

Selenium: first steps

1. Read about Selenium. Install, if needed
 - a. See the product site: <http://seleniumhq.org/>
 - b. Read about Selenium IDE: <http://seleniumhq.org/projects/ide/>
 - c. Open the Firefox Tools menu (if the Tools menu is missing, press Alt). If Selenium IDE is not on the Firefox Tools menu, download Selenium IDE using Firefox (<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/selenium-ide/>) and allow to install. See also http://docs.seleniumhq.org/docs/02_selenium_ide.jsp. Restart Firefox.
2. Create a simple test (http://docs.seleniumhq.org/docs/02_selenium_ide.jsp)
 - a. After Firefox reboots, select Selenium-IDE from the Firefox Tools menu. Arrange the windows so you can watch the browser and IDE simultaneously.
 - b. Open some web pages in Firefox browser and watch the test on the Selenium_IDE screen. Remember the pages opened.
 - c. Save the test (File menu)
3. Execute the simple test
 - a. Reboot Firefox and delete history (just to see the results better)
 - b. Run Selenium-IDE from the Firefox Tools menu.
 - c. Open the test saved earlier and follow its execution.
 - d. Select fast or slow speed of execution.
 - e. Execute step-by-step (Slow-Play-Pause-Step)
4. In case a test fails (examples)
 - a. Try starting the test from exactly the same situation as the original run, eg by using Base URL
 - b. Try pushing a button on the screen instead of pushing "Enter"
 - c. Use *clickAndWait* or try slow speed of execution
 - d. Try deleting unnecessary commands (e.g. `selectWindow name=_uues_aknas`)
 - e. Analyze the command: what can go wrong if executed from the current situation on the screen?
 - f. See errors on the troubleshooting section of http://docs.seleniumhq.org/docs/02_selenium_ide.jsp
 - g. The test may have found an error in the application
 - h. Etc
5. Create and execute more complicated tests
 - a. Try "Building test cases" section on http://docs.seleniumhq.org/docs/02_selenium_ide.jsp

- a. Record inputting some data, eg a search (instant search may not work)
 - b. Run the test. In case a test step fails try to find out why.
 - c. Pick a calculator (eg <http://www.math.com/students/calculators/source/basic.htm>), try recording, experiment (record-play-record ...)
 - d. Open Amazon (or similar), find a product, open it, check selected text (eg, if price has changed).
 - e. Try editing - deleting, adding, moving, etc commands in the test table ("Delete", rightclick, drag-and-drop ...)
 - f. Use `verifyValue`, `asertTitle`, and other commands (may be inserted by right-clicking on the browser location and selecting the Selenium command)
 - g. Open the source view, edit
 - h. Execute step-by-step
6. Tools and selenese
- a. Select "Source", see the text, save as html, look in a browser
 - b. Try "Log" and "Reference" on the bottom window
 - c. See / use the section "*Selenium commands - 'Selenese'*" on http://docs.seleniumhq.org/docs/02_selenium_ide.jsp
7. Read further <http://seleniumhq.org/docs/>