Command Reference: CreateRegressionTestCommandFile()

Create a command file to run regression tests

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The CreateRegressionTestCommandFile() command is used for software testing (or certification for use in operations) and creates a command file that includes a StartRegressionTestResultsReport() and multiple RunCommands() commands. A starting search folder is provided and all files that match the given pattern (by convention *Test_*.TSTool*) are assumed to be command files that can be run to test the software. The resulting command file is a test suite comprised of all the individual tests and can be used to verify software before release.

The RunCommands () command ExpectedStatus parameter is by default Success. However, if it is expected that a command file will result in Warning or Failure and still be a successful test, the following comment can be placed in the command file:

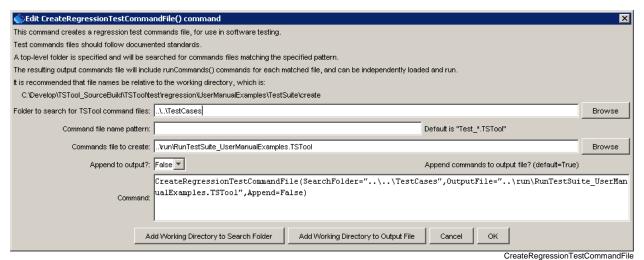
#@expectedStatus Failure

or

#@expectedStatus Warning

For example, if a command is obsolete and should generate a failure, the expected status can be specified as Failure and the test will pass. Another example is to test that the software properly treats a missing file as a failure. The goal is to have all tests pass before software release.

The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the syntax for the command.



CreateRegressionTestCommandFile() Command Editor

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The command syntax is as follows:

CreateRegressionTestCommandFile(Parameter=Value,...)

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
SearchFolder	The folder to search for regression test command files.	None – must be
	All subfolders will also be searched.	specified.
FilenamePattern	Pattern for TSTool command files, using wildcards.	Test_*.TStool
OutputFile	The name of the command file to create, enclosed in	None – must be
	double quotes if the file contains spaces or other special	specified.
	characters. A path relative to the command file	
	containing this command can be specified.	
Append	Indicate whether to append to the output file (True) or	True
	overwrite (False). This allows multiple directory trees	
	to be searched for tests.	

See the RunCommands () documentation for how to set up a regression test. The following command file illustrates how to create a regression test suite.

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CreateRegressionTestCommandFile(SearchFolder="..\..\.commands\general",
   OutputFile="..\run\RunRegressionTest_commands_general.TSTool",Append=False)
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An example of the output file from running the tests is:

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           A test can pass even if the commands file actual status is FAILURE, if failure is expected.
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