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# Window Handles

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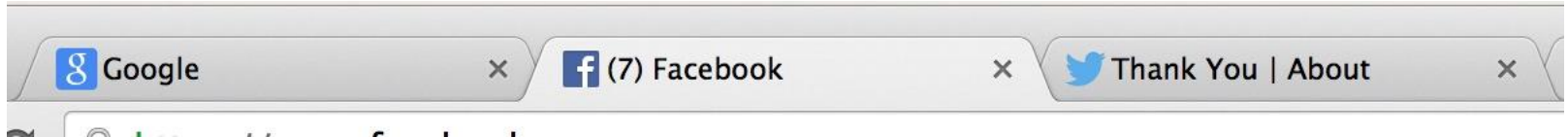


# What is a window?

Each browser or the tab is called window

No tab concept in WebDriver (Everything is a window)

Google, Facebook and Twitter is a Tab



# How to move to specific window?

To move to a specific window, we need to know something unique about the window

- Title / URL of two windows will be same

Web driver uses unique identifier called to handle each window

Using that window handle, we can move to specific window

# How does Selenium moves?

Selenium webdriver moves to a specific window using the window handle

Syntax to move

```
driver.switchTo().window(winHandle);
```

How to know the window handle?



# How to find window handle?

We cannot find the window handle directly

So, use `getWindowHandles()` method to find all the windows opened by Selenium webdriver now

```
driver.getWindowHandles();
```

Note: Webdriver cannot communicate with manually opened or previously opened browsers.

# GetWindowHandles

**java.util.Set<java.lang.String> getWindowHandles()**

Return a set of window handles which can be used to iterate over all open windows of this WebDriver instance by passing them

## Returns:

A set of window handles which can be used to iterate over all open windows.

**Set<String> wHandles = driver.getWindowHandles();**

# Set vs List

Features	Set	List
What it is?	Collection with no duplicates and unordered	Ordered <u>Collection</u> and can allow duplicates
Example	<code>getWindowHandles()</code> returns unique unordered collection (Set)	<code>findElements()</code> returns ordered collection (List)
Null	Only one Null allowed	Multi Null allowed (as duplicated allowed)

# For each in Java

## Syntax:

**for** (**type item: iterableCollection**)

{  
    *// every time, the loop iterates -> the next item in the collection*  
    *is accessible*  
}

```
Set<String> winHandles = driver.getWindowHandles();
```

```
for (String winHandle : winHandles){  
    // winHandle will have the handle of each browser in sequence  
}
```



## Sample Code

```
String parentHandle = driver.getWindowHandle(); // get the current  
window handle
```

```
for (String winHandle : driver.getWindowHandles()) {  
    driver.switchTo().window(winHandle); // switch focus of WebDriver to  
the next found window handle (that's newly opened window)  
}
```

```
driver.switchTo().window(parentHandle); // switch back to the original  
window
```

## Close vs Quit

**Close()** – closes the browser or page currently which is having the focus.

**Quit()** – shut down the web driver instance or destroy the web driver instance (Close all the windows)

# Recap

What is a window?

How Selenium identifies a window?

Syntax to move to a window

Set vs List

Close vs Quit



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