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Crossing The Streams

Multi - Platform Framework Design

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Mobile Application Types

- » Native
 -) iOS
 - Objective C
 - Swift
 - Android
 - Kotlin
 - Java
- » Translated
 - React Native, Xamarin, Flutter
- » Hybrid
 - Some or All HTML in an app package
 - › PhoneGap, Cordova, Ionic
- » Web

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Criteria

- » Shared/Single Test Class
- » Cross Platform
- » Application Divergence
- » Performance
- » Shared Code

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Stretch Goals

- » Readability
 - Diagramming
 - Test
 - Page Object
- » Design Consistency Enforcement
- » Use Object Oriented Principles
- » Traceability
 - › All errors are happening in the class context that is relevant
- » Not just Application divergence, but device type divergence

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Design Scenarios

- » Split Framework
- » Conditional Page Models
- » Page Factory
- » Abstract Parent

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Split Framework

"You stay on your side of the room and I'll stay on my side"

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Split Framework - Single Test Case

Android Test Class

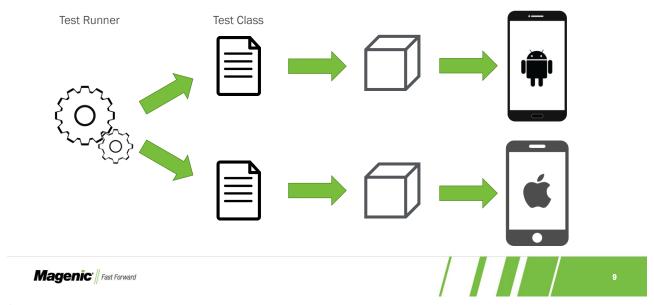


iOS Test Class



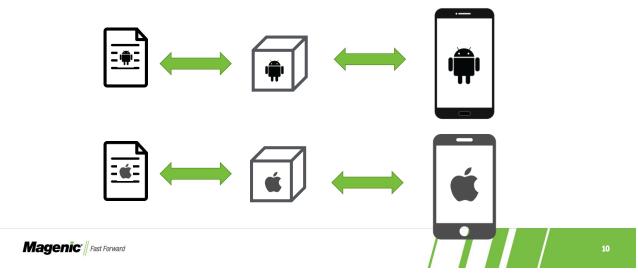
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Split Framework – Cross Platform

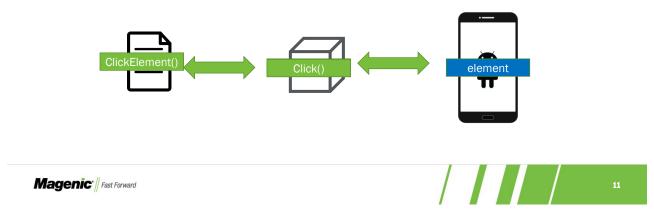


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Split Framework – Application Divergence

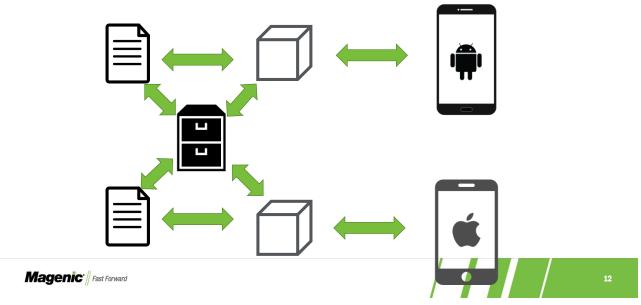


Split Framework - Performance



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Split Framework – Shared Code



Split Framework - Benefits

- » Out of the Box Platform Specific Tests
- » Abstraction is not required for UX divergence
- » Enforced Single Responsibility on Test and Page Object level

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Split Framework - Consequences

- » Test Coverage Desync
- » Reporting the test results becomes a separate test point
 - > Test Point attributes of test
 - Platform
 - Version
 - App Version
- » Code Sharing is painful
 - High Number of static methods
 - › Duplicated code everywhere

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Split Framework Checklist

Single Test Class - No

Cross Platform - Meh

App Divergence - Yes

Performance - Yes

Shared Code - No

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Conditional Page Model

"10 gallons of stuff in a 5 gallon bucket"

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Conditional Page Model - Single Test Case

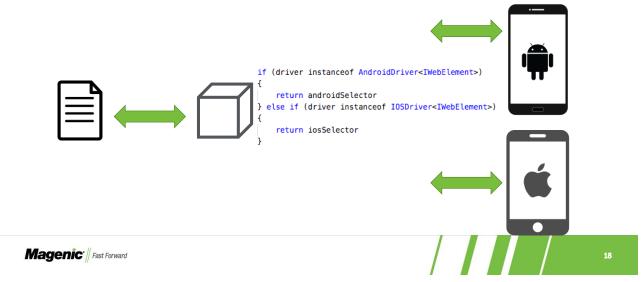


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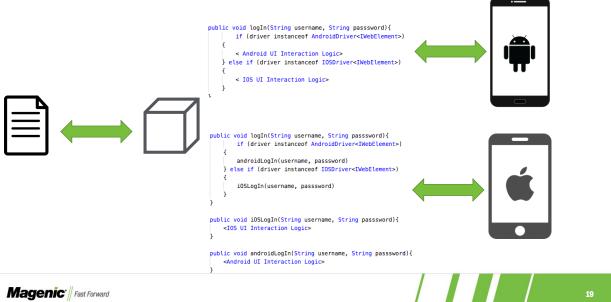
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Conditional Page Model - Cross Platform

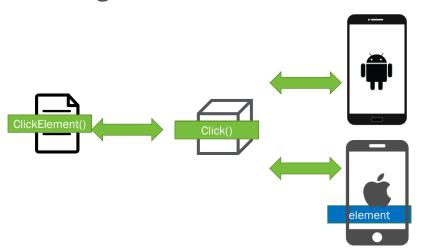






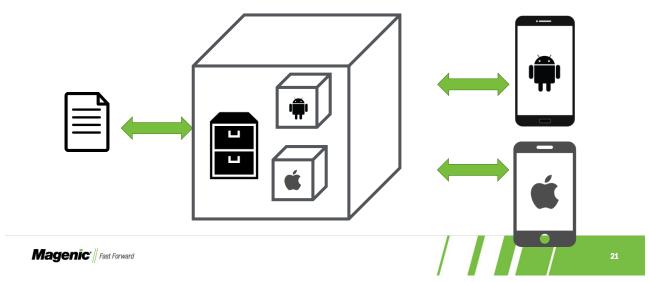
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Conditional Page Model - Performance



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Conditional Page Model - Shared Code



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Conditional Page Model - Benefits

- » Test reporting becomes a run configuration detail
- » Page Object Models have more shared code
- » Page Object Models can primarily use the parent driver
- » Test Coverage stays consistent across platforms

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Conditional Page Model - Consequences

- » Extra work needed for Platform Specific tests
- » Page Object Models stop respecting Single Responsibility
 - Platform Specific drivers
 - › Platform Specific methods
 - › Platform Specific selectors
- » Conditional statement at every instance of UX Divergence
 - > Which has the high probability of being every selector

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Conditional Page Model

- » Single Test Class Yes
- » Cross Platform Yes
- » App Divergence Meh
- » Performance Yes
- » Shared Code Meh

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Page Factory

"Buying a Papa Johns store when all you want is a slice of pizza"

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Page Factory - Single Test Case

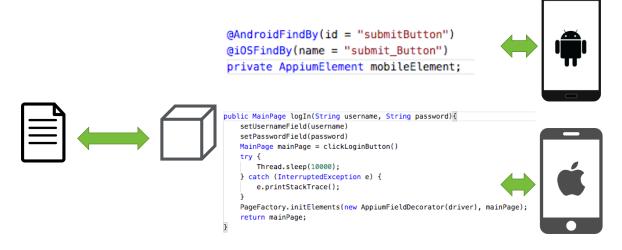
iOS Test Class Android Test Class



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Page Factory - Cross Platform

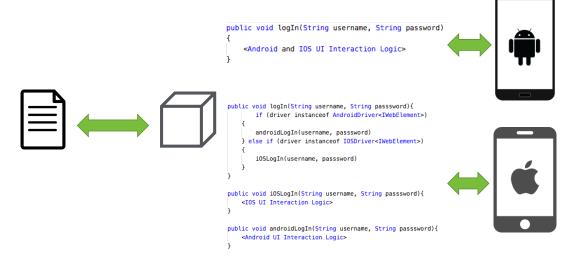


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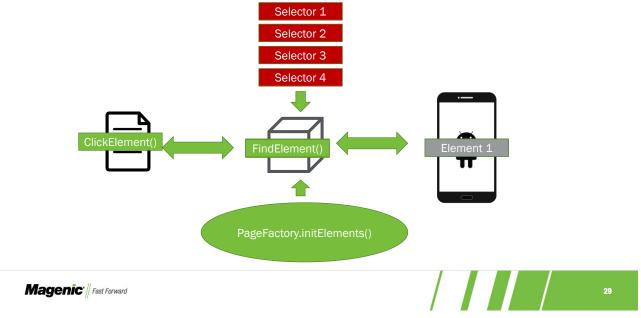
Page Factory - Application Divergence



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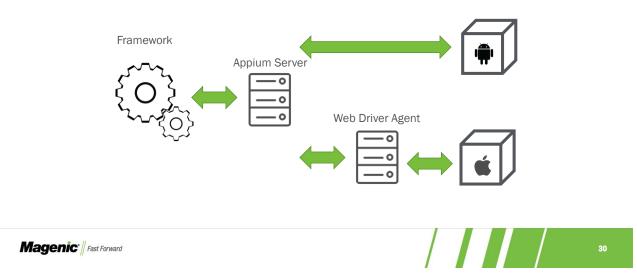
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Page Factory - Performance

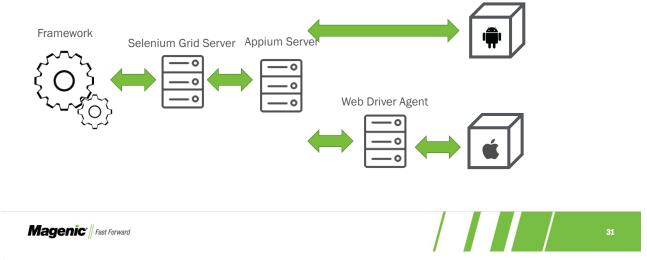


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Page Factory – Performance - Local

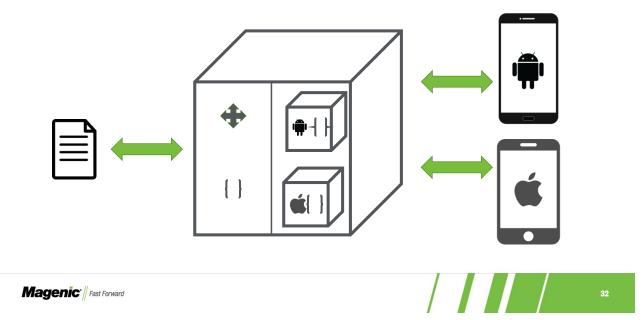


Page Factory - Performance - Cloud



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Page Factory – Shared Code



Page Factory - Benefits

- » Test reporting stays a run configuration detail
- » Page Object Models continue to have more shared code
- » Page Object Models rely on web elements more than the driver
 - Elements start being agnostic
- » Test Coverage stays consistent across platforms



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Page Factory - Consequences

- » Extra work needed for Platform Specific tests
- » Conditional statement at every instance of UX Divergence
 - › But mostly in functional workflow
- » Dynamic UI Changes will cause high maintenance or inflated execution time
 - Stale Elements
 - Thread Sleeps
- » Execution time becomes bloated because of how Page Factory operates
- » Page Factory uses complex method calls to provide elements
- » Device divergence becomes difficult.



Page Factory

- » Single Test Class Yes
- » Cross Platform Yes
- » App Divergence Meh
- » Performance No
- » Shared Code Meh

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Abstract Parent

"Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain"

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Abstract Parent - Single Test Case

iOS Test Class Android Test Class

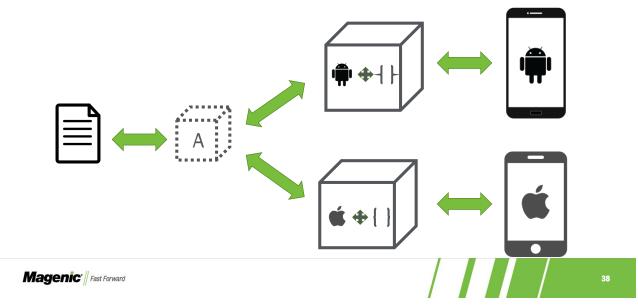


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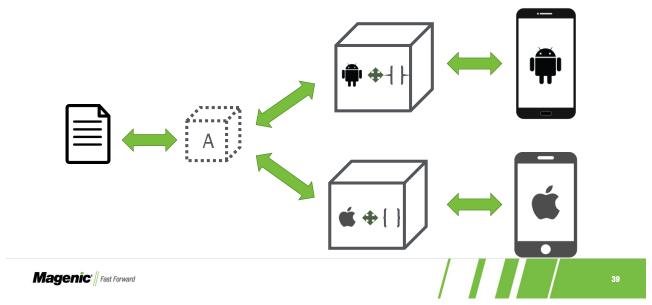
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Abstract Parent - Cross Platform

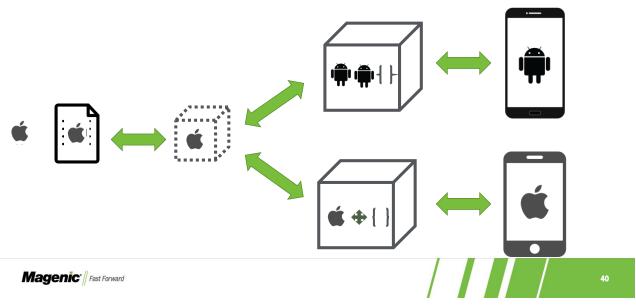


Abstract Parent - Application Divergence

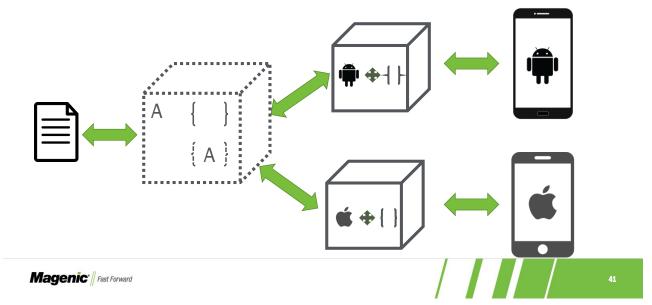


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Abstract Parent - Performance



Abstract Parent - Shared Code



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Abstract Parent- Benefits

- » Test reporting stays a run configuration detail
- » Page Object Model flow becomes an app blueprint
 - Parent abstract class holds shared code
 - > Platform specific code remains in the child classes
- » Test Coverage stays consistent across platforms
- » Single Responsibility is respected
- » Abstraction allows for App and Device divergence
 - › Readability is improved by taking some tricks from BDD tools
- » Maintenance is reduced because errors will lead you to whether issue is platform specific or common workflow
- » Abstract methods help enforce consistency



Abstract Parent- Consequences

- » Extra work needed for Platform Specific tests
- » Larger framework asset count because of using at least 3 page models per view
- » Depending on language used, sharing code in the parent can create a small anti-pattern.
 - > Specifically, scripting vs compiled languages

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Abstract Parent

- » Single Test Class Yes
- » Cross Platform Yes
- » App Divergence Yes
- » Performance Yes
- » Shared Code Yes

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