**Selenium Frequently Asked Questions & Answers Part-1**

**Ques.1. What is Selenium?**

Ans. Selenium is a robust test automation suite that is used for automating web based applications. It supports multiple browsers, programming languages and platforms.

**Ques.2. What are different forms of selenium?**

Ans. Selenium comes in four forms-

Selenium WebDriver - Selenium WebDriver is used to automate web applications using browser's native methods.

Selenium IDE - A Firefox plugin that works on record and play back principle.

Selenium RC - Selenium Remote Control(RC) is officially deprecated by selenium and it used to work on javascript to automate the web applications.

Selenium Grid - Allows selenium tests to run in parallel across multiple machines.

**Ques.3. What are some advantages of selenium?**

Selenium is open source and free to use without any licensing cost.

It supports multiple languages like Java, ruby, python etc.

It supports multi browser testing.

It has good amount of resources and helping community over the internet.

Using selenium IDE component, non-programmers can also write automation scripts

Using selenium grid component, distributed testing can be carried out on remote machines possible.

**Ques.4. What are some limitations of selenium?**

We cannot test desktop application using selenium.

We cannot test web services using selenium.

For creating robust scripts in selenium webdriver, programming langauge knowledge is required.

We have to rely on external libraries and tools for performing tasks like - logging(log4J), testing framework-(testNG, JUnit), reading from external files(POI for excels) etc.

**Ques.5. Which all browsers/drivers are supported by Selenium Webdriver?**

Ans. Some commonly used browsers supported by selenium are-

Google Chrome - ChromeDriver

Firefox - FireFoxDriver

Internet Explorer - InternetExplorerDriver

Safari - SafariDriver

HtmlUnit (Headless browser) - HtmlUnitDriver

Android - Selendroid/Appium

IOS - ios-driver/Appium

**Ques.6. Can we test APIs or web services using Selenium webdriver?**

Ans. No selenium webdriver uses browser's native method to automate the web applications. Since web services are headless, so we cannot automate web services using selenium webdriver.

**Ques.7. What are the testing type supported by Selenium WebDriver?**

Ans. Selenium webdriver can be used for performing automated functional and regression testing.

**Ques.8. What are various ways of locating an element in selenium?**

Ans. The different locators in selenium are-

Id

XPath

cssSelector

className

tagName

name

linkText

partialLinkText

**Ques.9. What is an XPath?**

Ans. Xpath or XML path is a query language for selecting nodes from XML documents. XPath is one of the locators supported by selenium webdriver.

**Ques.10. What is an absolute XPath?**

Ans. An absolute XPath is a way of locating an element using an XML expression beginning from root node i.e. html node in case of web pages. The main disadvantage of absolute xpath is that even with slightest change in the UI or any element the whole absolute XPath fails.

Example - html/body/div/div[2]/div/div/div/div[1]/div/input

**Ques.11. What is a relative XPath?**

Ans. A relative XPath is a way of locating an element using an XML expression beginning from anywhere in the HTML document. There are different ways of creating relative XPaths which are used for creating robust XPaths (unaffected by changes in other UI elements).

Example - //input[@id='username']

**Ques.12. What is the difference between single slash(/) and double slash(//) in XPath?**

Ans. In XPath a single slash is used for creating XPaths with absolute paths beginning from root node.

Whereas double slash is used for creating relative XPaths.

**Ques.13. Which XPath you will prefer to use? Why?**

Normally we prefer to use Relative XPath.

Ralative Xpath can identify element evethou some UI changes happed, but can’t identify by Absolute Xpath.

**Ques.14. What is the difference between Absolute XPath and Relative XPath?**

Absolute Xpath will traverse entire HTML from the root node /html.

Relative Xpath directly jump to node based on attribute specified.

**Ques.15. How can we inspect the web element attributes in order to use them in different locators?**

Ans. Using Chropath or developer tools we can inspect the specific web elements. Chropath is a plugin that provides xpaths and CSS Selectors. From automation perspective, “Right click on page inspect element” is used specifically for inspecting web-elements in order to use their attributes like id, class, name etc. in different locators.

**Ques.16. How can we locate an element by only partially matching its attributes value in Xpath?**

Ans. Using contains() method we can locate an element by partially matching its attribute's value. This is particularly helpful in the scenarios where the attributes have dynamic values with certain constant part.

**xPath expression = //\*[contains(@name,'user')]**

The above statement will match the all the values of name attribute containing the word 'user' in them.

**Ques.17. How can we locate elements using their text in XPath?**

Ans. Using the text() method

**Ques.18. How can we move to nth child element using XPath?**

Ans. There are two ways of navigating to the nth element using XPath-

Using square brackets with index position

Example - div[2] will find the second div element.

Using position()

Example - div[position()=3] will find the third div element.

**Ques.19. What is the syntax of finding elements by class using CSS Selector?**

Ans. By .className we can select all the element belonging to a particluar class e.g. '.inputtext ' will select all elements having class ' inputtext '.

**Ques.20. What is the syntax of finding elements by id using CSS Selector?**

Ans. By #idValue we can select all the elements belonging to a particluar id e.g. ‘#u\_0\_n' will select the element having id - u\_0\_n.

**Ques.21. How can we select elements by their attribute value using CSS Selector?**

Ans. Using [attribute=value] we can select all the element belonging to a particluar attribute e.g. '[type=radio]' will select the element having attribute type of value ‘radio'.

**Ques.22. What is fundamental difference between XPath and css selector?**

Ans. The fundamental difference between XPath and css selector is using XPaths we can traverse up in the document i.e. we can move to parent elements. Whereas using CSS selector we can only move downwards in the document.

**Ques.23. How can we launch different browsers in selenium webdriver?**

Ans. By creating an instance of driver of a particular browser-

**Ques.24. What is the use of driver.get("URL") and driver.navigate().to("URL") command? Is there any difference between the two?**

Ans. Both driver.get("URL") and driver.navigate().to("URL") commands are used to navigate to a URL passed as parameter. There is no difference between the two commands.

**Ques.25. How can we type text in a textbox element using selenium?**

WebElement searchTextBox = driver.findElement(By.id("search")); searchTextBox.sendKeys("searchTerm");

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**Ques.26. How can we clear a text written in a textbox?**  
Ans. Using clear() method we can delete the text written in a textbox.  
  
driver.findElement(By.id("elementLocator")).clear();   
 **Ques.27. How to check a checkBox in selenium?**  
Ans. The same click() method used for clicking buttons or radio buttons can be used for checking checkbox as well.  
  
**Ques.28. How can we submit a form in selenium?**  
Ans. Using submit() method we can submit a form in selenium.  
  
driver.findElement(By.id("form1")).submit();   
  
Also, the click() method can be used for the same purpose.  
  
  
**Ques.29. Explain the difference between close and quit command.**  
Ans. driver.close() - Used to close the current browser having focusdriver. quit() - Used to close all the browser instances  
  
**Ques.30. How to switch between multiple windows in selenium?**  
Ans. Selenium has driver.getWindowHandles() and driver.switchTo().window("{windowHandleName}") commands to work with multiple windows.  
The getWindowHandles() command returns a list of ids corresponding to each window and on passing a particular window handle to driver.switchTo().window("{windowHandleName}") command we can switch control/focus to that particular window  
  
for (String windowHandle : driver.getWindowHandles())  
{  
driver.switchTo().window(handle);   
  
**Ques.31. What is the difference between driver.getWindowHandle() and driver.getWindowHandles() in selenium?**  
Ans. driver.getWindowHandle() returns a handle of the current page (a unique identifier)Whereas driver.getWindowHandles() returns a set of handles of the all the pages available.  
  
**Ques.32. How can we move to a particular frame in selenium?**  
Ans. The driver.switchTo() commands can be used for switching to frames.  
  
driver.switchTo().frame("{frameIndex/frameId/frameName}");   
  
  
For locating a frame we can either use the index (starting from 0), its name or Id.  
  
**Ques.33. Can we move back and forward in browser using selenium?**  
Ans. Yes, using driver.navigate().back() and driver.navigate().forward() commands we can move backward and forward in a browser.  
  
**Ques.34. Is there a way to refresh browser using selenium?**  
Ans. There a multiple ways to refresh a page in selenium-  
Using driver.navigate().refresh() command  
Using sendKeys(Keys.F5) on any textbox on the webpage  
  
**Ques.35. How can we maximize browser window in selenium?**  
Ans. We can maximize browser window in selenium using following command-  
  
driver.manage().window().maximize();   
 **Ques.36. How can we fetch a text written over an element?**  
Ans. Using getText() method we can fetch the text over an element.  
  
String text = driver.findElement("elementLocator").getText(); **Ques.37. How can we find the value of different attributes like name, class, value of an element?**  
Ans. Using getAttribute("{attributeName}") method we can find the value of different attrbutes of an element e.g.-  
  
String valueAttribute = driver.findElement(By.id("elementLocator")).getAttribute("value");   
  
**Ques.38. How to delete cookies in selenium?**  
Ans. Using deleteAllCookies() method-  
  
driver.manage().deleteAllCookies();   
 **Ques.39. What is an implicit wait in selenium?**  
Ans. An implicit wait is a type of wait which waits for a specified time while locating an element before throwing NoSuchElementException. By default selenium tries to find elements immediately when required without any wait. So, it is good to use implicit wait. This wait is applied to all the elements of the current driver instance.  
  
driver.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(5, TimeUnit.SECONDS);   
  
**Ques.40. What is an explicit wait in selenium?**  
Ans. An explicit wait is a type of wait which is applied to a particular web element untill the expected condition specified is met.  
  
WebDriverWait wait = new WebDriverWait(driver, 10);  
WebElement element = wait.until(ExpectedConditions.elementToBeClickable(By.id("elementId")));   
  
**Ques.41. What are some expected conditions that can be used in Explicit waits?**  
Ans. Some of the commonly used expected conditions of an element that can be used with expicit waits are-  
elementToBeClickable(WebElement element or By locator)  
visibilityOfElementLocated(By locator)  
attributeContains(WebElement element, String attribute, String value)  
alertIsPresent()  
titleContains(String title)  
titleIs(String title)  
textToBePresentInElementLocated(By, String)  
  
**Ques.42. What is fluent wait in selenium?**  
Ans. A fluent wait is a type of wait in which we can also specify polling interval(intervals after which driver will try to find the element) along with the maximum timeout value.  
  
Wait wait = new FluentWait(driver)  
.withTimeout(20, SECONDS)  
.pollingEvery(5, SECONDS)  
.ignoring(NoSuchElementException.class);  
WebElement textBox = wait.until(new Function()  
{  
public WebElement apply(WebDriver driver) {  
return driver.findElement(By.id("textBoxId"));  
} } );   
 **Ques.43. What are the different keyboard operations that can be performed in selenium?**  
Ans. The different keyboard operations that can be performed in selenium are-  
.sendKeys("sequence of characters") - Used for passing character sequence to an input or textbox element.  
.pressKey("non-text keys") - Used for keys like control, function keys etc that are non-text.  
.releaseKey("non-text keys") - Used in conjuntion with keypress event to simulate releasing a key from keyboard event.  
  
**Ques.44. What are the different mouse actions that can be performed?**  
Ans. The different mouse events supported in selenium are  
click(WebElement element)  
doubleClick(WebElement element)  
contextClick(WebElement element)  
moveToEelement(WebElement element)  
dragAndDrop(source WebElement, target WebElement)  
  
**Ques.45. Write the code to double click an element in selenium?**  
Actions action = new Actions(driver);  
WebElement element=driver.findElement(By.id("elementId")); action.doubleClick(element).build().perform();  
  
**Ques.46. Write the code to right click an element in selenium?**  
Actions action = new Actions(driver);  
WebElement element=driver.findElement(By.id("elementId")); action.contextClick(element). build().perform();    
  
**Ques.47. How to mouse hover an element in selenium?**  
Actions action = new Actions(driver);  
WebElement element=driver.findElement(By.id("elementId"));  
action.moveToElement(element). build().perform();   
 **Ques.48. How to fetch the current page URL in selenium?**  
Ans. Using getCurrentURL() command we can fetch the current page URL-  
  
  
driver.getCurrentUrl();  
   
**Ques.49. How can we fetch title of the page in selenium?**  
Ans. Using driver.getTitle(); we can fetch the page title in selenium. This method returns a string containing the title of the webpage.  
  
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driver.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(180, TimeUnit.SECONDS);   
  
Whereas, Explicit wait is applied to a specified element only-  
  
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Ans. Selenium is used for automating Web based application only(or browsers only). For handling window GUI elements we can use AutoIT or Sikuli.  
  
**Ques.64. What is Robot API?**  
Ans. Robot API is used for handling Keyboard or mouse events. It is generally used to upload files to the server in selenium automation  
  
Robot robot = new Robot(); //Simulate enter key action   
robot.keyPress(KeyEvent.VK\_ENTER);    
  
**Ques.65. How to do file upload in selenium?**  
Ans. File upload action can be performed in multiple ways-  
Using element.sendKeys("path of file") on the webElement of input tag and type file i.e. the elements should be like…    
  
Using Robot API.  
Using AutoIT.  
Using Sikuli  
  
**Ques.66. How to handle HTTPS website in selenium? or How to accept the SSL untrusted connection?**  
Ans. Using profiles in firefox we can handle accept the SSL untrusted connection certificate. Profiles are basically set of user preferences stored in a file.  
  
  
Firefox  
  
FirefoxProfile profile = new FirefoxProfile();  
profile.setAcceptUntrustedCertificates(true);  
profile.setAssumeUntrustedCertificateIssuer(false);  
WebDriver driver = new FirefoxDriver(profile);  
  
IE  
  
DesiredCapabilities capabilities = new DesiredCapabilities();  
capabilities.setCapability(CapabilityType.ACCEPT\_SSL\_CERTS, true);  
System.setProperty("webdriver.ie.driver","IEDriverServer.exe");  
WebDriver driver = new InternetExplorerDriver(capabilities);  
  
Chrome  
  
  
DesiredCapabilities handlSSLErr = DesiredCapabilities.chrome ()  
handlSSLErr.setCapability (CapabilityType.ACCEPT\_SSL\_CERTS, true)  
WebDriver driver = new ChromeDriver (handlSSLErr);   
  
  
**Ques.67 How to do drag and drop in selenium?**  
Using Action class, drag and drop can be performed in selenium. Sample code-  
  
Actions act = new Actions(driver);  
  
act.clickAndHold(source Element).moveToElement(target Element).release().build().perform();  
  
OR  
  
act.dragAndDrop(source Element, target Element).build().perform();     
  
**Ques.68. How to execute javascript in selenium?**  
Ans. JavaScript can be executed in selenium using JavaScriptExecuter. Sample code for javascript execution-  
  
 JavascriptExecutor js = ((JavascriptExecutor) driver);  
js.executeScript(“{Java script code }”);  
  
**Ques.69. How to handle alerts in selenium?**  
Ans. In order to accept or dismiss an alert box the alert class is used. This requires first switching to the alert box and than using accept() or dismiss() command as the case may be.  
  
Alert alert = driver.switchTo().alert(); //To accept the alert  
alert.accept();  
  
Alert alert = driver.switchTo().alert(); //To cancel the alert box  
alert.dismiss();  
   
  
**Ques.70. What is HtmlUnitDriver?**  
Ans. HtmlUnitDriver is the fastest WebDriver. Unlike other drivers (FireFoxDriver, ChromeDriver etc), the HtmlUnitDriver is non-GUI, while running no browser gets launched.  
  
**Ques.71. How to handle hidden elements in Selenium webDriver?**  
Ans. Using javaScript executor we can handle hidden elements-  
(JavascriptExecutor(driver)) .executeScript("document.getElementsByClassName(ElementLocator).click();");  
  
**Ques.72. What is Page Object Model or POM?**  
Ans. Page Object Model(POM) is a design pattern in selenium. POM helps to create a framework for maintaining selenium scripts.  
In POM for each page of the application a class is created having the web elements belonging to the page and methods handling the events in that page.  
The test scripts are maintained in separate files and the methods of the page object files are called from the test scripts file.  
  
**Ques.73. What are the advantages of POM?**  
Ans. The advantages are POM are-  
Using POM we can create an Object Repository, a set of web elements in separate files along with their associated functions. Thereby keeping code clean.  
For any change in UI(or web elements) only page object files are required to be updated leaving test files unchanged.  
It makes code reusable and maintainable.  
 **Ques.74. What is Page Factory?**  
Ans. Page factory is an implementation of Page Object Model in selenium. It provides @FindBy annotation to find web elements and PageFactory.initElements() method to initialize all web elements defined with @FindBy annotation.  
  
public class SamplePage  
{  
WebDriver driver;  
@FindBy(id="search")  
WebElement searchTextBox;  
@FindBy(name="searchBtn")  
 WebElement searchButton;  
  
//Constructor public samplePage(WebDriver driver)  
{  
this.driver = driver; //initElements method to initialize all elements  
PageFactory.initElements(driver, this);  
}  
 //Sample method  
public void search(String searchTerm)  
{  
 searchTextBox.sendKeys(searchTerm); searchButton.click();   
  
**Ques.75. What is an Object repository?**  
Ans. An object repository is centralized location of all the objects or WebElements of the test scripts.  
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Ans. Robot API is used for handling Keyboard or mouse events. It is generally used to upload files to the server in selenium automation  
  
Robot robot = new Robot(); //Simulate enter key action   
robot.keyPress(KeyEvent.VK\_ENTER);    
  
**Ques.65. How to do file upload in selenium?**  
Ans. File upload action can be performed in multiple ways-  
Using element.sendKeys("path of file") on the webElement of input tag and type file i.e. the elements should be like…    
  
Using Robot API.  
Using AutoIT.  
Using Sikuli  
  
**Ques.66. How to handle HTTPS website in selenium? or How to accept the SSL untrusted connection?**  
Ans. Using profiles in firefox we can handle accept the SSL untrusted connection certificate. Profiles are basically set of user preferences stored in a file.  
  
  
Firefox  
  
FirefoxProfile profile = new FirefoxProfile();  
profile.setAcceptUntrustedCertificates(true);  
profile.setAssumeUntrustedCertificateIssuer(false);  
WebDriver driver = new FirefoxDriver(profile);  
  
IE  
  
DesiredCapabilities capabilities = new DesiredCapabilities();  
capabilities.setCapability(CapabilityType.ACCEPT\_SSL\_CERTS, true);  
System.setProperty("webdriver.ie.driver","IEDriverServer.exe");  
WebDriver driver = new InternetExplorerDriver(capabilities);  
  
Chrome  
  
  
DesiredCapabilities handlSSLErr = DesiredCapabilities.chrome ()  
handlSSLErr.setCapability (CapabilityType.ACCEPT\_SSL\_CERTS, true)  
WebDriver driver = new ChromeDriver (handlSSLErr);   
  
  
**Ques.67 How to do drag and drop in selenium?**  
Using Action class, drag and drop can be performed in selenium. Sample code-  
  
Actions act = new Actions(driver);  
  
act.clickAndHold(source Element).moveToElement(target Element).release().build().perform();  
  
OR  
  
act.dragAndDrop(source Element, target Element).build().perform();     
  
**Ques.68. How to execute javascript in selenium?**  
Ans. JavaScript can be executed in selenium using JavaScriptExecuter. Sample code for javascript execution-  
  
 JavascriptExecutor js = ((JavascriptExecutor) driver);  
js.executeScript(“{Java script code }”);  
  
**Ques.69. How to handle alerts in selenium?**  
Ans. In order to accept or dismiss an alert box the alert class is used. This requires first switching to the alert box and than using accept() or dismiss() command as the case may be.  
  
Alert alert = driver.switchTo().alert(); //To accept the alert  
alert.accept();  
  
Alert alert = driver.switchTo().alert(); //To cancel the alert box  
alert.dismiss();  
   
  
**Ques.70. What is HtmlUnitDriver?**  
Ans. HtmlUnitDriver is the fastest WebDriver. Unlike other drivers (FireFoxDriver, ChromeDriver etc), the HtmlUnitDriver is non-GUI, while running no browser gets launched.  
  
**Ques.71. How to handle hidden elements in Selenium webDriver?**  
Ans. Using javaScript executor we can handle hidden elements-  
(JavascriptExecutor(driver)) .executeScript("document.getElementsByClassName(ElementLocator).click();");  
  
**Ques.72. What is Page Object Model or POM?**  
Ans. Page Object Model(POM) is a design pattern in selenium. POM helps to create a framework for maintaining selenium scripts.  
In POM for each page of the application a class is created having the web elements belonging to the page and methods handling the events in that page.  
The test scripts are maintained in separate files and the methods of the page object files are called from the test scripts file.  
  
**Ques.73. What are the advantages of POM?**  
Ans. The advantages are POM are-  
Using POM we can create an Object Repository, a set of web elements in separate files along with their associated functions. Thereby keeping code clean.  
For any change in UI(or web elements) only page object files are required to be updated leaving test files unchanged.  
It makes code reusable and maintainable.  
 **Ques.74. What is Page Factory?**  
Ans. Page factory is an implementation of Page Object Model in selenium. It provides @FindBy annotation to find web elements and PageFactory.initElements() method to initialize all web elements defined with @FindBy annotation.  
  
public class SamplePage  
{  
WebDriver driver;  
@FindBy(id="search")  
WebElement searchTextBox;  
@FindBy(name="searchBtn")  
 WebElement searchButton;  
  
//Constructor public samplePage(WebDriver driver)  
{  
this.driver = driver; //initElements method to initialize all elements  
PageFactory.initElements(driver, this);  
}  
 //Sample method  
public void search(String searchTerm)  
{  
 searchTextBox.sendKeys(searchTerm); searchButton.click();   
  
**Ques.75. What is an Object repository?**  
Ans. An object repository is centralized location of all the objects or WebElements of the test scripts.  
In selenium we can create object repository using Page Object Model and Page Factory design patterns.

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**Ques.101. How can we run a Test method multiple times in a loop(without using any data provider)?**  
Ans. Using invocationCount parameter and setting its value to an integer value, makes the test method to run n number of times in a loop.  
  
**Ques.102. What is the default priority of test cases in TestNG?**  
Ans. The default priority of test when not specified is integer value 0. So, if we have one test case with priority 1 and one without any priority then the test without any priority value will get executed first (as default value will be 0 and tests with lower priority are executed first).  
 **Ques.103. What is the difference between soft assertion and hard assertion in TestNG?**  
Ans. Soft assertions (SoftAssert) allows us to have multiple assertions within a test method, even when an assertion fails the test method continues with the remaining test execution.  
The result of all the assertions can be collated at the end using softAssert.assertAll() method.  
Here, even though the first assertion fails still the test will continue with execution and print the message below the second assertion.  
Hard assertions on the other hand are the usual assertions prodived by TestNG. In case of hard assertion in case of any failure, the test execution stops, preventing execution of any further steps within the test method.  
  
**Ques.104. How to fail a testNG test if it doesn't get executed within a specified time?**  
Ans. We can use timeOut attribute of @Test annotation.  
The value assigned to this timeOut attribute will act as an upperbound, if test doesn't get executed within this time frame then it will fail with timeOut exception.  
  
**Ques.105. How can we skip a test case conditionally?**  
Ans. Using SkipException, we can conditionally skip a test case. On throwing the skipException, the test method  marked as skipped in the test execution report and any statement after throwing the exception will not get executed.  
  
**Ques.106. How can we make sure a test method runs even if the test methods or groups on which it depends fail or get skipped?**  
Ans. Using "alwaysRun" attribute of @Test annotation, we can make sure the test method will run even if the test methods or groups on which it depends fail or get skipped.  
Here, even though the parentTest failed, the dependentTest will not get skipped instead it will executed because of "alwaysRun=true". In case, we remove the "alwaysRun=true" attribute from @Test then the report will show one failure and one skipped test, without trying to run the dependentTest method.  
  
**Ques.107. Why and how will you use an Excel Sheet in your project?**  
The reason we use Excel sheets is because it can be used as data source for tests. An excel sheet can also be used to store the data set while performing DataDriven Testing.  
 **Ques.108. How can you redirect browsing from a browser through some proxy?**  
Selenium provides a PROXY class to redirect browsing from a proxy. Look at the example below:  
  
**Ques.109. How to scroll down a page using JavaScript in Selenium?**  
We can scroll down a page by using window.scrollBy() function.  
Example:  
((JavascriptExecutor) driver).executeScript("window.scrollBy(0,500)")  
 **Ques.110. How to scroll down to a particular element?**  
To scroll down to a particular element on a web page, we can use the function scrollIntoView().  
Example:  
((JavascriptExecutor) driver).executeScript("arguments[0].scrollIntoView();", element);  
   
**Ques.111. How to set the size of browser window using Selenium?**  
To maximize the size of browser window, you can use the following piece of code:driver.manage().window().maximize(); – To maximize the window  
To resize the current window to a particular dimension, you can use the setSize() method.  
  
**Ques.112. Can we enter text without using sendKeys()?**  
Yes. We can enter/ send text without using sendKeys() method. We can do it using JavaScriptExecutor.  
  
 **Ques.113. Explain how you will login into any site if it is showing any authentication popup for username and password?**  
Since there will be popup for logging in, we need to use the explicit command and verify if the alert is actually present. Only if the alert is present, we need to pass the username and password credentials.  
The sample code:

**Ques.114. Explain what is Group Test in TestNG?**  
In TestNG, methods can be categorized into groups. When a particular group is being executed, all the methods in that group will be executed.  We can execute a group by parameterizing it’s name in group attribute of @Test annotation. Example: @Test(groups={“xxx”})  
  
**Ques.115. How To Run Failed Test Cases Using TestNG In Selenium WebDriver**  
By using “testng-failed.xml”  
  
**Ques.116. What is Stale Element Exception? How to handle it?**  
Stale means old, decayed, no longer fresh.  
Stale Element means an old element or no longer available element.  
Assume there is an element that is found on a web page referenced as a WebElement in WebDriver. If the DOM changes then the WebElement goes stale. If we try to interact with an element which is staled then the StaleElementReferenceException is thrown.  
When this happens you will need to refresh your reference, or find the element again.  
  
**Ques.117. What are different XPath functions that you have used in your Project?**  
Contains()  
Using OR & AND  
Start-with() function  
Text()  
  
**Ques.118. What will happen in background when execute new FirefoxDriver() ?**  
Firefox binary will be triggered and Fiefox browser will open with default options.  
FirefoxDriver object is created  
  
**Ques.119. What is the below statement means and Why?WebDriver driver = new FirefoxDriver();**  
WebDriver is an interface which contain several abstract methods such as get(...), findElamentBy(...) etc.  
We simply create reference of web Driver and we can assign objects (Firefox driver, ChromeDriver, IEDriver, Andriod driver etc) to it.  
  
**Ques.120. How do you handle inner Frames and Adjacent Frames?**  
 SwitchTo frame1, SwitchTo frame2 (inner frame) work on the element and switchto default content  
Use SwitchTo frame to move the control inside frame.  
 **Ques.121. How to click on an element which is not visible using selenium WebDriver?**  
We can use JavascriptExecutor to click.  
  
WebElement element = driver.findElement(By.id("gbqfd"));  
JavascriptExecutor executor = (JavascriptExecutor)driver;  
executor.executeScript("arguments[0].click();", element);   
  
  
**Ques.122. Difference between verify and assert?**  
Assert: Assert command checks if the given condition is true or false. If the condition is true, the program control will execute the next phase of testing, and if the condition is false, execution will stop and nothing will be executed.  
Verify: Verify command also checks if the given condition is true or false. It doesn't halts program execution i.e. any failure during verification would not stop the execution and all the test phases would be executed.  
  
**Ques.123. What is the use of @FindBy annotation?**  
@FindBy is used to identify element in the Page Factory approach.  
  
**Ques.124. Do you use Thread.sleep?**  
Rarely  
 **Ques.125. What are different pop-ups that you have handle in your projects?**  
JavaScript Pop  
Alert alert = driver.switchTo().alert();  
Browser Pop Ups  
Browser Profiles, Robot Class, AutoIT, Sikuli  
Native OS Pop Ups  
Browser Profiles, Robot Class, AutoIT, Sikuli

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**Ques.126. How do you handle HTTP Proxy Authentication pop ups in browser?**  
Form authentications URL - http://UserName:Password@Example.com  
Example:  
http://the-internet.herokuapp.com/basic\_auth  
https://admin:admin@the-internet.herokuapp.com/basic\_auth  
  
**Ques.127. How do you handle Ajax dropdowns?**  
With help of Selenium Sync commands like ImplicitWait, WebDriverWait or FluentWait.  
  
**Ques.128. What is the default port for Selenium Grid?**  
4444  
    
**Ques.129. How to run tests in multiple browser parallel?**   
Using selenium grid  
 **Ques.130. How to find broken images in a page using Selenium Web driver.**  
Get xpath and then using tag name 'a'; get all the links in the page  
Use HttpURLConnector class and sent method GET  
Get the response code for each link and verify if it is 404/500  
  
List links = driver.findElements(By.tagName("a"));  
  
for (int i = 0; i < links.size(); i++) {  
WebElement element = links.get(i);  
  
// By using "href" attribute, we could get the url of the requried link  
String url = element.getAttribute("href");  
  
//System.out.println(url);  
URL link = new URL(url);  
  
// Create a connection using URL object (i.e., link)  
HttpURLConnection httpConn = (HttpURLConnection) link.openConnection();  
  
// Set the timeout for 2 seconds  
httpConn.setConnectTimeout(2000);  
  
// connect using connect method  
httpConn.connect();  
  
// use getResponseCode() to get the response code.  
if (httpConn.getResponseCode() >= 400) {  
    System.out.println(url + " - " + "is Broken Link");  
    } else {  
        System.out.println(url + " - " + "is valid Link");  
    }  
  
**Ques.131. How to disable cookies in browser?**  
Using deleteAllVisibleCookies() in selenium  
  
**Ques.132. How does u handle dynamic elements without using XPath?**  
By using classname or css.  
 **Ques.133. Write down scenarios which we can't automate?**  
Barcode Reader, Captcha etc.  
  
**Ques.134. How do you manage the code versions in your project?**  
Using SVN, GitHub or other versioning tools  
  
**Ques.135. How to count total no of hyperlinks in a page?**  
Listalllinks=driver.finElements(By.tagname("a");  
System.out.println(alllinks.size());  
 **Ques.136. What are the benefits of Automation Testing?**  
Saves time and money. Automation testing is faster in execution.  
Reusability of code. Create one time and execute multiple times with less or no maintenance.  
Easy reporting. It generates automatic reports after test execution.  
Easy for compatibility testing. It enables parallel execution in the combination of different OS and browser environments.  
Low-cost maintenance. It is cheaper compared to manual testing in a long run.  
It is mostly used for regression testing. Supports execution of repeated test cases.  
Minimal manual intervention. Test scripts can be run unattended.  
Maximum coverage. It helps to increase the test coverage.  
  
**Ques.137. What type of tests have you automated?**  
Our main focus is to automate test cases to do Regression testing, Smoke testing, and Sanity testing. Sometimes based on the project and the test time estimation, we do focus on End to End testing.  
  
**Ques.138. How many test cases you have automated per day?**  
It depends on Test case scenario complexity and length.  
I did automate 2-5 test scenarios per day when the complexity is limited.  
Sometimes just 1 or fewer test scenarios in a day when the complexity is high.  
  
**Ques.139. What is Selenium IDE?**  
Selenium IDE (Integrated Development Environment) is a Firefox plugin.  
It is the simplest framework in the Selenium Suite.  
It allows us to record and playback the scripts. Even though we can create scripts using Selenium IDE, we need to use Selenium WebDriver to write more advanced and robust test cases.  
  
**Ques.140. What is Selenese?**  
Selenese is the language which is used to write test scripts in Selenium IDE.  
  
**Ques.141. What is Selenium RC?**  
Selenium RC (Selenium 1).  
Selenium RC was the main Selenium project for a long time before the WebDriver merge brought up Selenium 2.  
Selenium 1 is still actively supported (in maintenance mode). It relies on JavaScript for automation. It supports Java, Javascript, Ruby, PHP, Python, Perl and C#. It supports almost every browser out there.  
  
**Ques.142. What is Selenium WebDriver?**  
Selenium WebDriver (Selenium 2) is a browser automation framework that accepts commands and sends them to a browser.  
It is implemented through a browser-specific driver.  
It controls the browser by directly communicating with it.  
Selenium WebDriver supports Java, C#, PHP, Python, Perl, Ruby.  
 **Ques.143. When do you use Selenium Grid?**  
Selenium Grid can be used to execute same or different test scripts on multiple platforms and browsers concurrently so as to achieve distributed test execution.  
  
**Ques.144. What are the advantages of Selenium Grid?**  
It allows running test cases in parallel thereby saving test execution time.  
It allows multi-browser testing  
It allows us to execute test cases on multi-platform  
  
**Ques.145. What is a hub in Selenium Grid?**  
A hub is a server or a central point that controls the test executions on different machines.  
 **Ques.146. What is a node in Selenium Grid?**  
Node is the machine which is attached to the hub. There can be multiple nodes in Selenium Grid.  
  
**Ques.147. What are the types of WebDriver APIs available in Selenium?**  
Firefox Driver  
InternetExplorer Driver  
Chrome Driver  
HTMLUNIT Driver  
Opera Driver  
Safari Driver  
Android Driver  
iPhone Driver  
  
**Ques.148. Which WebDriver implementation claims to be the fastest?**  
The fastest implementation of WebDriver is the HTMLUnitDriver. It is because the HTMLUnitDriver does not execute tests in the browser.  
 **Ques.149. What are the Programming Languages supported by Selenium WebDiver?**  
Java  
C#  
Python  
Ruby  
Perl  
PHP  
  
**Ques.150. What are the Operating Systems supported by Selenium WebDriver?**  
Windows  
Linux  
Mac

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**Ques.151. What are the Open-source Frameworks supported by Selenium WebDriver?**  
JUnit  
TestNG  
CUCUMBER  
JBHEAVE  
   
**Ques.152. What is the super interface of WebDriver?**  
SearchContext.  
   
**Ques.153. What are the types of waits available in Selenium WebDriver?**  
In Selenium we could see three types of waits such as Implicit Waits, Explicit Waits and Fluent Waits.  
Implicit Waits  
Explicit Waits   
Fluent Waits   
PageLoadTimeOut  
Thread.sleep() – static wait  
 **Ques.154. How to clear the text in the text box using Selenium WebDriver?**  
By using clear() method  
  
WebDriver driver = new FirefoxDriver();  
driver.get("https://www.gmail.com");  
driver.findElement(By.xpath("xpath\_of\_element1")).sendKeys("Software Testing ");  
driver.findElement(By.xpath("xpath\_of\_element1")).clear();  
  
**Ques.155. How to get a text of a web element?**  
By using getText() method  
 **Ques.156. How to get an attribute value using Selenium WebDriver?**  
By using getAttribute(value);  
  
**Ques.157. List some scenarios which we cannot automate using Selenium WebDriver?**  
Bitmap comparison Is not possible using Selenium WebDriver  
Automating Captcha is not possible using Selenium WebDriver  
We can not read bar code using Selenium WebDriver  
windows OS based pop ups  
third party calendars/element  
Image  
Word/PDF  
  
**Ques.158. How can you use the Recovery Scenario in Selenium WebDriver?**  
By using “Try Catch Block” within Selenium WebDriver Java tests.  
try {  
     driver.get("www.xyz.com");  
}catch(Exception e){  
     System.out.println(e.getMessage());  
}  
  
**Ques.159. Database testing in Selenium?**  
We can use JDBC driver to connect to any database in Java.  
 **Ques.160. How to schedule the Test Suite Execution?**  
We can schedule the test suite execution using CI tools like hudson(Jenkins), Bamboo. Alternatively, we can use windows scheduler to launch the test execution.  
 **Ques.161. How to send an email stating the execution status to all stakeholders in Selenium?**  
We can send mail in Java using javax.mail library.  
  
**Ques.162. What is desired capabilities?**  
Capabilities are used to set the values of the browser attributes before we launch any browser using selenium web driver.  
  
**Ques.163. Version control tools like SVN, GIT?**  
We use version control tools like gitHub/SVN to track the changes to the files in a project and work in collaboration.  
  
**Ques.164. Build tools - Ant, Maven?**  
We use these tools to manage build activities for the Java project.  
   
**Ques.165. CI tools - Jenkin, Bamboo?**  
These are continuous integration tools helping in quick deployment of applications, testing them and reporting the issues in the code before it is too late. It helps in getting the application into production quickly and with more quality confidence.

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**Ques.166. What is a Framework?**  
A framework defines a set of rules or best practices which we can follow in a systematic way to achieve the desired results. There are different types of automation frameworks and the most common ones are:  
Data Driven Testing Framework  
Keyword Driven Testing Framework  
Hybrid Testing Framework  
  
**Ques.167. Have you created any Framework?**  
If you are a beginner: No, I didn’t get a chance to create a framework. I have used the framework which is already available.  
If you are an experienced tester: Yes, I have created a framework.  Or I have involved in the creation of the framework.  
 **Ques.168. Can you explain the Framework which you have used in your Selenium Project?**  
Here you have to clearly explained each component of Framework.  
  
   
**Ques.169. Why do you prefer Selenium Automation Tool?**  
Free and open source  
Have large user base and helping communities  
Cross browser compatibility  
Platform compatibility  
Multiple programming languages support