GUI Test Automation

Selenium Framework and Page Object Models

Frameworks

CodedUI

- Microsoft product only available with Visual Studio Enterprise
- o IE, Chrome, Firefox
- o https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/visualstudio/test/supported-configurations-and-platforms-for-coded-ui-tests-and-action-recordings?view=vs-2017

Cypress.io

- Open-source product leveraging JavaScript, Chrome plugin
- Canary, Chrome, Chromium, Electron
- https://docs.cypress.io/guides/core-concepts/launching-browsers.html

Selenium

- WebDriver: Language-specific bindings to drive a browser
- Chrome, Edge, IE, Firefox, Safari, Opera
- https://www.seleniumhq.org/about/platforms.jsp

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Selenium Demo

- Small C# .NET MVC app
 - Test: About menu item goes to About page
 - Test: Navigate through site, land on home page
 - Expected results based on displayed text, but can be more rigorous
- Assertions are the responsibility of the test method, not the object under test

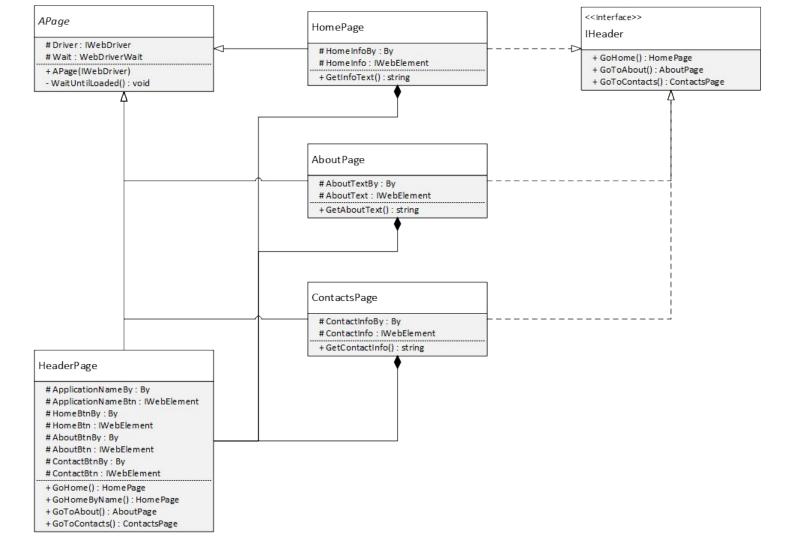
Selenium Tests

Selenium Hooks # Driver : IWebDriver # InitializeDriver(DriverType) : void + TearDown(): void SeleniumTests + AboutMenuGoesToAboutPage(DriverType): void

+ ExampleNavigateAround(DriverType): void

Page Object Model

- "A page object wraps an HTML page, or fragment, with an application-specific API, allowing you to manipulate page elements without digging around in the HTML." - Martin Fowler
 - https://martinfowler.com/bliki/PageObject.html
- "If you have WebDriver APIs in your test methods, You're Doing It Wrong." Simon Stewart
 - https://martinfowler.com/bliki/PageObject.html



Page Element Interaction

- IWebDriver: browser interaction
- By: how to find an element
- IWebElement: the element on the page
- Wait: wait for something to be true
- Return a new page (or "this")
- Expression-bodied property searches

- Only those things that a human can interact with
 - Click .Click()
 - Input .SendKeys()
 - Read Text

```
public HomePage GoHome()
                          Wait.Until(HomeBtnBy.IsClickable());
                          HomeBtn.Click();
                          return new HomePage(Driver);
@Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Home", null, new { id = "homeBtn"})
   \alphaHtml.ActionLink("About", "About", "Home", null, new { id = "aboutBtn" })
   \@Html.ActionLink("Contact", "Contact", "Home", null, new { id = "contactBtn" })
```

protected IWebElement HomeBtn => Driver.FindElement(HomeBtnBy);

protected By HomeBtnBy = By.Id("homeBtn");

Page Element Interaction

- By
 - Class Name
 - CSS Selector

 - LinkText
 - Name
 - Partial Link Text
 - Tag Name
 - XPath

IWebElement

- TagName
- Text
- Enabled
- Selected
- Location
- Size
- Displayed
- Clear() (input, textarea)
- Click()
- GetAttribute(attributeName)
- GetCssValue(propertyName)
- GetProperty(propertyName)
- SendKeys(text)
- Submit()

Developer Considerations

- Give HTML elements IDs where applicable
 - Easy to find
 - More maintainable
- Watch for changes to
 - o IDs
 - Class names
 - Position in DOM (e.g. XPath Bys)
- Wait for elements before interacting with them
 - Clickable, displayed, enabled, etc.
- Interaction == human interaction
 - Don't try to interact with off-screen ("hidden") text inputs that a human couldn't get to

What are your questions?