



# Silk Test Workbench 21.0

Getting Started with .NET Scripts

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# Silk Test Workbench Script Tutorial

Welcome to the Silk Test Workbench Script tutorial. In this tutorial, you will learn the basic steps required to create a script, play back the script, and then analyze the results of the playback. Additionally, you will learn how to use a number of features that allow you to quickly update and enhance a recorded script.

This tutorial assumes some basic knowledge of Microsoft Visual Basic and the Microsoft .NET framework. If you are unfamiliar with the .NET framework, refer to the Microsoft web site for additional help.

This tutorial uses the Silk Test sample Web application, <http://demo.borland.com/InsuranceWebExtJS/>, to create a real world scenario in which you practice using Silk Test Workbench to create repeatable tests.



**Note:** The sample application used in this tutorial is designed and optimized to run on Internet Explorer. To ensure a user experience consistent with the lessons in the tutorial, Micro Focus does not recommend running the tutorial sample application on one of the other supported browsers instead of Internet Explorer.



**Note:** Before you record or playback web applications, disable all browser add-ons that are installed in your system. To disable add-ons in Internet Explorer, click **Tools > Internet Options**, click the **Programs** tab, click **Manage add-ons**, select an add-on and then click **Disable**.

The lessons in this tutorial are designed to be completed in sequence as each lesson is based on the output of previous lessons.

## Recording a Script: Introduction

As you perform actions to create an insurance quote request in the sample Web application, Silk Test Workbench records the actions. When you have completed recording the actions needed for a script, you can see the recorded script in the **Code** window.

## Starting the Sample Web Application

For this tutorial, use the Silk Test sample Web application. This Web application is provided for demonstration purposes.

Use the Silk Test sample Web application with Internet Explorer. To ensure a user experience consistent with the lessons in the tutorial, we do not recommend running the sample Web application with one of the other supported browsers instead of Internet Explorer.

1. To record DOM functions to make your test faster and more reliable, perform the following steps:

- a) Click **Tools > Options**.
- b) Click the plus sign (+) next to **Record** in the **Options** menu tree. The **Record** options display in the right side panel.
- c) Click **xBrowser**.
- d) From the **Record native user input** list box, select **No**.
- e) Click **OK**.



**Note:** Typically, when you test Web applications, you use native user input rather than DOM functions. Native user input supports plug-ins, such as Flash and Java applets, and applications that use AJAX, while high-level API recordings do not.

2. Before you record or playback Web applications, you must disable all browser add-ons. To ensure that all browser add-ons are disabled, perform the following steps:

- a) In Internet Explorer choose **Tools > Internet Options**. The **Internet Options** dialog box opens.

- b) Click the **Programs** tab and then click **Manage add-ons**. The **Manage Add-ons** dialog box opens.
  - c) In the list of add-ons, review the **Status** column and ensure that the status for each add-on is **Disabled**.  
If the **Status** column shows **Enabled**, select the add-on and then click **Disable**.
  - d) Click **Close** and then click **OK**.
3. To access the sample application remotely, click <http://demo.borland.com/InsuranceWebExtJS>. The sample application Web page opens.

## Recording a Script for the Sample Web Application

During recording, Silk Test Workbench records all interactions with the test application (except interaction with Silk Test Workbench itself) until recording is stopped. After you have finished recording, you can modify the script you have generated to add and remove steps.

1. Choose **File > New**. The **New Asset** dialog box opens.
2. Select **.NET Script** from the asset types list, and then type a name for the script in the **Asset name** text box.  
For example, type `AutoQuote` as the title.
3. Check the **Begin Recording** check box to start recording immediately.
4. Click **OK** to save the script as an asset and begin recording. The **Select Application** dialog box opens.
5. Select the **Web** tab.
6. Select **Internet Explorer** from the list.
7. In the **Enter URL to navigate** text box, type `demo.borland.com/InsuranceWebExtJS/`.
8. Click **OK**. Silk Test Workbench minimizes and the **Recording** window opens.
9. In the Insurance Company Web site, perform the following steps:
  - a) From the **Select a Service or login** list box, select **Auto Quote**. The **Automobile Instant Quote** page opens.
  - b) Type a zip code and email address in the appropriate text boxes, click an automobile type, and then click **Next**.  
For example, type `92121` as the zip code, `jsmith@gmail.com` as the email address and specify `Car` as the automobile type.
  - c) Specify an age, click a gender and driving record type, and then click **Next**.  
For example, type `42` as the age, specify the gender as `Male` and `Good` as the driving record type.
  - d) Specify a year, make, and model, click the financial info type, and then click **Next**.  
For example, type `2010` as the year, specify `Lexus` and `RX400` as the make and model, and `Lease` as the financial info type.  
A summary of the information you specified appears.
  - e) Click **Purchase**.  
The **Purchase A Quote** page opens.
  - f) Click **Home** near the top of the page to return to the home page where recording started.
10. Stop recording by pressing `Alt+F10`, clicking **Stop** in the **Recording** window, or clicking the Silk Test Workbench taskbar icon. The **Recording Complete** dialog box opens. If the **Do not show this message again** check box is checked in the **Recording Complete** dialog box, this dialog box does not appear after recording is stopped. In this case, the script displays.
11. Click **Go to .NET Script**. The script displays in the **Code** window.
12. Click **Save**.

## Reviewing the Recorded Script

Silk Test Workbench records all actions in all applications other than itself. If you followed the instructions carefully, Silk Test Workbench captured only the actions performed on the sample application Web site. Silk Test Workbench repeats these actions during playback.

Your script should look similar to the following sample.

```
Imports SilkTest.Ntf.XBrowser
Public Module Main
    Dim _desktop As Desktop = Agent.Desktop

    Public Sub Main()
        _desktop.Control("controll").TypeKeys("9")
        With _desktop.BrowserApplication("webBrowser")
            With .BrowserWindow("browserWindow")
                .DomTextField("autoquoteZipcode").SetText("92121")
                .DomTextField("autoquoteEMail").SetText("jsmith@gmail.com")
                .DomRadioButton("autoquoteVehicle0").Select()
                .DomButton("autoquoteNext").Select()
                .DomTextField("autoquoteAge").SetText("42")
                .DomRadioButton("autoquoteGender0").Select()
                .DomRadioButton("autoquoteType1").Select()
                .DomButton("autoquoteNext").Select()
                .DomTextField("autoquoteYear").SetText("2010")
                .DomElement("img").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(8, 9))
                .DomElement("lexus").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(87,
7))
                .DomElement("img3").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(11,
10))
                .DomElement("rX400").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(96,
11))
                .DomRadioButton("autoquoteFinInfo2").Select()
                .DomButton("autoquoteNext").Select()
                .DomLink("home").Select()
            End With
        End With

    End Sub
End Module
```

Your script may not exactly match the preceding example. Different users interact with applications differently. For example, when filling out a form, some users click from field to field and others use the Tab key. Silk Test Workbench records these actions differently, though they achieve the same results. Your script should play back correctly regardless of these differences.

## Playing Back the Recorded Script

Once you have recorded and saved your script, you can play it back to verify that the script works.

1. Perform one of the following steps:

- Choose **Actions > Playback**.
- Click **Playback** on the toolbar.

The **Playback** dialog box opens. This dialog box lets you determine how the result is saved.

2. In the **Result description** text box, type Initial test results for the recorded test.

3. Click **OK**.

4. If multiple browsers that are supported for replay are installed on the machine, the **Select Browser** dialog box opens. Select the browser and click **Run**.

Each result is identified with a unique test run number.

Silk Test Workbench minimizes and the script plays back. During playback, the actions you performed while recording the script are played back on the screen against the sample application. When playback completes successfully, the **Playback Complete** dialog box opens.

5. Click **Go to Result**. The **Result** window opens.

## Analyzing Results: Introduction

After playing back a script, Silk Test Workbench generates a test result. A test result contains information about the playback of the script. Information such as the name of the script, the run number, the date and time each step executed, the pass or fail status of each step, and other important information.

## Enhancing the Script: Introduction

Enhancing a test includes making updates to the existing test to ensure that it works with newer versions of the test application. For example, to handle and verify varying conditions in the test application you can insert test logic. Additionally, to increase the readability of a test or to remind yourself or others about important aspects of the test, you can insert a message box.

These are just some of the ways in which you can use Silk Test Workbench to enhance existing tests to create more powerful, robust, and flexible tests.

## Inserting a Verification

A verification is test logic that evaluates a user-defined condition, and then sends a pass/fail message to the playback result.

In this lesson, you will insert a verification to ensure that the quote uses the correct vehicle model.

1. Select the following text that defines the model type for the auto quote.

```
.DomElement("RX400").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(96, 11))
```

2. Navigate to the page in the instant quote wizard where the **Model** type is specified and note a different model type.

For example, **GS430** is a model type for the **Lexus** make.

3. In Silk Test Workbench, change the model type.

Change the following textContents code from:

```
.DomElement("RX400").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(96, 11))
```

to:

```
.DomElement("GS430").DomClick(MouseButton.Left, New Point(96, 11))
```

4. To compare the expected value with the actual value and add a comment, type:

```
Workbench.Verify ("GS430", .DomTextField("modelCombo").Text, "The model type is correct")
```

You have successfully enhanced the recorded script by inserting test logic that verifies the value of a property in the sample application.

## Creating and Storing Application Data in a Local Variable

Variables enhance tests by providing the ability to store data values for use in other parts of the script. Data can also be output to other types of files.

The sample application displays a unique email address on the **Get Instant Auto Quote** page. The text on this page containing the email address is the property value of a control on the page.

In this lesson, you will store this text to the local variable *stremailAddr*.

1. In the script, navigate to the email value.

The code should look similar to the following:

```
.DomTextField("autoquoteEMail").SetText("jsmith@gmail.com")
```

2. Insert the following code following the email value:

```
Dim StremailAddr As String  
StremailAddr = .DomTextField("autoquoteEMail").Text
```

This step creates a new local variable, *StremailAddr*, that stores the email address text from the **Get Instant Auto Quote page** page to the local variable.

3. To include output that displays the variable text during playback, include a `Console.Write` command in your script.

For example, include:

```
Console.Write (StremailAddr)
```

4. To view the console output, choose **View > Output**. The **Output** window opens. When you playback a script, the **Output** window is populated.

To confirm that the test captures the property value and stores it properly, play back the test and review the result.

## Playing Back and Analyzing the Enhanced Script

Now that you have made several enhancements to the recorded script, play back the script and analyze the result.

1. Perform one of the following steps:

- Choose **Actions > Playback**.
- Click **Playback** on the toolbar.

The **Playback** dialog box opens.

2. In the **Result description** text box, type `Enhanced test results for the script`.

3. Click **OK**.

4. If multiple browsers that are supported for replay are installed on the machine, the **Select Browser** dialog box opens. Select the browser and click **Run**. Silk Test Workbench plays back the enhanced script.

5. Click **Go to Result** on the **Playback Complete** dialog box.

The **Result** window opens to the **Summary** tab by default.

The **Summary** tab shows that the script passed, which means it played back successfully without any errors, or failed verifications.

6. Click the **Passed (1)** tab.

The number in parentheses indicates the total number of verifications that passed. The **Test Steps** pane displays the verification step and the **Result Detail** column displays the pass text description of the verification.

7. Click the **Details** tab to display the result of every action.

8. In the **Output** window, scroll down to the line that shows the result of storing the email address to a variable.

The text is similar to the following:

```
jsmith@gmail.com
```

9. Click the **Passed** tab to see the results of the verification for the model type.

The text is similar to the following:

```
Main:Verify Passed: The model type is correct
```

The verification results also display in the **Result** and **Result Detail** columns.



Congratulations! You have successfully created a script that reliably tests the sample application. In the next lesson, you will learn about several advanced testing concepts and features such as how to quickly and easily execute a script within another script.

## Executing a Script Within a Script: Introduction

In this tutorial, you created a single script that performs every action required to receive an auto insurance quote from the web application. A single script is useful when implementing a basic test case against a simple application. However, most software testing requires a more rigorous approach that involves testing every aspect of an application. An additional requirement is the ability to rapidly update existing scripts whenever the test application changes.

To provide an efficient means for solving these testing challenges, Silk Test Workbench supports modular testing, in which you can "chunk" common sets of actions of a particular testing solution into a single test, and then reuse the script in other scripts that require the same set of actions.

## Modular Testing

Before creating visual tests, scripts, and other Silk Test Workbench assets to build application testing solutions, it is a good practice to plan a testing strategy.

It is not necessary to include all the parts of a specific test solution in a single visual test or script and is not usually beneficial to do so.

Typically, the most efficient testing approach is a modular approach. Think of your application testing in terms of distinct series of transaction units.

For example, testing an online ordering system might include the following distinct transaction units:

- Log on to the online system
- Create a customer profile
- Place orders
- Log off the online system

If one test is created to handle all of these distinct units and there are ten different scenarios that use this test, you would need to record ten different tests to handle the scenarios. If any change occurs to the application, for example if an extra field is added to the logon window, ten different tests would require a change to accommodate data input to the new field.

Rather than creating one visual test or script that tests all of these transaction units, and then recreating it ten times for each scenario, it may be more beneficial to create separate tests as test "modules" that handle each one of these transaction units. If a separate test is created for each of the separate transaction units and reused for each of the test scenarios, then only the test that handles the logon transaction unit would require change.


Now that you understand the basics of modular testing, you are ready to create a second test and add it to the test you created in the previous lessons.

## Recording the Second Script

In this section of the lesson, you record a second script for the tutorial and learn an alternate way to create a script.

1. Choose **File > New**. The **New Asset** dialog box opens.
2. Select **.NET Script** from the asset types list, and then type a name for the script in the **Asset name** text box.  
For this tutorial, type `AddAccount` for the name.

3. Check the **Begin Recording** check box to start recording immediately.
4. Click **OK** to save the script as an asset and begin recording. The **Select Application** dialog box opens.
5. Select the **Web** tab.
6. Select **Internet Explorer** from the list.
7. From the **Home** page of the sample application, click **Sign Up** in the **Login** section. The **Create A New Account** page opens.
8. Provide the following information in the appropriate fields.  
Press the **Tab** key to move from one field to the next.

Field Name	Value
First Name	Pat
Last Name	Smith
Birthday	February 12, 1990
	 <b>Note:</b> Click the down arrow next to the month and year in the calendar control to change the month and year and then select 12 on the calendar.
E-Mail Address	smith@test.com
Mailing Address	1212 Test Way
City	San Diego
State	CA
Postal Code	92121
Password	test

9. Click **Sign Up**.
10. Click **Continue**. The contact information is displayed.
11. Click **Home** near the top of the page to return to the home page where recording started.
12. Click **Log Out**.
13. Press **Alt+F10** to complete recording. The **Recording Complete** dialog box opens.
14. Click **Save**. The script opens in the **Code** window.

## Inserting One Script Within Another

In this section of the lesson, you will learn how to insert the second script, which adds a user account, in the original script before the code that perform the request for an auto quote.

Executing scripts within scripts is a powerful method for efficiently testing the same basic actions in scripts.



**Tip:** When inserting a script within another script, it is important to ensure that any test applications are in the correct initial playback state.

1. Choose **File > Open**. The **Asset Browser** opens.
2. Select **.NET Script** in the left pane to display the list of scripts.
3. From the list, double-click `AutoQuote` to open it.  
`AutoQuote` is the first test that you created in this tutorial.
4. In the **Code** window, position the cursor after the `Public Sub Main()` code, press **Enter** to add a new line, and type:

```
Workbench.RunScript ("AddAccount")
```

where `AddAccount` is the name of the second script that you created.

Because we want to add the account information before we execute the quote steps, we added the `Workbench.RunScript` command before the `With` statement. To execute the `AddAccount` script after the quote steps, add the `Workbench.RunScript` command after the `End With` statement.

## Responding to Playback Errors: Introduction

Errors encountered during playback can be caused by a variety of factors, such as changes in the test application and improper workflow. Quickly diagnosing and fixing these errors minimizes test maintenance and allows for a more efficient team testing effort.

First, begin this lesson by playing back the modular script you created in the previous lesson.

### Playing Back the Modular Script

In the previous lesson, you created a modular script by inserting `AddAccount` into the `AutoQuote` script.

In this section of the lesson, you will play back the modular script and encounter an error during playback.

1. With the `AutoQuote` script open, click **Playback** on the toolbar. The **Playback** dialog box opens.
2. In the **Result description** text box, type `Responding to errors in a modular test`.
3. Click **OK**.
4. If multiple browsers that are supported for replay are installed on the machine, the **Select Browser** dialog box opens. Select the browser and click **Run**.

During playback, the test stops on the **Create A New Account** page and an error message opens.

This error occurs because the database requires a unique email address for each customer record. Since you have already entered the email address during the recording of the `AddAccount` script, the email address already exists in the database and the test fails.

### Reviewing the Result

Review the results of the script.

1. Click **End** to stop playback. The **Playback Complete** dialog box opens.
2. Click **Go to Result**. The `AutoQuote` result appears with the **Summary** tab displayed by default.

The **Summary** tab displays the overall details of the test run. Note that the **Visual tests or .NET Scripts (number of times each ran)** field lists `AutoQuote(1)` and the inserted script, `AddAccount(1)`.

3. Click the **Details** tab.
4. Scroll down to the steps in blue text.

By reviewing the **Result** and **Result Detail** columns, you can quickly find information about any errors that occurred during playback.



**Note:** The **Failed** tab does not display steps containing playback errors. It only displays failed verifications.

You have learned how to diagnose playback errors. For the purposes of this tutorial and to successfully replay the script once, you can manually modify the email in the script to avoid the error. To do so, change `smith@test.com`

in the `AddAccount` script to

`psmith@test.com`

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