

Germanium

Web Testing API that doesn't dissappoint

Germanium API Documentation

There are three kinds of functions that are provided for easier support inside the browsers:

1. decorator:

- `@iframe`

2. germanium functions:

- `S`, super locator
- `js`, `execute_script`
- `take_screenshot`
- `load_script`
- `find_element_by_simple`

3. static utility functions:

- `type_keys`
- `wait`

germanium iframe decorator

`@iframe(name, keep_new_context=False)`

Switch the iframe when executing the code of the function. It will use the strategy provided when the Germanium instance was created.

For example if we would have an editor that is embedded in an IFrame, and we would want to call the saving of the document, we could implement that such as:

```
@iframe("default")
def close_dialog(germanium):
    germanium.S('"Save dialog" > button["Ok"]').click()

@iframe("editor")
def save_document(germanium):
    germanium.S('#save-button').element().click()
    close_dialog(germanium)
```

The `@iframe` decorator is going to find the current context by scanning the parameters of the function for the Germanium instance. If the first parameter is an object that contains a property named either: `germanium` or `_germanium` will be used.

germanium Instance Functions

Constructor Germanium(web_driver, ..)

Constructs a new Germanium utility object on top of whatever WebDriver object is given.

```
Germanium(web_driver,  
         iframe_selector=NoopIFrameSelector(),  
         screenshot_folder="screenshots",  
         scripts=list())
```

The only required parameter is the `web_driver` argument, that must be a WebDriver instance.

iframe_selector

The `iframe_selector` specifies the strategy to use whenever the iframe will be changed by the `@iframe` decorator.

Germanium uses `"default"` for the `switch_to_default_content`.

The default implementation is:

```
class NoopIFrameSelector:  
    """  
    An implementation of the IFrameSelector strategy that does nothing.  
    """  
    def select_iframe(self, germanium, iframe_name):  
        return iframe_name
```

This can easily be changed so depending on the `iframe_name` it will do a `switch_to_frame` on the germanium object.

```
class EditorIFrameSelector(object):  
    def select_iframe(self, germanium, iframe_name):  
        if iframe_name == "default":  
            germanium.switch_to_default_content()  
        elif iframe_name == "editor":  
            editor_iframe = germanium.find_element_by_css_selector('iframe')  
            germanium.switch_to_frame(editor_iframe)  
  
        return iframe_name
```

screenshot_folder

The folder where to save the screenshots, whenever `take_screenshot` is called. It defaults to `"screenshots"`, so basically a local folder named screenshots in the current working directory.

scripts

A list of files with JavaScript to be automatically loaded into the page, whenever either `get()`, `reload_page()` or `wait_for_page_to_load()` is done.

germanium.S(locator, strategy?)

`S` stands for the super locator, and returns an object that can execute a locator in the current iframe context of germanium. The letter `S` was chosen since it is looking greatly similar with jquery's `$`.

The first parameter, the locator, can be any of the selector objects from the `germanium.selectors` package, or a string that will be further interpreted on what selector will be used.

For example to find a button you can either:

```
germanium.S(Button('OK'))
```

or using a CSS selector:

```
germanium.S("input[value='OK'][type='button']")
```

or using a specific locator:

```
# implicit strategy detection, will match XPath, due to // start
germanium.S("//input[@value='OK'][@type='button']")
# or explicit in-string strategy:
germanium.S("xpath://input[@value='OK'][@type='button']")
# or explicit strategy:
germanium.S("//input[@value='OK'][@type='button']", "xpath")
```

The `selectors approach` is recommended since a selector find will match either an html `input` element of type `button`, either a html button `element` that has the label OK.

The `S` locator is not itself a locator but rather a locator strategy. Thus the `S` locator will choose:

1. if the searched expression starts with `//` then the `xpath` locator will be used.

```
# will find elements by XPath
germanium.S('//*[contains(@class, "test")]');
```

1. else the css locator will be used.

```
# will find elements by CSS
germanium.S('.test')
```

```
# will find elements by the simple locator
germanium.S('*[contains(@class, "test")]')
```

The S function call will return an object that is compatible with the static `wait_for` command.

germanium.js(code), germanium.execute_script(code)

Execute the given JavaScript, and return its result.

```
germanium.js('return document.title;')
```

TIP | The `js` is just an alias for the `execute_script` function

germanium.take_screenshot(name)

Takes a screenshot of the browser and saves it in the configured screenshot folder.

```
# will save a screenshot as 'screenshots/test.png'
germanium.take_screenshot('test')
```

germanium.load_script(filename)

Loads the JavaScript code from the file with the given name into the browser.

```
germanium.load_script('jquery.js')
```

germanium.find_element_by_simple(locator)

Finds the element in the current iframe, using the simple locator given.

```
germanium.find_element_by_simple('"Title" > button["Ok"]')
```

germanium Static Functions

These are just a bunch of utility functions, that can even be used without germanium itself.

type_keys(germanium, keys_typed, element=None)

Type the current keys into the browser, eventually specifying the element to send the events to.

```
type_keys(germanium, "send data<cr>but <!shift>not<^shift> now.")
```

Special keys such as **ENTER**, are available by just escaping them in **<** and **>** characters, e.g. **<ENTER>**. For example to send **TAB TAB ENTER** someone could type:

```
type_keys(germanium, "<tab*2><enter>")
```

TIP

Using ***** in special keys or combined macros, allows you to type the same key, or key combination multiple times.

Also, in the typing of the keys, combined macros such as **<ctrl-a>** are automatically understood as **CTRL+A** and translated correctly as an action chain.

Macro keys can be written such as:

- **SHIFT: S, SHIFT**
- **CONTROL: C, CTL, CTRL, CONTROL**
- **META: M, META**

Also germanium is smart enough, so the position of the macro key matters, thus **<s-s>** is equivalent to **<shift-s>** and thus interpreted as **SHIFT+s**, and not **s+s** or **SHIFT+SHIFT**.

In order to start pressing a key, and release it latter, while still typing other keys, the **!** and **^** symbols can be used. For example to type some keys with **SHIFT** pressed this can be done:

```
type_keys(germanium, "<!shift>shift is down<^shift>, and now is up.")
```

TIP

The **!** looks like a finger almost pressing the button, and the **^** is self explanatory: the finger released the given button.

wait(closure, while_not=None, timeout=10)

A function that allows waiting for a condition to happen, monitoring also that some other conditions do not happen.

```
wait(germanium.S('"document uploaded successfully"'),  
     while_not = germanium.S('"an error occurred"'))
```

In case the timeout expires, or one of the **while_not** conditions matches until the **closure** is not yet matching then throws an exception.

while_not is either a closure, either an array of closures.

Germanium Static

The Germanium static package is for creating tests that revolve around running a single browser instance at a time, in the whole test process.

def open_browser(browser = "Firefox", wd = None)

Open the given browser.

def close_browser()

Close the currently running browser.

def go_to(url)

Go to the given URL, and wait for the page to load.

def type_keys(what, where = None)

Type the keys specified into the element, or the currently active element.

def click(where)

Click the element with the given selector.

def hover(where)

Hover the element with the given selector.

def double_click(where)

Double click the element with the given selector.

def right_click(where)

Right click the element with the given selector.

def get_web_driver()

Return the WebDriver instance the global Germanium was built around.

def get_germanium()

Returns the currently running Germanium instance.

def S(*argv, **kwargs)

Returns a deferred locator, using the `S` uper locator.

def iframe(target, keep_new_context = False)

Selects the current working iframe with the `target` name.

Germanium Selectors

In the `germanium.selectors` package there are several selectors that are already built in order to make test writing easier.

All of the selectors extend the `germanium.selectors.AbstractSelector` class, and the selector matching in Germanium called via `S` will invoke them.

Selectors allow abstracting how the elements in the DOM will be found, and also allow positional filtering depending on other elements position.

Positional Filtering

Germanium provides the following methods to enable positional filtering: `left_of()`, `right_of()`, `below()`, `above()`.

These filters can be used to filter otherwise false positive matches when selecting.

Multiple filters can be chained for the same selector, for example someone can:

```
click(Link("edit").below(Text("User Edit Panel")).right_of(Text("User 11")))
```

This will find a link that contains the label `edit`, that is positioned below the text `User Edit Panel` and is to the right of the text `User 11`.

selector.left_of(other_selector)

Make a selector that will return only the items that are left of all the elements returned by the `other_selector`.

```
click(Input().left_of(Text("User")))
```

selector.right_of(other_selector)

Make a selector that will return only the items that are right of all the elements returned by the `other_selector`.

```
click(Link("edit").right_of(Text("User 11")))
```

selector.above(other_selector)

Make a selector that will return only the items that are above all the elements returned by the

other_selector.

```
click(Link("logout").above("div.toolbar"))
```

selector.below(other_selector)

Make a selector that will return only the items that are below all the elements returned by the other_selector.

```
click(Button("edit").below(Text("entry 5")))
```

Custom Selectors

You can write a new selector by extending the AbstractSelector class and implementing the `get_selectors` method, that returns an array of selectors to be searched in the document.

Utility Selectors

Utility selectors are provided so you can use the positional filtering capabilities of the selectors. For example:

```
click(Css('.tree-plus-icon').left_of(Text('Item 15')))
```

Css(locator)

A selector that finds the given CSS expression.

XPath(locator)

A selector that finds the given XPath expression.

JsSelector(code)

A selector that finds an element by evaluating the given JavaScript code.

Provided Selectors

Provided selectors are just classes that are generally useful for testing, simple things such as buttons, links or text.

Button(search_text = None, text = None, name = None)

Just a selector that finds a button by its label or name:

This selector will find simultaneously both `input` elements that have the `type="button"`, but also `button` elements.

- some of the text, in either the `value` attribute if it's an `input`, either the text of the `button` (`search_text`)
- the text, either the `value` attribute if it's an input, either its text if it's an actual `button` (`text`)
- its form name (`name`)

```
germanium.S(Button("Ok"))
```

Input(input_name)

Just a selector that finds an input by its name.

```
germanium.S(Input('q'))
```

InputText(input_name)

Just a selector that finds an input with the type `text` by its name.

```
germanium.S(InputText('q'))
```

Link(search_text, text, search_href, href)

Just a selector that finds a link by either:

- some of its text content (`search_text`)
- its exact text content(`text`)
- some of its link location (`search_href`)
- its link location(`href`)

To match the first link that contains the `test` string, someone can:

```
germanium.S(Link("test"))
```

Of course, the text and href search can be combined, so we can do, in order to find a link that is on the

`ciplogic.com` that has in the text `testing`:

```
germanium.S(Link("testing", search_href="http://ciplogic.com"))
```

Text(text)

Just a selector that finds the element that contains the text in the page.

```
germanium.S(Text("some text"))
```

The selector can find the text even in formatted text. For example the previous selector would match the parent div in such a DOM structure:

```
<div>  
  some <b>text</b>  
</div>
```