Test Automation Architecture

Selenium Grid, Selenoid and BrowserStack





Selenium Grid





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Test Automation Architectures

The Foundation for Efficient Test Management

Test Automation Architectures – Introduction



- Structured framework and set of principles that define how automated tests are designed, implemented, executed, and managed within a software development process
- It encompasses the organization, technologies, tools, and methodologies used to automate the testing of software applications



Key Components



Test Scripts

- Automated scripts that perform the actual testing actions
- Written in programming languages or scripting languages
- Designed to mimic user interactions and verify application behavior

Test Runners

- Tools or frameworks that execute test scripts
- Manage the order and execution of tests
- Examples include QUnit, Nunit, Playwright and Selenium

Key Components



Test Data Management

- Handling and organizing the data needed for tests
- Ensuring that tests are repeatable and consistent
- Includes test data creation, storage, and cleanup

Reporting Tools

- Tools that generate reports based on test results
- Provide insights into test execution, success rates, and failures

Key Components



- Continuous Integration / Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) Integration
 - Integrating automated tests with CI/CD pipelines
 - Ensuring that tests run automatically as part of the build and deployment process
 - Tools like Jenkins, Travis CI, and GitHub CI/CD facilitate this integration

Design Principles



Modularity

- Designing tests in small, reusable units
- Enhances maintainability and scalability

Reusability

- Writing test scripts and components that can be reused across multiple tests
- Reduces duplication and effort

Parallel Execution

- Running multiple tests simultaneously
- Speeds up the testing process and improves efficiency

Design Principles



Scalability

- Ensuring the architecture can handle an increasing number of tests and test environments
- Important for large and growing projects

Maintainability

- Designing tests that are easy to update and maintain
- Ensures long-term viability of the test suite

Benefits



Efficiency

- Speeds up test execution
- Allows for more frequent testing cycles

Accuracy

- Reduces human error in repetitive testing tasks
- Ensures consistent test results

Benefits



Coverage

- Enables comprehensive testing across different scenarios and environments
- Improves overall quality and reliability of the software

Resource Utilization

- Optimizes the use of testing resources
- Allows for parallel execution and efficient management of test environments

Tools for Parallel Execution and Environments



- Design principles and key components can be done with your coding skills
- For efficiency, use tools to run tests in parallel and across different environments, e.g. operating systems (Windows, Linux, macOS) and browsers (Edge, Chrome, Opera)
- Such tools are:
 - Selenium Grid
 - Selenoid
 - BrowserStack





Selenium Grid

Purpose and Functionality

Selenium Grid – Overview



- Executes Selenium tests in parallel across multiple machines and browsers
- Distributes test execution across various environments to speed up the testing process
- Increases test suite efficiency by reducing overall testing time
- Documentation: Grid | Selenium



Key Features of Selenium Grid

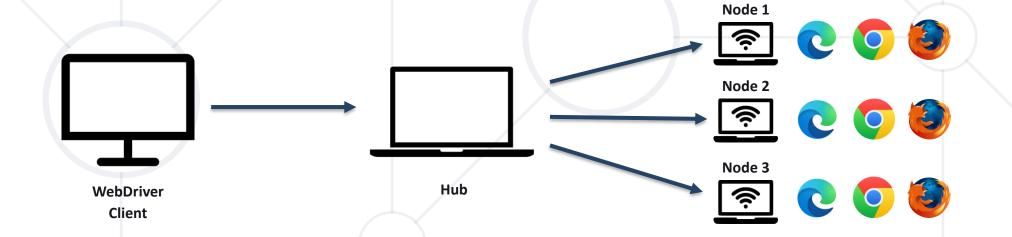


- Parallel Test Execution multiple tests run simultaneously on different machines and browsers
- Distributed Test Execution run on different machines, which can be configured with various operating systems and browser versions
- Hub and Node Architecture
 - Hub: The central point that receives all test requests. The Hub distributes the tests to different Nodes
 - Node: Machines that execute the tests. Each Node can be configured with different browsers and platforms

How Selenium Grid Works



- The Hub acts as the central server that manages test requests and distributes them to appropriate Nodes
- Nodes are the machines where the actual test execution happens. They register with the Hub, indicating their capabilities (browsers, versions, platforms)





Live Demo

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Selenoid - Overview



- Powerful, lightweight alternative to Selenium Grid
- Used to run browser automation tests
- Supports a wide range of browsers
- Scalable solution for parallel test execution
- Can handle high loads with minimal resource consumption
- Documentation:

Selenoid - A cross browser Selenium solution for Docker (aerokube.com)

Key Features



- Docker-Based: Uses Docker containers to isolate browser instances, ensuring clean environments for each test
- High Performance: Capable of running hundreds of parallel browsers with low resource usage
- Easy Configuration: Configuration files (JSON format) are used to define browser versions and capabilities
- Web UI: Offers a web-based user interface to monitor and manage running browser sessions
- Video Recording: supports video recording of test sessions, which is useful for debugging and analysis



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Cloud-based Testing Platform

BrowserStack - Overview



- Cloud-based testing platform
- Supports manual and automated testing across various environments, e.g. browsers, OS, and mobile devices
- Provides real-time access to a wide range of browsers,
 OS, and device combinations without local infrastructure management

Key Features of BrowserStack



- Cross-Browser Testing
 - Test on various browsers and versions to ensure compatibility
 - Access to real devices and browsers in the cloud
- Automated Testing
 - Integrates with popular test automation frameworks like
 Selenium, Appium, and others
 - Supports parallel test execution to speed up the testing process

Key Features of BrowserStack



- Live Testing
 - Perform manual testing on real devices and browsers
 - Provides interactive debugging tools and developer tools
- Continuous Integration
 - Integrates with CI/CD tools like Jenkins, Travis CI, CircleCI, and others
 - Seamlessly integrates into the development workflow
- Screenshots and Video Recording
 - Capture screenshots and video recordings of test sessions for debugging and analysis



Live Demo

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Summary



- Test Automation Architectures Key
 Components and Design Principles
- Selenium Grid
 - Hub
 - Nodes
- Selenoid Alternative of Selenium Grid
- BrowserStack Cloud-Based Testing Platform





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