SELENIUM CHEAT SHEETS



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Local Configuration

Chrome

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

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
Selenium::WebDriver::Chrome::Service.executable_path = './chromedriver'
driver = Selenium::WebDriver.for :chrome
```

For more info:

- the Selenium wiki page for ChromeDriver
- the official user documentation

Firefox

Available out of the box.

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
driver = Selenium::WebDriver.for :firefox
```

For more info:

the Selenium wiki page for FirefoxDriver

Internet Explorer

Only available on Microsoft Windows.

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

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
driver = Selenium::WebDriver.for :internet_explorer
```

the Selenium wiki page for InternetExplorerDriver

Opera

Only works for version 12.16 or earlier. For newer versions of Opera, test using Chrome (since it uses the same back-end).

- 1. Download the latest Selenium Standalone Server from here
- 2. Create an environment variable pointing to the server file
- 3. Create an instance of Opera

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
ENV['SELENIUM_SERVER_JAR'] = './selenium-server-standalone.jar'
driver = Selenium::WebDriver.for :opera
driver.get 'http://www.google.com'
driver.quit
```

For more info:

• The Selenium wiki page for OperaDriver

Safari

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

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
driver = Selenium::WebDriver.for :firefox
```

For more info:

• the Selenium wiki page for SafariDriver

Cloud Configuration

Sauce Labs

- 1. Store your Sauce Labs Username and Access Key in environment variables
- 2. Specify the browser and operating system you want through Selenium's Capabilities
- 3. Create an instance of Selenium using the Sauce Labs end-point, passing in the Capabilities

```
ENV['SAUCE_USERNAME'] = 'your username goes here'
ENV['SAUCE_ACCESS_KEY'] = 'your access key goes here'

capabilities = Selenium::WebDriver::Remote::Capabilities.firefox
capabilities.version = "23"
capabilities.platform = "Windows XP"
driver = Selenium::WebDriver.for(
    :remote,
    :url => "http://SAUCE_USERNAME:SAUCE_ACCEESS_KEY@ondemand.saucelabs.com:80/wd/hub",
    :desired_capabilities => capabilities)
```

For more info:

Sauce Labs Available Platforms page

Common Actions

Visit a page

```
driver.get 'url'
# e.g., driver.get 'http://the-internet.herokuapp.com'
```

Find an element

```
# just one, the first Selenium finds
driver.find_element(locator)

# all instances of the element on the page
driver.find_elements(locator)
# returns an Array
```

Work with a found element

```
# Chain actions together
driver.find_element(locator).click

# Store the element
element = driver.find_element(locator)
element.click
```

Work with a collection of found elements

```
collection = driver.find_elements(locator)

# by name
collection.first.click
collection.last.click

# by index
collection[0].click
collection[-1].click
```

Perform an action

```
element.click
element.submit  # submits a form
element.clear  # clearing an input field of its text
element.send_keys  # typing into an input field
```

Ask a question

```
element.displayed? # is it visible?
element.enabled? # can it be selected?
element.selected? # is it selected?
```

Retrieve information

```
# by attribute name
element.attribute('href')

# directly from an element
element.text
```

- the Element API documentation
- the attribute Element API documentation

Locators

Cookies

Retrieve Individual Cookie

```
cookie = driver.manage.cookie_named 'CookieName'
```

Add

```
driver.manage.add_cookie(name: 'key', value: 'value')
```

Delete

```
# one cookie
driver.manage.delete_cookie('CookieName')

# all cookies
driver.manage.delete_all_cookies
# does not delete third-party cookies, just the ones for the domain Selenium is visiting
```

Dropdown Lists

- 1. Find the dropdown list
- 2. Pass it into the Selenium Select helper function
- 3. Select from the list by its text or value

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'

driver.get 'http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/dropdown'
dropdown = @driver.find_element(id: 'dropdown')
select_list = Selenium::WebDriver::Support::Select.new(dropdown)
select_list.select_by(:text, "Option 1")
# select_list.select_by(:value, "1")
```

Exception Handling

- 1. Rescue the relevant exceptions in a helper method, returning false for each
- 2. Create a convenience method to see if an element is displayed

```
def rescue_exceptions
  begin
    yield
  rescue Selenium::WebDriver::Error::NoSuchElementError
    false
  rescue Selenium::WebDriver::Error::StaleElementReferenceError
    false
  end
end

def is_displayed?(locator)
  rescue_exceptions { driver.find_element(locator).displayed? }
end

is_displayed? locator
# will return false if the element is not displayed
# otherwise, it will return true
```

For more info:

a full list of Selenium exceptions

File Transfers

Upload

- 1. Find the text field for the upload form
- 2. Send text to it
- 3. Submit the form

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'

driver.get 'http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/upload'
uploader = driver.find_element(id: 'file-upload')
uploader.send_keys 'path of file you want to upload'
uploader.submit
```

Download

- 1. Get the download link from Selenium
- 2. Use a third-party HTTP library to perform a HEAD request
- 3. Query the headers to look at the content type and content length

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
require 'rspec-expectations'
require 'rest-client'

driver.get 'http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/download'
link = driver.find_element(css: 'a').attribute('href')
response = RestClient.head link
response.headers[:content_type].should == 'image/jpeg'
response.headers[:content_length].to_i.should > 0
```

Download Secure Files

- 1. Get the download link from Selenium
- 2. Pull the session cookie from Selenium
- 3. Use a third-party HTTP library to perform a HEAD request using the session cookie
- 4. Query the headers to look at the content type and content length

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
require 'rspec-expectations'
require 'rest-client'

driver.get 'http://admin:admin@the-internet.herokuapp.com/download_secure'
link = driver.find_element(css: 'a').attribute('href')
driver.manage.cookie_named 'rack.session'
response = RestClient.head link, cookie: "#{cookie[:name]}=#{cookie[:value]};"
response.headers[:content_type].should == 'application/pdf'
response.headers[:content_length].to_i.should > 0
```

Frames

- 1. Switch into the frame
- 2. Perform an action

Nested Frames

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
require 'rspec-expectations'

driver.get 'http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/frames'
driver.switch_to.frame('frame-top')
driver.switch_to.frame('frame-middle')
driver.find_element(id: 'content').text.should =~ /MIDDLE/
```

IFrames

```
require 'selenium-webdriver'
require 'rspec-expectations'
driver.get 'http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/tinymce'
driver.switch_to.frame('mce_0_ifr')
  editor = @driver.find_element(id: 'tinymce')
 before_text = editor.text
 editor.clear
  editor.send_keys 'Hello World!'
 after_text = editor.text
after_text.should_not == before_text
# Hovers
1. Find the element
2. Create an action with the Selenium Action builder
3. Pass in the found element when calling the `move_to` action
4. Perform the action
```ruby
element = driver.find_element(locator)
driver.action.move_to(element).perform
```



# **JavaScript**

# Execution

```
driver.execute_script('your javascript goes here')
```

## **Alerts**

```
popup = driver.switch_to.alert
popup.accept
or popup.dismiss
```

# **Key Presses**

```
driver.action.send_keys(key)
e.g., driver.action.send_keys(:tab)
```

- the Selenium Action Builder send\_keys documentation
- a list of available keyboard keys and their trigger values

# **Multiple Windows**

# A simple way

```
driver.switch_to.window(driver.window_handles.first)
driver.switch_to.window(driver.window_handles.last)
```

Caveat: The order of the window handles is not consistent across all browsers. Some return in the order opened, others alphabetically.

# A solid way

```
main_window = @driver.window_handle
action that triggers a new window
windows = @driver.window_handles
windows.each do |window|
if main_window != window
 @new_window = window
end
end
```

# Screenshots

# Simple screenshot

```
driver.save_screenshot "screenshot.png"
```

# Uniquely named screenshot by timestamp

```
driver.save_screenshot "./#{Time.now.strftime("failshot__%d_%m_%Y__%H_%M_%S")}.png"
```

#### For more info:

• strftime reference and sandbox

# Waiting

## **Implicit Wait**

- Only needs to be configured once
- Tells Selenium to wait for a specified amount of time before raising a NoSuchElementError exception
- Can be overridden with an explicit wait

```
driver.manage.timeouts.implicit_wait = 3
```

#### For more info:

Explicit vs Implicit Waits

# **Explicit Waits**

- Specify an amount of time and an action
- Selenium will try the action repeatedly until either:
  - the action can be accomplished
  - the amount of time has been reached (and throw a timeout exception)

```
wait = Selenium::WebDriver::Wait.new(timeout: seconds)
wait.until { driver.find_element(locator).displayed? }
```

#### For more info:

Explicit vs Implicit Waits