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Automating mobile apps with Appium

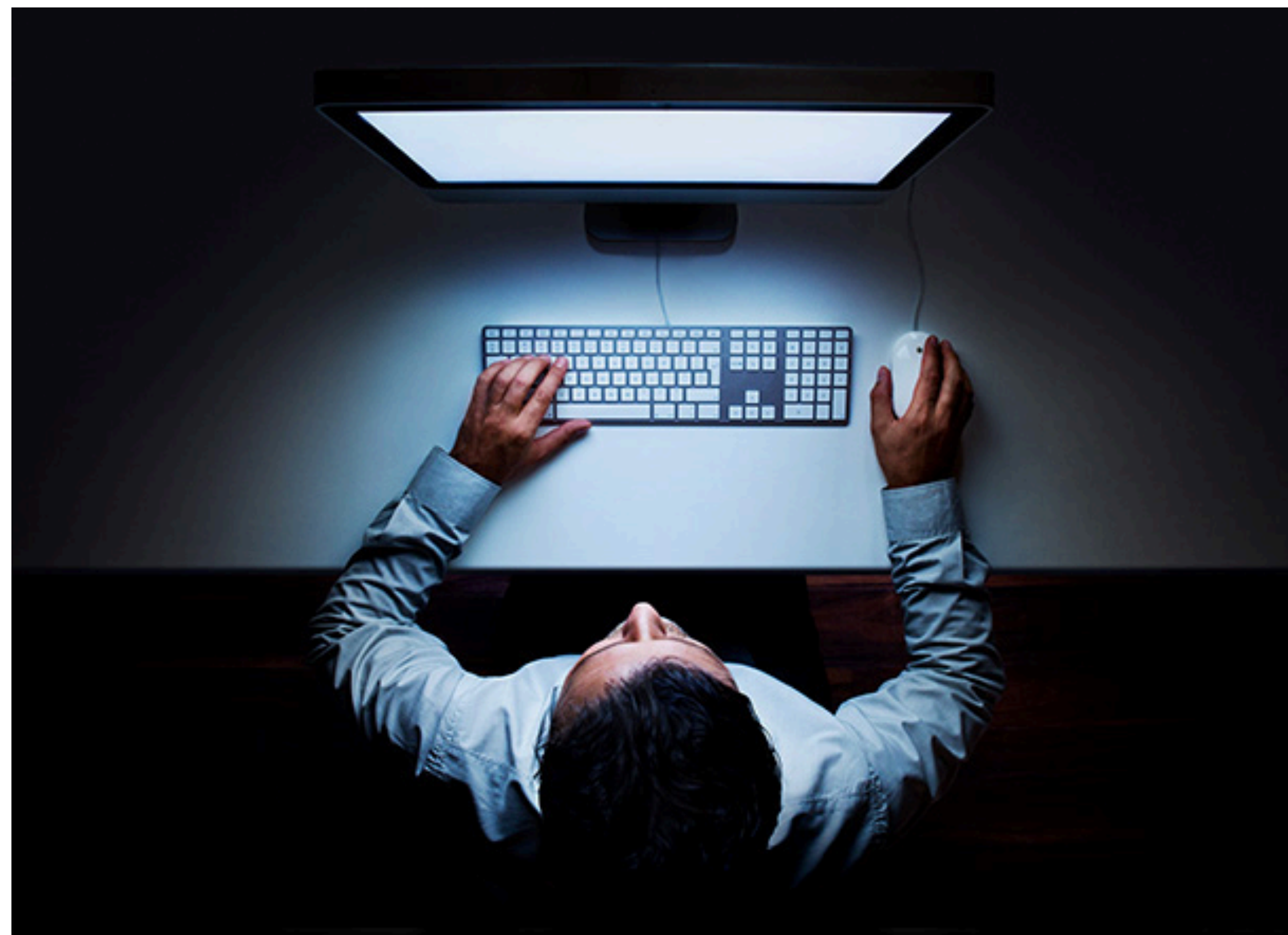
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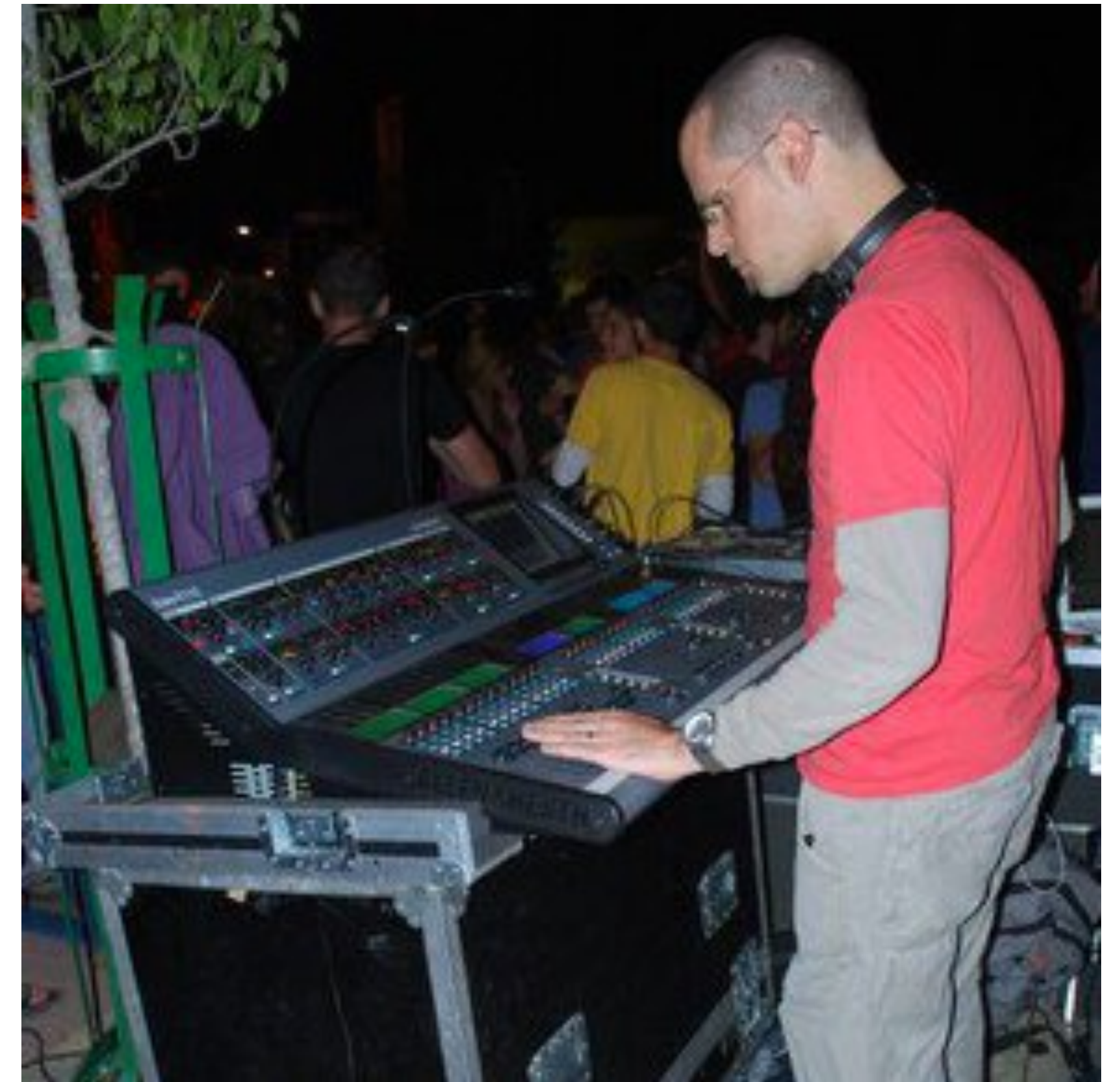
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MANUAL TESTING



ABOUT MYSELF

- Studied sound engineering
- Working at Waves Audio for the past 10 years
- Moved from manual QA testing to writing automated tests in Python



AUDIO PLUGINS



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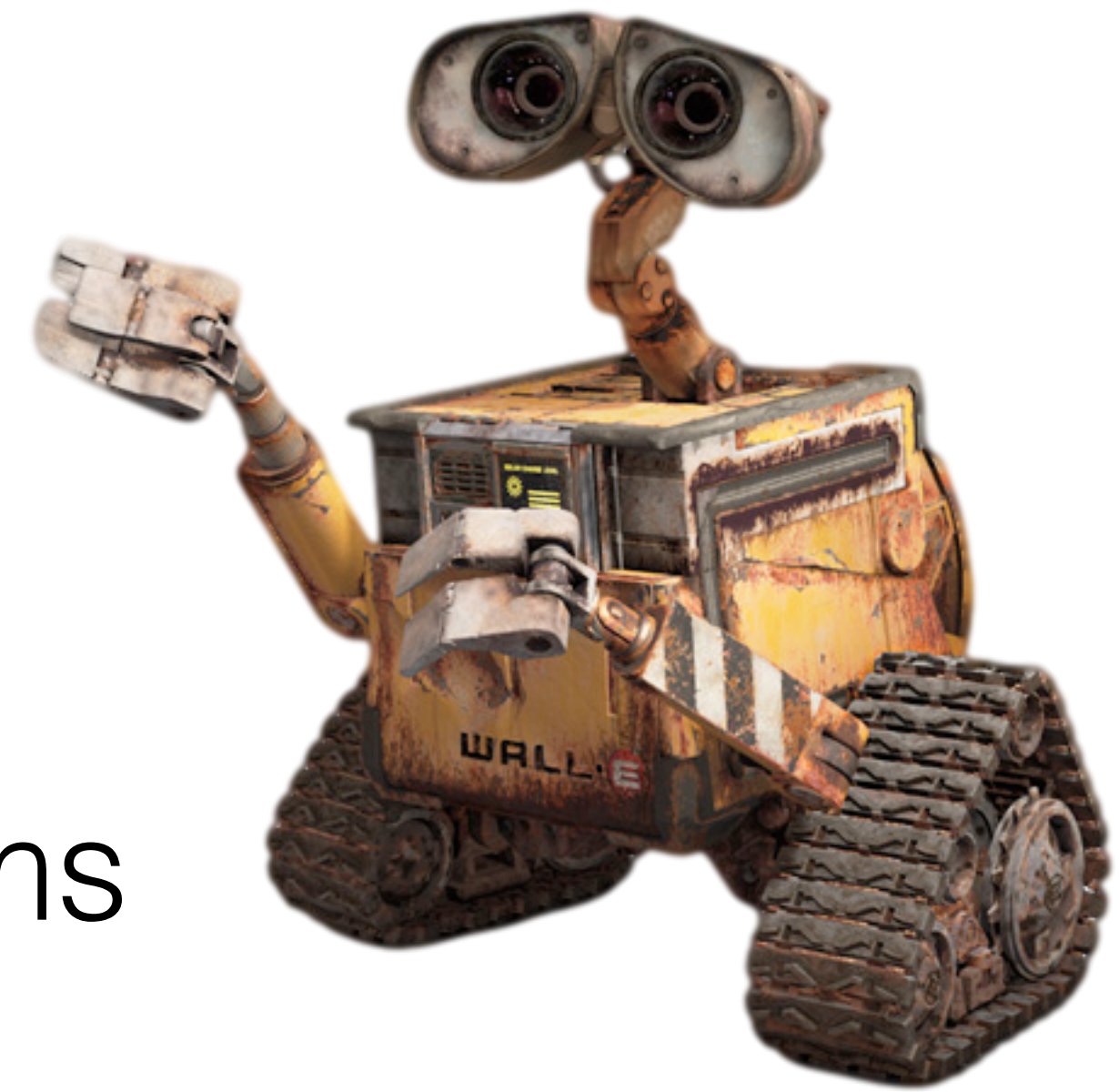


WHY USE AUTOMATED TESTING?

Test all of these every day!!

BENEFITS OF AUTOMATED TESTING

- **Save time** - immediate results, 24/7
- **Speed** - Runs faster than humans
- **Accuracy** - Tests run always the same
- **Reusable** - Same test across all platforms
- **Increase Coverage** - Faster releases



THE CHALLENGE

Transfer our testing facilities from desktop to iOS



TESTING AS A 3RD PARTY DEVELOPER





TestFlight Beta Testing

- Used for creating a distinct IDs for an App
- Manual testing
- Only supports real devices
- Doesn't support Python



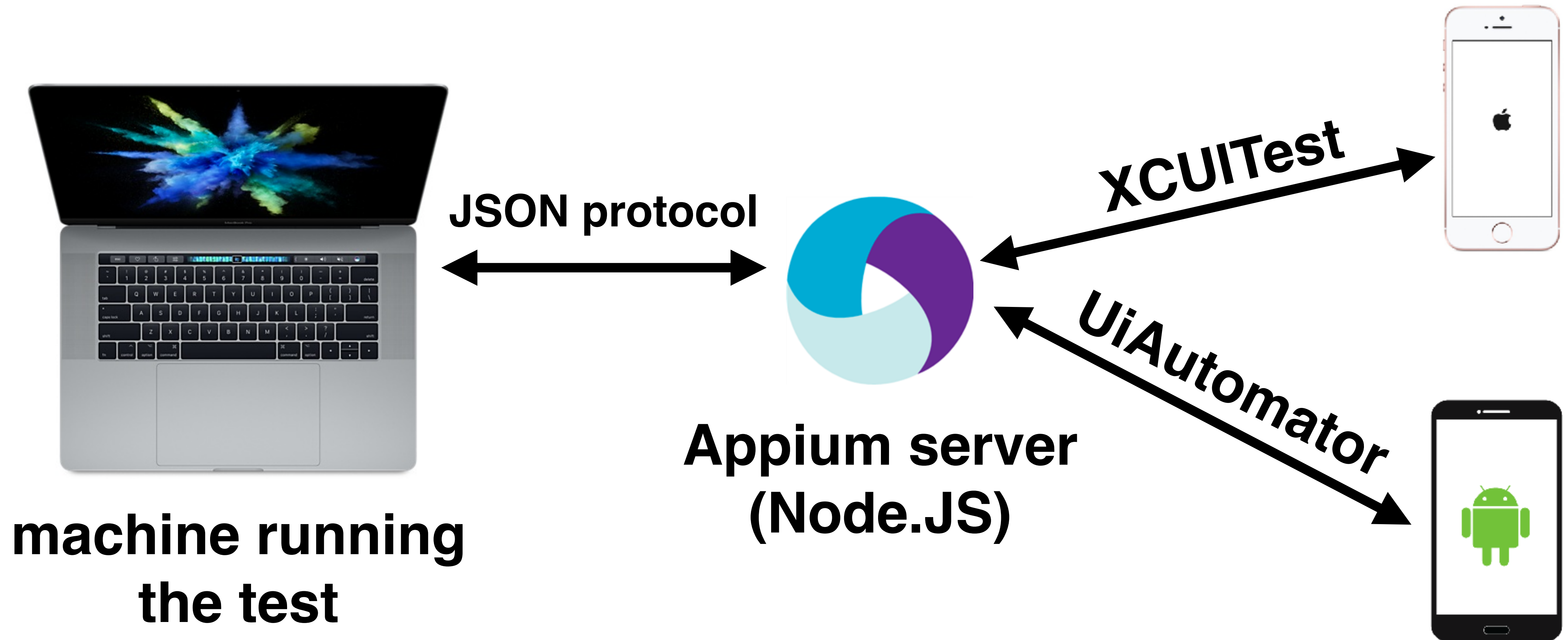
TestFlight Beta Testing





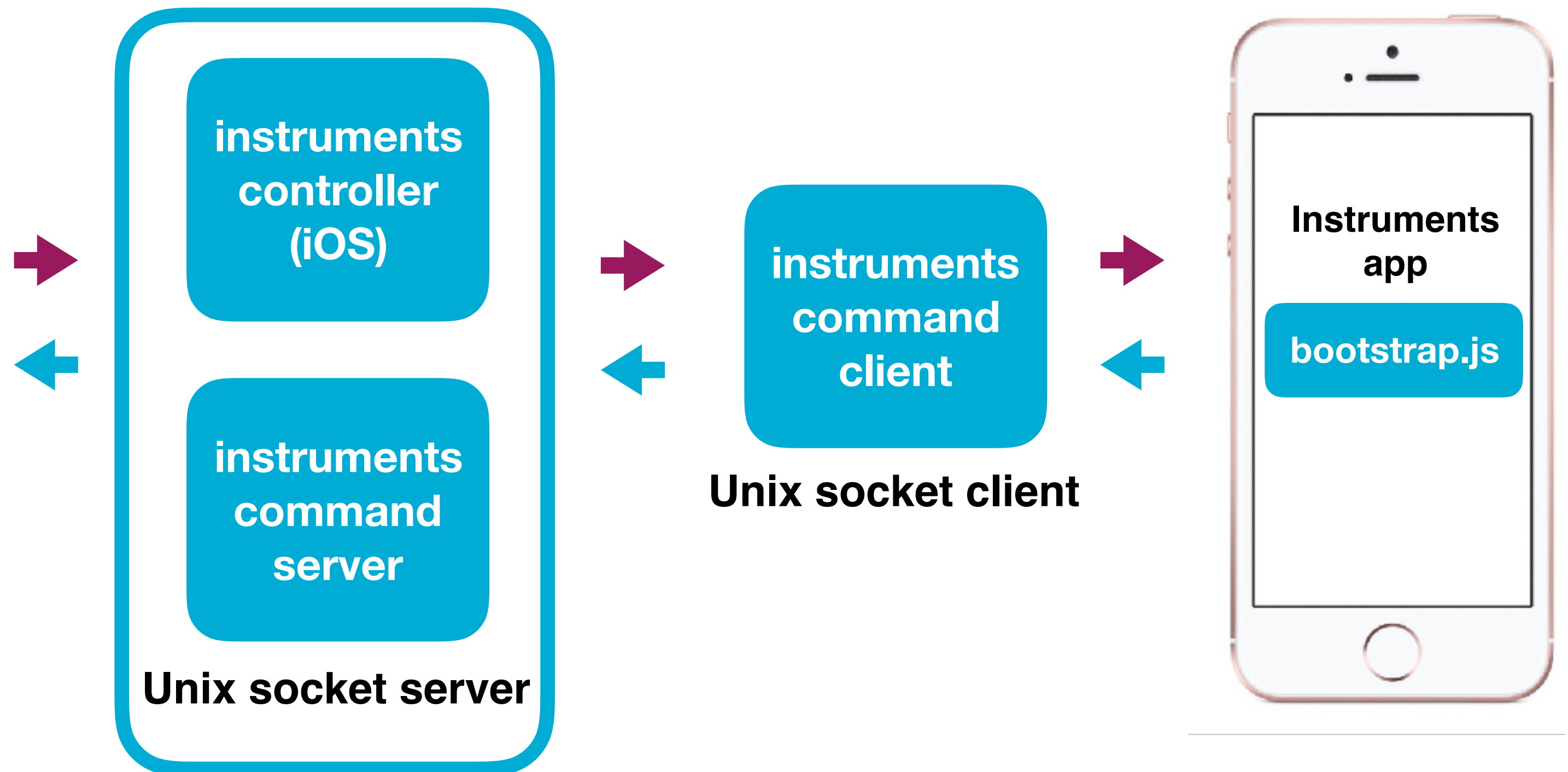
- Supports both real and emulated devices
- Can automate native, web, and hybrid apps
- Works in Python
- Open source

WRAPPING NATIVE MOBILE OS FRAMEWORKS



iOS INSTRUMENTS

```
def login():  
    driver.get(self.url)  
    element =  
    driver.find_element_by_id("username")  
    element.send_keys(self.user)  
    element =  
    driver.find_element_by_id("psw")  
    element.send_keys(self.password)  
    driver.find_element_by_id("login-  
btn").click()
```



WebDriver controller

Real device

Pros:

More stable

Real device performance

Cons:

Expensive

Slower response time

Needs to be updated, can break

Emulated device

Pros:

Faster (no data transfer)

Easier to maintain

Free

Concurrent run (Android only)

Cons:

Less stable

Not the real thing

SESSION CONTEXT

- Sessions are defined by desired capabilities
- Each test uses a different session
- When starting a session Appium will copy the application on the the device and launch it

```
{  
  "orientation": "LANDSCAPE",  
  "app": "/Applications/iOSPluginTester.app",  
  "platformName": "iOS",  
  "platformVersion": "11.0",  
  "deviceName": "Automation",  
  "udid": "fe90948c2cb66edaa61bc977137e66d61854e53f"  
}
```


Instantiating a WebDriver object

```
# First we define basic information for the test
APPIUM_PORT = '4723'
udid = 'fe90948c2cb66edaa61bc977137e66d61854e53f'
app_path = '/Applications/iOSPluginTester.app'

command_executor = 'http://127.0.0.1:%s/wd/hub' % APPIUM_PORT

# Then we define a dictionary for Appium
desired_capabilities = {'orientation': 'LANDSCAPE',
                        'app': app_path,
                        'platformName': "iOS",
                        'newCommandTimeout': 240,
                        'platformVersion': "11.0",
                        'deviceName': "Automation",
                        'udid': udid}

# Finally we create a web driver instance
from appium import webdriver
driver = webdriver.Remote(command_executor,
                          desired_capabilities)
```

FINDING ELEMENTS USING WebDriver

Appium supports a subset of the WebDriver locator strategies:

- Class name
- accessibility ID
- Name
- XPath

APPIUM DESKTOP

The screenshot displays the Appium Desktop application interface. On the left is a virtual guitar pedal interface with various knobs and buttons. The middle pane shows the 'App Source' tree with the following structure:

```
<XCUIElementTypeApplication name="iOSPluginTester">  
  <XCUIElementTypeWindow>  
    <XCUIElementTypeOther>  
      <XCUIElementTypeToolbar>  
        <XCUIElementTypeOther>  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Select Plugin ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Select Song ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Play Song ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Stop Song ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Save ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Load ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Shop... ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Restore... ">  
          <XCUIElementTypeButton name="Get Console ">  
        <XCUIElementTypeOther>  
      <XCUIElementTypeWindow>  
    <XCUIElementTypeWindow>
```

The right pane shows the 'Selected Element' details for the 'Select Plugin' button:

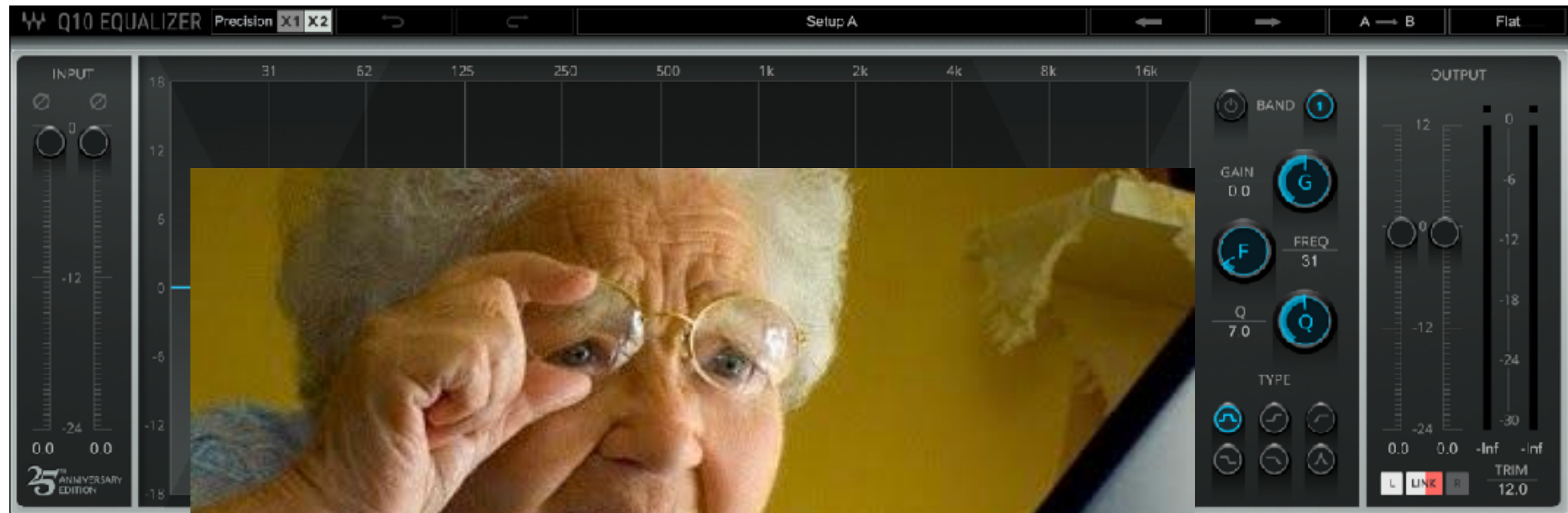
Tap Send Keys Clear

Find By	Selector
accessibility id	Select Plugin
xpath	//XCUIElementTypeButton[@name="Select Plugin"]

Attribute	Value
type	XCUIElementTypeButton
name	Select Plugin
label	Select Plugin
enabled	true
visible	true
x	0
y	20
width	162
height	40

IMAGE COMPARISON TEST

Reference build



New build

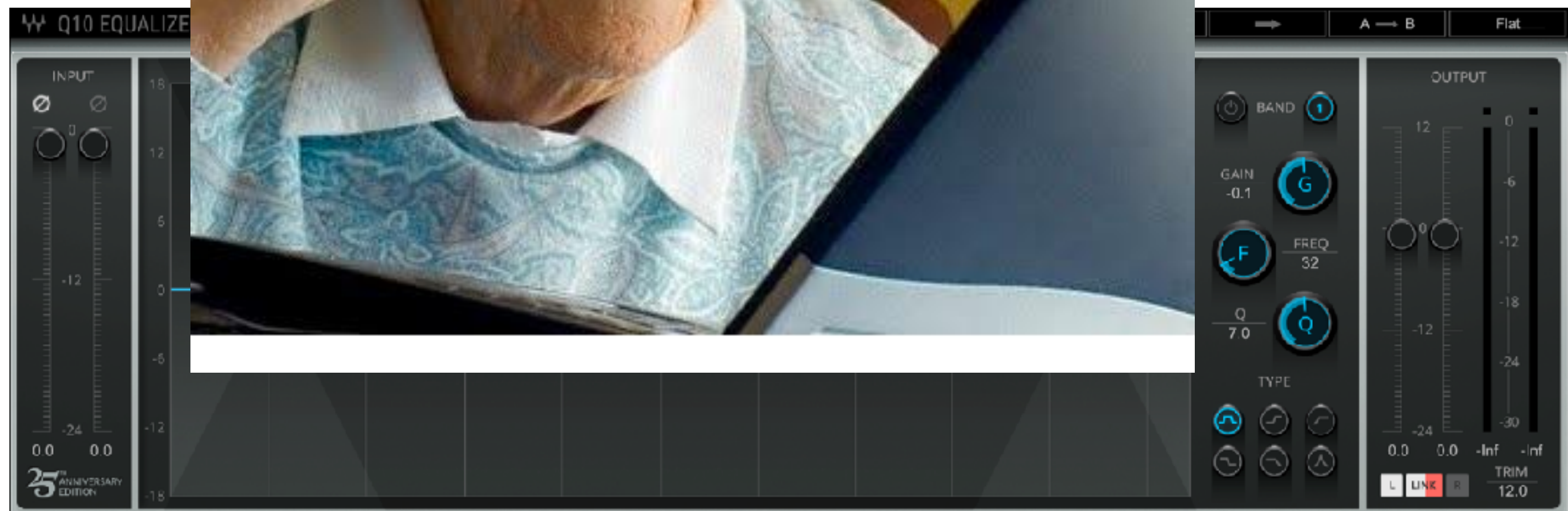
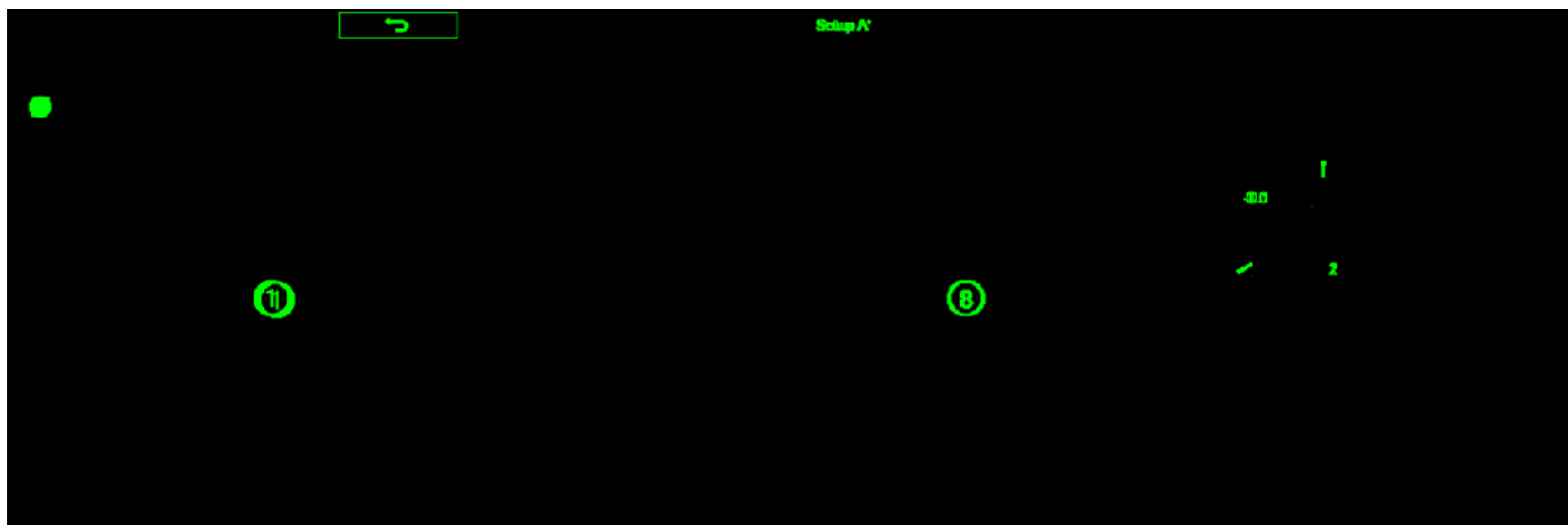


IMAGE COMPARISON TEST

Diff image



Inverted diff

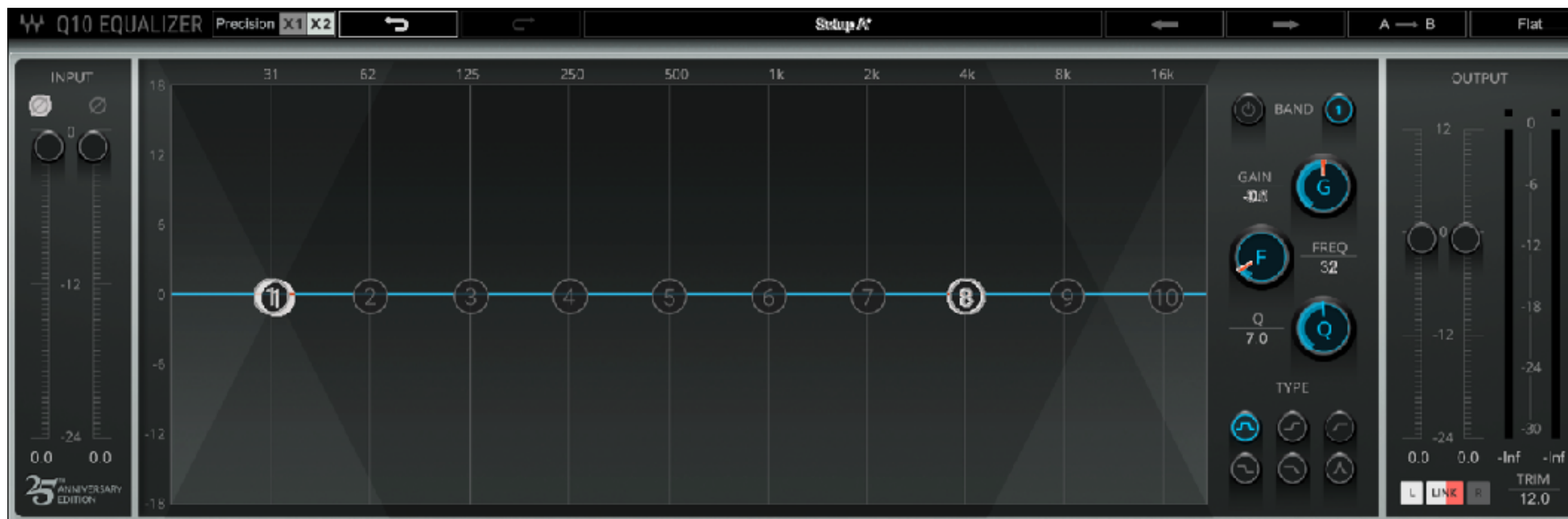
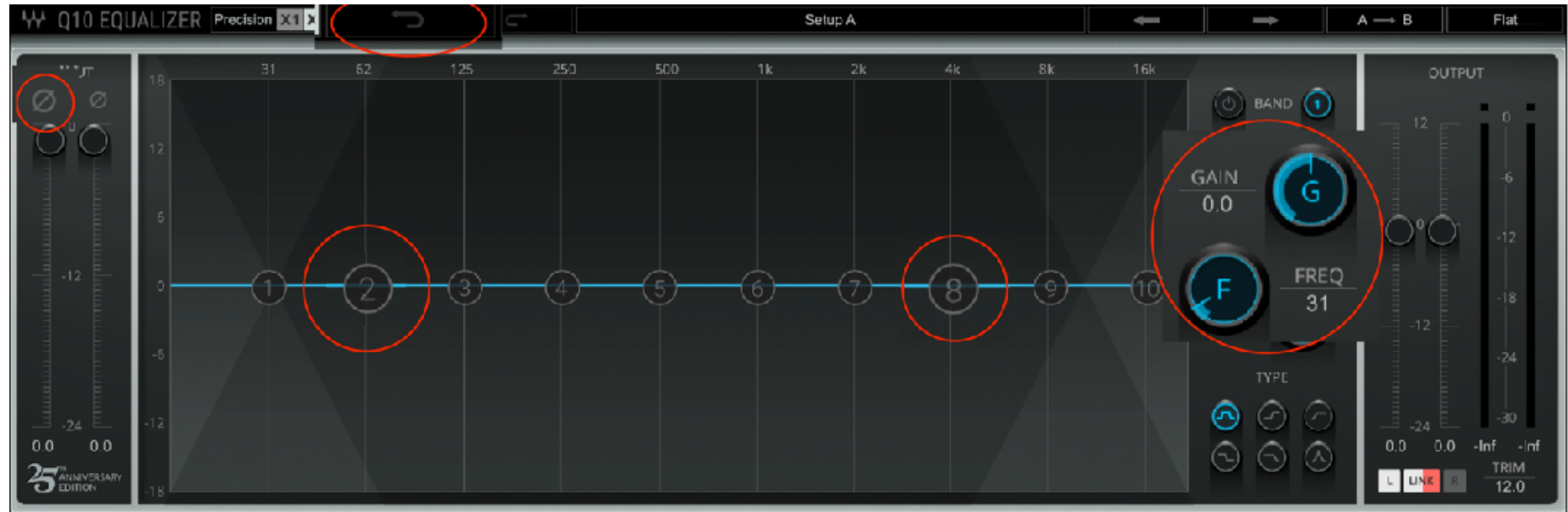


IMAGE COMPARISON TEST

Reference build



New build



THE TEST CODE

```
# Find the button element for the plugins menu
plugin_menu = driver.find_element_by_accessibility_id("Select Plugin")

# Open the menu
plugin_menu.click()

# Find all plugin elements
element_type = "//XCUIElementTypeButton"
plugins = driver.find_elements_by_xpath(element_type)

# Iterate through all plugins and take a screenshot
for plugin_button in plugins:
    plugin_button.click()
    driver.get_screenshot_as_file(image_path)
    compare_images(image_path, ref_image_path)

# Open the menu again for the next iteration
plugin_menu.click()

# Close the web driver
driver.quit()
```

```

from PIL import Image

def compare_images(ref_img_file_path, new_img_file_path, diff_img, comb_img):
    ref_img_obj = Image.open(ref_img_file_path)
    new_img_obj = Image.open(new_img_file_path)
    ref_img_mtx = ref_img_obj.load()
    new_img_mtx = new_img_obj.load()
    # Creating a new black image
    diff_img_obj = Image.new('RGB', (ref_img_obj.size[0], ref_img_obj.size[1]))

    diff_pixels = 0
    for col in range(ref_img_obj.size[0]): # Iterating over rows
        for row in range(ref_img_obj.size[1]): # Iterating over columns

            if ref_img_mtx[col, row][0:3] != new_img_mtx[col, row][0:3]:
                diff_pixels += 1

            # Painting over the tested image with an inverted color
            p = ref_img_mtx[col, row] # Pixel tuple (R, G, B)
            new_img_obj.putpixel((col, row), (255 - p[0], 255 - p[1], 255 - p[2]))

            # Painting a green pixel on the black image
            diff_img_obj.putpixel((col, row), (0, 255, 0))

    # Saving the inverted colors image
    new_img_obj.save(comb_img)
    diff_img_obj.save(diff_img)
    return diff_pixels

```


TEST RESULTS

iOS PluginTester 05/05/18 16:48

Test summary (see log file for more info): 1 FAILURE(s)

GUI Verification

#	Plugin name	Component	Status	Diff image	Combined image
1	Q10	Stereo	9389 pixels different	Diff	Comb
2	AudioTrack	Stereo	Pass		
3	L1+Ultramaximizer	Stereo	Pass		

DEMO



AUTOMATING MOBILE GESTURES

- TouchAction objects contain a chain of events
- They simulate user actions on the touch screen

Element based actions

```
TouchAction(press(el0).moveTo(el1).release(
```

Positional based actions

```
.press(100,100) # Start at 100,100  
.moveTo(100,100) # Increase X & Y by 100 each,  
ending up at 200,200
```

TouchAction MOBILE GESTURES

The available events from the spec are:

- press
- release
- moveTo
- tap
- wait
- longPress
- cancel
- perform

MultiAction MOBILE GESTURES

- MultiTouch objects are collections of TouchActions.
- MultiTouch gestures only have two methods, add, and perform.

```
action0 = TouchAction().tap(e1)  
action1 = TouchAction().tap(e1)  
MultiAction().add(action0).add(action1).perform()
```

DEMO



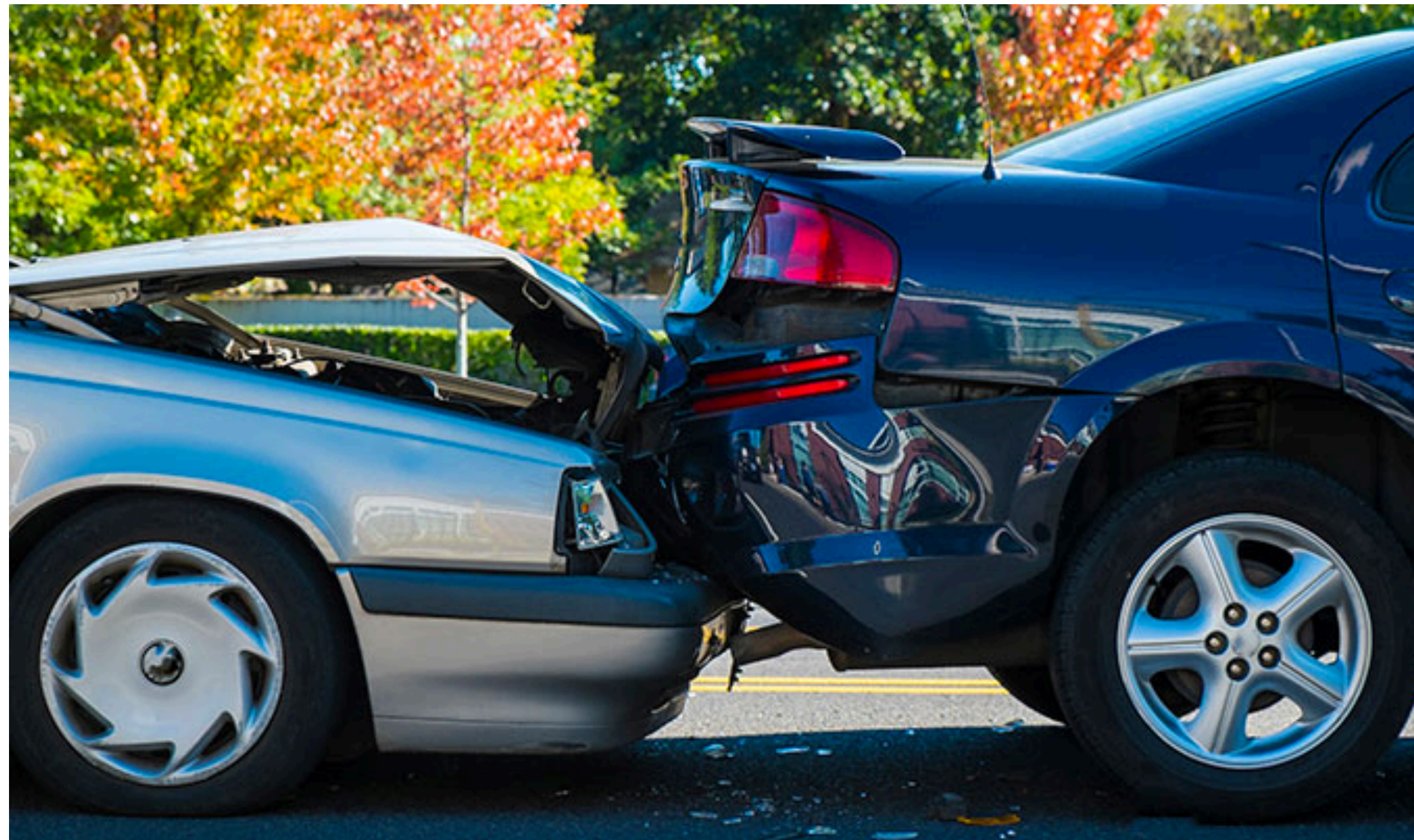
APPIUM PHILOSOPHY

- You shouldn't have to recompile your app or modify it in any way in order to automate it
- You shouldn't be locked into a specific language or framework to write and run your tests
- A mobile automation framework shouldn't reinvent the wheel when it comes to automation APIs
- A mobile automation framework should be open source, in spirit and practice as well as in name

FINAL TIPS

- Divide your tests into small chunks
- Choose tests that take a long time to complete manually
- Test reference data (images, audio files) have to be updated with the product
- Not every test is suitable as automated test

Automated testing is an insurance policy



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Thank you

