



Neverending Nightmare.js



Hi!

- working for Skype/Microsoft (Microsoft Teams)
- Zero Molecule (small agency)



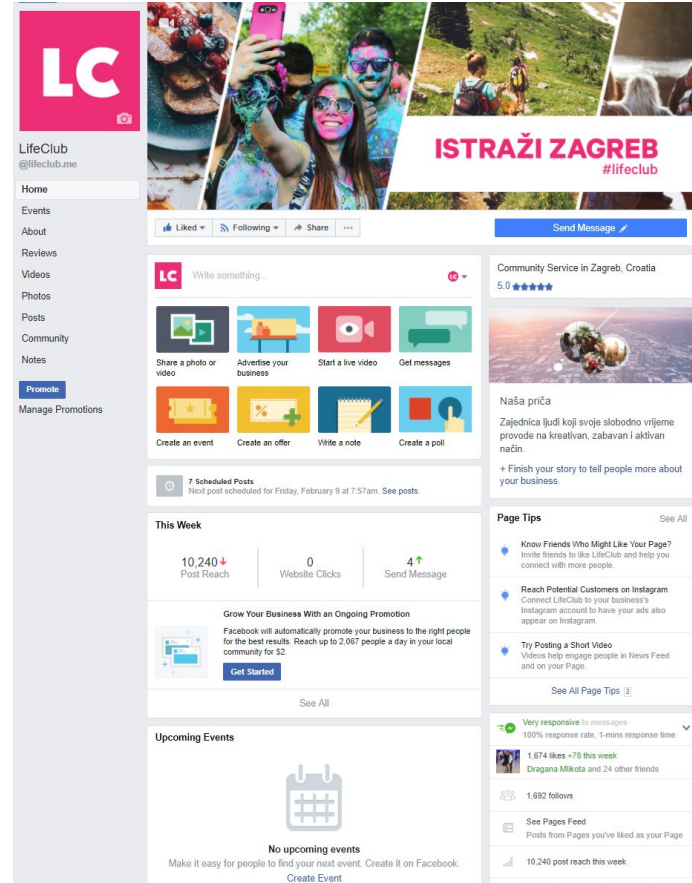
Intro

- automate browsing tasks for sites that don't have APIs
- wrapper around Electron

Nightmare.js

First try!

- Facebook page - **fb.com/lifecclub.me**
- Automated creation of **Notes**





Why not Facebook API?

Facebook Graph API - Is it possible to create/publish a note?



I need to use the Facebook Graph API to post & read some information for my project, and I have been able to post statuses or simple messages but I have not found any way to publish notes.

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I know the endpoint `graph.facebook.com/{page-id}/notes` worked under version 2.0 and it has been removed. But I can't find another way to do what I need to do.



So, is it still possible to publish notes from the API? And if it is, then how?

facebook

facebook-graph-api

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edited Jun 28 '17 at 8:02

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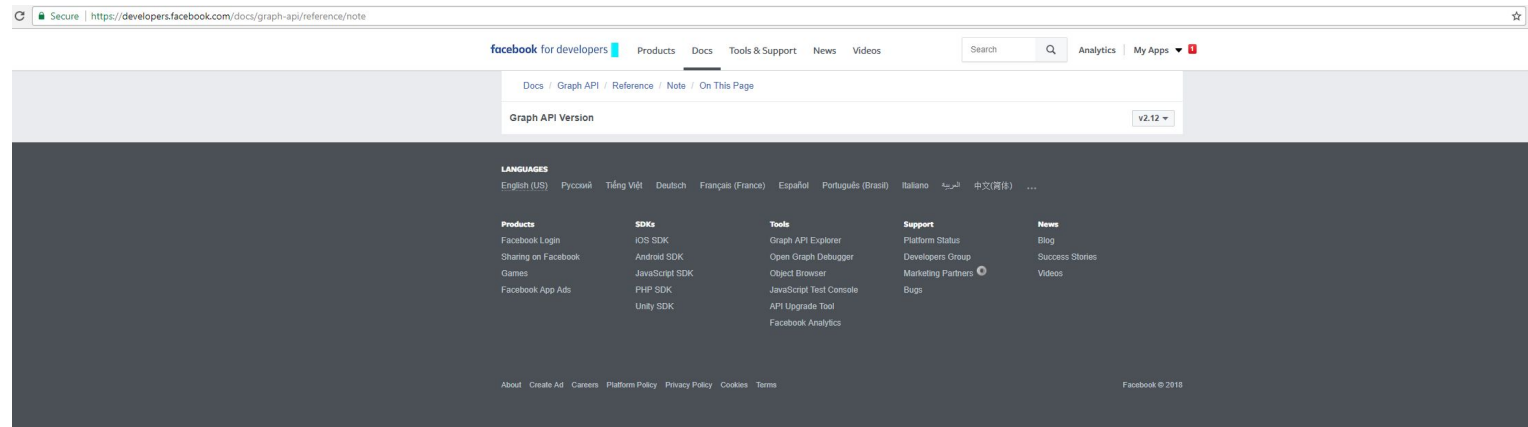
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No, that is not possible. – CBroe Jun 28 '17 at 7:58



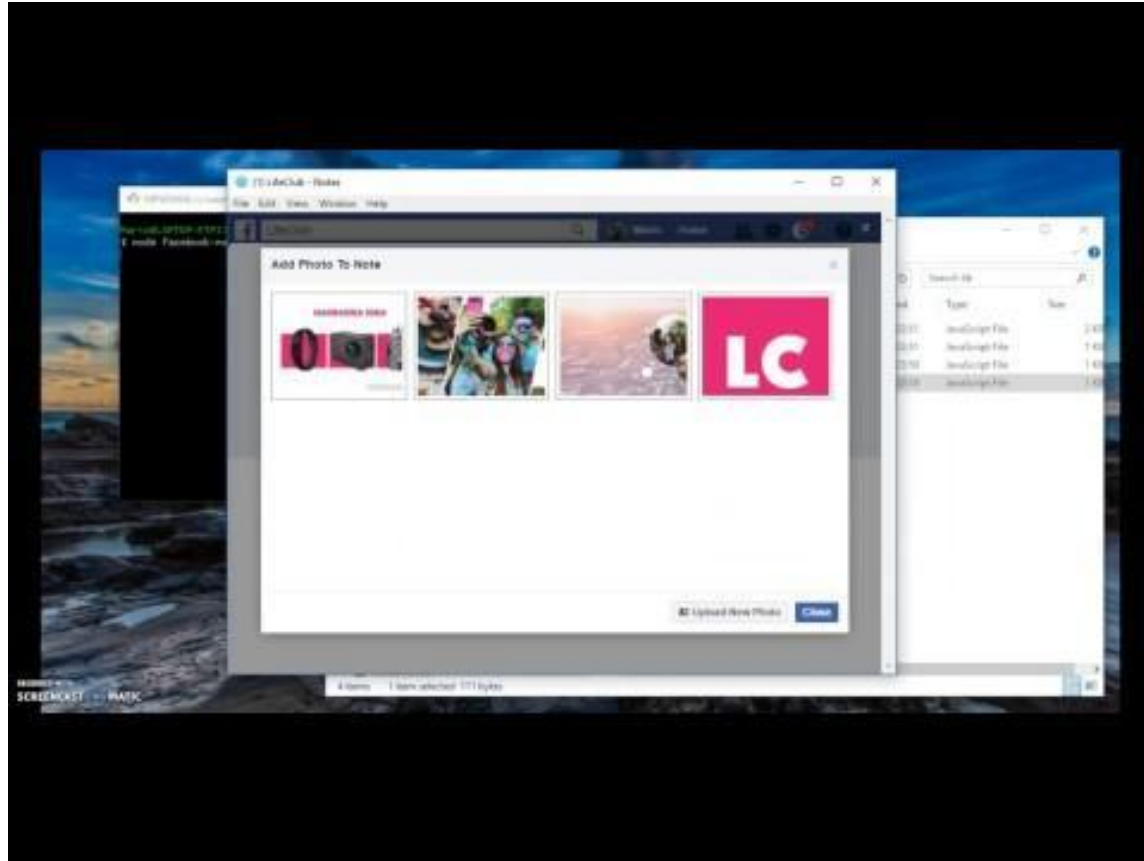
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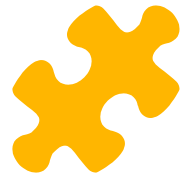


Code

Really basic prototype
Stored FB notes in JSON
Automated tasks

```
var nightmare = require('./nightmare');

nightmare.goto('https://facebook.com')
.type('input#email', 'myemail@email.com')
.type('input#pass', 'notmypassword')
.click('#loginbutton input')
.wait(3000)
.goto('https://www.facebook.com/pg/lifeclub.me/notes/?ref=page_internal')
.wait('button._42ft._4jy0.rfloat._ohf._4jy4')
.click('button._42ft._4jy0.rfloat._ohf._4jy4')
.wait('div._3c5-')
.click('div._3c5-')
.wait('input#js_5c')
.click('input#js_5c')
// .... More code here ....
// Handle errors
.catch(function (error) {
  console.log(error);
})
```



Basic API

evaluate()

Invokes callbacks. Used for DOM manipulation because code inside is browser scoped.

“listeners”

Similar to jQuery listener wrappers, there are “page” events

.on(“page”, function(type=“confirm”, message, response))

exists()

Checks the existence of specific target selector

advanced

Promises, cookies, extensions etc

Extensions

- Adding custom functionality to Nightmare.js
- **Nightmare.action**



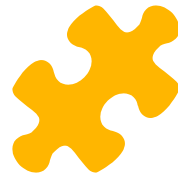
Code



```
var nightmare = require('./nightmare');

nightmare.action('parseNotes', function(done) {
  this.evaluate_now(() => {
    const parsedData = JSON.parse(notes);
    return {
      data: parsedData
    }
  }, done)
})

nightmare.goto('https://facebook.com')
.type('input#email', "myemail@email.com")
.type('input#pass', "notmypassword")
.click('#loginbutton input')
.wait(3000)
.goto("https://www.facebook.com/pg/lifeclub.me/notes/?ref=page_internal")
.wait('button._42ft_4jy0.rfloat._ohf_4jy4')
.click('button._42ft_4jy0.rfloat._ohf_4jy4')
.wait("div._3c5-")
.click("div._3c5-")
.wait('input#js_5c')
.click('input#js_5c')
.then((parseNotes) => {
  // Use notes content and post it on Facebook
})
.catch(function (error) {
  console.log(error);
})
```



Nightmare Plus extension

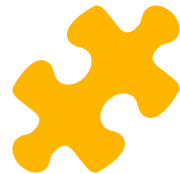
- Added support for iframes
- Supports waiting for user actions (clicks, checking etc)
- <https://www.npmjs.com/package/nightmare-plus>

Daydream

- Very useful for recording actions
- Chrome extension
- <https://github.com/segmentio/daydream>



Testing (with) Nightmare



Testing **env.**

User Agents, Screenshots and Viewports

```
new Nightmare().useragent("Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64)  
AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/38.0.2125.111  
Safari/537.36")
```

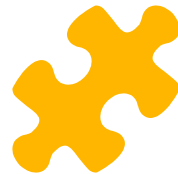
```
new Nightmare()  
.screenshot(1440, 900)  
.zoom(2)  
.goto('https://www.facebook.com/pg/lifeclub.me/notes/')  
.wait()  
.screenshot('pass-id-1.png')  
.run(function() console.log('Done!));
```



Automated **visual** testing

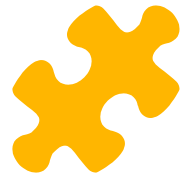
- Every PR that changes UI is tested against visual regressions
- Visual diffs are part of bigger build pipeline
- Works very good, but not perfect (needs “config” file as source of truth)





Niffy

- Diffing tool that can be integrated into Nightmare.js
- Scenario tests + visual diffs
 - <https://segment.com/blog/perceptual-diffing-with-niffy/>



Performance

- It is expected for builds to last longer
- Guys at Codecept - Selenium vs Nightmare testing (more proof of concept)

```
docker run -d -p 4444:4444 selenium/standalone-firefox:2.53.0  
codeceptjs run yahoo_test.js --steps
```

- Selenium - **17591** ms
- Nightmare - **5490** ms
- <https://codecept.io/nightmare/>

```
nightmare  
.goto('http://yahoo.com')  
.type('form[action="/search"] [name=p]', 'github nightmare')  
.click('form[action="/search"] [type=submit]')  
.wait('#main')  
.evaluate(function () {  
  return document.querySelector('#main .searchCenterMiddle li a').href  
})
```



Conclusion

- Testing
- Building custom APIs
- Programming a repetitive task



Thanks!

Any questions?