

Extend Selenium Grid Video Recording Capability

Hello, in the previous article, I described [how to extend Selenium Grid](#). You can reach the tutorial in this link. Today, I am going to add **Video Recording capability** into our **Selenium Grid**. Let's get started Selenium Grid Video Recording Capability.

Create a Recorder for Selenium Grid Video Recording Capability

I am using **monte-repack library** to record videos. You can take a look at the source code in our repository. The implementation might differ from your need. That's why I don't want to get into its details. Maven dependency that I used is:

```
1 <dependency>
2   <groupId>com.pojosontheweb</groupId>
3   <artifactId>monte-repack</artifactId>
4   <version>1.0.1</version>
5 </dependency>
```

Changing the Proxy Implementation

I want my proxy to start recording in case there are any custom desired capabilities about recording. So I add a String value for recording request. I will check its value and start the recording.

```
1 private static String RECORD_VIDEO = "rec"
```

The code below will get the value of RECORD_VIDEO capability from the TestSession object.

```
1 record = (Boolean) session.getRequeste
```

Then recording will start.

```
1 @Override
2 public void beforeSession(TestSession ses
3     record = (Boolean) session.getRequeste
4     if (record) {
5         screenRecorder = new Recorder();
6         screenRecorder.startScreenRecord
7         System.out.println("Video Recordi
8     }
9 }
```

After the session ends, we need to stop recording by using the below code.

```
1 @Override
2 public void afterSession(TestSession sess
3     System.out.println("Selenium Extendi
4     if (record)
5         screenRecorder.stopScreenRecorder
6 }
```

How to Modify Your Desired Capabilities?

Add your desired capabilities in DesiredCapabilities object as below. Then run your test, and see your Grid records video like a charm.

We create the RemoteWebDriver with our newly added Desired capability in Before Annotation. By this way, every time a driver is created a new session will be created as well.

```
1 @Before
2 public void beforeClass() {
3     DesiredCapabilities caps = DesiredCa
4     caps.setCapability("recordVideo", true
```

```
5     try {
6         driver = new RemoteWebDriver(
7             new URL("http://localhost:4444/wd/hub"),
8             caps);
9     } catch (MalformedURLException e) {
10        e.printStackTrace();
11    }
12 }
```

You can implement anything in the test.

```
1 @Test
2 public void test() {
3
4     //Test Implementation
5 }
```

We should use quit() method of WebDriver in JUnit's After function. By doing so Selenium terminates the session and video recording is terminated.

```
1 @After
2 public void afterClass() {
3     driver.quit();
4 }
```

Important Note:

Selenium Default Proxy doesn't know if a new test is started or not. It only knows if there's a new session or not. You should implement your new functions according to this fact.