



# Puppeteer vs Selenium: Core Differences

<b>Puppeteer</b>	<b>Selenium</b>
Puppeteer was developed by Google and runs the script on Chromium	Selenium is the node.js library that is used to automate Chrome. This library is open source and provides a high-level API to control Chrome
Is a Node.js library	Is a web framework for testing web applications
Works only with <a href="#">Chrome or Chromium</a> and does not support other browsers.	Supports multiple browsers like Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc. Cross-platform support is available across all the available browsers
Was released in 2017	Was released in 2004
Supports only Node.js	Supports multiple languages like Python, Java, Javascript, etc.
Supports only web automation	Supports web automation and mobile automation
Screenshot can be taken of both PDFs and images	Screenshot can be taken of both PDFs and images only in Selenium 4

## Selenium or Puppeteer: Which is the preferred

Considering all the above factors, Puppeteer is the go-to tool if devs and testers are specifically testing a browser alone.

But considering the fact that cross-browser testing must be conducted across platforms and programming languages, [Selenium](#) is the best fit for automation testing. It comes with libraries for various programming languages, drivers for different browsers, and more.

It is not always about cross-browser support or platform support, sometimes other functionalities like video playback for testing web applications matter a lot. That's something **Selenium** supports. There are also many test frameworks and also it is loaded with packages and test suites. It is considered to be a tool that is the best fit for cross-browser testing. As ease of access and configuration is pretty simple, one doesn't have to download a lot of software. But they might need some of its components to run tests on automated browser in a real device.

To get a hang of this, simply head over to [Automate Documentation](#). Pick a language and/or framework to work with. Follow the steps to install the components required, and run a couple of sample tests to get a functional understanding of Selenium automation testing in no time.

Ready to test websites on real browsers and devices? Take a look at [BrowserStack Automate](#) for easy access to a [cloud Selenium Grid](#) and 2000+ browsers and real desktop and mobile devices.

Try running the code detailed above using Selenium. Bear in mind that Selenium tests must be run on a [cloud](#) to get completely accurate results. BrowserStack's cloud Selenium grid of 2000+ real browsers allows testers to automated visual UI tests in [real user conditions](#). Simply [sign up](#), select a device and browser combination, and start running tests for free.

