

1 Codebase, 2 Mobile Platforms: How to Test iOS and Android by Just Writing Tests Once

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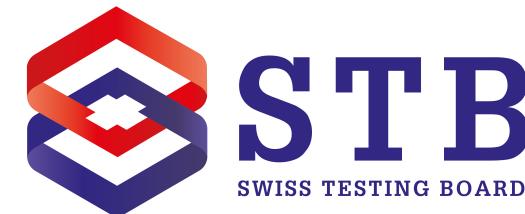
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Poll



Q: Did you do any mobile app development previously?

A: Yes, native (or hybrid that compiles to native) / Yes, hybrid (WebView-based, like Ionic) / No

Q: Have you done any automated mobile testing before?

A: Yes / No

Q: If you answered yes to the previous question, which platforms did you target?

A: Android / iOS / Both (cross-platform)

Q: Have you written any automated end-to-end-tests (desktop or mobile) before?

A: Yes, using WebdriverIO v6 / Yes, using WebdriverIO v5 / Yes, using Selenium / Yes, using a different framework / No



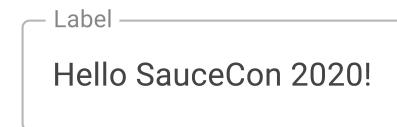
Native vs Hybrid

- Native
 - 2 separate codebases (iOS, Android)
 - Develop everything twice
- Hybrid (JS: NativeScript, React Native; Java: Gluon Mobile; C#: Xamarin)
 - 1 Codebase
 - Compiles to both platforms (iOS, Android)



How do hybrid frameworks work?

Text Field Example:



Android: <EditText android:text="Hello SauceCon 2020!" />

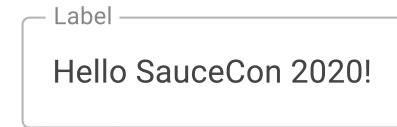
iOS (SwiftUI): TextField("Hello SauceCon 2020!")

Hybrid (NativeScript): <TextField text="Hello SauceCon 2020!" />



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Text Field Example:



Hybrid (NativeScript): <TextField text="Hello SauceCon 2020!" />

```
function TextField(text: string) {  
  if (isAndroid) {  
    return <EditText android:text=text/>  
  } else if(isIos) {  
    return TextField(text)  
  }  
}
```

Android: <EditText android:text="Hello SauceCon 2020!" />

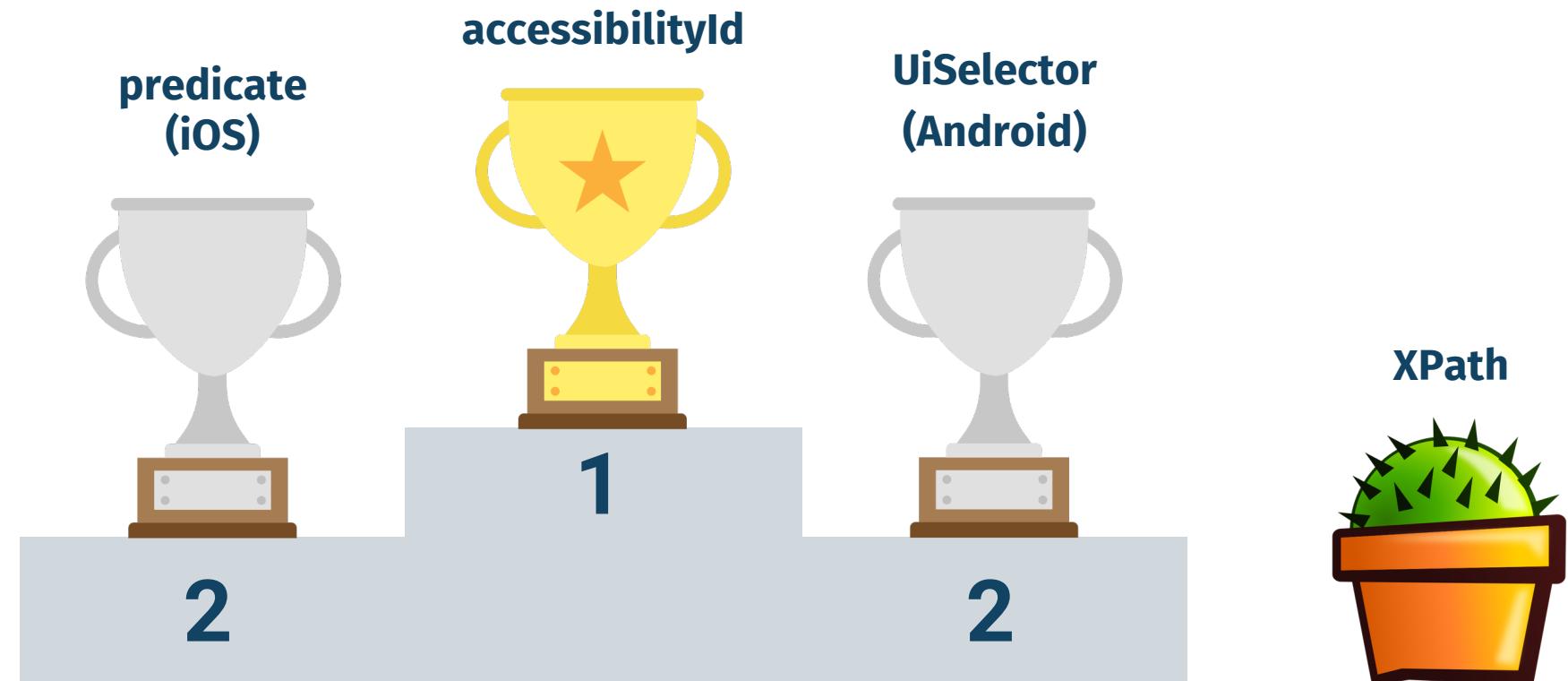
iOS (SwiftUI): `TextField("Hello SauceCon 2020!")`



Automated mobile E2E testing

- Quite different to testing websites
- Initial setup more involved
 - Testing on iOS requires a Mac (without Sauce Labs RDC, but recommended)
 - Testing iOS real devices (without Sauce Labs RDC) especially difficult to setup
- Not headless (so far)
- Most difficult part: Selectors
 - Web: id, class...
 - Mobile: accessibilityId
- Stable automation requires developing the app designed for testability
- A lot of platform-specific code necessary

Selector Strategies





Selector Strategies (WebdriverIO)

```
accessibilityId:  
$( "~Login" )  
↑
```

```
UiSelector (Android):  
$( ' android=new UiSelector() .className("android.widget.Button") .text("Login") ' )
```

```
predicate (iOS):  
$("-ios predicate string:type == 'XCUIElementTypeButton' && label == 'Login' ")
```



Applying the hybrid approach

```
// utils.ts
function getButtonWithText(text: string): WebdriverIO.Element {
  if (browser.isAndroid) {
    return $(`android=new UiSelector().className("android.widget.Button").text("${text}")`);
  } else if (browser.isIOS) {
    return `-${ios predicate string:type == 'XCUIElementTypeButton' && label == '${text}'}`;
  }
}

// login.spec.ts (Test)
getButtonWithText("Login");
```

Introducing: wdio-mobile-utils



- Free and open source
- Fluent API, TypeScript support
- Supports WebdriverIO v5 and v6
- Makes you forget about XPath (not guaranteed)
- Automated releases (continuous delivery)
- Pull Requests and issues (especially fixes) welcome!

```
npm install --save-dev wdio-mobile-utils
```

<https://github.com/martinfrancois/wdio-mobile-utils>



But wait, there's more!



Introducing **wdio-mobile-utils-demo**

- Demo application built with NativeScript
- E2E Tests using WebdriverIO v5 (currently) and **wdio-mobile-utils**
- Scripts for E2E tests out-of-the-box
 - iOS, Android (real devices, simulator / emulator), cross-platform
 - Sauce Labs Virtual Cloud for iOS
 - Sauce Labs RDC for Android and iOS
- Builds for iOS real devices, simulators and Android on Travis CI
 - Tested on Sauce Labs triggered by Travis CI



<https://github.com/martinfrancois/wdio-mobile-utils-demo>





Cross-platform selectors

UiSelector (Android):

```
$('android=new UiSelector().className("android.widget.Button").text("Login")')
```

predicate (iOS):

```
$("-ios predicate string:type == 'XCUIElementTypeButton' && label == 'Login'")
```

wdio-mobile-utils:

```
mobile$(Selector.and(Selector.type(Type.BUTTON), Selector.text('Login')));
```

```
mobile$(
  Selector.and(
    Selector.type(Type.BUTTON),
    Selector.text('Login')
  )
)
```

Alternative:

```
  Selector.type(Type.BUTTON),
  Selector.text('Login')
```



Cross-platform selectors

IDE Code Completion (Example: Jetbrains IntelliJ IDEA):

```
mobile$()
  m Selector.accessibilityId(accessibilityId: string)
  m Selector.text(text: string)          Selector
  m Selector.custom<T, U>(android: Andro... Selector
  m Selector.or(selector1: Selector, sel... Selector
  m Selector.and(selector1: Selector, se... Selector
  m Selector.type(type: Type)           Selector
  m Selector.disabled()                Selector
  m Selector.enabled()                Selector
  m Selector.accessibilityIdContains(acc... Selector
  m Selector.accessibilityIdMatches(acce... Selector
  m Selector.accessibilityIdStartsWith(a... Selector
  m Selector.textContains(text: string)   Selector
  m Selector.textMatches(text: string)    Selector
  m Selector.textStartsWith(text: string) Selector
```



Utilities (excerpt)

```
// Alert
isAlertDisplayed()
waitForAlertDisplayed()
acceptAlert()
dismissAlert()

// App Utilities
isAppState(APP_RUNNING_STATE.FOREGROUND, wait, appId, bundleId)
isBrowserAppState(APP_RUNNING_STATE.BACKGROUND, wait)
openApp(wait, appId, bundleId)

// Gestures
swipeUp()
swipeDown()
swipeRight()
swipeLeft()
swipeRightOnElement(element)
swipeLeftOnElement(element)
```

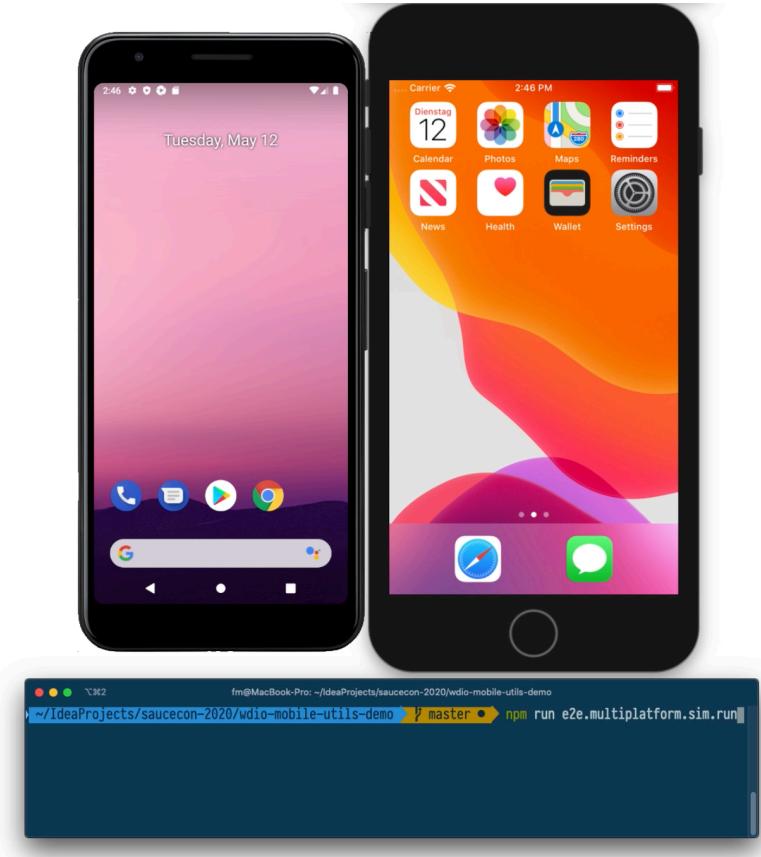


Demo Alert Cross-platform

Command in wdio-mobile-demo-utils:

```
npm run e2e.multiplatform.sim.run
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login.spec.ts



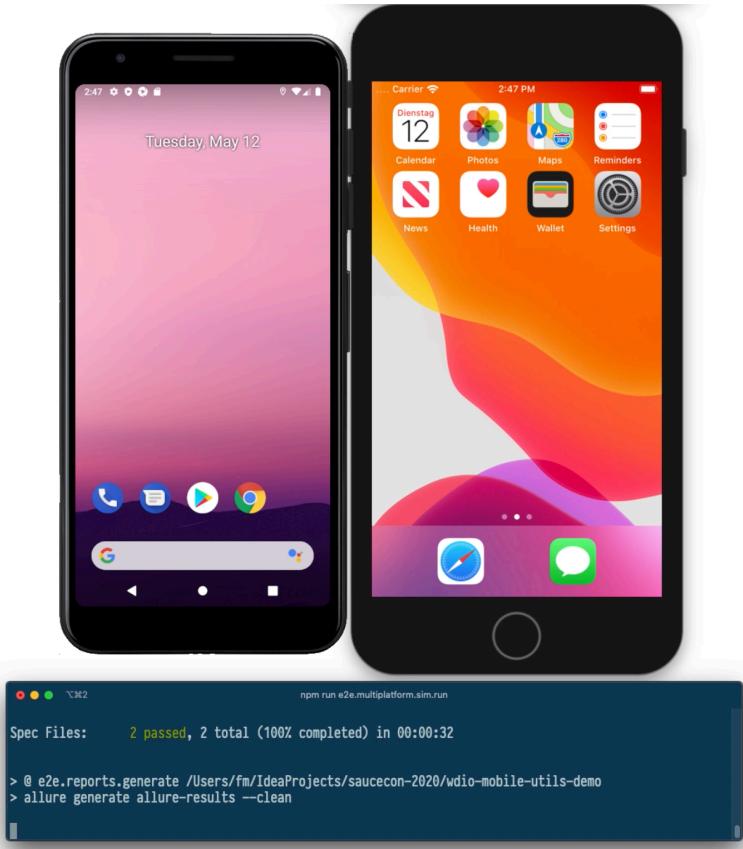


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Deeplink



wdio-demo-utils:

```
openDeeplink( '/my/deeplink' , appId, bundleId)
```

Android Implementation:

```
browser.closeApp();
browser.execute('mobile: deepLink', {
    url: path,
    package: appId,
});
```

iOS Implementation:

```
// imagine 64 lines of code here
```

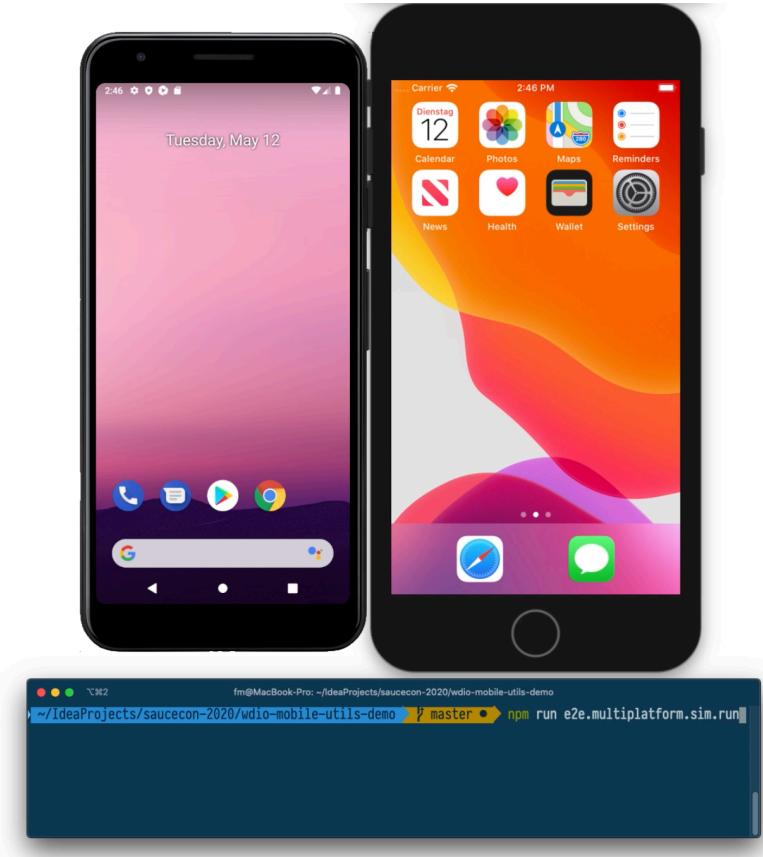


Demo Deeplink Cross-platform

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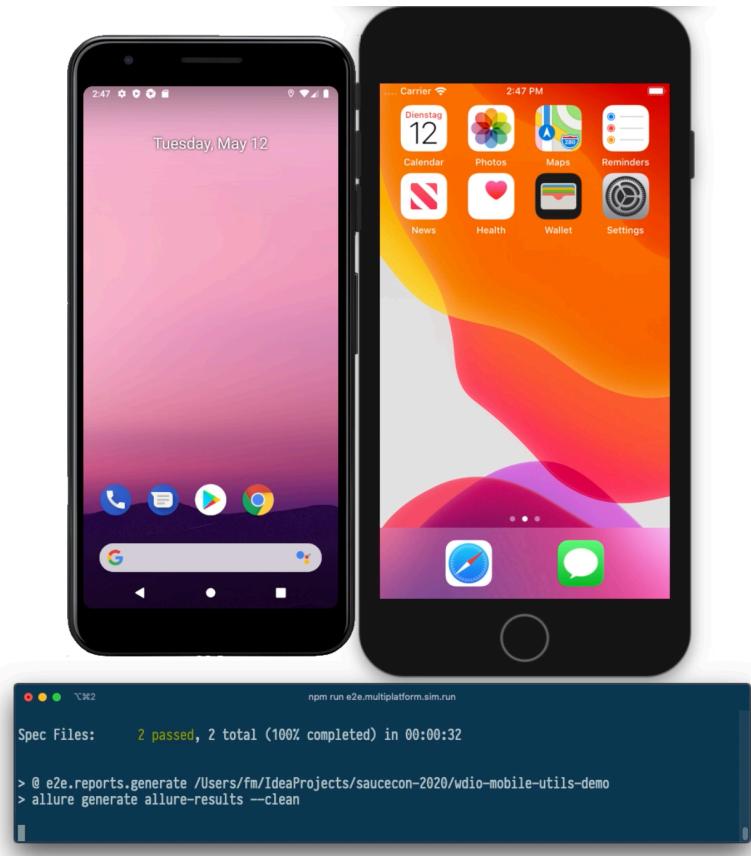


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Useful Links and References



- [Appium Capabilities](#)
- [Appium Capabilities for iOS](#)
- [WebdriverIO Documentation](#)
- [WebdriverIO Guide on Pageobjects](#)
- [WebdriverIO TypeScript Guide](#)
- [Appium and Deeplinks](#)
- [Opening Deeplinks using Appium](#)
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