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## Android Locator Strategies





# Appium Android Capabilities



```
{
  "platformName": "Android",
  "platformVersion": "8.1",
  "deviceName": "emulator-5554",
  "deviceOrientation": "portrait",
  "automationName": "UiAutomator2",
  "appPackage": "com.disney.wdpro.dlr",
  "appActivity": "com.disney.wdpro.park.activities.LoaderActivity",
  "app": "/Users/user.name/Desktop/apps/Disneyland.apk"
}
```







**Appium Interface**



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The screenshot displays the Android Studio IDE. On the left, a mobile app preview shows a 'Disneyland' app interface with a map, event listings like 'Big Thunder Mountain Railroad', and a 'Tiki Juice Bar' section. The top status bar shows '12:07'. The middle pane, titled 'App Source', shows the XML source code for the app. A black box highlights the `<android.widget.RelativeLayout>` tag, with an arrow pointing to it from the word 'Class'. The right pane, titled 'Selected Element', shows the 'Find By' and 'Selector' tabs. The 'Find By' tab is active, showing the 'xpath' selector `//android.widget.ImageButton[@content-desc="Close"]`. Below this, a table lists attributes and their values for the selected element.

**App Source**

```
<android.widget.FrameLayout>
  <android.widget.LinearLayout>
    <android.widget.FrameLayout>
      <android.widget.LinearLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:
        <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="android:id/content"
          <android.view.ViewGroup resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.di
            <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disney.w
              <android.widget.FrameLayout>
                <android.support.v4.view.ViewPager resource-id="
                  <android.widget.RelativeLayout>
                    <android.widget.ImageView resource-id="co
                      <android.view.View resource-id="com.disney.wdpr
                        <android.widget.LinearLayout resource-id="com.disney.w
                          <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disn
                            <android.widget.LinearLayout>
                              <android.view.ViewGroup resource-id="com.dis
                                <android.widget.ImageButton content-desc
                                  <android.widget.RelativeLayout>
```

**Selected Element**

Tap Send Keys Clear

| Find By          | Selector  |
|------------------|---|
| accessibility id | Close   |
| xpath            | //android.widget.ImageButton[@content-desc="Close"] |

| Attribute      | Value                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| elementId      | 9df8d7b0-af4d-4338-bf09-7034c05dccb1 |
| index          | 0                                    |
| package        | com.disney.wdpro.dlr                 |
| class          | android.widget.ImageButton           |
| text           |                                      |
| content-desc   | Close                                |
| checkable      | false                                |
| checked        | false                                |
| clickable      | true                                 |
| enabled        | true                                 |
| focusable      | true                                 |
| focused        | false                                |
| long-clickable | false                                |
| password       | false                                |
| scrollable     | false                                |

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The screenshot displays the Android Studio IDE with the source code of the Disneyland app. The app's UI is shown on the left, featuring the Disneyland logo, a Google search bar, a Disney account login prompt, and a 'Sign In' button. The center pane shows the XML source code, and the right pane shows the 'Selected Element' details for the 'Sign In' button.

**App Source**

```
<android.widget.LinearLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/appBarLayout">
  <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/collapsing_toolbar">
    <android.widget.ImageView content-desc="Disneyland Resort, Header" resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/...>
    <android.widget.RelativeLayout>
      <android.widget.FrameLayout content-desc="Map, Button" resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/mapClick...>
      <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/mapContainer">
        <android.widget.FrameLayout>
          <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/map_wrapper">
            <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/map_view">
              <android.widget.FrameLayout>
                <android.widget.RelativeLayout>
                  <android.view.View content-desc="Google Map">
                  <android.widget.RelativeLayout>
    <android.support.v7.widget.RecyclerView resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/listvw">
  <android.view.ViewGroup>
    <android.widget.ImageView content-desc="Disney Account, Header" resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tr...>
    <android.widget.TextView content-desc="Please sign in or create an account to get FASTPASS, view photos a...>
    <android.view.ViewGroup resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tmplogin_actions">
      <android.view.ViewGroup resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tmpsubacts_root">
        <android.view.View content-desc="Sign In, button" resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tmpsubacts_p...>
        <android.widget.TextView content-desc="Create Account, button" resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/...>
    <android.view.ViewGroup content-desc="Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge — Now Open!, Learn how to enter the land, ch...>
  <android.widget.FrameLayout resource-id="com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tabContainer">
```

**Selected Element**

| Find By          | Selector   |
|------------------|--|
| accessibility id | Sign In, button                                      |
| id               | com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tmpsubacts_primary           |
| xpath            | //android.view.View[@content-desc="Sign In, button"] |

| Attribute      | Value                                      |
|----------------|--|
| elementid      |  |
| index          | 0  |
| package        | com.disney.wdpro.dlr                       |
| class          |  |
| text           | Sign In                                    |
| content-desc   | Sign In, button                            |
| resource-id    | com.disney.wdpro.dlr:id/tmpsubacts_primary |
| checkable      | false                                      |
| checked        | false                                      |
| clickable      | true                                       |
| enabled        | true                                       |
| focusable      | true                                       |
| focused        | false                                      |
| long-clickable | false                                      |
| password       | false                                      |





**UiSelector()**



# Android Selector Strategies

## Android

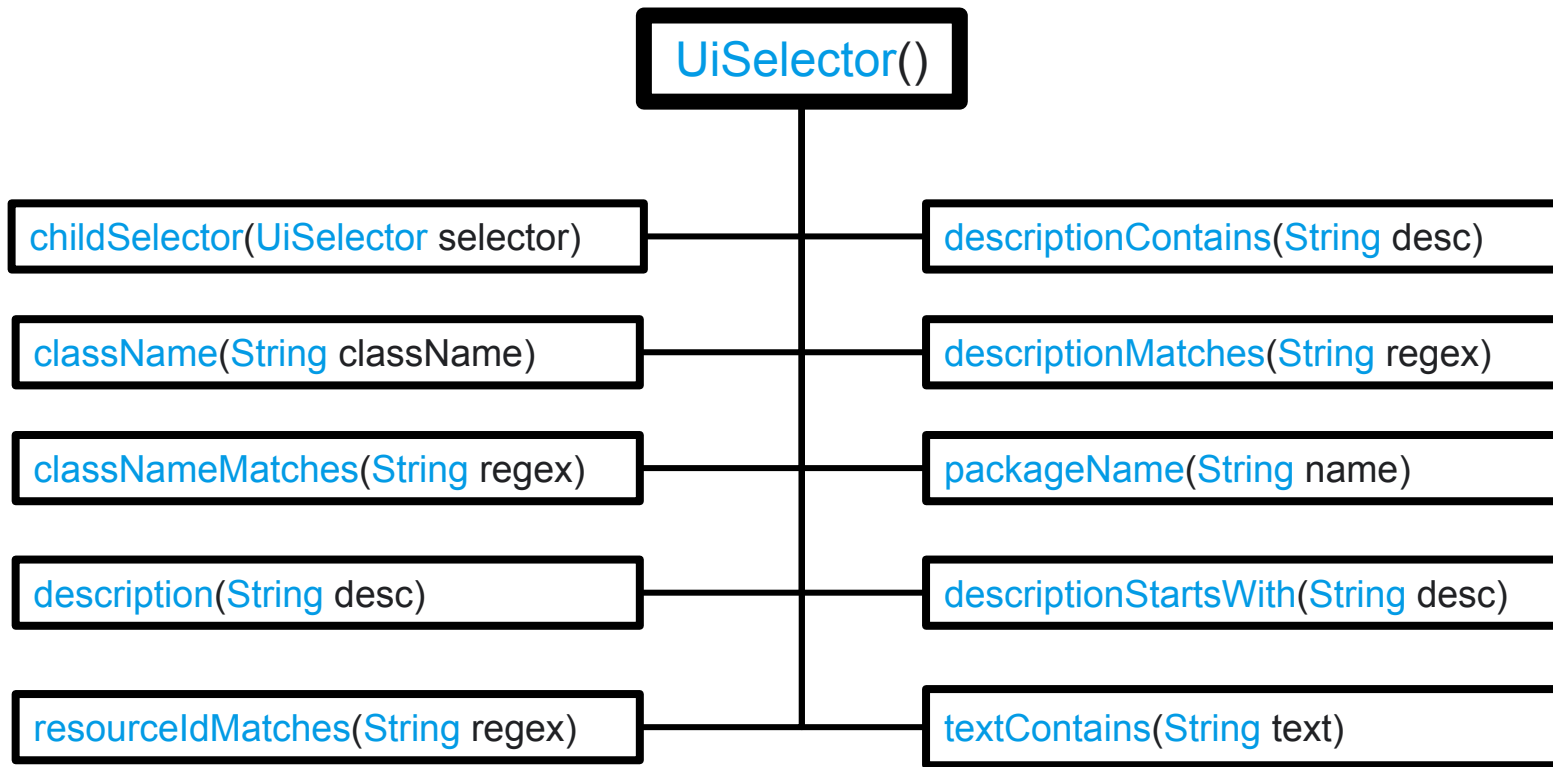
| Strategy   | Description   |
|--|---|
| Accessibility ID                                 | Read a unique identifier for a UI element. For XCUITest it is the element's <code>accessibility-id</code> attribute. For Android it is the element's <code>content-desc</code> attribute.   |
| Class name                                       | For iOS it is the full name of the XCUI element and begins with XCUIElementType. For Android it is the full name of the UIAutomator2 class (e.g.: <code>android.widget.TextView</code> )  |
| ID   | Native element identifier. <code>resource-id</code> for android; <code>name</code> for iOS.   |
| Name   | Name of element   |
| XPath  | Search the app XML source using xpath (not recommended, has performance issues) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><code>@AndroidFindBy(xpath = "//android.widget.TextView[contains (@text, 'chat')]/../android.widget.LinearLayout/android.widget.Switch")</code></li></ul> |
| Android<br>UiAutomator<br>(UiAutomator2<br>only) | Use the <a href="#">UI Automator</a> API, in particular the <a href="#">UiSelector</a> class to locate elements. In Appium you send the Java code, as a string, to the server, which executes it in the application's environment, returning the element or elements.           |







# UiSelector Location Strategies



# Using ResourceId Attribute

```
new UiSelector().resourceId("com.espn.score_center:id/btn_signup")
```

```
new UiSelector().resourceIdMatches(".*btn_signup")
```



# Using Description Attribute

```
new UiSelector().descriptionContains("App Logo")
```

```
new UiSelector().descriptionMatches(".*Logo")
```





# Using Text

```
new UiSelector().textContains("LATER")
```

```
new UiSelector().text("SIGN UP LATER")
```



# Using ClassName

```
new UiSelector().className("android.widget.ImageView")
```



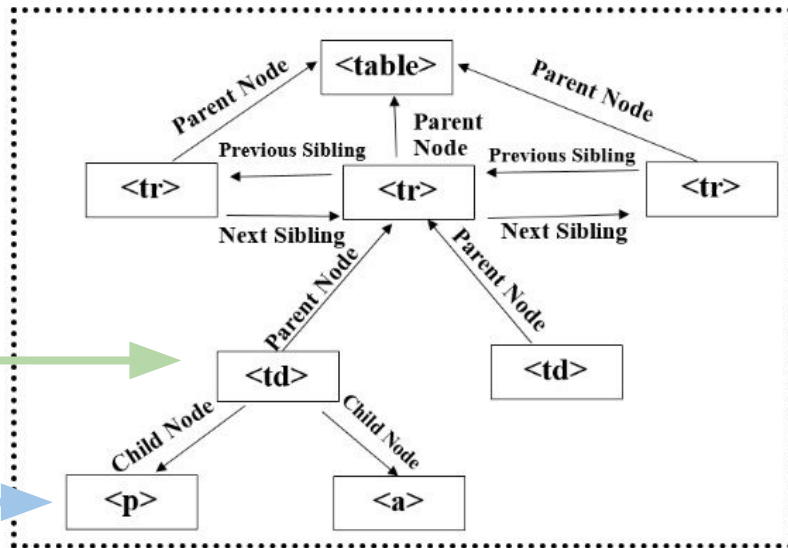
# Chaining Attributes

```
new UiSelector()  
    .text("SIGN UP")  
    .resourceIdMatches(".*btn_signup")
```



# Using ChildSelector

```
new UiSelector()  
  .className("android.widget.GridView")  
  .childSelector(  
    new UiSelector()  
      .resourceIdMatches(".*animation_view")  
  )
```





**UIScrollViewable()**



# Filtering by attribute

```
new UiScrollable(  
    new UiSelector().scrollable(true)  
)  
.scrollIntoView(  
    new UiSelector()  
        .resourceIdMatches(".*tmpsubacts_primary")  
        .descriptionContains("See Ticket Option")  
)
```

```
new UiScrollable(  
    new UiSelector().scrollable(true)  
)  
.scrollIntoView(  
    new UiSelector().textContains("Terms of use")  
)
```





# Scrolling without any specification

```
new UiScrollable(  
    new UiSelector().scrollable(true)  
)  
.scrollToBeginning(1)
```

```
new UiScrollable(  
    new UiSelector().scrollable(true)  
)  
.scrollToEnd(1)
```





**TouchAction API**



# What is TouchAction?

- Is an Appium API that allows you to build up arbitrary gestures with multiple actuators.
- Is a solution that allows you to apply the same gestures for Android and iOS, avoiding the creation of different flows/interactions for each one. For example, we are not able to use UiAutomation (UiScrollable) on iOS.

[Appium Documentation](#)



[Appium Github Documentation](#)



# TouchAction examples

- Touching an specific element

```
TouchAction action = new TouchAction(driver);  
action.press(element);
```

- Touching over specific coordinates and moving to specific coordinates

```
TouchAction action = new TouchAction(driver);  
action.press(10, 10);  
action.moveTo(10, 100);
```

X coordinates

Y coordinates





**THANKS FOR  
YOUR ATTENTION!**

