SELENIUM CHEAT SHEETS



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Local Configuration

Chrome

- 1. Download the latest ChromeDriver binary from here
- 2. Add it to your system path (or tell Selenium where to find it)
- 3. Create an instance of Chrome

```
import org.openqa.selenium.WebDriver;
import org.openqa.selenium.chrome.ChromeDriver;

protected WebDriver driver;
System.setProperty("webdriver.chrome.driver", "/path/to/chromedriver");
driver = new ChromeDriver();
```

For more info see:

- the Selenium wiki page for ChromeDriver
- Google's ChromeDriver documentation

Firefox

Available out of the box.

```
import org.openqa.selenium.WebDriver;
import org.openqa.selenium.firefox.FirefoxDriver;

protected WebDriver driver;
driver = new FirefoxDriver();
```

For more info see:

the Selenium wiki page for FirefoxDriver

Internet Explorer

Only available on Microsoft Windows.

- Download the latest IEDriverServer from here
- 2. Add the downloaded file location to your system path
- 3. Create an instance of Internet Explorer

```
import org.openqa.selenium.WebDriver;
import org.openqa.selenium.ie.InternetExplorerDriver;

protected WebDriver driver;
driver = new InternetExplorerDriver();
```

For more info see:

• the Selenium wiki page for InternetExplorerDriver

Safari

Available out of the box as of version 2.21 of Selenium.

```
import org.openqa.selenium.WebDriver;
import org.openqa.selenium.safari.SafariDriver;

protected WebDriver driver;
driver = new SafariDriver();
```

For more info see:

- the Selenium wiki page for SafariDriver
- a write-up on how to use SafariDriver if you run into issues

Cloud Configuration

Sauce Labs

Initial Setup

- 1. Create field variables with sensible defaults that can be overridden at run-time
- 2. Specify the browser and operating system you want through Selenium's DesiredCapabilities
- 3. Create an instance of RemoteWebDriver using Sauce Labs' end-point -- providing your credentials and DesiredCapabilities
- 4. Store the instance in a field variable

```
import org.openqa.selenium.WebDriver;
import org.openqa.selenium.remote.DesiredCapabilities;
import org.openga.selenium.remote.RemoteWebDriver;
final String browser
                           = System.getProperty("browser", "firefox");
final String browserVersion = System.getProperty("browserVersion", "33");
final String platform
                           = System.getProperty("platform", "Windows XP");
                           = System.getenv("SAUCE_USERNAME");
final String sauceUser
final String sauceKey
                            = System.getenv("SAUCE_ACCESS_KEY");
DesiredCapabilities capabilities = new DesiredCapabilities();
capabilities.setCapability("browserName", browser);
capabilities.setCapability("version", browserVersion);
capabilities.setCapability("platform", platform);
String sauceUrl = String.format("http://%s:%s@ondemand.saucelabs.com:80/wd/hub",
        sauceUser, sauceKey);
protected WebDriver driver;
driver = new RemoteWebDriver(new URL(sauceUrl), capabilities);
```

For more info see:

- Sauce Labs Available Platforms page
- Sauce Labs Automated Test Configurator

Setting the Test Name

- 1. Create a field variable to store the test name in
- 2. Add a Test Watcher Rule that uses the starting() method

- 3. Grab the display name of the test from within the Test Watcher and store it in the field variable
- 4. Pass the field variable value as a "name" capability in DesiredCapabilities

```
import org.junit.Rule;
import org.junit.rules.TestWatcher;
import org.junit.runner.Description;
private String testName;
@Rule
public TestRule watcher = new TestWatcher() {
    protected void starting(Description description) {
        testName = description.getDisplayName();
    }
};
DesiredCapabilities capability("browserName", browser);
capabilities.setCapability("browserName", browserVersion);
capabilities.setCapability("platform", platform);
capabilities.setCapability("platform", platform);
capabilities.setCapability("name", testName);
```

For more info see:

JUnit TestWatcher Rules documentation

Setting the Job Status

- 1. Install the Saucerest library
- 2. Create field variables to store SauceREST session and the Selenium session ID
- 3. Grab and store the Selenium session ID after a Sauce Labs instance is created
- 4. Add failed() and succeeded() Test Watcher methods
- 5. Create an instance of Saucerest to mark the Sauce job as passed or failed by using the Selenium session ID
- 6. BONUS POINTS: output the Sauce Labs job URL to the console when a test fails

```
<!-- filename: pom.xml -->
       <dependency>
           <groupId>com.saucelabs
           <artifactId>saucerest</artifactId>
           <version>1.0.27
           <scope>test</scope>
       </dependency>
   </dependencies>
   <repositories>
       <repository>
           <id>saucelabs-repository</id>
           <url>https://repository-saucelabs.forge.cloudbees.com/release</url>
           <releases>
               <enabled>true</enabled>
           </releases>
           <snapshots>
               <enabled>true
           </snapshots>
       </repository>
   </repositories>
</project>
```

```
// other import statements omitted for brevity
import com.saucelabs.saucerest.SauceREST;
protected WebDriver driver;
private String sessionId;
private SauceREST sauceClient;
driver = new RemoteWebDriver(new URL(sauceUrl), capabilities);
sessionId = ((RemoteWebDriver) driver).getSessionId().toString();
sauceClient = new SauceREST(sauceUser, sauceKey);
@Rule
public TestRule watcher = new TestWatcher() {
    @Override
    protected void failed(Throwable throwable, Description description) {
        if (host.equals("saucelabs")) {
            sauceClient.jobFailed(sessionId);
            System.out.println(String.format("https://saucelabs.com/tests/%s",
sessionId));
    @Override
    protected void succeeded(Description description) {
        if (host.equals("saucelabs")) {
            sauceClient.jobPassed(sessionId);
};
```

Common Actions

Visit a page

```
driver.get("http://the-internet.herokuapp.com");
```

Find an element

Works using locators, which are covered in the next section.

```
// find just one, the first one Selenium finds
driver.findElement(locator);

// find all instances of the element on the page
driver.findElements(locator);

// returns a collection
```

Work with a found element

```
// chain actions together
driver.findElement(locator).click();

// store the element
WebElement element = driver.findElement(locator);
element.click();
```

Perform an action

Ask a question

Each of these returns a Boolean.

```
element.isDisplayed();  // is it visible to the human eye?
element.isEnabled();  // can it be selected?
element.isSelected();  // is it selected?
```

Retrieve information

Each of these returns a String.

```
// by attribute name
element.getAttribute("href");

// directly from an element
element.getText();
```

For more info see:

• the Selenium WebElement API Documentation

Locators

Guiding principles

Good Locators are:

- unique
- descriptive
- unlikely to change

Be sure to:

- 1. Start with ID and Class
- 2. Use CSS selectors (or XPath) when you need to traverse
- 3. Talk with a developer on your team when the app is hard to automate
 - 1. tell them what you're trying to automate
 - 2. work with them to get more semantic markup added to the page

ID

```
driver.findElement(By.id("username"));
```

Class

```
driver.findElement(By.className("dues"));
```

CSS Selectors

```
driver.findElement(By.cssSelector("#username"));
driver.findElement(By.cssSelector(".dues"));
```

Approach	Locator	Description
ID	#example	# denotes an ID
Class	.example	. denotes a Class
Classes	.flash.success	use . in front of each class for multiple
Direct child	div > a	finds the element in the next child
Child/subschild	div a	finds the element in a child or child's child
Next sibling	input.username + input	finds the next adjacent element
Attribute values	<pre>form input[name='username']</pre>	a great alternative to id and class matches
Attribute values	<pre>input[name='continue'][type='button']</pre>	can chain multiple attribute filters together
Location	li:nth-child(4)	finds the 4th element only if it is an li
Location	li:nth-of-type(4)	finds the 4th li in a list
Location	*:nth-child(4)	finds the 4th element regardless of type
Sub-string	a[id^='beginning_']	finds a match that starts with (prefix)
Sub-string	a[id\$='_end']	finds a match that ends with (suffix)
Sub-string	a[id*='gooey_center']	finds a match that contains (substring)
Inner text	a:contains('Log Out')	an alternative to substring matching

NOTE: Older browser (e.g., Internet Explorer 8) don't support CSS Pseudo-classes, so some of these locator approaches won't work on them (e.g., Location matches and Inner text matches).

For more info see:

- CSS vs. XPath benchmarks
- CSS & XPath Examples by Sauce Labs
- CSS Selector Game
- The difference between nth-child and nth-of-type
- w3schools CSS Selectors Reference
- w3schools XPath Syntax Reference
- How To Verify Your Locators

Exception Handling

- 1. Try the action you want
- 2. Catch the relevant exception and return false instead

```
try {
    return driver.findElement(locator).isDisplayed();
} catch (org.openqa.selenium.NoSuchElementException exception) {
    return false;
}
```

For more info see:

• the Selenium WebDriverException API Documentation

Waiting

Implicit Wait

- Only needs to be configured once
- Tells Selenium to wait for a specified amount of time before raising a

NoSuchElementException

Less flexible than explicit waits

```
driver.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(5, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
```

Explicit Waits

- Recommended way to wait in your tests
- Specify an amount of time and an action
- Selenium will try the action repeatedly until either:
 - the action can be accomplished, or
 - the amount of time has been reached (and throw a TimeoutException)

```
WebDriverWait wait = new WebDriverWait(driver, timeout);
wait.until(condition);
// wait.until(ExpectedConditions.visibilityOfElementLocated(locator));
```

For more info see:

- The case against using Implicit and Explicit Waits together
- Explicit vs. Implicit Waits

Cookies

Retrieve a cookie

```
driver.manage().getCookieNamed("cookieName");
```

Add a cookie

```
driver.manage().addCookie(new Cookie("cookieName", "cookieValue"));
```

Delete a cookie

```
driver.manage().deleteCookieNamed("cookieName");
```

Delete all cookies

```
// Only deletes cookies for the domain Selenium visits
driver.manage().deleteAllCookies();
```

Dropdowns

- 1. Find the dropdown list
- 2. Select the item you want from the list by either it's visible text or value number

```
driver.get("http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/dropdown");
Select selectList = new Select(driver.findElement(By.id("dropdown")));
selectList.selectByVisibleText("Option 1");
selectList.selectByValue("1");
```

File Transfers

Upload

- 1. Find the form input field for uploading the file
- 2. Use sendkeys to input the full path of the file you want to upload
- 3. Submit the form

```
String filename = "some-file.txt";
File file = new File(filename);
String path = file.getAbsolutePath();
driver.get("http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/upload");
driver.findElement(By.id("file-upload")).sendKeys(path);
driver.findElement(By.id("file-submit")).click();
```

Download

- 1. Get the URL of the file you want to download
- 2. Perform a header (or HEAD) request on the URL with an HTTP library
- 3. Check the content type and content length of the response to make sure the file is what you expected

```
driver.get("http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/download");
String link = driver.findElement(By.cssSelector(".example a:nth-of-type(1)")).
getAttribute("href");

HttpClient httpClient = HttpClientBuilder.create().build();
HttpHead request = new HttpHead(link);
HttpResponse response = httpClient.execute(request);
String contentType = response.getFirstHeader("Content-Type").getValue();
int contentLength = Integer.parseInt(response.getFirstHeader("Content-Length").getValue());

assertThat(contentType, is("application/octet-stream"));
assertThat(contentLength, is(not(0)))
```

Frames

In order to access elements in frames, you need to switch to them.

If the element you want is nested inside of 2 or more frames, you first need to switch to the parent frame, then the child frame.

```
driver.switchTo().frame("frame-top");
driver.switchTo().frame("frame-middle");
```

You can quickly switch back to the top of the page with a single command, rather than traversing backwards.

```
driver.switchTo().defaultContent();
```

JavaScript Alerts

- 1. Switch to the alert window
- 2. Accept or dismiss the alert

```
Alert popup = driver.switchTo().alert();
popup.accept();
popup.dismiss();
```

Keyboard Keys

Option 1:

- 1. Find a target element
- 2. Send keys to that element

```
driver.findElement(By.id("content")).sendKeys(Keys.SPACE);
```

Option 2:

1. Use the <u>Selenium Action Builder</u> to send keys to the element currently in focus

```
Actions builder = new Actions(driver);
builder.sendKeys(Keys.LEFT).build().perform();
```

Multiple Windows

Some browsers list window handles in the order opened, others alphabetically. Here's a ubiquitous approach to switching between windows:

- 1. Find and store the initial window handle
- 2. Trigger the new window to appear
- 3. Find all window handles and iterate through them, looking for the new window handle
- 4. Store the new window handle
- 5. Switch freely between the initial and new windows

```
String firstWindow = driver.getWindowHandle();

driver.findElement(By.cssSelector(".example a")).click();

Set<String> allWindows = driver.getWindowHandles();

String newWindow = "";
for (String window : allWindows) {
    if (!window.equals(firstWindow)) {
        newWindow = window;
    }
}

driver.switchTo().window(firstWindow);
assertThat(driver.getTitle(), is(not(equalTo("New Window"))));
driver.switchTo().window(newWindow);
assertThat(driver.getTitle(), is(equalTo("New Window")));
```

Screenshots on Failure

- 1. Add a TestWatcher and configure a failed method within it
- 2. Capture a screenshot with Selenium, storing it in a file object
- 3. Write the file object to disk using a unique name
- 4. Move the test teardown into a finished method in the TestWatcher

```
import org.junit.rules.TestRule;
import org.junit.rules.TestWatcher;
import org.junit.runner.Description;
public class TestClass {
    @Rule
    public TestRule watcher = new TestWatcher() {
        @Override
        protected void failed(Throwable throwable, Description description) {
            File scrFile = ((TakesScreenshot)driver).getScreenshotAs(OutputType.FILE);
            try {
                FileUtils.copyFile(scrFile,
                        new File("failshot_"
                                + description.getClassName()
                                + "_" + description.getMethodName()
                                + ".png"));
            } catch (IOException exception) {
                exception.printStackTrace();
        @Override
        protected void finished(Description description) {
            driver.quit();
   };
// ...
```