

Selenium Waits

Test automation basics with Selenium & Java



Waits VS sleeps

- `Thread.sleep(1000)` - stops program execution to 1 second
- `WebDriverWait` waits for some event



- Implicit wait
- Explicit wait
- Fluent wait



Implicit wait

- waits till element will be displayed on a page
- waits till timeout
- if element was not found, it throws:

*org.openqa.selenium.NoSuchElementException:
no such element*

Example:

```
driver.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(30, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
```

Now, this form is deprecated, so use it as follows:

```
driver.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(Duration.ofSeconds(30));
```

Explicit wait

- 1) customizable timeout
- 2) flexible wait for events:
 - element's presence
 - element (in-)visibility
 - till page loaded
 - till alert displayed
 - till Javascript returns some value

Example:

```
WebDriverWait wait = new WebDriverWait(driver, Duration.ofSeconds(30));  
wait.until(ExpectedConditions.elementToBeClickable(searchButton));
```

Implicit and explicit waits

Do not mix implicit and explicit waits

**if you use `explicit` waits,
then `implicit` wait should not be used or set to '0'**

- implicit wait equals 0 by default,
- it could be set to zero manually:

```
driver.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(Duration.ofSeconds(0));
```

Custom wait example

```
boolean isElementDisplayed(By by, int timeout) throws InterruptedException {  
    List<WebElement> elements = driver.findElements(by);  
    for(int i = 0; (i < timeout) && (elements.size() == 0); i++) {  
        Thread.sleep(1000);  
        elements = driver.findElements(by);  
    }  
    return elements.size() > 0;  
}
```

Exercise

Add to test explicit wait,
until chosen element
would not be visible.

Create test with following steps:

- Open google.com
- wait until page header will be visible
- wait until search button will be clickable
- type some string in search field
- press search button
- verify that search page header is invisible on results page

Hint: use

```
ExpectedConditions.invisibilityOf(element));
```