Cross-Platform Mobile Testing

Micro Focus® UFT Mobile amplifies team productivity by providing a centralized, enterprise-level, end-to-end lab and management gateway of distributed real mobile devices and emulators that help teams develop, debug, test, monitor, and optimize their omnichannel mobile applications to promote an enhanced user experience across all digital touchpoints. Developers and testers can validate all aspects of the mobile user experience including functionality, performance, and security using services simulations and network virtualization. UFT Mobile supports continuous testing and drives continuous improvement and optimization by analyzing availability and performance of mobile application via production monitoring.

For many reasons, Appium is a popular mobile app testing framework. Developers use their preferred integrated development environment (IDE) to develop and run the test and choose their programming language. Better still, Appium is open source and free.

Yet, while Appium is a good mobile test execution framework, it lacks lab management capabilities and doesn’t provide everything needed for companies that deal with large projects and frequent app releases that must be proven to perform well on any device, any network, and in any user context. These companies have additional enterprise requirements, such as:

- Parallel executions in distributed locations
- Scalable and simplified architecture for on-premises and hybrid environments
- Proliferation of devices used
- Low maintenance costs
- Server authentication with roles and permissions

UFT Mobile integrates with Appium to address these needs, and more. UFT Mobile extends Appium with defects fixing and optimizations for specific Appium flows’ performance, such as finding elements and objects. In some cases, UFT Mobile maintains backward compatibility for APIs which were deprecated, so scripts can be maintained across Appium versions. Together, UFT Mobile and Appium create a unique combination to empower end-to-end mobile application lifecycle development and testing on any combination of real devices and emulators using the IDE and scripting languages of choice.

Unique Combination Delivers Superior Testing Platform

Meet enterprise requirements by relying on UFT Mobile’s out-of-the-box support for Appium. With UFT Mobile, your mobile development teams can continue to use their preferred testing framework and development language while taking advantage of enterprise-grade capabilities powered by UFT Mobile. These capabilities help your organization easily scale mobile application performance testing projects, achieve aggressive testing goals, run tests on multiple devices under different network conditions in parallel, and rapidly release superior applications to the market.
The Combination of UFT Mobile and Appium Delivers These Key Advantages:

■ Simple maintenance—Simplify the parallel executions process and achieve iOS test automation using Appium without a Mac
■ Device management—Rely on capabilities for scheduling device reservations, and controlling devices remotely
■ App management—Upload app to UFT Mobile, automatically install app on the device, and gain a central view of all app versions
■ Fewer tests—Test multiple apps, including systems apps, in a single run
■ User management—Manage roles and permissions and device pools access
■ Device flexibility—Select test device by specifying its capabilities in a very flexible manner; you don’t have to specify the device UDID or exact version number
■ End-to-end mobile security—Assess the security of source code, binaries, and the mobile app to underscore vulnerabilities across the client side

■ Remote Viewer—Access a live remote demo while tests are running
■ Network Virtualization—Emulate real-world network conditions to observe the network impact on end user experience and use NV Insights report to analyze performance results and view recommendations for improving application performance
■ Service Virtualization—Accurately simulate the behavior of the actual component and enable Developers and Testers to begin performing functional or performance testing right away, in parallel—even when the real services are not available, when data access is restricted, when data is difficult to attain, or when the services are not suitable for the particular test

Ways to Improve Mobile Testing
Here are ways to significantly improve mobile testing with UFT Mobile and Appium:

■ Reduce the dependencies on a Mac
■ Eliminate the need for Selenium Grid and multiple Appium server instances
■ Enable full automation on multiple apps, including system apps, within the same test
■ Emulate real-world network conditions to observe the actual user experience of mobile users with different mobile connections (such as 3G and 4G)
■ Use NV Insights report to analyze and improve application performance

Using Appium with UFT Mobile: 4 Simple Steps
It’s easy to work with UFT Mobile and Appium. Just follow these four simple steps:

1. Plug any Android or iOS device into UFT Mobile, locally or remotely.
2. Let UFT Mobile automatically discover the connected devices.
3. Upload your apps to UFT Mobile via API (link) or via the UI.
4. Execute your Appium mobile application test against any device locally or from your Continuous Integration framework.

How It Works
Here is sample code used to get UFT Mobile and Appium to work together.

Select a Device by Capabilities
//Capabilities:
DesiredCapabilities capabilities = new DesiredCapabilities();

//Device capabilities—use one or more capabilities
capabilities.setCapability("platformName", "Android");
//use any android device capabilities.setCapability("platformVersion", ">5.0.1");
Modify your Appium code to point to the UFT Mobile server. In the code that starts the session, replace the Appium server URL and port with the URL and port of UFT Mobile using the following format (see below for Java examples):

Start Android Session with UFT Mobile
```
RemoteWebDriver wd = new AndroidDriver(new URL("https://UFTM_SERVER:<port>/wd/hub"), capabilities);
```

Start iOS Session with UFT Mobile
```
RemoteWebDriver wd = new IOSDriver(new URL("https://UFTM_SERVER:<port>/wd/hub"), capabilities);
```

Full Examples for Selenium WebDriver for Android and iOS
```
public void test() throws MalformedURLException {
    DesiredCapabilities capabilities = DesiredCapabilities.chrome();
    capabilities.setCapability("oauthClientId", UFTM_SERVER_CLIENT_ID);
    capabilities.setCapability("oauthClientSecret", UFTM_SERVER_CLIENT_SECRET);
    capabilities.setCapability("platformName", "Android");
    RemoteWebDriver wd = new RemoteWebDriver(new URL("https://UFTM_SERVER:<port>/wd/hub"), capabilities);
    try {
        wd.manage().timeouts().implicitlyWait(60, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
        wd.get("http://SOME_URL");
        WebElement element = wd.findElement(By.name("q"));
        element.sendKeys("Cheese!");
        element.submit();
    } finally {
        wd.quit();
    }
}
```

Parallel Execution of Tests
Here is a look at the steps for parallel execution of Appium tests with UFT Mobile.

1. Create Jenkins job for parallel mobile application test execution or alternatively create multiple jobs.
2. Specify the path for the Appium test.
3. Use parameterization in Jenkins to specify apps and the device capabilities.
4. Execute the job.

UFT Mobile will take the following actions during test initialization:
- Discover the available devices per the requested capabilities and allocate them for the tests.
- If the app is not installed already, UFT Mobile will automatically install it on the designated devices.
Execute the mobile application test simultaneously on multiple devices. For a more detailed technical view of automated mobile performance testing with the UFT Mobile–Appium combination, explore our Working with Appium site.

**Get the Best of Both Worlds**

You can now easily run Appium and Selenium scripts with UFT Mobile to empower your mobile performance testing processes. This combination gives you the best of both worlds: a great open-source tool to develop test automated mobile testing for mobile native, hybrid, and web apps coupled with an integrated software development testing suite that helps you rapidly build, test, monitor, and deliver high-quality mobile applications.

**For More Information about UFT Mobile**

- Review the [UFT Mobile product page](#).
- Download the [Mobile testing checklist](#) for more on key criteria and considerations.
- Explore [UFT Mobile Help Center](#) for more in-depth tutorials and documentation.