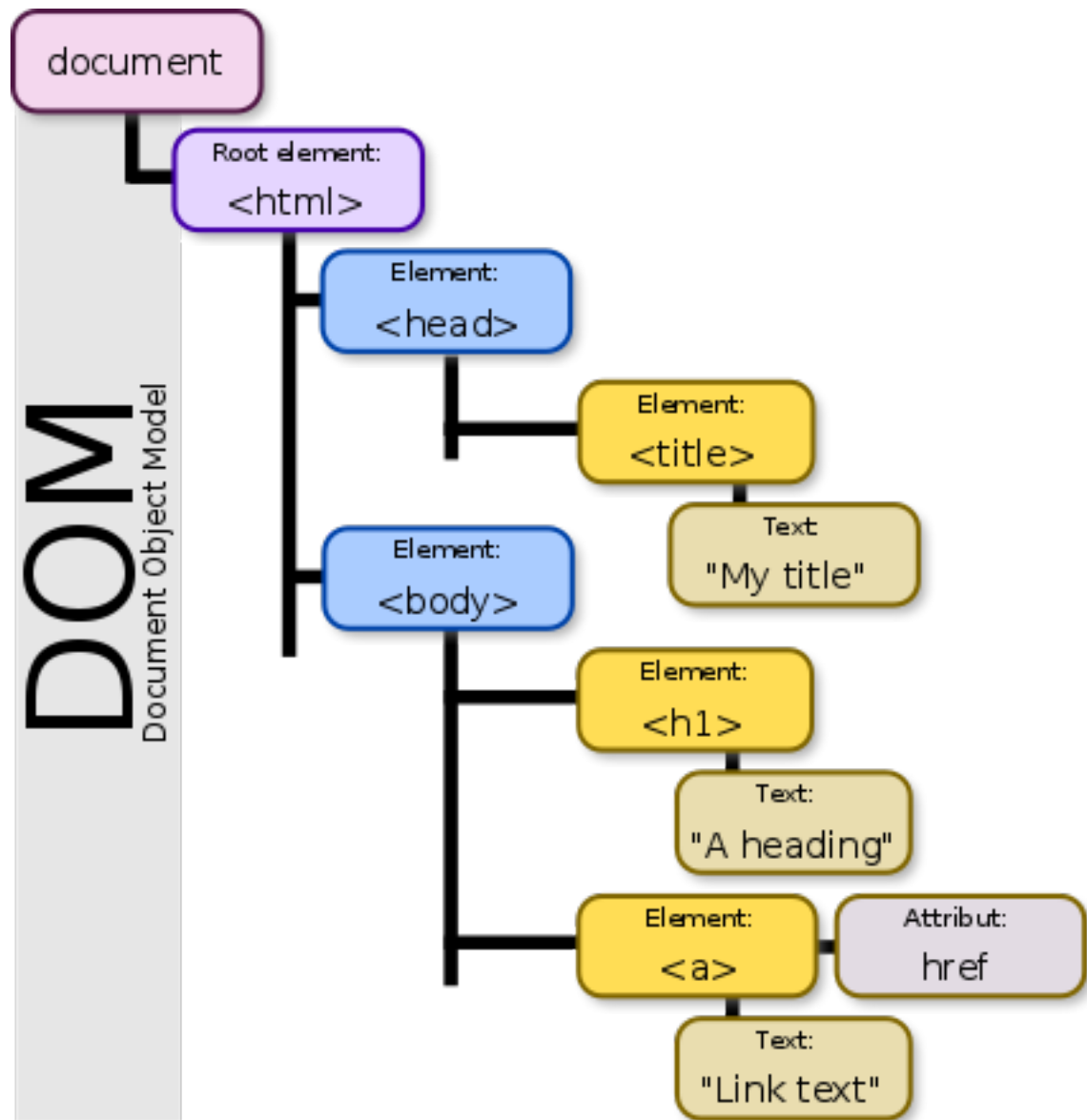


Fig. 1: Document Object Model By Birger Eriksson - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0

4.3 Locating Web Elements

There are different schemes for locating a web element, each of them having different levels of complexity and reliability:

- Text
- Value
- CSS attributes
- Tag name
- XPath²

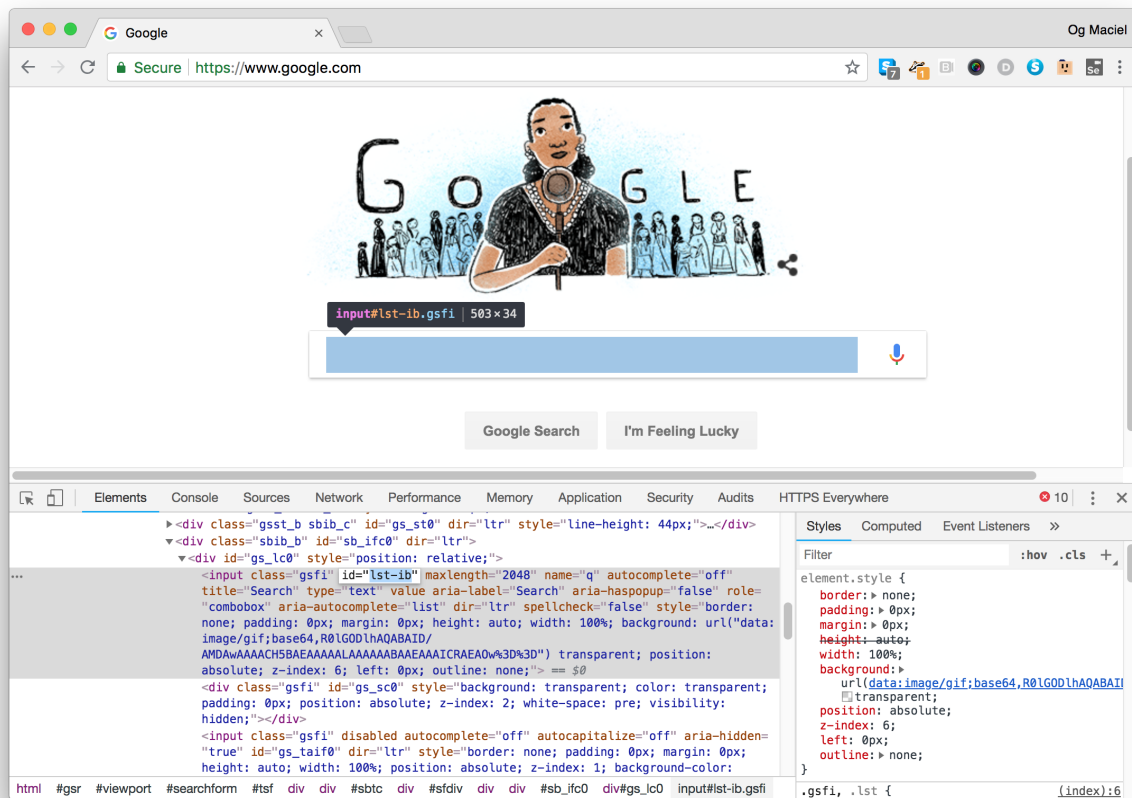


Fig. 2: Google's web page and source code for the search field.

There is a reason why I placed **XPath** at the bottom of this list:

- XPath is very fragile and any changes to a web element in the web page can break your locating strategy
- Xpath can be very **evil** too (i.e. hard to wrap your mind around it):

```
//a[contains(@href, 'compute_resources') and
normalize-space()='name']/../following-sibling::
td[@class='ellipsis']
```

² Xpath (XML Path Language) is a query language for selecting nodes from an XML document. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XPath>

CHAPTER 5

Selenium

- Selenium is a portable software-testing framework for web applications.
- It provides a test domain-specific language (Selenese) to write tests in a number of popular programming languages, including:
 - C#
 - Groovy
 - Java
 - Perl
 - PHP
 - Python
 - Ruby
 - Scala
- Selenium deploys on Windows, Linux, and MacOS platforms.
- It is open-source software, released under the Apache 2.0 license¹
- Seems to dominate the area for web UI automation
- Web ‘drivers’ let’s you programmatically control different types of web browsers
 - Firefox
 - Chrome
 - Internet Explorer or Edge
 - Safari
 - HtmlUnit (headless browser)
- *Selenese* let’s you interact with a web page’s elements

¹ Selenium [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selenium_\(software\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selenium_(software))

- Click
- Select
- Type
- Mouse movement, hovering, dragging
- ...

6.1 Overview

- Support for **Firefox** and **Chrome**
 - Requires Firefox == 61 or newer
- Records all interactions with browser
- Can replay all recordings
- Allows for multiple tests to be recorded
- **Used** to have tons of useful features but newer version has dropped most of them
- Older versions of **Selenium IDE** used to support exporting your tests to several formats, including **Python**
 - You could run the exported Python code and be done with it!

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
from selenium.webdriver.common.keys import Keys
from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import Select
from selenium.common.exceptions import NoSuchElementException
from selenium.common.exceptions import NoAlertPresentException
import unittest, time, re

class SeleniumIde(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.driver = webdriver.Firefox()
        self.driver.implicitly_wait(30)
        self.base_url = "https://www.google.com/"
        self.verificationErrors = []
        self.accept_next_alert = True

    def test_selenium_ide(self):
        driver = self.driver
        driver.get(self.base_url + "/")
        driver.find_element_by_id("lst-ib").clear()
        driver.find_element_by_id("lst-ib").send_keys("Red Hat")
        driver.find_element_by_id("lst-ib").send_keys(Keys.ENTER)
        for i in range(60):
            try:
                if u"Red Hat® Success - Trusted by the Fortune 500 - redhat.com" == driver.find_element_by_id("vs0p1c0").text: break
            except: pass
            time.sleep(1)
        else: self.fail("time out")
        driver.find_element_by_id("vs0p1c0").click()

    def is_element_present(self, how, what):
        try: self.driver.find_element(by=how, value=what)
        except NoSuchElementException as e: return False
        return True

    def is_alert_present(self):
        try: self.driver.switch_to_alert()
        except NoAlertPresentException as e: return False
```

- Now only JSON format seems to be supported

```

{id": "51a034da-3929-4bca-8581-3869764da024",
"name": "Untitled Project",
"url": "https://www.google.com",
"tests": [{
  "id": "c5b80fac-3d33-4201-aa2e-28caa41f8f3b",
  "name": "Untitled",
  "commands": [{
    "id": "77f5e1a1-9363-4592-9cb2-a9c0dd67c520",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "open",
    "target": "/",
    "value": ""
  }, {
    "id": "22c0756b-ce6c-43af-bc12-1cb94bc85034",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "type",
    "target": "id=lst-ib",
    "value": "Red Hat"
  }, {
    "id": "a6368f72-3ccf-4592-96c8-68348739a453",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "sendKeys",
    "target": "id=lst-ib",
    "value": "${KEY_ENTER}"
  }, {
    "id": "c6b1c334-30b7-482f-a448-41eec304b504",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "assertText",
    "target": "css=h3.r > a",
    "value": "Red Hat - We make open source technologies for the enterprise"
  }, {
    "id": "0f0984fa-3a1c-47d5-80e1-275019e08ac1",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "clickAt",
    "target": "css=h3.r > a",
    "value": "Red Hat - We make open source technologies for the enterprise"
  }
]}

```

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- Requires creativity to ensure that playing back actions will wait for web elements to be present

6.2 How to install it

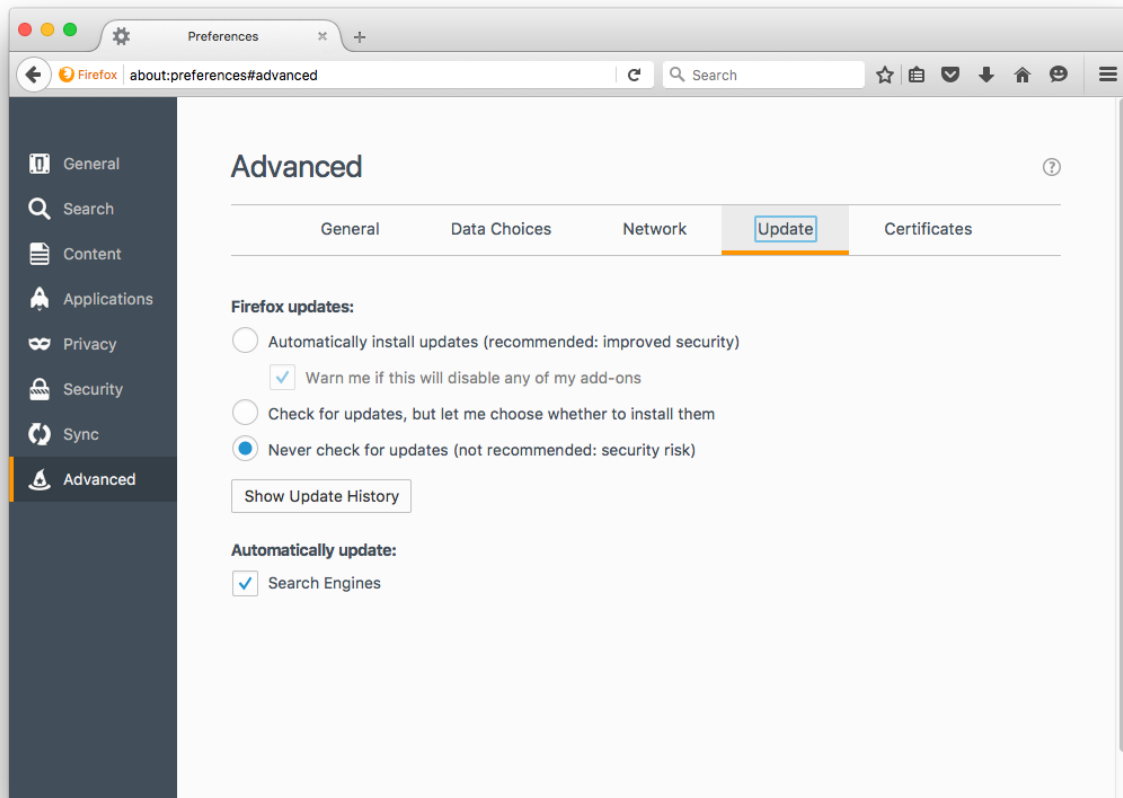
6.2.1 Firefox

- Make sure that you're using an updated version of Firefox.
 - I recommend Firefox [Quantum](#) version 61 or greater

- You **can** have multiple versions running side by side; just rename the executable to **Firefox45** for example

Important: If using an older version of **Firefox**, in order to preventing it from updating itself, you'll have to disable the automatic update feature. To do that:

- Immediately after starting Firefox, choose the **Preferences** menu
- Check the *Never check for updates (not recommended: security risk)* option



- Install [Selenium IDE for Firefox](#)

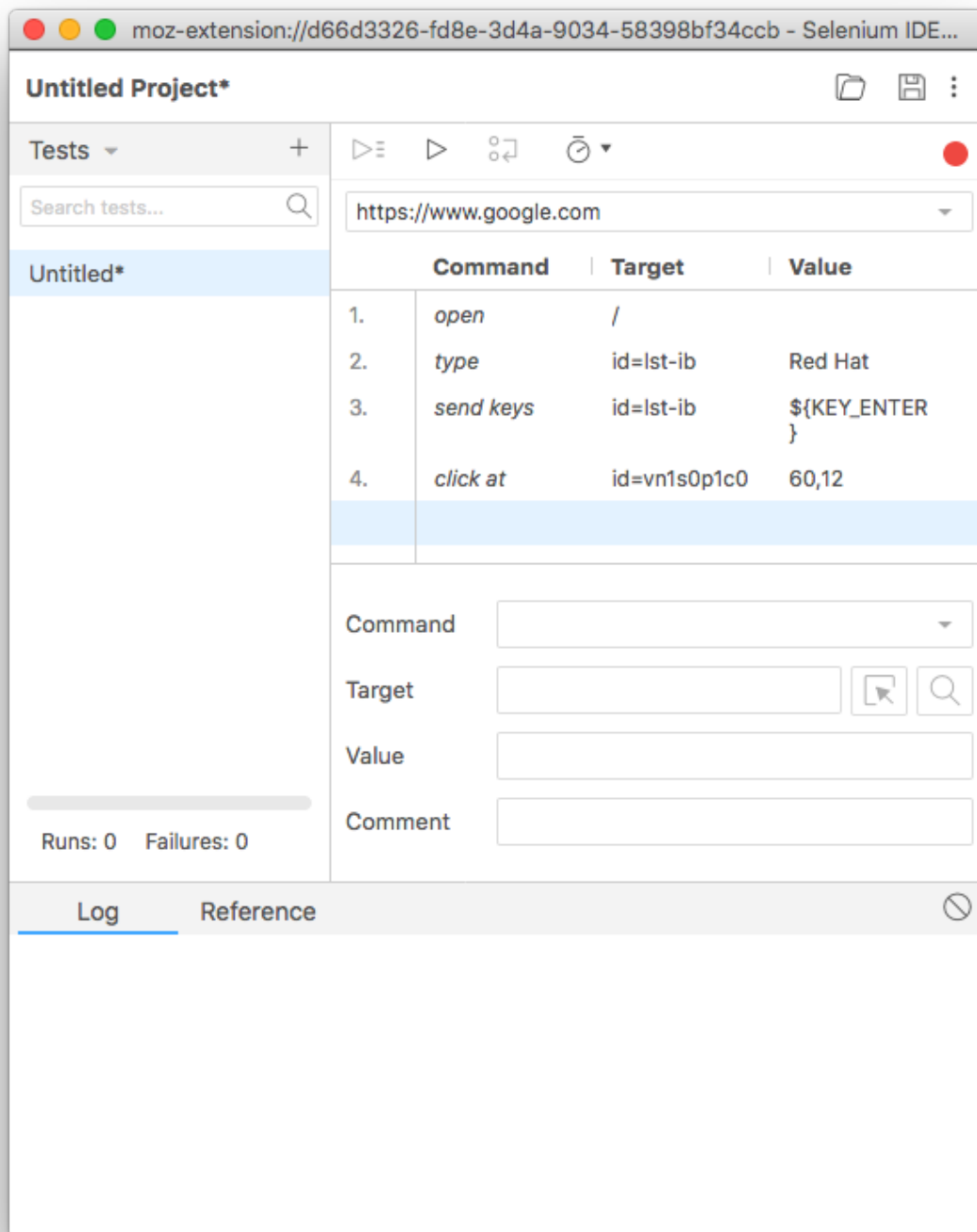
6.2.2 Google Chrome

- Make sure that you're using an updated version of Chrome
- Install [Selenium IDE for Chrome](#)

6.3 Demo

6.4 Selenium IDE: Simple Test

Here's an example of *Googling* for the term **Red Hat** and clicking the corresponding link.



This test can also be exported as **JSON** and be opened at a later time

```
{
  "id": "b797dc14-e81e-4869-952f-678661776c02",
  "name": "Untitled Project",
```

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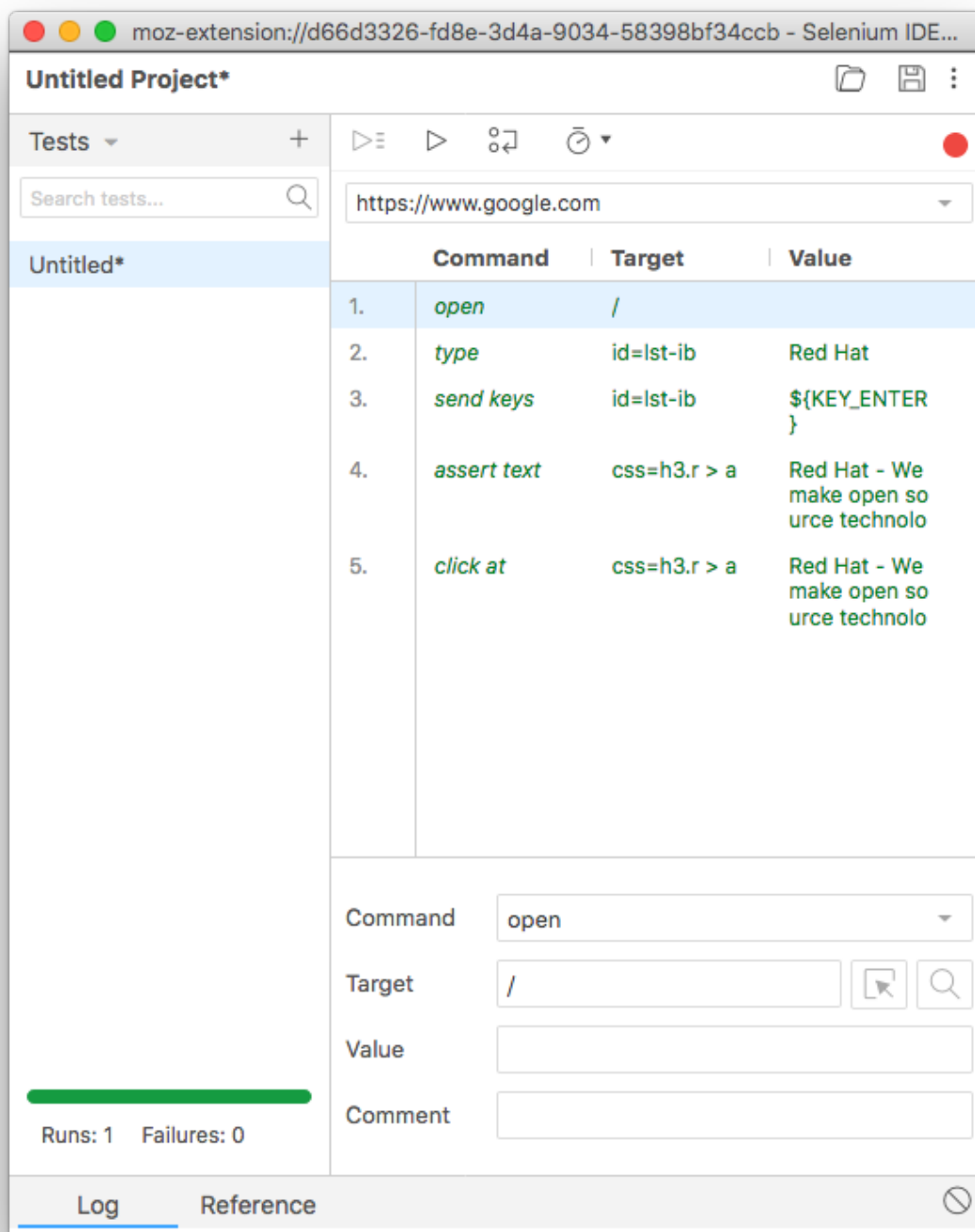
```

"url": "https://www.google.com",
"tests": [{
  "id": "c73764c1-67ef-477f-991a-35ff97a0652b",
  "name": "Untitled",
  "commands": [{
    "id": "59e5e648-0b92-4480-99ac-eeb3ba456433",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "open",
    "target": "/",
    "value": ""
  }, {
    "id": "083c23db-032b-4495-9947-b0668924d4a1",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "clickAt",
    "target": "id=lst-ib",
    "value": "16,16"
  }, {
    "id": "0c8489a7-9b1c-40ba-9967-3b79fc3e7107",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "clickAt",
    "target": "css=h3.r > a",
    "value": "19,15"
  }
]}, {
  "id": "22654ef7-6e89-46e9-bd19-247030d0db7d",
  "name": "Default Suite",
  "parallel": false,
  "timeout": 300,
  "tests": ["c73764c1-67ef-477f-991a-35ff97a0652b"]
}],
"urls": ["https://www.google.com/"],
"plugins": [],
"version": "1.0"
}

```

6.5 Selenium IDE: Better Test

Here's the same example of *Googling* for the term **Red Hat** and clicking the corresponding link, but we're explicitly setting the text that must be clicked on



This test can also be exported as **JSON** and be opened at a later time

```
{
  "id": "51a034da-3929-4bca-8581-3869764da024",
  "name": "Untitled Project",

```

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```

"url": "https://www.google.com",
"tests": [{
  "id": "c5b80fac-3d33-4201-aa2e-28caa41f8f3b",
  "name": "Untitled",
  "commands": [{
    "id": "77f5e1a1-9363-4592-9cb2-a9c0dd67c520",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "open",
    "target": "/",
    "value": ""
  }, {
    "id": "22c0756b-ce6c-43af-bc12-1cb94bc85034",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "type",
    "target": "id=lst-ib",
    "value": "Red Hat"
  }, {
    "id": "a6368f72-3ccf-4592-96c8-68348739a453",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "sendKeys",
    "target": "id=lst-ib",
    "value": "${KEY_ENTER}"
  }, {
    "id": "c6b1c334-30b7-482f-a448-41eec304b504",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "assertText",
    "target": "css=h3.r > a",
    "value": "Red Hat - We make open source technologies for the enterprise"
  }, {
    "id": "0f0984fa-3a1c-47d5-80e1-275019e08ac1",
    "comment": "",
    "command": "clickAt",
    "target": "css=h3.r > a",
    "value": "Red Hat - We make open source technologies for the enterprise"
  }
  ]
}],
"suites": [{
  "id": "23b8c9dd-03d5-4434-9646-21da2f664edd",
  "name": "Default Suite",
  "parallel": false,
  "timeout": 300,
  "tests": ["c5b80fac-3d33-4201-aa2e-28caa41f8f3b"]
}],
"urls": ["https://www.google.com/"],
"plugins": [],
"version": "1.0"
}

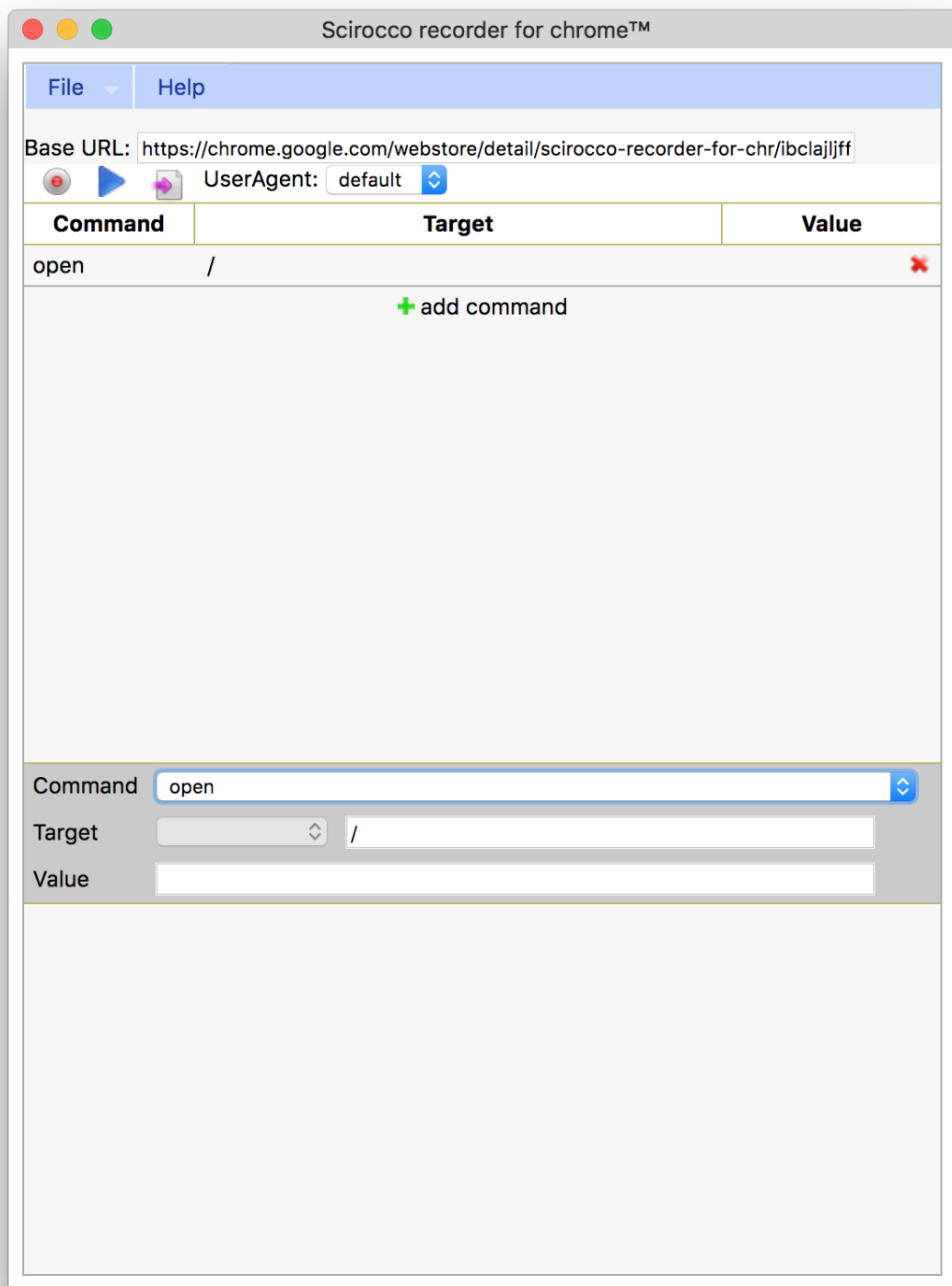
```


7.1 Overview

- Records all interactions with browser
- Can replay all recordings
- **Not** as full fledged IDE as Selenium IDE
- Limited range of commands
- Limited options for exporting test cases (Python is NOT supported)

7.2 How to install it

- Make sure that you're using an updated version of Chrome
- Install [Scirocco Recorder](#) for Chrome



Using Selenium with Python

Now we will write actual **Python** code to interact with a web browser.

8.1 Install Selenium Python module

The *selenium* module provides several useful methods that lets you browser web pages and interact with their web elements.

Selenium WebDriver

List of commonly used methods, operations and commands for Selenium WebDriver

Installing Selenium WebDriver

```
pip install -U selenium
```

Install or upgrade the Python bindings for Selenium WebDriver

Locating Elements

```
driver.getTitle()
```

Get page title in Selenium WebDriver

```
driver.getCurrentUrl()
```

Get Current Page URL In Selenium WebDriver

```
form = driver.find_element_by_id('Form')
```

Use this when you know id attribute of an element. With this strategy, the first element with the id attribute value matching the location will be returned

```
email = driver.find_element_by_name('email')
```

Use this when you know name attribute of an element. With this strategy, the first element with the name attribute value matching the location will be returned

```
form = driver.find_element_by_xpath('//*[@id="form"]')
```

XPath is the language used for locating nodes in an XML document. One of the main reasons for using XPath is when you don't have a suitable id or name attribute for the element you wish to locate

Open a browser go to a specified URL

```
from selenium import webdriver
browser = webdriver.Firefox()
browser.get('http://seleniumhq.org/')
```

Open a new Firefox browser and load the page at the given URL

Element's operation

```
driver.find_element_by_id('submitButton').click()
```

Clicking on any element or button of webpage

```
dropdown = driver.find_element_by_tag_name('select').getText()
```

Store text of targeted element in variable

```
driver.find_element_by_name('fname').sendKeys('My First Name')
```

Typing text in text box or text area

```
Boolean ispresent = driver.find_element_by_xpath('//*[@id="text2"]').size() != 0
```

Verify Element Present in Selenium WebDriver

Navigating

```
driver.switch_to_window('windowName')
```

Selenium WebDriver supports moving between named windows using the "switch_to_window" method

```
driver.switch_to_frame('frameName')
```

You can also swing from frame to frame (or into iframes)

```
driver.switch_to_default_content()
```

Once we are done with working on frames, we will have to come back to the parent frame

```
alert = driver.switch_to_alert()
```

This will return the currently open alert object. With this object you can now accept, dismiss, read its contents or even type into a prompt

```
driver.get('http://www.example.com')
```

driver.forward()

driver.back()

To move backwards and forwards in your browser's history

Waits

```
try:
    element = WebDriverWait(driver, 10).until(
        EC.presence_of_element_by_id('Form')
    )
finally:
    driver.quit()
```

An explicit wait is code you define to wait for a certain condition to occur before proceeding further in the code

```
driver.implicitly_wait(10) # seconds
```

An implicit wait is to tell WebDriver to poll the DOM for a certain amount of time when trying to find an element or elements if they are not immediately available

Cookies

```
# Go to the correct domain
driver.get('http://www.example.com')

# Now set the cookie. This one's valid for the entire domain
cookie = {'name' : 'foo', 'value' : 'bar'}
```

driver.add_cookie(cookie)

```
# And now output all the available cookies for the current URL
driver.get_cookies()
```

First of all, you need to be on the domain that the cookie will be valid for

Some examples:

- `find_element_by_id`

- `find_element_by_class_name`
- `find_element_by_tag_name`
- `find_element_by_css_selector`
- `find_element_by_partial_link_text`
- `find_element_by_xpath`

For the following HTML fragment:

```
<div id="coolestWidgetEvah">...</div>
<div class="cheese"><span>Cheddar</span></div><div class="cheese"><span>Gouda</span></div>
<div>
<iframe src="..."></iframe>
<div id="food"><span class="dairy">milk</span><span class="dairy aged">cheese</span></div>
<a href="http://www.google.com/search?q=cheese">search for cheese</a>
<input type="text" name="example" />
```

We can use Selenium to locate several different elements:

```
element = driver.find_element_by_id("coolestWidgetEvah")
cheeses = driver.find_elements_by_class_name("cheese")
frame = driver.find_element_by_tag_name("iframe")
cheese = driver.find_element_by_css_selector("#food span.dairy.aged")
cheese = driver.find_element_by_partial_link_text("cheese")
inputs = driver.find_elements_by_xpath("//input")
```

For further information about the many more useful methods provided by Selenium, please refer to the [documentation](#).

So let's go ahead and install the *selenium* module:

Note: This step can be skipped if you've cloned the repository and installed all Python dependencies.

```
pip install selenium
```

8.2 Install a Web Driver

Selenium requires a driver to interface with the chosen browser. Firefox, for example, requires geckodriver. Some of the more popular ones are:

Web browser	Download URL
Google Chrome	https://sites.google.com/a/chromium.org/chromedriver/downloads
Microsoft Edge	https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-edge/tools/webdriver/
Firefox	https://github.com/mozilla/geckodriver/releases
Safari	https://webkit.org/blog/6900/webdriver-support-in-safari-10/

Note: For this tutorial I have chosen to use the web driver for the Chrome web browser. On a Mac I can easily install it with:

```
brew cask install chromedriver
```

Note: Make sure to include the ChromeDriver location in your PATH environment variable

8.3 Interact with Chrome via Python Selenium

Open a Python shell and type the code below to search for Red Hat via Google interactively:

```
1 from selenium import webdriver
2 from selenium.webdriver.common.keys import Keys
3
4
5 # Start Google Chrome
6 browser = webdriver.Chrome()
7
8 # Open Google.com
9 browser.get('https://www.google.com/')
10
11 # Locate the search box
12 element = browser.find_element_by_id('lst-ib')
13 assert element is not None
14
15 # Search for Red Hat
16 element.send_keys('Red Hat' + Keys.RETURN)
17 assert browser.title.startswith('Red Hat')
18
19 # Visit Google.com
20 browser.get('https://www.google.com')
21
22 # Locate the Google Logo
23 element = browser.find_element_by_id('hplogo')
24 assert element is not None
25
26 # Change the logo and adjust its height
27 browser.execute_script(
28     "arguments[0].setAttribute('srcset', "
29     "'https://omaciel.fedorapeople.org/ogmaciel.png')",
30     element
31 )
32 browser.execute_script(
33     "arguments[0].setAttribute('height', '100%')",
34     element
35 )
36
37 # Close the browser
38 browser.quit()
```

Using Python Selenium with Unittest

Let's create a couple of automated tests using Python's **unittest** module:

9.1 Use Cases

- As a user, when I open www.google.com on my web browser, the web browser tab will show the word **Google** as its title
- As a user, when I open www.google.com on my web browser and search for the word **Red Hat**, the web browser tab will show the word **Red Hat** as its title

9.2 Python Code

Here is the Python code that will automate these tests:

```
1 import unittest
2
3 from selenium import webdriver
4 from selenium.webdriver.common.keys import Keys
5
6
7 class GoogleTestCase(unittest.TestCase):
8
9     def setUp(self):
10         """Explicitly create a Chrome browser instance."""
11         self.browser = webdriver.Chrome()
12         self.addCleanup(self.browser.quit)
13
14     def test_page_title(self):
15         """Assert that title of page says 'Google'."""
16         self.browser.get('http://www.google.com')
```

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```
17     self.assertIn('Google', self.browser.title)
18
19     def test_search_page_title(self):
20         """Assert that Google search returns data for 'Red Hat'."""
21         self.browser.get('http://www.google.com')
22         self.assertIn('Google', self.browser.title)
23         element = self.browser.find_element_by_id('lst-ib')
24         assert element is not None
25         element.send_keys('Red Hat' + Keys.RETURN)
26         assert self.browser.title.startswith('Red Hat')
27
28
29 if __name__ == '__main__':
30     unittest.main(verbosity=2)
```

Now we can execute these tests:

```
python tests/unittest/test_SeleniumUnittest.py
test_page_title (__main__.GoogleTestCase)
Assert that title of page says 'Google'. ... ok
test_search_page_title (__main__.GoogleTestCase)
Assert that Google search returns data for 'Red Hat'. ... ok

-----
Ran 2 tests in 7.765s

OK
```

Using Python Selenium with pytest

Let's re-create those same automated tests but now using pytest:

10.1 Use Cases

- As a user, when I open `www.google.com` on my web browser, the web browser tab will show the word **Google** as its title
- As a user, when I open `www.google.com` on my web browser and search for the word **Red Hat**, the web browser tab will show the word **Red Hat** as its title

10.2 Install python-selenium

Note: This step can be skipped if you've cloned the repository and installed all Python dependencies.

pytest-selenium is a plugin for pytest that provides support for running Selenium based tests by providing a *selenium* fixture. You can find more information about this plugin by reading the official [pytest-selenium](#) documentation.

The most important reason for using it though is that through its *selenium* fixture we get automatically a *setup* and *teardown* without the need to write a single line of code (which can be overridden if needed of course!).

```
pip install python-selenium
```

10.3 Python Code

Here is the Python code that will automate these tests:

```

1 from selenium.webdriver.common.keys import Keys
2
3
4 def test_page_title(selenium):
5     selenium.get('https://www.google.com')
6     assert 'Google' in selenium.title
7
8
9 def test_search_page_title(selenium):
10    selenium.implicitly_wait(10)
11    selenium.get('https://www.google.com')
12    assert 'Google' in selenium.title
13    element = selenium.find_element_by_id('lst-ib')
14    assert element is not None
15    element.send_keys('Red Hat' + Keys.RETURN)
16    assert selenium.title.startswith('Red Hat')

```

Now we can execute these tests:

```

pytest -v --driver chrome tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py
=====
↳test session starts_
↳=====
platform darwin -- Python 3.7.0, pytest-3.6.4, py-1.5.4, pluggy-0.6.0 -- /Users/
↳omaciel/.virtualenvs/devconfusa18/bin/python
cachedir: .pytest_cache
driver: chrome
sensitiveurl: .*
metadata: {'Python': '3.7.0', 'Platform': 'Darwin-17.7.0-x86_64-i386-64bit', 'Packages
↳': {'pytest': '3.6.4', 'py': '1.5.4', 'pluggy': '0.6.0'}, 'Plugins': {'xdist': '1.
↳22.5', 'variables': '1.7.1', 'selenium': '1.13.0', 'metadata': '1.7.0', 'html': '1.
↳19.0', 'forked': '0.2', 'base-url': '1.4.1'}, 'Base URL': '', 'Driver': 'chrome',
↳'Capabilities': {}}
rootdir: /Users/omaciel/hacking/devconfusa18, inifile:
plugins: xdist-1.22.5, variables-1.7.1, selenium-1.13.0, metadata-1.7.0, html-1.19.0,
↳forked-0.2, base-url-1.4.1
collected 2 items

tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py::test_page_title PASSED
↳
↳                                     [ 50%]
tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py::test_search_page_title PASSED
↳
↳                                     [100%]

=====
↳2 passed in 6.51 seconds_
↳=====

```

10.4 Running All Tests Simultaneously

Now, let's execute all tests in multiple threads:

10.4.1 Install python-xdist

Note: This step can be skipped if you've cloned the repository and installed all Python dependencies.

```
pip install python-xdist
```

10.4.2 Execute All Tests

Run the following command:

```
pytest -v -n 2 --driver chrome tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py
=====
↪test session starts_
↪=====
platform darwin -- Python 3.7.0, pytest-3.6.4, py-1.5.4, pluggy-0.6.0 -- /Users/
↪omaciel/.virtualenvs/devconfusa18/bin/python
cachedir: .pytest_cache
driver: chrome
sensitiveurl: .*
metadata: {'Python': '3.7.0', 'Platform': 'Darwin-17.7.0-x86_64-i386-64bit', 'Packages
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↪22.5', 'variables': '1.7.1', 'selenium': '1.13.0', 'metadata': '1.7.0', 'html': '1.
↪19.0', 'forked': '0.2', 'base-url': '1.4.1'}, 'Base URL': '', 'Driver': 'chrome',
↪'Capabilities': {}}
rootdir: /Users/omaciel/hacking/devconfusa18, inifile:
plugins: xdist-1.22.5, variables-1.7.1, selenium-1.13.0, metadata-1.7.0, html-1.19.0,
↪forked-0.2, base-url-1.4.1
[gw0] darwin Python 3.7.0 cwd: /Users/omaciel/hacking/devconfusa18
[gw1] darwin Python 3.7.0 cwd: /Users/omaciel/hacking/devconfusa18
[gw0] Python 3.7.0 (default, Jun 29 2018, 20:13:13) -- [Clang 9.1.0 (clang-902.0.39.
↪2)]
[gw1] Python 3.7.0 (default, Jun 29 2018, 20:13:13) -- [Clang 9.1.0 (clang-902.0.39.
↪2)]
gw0 [2] / gw1 [2]
scheduling tests via LoadScheduling

tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py::test_search_page_title
tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py::test_page_title
[gw0] [ 50%] PASSED tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py::test_page_title
[gw1] [100%] PASSED tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py::test_search_page_title

=====
↪2 passed in 5.19 seconds_
↪=====
```

Using Python Selenium with Pytest and SauceLabs

Assuming that you have an account at [SauceLabs](#) and that you have exported your credentials via your system's environmental variables, let's re-create those same automated tests and execute them on **SauceLabs**:

11.1 Use Cases

- As a user, when I open [www.google.com](#) on my web browser, the web browser tab will show the word **Google** as its title
- As a user, when I open [www.google.com](#) on my web browser and search for the word **Red Hat**, the web browser tab will show the word **Red Hat** as its title

11.2 Python Code

Here is the Python code that will automate these tests:

11.2.1 Fixtures

```
1 import pytest
2
3
4 BROWSERS = [
5     {
6         'browserName': 'chrome',
7         'platform': 'macOS 10.12',
8     },
9     {
10        'browserName': 'MicrosoftEdge',
11        'platform': 'Windows 10',
```

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```

12         },
13         {
14             'browserName': 'firefox',
15             'platform': 'Linux',
16         },
17         {
18             'browserName': 'safari',
19             'platform': 'macOS 10.12',
20         },
21     ]
22
23
24 def pytest_addoption(parser):
25     """Add command line option to select webdriver capabilities.
26     These options can be used to choose the webdriver capabilities
27     as such:
28     browser_name = request.config.getoption('--webdriver')
29     """
30     parser.addoption(
31         '--browsername',
32         action="store",
33         default='firefox',
34         choices=['chrome', 'firefox', 'safari', 'Android', 'MicrosoftEdge'],
35         help="Specify the web browser to use for the automation."
36     )
37     parser.addoption(
38         '--platform',
39         action="store",
40         default='macOS 10.12',
41         choices=['macOS 10.12', 'Windows 10', 'Linux'],
42         help="Specify the platform to use for the automation."
43     )
44
45
46 def test_id(fixture_value):
47     """Return a human readable ID for a parameterized fixture."""
48     return '{browserName}'.format(**fixture_value)
49
50
51 @pytest.fixture(
52     params=BROWSERS,
53     ids=test_id,
54 )
55 def capabilities(request, capabilities):
56     """Used to pass arguments to SauceLabs."""
57     capabilities['build'] = (
58         'Web UI Automation with Selenium for Beginners'
59     )
60     capabilities['acceptSslCerts'] = True
61     capabilities['javascriptEnabled'] = True
62     capabilities.update(request.param)
63     return capabilities
64
65
66 @pytest.fixture(
67     scope='function',
68 )

```

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```

69 def browser(request, selenium):
70     """Fixture to create a web browser."""
71     def close_browser():
72         """Handle closing browser object."""
73         selenium.quit()
74
75     def update_saucelabs():
76         """Add build info for easy viewing on SauceLabs."""
77         selenium.execute_script(
78             "sauce:job-result={}".format(
79                 str(not request.node.rep_call.failed).lower())
80         selenium.execute_script(
81             "sauce:job-name={}".format(request.node.rep_call.nodeid))
82
83     request.addfinalizer(update_saucelabs)
84     request.addfinalizer(close_browser)
85
86     return selenium
87
88
89 @pytest.hookimpl(tryfirst=True, hookwrapper=True)
90 def pytest_runtest_makereport(item, call):
91     # this sets the result as a test attribute for SauceLabs reporting.
92     # execute all other hooks to obtain the report object
93     #
94     # Borrowed from https://github.com/saucelabs-sample-test-frameworks/
95     # Python-Pytest-Selenium/blob/master/conftest.py
96     outcome = yield
97     rep = outcome.get_result()
98
99     # set a report attribute for each phase of a call, which can
100     # be "setup", "call", "teardown"
101     setattr(item, "rep_" + rep.when, rep)

```

11.2.2 Tests

```

1  from selenium.webdriver.common.keys import Keys
2
3
4  def test_page_title(browser):
5      """Assert that title of page says 'Google'."""
6      browser.get('http://www.google.com')
7      assert 'Google' in browser.title
8
9
10 def test_search_page_title(browser):
11     """Assert that Google search returns data for 'Red Hat'."""
12     browser.implicitly_wait(10)
13     browser.get('http://www.google.com')
14     assert 'Google' in browser.title
15     element = browser.find_element_by_id('lst-ib')
16     assert element is not None
17     element.send_keys('Red Hat' + Keys.RETURN)
18     assert browser.title.startswith('Red Hat')

```

Now we can execute these tests:

```

pytest -v -n 2 --driver SauceLabs tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py -k test_page_
↳title
=====
↳test session starts_
=====
platform darwin -- Python 3.7.0, pytest-3.6.4, py-1.5.4, pluggy-0.6.0 -- /Users/
↳omaciel/.virtualenvs/devconfusa18/bin/python
cachedir: .pytest_cache
driver: SauceLabs
sensitiveurl: .*
metadata: {'Python': '3.7.0', 'Platform': 'Darwin-17.7.0-x86_64-i386-64bit', 'Packages
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↳22.5', 'variables': '1.7.1', 'selenium': '1.13.0', 'metadata': '1.7.0', 'html': '1.
↳19.0', 'forked': '0.2', 'base-url': '1.4.1'}, 'Base URL': '', 'Driver': 'SauceLabs',
↳ 'Capabilities': {}}
rootdir: /Users/omaciel/hacking/devconfusa18, inifile:
plugins: xdist-1.22.5, variables-1.7.1, selenium-1.13.0, metadata-1.7.0, html-1.19.0,
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tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[chrome]
tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[MicrosoftEdge]
[gw0] [ 25%] PASSED tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[chrome]
tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[firefox]
[gw0] [ 50%] PASSED tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[firefox]
[gw1] [ 75%] PASSED tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_
↳title[MicrosoftEdge]
tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[safari]
[gw1] [100%] PASSED tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_page_title[safari]

=====
↳4 passed in 63.22 seconds_
=====

```

The screenshot displays the Sauce Labs interface for a specific test run. The top navigation bar includes the Sauce Labs logo, 'Access Real Devices Automation', 'Help', and a user profile icon. The left sidebar contains links to 'Dashboard', 'Live Testing', 'Tunnels', 'Analytics', and 'Archives'. A circular gauge on the left indicates '0 / 50 concurrent sessions'.

The main content area shows the test status as 'Test Success' with a green checkmark. Below this, the test name 'tests/test_SeleniumSauce.py::test_SearchPageTitle[MicrosoftEdge]' is displayed. Action buttons include 'View Test History', 'Team', 'Report', and 'Delete'. An 'Install JIRA Plugin' button is also present.

The 'Commands' tab is active, showing a list of commands executed during the test. The commands are as follows:

Command	Duration	Status
POST /session	00:00:00 + 3.92s	Success
POST url	00:04:81 + 4.91s	Success
GET title	00:10:13 + 0.03s	Success
POST element	00:10:46 + 0.06s	Success
POST element/0/value	00:10:77 + 0.09s	Success
GET title	00:11:24 + 0.09s	Success
DELETE /session/cbdb3561b87...	00:11:57 + 0.00s	Success

On the right, a video player shows the test execution. The video is at 00:00:10 of a 00:00:11 duration. The browser window in the video shows the Google homepage with a notification to 'Switch to Chrome, a safer browser'.

CHAPTER 12

Gitlab Pipelines

Now that we have successfully automated a couple of Use Cases, how about creating an automated process that can handle re-running our tests whenever changes to the source code happens?

For the remainder of this presentation I will cover how we can leverage Gitlab's Pipelines to perform the following actions:

- Rebuild this presentation
- Execute our automated tests via pytest against
 - Firefox
 - Google Chrome
- Lastly, assuming our tests pass, re-run them against a matrix of web browsers and operating systems on Sauce-Labs

All of these actions will be performed by our Pipeline automatically and without requiring any infrastructure from you, every time code changes get merged into this repository.

12.1 Pipelines

“A pipeline is a group of jobs that get executed in stages(batches). All of the jobs in a stage are executed in parallel (if there are enough concurrent Runners), and if they all succeed, the pipeline moves on to the next stage. If one of the jobs fails, the next stage is not (usually) executed. You can access the pipelines page in your project's Pipelines tab.¹”

12.2 Defining Pipelines

a pipeline on Gitlab is defined by adding a `.gitlab-ci.yml` file to your repository. The pipeline for this repository can be seen below:

¹ Pipelines <https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/ci/pipelines.html>

```
1 image: python:3.7
2
3 stages:
4   - Generate Docs
5   - Test Pytest
6   - Test SauceLabs
7
8 Build Document:
9   stage: Generate Docs
10  before_script:
11    - make install
12  script:
13    - make html
14    - doc8 --ignore D001
15
16 UI Pytest Chrome:
17   stage: Test Pytest
18  before_script:
19    - make install
20  script:
21    - pytest -vvv --driver Remote --capability browserName chrome --host selenium --
↪port 4444 tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py
22  services:
23    - name: selenium/standalone-chrome
24      alias: selenium
25
26 UI Pytest Firefox:
27   stage: Test Pytest
28  before_script:
29    - make install
30  script:
31    - pytest -vvv --driver Remote --capability browserName firefox --host selenium --
↪port 4444 tests/pytest/test_SeleniumPytest.py -k test_page_title
32  services:
33    - name: selenium/standalone-firefox
34      alias: selenium
35
36 UI Pytest SauceLabs Matrix:
37   stage: Test SauceLabs
38  before_script:
39    - make install
40  script:
41    - pytest -vvv --driver SauceLabs tests/saucelabs/test_SeleniumSauce.py -k test_
↪page_title
```

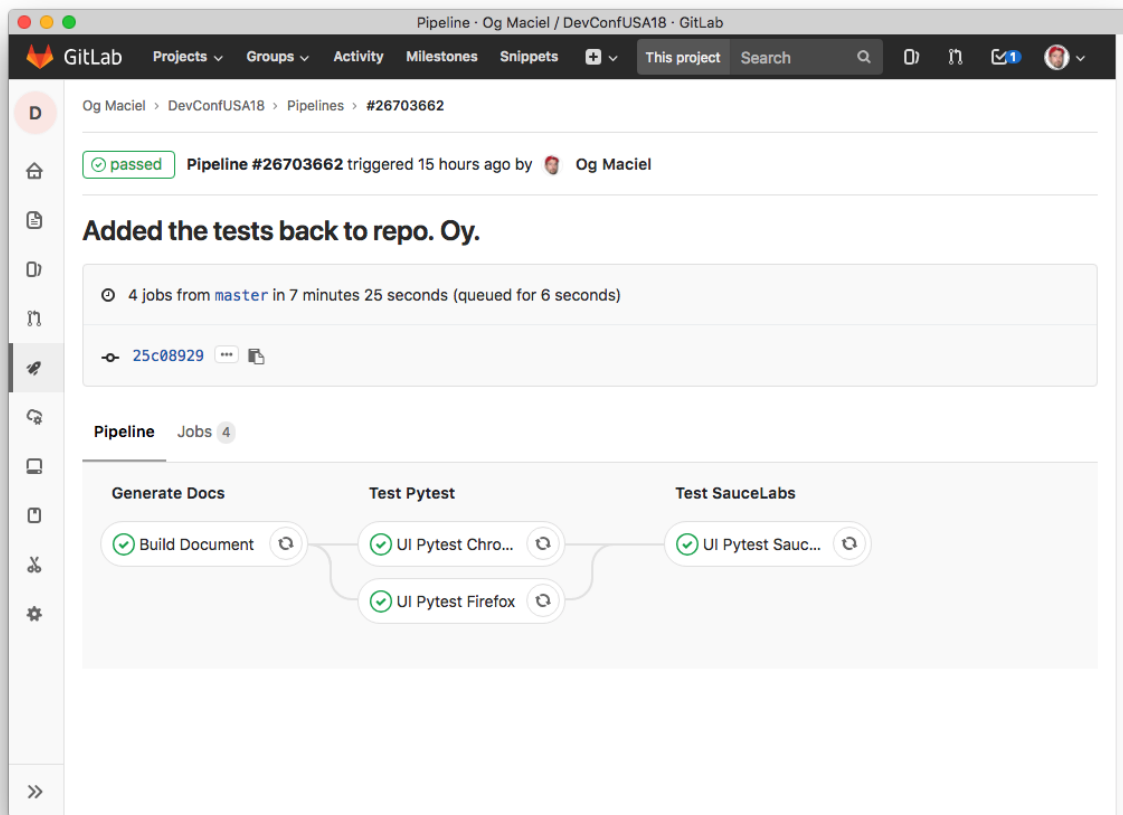
There are a total of 4 unique jobs:

- Build Document: executes *make html* and builds the document for this presentation
- UI Pytest Chrome: Runs automated tests against a Dockerized instance of Google Chrome
- UI Pytest Firefox: Runs a subset of automated tests against a Dockerized instance of Firefox
- UI Pytest SauceLabs Matrix: Runs a subset of automated tests against a matrix of web browsers and operating systems on SauceLabs

Furthermore, these jobs are executed by stages, each stage being a requirement for the next one, as shown below:

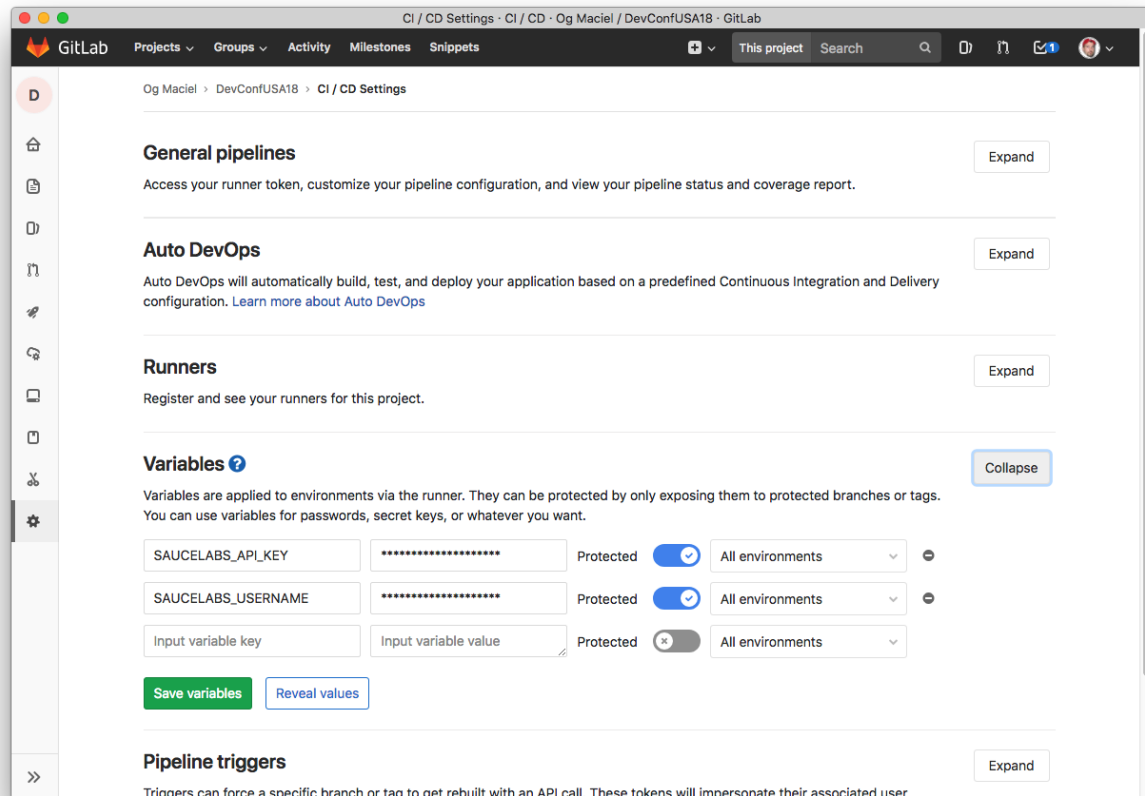
- Generate Docs

- Test Pytest
- Test SauceLabs



Note: In order to run our automated tests against *SauceLabs*, we need to define environmental variables that will grant the automation access to SauceLabs environment:

- SAUCELABS_API_KEY
- SAUCELABS_USERNAME



Since we don't want to keep this information accessible to the WWW, Gitlab offers a convenient [Variables](#) page that let's you store per-project or per-group variables which can then be accessed by your jobs at runtime. Furthermore, you can mark them as **protected** so that they won't be displayed anywhere on the UI or logs!

Though I won't go into the steps required to create jobs or the syntax, this [document](#) is a very good start. The `.gitlab-ci.yml` file provided here should also provide you with the 'seed' for your onw file.

CHAPTER 13

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