

GRAFT: Generic & Reusable Automation Framework for Agile Testing

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Abstract—Automation testing framework enables the complete automation of the entire testing process in a software development life cycle. This research paper will mainly focus on a new hybrid automation testing framework called GRAFT – Generic & Reusable Automation Framework which supports cross browser testing.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Software testing has profound place in software industry due to its crucial role in quality software production. With the increase in the business requirements the need to develop a higher number of quality product in a short interval of time and with limited resources becomes a constraint[1]. This scenario leads to the identification of such a tool which is best suited for the application to be developed and automation of the testing process with a cost effective approach[1].

Designing process of an automated test framework is not a science. The essential element in automation history is to assure a thought out approach on the basis of common and successfully implemented software industrial practices.

Software testing include special software in test automation process. This software controls the execution of test and the comparison of actual and predicted outcomes. Test automation regulates some repetitive but important task through structured testing process that would be tedious for manual execution. [2].

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Cross browser testing[3] helps to ensure uniform web application behavior across various web browsers. Lack of any well-defined automation framework to test various application functional/non-functional scenarios lead to huge amount of manual effort of testing the same functional scenarios in multiple browsers. In agile development where sprint durations are just of 4-6 weeks, running regression suit manually across multiple browsers require huge manual effort. This paper describes a Generic & Reusable Automation Framework for cross browser testing by using selenium. The

selenium helps in implementing the reporting features and in cross browser testing.

III. BACKGROUND

The approach to design an automation framework includes the following procedure:

- Determination of a Framework Type
- Identifying Framework Components
- Identifying Framework Directory Structure
- Developing Implementation Standards
- Develop Automated Tests

A. Different Ways to Design A Framework

1. Test Script Driven Modularity Framework :
 - This framework builds a layer of abstraction at the fore of a component to cloud it from the remaining software application.
 - This is done by writing small unconventional scripts.
 - Each script represents the different modules and various methods of the AUT.
 - Small scripts can be combined to form larger tests
 - Results in high degree of modularization and maintainability.
2. Data-Driven Automation Framework[5] :
 - Input and the output values of a test scenario are read from data files.
 - These values loaded into corresponding variables in captured scripts.
 - Test flow navigation coded into test script.
 - Thus script can be defined as "driver," or consignment operation, for the data.
3. Keyword Driven Automation Framework[1] :
 - This framework includes the development of keywords and the data depending on the application to be tested.
 - The keywords and the data sets are independent of the automation testing tool.

- In this framework a manual test flow is represented with a sequence of keywords to be implemented.
- The functionality of the application to be tested is logged in a tabular notation along with the specification of each test.

4. Hybrid Test Automation Framework[7]:

- It is the amalgamation of keyword driven, test script and data driven automation frameworks. This framework focuses to evacuate the supremacy of the above mentioned frameworks.
- Hybrid framework can be designed as per your or the stakeholders requirement.
- This framework uses scripts to perform certain might be difficult to implement in a pure keyword driven approach.
- This framework should be designed in a way that it is reusable, generic and easily scalable.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This framework builds automated test scripts with underlying Automation tool Selenium. Selenium is portable software testing tool for Web applications[2]. It supports cross browser testing.

In GRAFT test cases are broken down into business keywords. Keywords are strung together in an excel sheet to form automated test case based on business flow. Therefore simplifying the process of creating automation script.

Centralized test data in excel is maintained to improve the reusability of common data in multiple test case. Therefore test data can be customized easily. Feature of error handling with automatic screen captures of failures. Thereby enables uninterrupted batch execution of the scripts .

Customized reports on excel/html can be generated .Thereby helping in analysis .

A. Following are the modules that make up the GRAFT:

- Business Keywords
- Business Components
- Component Groups
- Business Flow
- Test Data
- Support Libraries
- Test Scripts
- Allocator & Run Manager
- Customized Test Results
- HTML &Excel

B. Architecture:

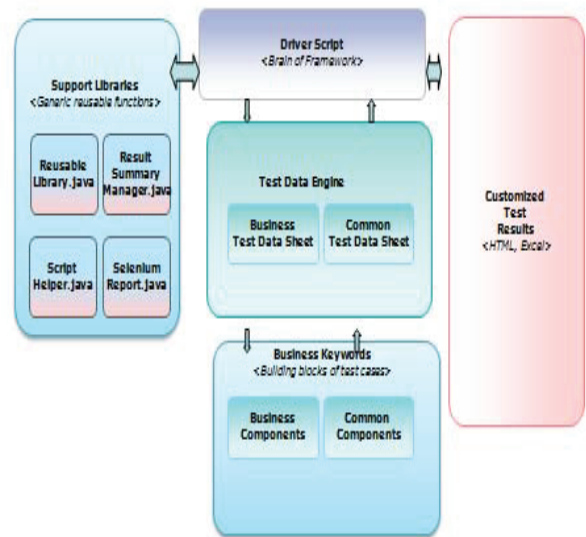


Fig1. Architecture of GRAFT

Business Keywords: All the logic of the keyword components will be implemented in the business keyword. Whenever new application needs to be tested new modules specific to the application will be added in the Business component.

Driver Script: It is the core of the framework. It is point from where the framework starts. It can be called the “entry point”.It contains the core logic of the framework. It executes the given test case. All the operations like startup(), Initializing of test iterations, Initialization of web drivers, report initialization, Execution of test iteration.

Customized Test Result: Test Results are generated in the form of EXCEL and HTML.

Test Data Engine: Business Test Data Sheet: It contains the list of test case ids along with their associated keywords. It also contains the number of iterations and sub iterations associated with each of the test case id. Left to right in excel

Common Test data sheet: It contains the common test data that can be repeatedly used in the application.

Support Libraries: These contain generic reusable functions which are required for testing the application. This component will also contain the logic for report generation. Few of the sample classes in this component are as follows:

- *ReusableLibrary.java* : It is the base class which contains the reusable libraries created by the user. Eg. Selenium, data table.

- *ResultSummaryManager.java*: class that manages the result summary creation during a batch execution.
- *ScriptHelper.java* : common framework objects, to be used across the entire test case and dependent libraries.
- *SeleniumReport.java*: Class to extend the reporting features of the framework.
- *Browser.java*: represent the browser to be used for execution.
- *SeleniumTestParameters.java*: Class to encapsulate various input parameters required for each test script. Browser, version, platform.
- *WebDriverFactory.java*: to get the drivers/ systems proxy settings.

Allocator and Run Manager: This component contains the implementation to manage the batch execution of test scripts within the framework. It also implements the parallel execution of the test scripts.

Run Manager.xls: This file will contain the sequence and all the other related information like test case id, description, browser type, platform for the batch execution of the test case.

V. RESULT & SCREENSHOTS

The framework was tested on an application of college portal of Amity University: “AMIZONE “. To prove its generic & reusability the same framework was tested for gmail and yahoo mail applications.

A complete test suite was written to cover all the scenarios. Result of simple login/ logout functionality and generation of fees receipt are illustrated below. All the test cases were executed in the following ways:

1. Three different browsers chrome, Firefox and Internet Explorer(It can be tested in other browsers also).
2. Execution of individual test scenarios with single data set.
3. Multiple execution of the same test case with different data sets.
4. Batch execution of the test cases.

Common Data Set for Amizone Application:

1	TD_ID	Username	Password	ApplicationUrl
2	CD1	1353363	*****	https://amizone.net
3	CD2	1748025	*****	https://amizone.net
4	CD4	1353363	*****	https://amizone.net
5				
6				

Business Flow for LoginLogout functionality and generation of fees receipt:

1	TC_ID	Keyword_1	Keyword_2	Keyword_3
2	TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	invokeApplication	login	logout
3	TC2_VerifyFeeReceipt	invokeApplication	login	clickFeeBills

Keyword_4	Keyword_5	Keyword_6
clickonFeeReceipt	clickandVerifyPrint	logout

Scenario 1 - Verify Login and Logout Functionality

General Data Set :

1	TC_ID	Iteration	SubIteration	Username	Password	ApplicationUrl
2	TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	1	1	#CD1	#CD1	#CD1

a. In Chrome:

AMIZONE APPLICATION - SCENARIO2_TC1_VERIFYLOGINANDLOGOUTFUNCTIONALITY				
AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULTS				
Date & Time	: 28-Apr-2014 03:37:33 PM		Iteration Mode	: RunAllIterations
Start Iteration	: 1		End Iteration	: 1
Browser	: Chrome		Executed on	: Local Machine
Step_No	Step_Name	Description	Status	Step_Time
+ Iteration: 1				
+ invokeApplication				
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://amizone.net	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:37:42 PM
+ login				
2	Enter User Name	User Name entered = 1353363	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:37:42 PM
3	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:37:43 PM
4	Verify Login	Login in Successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:37:46 PM
+ logoutf				
5	Perform Logoutf	Logoutf button clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:37:47 PM
6	Verify Logoutf	Logoutf successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:37:47 PM
Execution Duration: 0 minute(s), 18 seconds				
Steps passed	: 2	Steps failed	: 0	

Fig 2. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the login/logout functionality in chrome.

b. Firefox:

AMIZONE APPLICATION - SCENARIO2_TC1_VERIFYLOGINANDLOGOUTFUNCTIONALITY					
AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULTS					
Date & Time		: 28-Apr-2014 03:56:18 PM	Iteration Mode		: RunAllIterations
Start Iteration		: 1	End Iteration		: 1
Browser		: Firefox	Executed on		: Local Machine
Step_No	Step_Name	Description		Status	Step_Time
+ Iteration: 1					
+ invokeApplication					
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://amizone.net		DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:56:49 PM
+ login					
2	Enter User Name	User	User Name entered = 1353363	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:56:51 PM
3	Enter Password		Password entered = *****	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:56:51 PM
4	Verify Login		Login in Successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:56:54 PM
+ logoff					
5	Perform Logoff		Logoff button clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:56:54 PM
6	Verify Logoff		Logoff successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:56:55 PM
Execution Duration: 0 minute(s), 50 seconds					
Steps passed		: 2	Steps failed		: 0

Fig 3. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the login/logout functionality in Firefox.

Scenario 2 – Multiple times verification of Login and Logout Functionality with different data sets.

General Data Set :

A	B	C	D	E	F
TC_ID	Iteration	SubIteration	Username	Password	ApplicationUrl
TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	1	1	#CD1	#CD1	#CD1
TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	2	1	#CD2	#CD2	#CD1
TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	3	1	#CD4	#CD4	#CD4

AMIZONE APPLICATION - SCENARIO2_TC1_VERIFYLOGINANDLOGOUTFUNCTIONALITY					
AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULTS					
Date & Time	: 28-Apr-2014 03:22:33 PM	Iteration Mode	: RunAllIterations		
Start Iteration	: 1	End Iteration	: 3		
Browser	: Chrome	Executed on	: Local Machine		
Step_No	Step_Name	Description	Status	Step_Time	
+ Iteration: 1					
+ invokeApplication					
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://amizone.net	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:22:59 PM	
+ login					
2	Enter User Name	User Name entered = 1353363	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:22:59 PM	
3	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:00 PM	
4	Verify Login	Login In Successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:23:02 PM	
+ logoff					
5	Perform Logoff	Logoff button clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:04 PM	
6	Verify Logoff	Logoff successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:23:04 PM	
+ Iteration: 2					
+ invokeApplication					
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://amizone.net	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:05 PM	
+ login					
2	Enter User Name	User Name entered = 1748025	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:05 PM	
3	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:06 PM	
4	Verify Login	Login In Successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:23:08 PM	
+ logoff					
5	Perform Logoff	Logoff button clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:20 PM	
6	Verify Logoff	Logoff successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:23:21 PM	
+ Iteration: 3					
+ invokeApplication					
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://amizone.net	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:21 PM	
+ login					
2	Enter User Name	User Name entered = 1353363	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:22 PM	
3	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:23:22 PM	
4	Verify Login	Invalid Sign-on : Login Not successful	FAIL	28-Apr-2014 03:23:32 PM	
+ logoff					
5	Perform Logoff	Logoff NOT Successful	FAIL	28-Apr-2014 03:23:32 PM	
Execution Duration: 1 minute(s), 4 seconds					
Steps passed	: 4	Steps failed	: 2		

Fig 4. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the login/logout functionality multiple times with different data sets in chrome.

Scenario 3 – 3.Batch execution of multiple test cases:

General Data Set :

A	B	C	D	E	F
TC_ID	Iteration	SubIteration	Username	Password	ApplicationUrl
TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	1	1	#CD1	#CD1	#CD1
TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	2	1	#CD2	#CD2	#CD1
TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	3	1	#CD4	#CD4	#CD4
TC2_VerifyFeeReceiptPrintOptionsWorking	1	1	#CD1	#CD1	#CD1

RunManager.xls:

A	B	C	D	E
TestScenario	TestCase	Description	Execute	IterationMode
Scenario2	TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	Test for login with valid user credentials	Yes	RunAllIterations
Scenario2	TC2_VerifyFeeReceiptPrintOptionsWorking	Test for Fess receipt button working or not	Yes	RunAllIterations
F	G	H	I	J
StartIteration	EndIteration	Browser	BrowserVersion	Platform
		Chrome		WINDOWS
				WINDOWS

AMIZONE APPLICATION - AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULT SUMMARY				
Date & Time	: 28-Apr-2014 03:25:40 PM	OnError	: NextIteration	
Run Configuration	: Regression	No. of threads	: 4	
Test_Scenario	Test_Case	Test_Description	Execution_Time	Test_Status
Scenario2	TC1_VerifyLoginandLogoutfunctionality	Test for login with valid user credentials	0 minute(s), 29 seconds	Failed
Scenario2	TC2_VerifyFeeReceiptPrintOptionsWorking	Test for Fess receipt button working or not	0 minute(s), 35 seconds	Passed
Total Duration: 0 minute(s), 37 seconds				
Tests passed	: 1	Tests failed	: 1	

Fig 5. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the login/logout functionality and fee receipt verification in a batch.

Screenshot of TC1_VerifyLoginLogoutfunctionality is in Fig3 and the screenshot of TC2_VerifyFeeReceiptPrintOptionWorkingFine is in Fig5.

AMIZONE APPLICATION - SCENARIO2_TC2_VERIFYFEE RECEIPTPRINTOPTIONISWORKING AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULTS				
Date & Time	: 28-Apr-2014 03:25:55 PM		Iteration Mode	: RunAllIterations
Start Iteration	: 1		End Iteration	: 1
Browser	: Firefox		Executed on	: Local Machine
Step_No	Step_Name	Description	Status	Step_Time
+ Iteration: 1				
+ invokeApplication				
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://amizone.net	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:01 PM
+ login				
2	Enter User Name	User Name entered = 1353363	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:02 PM
3	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:04 PM
4	Verify Login	Login in Successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:26:07 PM
+ clickFeeBills				
5	Click on Fee Bills	Link Clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:08 PM
6	Verify Fee Bills page	Page displayed	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:26:09 PM
+ clickonFeeReceipt				
7	Click on Fee Receipt tab	Tab Clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:10 PM
8	Verify Fee Receipt tab	Fee receipt Tab is displayed	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:26:12 PM
+ clickandVerifyPrint				
9	Verify Print link is available	Link is available	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:26:13 PM
10	Click on Print link	Link Clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:13 PM
11	Verify page is displayed	Print page displayed	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:26:13 PM
+ logoff				
12	Perform Logoff	Logoff button clicked	DONE	28-Apr-2014 03:26:14 PM
13	Verify Logoff	Logoff successful	PASS	28-Apr-2014 03:26:15 PM
Execution Duration: 0 minute(s), 35 seconds				
Steps passed		: 6	Steps failed	: 0

Fig 6. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the Verification of Fee Receipt Print Option.

Common Data Set for testing Gmail & Yahoo Mail:

TD_ID	Username	Password	ApplicationUrl
CD4	lipika.bose	*****	https://www.gmail.com
CD5	lipika_bose	*****	https://www.yahoo.com

Business Flow & General Data Set for Login Logout functionality of Gmail & Yahoo Mail:

General Data Set:

TC_ID	Iteration	Subiteration	Username	Password	ApplicationUrl
TC_Login_Logoff_Gmail	1	1	#CD4	#CD4	#CD4
TC_Login_Logoff_Yahoo	1	1	#CD5	#CD5	#CD5

Business Flow:

TC_ID	Keyword_1	Keyword_2	Keyword_3
TC_Login_Logoff_Gmail	invokeApplication	loginGmail	logoffGmail
TC_Login_Logoff_Yahoo	invokeApplication	loginYahoo	logoffYahoo

Scenario 4: Verify Login and Logout Functionality Of Gmail in Firefox:

GMAIL APPLICATION - SCENARIO2_TC_LOGIN_LOGOFF_GMAIL AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULTS				
Date & Time	: 14-May-2014 09:30:06 AM		Iteration Mode	: RunAllIterations
Start Iteration	: 1		End Iteration	: 1
Browser	: Firefox		Executed on	: Local Machine
Step_No	Step_Name	Description	Status	Step_Time
+ Iteration: 1				
+ invokeApplication				
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://accounts.google.com/ServiceLogin?service=mail&continue=https://mail.google.com/mail/	DONE	14-May-2014 09:30:13 AM
+ loginGmail				
2	Login	In Progress.....	DONE	14-May-2014 09:30:14 AM
3	Enter User Name	User Name entered = lipika.bose	DONE	14-May-2014 09:30:15 AM
4	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	14-May-2014 09:30:16 AM
5	Verify Login	Login in Successful	PASS	14-May-2014 09:30:30 AM
+ logoffGmail				
6	Perform Logoff	Logoff button clicked	DONE	14-May-2014 09:30:31 AM
7	Verify Logoff	Logoff successful	PASS	14-May-2014 09:30:35 AM
Execution Duration: 0 minute(s), 45 seconds				
Steps passed		: 2	Steps failed	: 0

Fig 7. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the login/logout functionality of Gmail in Firefox.

Scenario 5: Verify login logout functionality of yahoo mail in chrome:

YAHOOMAIL APPLICATION - SCENARIO2_TC_LOGIN_LOGOFF_YAHOO AUTOMATION EXECUTION RESULTS				
Date & Time	: 14-May-2014 10:12:17 AM		Iteration Mode	: RunAllIterations
Start Iteration	: 1		End Iteration	: 1
Browser	: Chrome		Executed on	: Local Machine
Step_No	Step_Name	Description	Status	Step_Time
+ Iteration: 1				
+ invokeApplication				
1	Invoke Application	Invoke the application under test @ https://www.yahoo.com	DONE	14-May-2014 10:12:47 AM
+ loginYahoo				
2	Enter User Name	User Name entered = lipika_bose	DONE	14-May-2014 10:12:48 AM
3	Enter Password	Password entered = *****	DONE	14-May-2014 10:12:48 AM
4	Verify Login	Login in Successful	PASS	14-May-2014 10:13:13 AM
+ logoffYahoo				
5	Perform Logoff	Logoff button clicked	DONE	14-May-2014 10:13:13 AM
6	Verify Logoff	Logoff successful	PASS	14-May-2014 10:13:13 AM
Execution Duration: 1 minute(s), 1 seconds				
Steps passed		: 2	Steps failed	: 0

Fig 8. Screenshot of the test result generated on testing the login/logout functionality of yahoo mail in chrome.

VI. CONCLUSION

GRAFT is an automation testing framework which will enable cross browser testing.

Lack of any well-defined automation framework to test various application functional/non-functional scenarios lead to huge amount of manual effort of testing the same functional scenarios in multiple browsers. In agile development where sprint durations are just of 4-6 weeks, running regression suit manually across multiple browsers require huge manual effort.

Therefore this framework is beneficial for Agile Based Testing and can be used in the industries for cross browser testing. Reusability is another the most striking feature of this framework. Whenever new application needs to be tested changes are required in the Test Data engine level and in Business flow. New keywords specific to the application will be updated in the general data set and in the common data set . The corresponding implementation of those keywords will be added in the business component. No other changes are required. All the features of batch execution and reporting remains constant thereby are making this framework generic in nature.

Being a hybrid in its behavior it considers both the data sets and the keywords defined for execution of the test scenarios.

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