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| Introduction | Introduction to Building Automation Frameworks using Selenium and Java | About Me |  | Hi All! My Name is Rajesh Iyer. I am working in the Software Testing industry for over 10 years. I have architected and developed some sophisticated automation frameworks for some renowned clients in my organization. During my tenure I have majorly worked with Selenium RC and Selenium Webdriver, REST API testing and also Performance Testing. Though my educational background does not qualify me to be in the Software Testing industry, I consider myself lucky to get a start. And that was the only luck I had. After that it was all about continuous learning that has lead me to get into more challenging positions and also help some of my junior colleagues in their careers. |
| Why I created this course |  | Right since my school days, I have the passion for teaching. I have conducted trainings for my junior colleagues and also have provided mentorship to a handful of my colleagues. Now I want to widen my horizons and reach out to a lot of people. That is why I have created this course.  The other aspect is, I believe that the Automation is not just about knowing how to use Selenium Webdriver, but there is a science to developing a robust and sophisticated framework, that can be reused over and over to provide:   1. Better ROI for automation 2. Maintainability of the tests 3. Quick Turnaround Time in developing the tests   If you have these goals while developing a framework, your approach will be driven in this direction. The objective of this course is to help you achieve the above goals. |
| What to expect from this course |  | The first thing you can expect from this course is that there won’t be those boring theories about Java, Selenium or any of the different aspect of building frameworks. I don’t want the students of this course get all the information and when they come out of this course wonder “Aww! How do I apply this information now?”  You can expect a lot of interesting stories and real-world examples, that will help you understand every concept in detail and a few recommendations on how to apply the principles you will be learning throughout the course. So are you ready to get started? Let’s first learn Java or for some it will be brush up on Java. |
| Java Programming | Basic Java | Introduction |  | At the beginning of the course, I said I will not be giving the boring theories of Java or Selenium, but I thought it worthwhile to share the concept of how Java actually runs your code.  The program that you write is a .java file.  There is a java compiler or javac program which converts the .java file to a .class file which is a bytecode data.  The core of the Java is the JVM i.e Java Virtual Machine. This JVM is responsible for running your application. The JVM contains a Byte Code Verifier and Class Loader, which will check the byte codes of the class file. Once the check passes, there is another section called the Java Intrepreter and JIT compiler.  Java Interpreter reads the bytecode and performs the functions accordingly. The disadvantage of the Java Interpreter is that it slow as it has to look up the meaning of each byte during execution.  This is overcome by the Just-In-Time Compiler, which compiles the bytecode to the native code just before the execution.  Java can be installed with Java Development Kit (JDK) or Java Runtime Environment (JRE). Both come with JVM packaged into it. However, JDK has some additional Java APIs which will assist the developers in |
| Installation |  |  |
| Creating a class and object |  | Let’s think of a car. What are the different parts of a car? A car will have an engine, steering system, clutching system, braking system, accelerating system, mirrors, tyres, seats, body etc. All the cars have the same system, isn’t it? So how do you find same kinds of car on road. It is because they have been developed using the same blue print. This blue print is called a class. Once the class is created you can use it to create an object. Let’s say I want to create a Mercedes AMG 63 car. How do I do that. Here’s an example. I have created a car with different systems. If you look at this part, these are termed as fields of the class. They can also be considered the parameters of the class. This is called the methods in the class. Methods are majorly responsible to set or get the value of the fields or perform certain operations in the class like printing or converting. For example, if you look at getName method. It is responsible to give you the value of the name field. And the setName method is responsible to set the value of the name field. So our car blue print is ready. Now let’s create a Mercedes AMG 63 car. I have created different classes for different systems in the car and then assembled them in the car class. You can define each of the specification thoroughly and define your dream car. So here’s how we create a class and an object of that class. |
| Constructor |  | A class can have a method which has a same name as that of the class. This is called a constructor. So in case of a Car, the constructor method will have a name “Car”. You may notice that the class that I created does not have a constructor. In java, when you create a class, the java interpreter understands that there is a method Car() within that class which does nothing. OK, so now let’s create a Car constructor which will take the name of the car as a parameter. We will talk about this keyword later. So what this constructor does is, it stores the name that you will pass while creating an object of class Car. So, well modify our code with this new constructor. The output will remain the same. You can have multiple constructors for a class. This is called Class Overloading, which we will discuss in a later section. |
| static keyword |  | Now let’s say, we want to produce the car in our Car Factory and count the number of cars that were produced using the Car Class. So, this is where static variable is used. A static variable maintains its state irrespective of the instance of the object. So we need to make sure that every time a Car is created, it should be counted. So we will introduce a static variable noOfCars and every time a Car object is created, this variable will add by one. So let’s change the Car class as follows:   1. Add a static variable noOfCars 2. In the constructor, increment the noOfCars by 1 3. Add a static method getCarCount, to fetch the noOfCars value.   You may notice that I have created all the fields as private and have provided methods to access them. This is part of the encapsulation principle which we will learn in the next Section.  So let’s make these changes to our code.  Ok now let’s test it. To check if two cars were created, let’s create another car a Porsche. So we have two cars. Now let’s run the test  Fair enough we have two cars created and the noOfCars shows 2. |
| this keyword |  | You must have noticed the use of this keyword in the process of adding methods for the Car class. So what does “this” keyword mean?  The keyword “this” means whichever class instance you are in right now, access its method or fields and change its value. The operative word being “class instance” which means that it can be used for an instance. Meaning, you cannot access the static fields or methods using the “this” keyword.  The other usages of this is to invoke the current class constructor or a current class method or pass the current class instance as a parameter in a function or it can even return the current class instance from a method.  Some of the usages will be covered during the framework design. So for now just remember the different usages. |
| final keyword |  | In your Car Factory, you only manufacture cars which have a maximum speed limit of 100 as an example. And you do not want to change this maximum speed limit. This is when you can use the final keyword. Here’s how you achieve it. You will add a,   1. private final int maxSpeed and set it to 100.   Now, you will not be able to change anywhere in the methods where the Car class is invoked. Now you can only create a getMaxSpeed method, but you won’t be able to create a setMaxSpeed method. If you try to do it, it will give you a compile time error “cannot assign value to a final variable maxSpeed”. |
| Working with Conditional, Looping and Controlling statements and arrays |  | Let’s now work with Conditions and Looping and Controlling statements and Arrays. I will first define an array; so that we can build on them as well go along.  An array is a collection of objects of the same type. So it could be a collection of text or numbers or objects like car in our case. So how to instantiate an array of Cars? Here’s how we do it  Now, let’s work with the conditional statements if, if-else, if-else if.  In your Car Factory, you will provide texture design and black color to the car body if your customer is a Special Customer then this is how you will be doing it. Let’s introduce a variable customerType in the CarProduction class. So here’s how the code will be. Here we are accessing the Body of the Car and setting the color for it.  Next, let’s assume that if the customerType is an ordinary customer you will provide only White Color body car. Then here’s how you code will look like.  We will go one step further and introduce another customerType let’s say “Privileged” customer. For a privileged customer you are going to provide texture design for the car as well as give them a choice of color. So in this case, let’s introduce another variable, say “myColor”, which the user will specify. So assuming he specifies Black, we will create a Black Mercedes Car with texture design for that car. So we will use else-if between the “if” and “else” statements to achieve this. Now let’s try do it with switch-case which is other way of condition formatting. This is how it is done. We will pass the customerType to the switch parameter, then add the two cases “Privileged” and put statements there with a break at the end. Similarly for case “Special” and finally a default block which means the customer is of ordinary nature. The reason why we put break after each case or default block is that we will need to execute only any one of the 3 blocks. There may be situations where we may need to execute all three blocks or 2 of the three blocks etc. In such case the break is not required. In the if-else if world, these will be if statements alone. I am now going to move this complete code into a class CarFactory as a createCar method to which we will pass the name, customerType and color. This method will return an object of Type Car, So we can call this CarFactory in our future implementation.  Now let’s work with loops- for and while  As a worker, now you are given a register containing 5 customers and you need to create a Mercedes car for them. Each of those customers are different: 1 is a privileged customer, 1 is a special customer and remaining 3 are ordinary customers. Now you need to roll out 5 cars based on the specifications. The privileged customer wants an Ivory Silver car. So what do you do here?  You will add 2 Arrays one to store the customer type, the other to store the created cars. Let’s first achieve it using a simple for loop.  First let’s create an Array customerType and add the necessary values. This is an hard-coded array. Now our Car array will have a length equal to the customerType, so let’s create another Array cars with the length equal to customerType. The length of array means the number of objects the Array can hold.  Now let’s add a “for” loop. The first “for” loop has parts: initializer, condition, increment/decrement. We have initialized an integer “i” with 0 value. Next, we need to run through the complete customerType array, so let us run this loop till the value of the “i” is less than customerType array length. The incrementer statement will increment the value of “i” by 1. Within the loop let’s add the code for creating the car based on the customerType. We can use instantiate the CarFactory class and invoke the createCar method with the necessary paramaters and get a car which we will store in a Car instance. This instance will be added to the cars Array. Just before the loop starts, let’s add a variable cnt which has an initial value of 0 and increment after every execution. So for every car that is created we will add it to the cars array. So how does this work,  The value of “i” is 0 at the beginning, the array will get the first value of the customerType i.e. Privileged, now it will get into the if,else-if,else conditions and will satisfy the else-if condition, and the texture and color will be added accordingly. Now this car will be added to cars[0]. So we now have a car added to the car array. Next, cnt will be incremented by 1 and “i” will be incremented by 1. The second customerType is “Special”, so the if condition will be satisfied and the Car will be created for the Special customer. This way the loop will continue till it reaches the last element and finally the 5 cars will be added to the cars array.  Now let’s work with the alternative for loop. This loop was introduced in Java version 5. It will operate on iterable elements like Arrays and Collections, which we will be studying in a different section. Now let’s say, we want to print out the colors of each car in our cars array. So let’s use the alternative for loop for this. Here the first part before the colon is the single item object in the array and the second part is the array itself. So when we write Car car: cars, it means that pick up each car from the cars array and perform following operations. Using System.out.println we can print out the body color of the cars.  Now let’s achieve the same thing using a while and do-while loop. The while loop is similar to for loop, except that it has just the conditions part. The initializer is above the while loop statement and the increment/decrement is within the loop, mostly at the last statement of the loop.  The difference between a while and a do-while loop is that in the while loop we first provide the condition and then the statements to perform whereas in do-while, we first provide the statements to perform and then the condition. Here’s how we do it.  You can try working with the above loops for decrementing. Try printing the colors of the cars in reverse order. I am sharing the code snippet for you to verify. But do try it yourself. |
| Creating an Enum |  | Let’s move on to Enums. In your Car Factory, you produce only White, Black and Ivory Silver and Red cars. So how will you restrict you customer from choosing from the options available. So in such cases we can use Enum class which provides you with pre-defined constants. Here’s how you create an Enum. You can see that we use public enum and the class name. Here I have used ColorType as the class name. Now let’s add all the types. Since these are constants, let’s use all upper case for the values and the string corresponding to them. Once done, we need to add a constructor to the Enum. This is a private constructor, hence we don’t need to mention the modifier type. We will create a class field “color” which will store the “color” value. We will make this color field final, so that we don’t modify them. The number of parameters that a constructor will have will be the number of parameters that you set for each Enum constants. In this case the enum BLACK has just one parameter “Black” hence the constructor will have just one parameter. In java, one of the advantages of using the enum is that, it provides a static method values() for the enum, which can be used to iterate over the enum values. Let’s add a method which will print all the enum values. We will use the for loop to iterate over each enum. Also let’s add a method to get the color which we will use to print the color. So here’s how our enum will look like.  Now in our Car factory, let’s provide the Customer the access to this Enum. So our myColor will not be of type String, but it will be of Type ColorType. So here are the modifications, we need to do to our code. Similarly, try a scenario where only Black and Ivory Silver come with texture. I have shared the code snippet for it as well. But it is better to try it yourself first before inferring into the snippet. |
| Creating an abstract class |  | Assume that in your Car factory, you have 2 units: one producing a Mercedes cars and another unit producing Porsche cars. The mechanism for producing both cars is same except the system for producing roof window of the car. In this case, each of these units will have their independent workflows. So our CarFactory will have two different units. Let’s call them Mercedes Unit and Porsche Unit. They will have the Roof Window workflow implemented differently for each other. In order to do this in our Java code. We will have to make our Car Factory class abstract and provide an abstract method roofWindowImplementation which will have its own implementation in each of these units. Since Car Factory is an abstract class, we need a concrete class which will have the roofWindowImplementation. I will cover it in much more details while discussing the OOPS concepts. So let’s create two classes: MercedesUnit and PorscheUnit and implement the roofWindowImplementation method. Here’s how it is done. I have created an instance of CarFactory which creates the MercedesUnit or PorscheUnit. This is Liskov’s Substitution Principle which I will cover as part of the SOLID principles Section. This means that your parent class instance can hold the instance of your child class. I will talk about parent and child class in the Inheritance section of the OOPS concepts. This is how we work with Abstract Class.  To conclude you can use Abstract class when you have all the methods common except one or two methods which have different implementations. |
| Creating an interface and implementation |  | Now, you have two production units – one for Mercedes and the other for Porsche. The systems used in each of the cars may be different, but they should be able operate in same manner. They should be able to provide the same features, isn’t it. For this there should be a common agreement between the two units. Your car should have these capabilities:   1. accelerate 2. brake 3. changeGears 4. signalTurn 5. turn   to name a few. So doesn’t matter if you create a Mercedes car or a Porsche Car, these capabilities should be available. This can be achieved in Java with the use of an interface. The second advantage is that you can hide the way, the above capabilities are achieved because you don’t need to detail how the car will accelerate. You can hide that mechanism from the others. So now let’s define an interface called DriveCar with the above 5 capabilities.  Ok now let’s create a MercedesCar class which is a child class of Car and implement the methods in the interface. We will use simple print statements for these methods. We need to add a constructor for the MercedesCar with one parameter name because the parent class has the constructor method with one parameter. And below that are the implemented methods of the interface DriveCar. We will do the same for the Porsche Car. This is an example of Polymorphism, which will be covered in the OOPS concepts Section.  Some of you may be wondering, this can be achieved using abstract as well. So why do we need an interface. I would agree with you, but the other advantage of interface is that you can implement multiple interfaces for a class, whereas you can extend only one abstract method. So the next question may go, so when to use an interface and when to use an abstract? This is what I usually do:  Whenever, there are common methods and few distinct methods provided that the distinct methods are in the same pretext of implementation then I use an abstract. By same pretext, what I mean is that it is one of the functions of the class but can be implemented differently. Now in this case, the base class Car deals with the different specifications of the car, so it is not concerned with the different operations of the car. Hence, we will differentiate the specifications and operations and define it differently. This follows the 1st principle of the SOLID principles which is called Single Responsibility Principle which we will discuss in detail in later sections.  Interfaces can be used, when you have different operations which need to be available for a given class. There can be a case Turning and Signalling Turn is part of one interface, Accelerating is part of another interface and so on, then in that case you will need to have multiple implementations which can be achieved by interface and not abstract. I know what question you have now. Why should we have different interfaces for each of these functions. Good question. Hold it till you learn the Interface Segregation Principle in the SOLID principles.(giggle)  This concludes the topic of Interfaces. |
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