

Flasky Script:

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// Connect to webdriverio
const { remote } = require('webdriverio');

// Launch Emulator
(async () => {
  const browser = await remote({
    capabilities: {
      platformName: 'Android',
      'appium:deviceName': 'emulator-5554',
      'appium:platformVersion': '12.0',
      'appium:automationName': 'UiAutomator2',
      'appium:app': '/path/to/matchify.apk',
    },
  });

  try {
    // Wait for the login button to be visible and clickable
    const loginButton = await browser.$('~loginButton');
    await loginButton.waitForExist({ timeout: 5000 });
    await loginButton.waitForClickable({ timeout: 5000 });
    await loginButton.click(); // Click the login button

    // Wait for username input to be visible before entering text
    const usernameInput = await browser.$('~usernameInput');
    await usernameInput.waitForExist({ timeout: 5000 });
    await usernameInput.waitForDisplayed({ timeout: 5000 });
    await usernameInput.setValue('testuser'); // Set the username

    // Wait for password input to be visible before entering text
    const passwordInput = await browser.$('~passwordInput');
    await passwordInput.waitForExist({ timeout: 5000 });
    await passwordInput.waitForDisplayed({ timeout: 5000 });
    await passwordInput.setValue('password123'); // Set the password

    // Wait for submit button to be visible and clickable
    const submitButton = await browser.$('~submitButton');
    await submitButton.waitForExist({ timeout: 5000 });
    await submitButton.waitForClickable({ timeout: 5000 });
    await submitButton.click(); // Submit the form

    // Validate login success
    const successMessage = await browser.$('~successMessage');
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    await successMessage.waitForExist({ timeout: 5000 }); // Ensure success message is
present
    const successText = await successMessage.getText();

    // Assert that the login was successful
    if (successText === 'Login Successful!') {
        console.log('Login Test Passed');
    } else {
        console.error('Login Test Failed: Success message not matched');
    }
} catch (error) {
    console.error('Test failed:', error);
} finally {
    // Close the browser session
    await browser.deleteSession();
}
})();

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Changes and Improvements

Explicit Waits for Elements:

We added `waitForExist()` and `waitForClickable()` methods before interacting with elements. This ensures that the elements are ready for interaction before performing actions like clicking or entering text. We set a timeout of 5 seconds to wait for elements to appear.

Ensuring Visibility of Input Fields:

Before entering values into the username and password fields, we added checks to ensure that both fields are visible and interactable. This prevents issues where the script might try to interact with elements before they are fully loaded and visible.

Improved Assertions:

We improved the validation of the login success message by using an `if` statement to compare the actual message with the expected one. This also helps in providing more detailed failure logs, making it easier to diagnose the issue when the test fails.

Error Handling:

We enhanced error handling by logging more detailed messages about the causes of test failures. This approach helps pinpoint exactly where the problem lies and improves the debugging process.

General Stability:

By implementing explicit waits and validating that elements are interactable, we've significantly reduced the chances of flaky behavior. This addresses timing or element readiness issues that may cause the test to fail intermittently.

Documentation of Root Causes and Solutions

Root Causes:

- **Timing Issues:** The script was attempting to interact with elements before they were fully loaded or available, causing failures.
- **Flaky Element Locators:** Changes to the app's UI or use of unstable element locators (e.g., dynamic IDs) could result in difficulties finding the elements.
- **Lack of Retry Mechanism:** Without retry logic, transient issues like slow page loads or network delays could cause failures.
- **Basic Error Handling:** The error handling was limited to logging the error, without providing insights into the root cause or handling retries.

Steps Taken:

- **Introduced Explicit Waits:** We added `waitForExist()`, `waitForDisplayed()`, and `waitForClickable()` to ensure that the elements are available before interacting with them.
- **Used Stable Locators:** We continued using `accessibility id` locators, assuming they are stable. For dynamic locators, we would consider using more reliable options.
- **Implemented Robust Assertions:** We made the validation process clearer and included better logging for test success or failure, making it easier to debug.
- **Improved Error Handling:** We improved error logging to provide more detailed feedback, aiding in the identification of issues and improving the overall testing experience.