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# Selenium

Web Browser Automation





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[www.seleniumhq.org](http://www.seleniumhq.org)

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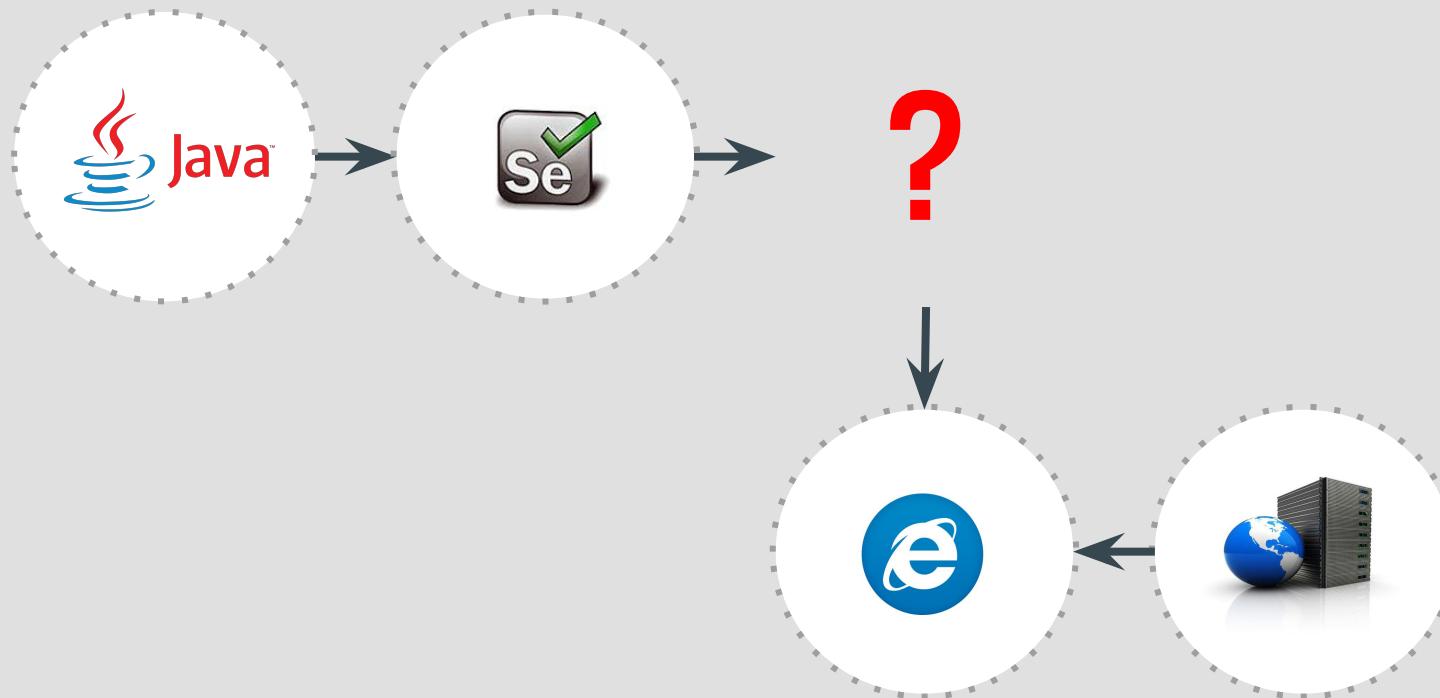
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# What is Selenium?

— a suite of tools for automating web browsers,  
primarily used for testing purposes.

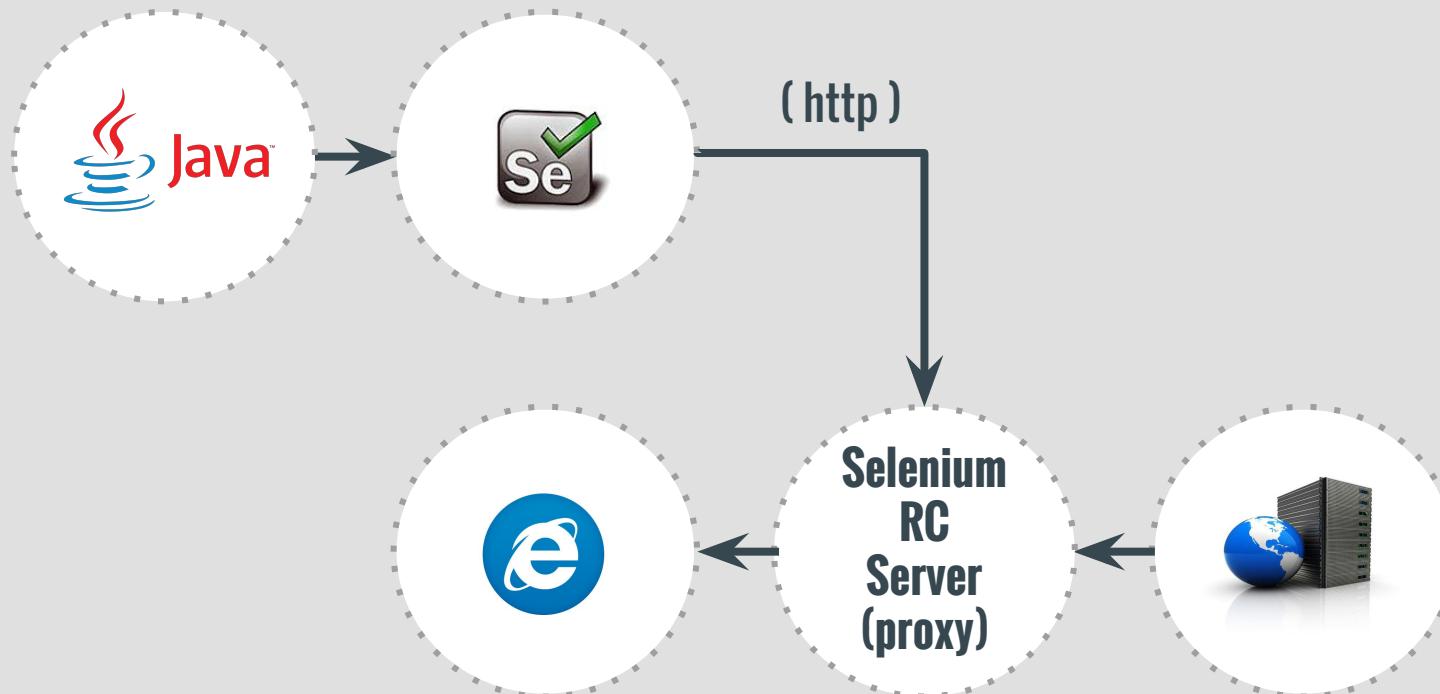


# Brief history.



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2004. Selenium Remote Control (RC).



# Brief history.

2006. Selenium IDE Firefox add-on (Shinya Kasatani).

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**Selenium IDE: Selenium IDE**  
Selenium IDE is an integrated development environment for Selenium tests. It is implemented as a Firefox extension, and allows you to record, edit, ...  
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**Selenium IDE Intro**  
There is a Firefox extension called Selenium IDE made by the folks over at OpenQA.org. It is a very easy to use and powerful tool for controlling, ...  
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**Software Testing - Selenium IDE**  
Selenium IDE is the easiest way to use Selenium and most of the time it also serves as a starting point for your automation. Selenium IDE comes as an ...  
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**Introduction to the Selenium IDE**  
If you would like to try out Selenium and the Selenium IDE, you should check out this tutorial (complete with screencasts) that will get you up and running ...

Selenium IDE

File Edit Options

http://www.google.com/

Table Source

Command	Target	Value
open	/webhp?hl=en	
type	q	selenium ide
clickAndWait	btnG	
verifyTextPresent	selenium-ide.openqa....	

verifyTextPresent

selenium-ide.openqa.org/ - Find

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verifyTextPresent(pattern)  
Generated from isTextPresent(pattern)

Arguments:

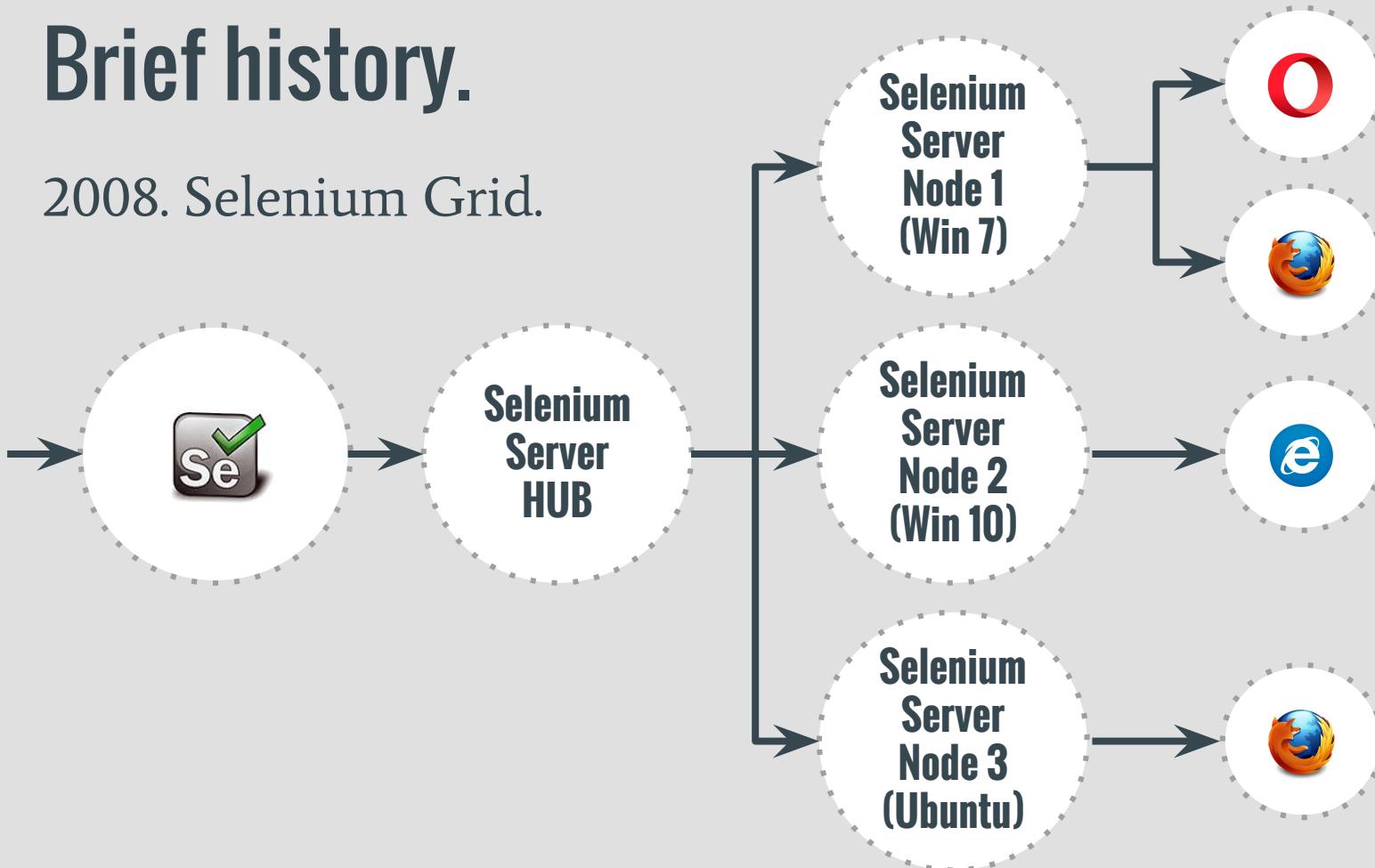
- pattern - a pattern to match with the text of the page

Returns:  
true if the pattern matches the text, false otherwise

Done

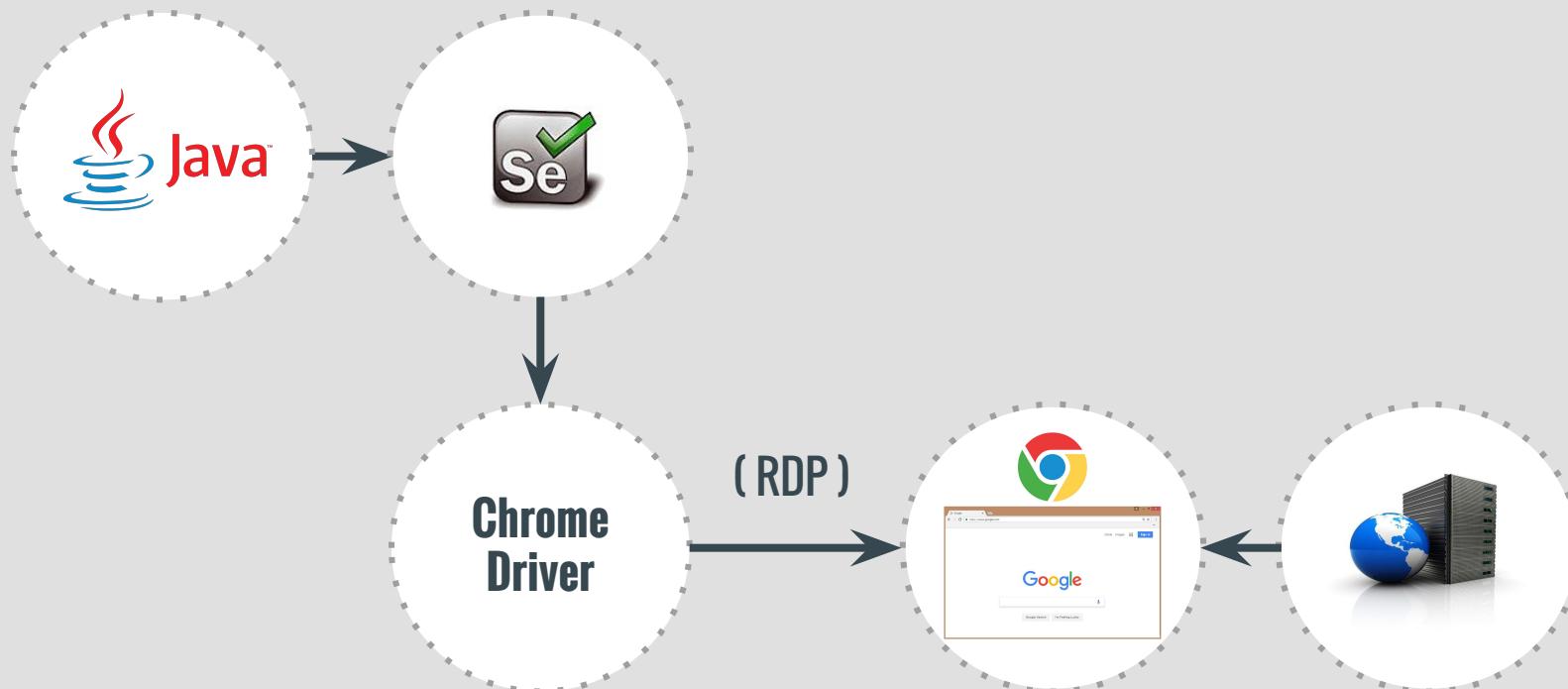
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2008. Selenium Grid.



# Brief history.

2009. WebDriver (IE: COM, Opera: Opera Debug, Firefox: extension).



# Brief history.

2011. Selenium 2.0 (WebDriver).

2012. W3C WebDriver draft release ([www.w3.org](http://www.w3.org)).

2016. Selenium 3.0 (deep revision, RC removal).

# Selenium family.

- Selenium RC

(Remote Control, JavaScript injection)

- Selenium 1.0

- Selenium IDE

(Integrated Development Environment)

- Selenium Server

- Selenium Grid 1.0

(RC only)

- Selenium WebDriver

(special drivers for each browser)

- Selenium 2.0

- Selenium Grid 2.0

(bundled with Selenium Server, WebDriver support)

- Selenium 3.0

# Environment.

OSs:

Windows (7+), Apple OS X, Linux (Ubuntu tested).

Programming languages:

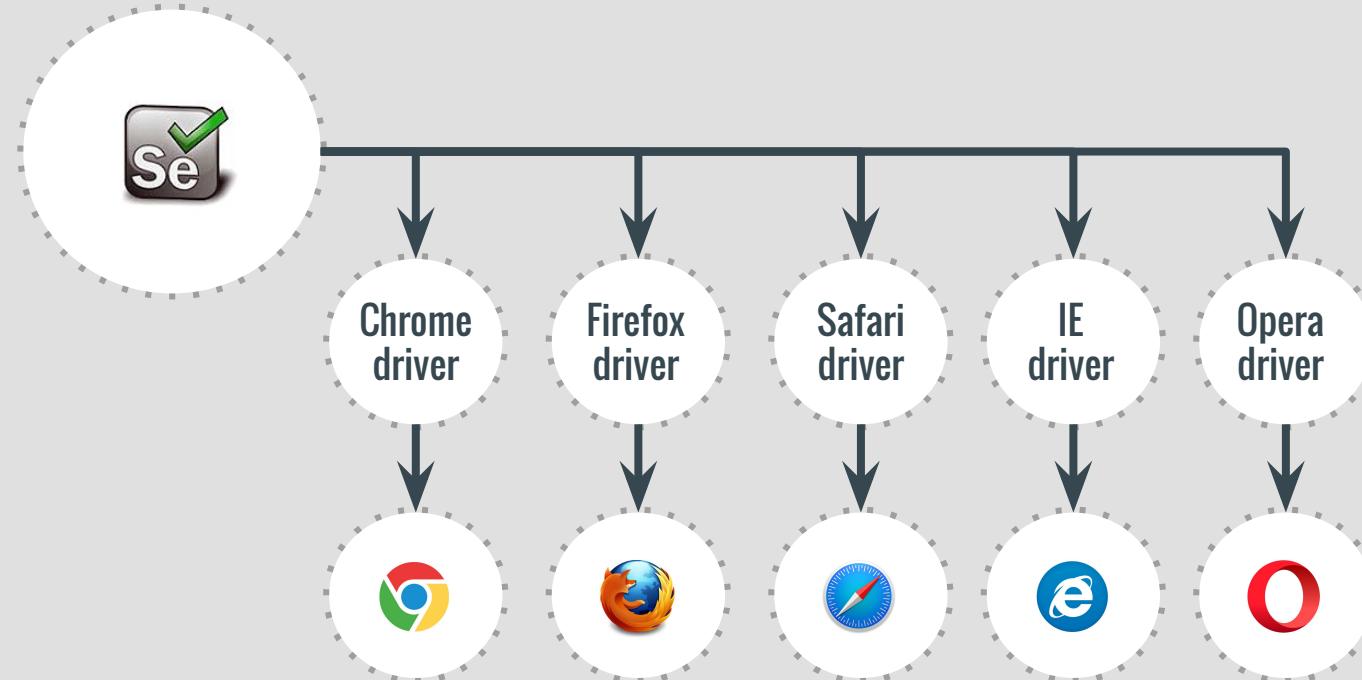
C#, Haskell, Java, JavaScript, Objective-C, Perl, PHP, Python, R, Ruby.

Browsers:

Chrome 26+, Firefox 17+, IE 7+, Opera 11+ (Presto, Blink), Safari 5.1+.

# Selenium WebDriver.

WebDriver, W3C standard.



```
// Create a new instance of the Firefox driver and open Google webpage
WebDriver driver = new FirefoxDriver();
driver.get("http://www.google.com");

// Find the text input element by its name, enter some text and submit the form
WebElement element = driver.findElement(By.name("q"));
element.sendKeys("Cheese!");
element.submit();

// Wait for the page to load
(new WebDriverWait(driver, 10)).until(new ExpectedCondition<Boolean>() {
    public Boolean apply(WebDriver d) {
        return d.getTitle().toLowerCase().startsWith("cheese!");
    }
});
System.out.println("Page title is: " + driver.getTitle());

// Close the browser
driver.quit();
```

# What can I do with it?

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- Manage browser (open/close, profiles);
- navigate (url, history);
- work with windows, tabs, popups;
- query DOM (XPath, CSS selector, by ID);
- make inputs (keyboard, mouse);
- exec JavaScript;
- make screenshots.

# Selenium limitations.

- Dialog boxes (file download);
- Flash elements;
- Java applets.

# Who uses it?

Google, Microsoft, IBM, Mozilla, LinkedIn.

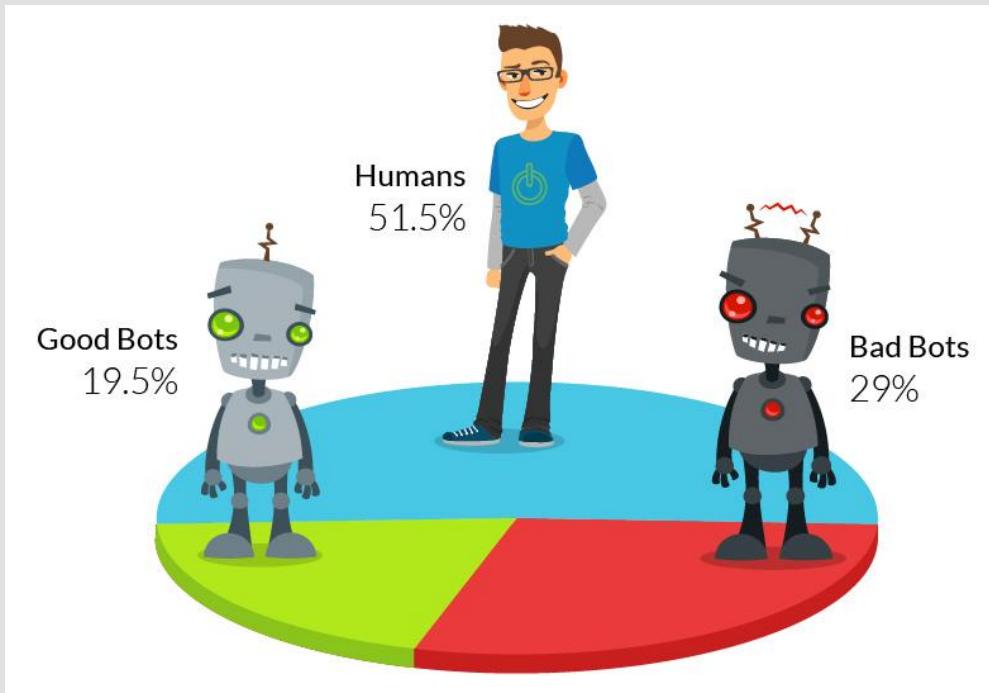
# When should I use Selenium?

- Parsing of dynamic websites (lots of JavaScript);
- close to a user experience;
- specific automation;
- rendering matters (graphics);
- .. catching yourself doing a new browser.

# Why exactly the Selenium?

- Few alternatives: watir.com, sahipro.com, watin.org;
- open source;
- support: OS, languages, browsers;
- setting the standards (W3C, 2017);
- evolving (Selenium 4 roadmap);
- integration (Jenkins, Visual Studio);
- Selenium Grid;
- docs and examples.

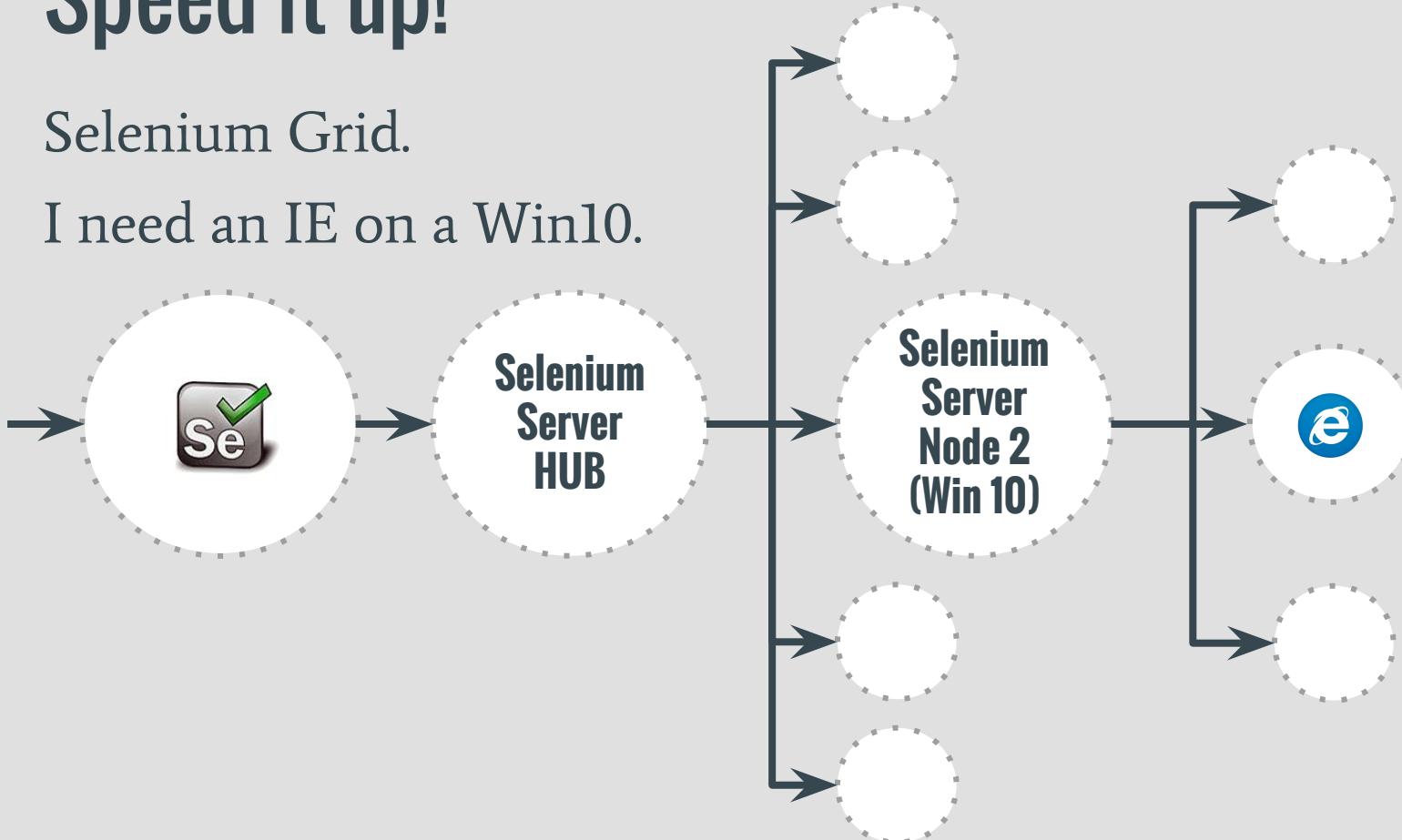
# My use case.



# Speed it up!

Selenium Grid.

I need an IE on a Win10.



# Speed it up!

- WebKit: Apple Safari, Chrome (<28/iOS), PhantomJS;
- Gecko: Firefox, SlimerJS (headless via xvfb);
- Rhino: HTMLUnit.

# Speed it up!

Cloud services: saucelabs.com, browserstack.com,  
bugbuster.com, testingbot.com

Wrappers: selenide.org, watir.com

# Conclusion

- WebDriver is almost a standard;
- support from browsers' manufacturers;
- Selenium — power and capabilities, free;
- JavaScript is on the rise, so is the Selenium.

# Test case.

