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```
as.list.selenider_elements
```

Iterate over an element collection

### **Description**

This function essentially turns x into: list(x[[1]], x[[2]], ...) However, to do this, the length of x must be computed. This means that while each element inside the list is still lazy, the list itself cannot be considered lazy, since the number of elements in the DOM may change. To avoid problems, it is recommended to use an element list just after it is created, to make sure the list is an accurate representation of the DOM when it is being used.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
as.list(x, timeout = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x A selenider_elements object.timeout How long to wait for x to exist while computing its length.... Not used.
```

# Details

Transform a selenider\_elements object into a list of selenider\_element objects. The result can then be used in for loops and higher order functions like lapply()/purrr::map() (whereas a selenider\_element object cannot).

#### Value

A list of selenider\_element objects.

### See Also

- elem\_flatten() to combine multiple selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects into a single object.
- find\_each\_element() and find\_all\_elements() to select elements using an element collection while preserving laziness.

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### **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div id='div1'>
  Text 1
</div>
<div id='div2'>
  Text 2
</div>
<div id='div3'>
  Text 3
</div>
<div id='div4'>
  Text 4
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
p_tags <- ss("p")</pre>
for (elem in as.list(p_tags)) {
  print(elem_text(elem))
p_tags |>
  as.list() |>
  lapply(elem_text)
```

back

Move back or forward in browsing history

# **Description**

back() navigates to the previously opened URL, or the previously opened page in your browsing history.

forward() reverses the action of back(), going to the next page in your browsing history.

# Usage

```
back(timeout = 60, session = NULL)
forward(timeout = 60, session = NULL)
```

# Arguments

timeout The maximum time to wait for the page to load, in seconds.

session A selenider\_session object. If not specified, the global session object (the

result of get\_session()) is used.

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#### Value

The session object, invisibly.

#### See Also

```
Other global actions: current_url(), execute_js_fn(), get_page_source(), open_url(), reload(), take_screenshot()
```

# **Examples**

```
session <- selenider_session()
open_url("https://r-project.org")
open_url("https://www.tidyverse.org/")
back()
forward()</pre>
```

chromote\_options

Driver options

### Description

chromote\_options() and selenium\_options() return a list of options that can be passed to the options argument of selenider\_session().

chromote\_options() allows you to control the creation of a chromote driver created using chromote::ChromoteSession\$new().

selenium\_options() allows you to control the creation of a selenium driver.

selenium\_server\_options() and wdman\_server\_options() should be passed to the server\_options argument of selenium\_options(). By default, the former is used, meaning that the server is created using selenium::selenium\_server(). If wdman\_server\_options() is used instead, the server will be created using wdman::selenium().

selenium\_client\_options() should be passed to the client\_options argument of selenium\_options(), allowing you to control the creation of a Selenium client created using selenium::SeleniumSession\$new().

### [Superseded]

Instead of using selenium\_client\_options(), you can use rselenium\_client\_options() to control the creation of an RSelenium::remoteDriver() object instead. This is not recommended, since RSelenium is incompatible with newer versions of Selenium.

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```
chromote_options(
  headless = TRUE,
  parent = NULL,
 width = 992,
  height = 1323,
  targetId = NULL,
 wait_ = TRUE,
  auto_events = NULL
)
selenium_options(
  client_options = selenium_client_options(),
  server_options = selenium_server_options()
)
selenium_server_options(
  version = "latest",
  port = 4444L,
  selenium_manager = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  temp = TRUE,
  path = NULL,
  interactive = FALSE,
  echo_cmd = FALSE,
  extra_args = c()
)
wdman_server_options(
  version = "latest",
  driver_version = "latest",
  port = 4444L,
  check = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  retcommand = FALSE,
)
selenium_client_options(
  port = 4444L,
  host = "localhost",
  verbose = FALSE,
  capabilities = NULL,
  request_body = NULL,
  timeout = 60
)
rselenium_client_options(
```

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```
port = 4444L,
host = "localhost",
path = "/wd/hub",
version = "",
platform = "ANY",
javascript = TRUE,
native_events = TRUE,
extra_capabilities = list()
```

### **Arguments**

headless Whether to run the browser in headless mode, meaning that you won't actu-

ally be able to see the browser as you control it. For debugging purposes and

interactive use, it is often useful to set this to FALSE.

parent The parent chromote session. width, height, targetId, wait\_, auto\_events

Passed into chromote::ChromoteSession\$new().

client\_options A selenium\_client\_options() object.

server\_options A selenium\_server\_options() or wdman\_server\_options() object.

version The version of Selenium server to use.

port The port number to use.

selenium\_manager, verbose, temp, path, interactive, echo\_cmd, extra\_args

Passed into selenium::selenium\_server().

driver\_version The version of the browser-specific driver to use.

check, retcommand, ...

Passed into wdman::selenium().

host, capabilities, request\_body, timeout

Passed into selenium::SeleniumSession\$new().

platform, javascript, native\_events, extra\_capabilities

Passed into RSelenium::remoteDriver().

close\_session

Close a session object

# Description

Shut down a session object, closing the browser and stopping the server. This will be done automatically if the session is set as the local session (which happens by default).

```
close\_session(x = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

Х

A selenider\_session object. If omitted, the local session object will be closed.

#### Value

Nothing.

#### See Also

```
selenider_session()
```

# **Examples**

```
session <- selenider_session(local = FALSE)
close_session(session)</pre>
```

create\_chromote\_session

Deprecated functions

# **Description**

# [Deprecated]

These functions are deprecated and will be removed in a future release. Use the options argument to selenider\_session() instead. If you want to manually create a chromote or selenium session, use chromotes: ChromoteSession, selenium: SeleniumSession and selenium: selenium\_server() manually, since these functions are only a thin wrapper around them.

```
create_chromote_session(parent = NULL, ...)

create_selenium_server(
   browser,
   version = "latest",
   driver_version = "latest",
   port = 4444L,
   quiet = TRUE,
   selenium_manager = TRUE,
   ...
)

create_selenium_client(browser, port = 4444L, host = "localhost", ...)

create_rselenium_client(browser, port = 4444L, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

### Value

```
create_chromote_session() returns a chromote::ChromoteSession object.
create_selenium_server() returns a processx::process or wdman equivalent.
create_selenium_client() returns a selenium::SeleniumSession object.
create_rselenium_client() returns an RSelenium::remoteDriver object.
```

in selenium\_options().

current\_url

Get the URL of the current page

### **Description**

Get the full URL of the current page.

### Usage

```
current_url(session = NULL)
```

# Arguments

session

Optionally, a selenider\_session object.

# Value

A string: the current URL.

### See Also

```
Other global actions: back(), execute_js_fn(), get_page_source(), open_url(), reload(), take_screenshot()
```

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### **Examples**

```
session <- selenider_session()
open_url("https://r-project.org")
current_url()</pre>
```

elem\_ancestors

Get the DOM family of an element

# **Description**

Find all elements with a certain relative position to an HTML element.

elem\_ancestors() selects every element which contains the current element (children, grand-children, etc.).

elem\_parent() selects the element that contains the current element.

elem\_siblings() selects every element which has the same parent as the current element.

elem\_children() selects every element which is connected to and directly below the current element.

elem\_descendants() selects every element that is contained by the current element. The current element does not have to be a direct parent, but must be some type of ancestor.

### Usage

```
elem_ancestors(x)
elem_parent(x)
elem_siblings(x)
elem_children(x)
elem_descendants(x)
```

### Arguments

Х

A selenider\_element object.

### **Details**

All functions except elem\_children() and elem\_descendants() use XPath selectors, so may be slow, especially when using chromote as a backend.

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### Value

All functions return a selenider\_elements object, except elem\_parent(), which returns a selenider\_element object (since an element can only have one parent).

### See Also

- http://web.simmons.edu/~grovesd/comm244/notes/week4/document-tree for a simple and visual explanation of the document tree.
- find\_element() and find\_elements() for other ways of selecting elements. These functions allow you to select ancestors using one or more conditions (e.g. CSS selectors).
- elem\_filter() and elem\_find() for filtering element collections.

```
html <- "
<html>
<body>
  <div>
    <div id='current'>
      <div>
        <br>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div></div>
    </div>
</body>
</html>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
current <- s("#current")</pre>
# Get all the names of an element collection
elem_names <- function(x) {</pre>
  x |>
   as.list() |>
    vapply(elem_name, FUN.VALUE = character(1))
}
current |>
  elem_ancestors() |>
  elem_expect(has_length(3)) |>
  elem_names() # html, div, body
current |>
  elem_parent() |>
```

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```
elem_name() # div

current |>
  elem_siblings() |>
  elem_expect(has_length(2)) |>
  elem_names() # div, p

current |>
  elem_children() |>
  elem_expect(has_length(2)) |>
  elem_names() # p, div

current |>
  elem_descendants() |>
  elem_descendants() |>
  elem_expect(has_length(4)) |>
  elem_names() # p, div, p, br
```

elem\_attr

Get attributes of an element

# Description

```
Get an attribute of a selenider_element object.

elem_attr() returns a single attribute value as a string.

elem_attrs() returns a named list containing every attribute.

elem_value() returns the 'value' attribute.
```

# Usage

```
elem_attr(x, name, default = NULL, timeout = NULL)
elem_attrs(x, timeout = NULL)
elem_value(x, ptype = character(), timeout = NULL)
```

# Arguments

X	A selenider_element object.
name	The name of the attribute to get; a string.
default	The default value to use if the attribute does not exist in the element.
timeout	The time to wait for x to exist.
ptype	The type to cast the value to. Useful when the value is an integer or decimal number. By default, the value is returned as a string.

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### Value

elem\_attr() returns a character vector of length 1. elem\_attrs() returns a named list of strings. The return value of elem\_value() has the same type as ptype and length 1.

#### See Also

```
Other properties: elem_css_property(), elem_name(), elem_size(), elem_text()
```

# **Examples**

```
html <- "
<a class='link' href='https://r-project.org'>R</a>
<input type='number' value='0'>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
s("a") |>
    elem_attr("href")
s("a") |>
    elem_attrs()
s("input[type='number']") |>
    elem_value(ptype = integer())
```

elem\_cache

Force an element to be collected and stored

### **Description**

selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects are generally *lazy*, meaning they only collect the actual element in the DOM when absolutely necessary, and forget it immediately after. This is to avoid situations where the DOM changes after an element has been collected, resulting in errors and unreliable behaviour.

elem\_cache() forces an element or collection of elements to be collected and stored, making it eager rather than lazy. This is useful when you are operating on the same element multiple times, since only collecting the element once will improve performance. However, you must be sure that the element will not change on the page while you are using it.

```
elem_cache(x, timeout = NULL)
```

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# **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element/selenider\_elements object.

timeout How long to wait for the element(s) to exist while collecting them.

#### **Details**

These functions do not make selenider elements *permanently* eager. Further sub-elements will not be cached unless specified.

For example, consider the following code:

```
s(".class1") |>
  elem_parent() |>
  elem_cache() |>
  find_element(".class2")
```

In this example, the parent of the element with class ".class1" will be cached, but the child element with class ".class2" will not.

#### Value

A modified version of x. The result of elem\_cache() can be used as a normal selenider\_element/selenider\_elements object.

### See Also

- find\_element() and find\_elements() to select elements.
- element\_list(), find\_each\_element() and find\_all\_elements() if you want to iterate over an element collection.

```
html <- "
<div>

<button></button>
</div>
"

session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)

# Selecting this button may be slow, since we are using relative XPath
# selectors.
button <- s("#specifictext") |>
    elem_siblings() |>
    elem_find(has_name("button"))

# But we need to click the button 10 times!
# Normally, this would involve fetching the button from the DOM 10 times
```

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```
click_button_10_times <- function(x) {
  lapply(1:10, \(unnused) elem_click(x))
  invisible(NULL)
}

# But with elem_cache(), the button will only be fetched once
cached_button <- elem_cache(button)

click_button_10_times(cached_button)

# But the cached button is less reliable if the DOM is changing
execute_js_fn("x => { x.outerHTML = '<button></button>'; }", button)

try(elem_click(cached_button, timeout = 0.1))

# But the non-cached version works
elem_click(button)
```

elem\_click

Click an element

# **Description**

Clicks on an HTML element, either by simulating a mouse click or by triggering the element's "click" event.

elem\_click() left clicks on the element, elem\_double\_click() left clicks on the element two times in a short period of time, while elem\_right\_click() right clicks on an element, opening its context menu.

# Usage

```
elem_click(x, js = FALSE, timeout = NULL)
elem_double_click(x, js = FALSE, timeout = NULL)
elem_right_click(x, js = FALSE, timeout = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object.

js Whether to click the element using JavaScript.

timeout How long to wait for the element to exist.

### Value

x, invisibly.

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### See Also

```
Other actions: elem_hover(), elem_scroll_to(), elem_select(), elem_set_value(), elem_submit()
```

### **Examples**

```
html <- "
<button onclick = hidetext() oncontextmenu = showtext()></button>
Hello!
js <- "
function hidetext() {
  document.getElementById('texttohide').style.display = 'none'
function showtext() {
  document.getElementById('texttohide').style.display = 'block'
}
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html, js = js)</pre>
elem_expect(s("p"), is_visible)
s("button") |>
  elem_click()
elem_expect(s("p"), is_invisible)
s("button") |>
  elem_right_click()
elem_expect(s("p"), is_visible)
```

elem\_css\_property

Get a CSS property of an element

# Description

Get a CSS property of an element (e.g. "background-color"). Specifically, the *computed* style is returned, meaning that, for example, widths and heights will be returned in pixels, and colours will be returned as an RGB value.

```
elem_css_property(x, name, timeout = NULL)
```

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# Arguments

x A selenider\_element object.

name The name of the CSS property to get.

timeout The time to wait for x to exist.

# Value

A string, or NULL if the property does not exist.

# See Also

```
Other properties: elem_attr(), elem_name(), elem_size(), elem_text()
```

### **Examples**

```
html <- "
<p style='visibility:hidden; color:red;'>Text"

session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)

s("p") |>
  elem_css_property("visibility")

s("p") |>
  elem_css_property("color")
```

elem\_equal

Are two elements equivalent?

# **Description**

Checks if two selenider\_element objects point to the same element on the page. elem\_equal() is equivalent to using ==, but allows you to specify a timeout value if needed.

# Usage

```
elem_equal(x, y, timeout = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_element'
e1 == e2
```

# Arguments

```
x, y, e1, e2 selenider_element objects to compare.
```

timeout How long to wait for the elements to be present.

### Value

TRUE or FALSE.

#### See Also

• elem\_filter() and elem\_find() for filtering collection of elements.

### **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div></div>
<div class='second'>
  </div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
s("div") == ss("div")[[1]]
has_p_child <- function(x) {</pre>
  x |>
    elem_children() |> # Direct children
    elem_filter(has_name("p")) |>
    has_at_least(1)
}
ss("div") |>
  elem_find(has_p_child) |>
  elem_equal(s(".second")) # TRUE
```

elem\_expect

Test one or more conditions on HTML elements

### **Description**

elem\_expect() waits for a set of conditions to return TRUE. If, after a certain period of time (by default 4 seconds), this does not happen, an informative error is thrown. Otherwise, the original element is returned.

elem\_wait\_until() does the same, but returns a logical value (whether or not the test passed), allowing you to handle the failure case explicitly.

```
elem_expect(x, ..., testthat = NULL, timeout = NULL)
elem_wait_until(x, ..., timeout = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element/selenider\_elements object, or a condition.

... <dynamic-dots> Function calls or functions that must return a logical value. If

multiple conditions are given, they must all be TRUE for the test to pass.

testthat Whether to treat the expectation as a testthat test. You do not need to explic-

itly provide this most of the time, since by default, we can use testthat::is\_testing()

to figure out whether elem\_expect() is being called from within a testthat

test.

timeout The number of seconds to wait for a condition to pass. If not specified, the

timeout used for x will be used, or the timeout of the local session if an element

is not given.

#### Value

elem\_expect() invisibly returns the element(s) x, or NULL if an element or collection of elements was not given in x.

elem\_wait\_for() returns a boolean flag: TRUE if the test passes, FALSE otherwise.

#### **Conditions**

Conditions can be supplied as functions or calls.

Functions allow you to use unary conditions without formatting them as a call (e.g. is\_present rather than is\_present()). It also allows you to make use of R's anonymous function syntax to quickly create custom conditions. x will be supplied as the first argument of this function.

Function calls allow you to use conditions that take multiple arguments (e.g. has\_text()) without the use of an intermediate function. The call will be modified so that x is the first argument to the function call. For example, has\_text("a") will be modified to become: has\_text(x, "a").

The and (&&), or (||) and not (!) functions can be used on both types of conditions. If more than one condition are given in ..., they are combined using &&.

### **Custom conditions**

Any function which takes a selenider element or element collection as its first argument, and returns a logical value, can be used as a condition.

Additionally, these functions provide a few features that make creating custom conditions easy:

- Errors with class expect\_error\_continue are handled, and the function is prevented from terminating early. This means that if an element is not found, the function will retry instead of immediately throwing an error.
- selenider functions used inside conditions have their timeout, by default, set to 0, ignoring the local timeout. This is important, since elem\_expect() and elem\_wait\_until() implement a retry mechanic manually. To override this default, manually specify a timeout.

These two features allow you to use functions like elem\_text() to access properties of an element, without needing to worry about the errors that they throw or the timeouts that they use. See Examples for a few examples of a custom condition.

These custom conditions can also be used with elem\_filter() and elem\_find().

### See Also

• is\_present() and other conditions for predicates for HTML elements. (If you scroll down to the *See also* section, you will find the rest).

- elem\_expect\_all() and elem\_wait\_until\_all() for an easy way to test a single condition on multiple elements.
- elem\_filter() and elem\_find() to use conditions to filter elements.

```
html <- "
<div class='class1'>
<button id='disabled-button' disabled>Disabled</putton>
Example text
<button id='enabled-button'>Enabled</putton>
</div>
<div class='class3'>
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
s(".class1") |>
  elem_expect(is_present)
s("#enabled-button") |>
  elem_expect(is_visible, is_enabled)
s("#disabled-button") |>
  elem_expect(is_disabled)
# Error: element is visible but not enabled
s("#disabled-button") |>
  elem_expect(is_visible, is_enabled, timeout = 0.5) |>
  try() # Since this condition will fail
s(".class2") |>
  elem_expect(!is_present, !is_in_dom, is_absent) # All 3 are equivalent
# All other conditions will error if the element does not exist
s(".class2") |>
  elem_expect(is_invisible, timeout = 0.1) |>
  try()
# elem_expect() returns the element, so can be used in chains
s("#enabled-button") |>
  elem_expect(is_visible && is_enabled) |>
  elem_click()
# Note that elem_click() will do this automatically
s("p") |>
```

```
elem_expect(is_visible, has_exact_text("Example text"))
# Or use an anonymous function
s("p") |>
 elem_expect(\(elem\) identical(elem_text(elem), "Example text"))
# If your conditions are not specific to an element, you can omit the `x`
# argument
elem_1 <- s(".class1")
elem_2 <- s(".class2")
elem_expect(is_present(elem_1) || is_present(elem_2))
# We can now use the conditions on their own to figure out which element
# exists
if (is_present(elem_1)) {
 print("Element 1 is visible")
} else {
 print("Element 2 is visible")
# Use elem_wait_until() to handle failures manually
elem <- s(".class2")
if (elem_wait_until(elem, is_present)) {
 elem_click(elem)
} else {
 reload()
}
# Creating a custom condition is easiest with an anonymous function
s("p") |>
 elem_expect(
   \(elem) elem |>
      elem_text() |>
      grepl(pattern = "Example .*")
 )
# Or create a function, to reuse the condition multiple times
text_contains <- function(x, pattern) {</pre>
 text <- elem_text(x)</pre>
 grepl(pattern, text)
}
s("p") |>
 elem_expect(text_contains("Example *"))
# If we want to continue on error, we need to use the
# "expect_error_continue" class.
# This involves making a custom error object.
error_condition <- function() {</pre>
 my_condition <- list(message = "Custom error!")</pre>
 class(my_condition) <- c("expect_error_continue", "error", "condition")</pre>
```

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```
stop(my_condition)
}

# This is much easier with rlang::abort() / cli::cli_abort():
error_condition_2 <- function() {
    rlang::abort("Custom error!", class = "expect_error_continue")
}

# This error will not be caught
try(elem_expect(stop("Uncaught error!")))

# These will eventually throw an error, but will wait 0.5 seconds to do so.
try(elem_expect(error_condition(), timeout = 0.5))
try(elem_expect(error_condition_2(), timeout = 0.5))</pre>
```

elem\_expect\_all

Test conditions on multiple elements

# Description

elem\_expect\_all() and elem\_wait\_until\_all() are complements to elem\_expect() and elem\_wait\_until() that test conditions on multiple elements in an element collection.

### Usage

```
elem_expect_all(x, ..., testthat = NULL, timeout = NULL)
elem_wait_until_all(x, ..., timeout = NULL)
```

# Arguments

x A selenider\_elements() object.

... <dynamic-dots> Function calls or functions that must return a logical value.

If multiple conditions are given, they must all be TRUE for the test to pass. See

elem\_expect() for more details.

testthat Whether to treat the expectation as a testthat test. You do not need to explic-

itly provide this most of the time, since by default, we can use testthat::is\_testing()

to figure out whether elem\_expect() is being called from within a testthat

test.

The number of seconds to wait for a condition to pass. If not specified, the

timeout used for x will be used, or the timeout of the local session if an element

is not given.

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#### **Details**

```
If x does not contain any elements, elem_expect_all() and elem_wait_until_all() will suc-
ceed. You may want to first verify that at least one element exists with has_at_least().
elem_expect_all() and elem_wait_until_all() can be thought of as alternatives to the use of
all(vapply(FUN.VALUE = logical(1))) (or purrr::every()) within elem_expect() and elem_wait_until().
For example, the following two expressions are equivalent (where x is an element collection).
elem_expect(
    x,
    \((element) all(vapply(as.list(element), is_present, logical(1)))
)
elem_expect_all(x, is_present)
```

However, the second example will give a more detailed error message on failure.

#### Value

```
elem_expect_all() returns x, invisibly.
elem_wait_until_all() returns a boolean flag: TRUE if the test passes, FALSE otherwise.
```

#### See Also

- elem\_expect() and elem\_wait\_until().
- is\_present() and other conditions for predicates for HTML elements. (If you scroll down to the *See also* section, you will find the rest).

```
html <- "
<div id='div1'>Content 1</div>
<div id='div2'>Content 2</div>
<div id='div3' style='display:none;'>Content 3</div>
<div id='div4'>Content 4</div>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
ss("div") |>
    elem_expect_all(is_visible, timeout = 0.1) |>
    try()
ss("div")[-3] |>
    elem_expect_all(is_visible)
```

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elem\_filter

Extract a subset of HTML elements

#### **Description**

Operators to extract a subset of elements, or a single element, from a selenider element collection.

elem\_filter() and elem\_find() allow you to use conditions to filter HTML elements (see is\_present() and other conditions). elem\_find() returns the *first* element that satisfies one or more conditions, while elem\_filter() returns every element that satisfies these conditions.

[ and [[ with a numeric subscript can be used on an element collection to filter the elements by position. [ returns a single element at a specified location, while [[ returns a collection of the elements at more than one position.

# Usage

```
elem_filter(x, ...)
elem_find(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
x[i]
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
x[[i]]
```

### **Arguments**

x A selenider\_elements object.

... <dynamic-dots> Conditions (functions or function calls) that are used to filter

the elements of x.

i A number (or for [, a vector of one or more numbers) used to select elements by

position.

### **Details**

As with the find\_element() and find\_elements() functions, these functions are lazy, meaning that the elements are not fetched and filtered until they are needed.

Conditions can be functions or function calls (see elem\_expect() for more details).

### Value

elem\_filter() and [ return a selenider\_elements object, since they can result in multiple elements. elem\_find() and [[ return a single selenider\_element object.

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# See Also

- find\_elements() and ss() to get elements to filter.
- is\_present() and other conditions for predicates for HTML elements. (If you scroll down to the *See also* section, you will find the rest).

```
html <- "
<button disabled>Button 1</putton>
<button>Button 2</putton>
Text
<div style='display:none;'></div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
elements <- ss("*")
# Gives the same result as s()
elements[[1]]
elements[1:3]
elements[-2]
elements |>
  elem_filter(is_visible)
elements |>
  elem_find(is_visible)
# The above is equivalent to:
visible_elems <- elements |>
  elem_filter(is_visible)
visible_elems[[1]]
\# In R >= 4.3.0, we can instead do:
# ss(".class1") |>
   elem_filter(is_visible) |>
   _[[1]]
ss("button") |>
  elem_filter(is_enabled)
```

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### **Description**

#### [Deprecated]

elem\_flatmap() previously allowed you to apply a function to each element in a collection in a lazy manner. This function is now deprecated, as it did not work in all cases. Use find\_each\_element() and find\_all\_elements() instead for the simple case where you want to select the children of a collection.

```
element_list() is a deprecated alias for as.list.selenider_elements().
```

# Usage

```
elem_flatmap(x, .f, ...)
element_list(x, timeout = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

x A selenider\_elements object.

.f A function that takes a selenider\_element and returns a selenider\_element

or selenider\_elements object.

... Passed into .f.

timeout How long to wait for x to exist while computing its length.

#### Value

```
elem_flatmap() returns a selenider_elements object.
element_list() returns a list of selenider_element objects.
```

elem\_flatten

Combine multiple HTML elements

# Description

Combine a set of selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects into a single selenider\_elements object, allowing you to perform actions on them at once. c() and elem\_flatten() do the same thing, but elem\_flatten() works when given a list of selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects.

```
elem_flatten(...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_element'
c(...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
c(...)
```

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# **Arguments**

... <dynamic-dots> selenider\_element or selenider\_elements objects to be combined, or lists of such objects.

### Value

A selenider\_elements object.

### See Also

• as.list.selenider\_elements() to iterate over element collections.

```
html <- "
<div id='id1'></div>
<div class='.class2'></div>
<button id='button1'>Click me!</button>
<div class='button-container'>
  <button id='button2'>No, click me!</button>
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
button_1 <- s("#button1")</pre>
button_2 <- s("#button2")</pre>
buttons <- elem_flatten(button_1, button_2)</pre>
buttons |>
  elem_expect_all(is_enabled)
buttons |>
  as.list() |>
  lapply(elem_click)
# Doesn't just have to be single elements
first_2_divs <- ss("div")[1:2]
elem_flatten(first_2_divs, button_2) |>
  length()
# We would like to use multiple css selectors and combine the results
selectors <- c(
  "#id1", # Will select 1 element
  "button", # Will select 2 elements
  "p" # Will select 0 elements
)
lapply(selectors, ss) |>
```

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```
elem_flatten() |>
length() # 3
```

elem\_hover

Hover over an element

# **Description**

elem\_hover() moves the mouse over to an HTML element and hovers over it, without actually clicking or interacting with it.

elem\_focus() focuses an HTML element.

#### Usage

```
elem_hover(x, js = FALSE, timeout = NULL)
elem_focus(x, timeout = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object.

js Whether to hover over the element using JavaScript.

timeout How long to wait for the element to exist.

### Value

x, invisibly.

### See Also

Other actions: elem\_click(), elem\_scroll\_to(), elem\_select(), elem\_set\_value(), elem\_submit()

```
html <- "
<button onmouseover = settext()></button>

"

js <- "
function settext() {
   const element = document.getElementsByClassName('text').item(0);
   element.innerHTML = 'Button hovered!';
}</pre>
```

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```
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html, js = js)
elem_expect(s(".text"), has_exact_text(""))
s("button") |>
  elem_hover()
elem_expect(s(".text"), has_text("Button hovered!"))
s("button") |>
  elem_focus()
```

elem\_name

Get the tag name of an element

# **Description**

Get the tag name (e.g. "p" for a tag) of a selenider\_element object.

# Usage

```
elem_name(x, timeout = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object. timeout The time to wait for x to exist.

# Value

A string.

### See Also

```
Other properties: elem_attr(), elem_css_property(), elem_size(), elem_text()
```

```
html <- "
<div class='mydiv'></div>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
s(".mydiv") |>
  elem_name()
```

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elem\_scroll\_to

Scroll to an element

### **Description**

Scrolls to an HTML element.

### Usage

```
elem_scroll_to(x, js = FALSE, timeout = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object.

js Whether to scroll to the element using JavaScript.

timeout How long to wait for the element to exist.

#### Value

x, invisibly.

### See Also

```
Other actions: elem_click(), elem_hover(), elem_select(), elem_set_value(), elem_submit()
```

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```
elem_scroll_to()
s("button") |>
  elem_click()
elem_expect(s("p"), has_text("You found me!"))
```

elem\_select

Select an HTML element

### **Description**

Select or deselect select and option elements.

# Usage

```
elem_select(
    x,
    value = NULL,
    text = NULL,
    index = NULL,
    timeout = NULL,
    reset_other = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

X	A selenider_element object representing a select or option element.
value	If x is a select element, the value of the option to select. Can be a character vector, in which case multiple options will be selected.
text	The text content of the option to select. This does not have to be a complete match, and multiple options can be selected.
index	A vector of indexes. The nth option elements will be selected.
timeout	How long to wait for the element to exist.
reset_other	If TRUE (the default), the other options will be deselected.

# **Details**

If no arguments apart from x are supplied, and x is a select element, all options will be deselected.

# Value

```
x, invisibly.
```

# See Also

```
Other actions: elem_click(), elem_hover(), elem_scroll_to(), elem_set_value(), elem_submit()
```

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### **Examples**

```
html <- "
<select multiple>
  <option value='a'>Option A.</option>
  <option value='b'>Option B.</option>
  <option value='c'>Option C.</option>
</select>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
s("select") |>
  elem_select("a")
s("select") |>
  elem_select(text = c("Option A.", "Option C."))
s("select") |>
  elem_select(index = 2, reset_other = FALSE)
# Reset selection
s("select") |>
  elem_select()
s("select") |>
  elem_select("b")
```

elem\_set\_value

Set the value of an input

# **Description**

elem\_set\_value() sets the value of an HTML input element to a string.

### Usage

```
elem_set_value(x, text, timeout = NULL)
elem_send_keys(x, ..., modifiers = NULL, timeout = NULL)
elem_clear_value(x, timeout = NULL)
```

# Arguments

x A selenider\_element object. For elem\_send\_keys(), this can be NULL, meaning that the keys will be sent to the current page (or the currently focused ele-

ment) instead of a specific element.

text A string to set the value of the input element to.

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timeout How long to wait for the element to exist.

... A set of inputs to send to x.

modifiers A character vector; one or more of "shift", "ctrl"/"control", "alt", and "com-

mand"/meta". Note that when using chromote as a backend, these do not work

on Mac OS.

### **Details**

```
elem_send_keys() sends a set of inputs to an element.
elem_clear_value() sets the value of an HTML element to "", removing any existing content.
```

#### Value

x, invisibly.

#### See Also

```
Other actions: elem_click(), elem_hover(), elem_scroll_to(), elem_select(), elem_submit()
```

```
html <- "
<input
  type='text'
  oninput='recordChange(event)'
  onkeypress='return checkEnter(event);'
js <- "
function recordChange(e) {
  document.getElementsByTagName('p').item(0).innerText = e.target.value;
function checkEnter(e) {
  // If the key pressed was Enter
  if (e.keyCode == 13) {
    document.getElementsByTagName('p').item(0).innerText = 'Enter pressed!';
    return false;
  }
  return true;
}
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html, js = js)</pre>
elem_expect(s("p"), has_exact_text(""))
input <- s("input")</pre>
```

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```
elem_set_value(input, "my text")
elem_expect(s("p"), has_text("my text"))
elem_clear_value(input)
elem_expect(s("p"), has_exact_text(""))
elem_send_keys(input, keys$enter)
elem_expect(s("p"), has_text("Enter pressed!"))
```

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Get the number of elements in a collection

### **Description**

Get the number of elements in a HTML element collection, waiting for the parent elements (if any) to exist before returning a value.

length() and elem\_size() can be used interchangeably, the only difference being that elem\_size() allows you to specify a timeout.

### Usage

```
elem_size(x, timeout = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
length(x)
```

# Arguments

x A selenider\_elements object.

timeout The time to wait for the parent of x (if any) to exist.

### Value

An integer representing the number of elements in the collection.

### See Also

```
Other properties: elem_attr(), elem_css_property(), elem_name(), elem_text()
```

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# **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div></div>
<div></div>
<div></div>
<div></div>
<div></div>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
ss("div") |>
length()
```

elem\_submit

Submit an element

# **Description**

If an element is an ancestor of a form, submits the form. Works by walking up the DOM, checking each ancestor element until the element is a <form> element, which it then submits. If such an element does not exist, an error is thrown.

# Usage

```
elem_submit(x, js = FALSE, timeout = NULL)
```

# Arguments

x A selenider\_element object.

js Whether to submit the form using JavaScript.
timeout How long to wait for the element to exist.

Value

x, invisibly.

#### See Also

```
Other actions: elem_click(), elem_hover(), elem_scroll_to(), elem_select(), elem_set_value()
```

```
html <- "
<form>
<input type='submit'>
Random text
```

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```
</form>
<a>Random link</a>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
elem_submit(s("input"))
elem_submit(s("p"))

# Won't work since the element doesn't have a form ancestor
try(elem_submit(s("a"), timeout = 0.5))</pre>
```

elem\_text

Get the text inside an element

# **Description**

Get the inner text of a selenider\_element object.

### Usage

```
elem_text(x, timeout = NULL)
```

# Arguments

x A selenider\_element object. timeout The time to wait for x to exist.

# Value

A string.

# See Also

```
Other properties: elem_attr(), elem_css_property(), elem_name(), elem_size()
```

```
html <- "
<p>Example text
"

session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)

s("p") |>
   elem_text()
```

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execute_js_fn	Execute a JavaScript function

## **Description**

## [Experimental]

Execute a JavaScript function on zero or more arguments.

execute\_js\_expr() is a simpler version of execute\_js\_fn() that can evaluate simple expressions (e.g. "alert()"). To return a value, you must do so explicitly using "return".

These functions are experimental because their names and parameters are liable to change. Additionally, their behaviour can be inconsistent between different session types (chromote and selenium) and different browsers.

#### **Usage**

```
execute_js_fn(fn, ..., .timeout = NULL, .session = NULL, .debug = FALSE)
execute_js_expr(expr, ..., .timeout = NULL, .session = NULL, .debug = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

fn	A string defining the function.
•••	Arguments to the function/expression. These must be unnamed, since JavaScript does not support named arguments.
.timeout	How long to wait for any elements to exist in the DOM.
.session	The session to use, if does not contain any selenider elements.
. debug	Whether to print the final expression that is executed. Mostly used for debugging the functions themselves, but can also be used to identify problems in your own JavaScript code.
expr	An expression to execute.

#### **Details**

... can contain selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects, which will be collected and then passed into the function. However, more complex objects (e.g. lists of selenider elements) will not be moved into the JavaScript world correctly.

Similarly, nodes and lists of nodes returned from a JavaScript function will be converted into their corresponding selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects, while more complex objects will not. These elements are not lazy (see elem\_cache()), so make sure you only use them while you are sure they are still on the page.

## Value

The return value of the JavaScript function, turned back into an R object.

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## See Also

```
Other global actions: back(), current_url(), get_page_source(), open_url(), reload(), take_screenshot()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<button class='mybutton'>Click me</button>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)

execute_js_fn("(x, y) => x + y", 1, 1)

execute_js_expr("arguments[0] + arguments[1]", 1, 1)

execute_js_fn("x => x.click()", s(".mybutton"))

execute_js_expr("arguments[0].click()", s(".mybutton"))
```

find\_each\_element

Find HTML children from a collection

# Description

Find HTML child elements from elements in a collection. Provides a convenient way to operate on a collection of elements.

find\_each\_element() finds the first child element of each element in the collection.

find\_all\_elements() finds every child element of every element in the collection.

```
find_each_element(
    x,
    css = NULL,
    xpath = NULL,
    id = NULL,
    class_name = NULL,
    name = NULL
)

find_all_elements(
    x,
    css = NULL,
    xpath = NULL,
    id = NULL,
```

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```
class_name = NULL,
name = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

x A selenider\_elements object.

css A CSS selector.

xpath An XPath.

id The id of the elements you want to select.

class\_name The class name of the elements you want to select.

name The name attribute of the elements you want to select.

## **Details**

find\_each\_element() will usually preserve the length of the input, since for each element in the collection, one new element will be found. However, if an element in the collection cannot be found, it will not be included in the resulting collection.

 $find_{each\_element}(x, ...)$  is roughly equivalent to:

```
x |>
  as.list() |>
  lapply(\(x) find_element(x, ...)) |>
  elem_flatten()
```

Similarly, find\_all\_elements(x, ...) is roughly equivalent to:

```
x |>
  as.list() |>
  lapply(\(x) find_elements(x, ...)) |>
  elem_flatten()
```

# Value

A selenider\_elements object.

## See Also

- as.list() to iterate over an element collection.
- elem\_flatten() to combine multiple selenider\_element/selenider\_elements objects into a single object.

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## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div id='div1'>
  Text 1
  <button>Button 1
</div>
<div id='div2'>
  Text 2
</div>
<div id='div3'>
  Text 3
</div>
<div id='div4'>
  Text 4
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
divs <- ss("div")</pre>
# Get the  tag inside each div.
divs |>
  find_each_element("p")
# Get the <button> tag in the first div as well.
divs |>
  find_all_elements("*")
```

find\_element

Find a single HTML child element

# Description

Find the first HTML element using a CSS selector, an XPath, or a variety of other methods.

```
find_element(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_session'
find_element(
    x,
    css = NULL,
    xpath = NULL,
    id = NULL,
```

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```
class_name = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'selenider_element'
find_element(
  x,
  css = NULL,
  xpath = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  class_name = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

A selenider session or element.

Arguments passed to methods.

A css selector.

An XPath.

id The id of the element you want to select.

class\_name The class name of the element you want to select.

The name attribute of the element you want to select.

# **Details**

If more than one method is used to select an element (e.g. css and xpath), the first element which satisfies all conditions will be found.

CSS selectors are generally recommended over other options, since they are usually the easiest to read. Use "tag\_name" to select by tag name, ".class" to select by class, and "#id" to select by id.

## Value

A selenider\_element object.

## See Also

- s() to quickly select an element without specifying the session.
- find\_elements() to select multiple elements.
- selenider\_session() to begin a session.

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## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div class='class1'>
  <div id='id1'>
   Example text
  </div>
  Example text
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
session |>
  find_element("div")
session |>
  find_element("div") |>
  find_element(xpath = "./p")
s("div") |>
  find_element("#id1")
s("div") |>
  find_element(id = "id1") |>
  find_element(class_name = "class2")
s(xpath = "//div[contains(@class, 'class1')]/div/p")
# Complex Xpath expressions are easier to read as chained CSS selectors.
# This is equivalent to above
s("div.class1") |>
  find_element("div") |>
  find_element("p")
```

find\_elements

Find multiple HTML child elements

## **Description**

Find every available HTML element using a CSS selector, an XPath, or a variety of other methods.

```
find_elements(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_session'
find_elements(
```

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```
Χ,
 css = NULL,
 xpath = NULL,
  id = NULL,
 class_name = NULL,
 name = NULL,
)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_element'
find_elements(
 х,
 css = NULL,
 xpath = NULL,
  id = NULL,
 class_name = NULL,
 name = NULL,
)
```

## **Arguments**

X	A selenider session or element.
	Arguments passed to methods.
css	A css selector.
xpath	An XPath.
id	The id of the element you want to select.
class_name	The class name of the element you want to select.
name	The name attribute of the element you want to select.

## **Details**

If more than one method is used to select an element (e.g. css and xpath), the first element which satisfies every condition will be found.

# Value

 $A \ {\tt selenider\_elements} \ object.$ 

# See Also

- ss() to quickly select multiple elements without specifying the session.
- find\_element() to select multiple elements.
- selenider\_session() to begin a session.
- elem\_children() and family to select elements using their relative position in the DOM.
- elem\_filter() and elem\_find() for filtering element collections.

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## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div id='outer-div'>
 <div>
   Text 1
   Text 2
   Text 3
 </div>
</div>
<div></div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
session |>
 find_elements("div")
# Or:
ss("div")
session |>
 find_element("#outer-div") |>
 find_elements("p")
# The above can be shortened to:
s("#outer-div") |>
 find_elements("p")
```

get\_actual\_element

Get the element associated with a selenider element

# Description

Turn a lazy selenium element or element collection into a backendNodeId (chromote) or a selenium::WebElement. Use this to perform certain actions on the element that are not implemented in selenider.

get\_actual\_element() turns a selenider\_element object into a single backendNodeId or selenium::WebElement object. The function will wait for the object to exist in the DOM.

get\_actual\_elements() turns a selenider\_elements object into a list of selenium::WebElement objects, waiting for any parent objects to exist in the DOM.

```
get_actual_element(x, timeout = NULL)
get_actual_elements(x, timeout = NULL)
```

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## **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element or selenider\_elements object, produced by find\_element()
/ find\_elements().

timeout The timeout to use while asserting that the item exists. If NULL, the timeout of the selenider\_element will be used.

#### Value

An integer (backendNodeId), or a selenium::WebElement object. get\_actual\_elements() returns a list of such objects.

#### See Also

- s(), ss(), find\_element() and find\_elements() to select selenider elements.
- elem\_cache() and elem\_cache() to cache these values.
- The Chrome Devtools Protocol documentation for the operations that can be performed using a backend node id. Note that this requires the chromote::ChromoteSession object, which can be retrieved using <selenider\_session>\$driver.
- The documentation for selenium::WebElement() to see the things you can do with a webElement.

```
html <- "
<div>
Text
More text
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
elem <- s("div") |>
  get_actual_element()
# The ChromoteSession/SeleniumSession can be accessed using session$driver
driver <- session$driver</pre>
if (inherits(driver, "ChromoteSession")) {
  driver$DOM$getBoxModel(backendNodeId = elem)
} else if (inherits(elem, "WebElement")) {
  elem$get_rect()
}
elems <- ss("p") |>
  get_actual_elements()
if (inherits(driver, "ChromoteSession")) {
  driver$DOM$describeNode(backendNodeId = elems[[1]])
```

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```
} else if (inherits(elems[[1]], "WebElement")) {
  elems[[1]]$get_rect()
}
```

get\_page\_source

Read the HTML of a session

# Description

Uses xml2::read\_html() to read the page source of the session

## Usage

```
get_page_source(session = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
session Optionally, a selenider_session object.
... Passed into xml2::read_html()
```

## Value

An XML document.

## See Also

```
Other global actions: back(), current_url(), execute_js_fn(), open_url(), reload(), take_screenshot()
```

```
html <- "
<p>Example text
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
get_page_source()</pre>
```

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get_session	Get or set the local selenider session
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## **Description**

Change the locally defined selenider\_session() object, allowing it to be used in functions like s() without explicitly providing it.

get\_session() retrieves the current local session. If none have been created, a session is created automatically.

local\_session() sets the local session. The function uses withr::defer() to make sure the session is closed and the local session is set to its previous value when it is no longer needed.

with\_session() runs some code with a temporary local session. The session is closed and the local session is set to its previous value when the code finishes executing.

# Usage

```
get_session(create = TRUE, .env = rlang::caller_env())
local_session(session, .local_envir = rlang::caller_env(), close = TRUE)
with_session(session, code, close = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

create	If a session is not found, should we create a new one? If this is FALSE and a session is not found, NULL is returned.
. env	If get_session() creates a session, the environment where this session is being used.
session	The selenider_session() object to use.
.local_envir	The environment where the session is being used. When the function associated with this environment finishes execution, the session will be reset.
close	Should we close session when the local session is reset? Set this to FALSE if you want to use the session even if it is no longer the local session. If you want to close the session manually, use close_session().
code	The code to run with the local session set.

# **Details**

Use withr::deferred\_run() to reset any local sessions set using local\_session().

#### Value

```
get_session() returns the local selenider_session() object (or a newly created session).
local_session() returns the previous local session object (or NULL). This is the same as running
get_session() before this function.
with_session() returns the result of code.
```

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## See Also

selenider\_session(), which calls local\_session() unless otherwise specified.

#### **Examples**

```
# Don't set the local session, since we want to do it manually.
session <- selenider_session(local = FALSE)</pre>
get_session(create = FALSE) # NULL
local_session(session, close = FALSE)
get_session(create = FALSE)
withr::deferred_run()
get_session(create = FALSE) # NULL
# By default, the local session is only set inside the function that it is
# If we want to set the local session outside the scope of a function, we
# need to use the `.local_envir` argument.
set_my_session <- function(env = rlang::caller_env()) {</pre>
  # caller_env() is the environment where the function is called.
  local_session(session, .local_envir = env, close = FALSE)
}
set_my_session()
with_session(
  session,
   get_session(create = FALSE)
  close = FALSE
)
get_session(create = FALSE)
```

has\_attr

Does an element's attribute match a value?

## **Description**

has\_attr() checks that an element's attribute matches a value, while attr\_contains() checks that an element's attribute contains a value.

has\_value() is a shortcut for has\_attr("value"): it checks that an element's value matches a string or number.

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## Usage

```
has_attr(x, name, value)
attr_contains(x, name, value)
has_value(x, value)
```

## **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object.

name The name of the attribute.

value The value of the attribute. For has\_attr() and has\_value(), this can be a

string or a numeric value, while attr\_contains() can only take a string.

## Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE.

#### See Also

```
Other conditions: has_css_property(), has_length(), has_name(), has_text(), is_enabled(), is_present(), is_visible()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<input class='myclass' value='1.0' data-customattr='Custom attribute text'>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
has_attr(s("input"), "class", "myclass")
has_attr(s("input"), "value", 1)
has_value(s("input"), 1)
attr_contains(s("input"), "data-customattr", "Custom attribute")</pre>
```

has\_css\_property

Does an element's css property match a value?

# Description

Check that the CSS property (e.g. "background-color") of an element matches a value.

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## Usage

```
has_css_property(x, property, value)
```

## **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object.

property The name of the CSS property
value The value of the attribute.

#### Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE.

#### See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_length(), has_name(), has_text(), is_enabled(), is_present(), is_visible()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div style='display:none;'></div>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
has_css_property(s("div"), "display", "none")</pre>
```

has\_length

Does a collection have a certain number of elements?

# Description

has\_length() and has\_size() checks that a collection of HTML elements contains a certain number of elements.

```
has_length(x, n)
has_size(x, n)
has_at_least(x, n)
```

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# **Arguments**

x A selenider\_elements object.

n A numeric vector of possible lengths of x. For has\_at\_least(), this must be a single number to compare to the length of x.

## **Details**

has\_at\_least() checks that a collection contains at least n elements.

These functions do not implement a retry mechanism, and only test a condition once. Use elem\_expect() or elem\_wait\_until() to use these conditions in tests.

#### Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE

## See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_css_property(), has_name(), has_text(), is_enabled(), is_present(), is_visible()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div class='div1'></div>
<div class='div2'></div>
<div class='div3'></div>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
has_length(ss("div"), 3)
has_at_least(ss("div"), 2)</pre>
```

has\_name

Does an element have a tag name?

## **Description**

Check that an element has a specified tag name

# Usage

```
has_name(x, name)
```

## **Arguments**

A selenider\_element object.

name A string.

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## Value

A boolean value.

## See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_css_property(), has_length(), has_text(), is_enabled(), is_present(), is_visible()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<div id='mydiv'></div>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
has_name(s("#mydiv"), "p")
has_name(s("#mydiv"), "div")</pre>
```

has\_text

Does an element contain a pattern?

## Description

has\_text() checks that an element's inner text contains a string, while has\_exact\_text() checks that the inner text *only* contains the string. Both functions throw an error if the element does not exist in the DOM.

## Usage

```
has_text(x, text)
has_exact_text(x, text)
```

## **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element object.

text A string, used to test the element's inner text.

#### **Details**

These functions do not implement a retry mechanism, and only test a condition once. Use elem\_expect() or elem\_wait\_until() to use these conditions in tests.

## Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE.

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## See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_css_property(), has_length(), has_name(), is_enabled(), is_present(), is_visible()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<p>Example text

"

session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)

has_text(s("p"), "Example") # TRUE

has_exact_text(s("p"), "Example") # FALSE

has_exact_text(s("p"), "Example text") # TRUE

# has_exact_text() is useful for checking when there is no text,
# since has_text("") will always be TRUE.
has_exact_text(s(".empty"), "")</pre>
```

is\_enabled

Is an element enabled?

# **Description**

is\_disabled() checks that an element has the disabled attribute set to TRUE, while is\_enabled() checks that it does not. Both functions throw an error if the element does not exist in the DOM.

## Usage

```
is_enabled(x)
is_disabled(x)
```

## Arguments

Χ

A selenider\_element object.

## **Details**

These functions do not implement a retry mechanism, and only test a condition once. Use elem\_expect() or elem\_wait\_until() to use these conditions in tests.

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## Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE.

## See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_css_property(), has_length(), has_name(), has_text(), is_present(), is_visible()
```

## **Examples**

```
html <- "
<button></button>
<button disabled></button>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
is_enabled(s("button")) # TRUE
is_disabled(ss("button")[[2]]) # TRUE</pre>
```

is\_present

Does an element exist?

# Description

is\_present() and is\_in\_dom() checks if an element is present on the page, while is\_missing() and is\_absent() checks the opposite.

#### Usage

```
is_present(x)
is_in_dom(x)
is_absent(x)
```

# Arguments

Χ

A selenider\_element object.

## **Details**

These functions do not implement a retry mechanism, and only test a condition once. Use elem\_expect() or elem\_wait\_until() to use these conditions in tests.

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## Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE.

## See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_css_property(), has_length(), has_name(), has_text(), is_enabled(), is_visible()
```

# **Examples**

```
html <- "
<p class='class1'>
"
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)
is_present(s(".class1")) # TRUE
is_in_dom(s(".class2")) # FALSE
is_absent(s(".class2")) # TRUE</pre>
```

is\_visible

Is an element visible?

## **Description**

is\_visible() and is\_displayed() checks that an element can be seen on the page, while is\_invisible() and is\_hidden() checks the opposite. All functions throw an error if the element is not in the DOM.

# Usage

```
is_visible(x)
is_displayed(x)
is_hidden(x)
is_invisible(x)
```

# Arguments

x A selenider\_element object.

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## **Details**

These functions do not implement a retry mechanism, and only test a condition once. Use elem\_expect() or elem\_wait\_until() to use these conditions in tests.

#### Value

A boolean value: TRUE or FALSE.

#### See Also

```
Other conditions: has_attr(), has_css_property(), has_length(), has_name(), has_text(), is_enabled(), is_present()
```

# **Examples**

keys

Special keys

# Description

List of special keys, for use with elem\_send\_keys().

# Usage

keys

## **Format**

A list containing selenider\_key objects.

## **Examples**

keys\$backspace

minimal\_selenider\_session

Create a session with custom HTML

# **Description**

Create a selenider\_session using custom HTML/JavaScript.

## Usage

```
minimal_selenider_session(html, js = NULL, ..., .env = rlang::caller_env())
```

# Arguments

html	A string to use as HTML. Can also be an xml2 object.
js	A string (or NULL) to use as JavaScript.
	Passed into selenider_session().
.env	The environment in which the session will be used.

## **Details**

The function works by combining html and js into a single string, then writing this to a temporary file (and opening it in the session's browser).

# Value

A selenider\_session object.

## See Also

```
selenider_session()
```

```
session <- minimal_selenider_session("<p>Example")
```

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## **Description**

Navigate the browser to specified URL, waiting until the page is considered open before finishing.

# Usage

```
open_url(url, timeout = 60, session = NULL)
```

# Arguments

url The URL to navigate to: a string.

timeout The maximum time to wait for the page to load, in seconds.

session A selenider\_session object. If not specified, the global session object (the

result of got cossion()) is used

result of get\_session()) is used.

## Value

The session object, invisibly.

## See Also

```
Other global actions: back(), current_url(), execute_js_fn(), get_page_source(), reload(), take_screenshot()
```

```
session <- selenider_session()
open_url("https://r-project.org")
# Or:
open_url(session = session, "https://r-project.org")</pre>
```

print.selenider\_element

```
print.selenider_element
```

Print a live HTML element

## **Description**

Display an element or collection of elements by fetching the elements and displaying their HTML contents.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'selenider_element'
print(x, width = getOption("width"), ..., timeout = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
print(x, width = getOption("width"), ..., n = 20, timeout = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

x A selenider\_element or selenider\_elements object.
 width The maximum width of the output.
 ... Not used.
 timeout How long to wait for x to exist in order to print its HTML.
 n The maximum number of elements to print.

# Value

x, invisibly.

```
html <- "
<div>
Text 1
Text 2
Text 3
Text 4
</div>
"

session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)

print(s("div"))

print(ss("p"))

print(ss("p"), n = 3)</pre>
```

print\_lazy

Print an element without fetching it

## **Description**

## [Deprecated]

Display a summary of the steps needed to reach an element. This function is deprecated, as it is not useful for most users.

#### **Usage**

```
print_lazy(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_element'
print_lazy(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'selenider_elements'
print_lazy(x, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

 $x \hspace{1cm} A \hspace{0.1cm} selenider\_element \hspace{0.1cm} or \hspace{0.1cm} selenider\_elements \hspace{0.1cm} object.$ 

... Not used.

## Value

x, invisibly.

```
read_html.selenider_session
```

Read a live HTML document

## **Description**

xml2::read\_html() can be used on a selenider session to read the HTML of the entire page, or on a selenider element to get the HTML of that element.

```
read_html.selenider_session(
    x,
    encoding = "",
    ...,
    options = c("RECOVER", "NOERROR", "NOBLANKS")
)
```

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```
read_html.selenider_element(
    x,
    encoding = "",
    timeout = NULL,
    outer = TRUE,
    ...,
    options = c("RECOVER", "NOERROR", "NOBLANKS")
)
```

# **Arguments**

x A selenider\_session/selenider\_element object.

encoding, ..., options

Passed into xml2::read\_html().

timeout How long to wait for x to exist in the DOM before throwing an error.

outer Whether to read the inner (all children of the current element) or outer (including

the element itself) HTML of x.

#### Value

read\_html() returns an XML document. Note that HTML will always be wrapped in a <html> and <body> tag, if it isn't already.

## **Examples**

reload

Reload the current page

## **Description**

reload() and refresh() both reload the current page.

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## Usage

```
reload(timeout = 60, session = NULL)
refresh(timeout = 60, session = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

timeout The maximum time to wait for the page to load, in seconds.

session A selenider\_session object. If not specified, the global session object (the

result of get\_session()) is used.

#### Value

The session object, invisibly.

## See Also

```
Other global actions: back(), current_url(), execute_js_fn(), get_page_source(), open_url(), take_screenshot()
```

## **Examples**

```
session <- selenider_session()
open_url("https://r-project.org")
reload()</pre>
```

S

Select HTML elements

## **Description**

```
Both s() and ss() allow you to select elements without specifying a session object.
```

- s() selects a single element, being a shorthand for find\_element() on the current session.
- ss() selects multiple elements, being a shorthand for find\_elements().

```
s(css = NULL, xpath = NULL, id = NULL, class_name = NULL, name = NULL)
ss(css = NULL, xpath = NULL, id = NULL, class_name = NULL, name = NULL)
```

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## **Arguments**

css A css selector.

xpath An XPath.

id The id of the element you want to select.

class\_name The class name of the element you want to select.

name The name attribute of the element you want to select.

## **Details**

Both functions allow the starting point for chains of selectors to be made more concise. Both use get\_session() to get the global session object.

## Value

s() returns a selenider\_element object. ss() returns a selenider\_elements object.

#### See Also

- find\_element() and find\_elements()
- selenider\_session() to begin a session.

```
html <- "
<div>
<div class='child'>
</div>
</div>
session <- minimal_selenider_session(html)</pre>
s("#id1")
# This is the equivalent of:
find_element(session, "#id1")
ss(".inner")
# This is the equivalent of:
find_element(session, ".inner")
# This provides a more concise way to begin a chain of selectors
s("div") |>
 find_element(".child") |>
 find_element(".inner")
```

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Selenider options

## **Description**

selenider has a few options, allowing you to specify the session and browser to use without having to tell selenider\_session() this information every time.

- selenider.session The package to use as a backend: either "chromote", "selenium" or "rselenium".
- selenider.browser The name of the browser to run the session in; one of "chrome", "fire-fox", "edge", "safari", or another valid browser name.

selenider\_available

Check if selenider can be used

## **Description**

Checks if selenider's dependencies are available, and that we are in an environment where it makes sense to open a selenider session.

skip\_if\_selenider\_unavailable() skips a testthat test if selenider\_available() returns FALSE.

## Usage

```
selenider_available(
  session = c("chromote", "selenium", "rselenium"),
  online = TRUE
)
skip_if_selenider_unavailable(session = c("chromote", "selenium"))
```

## **Arguments**

session Which session we should check. "chromote" is used by default.

online Whether we need to check for an internet connection.

#### **Details**

Specifically, the following is checked:

- The SELENIDER\_AVAILABLE environment variable. Set this to "TRUE" or "FALSE" to override this function.
- Whether we are on CRAN (using the NOT\_CRAN environment variable). If we are, the function returns FALSE.

• Whether an internet connection is available (using curl::nslookup()).

If session is "chromote", we also check:

- Whether chromote is installed.
- Whether chromote::find\_chrome() does not error.

If session is "selenium", we check:

- Whether selenium is installed.
- Whether we can find a valid browser that is supported by RSelenium.

#### Value

A boolean flag: TRUE or FALSE.

# **Examples**

```
selenider_available()
```

selenider\_session

Start a session

# Description

Create a session in selenider, setting it as the local session unless otherwise specified, allowing the session to be accessed globally in the environment where it was defined.

```
selenider_session(
  session = getOption("selenider.session"),
  browser = getOption("selenider.browser"),
  timeout = 4,
  options = NULL,
  driver = NULL,
  local = TRUE,
    .env = rlang::caller_env(),
  view = FALSE,
  selenium_manager = TRUE,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

session The package to use as a backend: either "chromote", "selenium" or "rselenium".

By default, chromote is used, since this tends to be faster and more reliable.

Change the default value using the selenider. session option.

browser The name of the browser to run the session in; one of "chrome", "firefox",

"edge", "safari", or another valid browser name. If NULL, the function will try to work out which browser you have installed. If we are using chromote, this option is ignored, since chromote only works on Chrome. Change the default

value of this parameter using the selenider.browser option.

timeout The default time to wait when collecting an element.

options A chromote\_options() or selenium\_options() object, used to specify op-

tions that are specific to chromote or selenium. See Details for some useful

examples of this.

driver A driver object to use instead of creating one manually. This can be one of:

• A chromote::ChromoteSession object.

- A shinytest2::AppDriver object.
- An selenium::SeleniumSession object.
- A Selenium server object, created by selenium::selenium\_server() or wdman::selenium(). In this case, a client will be created using the server object.
- A list/environment containing the selenium::SeleniumSession object, the Selenium server object, or both.
- An RSelenium::remoteDriver() object can be used instead of a selenium::SeleniumSession object.

local Whether to set the session as the local session object, using local\_session().

.env Passed into local\_session(), to define the environment in which the session

is used. Change this if you want to create the session inside a function and then use it outside the function.

view, selenium\_manager, quiet

[Deprecated] Use the options argument instead.

#### Value

A selenider\_session object. Use session\$driver to retrieve the driver object that controls the browser.

## **Useful session-specific options**

See chromote\_options() and selenium\_options() for the full range.

#### Making a chromote session non-headless:

By default, chromote will run in headless mode, meaning that you won't actually be able to see the browser as you control it. Use the view argument to chromote\_options() to change this:

```
session <- selenider_session(
  options = chromote_options(view = TRUE)
)</pre>
```

#### Prevent creation of a selenium server:

Sometimes, you want to manage the Selenium server separately, and only let selenider create client objects to attach to the server. You can do this by passing NULL into the server\_options argument to selenium\_options():

```
session <- selenider_session(
   "selenium",
   options = selenium_options(server_options = NULL)
)</pre>
```

If the port you are using is not 4444, you will need to pass in the port argument to selenium\_client\_options() as well:

```
session <- selenider_session(
   "selenium",
   options = selenium_options(
     client_options = selenium_client_options(port = YOUR_PORT),
     server_options = NULL
   )
)</pre>
```

One example of when this may be useful is when you are managing the Selenium server using Docker.

## Store the Selenium server persistently:

By default, selenium will download and store the Selenium server JAR file in a temporary directory, which will be deleted when the R session finishes. This means that every time you start a new R session, this file will be re-downloaded. You can store the JAR file permanently using the temp argument to selenium\_server\_options():

```
session <- selenider_session(
   "selenium",
   options = selenium_options(
      server_options = selenium_server_options(temp = TRUE)
   )
)</pre>
```

The downside of this is you may end up using a lot of storage, especially if a new version of Selenium is released and the old server file is left on the filesystem.

You can also use the path argument to selenium\_server\_options() to specify the directory where the JAR file should be stored.

## Structure of a selenider session

A selenider\_session object has several components that can be useful to access:

- session The type of session, either "chromote" or "selenium".
- driver The driver object used to control the browser. This is either a chromote::ChromoteSession
  or selenium::SeleniumSession object. This is useful if you want to do something with the
  driver that is not directly supported by selenider. See get\_actual\_element() for some examples of this.

- server The Selenium server object, if one was created or passed in.
- id A unique ID that can be used to identify the session.

Access these components using \$ (e.g. session\$driver).

#### **Custom drivers**

If you want complete manual control over creating the underlying driver, you can pass your own driver argument to stop selenider from creating the driver for you.

You can also supply a shinytest2::AppDriver object, allowing selenider and shinytest2 to share a session:

```
shiny_app <- shiny::shinyApp(
    ui = shiny::fluidPage(
        # ... Your UI
),
    server = function(input, output) {
        # ... Your server
    }
)

app <- shinytest2::AppDriver$new()

session <- selenider_session(
    driver = app
)</pre>
```

#### See Also

- close\_session() to close the session. Note that this will not reset the result of get\_session(), which is why withr::deferred\_run() is preferred.
- local\_session() and with\_session() to manually set the local session object (and get\_session() to get it).
- open\_url(), s() and find\_elements() to get started once you have created a session.

```
session_1 <- selenider_session(timeout = 10)
# session_1 is the local session here

get_session() # Returns session 1

my_function <- function() {
   session_2 <- selenider_session()

   # In here, session_2 is the local session
   get_session()</pre>
```

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```
} # When the function finishes executing, the session is closed

my_function() # Returns `session_2`

# If we want to use a session outside the scope of a function,
# we need to use the `.env` argument.
create_session <- function(timeout = 10, .env = rlang::caller_env()) {
    # caller_env() is the environment where the function is called
    selenider_session(timeout = timeout, .env = .env)
}

my_session <- create_session()

# We can now use this session outside the `create_session()` function
get_session()

# `my_session` will be closed automatically.</pre>
```

take\_screenshot

Take a screenshot of the current page

#### **Description**

Take a screenshot of the current session state, saving this image to a file.

## Usage

```
take_screenshot(file = NULL, view = FALSE, session = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

file The file path to save the screenshot to.

view Whether to open the interactively view the screenshot. If this is TRUE and file

is NULL, the screenshot will be deleted after viewing.

session A selenider\_session object. If not specified, the global session object (the

result of get\_session()) is used.

#### Value

file, if it is not NULL. Otherwise, the session object is returned, invisibly.

## See Also

```
Other global actions: back(), current_url(), execute_js_fn(), get_page_source(), open_url(), reload()
```

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```
session <- selenider_session()
open_url("https://www.google.com")
file_path <- withr::local_tempfile(fileext = ".png")
take_screenshot(file_path)</pre>
```

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