UI Test Automation on Android

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Two ways to test your application’s User Interface

- Manual Testing
  - Run tests manually and verify that the app is behaving as expected
  - Time-consuming, tedious, and error-prone
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Two ways to test your application’s User Interface

- Automated Testing
  - Automate the UI testing with a software testing framework
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The Android SDK provides the following tools:

- **uiautomatorviewer** - A GUI tool to scan and analyze the UI components of an Android application.
- **uiautomator** - A Java library containing APIs to create customized functional UI tests, and an execution engine to automate and run the tests.
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Workflow for the *uiautomator* testing framework

1. Prepare to test
2. Create automated tests to simulate specific user interactions on your application
3. Compile your test cases into a JAR file and install it on your test device along with your app
4. Run the tests and view the test results
5. Correct any bugs or defects discovered in testing
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1. Prepare to Test

1. Load the application to a device
2. Identify the application’s UI components
3. Ensure that the application is accessible
4. Configure your development environment
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2. Create Tests using **uiautomator** framework

- Built on top of Junit framework
- Create test cases that extend the **UiAutomatorTestCase**
- Since **UiAutomatorTestCase** extends junit framework’s **TestCase**, you can make use of Junit **Assert** class
- Capture and manipulate UI components using classes like **UiDevice**, **UiSelector**, **UiObject**, **UiCollection**.....
2. Create Tests using `uiautomator` framework (cont...)

- **UiDevice**
  - Device that contains the target app
  - The first thing your test case should do is access the device

- **UiSelector**
  - Represents a search criteria to query and get a handle on specific elements in the currently displayed UI
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2. Create Tests using **uiautomator** framework (cont…)

- **UiObject**
  - Represents a UI element
  - Use **UiSelector** to get a handle on a specific UI element and assign it to UiObject

- **UiCollection**
  - Represents a collection of items
  - Use **UiSelector** to search for a UI element that is a container or wrapper of other child UI elements and assign it to UiCollection
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3. Building and Deploying Your Tests

1. Create the required build configuration files
   
   `<android-sdk>/tools/android create uitest-project -n <name> -t 1 -p <path>`

2. From the commandline, set the ANDROID_HOME var
   
   o  In Windows
      
      set ANDROID_HOME=<path_to_your_sdk>
   
   o  In Linux
      
      export ANDROID_HOME=<path_to_your_sdk>`
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3. Building and Deploying Your Tests (cont...)

3. Go to the project directory where your build.xml file is located and build your test JAR
   ant build

4. Deploy your generated test JAR file to the test device
   adb push <path_to_output_jar> /data/local/tmp/
4. Running uiautomator Tests

adb shell uiautomator runtest <name_of_jar> -c
<name_of_package_that_contains_test_cases>
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Today’s Lab

Run automated tests on Homework 2
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- Copy my Homework 2 solutions
- Connect a device or start the emulator
- Locate the hw02.apk file under hw02/bin/ directory
- Run `adb install <path_to_hw02/bin/hw02.apk>` in command prompt to install Homework 2 onto the device
- Bring the app *Homework 2* onto the home screen
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1. To identify the UI components, open *Homework 2* on the emulator.
2. In the terminal, navigate to the folder `<android-sdk>/tools/` and run `$ uiautomatorviewer`
3. From the GUI of the uiautomatorviewer tool, click on Device Screenshot to analyze the components of the current screen
4. Note down the fields *text* or *content-desc* for the UI elements that you want to test.
5. Select one of the Questions.
6. Perform Step 2, 3 and 4 again
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Homework 2

What was the best-selling smartphone OS in 2006?
Which of the following is true according to Programming Android Chapter 1?
What is “detached mode” in Eclipse?
What does the author least like about Eclipse?

In the DO NOT USE!!! version of the initGame example, which call(s) take so long that they should be called outside the UI thread?
The author makes us very nervous about the mutable Map<String, String> vals, without telling us how to fix the problem. What fix would work?
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- Create a Java Project in Eclipse and name it *hw02Test*
- From the Java Build Path
  - Click Add Library > JUnit then select JUnit3 to add JUnit support.
  - Click Add External JARs... and navigate to the SDK directory. Under the platforms directory, select the latest SDK version and add both the uiautomator.jar and android.jar files.
- Create the package *edu.sjsu.cs185c.hw02.test* and the class *SimpleTestCase* under it.
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- Now it’s time to create the tests.
- Open the file SimpleTestCase.java and copy the code.
- Now it’s time to deploy and run the tests.
- In the terminal run `$ android list targets`
- Note the value of the field *id* for android level 17 or higher
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➢ Create the required build configuration files to build the output JAR. In the terminal, run

$ <android-sdk>/tools/android create uitest-project -n <name> -t <id> -p <path>

where <name> represents the name of the test project, <path> represents the path for the test project and <id> represents the id value you captured earlier.

➢ export ANDROID_HOME=<path_to_your_sdk> under linux
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- Go to the project directory where your build.xml file is located and build your test JAR.
  
  $ ant build

- Deploy your generated test JAR file to the test device by using the adb push command

  $ adb push <path_to_output_jar> /data/local/tmp/

- Run the test using the adb shell command

  $ adb shell uiautomator runtest hw02Test.jar -c edu.sjsu.cs185c.hw02.test
Now let’s add more code to our test class.
Open the file SimpleTestCase.java and add the following code.

```java
UiObject smartphone = new UiObject(new UiSelector() .text("What was the best-selling smartphone OS in 2006?"));
if (smartphone.exists()) {
    smartphone.click();
    sleep(5000);
}
assertTrue(new UiObject(new UiSelector() .text("What was the best-selling smartphone OS in 2006?")).exists());

UiObject option1 = new UiObject(new UiSelector().text("Android"));
if (option1.exists()) {
    option1.clickAndWaitForNewWindow();
}

Deploy and run the test again.
```