

# Test Automation with Selenium 5 and Java

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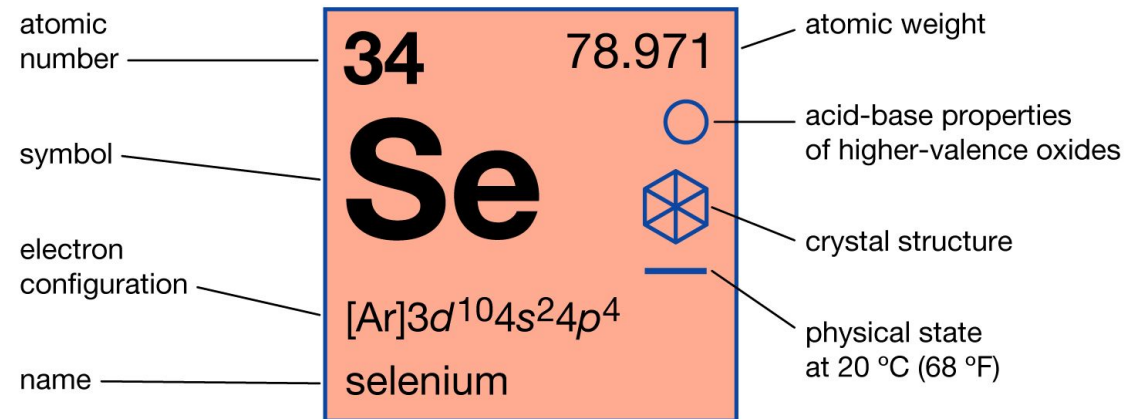
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# What is Selenium?

## Selenium



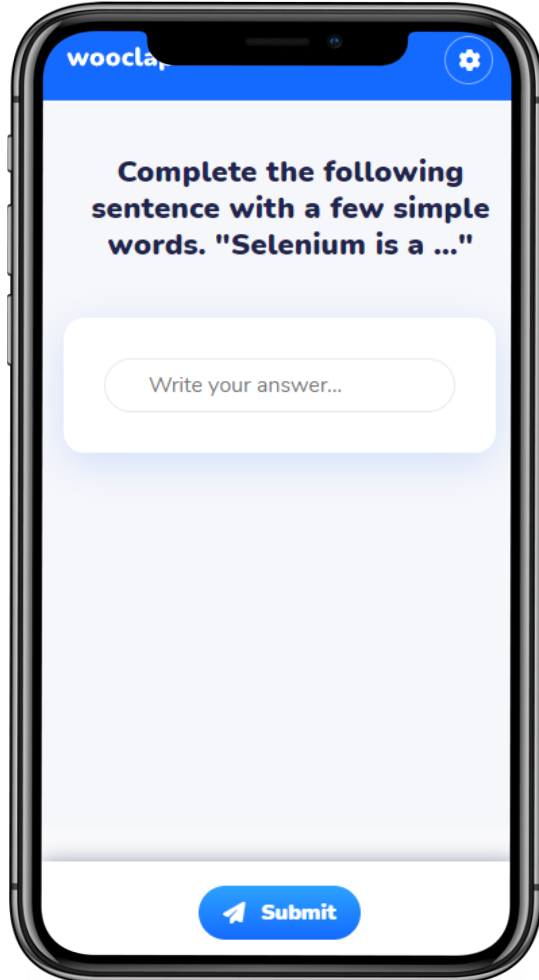
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# What is Selenium?

(for software people)



# What is Selenium?



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# What is Selenium?

## About Selenium

Selenium is a suite of tools for automating web browsers.

<https://www.selenium.dev/about/>



Selenium WebDriver

Library



Selenium IDE

Plugin



Selenium Grid

Server

# What is Selenium?

- **Selenium WebDriver** is the heart of the Selenium project and it is often known as simply **Selenium**



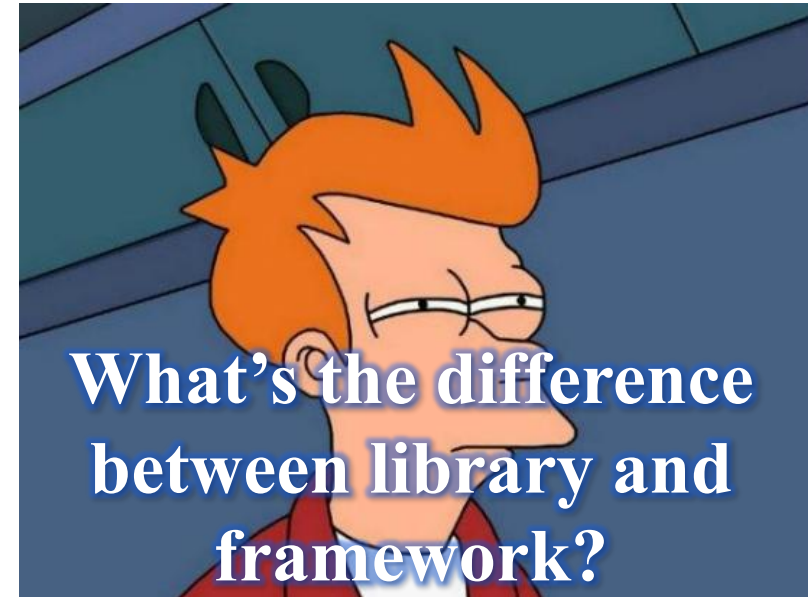
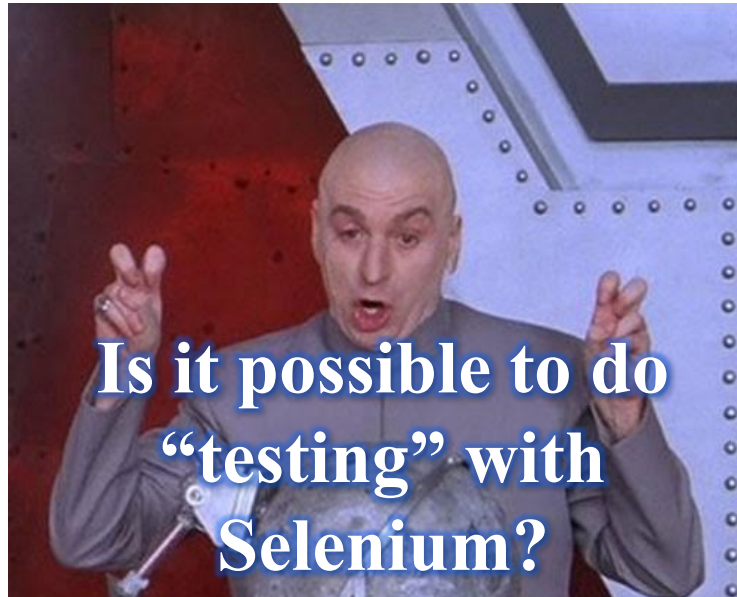
“ *Selenium is a browser automation library* ”

# What is NOT Selenium?

- Selenium is NOT a testing framework



- Selenium is NOT a testing library



# Library vs. Framework

- A **library** is a collection of code that developers can call using an API to solve a given problem
- A **framework** is collection of libraries, tools, and best practices that provides a structure for developing software

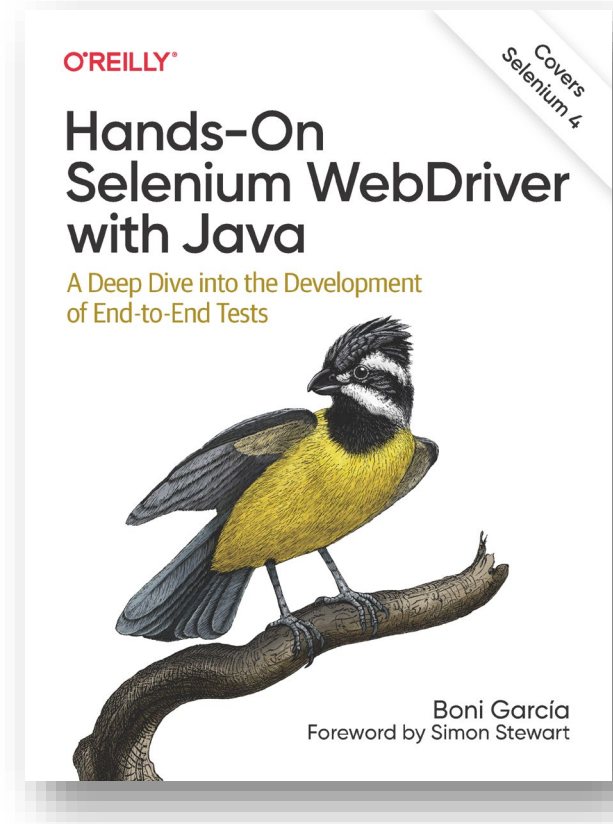




# What can I do with Selenium?

- Navigate to URLs
- Locating web elements (DOM)
- Impersonate user actions (keyboard, mouse)
- Execute JavaScript
- Make screenshots
- Manage browser size, position, history, ...
- Manage browser APIs like web storage, user media, ...
- ...

<https://github.com/bonigarcia/selenium-webdriver-java>



# What can I do with Selenium?

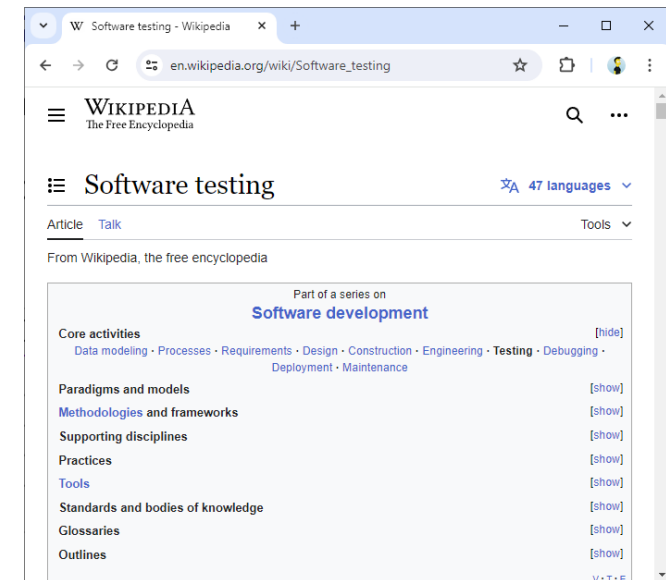
```
// Create object to drive Chrome
WebDriver driver = new ChromeDriver();

// Navigate to a website (e.g., Wikipedia)
driver.get("https://en.wikipedia.org/");

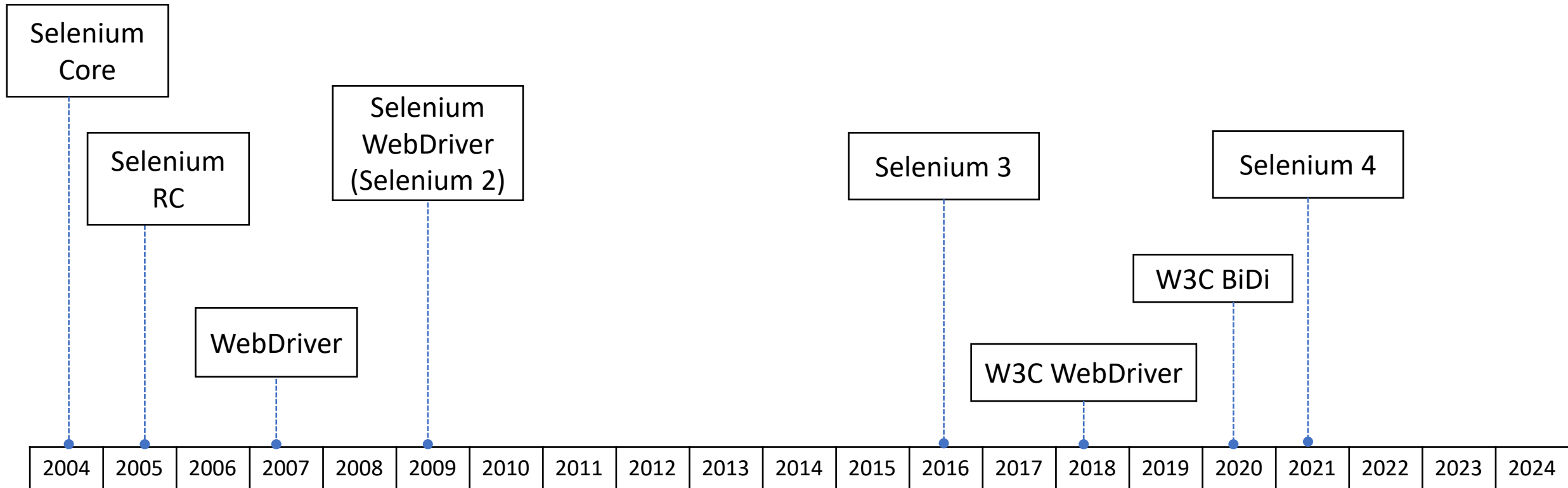
// Type "software testing" in the search box
WebElement searchBox = driver.findElement(By.name("search"));
searchBox.sendKeys("software testing");

// Click on search button
WebElement searchButton = driver
    .findElement(By.className("cdx-search-input__end-button"));
searchButton.click();

// Close browser
driver.quit();
```



# Selenium History



# Selenium History

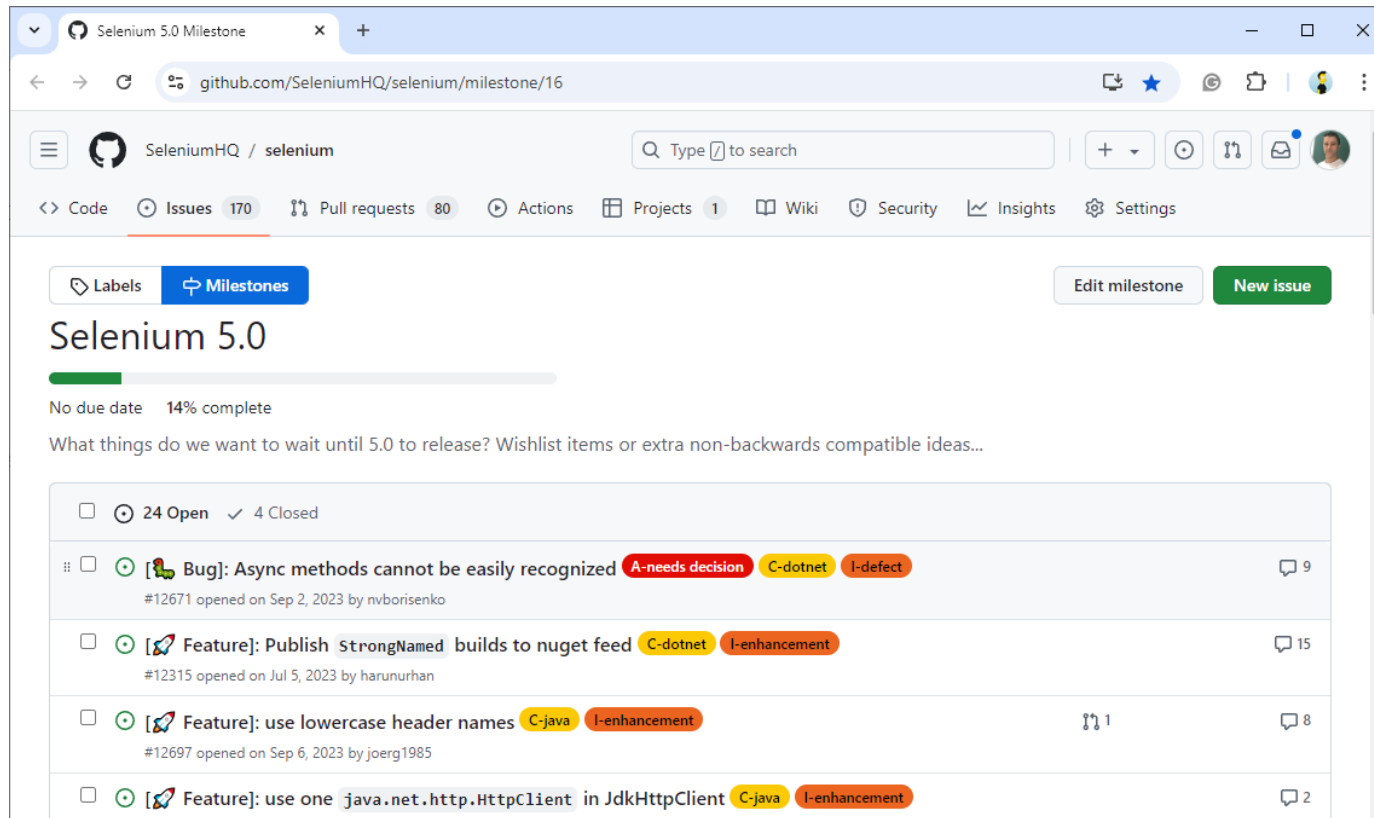
- Current Selenium stable version: **4.25** (released on September 23)



<https://www.selenium.dev/blog/2024/selenium-4-25-released/>

# Selenium History

- Next major release (**Selenium 5**) is currently in development



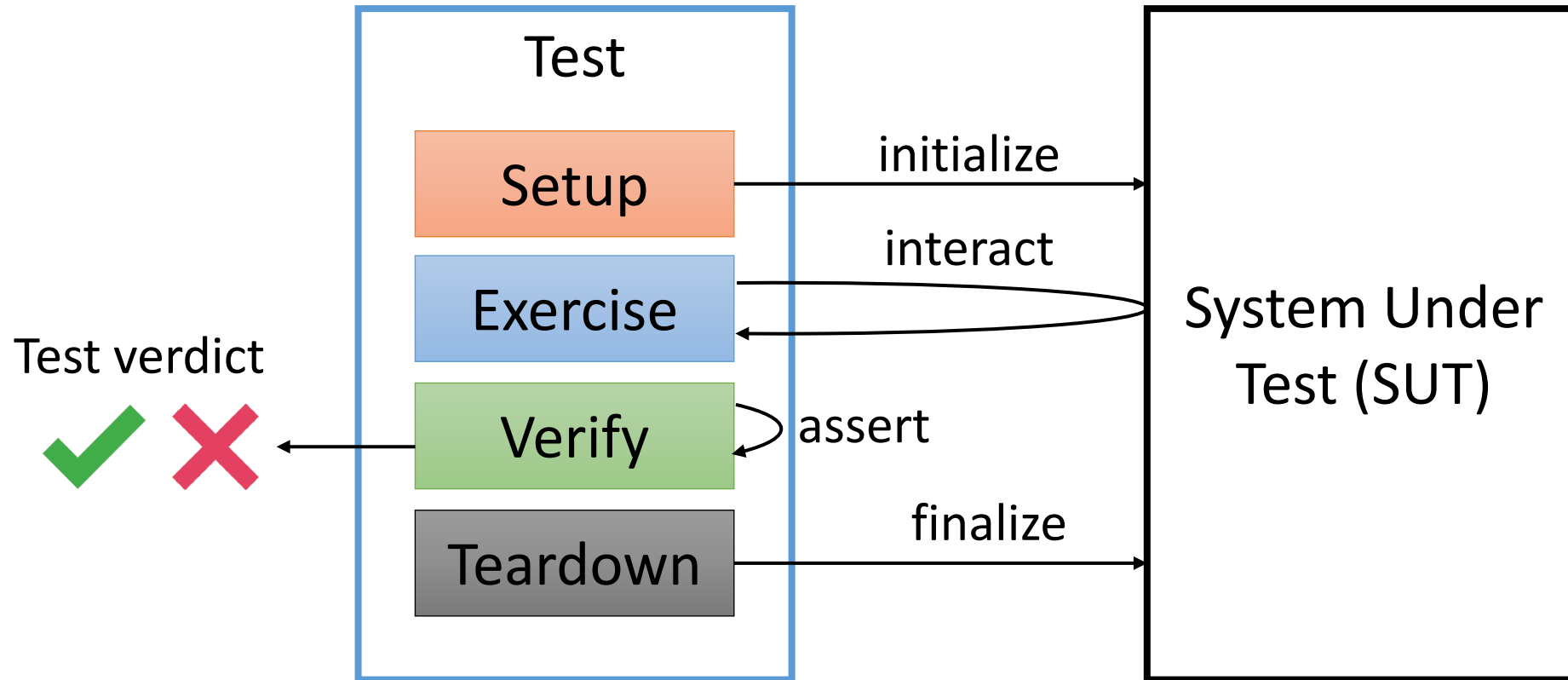
There is no official date for Selenium 5

Selenium Manager  
WebDriver BiDi

<https://github.com/SeleniumHQ/selenium/milestone/16>

# Testing with Selenium

- In addition to the Selenium library, to create Selenium tests, we typically use a **unit testing framework**



JUnit **5**

Test**NG**

# Testing with Selenium – Build Tool

```
<dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.seleniumhq.selenium</groupId>
    <artifactId>selenium-java</artifactId>
    <version>4.25.0</version>
    <scope>test</scope>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.junit.jupiter</groupId>
    <artifactId>junit-jupiter</artifactId>
    <version>5.11.1</version>
    <scope>test</scope>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.assertj</groupId>
    <artifactId>assertj-core</artifactId>
    <version>3.26.3</version>
    <scope>test</scope>
  </dependency>
</dependencies>
```



```
dependencies {
  testImplementation("org.seleniumhq.selenium:selenium-java:4.25.0")
  testImplementation("org.junit.jupiter:junit-jupiter:5.11.1")
  testImplementation("org.assertj:assertj-core:3.26.3")
}
```



# Testing with Selenium – Browsers

- We need one or more browsers to be driven with Selenium



## 1. Local browser



```
WebDriver chrome = new ChromeDriver();  
WebDriver firefox = new FirefoxDriver();  
WebDriver edge = new EdgeDriver();  
WebDriver safari = new SafariDriver();
```

## 2. Remote browser

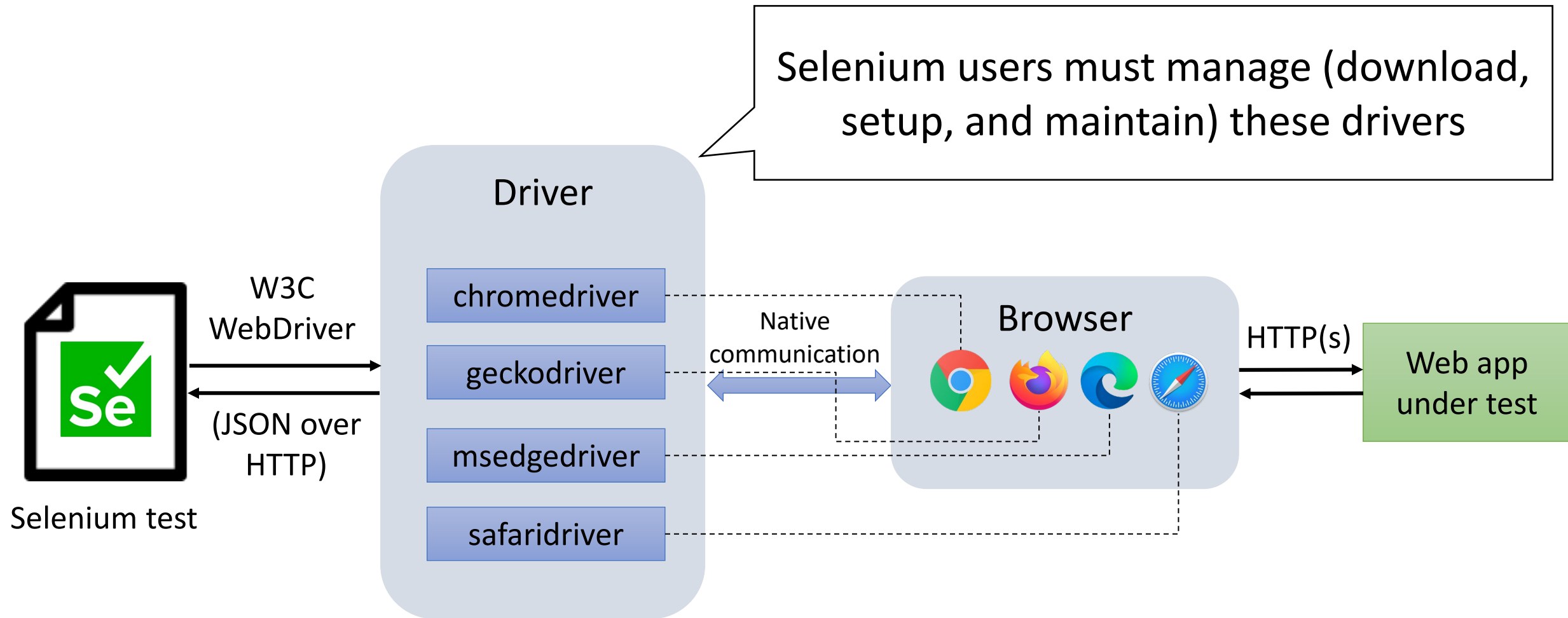


```
ChromeOptions options = new ChromeOptions();  
WebDriver driver = new RemoteWebDriver(  
    new URL("http://server:4444/"), options);
```





# Testing with Selenium – Browsers



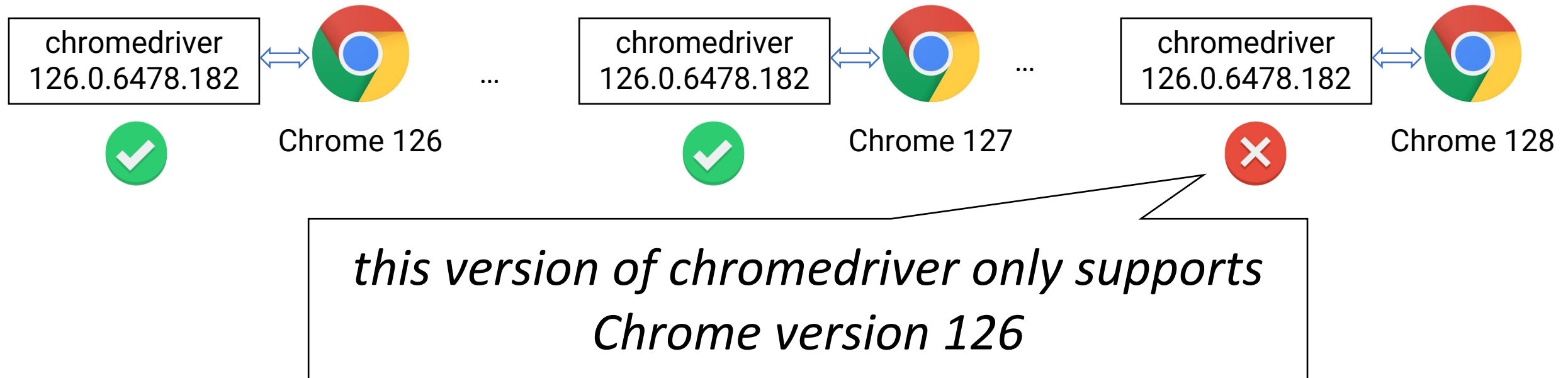
# Testing with Selenium – Hello World (Selenium 3)

```
class ChromeManualTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
  
    @BeforeAll  
    static void setupClass() {  
        System.setProperty("webdriver.chrome.driver", "/path/to/chromedriver");  
    }  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setup() {  
        driver = new ChromeDriver();  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        String title = driver.getTitle();  
        assertThat(title).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        driver.quit();  
    }  
  
}
```



# Driver Management

- Modern web browsers are *evergreen*



# Automated Driver Management

WebDriverManager 

<https://bonigarcia.dev/webdrivermanager/>

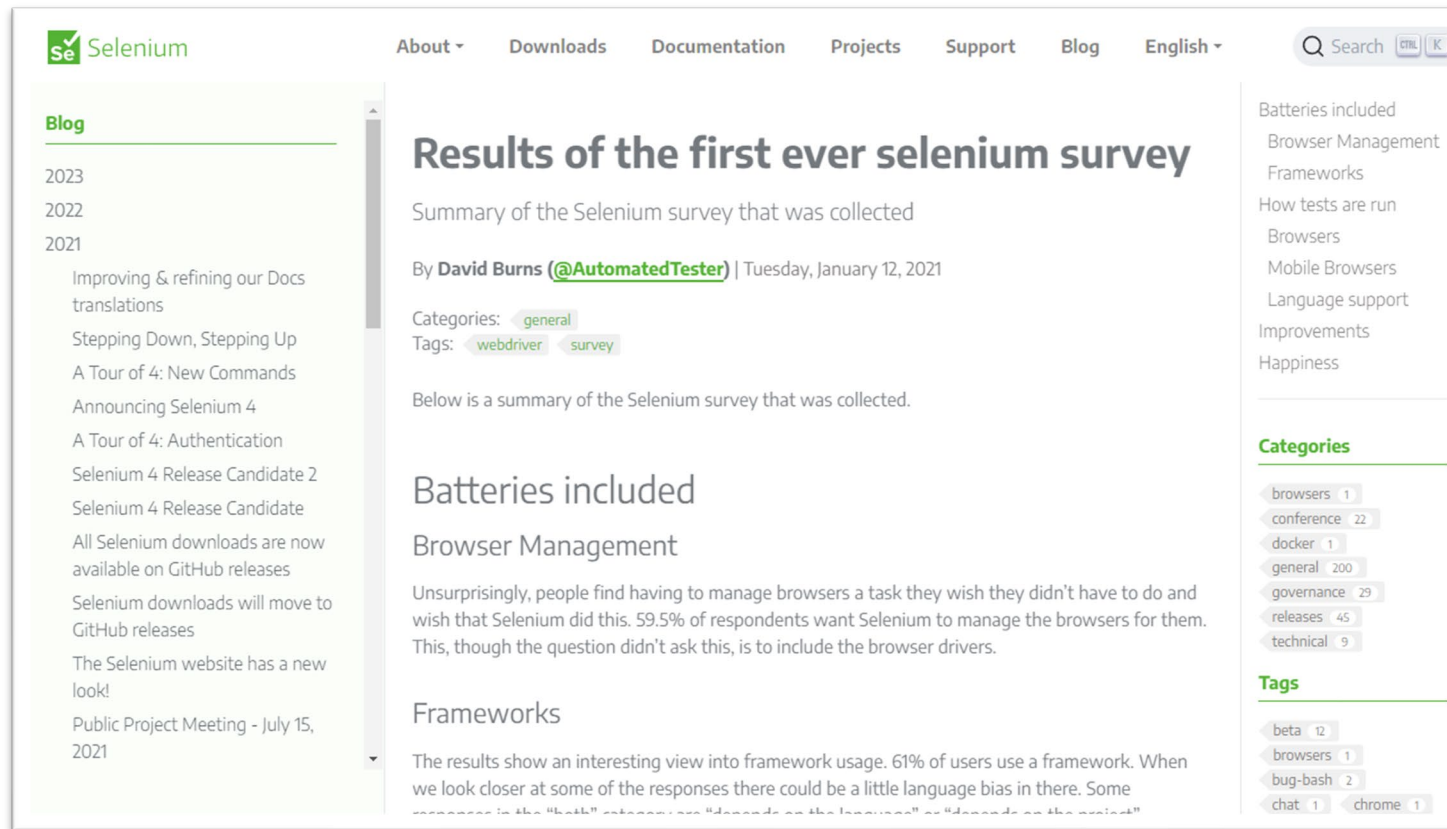
“*Automated driver management and other helper features for Selenium WebDriver in Java*”

# Testing with Selenium – Hello World (Selenium 4)

```
class ChromeWdmTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
  
    @BeforeAll  
    static void setupClass() {  
        WebDriverManager.chromedriver().setup();  
    }  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setup() {  
        driver = new ChromeDriver();  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        String title = driver.getTitle();  
        assertThat(title).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        driver.quit();  
    }  
  
}
```

# Automated Driver Management

- In 2021, the Selenium project surveyed its users:



Selenium users  
wanted *batteries  
included*

<https://www.selenium.dev/blog/2021/selenium-survey-results/>

# Selenium Manager

- I joined the Selenium project as a committer in August 2022



## Selenium Manager (beta)

- It is a CLI (Command-Line Interface) tool



- It has been developed in Rust



- It is shipped in each Selenium release



# Selenium Manager – Automated Driver Management

- Selenium Manager automatically discovers, downloads, and caches the drivers required by Selenium

1. Browser version discovery

2. Driver version discovery

3. Driver download and cache

Chrome 128



chromedriver  
128.0.6613.137



~/.cache/selenium


















# Selenium Manager – Hello World (Selenium 5)

```
class ChromeBasicTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setup() {  
        driver = new ChromeDriver();  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        String title = driver.getTitle();  
        assertThat(title).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        driver.quit();  
    }  
  
}
```

# Selenium Manager – Automated Browser Management

- Selenium Manager automatically discovers, downloads, and caches the browsers driven with Selenium when these browsers are not installed in the local system

\* Requires admin permissions

# Selenium Manager – Automated Browser Management

```
class FirefoxBasicTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setup() {  
        driver = new FirefoxDriver();  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        String title = driver.getTitle();  
        assertThat(title).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        driver.quit();  
    }  
}
```

If Firefox is not available,  
Selenium Manager will  
manage it

# Selenium Manager – Automated Browser Management

```
class ChromeVersionTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setup() {  
        ChromeOptions options = new ChromeOptions();  
        options.setBrowserVersion("beta");  
        driver = new ChromeDriver(options);  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        String title = driver.getTitle();  
        assertThat(title).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        driver.quit();  
    }  
  
}
```

Specific browser versions  
(including "beta", "dev", or  
"nightly") are supported

# Selenium Manager – Other Uses

- Another uses of Selenium Manager include:
  - Advanced configuration (with envs or global configuration file)
  - As a standalone CLI tool



Selenium Manager (beta)

[https://www.selenium.dev/documentation/selenium\\_manager/](https://www.selenium.dev/documentation/selenium_manager/)

# Selenium Manager & WebDriverManager

- Is Selenium Manager a replacement for WebDriverManager?
  - For the use case of automated driver management, yes
- WebDriverManager and Selenium Manager have different features
  - Automated browser management is different in each project
  - WebDriverManager provides other additional features
    - Self-managed browsers in Docker containers
    - Monitoring features
    - Video recording

<https://bonigarcia.dev/webdrivermanager/#webdrivermanager-and-selenium-manager>

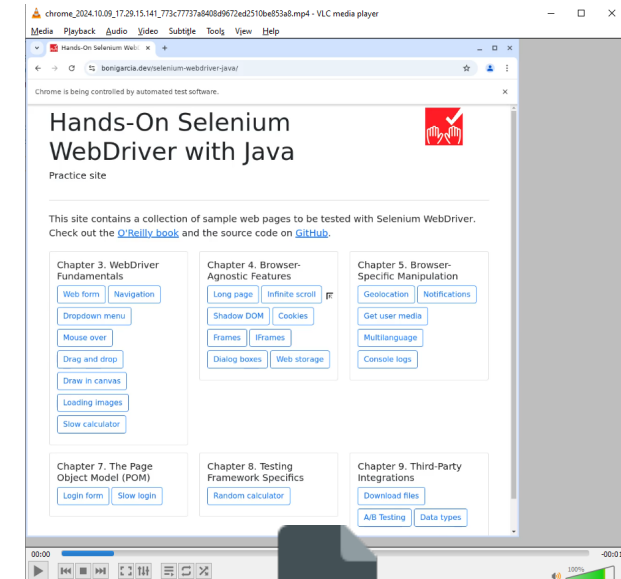
# WebDriverManager Browser Management

```
class DockerChromeTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
    WebDriverManager wdm;  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setupTest() {  
        wdm = WebDriverManager.chromedriver().browserInDocker();  
        driver = wdm.create();  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        assertThat(driver.getTitle()).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        wdm.quit();  
    }  
}
```



# WebDriverManager Browser Management

```
class DockerChromeRecordingTest {  
  
    WebDriver driver;  
    WebDriverManager wdm;  
  
    @BeforeEach  
    void setupTest() {  
        wdm = WebDriverManager.chromedriver().browserInDocker().enableRecording();  
        driver = wdm.create();  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    void test() {  
        driver.get("https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/");  
        assertThat(driver.getTitle()).contains("Selenium WebDriver");  
    }  
  
    @AfterEach  
    void teardown() {  
        wdm.quit();  
    }  
}
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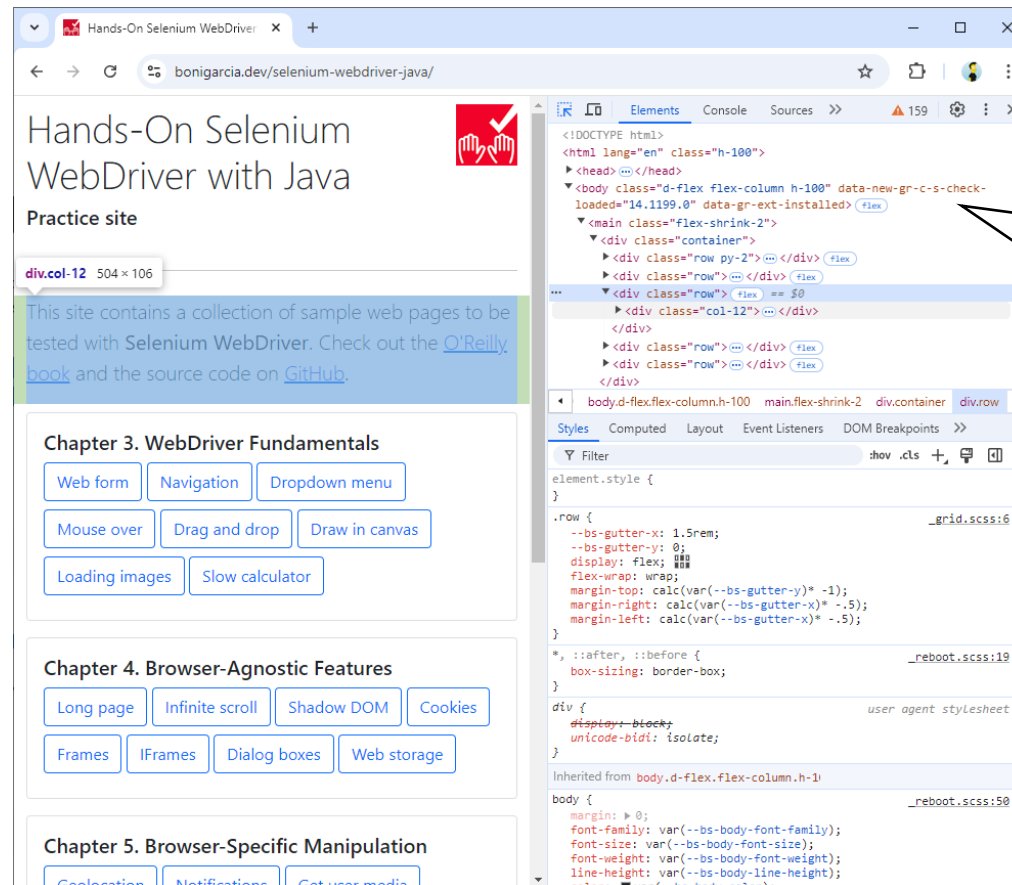


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# Chrome DevTools

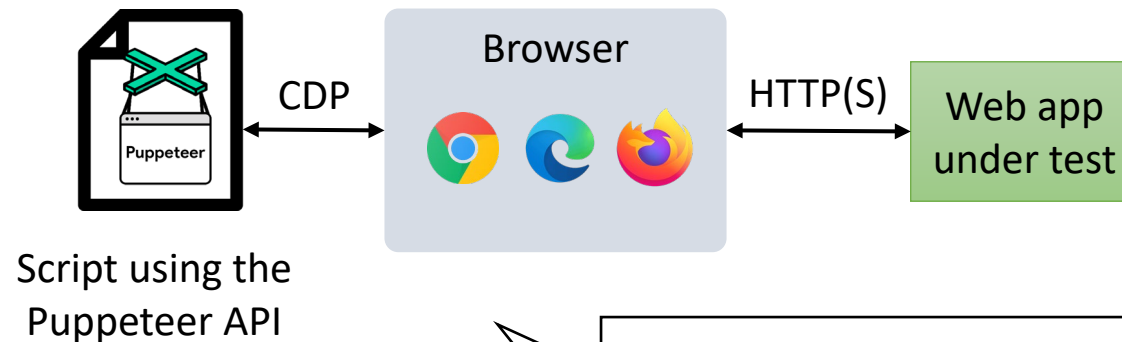
- **Chrome DevTools** is a set of web developer tools built into Chromium-based browser (e.g., Chrome and Edge)



Inspect DOM, console,  
network, sources,  
performance, memory,  
or security

# Chrome DevTools Protocol

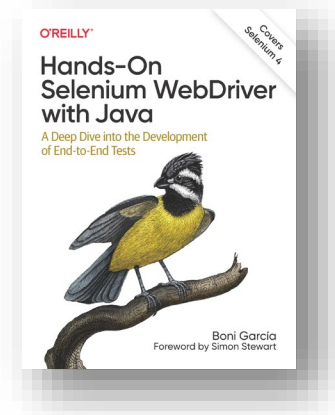
- The **Chrome DevTools Protocol** (CDP) is a set of APIs that allows us to instrument, inspect, debug, and profile Chromium-based browsers
  - CDP is great for browser automation



Puppeteer (a Node.js browser automation library created by Google) is based on CDP

# Chrome DevTools Protocol and Selenium

- Selenium supports CDP since version 4 to provide features not available in the W3C WebDriver, such as
  - Network interception and monitoring
  - Device emulation
  - Performance metrics collection
  - Entire page screenshot
  - Security and authentication
  - ...

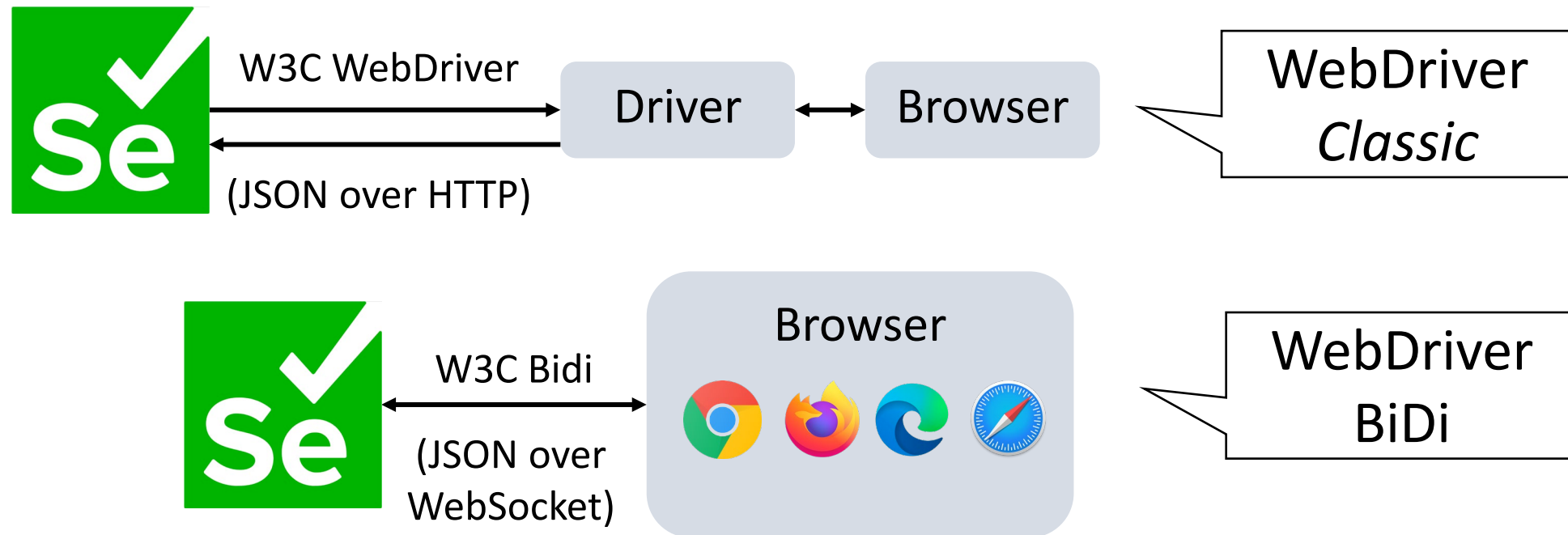


See test examples  
using CDP and  
Selenium here

<https://github.com/bonigarcia/selenium-webdriver-java>

# WebDriver BiDi

- W3C WebDriver is evolving to a new specification called **W3C BiDi** (*BiDirectional*)
  - Its goal is to combine the best of WebDriver and CDP



# WebDriver BiDi

- WebDriver BiDi features:
  - Bidirectional communication using a WebSocket (like CDP)
  - Event-driven architecture (e.g., for log gathering)
  - Support for modern web features (e.g., network interception)
- WebDriver BiDi modules:
  - Browsing context
  - Actions
  - Scripting
  - Logging
  - Network

<https://www.selenium.dev/documentation/webdriver/bidi/w3c/>

# WebDriver BiDi

- Some of the WebDriver BiDi features are already available in the latest versions of Selenium 4

```
@BeforeEach
void setup() {
    ChromeOptions options = new ChromeOptions();
    options.enableBiDi();
    driver = new ChromeDriver(options);
}
```



```
@BeforeEach
void setup() {
    FirefoxOptions options = new FirefoxOptions();
    options.enableBiDi();
    driver = new FirefoxDriver(options);
}
```



```
@BeforeEach
void setup() {
    EdgeOptions options = new EdgeOptions();
    options.enableBiDi();
    driver = new EdgeDriver(options);
}
```



To use WebDriver BiDi in Selenium, first we need to enable it using browser options

# WebDriver BiDi

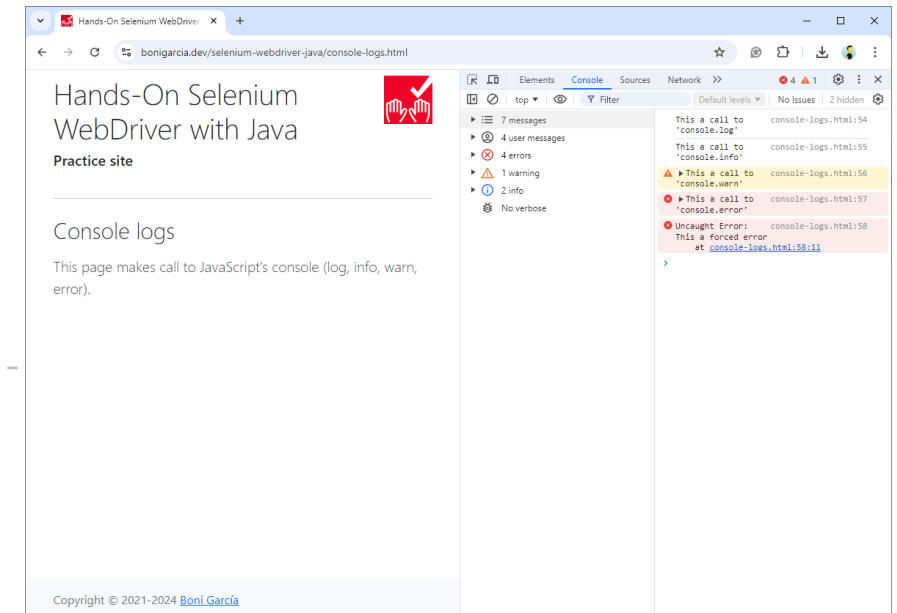
```
@Test
void test() {
    List<GenericLogEntry> logs = new ArrayList<>();
    try (LogInspector logInspector = new LogInspector(driver)) {
        logInspector.onGenericLog(logs::add);
        logInspector.onConsoleEntry(logs::add);
        logInspector.onJavaScriptException(logs::add);
    }

    driver.get(
        "https://bonigarcia.dev/selenium-webdriver-java/console-logs.html");

    new WebDriverWait(driver, Duration.ofSeconds(5))
        .until(_d -> logs.size() > 3);

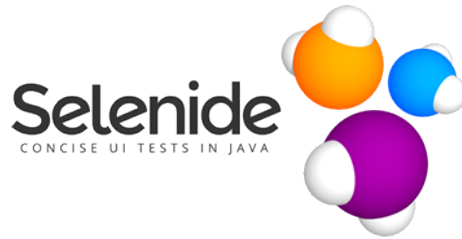
    for (GenericLogEntry log : logs) {
        System.out.println(log.getText());
    }
}
```

<https://github.com/bonigarcia/selenium-examples>



# The Selenium Ecosystem

- Tools (e.g., testing frameworks) based on Selenium



- WebDriver ecosystem



- WebDriver BiDi ecosystem





# Quiz

- Top-3 respondents will win a Selenium 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirt!



<https://app.wooclap.com/JNZDZN>

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Thank you!

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