

XPATH Crash Course:

1. What is XPath?
 - a. Xpath means the address of the every element.
 - b. There are multiple ways to write a XPATH.
2. What's the importance of XPATH in WebAutomation?
3. Types of XPaths:
 - a. Absolute XPaths
 - b. Relative XPaths
4. How to write the XPATHS?
 - a. XPATH syntax and Functions:
 - i. /tagName
 - ii. //tagName[@attributeName="attributeValue"]
 - iii. And, OR functions
 - iv. Text(), normalize-space(),
 - v. Index, position, last, etc.
 - b. Difference b/w "/" and "//"?
 - i. "/" is very slow.
 - ii. "//" is fast it directly points out to element.
 - c. What is the right platform to write and verify XPath.
 - i. Chrome DevTools
 1. Note: Do not write Xpaths in ChromeDevTools.
 2. Most of the time you'll get the wrong answer in this, because ChromeDevTools are also used for Key-finder inspite of XPaths.
 - ii. Console \$x
 - iii. Using SelectorHub
 - d. How to write XPath using XPath functions?
 - i. Using single forward slash (/):
 1. (Whenever we're writing using the single forward slash we need to traverse from top).
 2. E.g. -> /html/body/div[1] (This also known as Absolute XPath).
 - ii. Using double forward slash (//):
 1. Here, we don't need to traverse from starting/top.
 2. E.g. -> //a[@title='Platform']
 3. (Let's say you need to use the Partial value of your attribute value you can go with contains) -> //a[contains(@title,'Platfo')]

4. You can also do (or), (and) function:

a. (or) is used to check if anyone xpath is present then it will find:-

e.g. -> `//a[contains(@title,'platfo')]` or

`//a[contains(@class,'yahoo')]`

b. (and) is used to check if both the xpaths are able to find the element on the page.

e.g. -> `//a[contains(@title,'hello') and`

`//a[contains(@class,'world')]`

- iii. Using the text() function:
 - 1. Syntax: //tagName[text()='value']
 - 2. E.g. -> //a[text()='Platform']
 - 3. E.g. -> //a[contains(text(),'Platform']
- iv. Using the normalize-space() function:
 - 1. Syntax: //tagName[normalize-space()='value']
 - 2. E.g. -> //h3[normalize-space()='SelectorHub']
- e. How to write Relative XPath using axes and without using axes?
 - i. Means writing XPath w.r.t some other parent.
 - ii. Using axes:
 - 1. Condition -> writing the xpath for Forum.
 - a. First we need to write the xpath for 'forum', and then need to mention its parent element.
 - b. E.g. -> //a[@title='blog']/ancestor::ul//a[@title='Forum']
 - iii. Without axes:
 - 1. Condition -> writing the xpath of Forum w.r.t. Blog
 - 2. Flow would be: First write the xpath of blog go to common parent and from parent writing the xpath of that particular element – forum.
 - 3. E.g. -> //ul/li/a[@title='Blog']
- f. Learn to write XPath for SVG Elements.
 - i. Syntax: //*[local-name()='svg']
 - ii. You can also use indexes for mentioning the position of the svg.
 - iii. E.g. -> //*[local-name()='svg'][3]
 - iv. Syntax for child-elements: //*[name()='path']
- g. How to write XPath for Shadow elements.
 - i. What is Shadow DOM?
 - 1. It's a DOM inside DOM.
 - 2. There are (2) types of shadow DOM -> Open and Closed.
 - 3. Actual DOM will always start with <!doctype HTML>.
 - 4. Open Shadow-DOM only supports XPaths but not the Closed shadow-DOM supports XPath.
- h. How to write XPath for iFrame Elements and iFrame.
 - 1. Syntax: //iFrame[@title='allowScreen']
- i. Writing XPath for dynamic Elements which disappear from DOM.
 - i. The elements that aren't present in DOM, for this you need to use selector hub.
 - 1. Right click on the element and select SelectorHub.

