

Selenium

Selenium is a suite of tools for automating web browsers

Outline Selenium

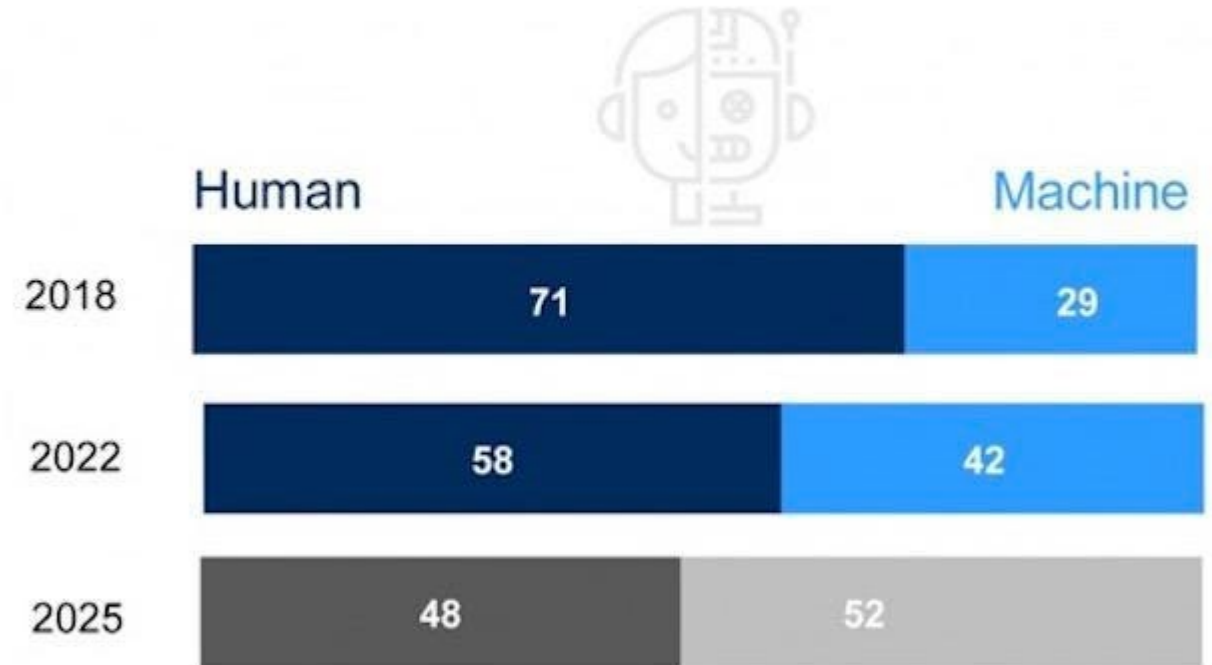
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Overview of Test Automation

- In 2018

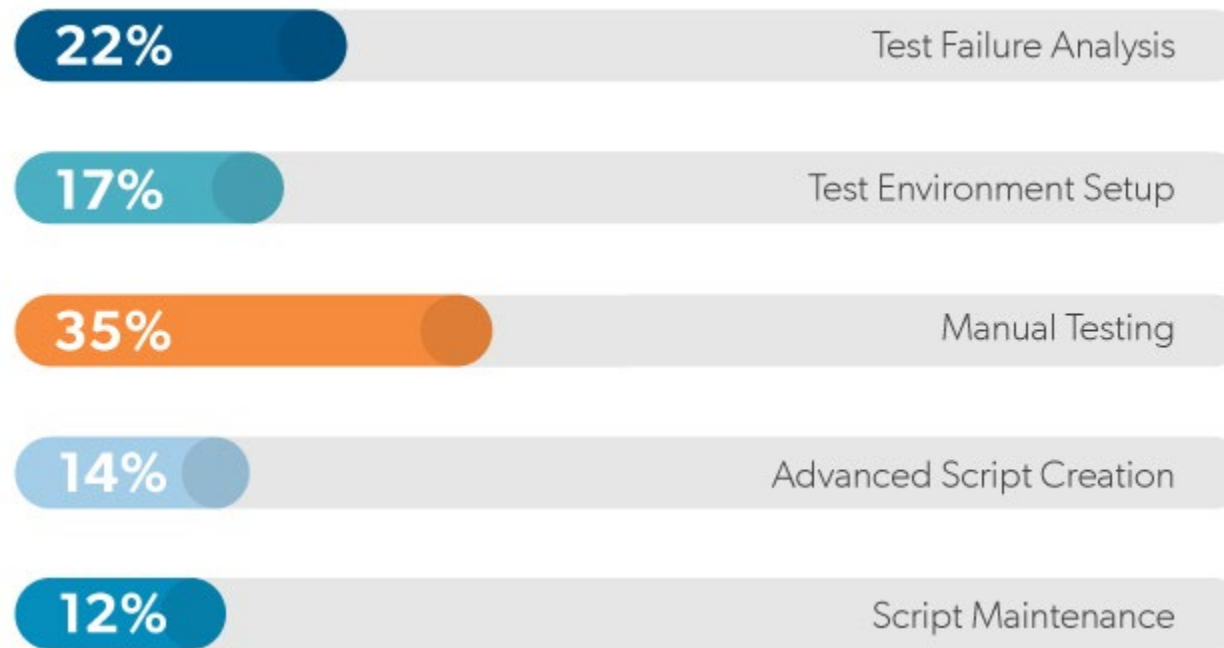
Rate of automation

Division of labour as share of hours spent (%)

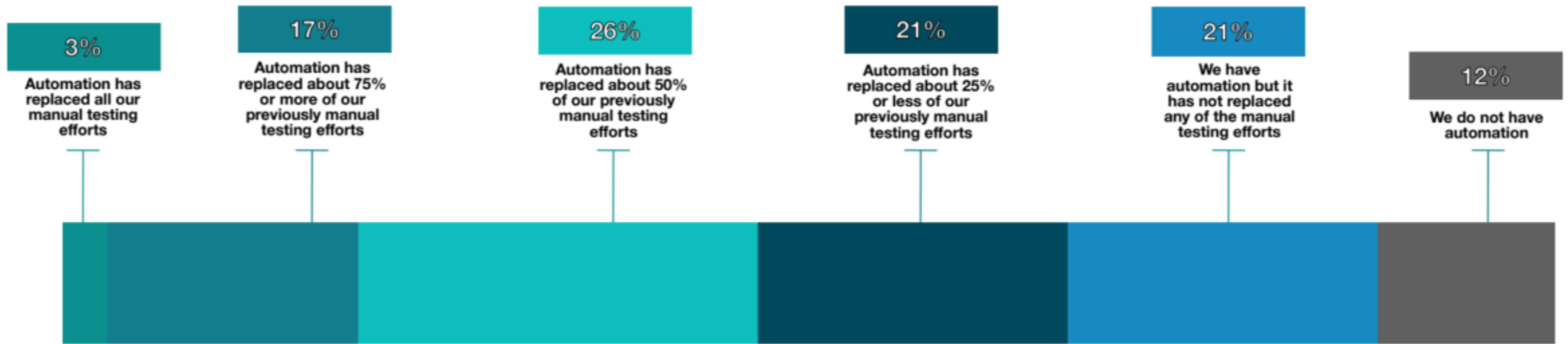


Source: Future of Jobs Report 2018, World Economic Forum

The most time-consuming activities within a test cycle



Effect of automated testing on effort reduction



Automated tests adoption

In 2022 these percentages of testers claimed to use automated testing or scripting for:

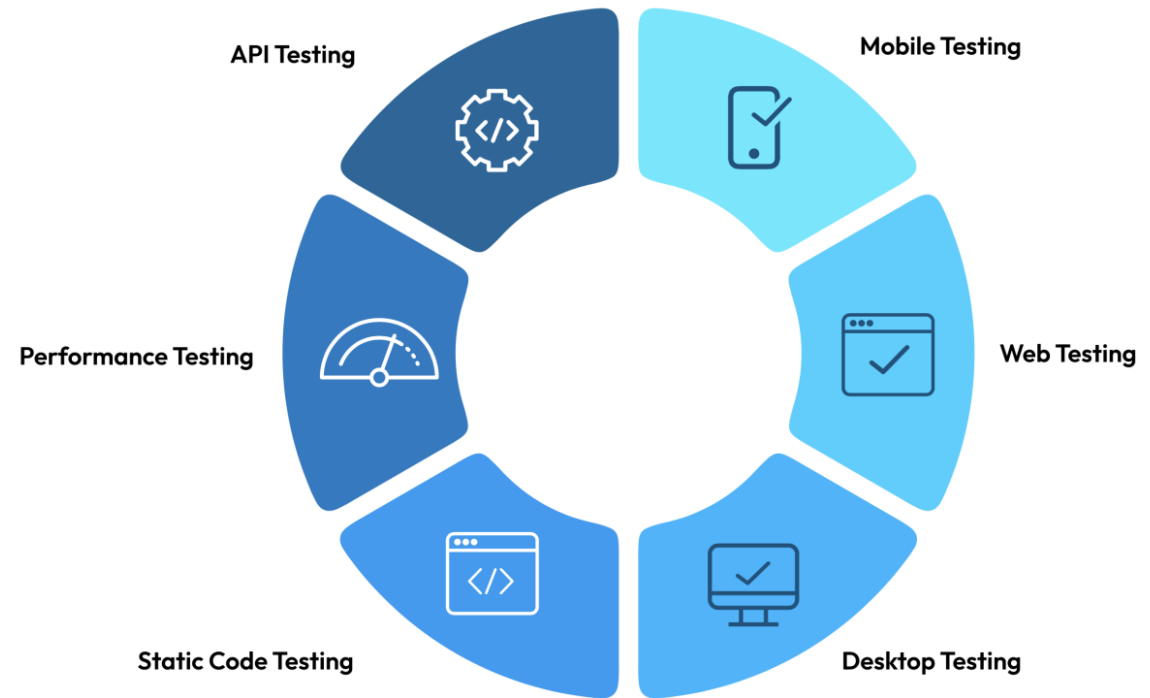
1. Functional and regression testing: 73%
2. Unit testing: 45%
3. CI/CD: 44%
4. Load and stress testing: 31%

- In 2022,
 1. 55% of companies claimed to pursue automated testing strategies cite quality improvement, and ~30% cite time to market as their primary driver
 2. ~42% of companies indicated that test automation is a key part of QA

Test development models/frameworks

1. In 2022 [test-driven development](#) as a [development framework](#) was used [18%](#) of the time.
2. In 2022 DevOps as a development model was used [38%](#) of the time.
3. [API testing](#) is an essential skill that the tester should be familiar with. In a survey, [97%](#) of responders indicated that API testing is crucial for their operational success.
4. In a survey, [99%](#) of responders indicated that functional test automation and test scripting are crucial for them.
5. **Market size & growth**
6. The global test market exceeded [\\$40 billion](#) in 2020.
7. The global test market is expected to grow between [7%](#) to [12%](#) CAGR between 2021 and 2025.

Top 7 key Features for automation testing tools



TOOLS	API TESTING	WEB TESTING	MOBILE TESTING	DESKTOP TESTING	PERFORMANCE TESTING	STATIC CODE ANALYSIS	LOW CODE
Testifi CAST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Micro Focus UFT ONE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
SouceLabs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Tricentis Tosca	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Parasoft	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
LambdaTest	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Browser Stack	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Idera Xray	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Postman	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Smart Bear SoapUI	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Cypress	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Selenium	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗

Low code

- [No-code](#) or [codeless automated testing](#) has a record and playback design. So using it doesn't require extensive coding and programming knowledge. According to a survey of 3,300 IT professionals, 66% of respondents preferred codeless platforms to accelerate digital transformation and improve responsiveness to business objectives.[11](#)

Low-code test automation tools can:

- Accelerate development by 5 to 10 times [12](#)
- Shorten development cycle
- Support digital transformation
- Lessen reliance on hard-to-hire technical skills.

How does codeless automated testing work?



Automation with
Record and Playback



Automation with
Reusable Function



Automation with
Frameworks



Codeless Automation

<https://www.selenium.dev/>

Selenium automates browsers. That's it!
What you do with that power is entirely up to
you.

Primarily it is for automating web applications for testing purposes, but is certainly not limited to just that.
Boring web-based administration tasks can (and should) also be automated as well.



Selenium WebDriver



Selenium IDE



Selenium Grid

Advantages of Selenium

Selenium is an Open Source Software

- Selenium supports various programming languages to write programs (Test scripts) [Java,
- C#, Python, Ruby, JavaScript, and Kotlin
- Selenium supports various operating systems
- Selenium supports various Browsers (Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, IE, Opera, Safari etc
- Selenium supports Parallel Test Execution

Drawbacks of Selenium

- **Supports only web-based applications**
- **Difficult to use, takes more time to create Test cases**
- **Difficult to Setup Test Environment**
- **Limited support for Image Testing**
- **No Built-in Reporting facility**



Selenium WebDriver

If you want to create robust, browser-based regression automation suites and tests, scale and distribute scripts across many environments, then you want to use Selenium WebDriver, a collection of language specific bindings to drive a browser - the way it is meant to be driven.



Selenium IDE


If you want to create quick bug reproduction scripts, create scripts to aid in automation-aided exploratory testing, then you want to use Selenium IDE; a Chrome, Firefox and Edge add-on that will do simple record-and-playback of interactions with the browser.



Selenium Grid

If you want to scale by distributing and running tests on several machines and manage multiple environments from a central point, making it easy to run the tests against a vast combination of browsers/OS, then you want to use Selenium Grid.

Selenium IDE vs WebDriver

Why not to use Selenium IDE? 

Selenium IDE does not assist object oriented programming. The elements can be identified only with absolute xpath in Selenium IDE. In case of a dynamic webpage, we may have to handle multiple navigations, alerts, pop-ups and so on. All these cannot be handled with Selenium IDE. Jun 25, 2021

Selenium IDE

<https://www.selenium.dev/selenium-ide/>

Open source record and playback test automation for the web

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Web Ready

Simple, turn-key solution to quickly author reliable end-to-end tests. Works out of the box for any web app.



Easy Debugging

Enjoy easier test debugging with rich IDE features like setting breakpoints and pausing on exceptions.



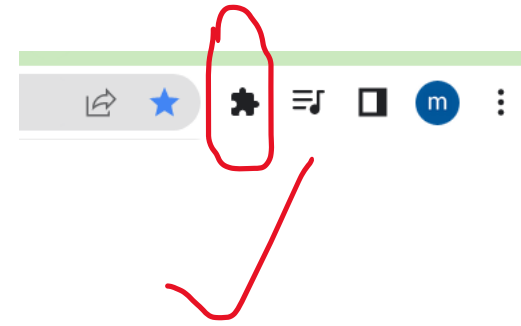
Cross-browser Execution

Run your tests on any browser/OS combination in parallel using the [Command-line Runner for Selenium IDE](#).

Selenium IDE

- Add the extension to your browser
- Try some online samples at:
- Try form authentication

<https://the-internet.herokuapp.com/>



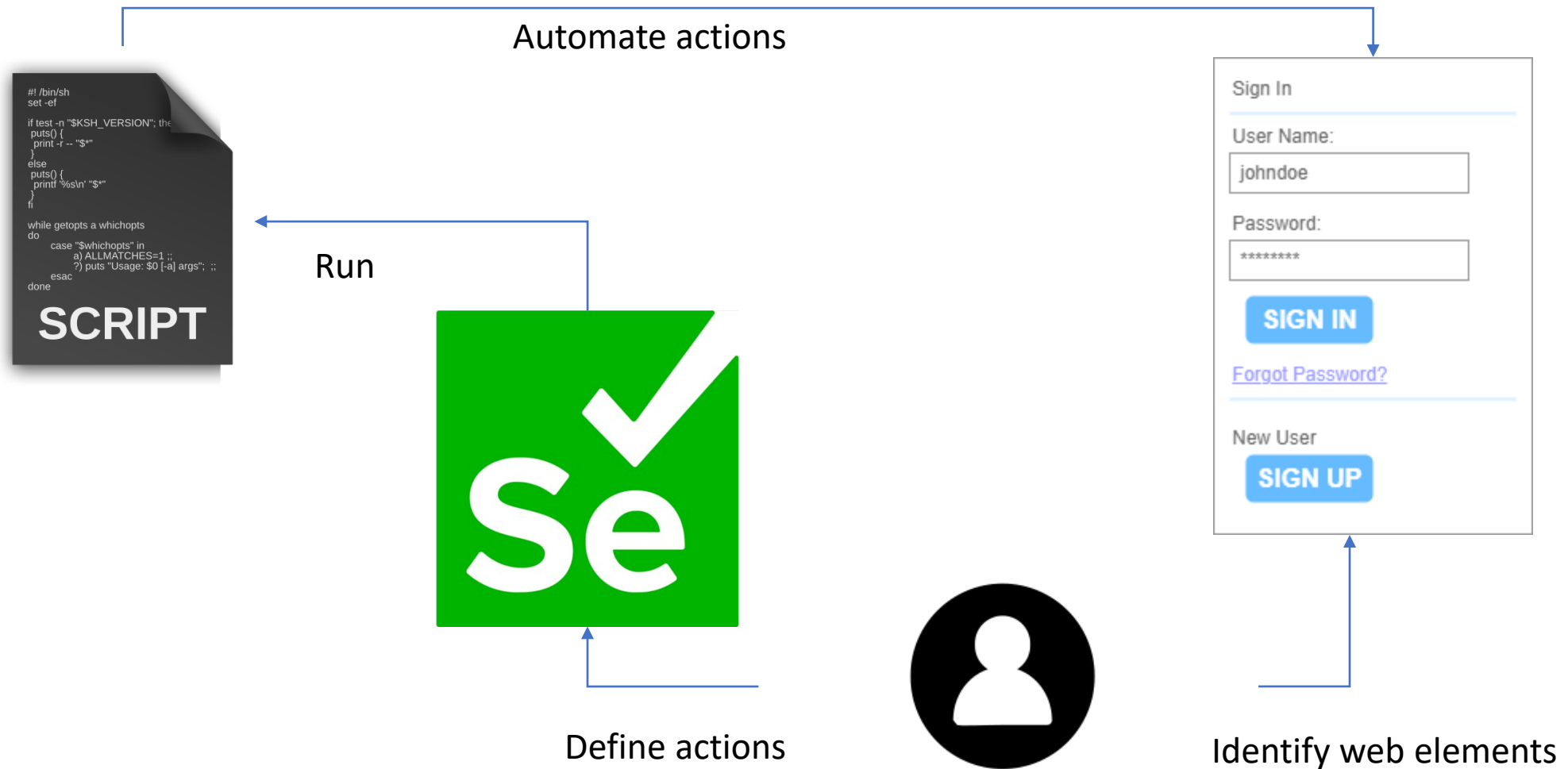
Selenium IDE

Selenium IDE is part of the Selenium suite and was developed to speed up the creation of automation scripts. It's a rapid prototyping tool and can be used by engineers with no programming knowledge whatsoever.

Supported functions

- Support for both Chrome and Firefox
- Improved locator functionality
- Parallel execution of tests using Selenium command line runner
- Provision for control flow statements
- Automatically waits for the page to load
- Supports embedded JavaScript code-runs
- IDE has a debugger which allows step execution, adding breakpoints
- Support for code exports

Typical Selenium Flow



What is Selenium WebDriver?

- Selenium WebDriver is currently the most widely used component in the Selenium tool suite. Selenium WebDriver: Selenium 2 integrated with WebDriver API provides an understandable programming interface. JAVA and C# languages are mostly preferred to work with Selenium

WebDriver

- If you are beginning with desktop website or mobile website test automation, then you are going to be using WebDriver APIs. [WebDriver](#) uses browser automation APIs provided by browser vendors to control the browser and run tests. This is as if a real user is operating the browser. Since WebDriver does not require its API to be compiled with application code; It is not intrusive. Hence, you are testing the same application which you push live

Selenium 3's architecture

Selenium 3's architecture consists of five layers.

1. **Selenium Client Library**
2. **Selenium API**
3. **JSON Wire protocol**
4. **Browser Drivers**
5. **Browser**



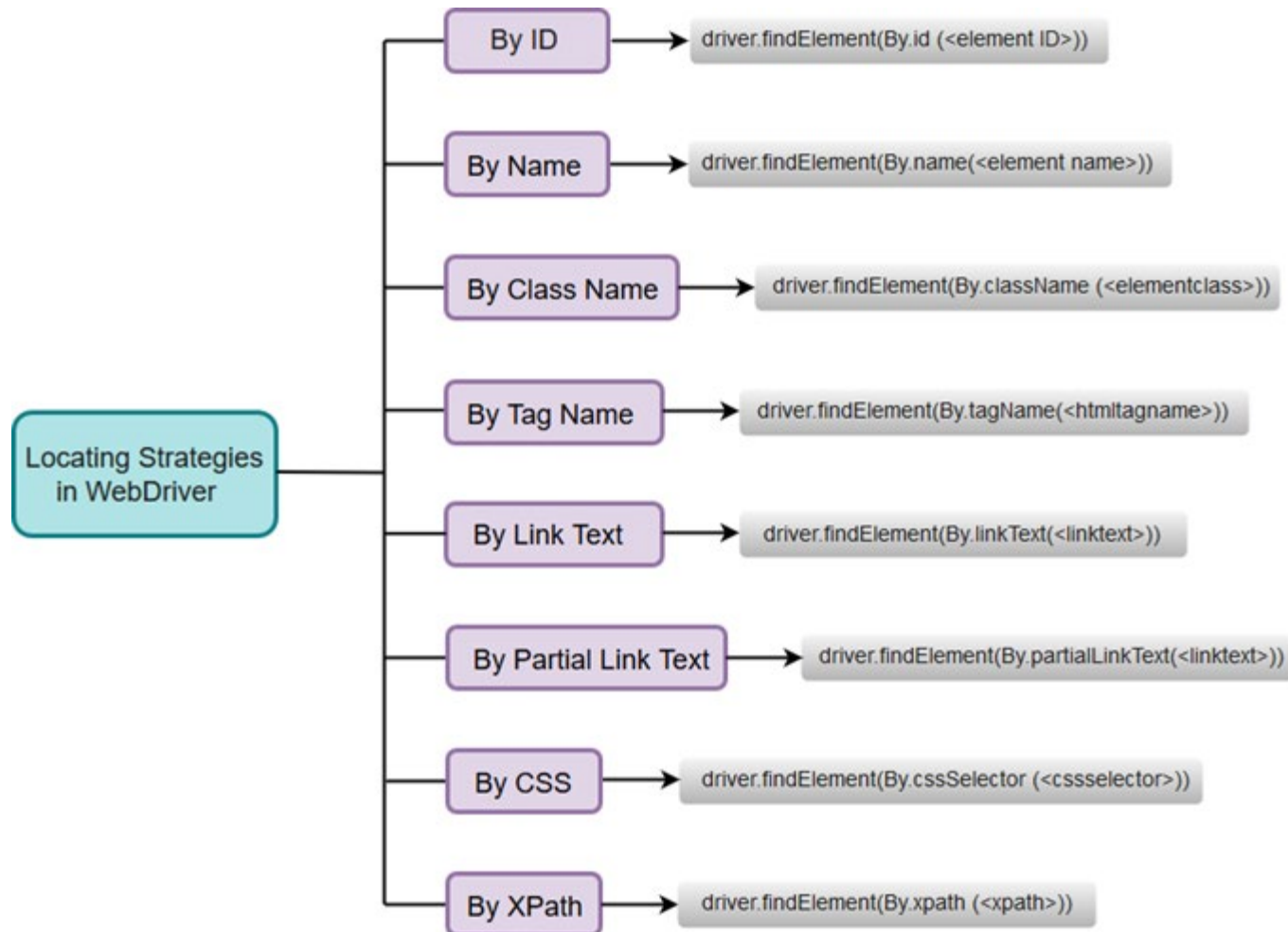
WebDriver Interface

WebDriver is an Interface which provides Set of Browser Automation methods with empty bodies (Abstract methods) Classes like

- ChromeDriver,
- FirefoxDriver,
- MicrosoftEdgeDriver ,
- SafariDriver

Selenium Web Driver Locators

- As part of Automation, Selenium Performs actions (such as click, typing) on the Page HTML Elements.
- The Locators are the way to identify an *HTML* element on a web page. Selenium WebDriver uses any of the below locators to identify the element on the page and performs the Action
 - ID
 - Xpath
 - CSS Selector
 - name
 - Class Name
 - Tag Name
 - Link Text
 - Partial Link Text



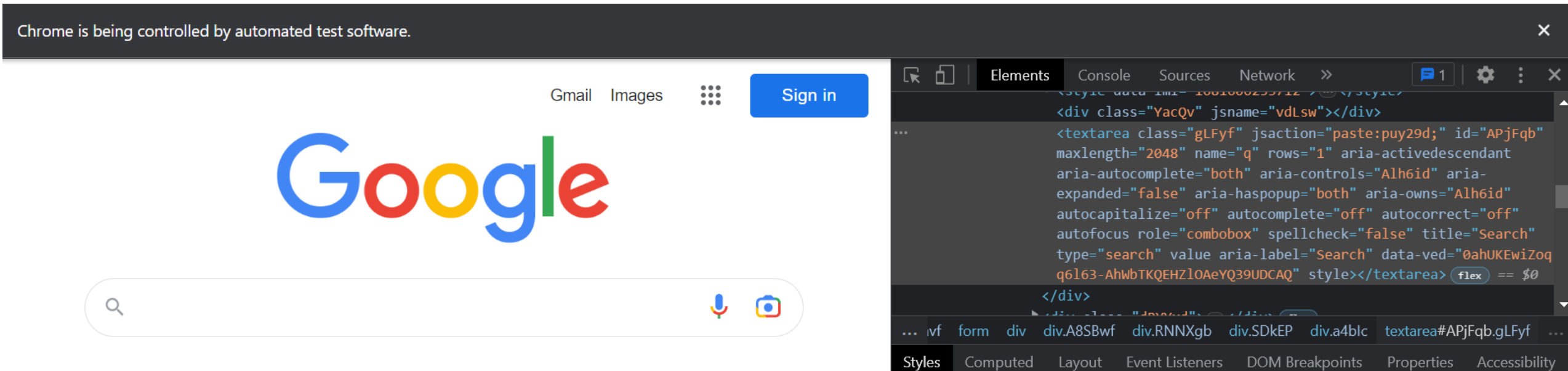
First Selenium Script (java)

- Use Eclipse or STS
- Create a java project
- Add selenium jars to your project [use new folder]
 - <https://www.selenium.dev/downloads/>
- Download Chrome Driver
 - <https://chromedriver.chromium.org/downloads> [check your chrome version]
- Write a script to open selenium website and close ; use Chrome driver

Sample Java : Open a browser

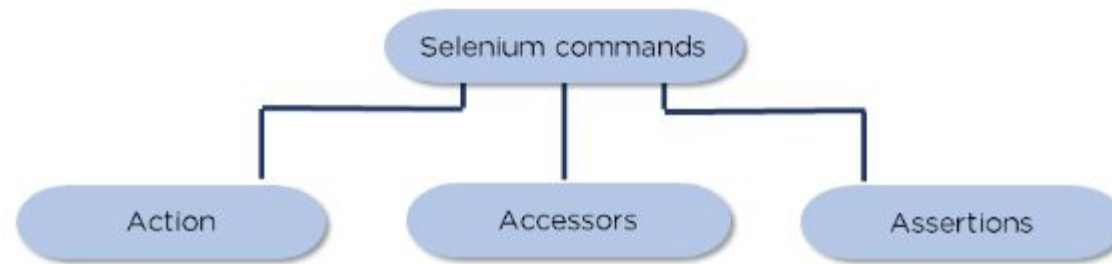
```
public class BorwaserTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.setProperty("webdriver.chrome.driver", ".\\Driver\\chromedriver.exe");  
        WebDriver driver=new ChromeDriver();  
        driver.get("https://www.google.com");  
        driver.manage().window().maximize();  
        WebElement searchKey = driver.findElement(By.name("q"));  
        searchKey.sendKeys("selenium");  
        WebDriverWait wait = new WebDriverWait(driver, Duration.ofSeconds(30));  
    }  
}
```

Finding web elements



- While you are on the search field go to inspect
- Use the locator `input[name='q']` to ensure there is one element

Selenium Commands



Actions

- Actions - Commands that interact directly with the application:
- `clickAndWait()`,
- `typeAndWait()`

Assessors

Enable the user to store certain values to a user-defined variable:

- `storeTitle()`

Assertions

Assertions - Verifies the current state of the application along with an expected state. There are different types of assertions:

- 1.Assert command makes sure that the test execution is terminated in case of failure
- 2.Verify command ensures script execution even if the verification has failed
- 3.WaitFor command waits for a specific condition to be met before executing the next test step




Creating Test Cases Manually

- Inspect while your run Selenium IDE

```
<textarea class="gLfyf" jsaction="paste:puy29d;" id="APjFqb" maxlength="2048" name="q" rows="1" aria-activedescendant aria-autocomplete="both"
aria-controls="Alh6id" aria-expanded="true" aria-haspopup="both" aria-owns="Alh6id" autocapitalize="off" autocomplete="off" autocorrect="off"
autofocus role="combobox" spellcheck="false" title="Search" type="search" value aria-label="Search" data-ved="0ahUKEwisusqJg6_-AhUGU6QEHTZ7AkgQ3
9UDCAQ" style></textarea> flex == $0
```

https://www.google.com/search?q=selenium+ide+search+with+chrome&rlz=1C1CHBF_enCA1014CA1014&sxsrf=APwXEdddfwwogwx_4GBi4yFh_r4Qu_0lKaQ:1681670042411&source=lnms&tbm=vid&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjajoeMha_-AhXwVaQEHRewCcQQ_AUoAnoECAIQBA&biw=1024&bih=481&dpr=1.88#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:24d8f337,vid:m4KpTvEz3vg

Multiple Locators for the same Element

Command	send keys	//	
Target	id=APjFqb		
Value	id=APjFqb	id	<input type="text"/>
Description	name=q	name	<input type="text"/>
	css=#APjFqb	css:finder	<input type="text"/>
	xpath=//textarea[@id='APjFqb']	xpath:attributes	
.com OK			
00 OK	xpath=//form[@id='tsf']	xpath:idRelative	
: java OK	/div/div/div[2]/div/div		
value \${KEY_ENT	[2]/textarea		
	xpath=//textarea	xpath:position	

As your usecase is to open the browser and search for a given word within [Google Home Page](#), the *Search Box* HTML is as follows:

```
<input class="gLfyf gsfi" maxlength="2048" name="q" type="text" jsaction="paste:puy29d" aria-autocomplete="both" aria-haspopup="false" autocapitalize="off" autocomplete="off" autocorrect="off" autofocus="" role="combobox" spellcheck="false" title="Search" value="" aria-label="Search" data-ved="0ahUKEwiq_ZvUyJvrAhXhzjgGHXBjBx4Q39UDCAQ">
```

So to identify the `<input>` box you can use either of the following [Locator Strategies](#):

- *Name*:

```
driver.FindElement(By.Name("q")).SendKeys("gbqfq");
```

- *CssSelector*:

```
driver.FindElement(By.CssSelector("[name='q']")).SendKeys("APPLES");
```

- *XPath*:

```
driver.FindElement(By.XPath("//*[@name='q']")).SendKeys("APPLES");
```