Testing GUI Apps with Sikulix & Dynatrace Synthetic

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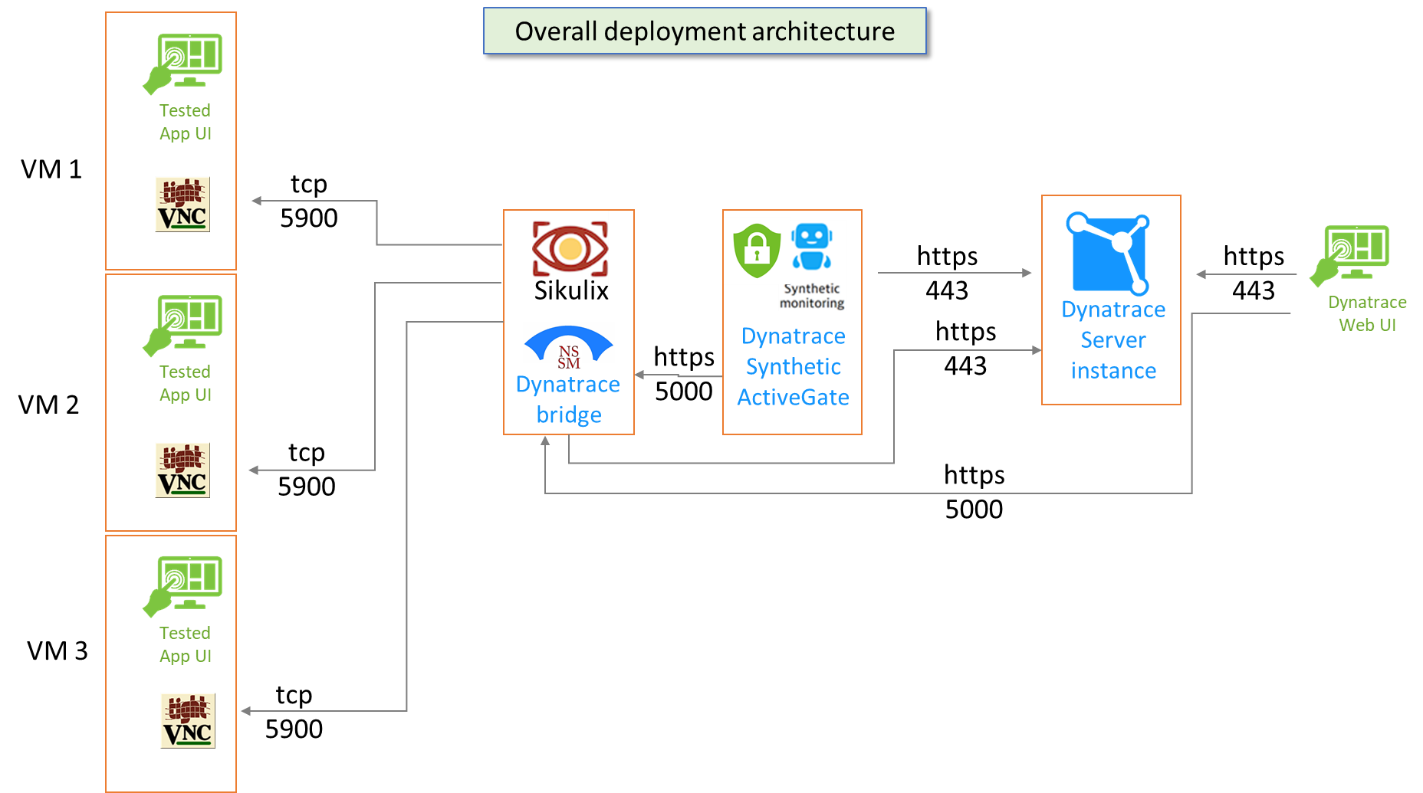
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# Requirements

Testing GUI Apps with Dynatrace Synthetic requires the following components :

* Dynatrace server instance : hosts the test settings and results ; will be accessed by end users through the Web UI.
* Dynatrace Synthetic ActiveGate : runs Synthetic tests using embedded Web browser and http client.
* Dynatrace Sikulix bridge :
  + acts as a proxy between Dynatrace and Sikulix.
  + Embeds Sikulix runtime to run GUI navigation scenarii against various client Apps.
  + Provides response times, errors and screenshots through a Web UI.
  + Sends test execution results as Third Party monitor in Dynatrace.
  + Can be installed as a service when used to test remote Desktop App accessed through VNC.
* TightVNC Server :
  + Allows remote connection to the Desktop session, with ability to open and close Desktop session as part of a SikuliX script.

Notes :

* Dynatrace Server and ActiveGate are the stock Dynatrace products.
* Dynatrace Sikulix bridge is an adhoc script written in Python.
* Sikulix is an [Opensource](http://sikulix.com/quickstart/) GUI testing tool.
* TightVNC Server is a [free](https://www.tightvnc.com/licensing-tvnserver.php) (GNU GPL) VNC Server available for Windows and Linux.

## Dynatrace bridge

### Sikulix requirements

Sikulix requires a 64 bits Windows system, a 64 bits Java runtime (1.11+) and needs to have access to screen, mouse and keyboard to be able to execute tests.

Note : It also requires « Media Foundation » feature to be installed on the system (in case it’s not there by default) :

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Note : if installed on the same Windows machine as the Dynatrace Synthetic ActiveGate, it will be able to use the already installed jre

(found in « c:\Program Files\dynatrace\synthetic\jre\bin\java.exe »)

Note : The Sikulix runtime is a Jar file (sikulixide-2.0.5.jar) bundled with the Dynatrace Sikulix bridge.

### Copy files

Download the files from [Github repository](https://github.com/LO-RAN/dt_sikulix_bridge/tree/main/release) to a target folder…

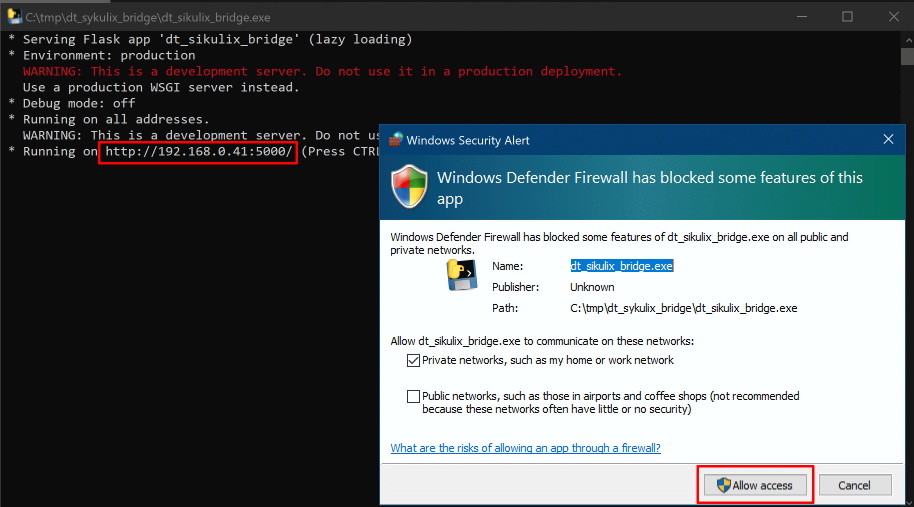
### Start program

* On Windows, from the Explorer, double click on « run\_bridge.bat » to start the bridge.
* On Linux, from the shell, execute « run\_bridge.sh » to start the bridge.

Note: by default, the batch file is trying to use the Java runtime from the Synthetic ActiveGate.

Take note of the URL the server is running on. This will be used from Dynatrace Synthetic script to trigger Sikulix execution.

On Windows, if you are presented with a security dialog box, Click on « Allow access » to let the program run.



### Install as a service

When using VNC to remotely connect to a Desktop application for UI testing, the bridge can be run without access to local screen, keyboad and mouse. Thus it can run as a background task, i.e. a service.

To install the bridge as a service :

* On Windows : From Windows Explorer, double click on « install\_dt\_automation\_bridge\_as\_a\_service.bat».
* On Linux, from the shell, execute « install\_dt\_automation\_bridge\_as\_a\_service.sh».

# Bridge features

The bridge provides :

* A web UI :
  + To manage deployed scripts (add, remove) ;
  + To view execution results (screenshots, response times, errors)
* A REST API :
  + To trigger script executions
  + To retrieve script execution context data.

## REST API

### POST /testtool\_launcher2

Triggers a script execution with the following parameters in a form (application/x-www-form-urlencoded) :

* + script: name of the script to run ;
  + api\_url: Dynatrace endpoint to send execution results to, through Third Party API ;
  + api\_token : Dynatrace API token with « Create and read Synthetic monitors and nodes » V1 access scope ;
  + [<param1>…<paramn>] : any number of parameters, as required by the script to execute.

Example POST body content :

A screenshot of a computer

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#### Bridge side

Below is an example Sikulix script trying to:

* Connect to a VNC server;
* Open a Windows session ;
* Start the calculator app ;
* Make some calculations ;
* Close the app ;
* Close the session ;
* Disconnect from the VNC server.

# import the Dynatrace Bridge features

load("dtbridge\_sikuli.jar")

from dtbridge import \*

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

@dt\_get\_timings

def open\_session():

    if(exists("PressCtrlAlt.png")):

        dt\_vnc\_send\_ctrl\_alt\_del()

        wait(2)

    if(exists("password\_field.png")):

        type("replace with your password")

        type(Key.ENTER)

        wait(2)

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

@dt\_get\_timings

def close\_session():

    # lock the session when finished

    dt\_vnc\_send\_ctrl\_alt\_del()

    click(wait("Signout-1.png",5))

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

@dt\_get\_timings

def open\_calc():

    # minimize all open windows

    type("M", Key.WIN)

    wait(5)

    # start calculator App

    click("windows\_logo.png")

    wait(5)

    type("calc")

    wait(2)

    type(Key.ENTER)

    # wait for the app to start

    wait("flCalcul.png",5)

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

@dt\_get\_timings

def calc1():

    # interact with the mouse

    click("eight\_digit.png")

    click("multiply.png")

    click("seven\_digit.png")

    click("equal\_sign.png")

    wait(1)

    # check result

    wait("expected\_56.png",1)

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

@dt\_get\_timings

def calc2(entry):

    # interact with key strokes

    type(entry+Key.ENTER)

    # check result

    wait("expected\_1dot2.png",1)

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

@dt\_get\_timings

def close\_calc():

    # close the app

    click("window\_close.png")

#--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

if \_\_name\_\_ == '\_\_main\_\_':

   # build a list of passed parameters

   args=dt\_get\_args(sys.argv)

   vs=dt\_vnc\_connect("replace with you VNC server address")

   # make it the default screen for the following commands

   use(vs)

   open\_session()

   try:

       open\_calc()

       calc1()

       if 'param1' in args:

           calc2(args['param1'])

       else:

           calc2("6/5")

       close\_calc()

   finally:

       close\_session()

       dt\_vnc\_disconnect()

       # revert to default local screen

       use()

Here is what the script looks like when opened from the Sikulix IDE :

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Note : this sample script can be downloaded from the [Github repository](https://github.com/LO-RAN/dt_sikulix_bridge/tree/main/documentation/examples).

Note : the Sikulix IDE can be executed with the following command :

* On Windows, From the Explorer, double click on « run\_ide.bat ».
* On Linux, from the shell, execute « run\_ide.sh ».
  + Note: on Linux, a X window graphical interface is required.

Note : once the script has been tested in interactive mode within the IDE, it is time to compile it as a jar file (« CTRL+J » or « File > Export as jar ») for execution on the bridge.

## Web UI

To upload your compiled script to the bridge, open your Web Browser and navigate to the URL of your installed bridge.

You should get the following Home page :

Timeline

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Click on « Deployed scripts » to get the list of already deployed scripts :

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Add your newly compiled script to the list with « Choose file » (allows you to pick your compiled « .jar » file from the local file system), then « Upload ».

You are now ready to trigger your script execution from Dynatrace, leveraging the dedicated Bridge API (as documented in the «API Usage » page of the Bridge Web UI :

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#### Dynatrace side

Below is an example HTTP Monitor step that will trigger the Sikulix script by calling the « /testtool\_launcher2 » POST URL :

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A post-execution script allows to handle the error condition and create an event/problem:

// check response code

if (response.getStatusCode() != 200) {

// if not 200, then fail

api.fail(response.getResponseBody());

}

Note: in this example, the API token has been saved in the Credential Vault so that it does not appear as clear text. The same can be done with any required sensitive parameter…

Every time the Dynatrace http Monitor Synthetic script runs, say every 15 mn, it will trigger a request to the bridge, that will aknowledge the request or return an error status.

Any bridge availability issue or parameter issue will be reported as a failure (event/problem).

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From there, the http monitor is not waiting for the script to execute. The script will run as a background task and results be sent back asynchronously to Dynatrace as Third Party Synthetic results.

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The Results are like the following:

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The « Edit » button brings you to the Bridge UI where you can see screenshots and details about the last execution:

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You can add execution details and problems summary in a custom dashboard like the following : 