Using Puppeteer for Automated Web Testing and other Nefarious Activities

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Repo: https://www.github.com/the1mattkaufman/puppeteer-service

PDF of these slides are in the repo



Prereqs for this Intermediate Talk

- JavaScript (required)
- HTML/CSS (required)
- nodeJS (required)
- GitHub (recommended)
- Docker (optional)
- Google Cloud Platform (optional)
- Google Cloud Build (optional)
- Google Cloud Run (optional)

I have a problem

I need to navigate to a URL multiple times a day and

- 1. Make sure it's still live and functioning
- 2. Take a screenshot of it
- 3. Scrape some data
- 4. Fill out and submit a form

Original Browser Automation Option



Greasemonkey by Anthony Lieuallen

Customize the way a web page displays or behaves, by using small bits of JavaScript.

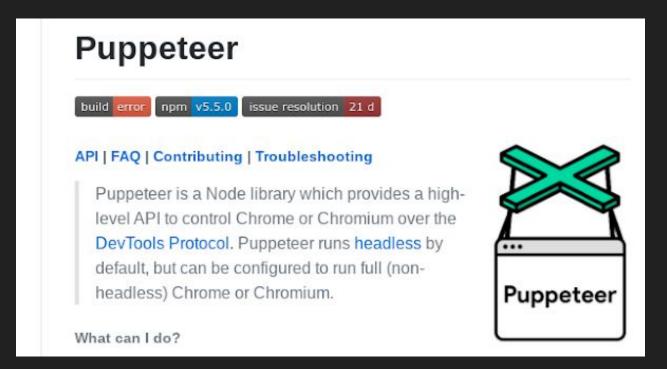
Only with Firefox—Get Firefox Now

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Sample GreaseMonkey Script

```
function clickEverything() {
  setTimeout(function() { clickClassName("youtube") }, 500);
  setTimeout(function() { clickClassName("screenshot") }, 20000 );
  setTimeout(function() { clickId("divcontent") }, 30000);
  setTimeout(function() {
  window.location.assign("https://www.myurl.com") }, 1200000 );
}
```

Better Browser Automation Option



https://github.com/puppeteer/puppeteer

How to get started

Install nodeJS

https://nodejs.org/en/download/

install puppeteer

npm i puppeteer

Build a node app

Ugh, seriously?

How about we try before we "buy"

```
Puppeteer Sandbox
                           1. basics - Emulate devices
1.19.0
                                                             Console output
1 :onst puppeteer = require('puppeteer')
2 const iPhone = puppeteer.devices['iPhone 6'];
  const browser = await puppeteer.launch()
   const page = await browser.newPage()
                                                                                 Nothing here yet
7 wait page.emulate(iPhone)
                                                                          Pick one of the examples and run it!
8 await page.goto('https://google.com/')
9 await page.screenshot({
      path: 'full.png',
10
      fullPage: true
12 +)
13 :onsole.log(await page.title())
14 await browser.close()
```

https://try-puppeteer.appspot.com/

https://puppeteersandbox.com/

Our puppeteer app

```
const puppeteer = require("puppeteer");
const browser = await puppeteer.launch();
const page = await browser.newPage().catch((e) => {
  await page.goto(url);
  //do stuff here
  await page.close()
```

What kind of stuff can we do now?

- Go to a URL
- Wait for x ms / an element to be rendered / no network activity, etc.
- Navigate the DOM
- Click on Elements
- Interact with Inputs
- Interact with alerts / confirm / popup
- Take a screenshot
- Execute JS on the page
- Use JS in our app to control resulting behavior

Let's put our functionality into a node app

```
const express = require("express");
const app = express();
const server = app.listen(process.env.PORT || 8080, (err) => {
 if (err) return console.error(err);
 const port = server.address().port;
});
app.use(async (req, res) => {
    //your code goes here
module.exports = app;
```

Where should I host my app?

Low entry cost

Secure

Reliable

Scalable

Serverless

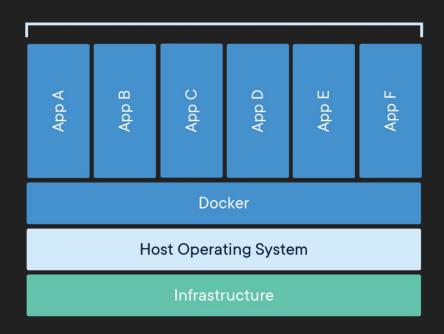
Well-documented



Container !== 'Scary'

A Container consists of your code and a everything required to run it.

Containers allow you to scale or migrate to new infrastructure with exact consistency



Docker Containerize your App

Dockerfile

Tells Docker Engine what to load on run

.dockerignore

Tells Docker what not to include in your container image

Getting started with Cloud Run

- 1. Create Project in Google Cloud Console
- 2. Enable Billing
- 3. Enable APIs
- 4. Update IAM permissions
- 5. Install and initialize Cloud SDK locally
- 6. Containerize your app
- 7. Build container image
- 8. Deploy container image to Cloud Run

Let's Build our Container Image

Use Cloud Build to build the current directory as a Google Container Image

```
gcloud builds submit --tag gcr.io/PROJECT-ID/APP-NAME
```

View the Image in the Container Registry

https://console.cloud.google.com/gcr/images/PROJECT-ID/GLOBAL/APP-NAME

Let's Deploy our Image to Cloud Run

Deploy an Image to Cloud Run

```
gcloud run deploy --image gcr.io/PROJECT-ID/APP-NAME --platform managed
```

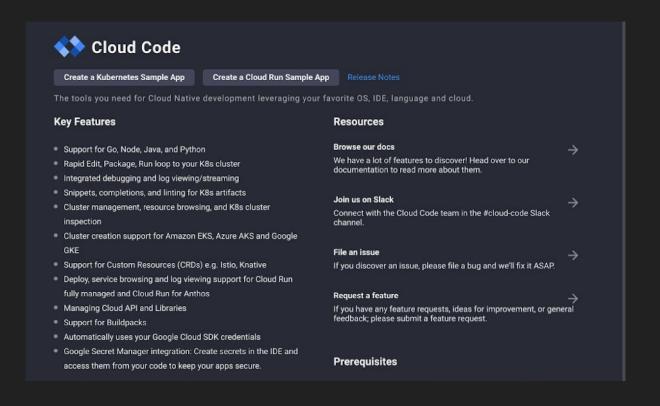
Set Region

Allow unauthenticated invocations to allow access to the public

View our service running in Cloud Run

https://console.cloud.google.com/run?project=PROJECT-ID

Shortcut - Cloud Code extension for VS Code



The Power of Cloud Build

Cloud Build does more than build container images from local directories

It integrates with github, bitbucket, and Google Cloud Repositories

It is aware of changes made to your repos

It lets you define triggers based on changes

It lets you define actions to take when a trigger is invoked

It has a simple dashboard

Build Configuration file

Steps that should be executed as part of your build process.

Can reference 3rd party libraries/packages/images

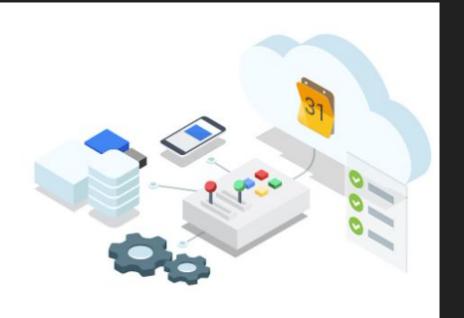
Can run tests

Can fail intentionally or due to issues

Scheduling with Cloud Scheduler

Fully managed, enterprisegrade scheduler

Cloud Scheduler is a fully managed enterprise-grade cron job scheduler. It allows you to schedule virtually any job, including batch, big data jobs, cloud infrastructure operations, and more. You can automate everything, including retries in case of failure to reduce manual toil and intervention. Cloud Scheduler even acts as a single pane of glass, allowing you to manage all your automation tasks from one place.



It's Demo Time!



Further Learning

https://pptr.dev/

https://github.com/berstend/puppeteer-extra/tree/master/packages

https://cloud.google.com/run/docs

https://docs.docker.com/

https://cloud.google.com/cloud-build/docs

https://cloud.google.com/scheduler