Measuring Performance with WebDriver



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53%

of mobile site visits are abandoned if pages take longer than 3 seconds to load. (Study by DoubleClick owned by Google)

3034 kb

is the average web page size in 2018, trend: increasing (https://speedcurve.com/blog/web-performance-page-bloat/)

3.21 s

Is the average load of a webpage (Pingdom/2018)

"How fast your website loads is critical but often a completely ignored element in any online business and that includes search marketing and search engine optimisation."

—Google



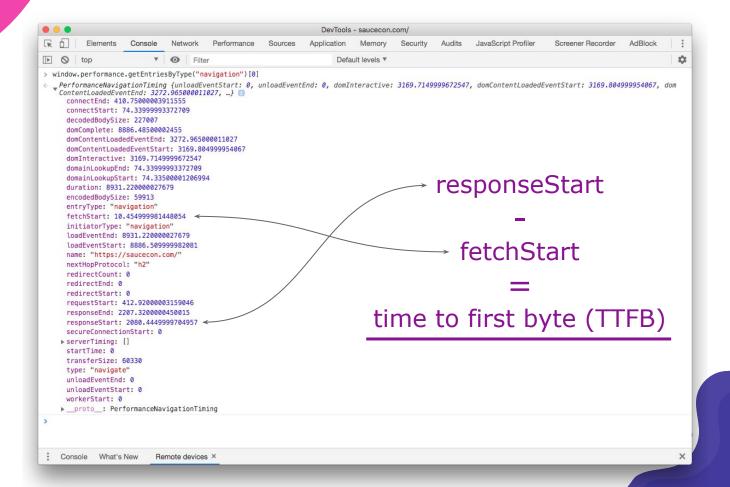
"Performance stands out like a ton of diamonds. Nonperformance can always be explained away."

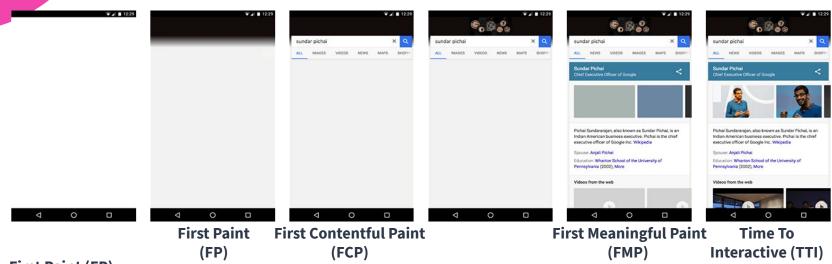
—Harold S. Geneen.



Browser Performance

How **fast** does my application load?





First Paint (FP)

first render to the screen

First Contentful Paint (FCP)

is triggered when any content is painted - i.e. something defined in the DOM

First Meaningful Paint (FMP)

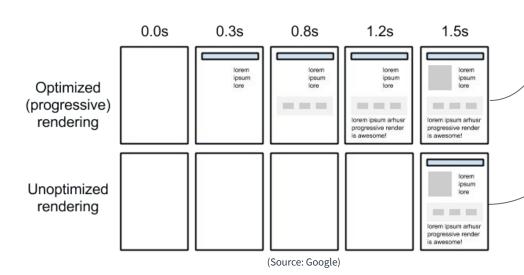
measures how long it takes for the most meaningful content to be fully rendered on the site.

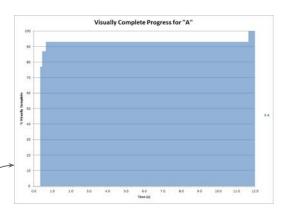
Time To Interactive (TTI)

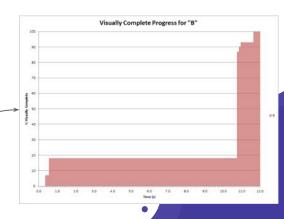
number of seconds from the time the navigation started until the layout is stabilized

Speed Index

computes an overall score for how quickly the content painted







Other Metric Types







Milestone Based

Describing a duration between two events

Score Based

Describing performance based on a score

Resource Based

Describing certain resource limits





Are **all** these metrics important?

Yes!

Mapping
Metrics to
User Experience!



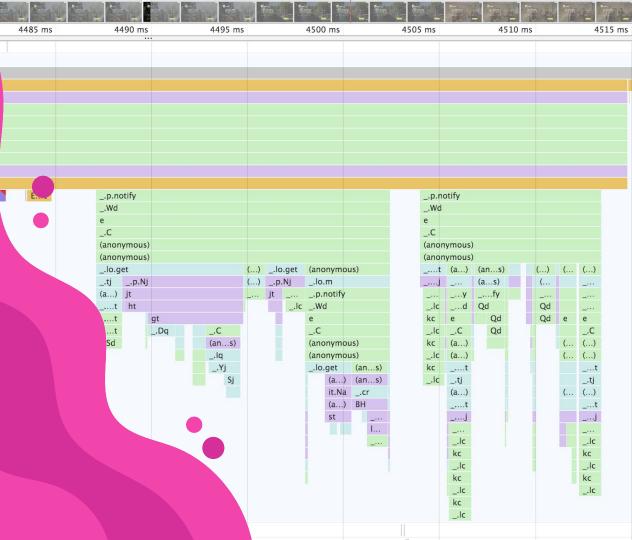


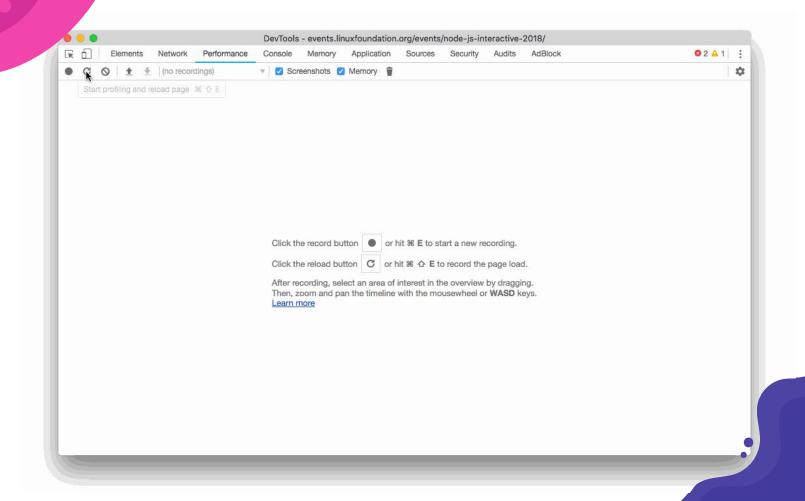
"Fast forward to today and we see that window.onload doesn't reflect the user perception as well as it once did."

—Steve Souders

Browser Tracing

How the **browser** knows about all this?





 Contains a list of events from different types that happened during the capturing process, e.g.

Duration Events (B - begin, E - end)

Complete Events (x)

Instant Events (i)

Counter Events (C)

Sample events (P)

Metadata Events (M)

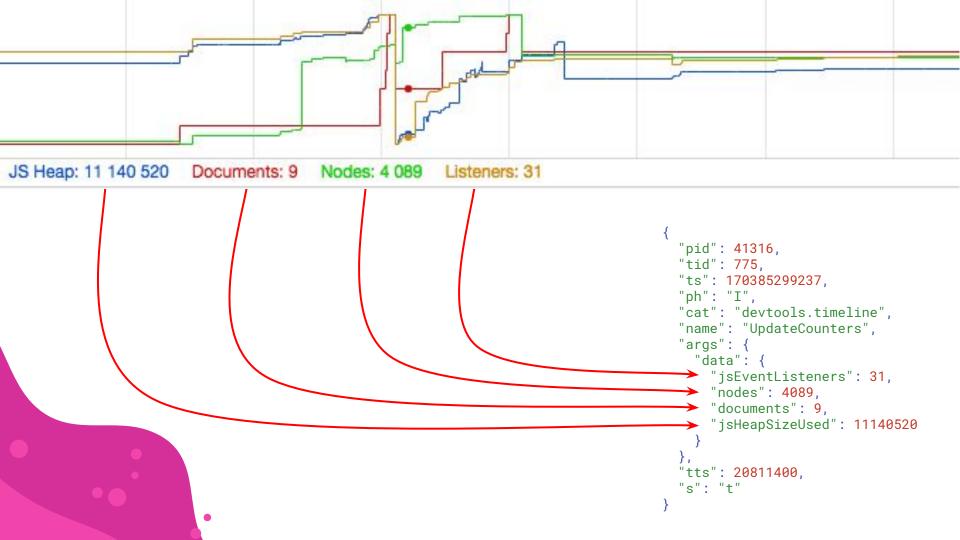
Memory Dump Events (V - global, v - process)

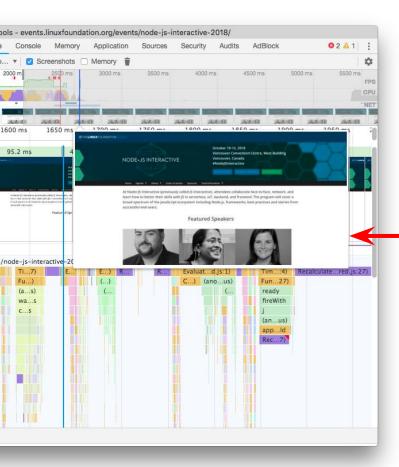
Other... (see Trace Event Format)

Trace data representations can be processed by a Trace Viewer tool like DevTools or Catapult

Event Descriptions:

```
"name": "myName",
  "cat": "category.list",
  "ph": "B",
  "ts": 12345,
  "pid": 123,
  "tid": 456,
  "args": {
      "someArg": 1,
      "anotherArg": {
            "value": "my value"
      }
}
```

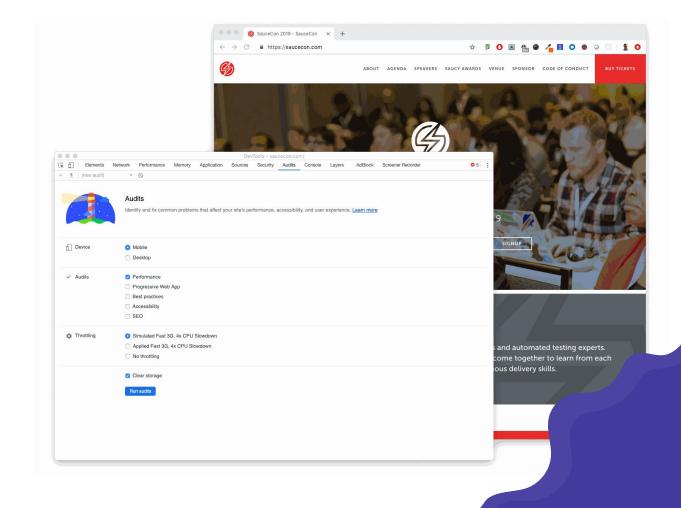


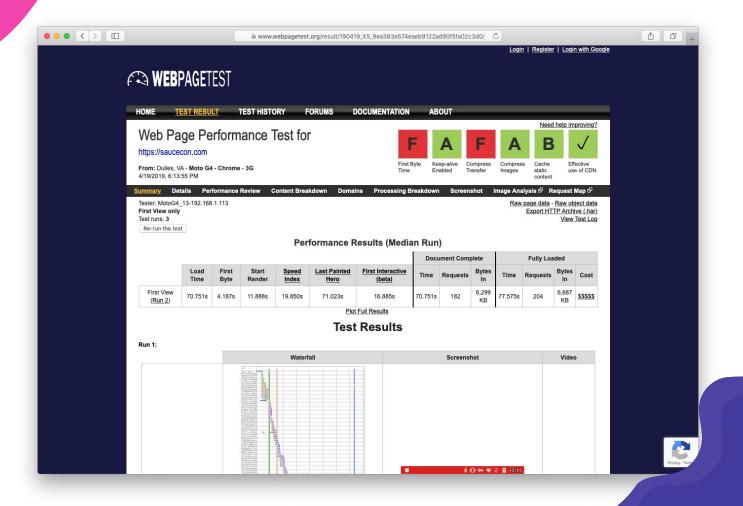


```
{
  "pid": 579,
  "tid": 775,
  "ts": 170383426118,
  "ph": "0",
  "cat": "disabled-by-default-devtools.screenshot",
  "name": "Screenshot",
  "args": {
        "snapshot": "..."
     },
        "tts": 2879188825,
        "id": "0x1"
}
```



Google Lighthouse





WebDriver

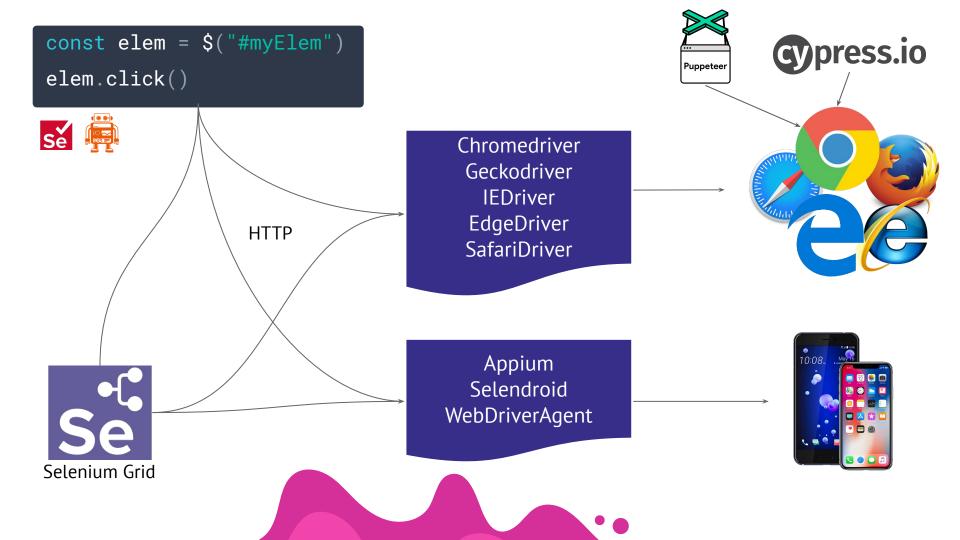
How **browser** get automated today?

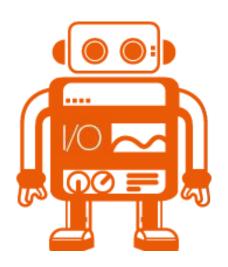


6.5 List of Endpoints

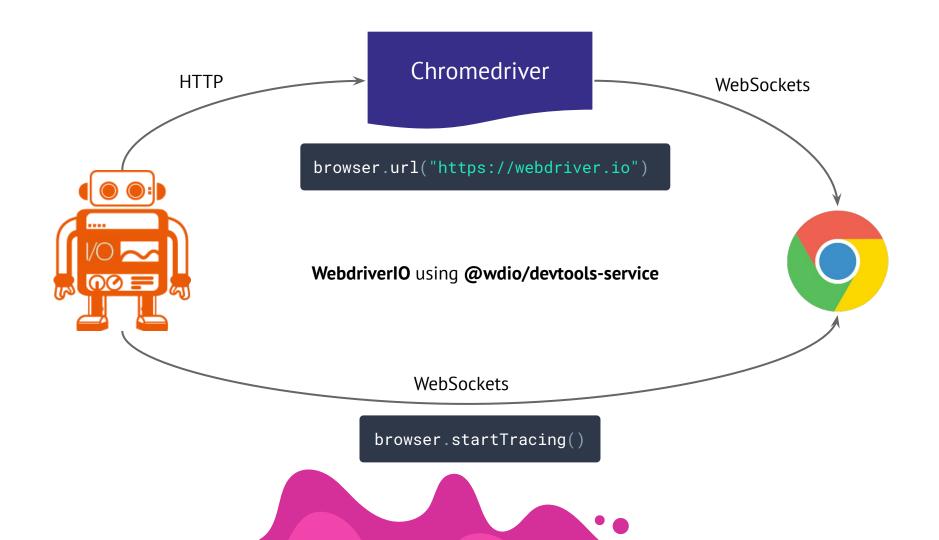
The following *table of endpoints* lists the <u>method</u> and <u>URI template</u> for each <u>endpoint node</u> <u>command</u>. <u>Extension commands are implicitly appended to this table</u>.

| Method | URI Template | Command |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| POST | /session | New Session |
| DELETE | /session/{session id} | Delete Session |
| GET | /status | Status |
| GET | /session/{session id}/timeouts | Get Timeouts |
| POST | /session/{session id}/timeouts | Set Timeouts |
| POST | /session/{session id}/url | Navigate To |
| GET | /session/{session id}/url | Get Current URL |
| POST | /session/{session id}/back | Back |
| POST | /session/{session id}/forward | Forward |
| POST | /session/{session id}/refresh | Refresh |
| GET | /session/{session id}/title | Get Title |
| | | |





Webdriver.io



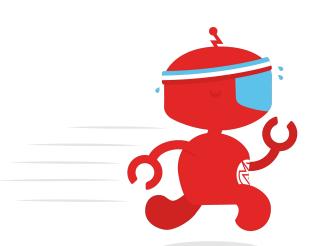
DEMO

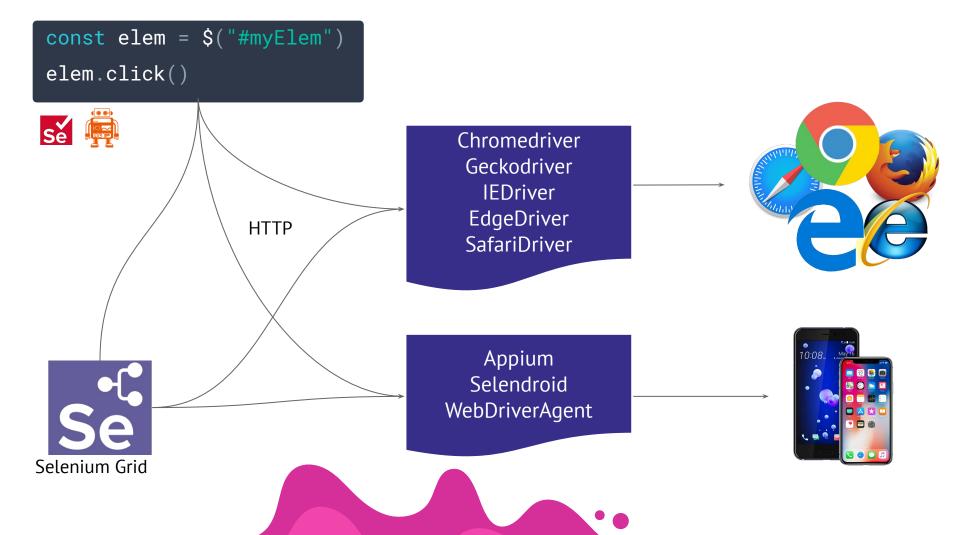
Capture Performance Data with WebdriverIO



Testing Performance

Using Sauce Labs new **Performance** Feature







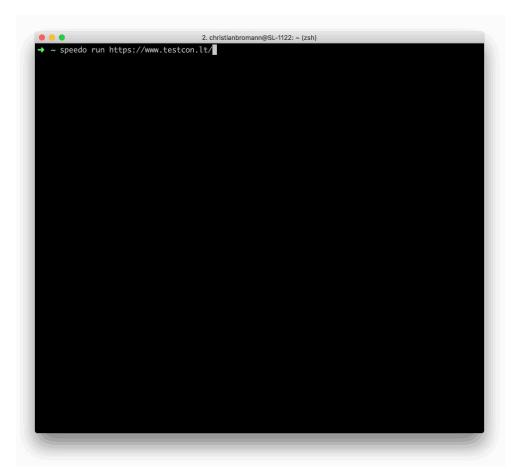
Shift Testing To The Left

Existing Solutions



SPEEDO



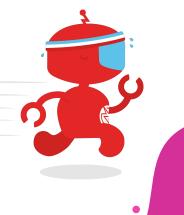


Install it!

\$ npm install -g speedo

Run it!

\$ speedo run https://site.com



DEMO

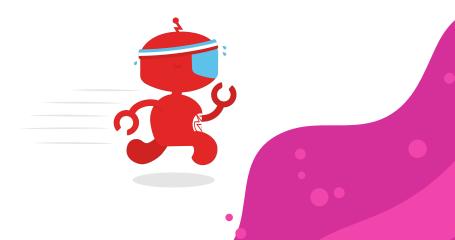
Capture Performance Data with Speedo



```
import { remote } from 'webdriverio';
let browser
   browser = await remote({
        user: process.env.SAUCE_USERNAME,
        key: process env SAUCE_ACCESS_KEY,
        capabilities: {
            browserName: 'chrome',
            platformName: 'Windows 10',
            browserVersion: 'latest',
                extendedDebugging: true.
                capturePerformance: true.
                name: "Performance Test"
    })
    await browser.url('https://www.instagram.com/accounts/login')
    const username = await browser.$('input[name="username"]')
    await username.setValue('performancetestaccount')
    const password = await browser.$('input[name="password"]')
    await password.setValue('testpass')
    const submitBtn = await browser.$('button[type="submit"]')
    await submitBtn.click()
   await browser.deleteSession()
    console.error(e)
    await browser.deleteSession()
```

Check Performance for Instagram Login

```
$ speedo analyze "Performance Test" \
  -p https://www.instagram.com/
  --all
```



Ready For CI/CD

Speedo was build to run within your continuous integration pipeline!

```
pipeline {
    agent none
    stages {
        stage('Linting') {
        stage('Unit Tests') {
        stage('Functional Tests') {
        stage('Performance Tests') {
            agent {
                docker { image 'saucelabs/speedo' }
            steps {
                sh 'speedo run https://google.com -u
```

```
variables:
  SPEEDO_IMAGE: saucelabs/speedo
stages:
  - lint
  - test
 - performance
  - deploy
# run performance tests
performance:
  stage: performance
  image: $SPEEDO_IMAGE
  script:
    - speedo run https://google.com -u $SAUCE_USERNAME
-k $SAUCE_ACCESS_KEY -b $BUILD_NUMBER
```

Test Performance within a WebDriver test

```
const submitBtn = await browser.$('button[type="submit"]')
await submitBtn.click()

const result = await browser.assertPerformance(
   'My Performance Test',
   ['speedIndex', 'timeToFirstInteractive'])

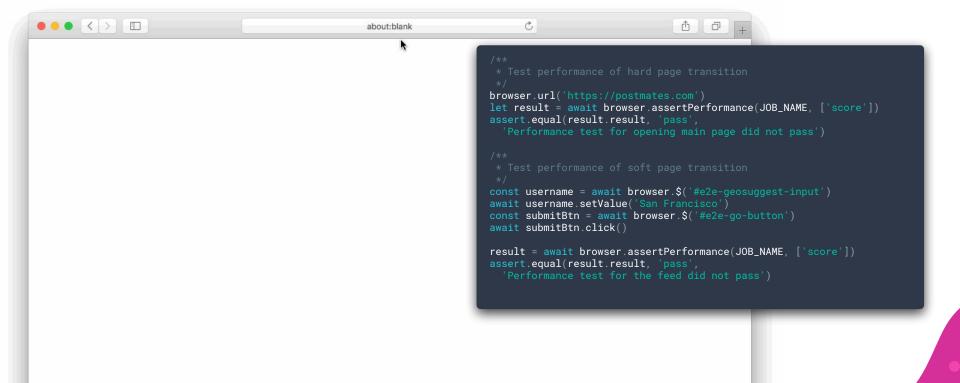
expect(result.pass).toBe(true)
```

W3C* WebDriver Extension

/session/:sessionId/sauce/ondemand/performance

```
JS Executor (Selenium Python)
```

```
driver.execute_script('sauce:performance', {"metrics": [...]"})
```

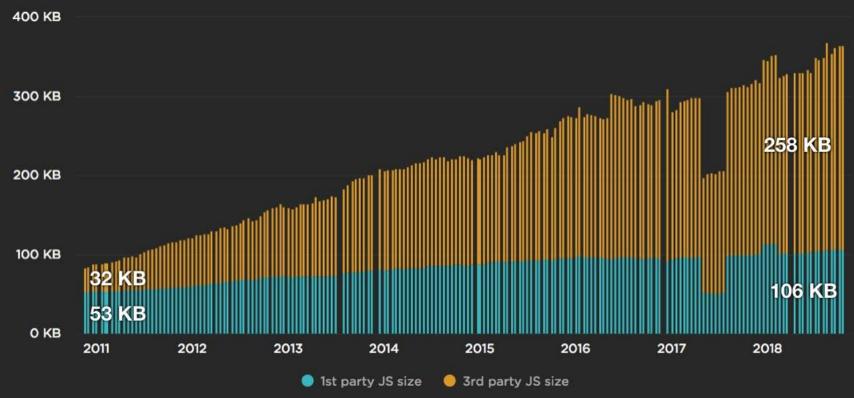


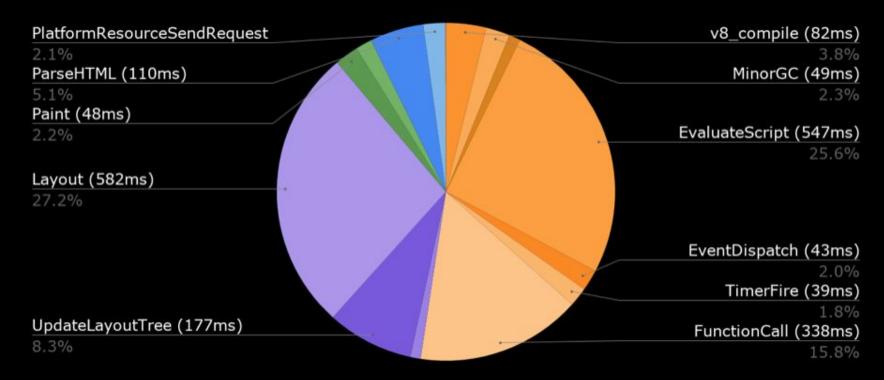
Jankiness

The Browser

A JavaScript Powerplant



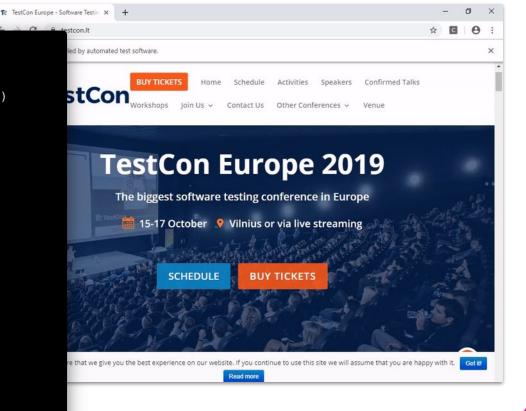


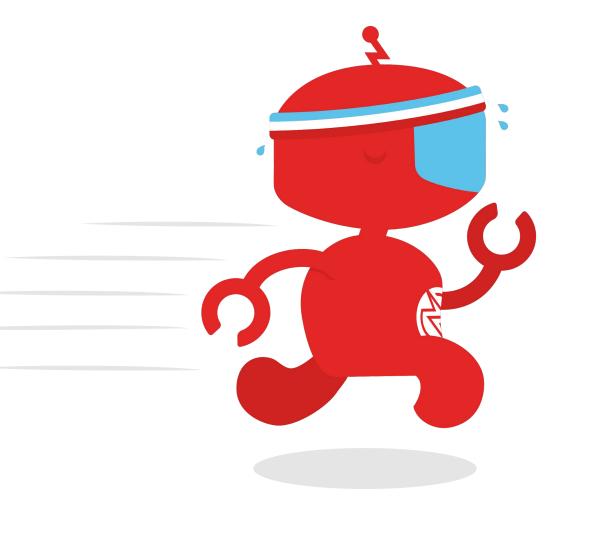


"Jank is any stuttering, juddering or just plain halting that users see when a site or app isn't keeping up with the refresh rate. Jank is the result of frames taking too long for a browser to make, and it negatively impacts your users and how they experience your site or app."

—jankfree.org

```
browser.url('https://www.testcon.lt/')
const result = browser.execute('sauce:jankinessCheck')
console.log(result)
 * { url: 'https://www.testcon.lt/',
   timestamp: 1571130036741,
   value:
        averageFPS: 27.565962053070823,
         scriptingTime: 830,
         renderingTime: 127.
         otherTime: 188,
         idleTime: 3948,
         forcedReflowWarningCounts: 10,
         scrollTime: 5121.
         paintingTime: 94,
        memoryUsageDiff: 33128272 },
      diagnostics:
       { layoutUpdateScore: 0.9895397489539749,
         fpsScore: 0.4594327008845137,
         idleDurationScore: 0.9090146326859025.
         memoryUsageScore: 0.9847441842390949 } },
   score: 0.7391026104441131,
   loaderId: '40dc6000-ef2a-11e9-b825-57924a3e217f',
   type: 'scroll' }
```





Performance Best Practices

What to do and what not to do?!

- Functional vs. Performance Testing
- Don't worry about other browser / versions too much
- Keep it simple!
- Maintain one job name for one performance test
- Know what you want to test
 - Scoring based metrics are the best generalised metrics
 - Use others if you have more specific requirements



Thanks!

Does anyone have any questions?

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