Using VBA macros with Virtel

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INTRODUCTION

The following newsletter documents how we can use a VBA macro, driven by MicroSoft Excel, to populate a spreadsheet. From the spreadsheet we drive a Virtel Scenario to obtain a member list of a TSO ISPF Dataset and then populate the spreadsheet with the results. See the Installation section to install the necessary components.

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INSTALLATION

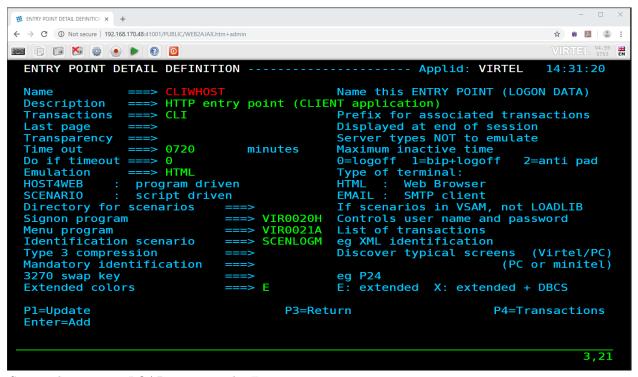
- 1. Download the zip package from the Virtel FTP website vbaexample.zip
- 2. Expand into a directory on your PC C:MACRO (This name is coded in the VBA macro)
- 3. Open the macro VBAExample.xlsm with Excel. Note: Enable Macros option when requested.
- 4. Upload the scenario source file VBAExample.vsc to HLQ.VIRTEL.CNTL as member TSTMACRO
- 5. Check the following MACLIB members in HLQ.VIRTEL.SCRNAPI.MACLIB

OPTION\$, FOREACH\$, COPY\$, CASE\$, ENDFOR\$

Search for any X'44'(è) characters and replace them with X'7C' (UK/US @). If you do not do this, you will get assembly errors when complying the scenario.

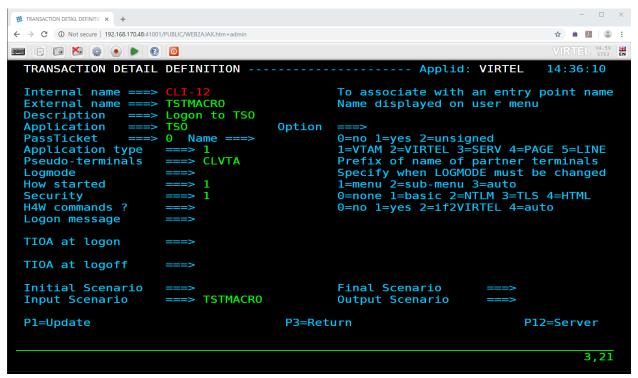
- 6. Upload and assemble the TSTMACRO scenario with the ASMSCEN member of the Virtel CNTL library and link the scenario to your HLQ.VIRTEL.LOADLIB.
- 7. Start Virtel
- 8. Check that your CLI 41002 line Entry Point loads scenarios from LOADLIB and not the SCE-DIR.

Go to the Admin Portal and display the CLIHOST Entry Point. Make sure the Directory for scenarios is blank. This will ensure that Virtel loads scenarios from the loadlib.



Setting the scenario LOAD option in the Entry point

9. Add the transaction CLI-12 to the CLIWHOST Entry point. Transaction CLI-12 is a 3270 based transaction directed towards a TSO session. It uses basic authentication (Security=1) and has an Input Scenario of TSTMACRO.

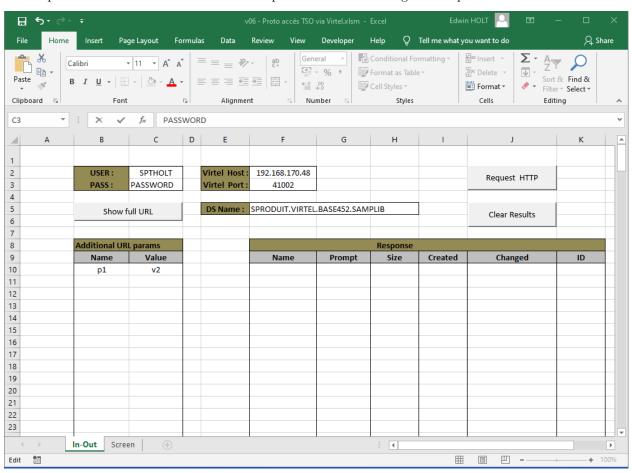


10. Stop and restart Virtel.

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OPERATION

1. Open the the EXCEL macro VBAExample.xlsm. The following form is presented: -



Excel Form

2. The form presents us with several controls that can be used to drive the HTTP requests between the VBA macro and Virtel.

```
USER:/PASS:

The userid and password.

Show full URL:

Revals the URL that is passed to Virtel

Virtel Host / Port:

The target Virtel Host and Port

DS Name:

Additional URL Parms.

The Mainframe Dataset name

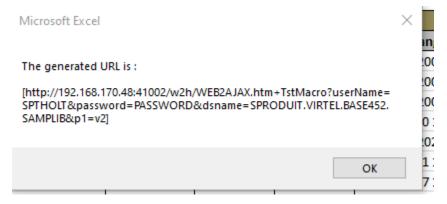
Keyword:Value combinations that can be passed in the URL.
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Request HTTP: Button to initiate the request
Clear Results: Clear the template result area

3. Fill in the required details:-

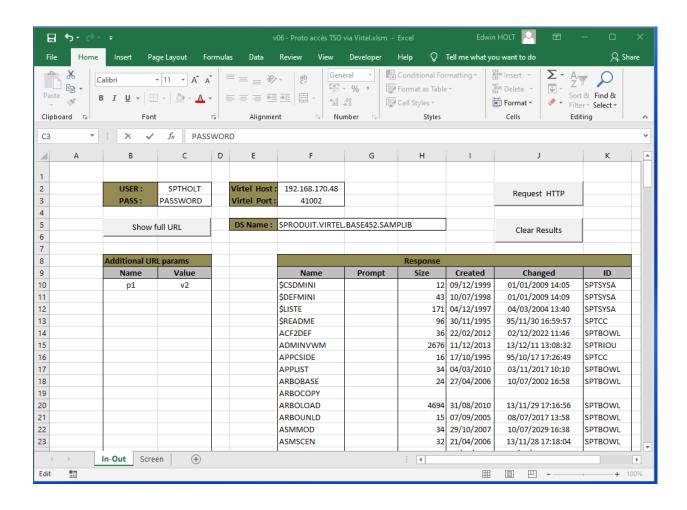
USER: Your userid
PASS: Your password
Virtel Host: IP address of Virtel
Virtel Port: 41002
DS Name: Name of PDS to list

From these details, the VBA macro will generate a URL that will be used to initiate the TSTMACRO transaction. The generated URL looks like.



URL generated from the EXCEL macro

4. Press the HTTP request button to initiate the transaction. After the transaction has completed the form will be populated with a member list. The final results look like: -



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APPENDIX A

4.1 VBA Example Scenario

```
TSTMACRO SCREENS APPL=TSTMACRO
INPUT SCENARIO
SCENARIO INPUT
  DEBUG$ TRACE, SCENARIO
  COPY$ INPUT-TO-VARIABLE, FIELD='userName', VAR='userName'
  IF$ NOT-FOUND, THEN=PARAM ERR USER
  COPY$ INPUT-TO-VARIABLE, FIELD='password', VAR='password'
  IF$ NOT-FOUND, THEN=PARAM ERR PWD
  COPY$ INPUT-TO-VARIABLE, FIELD='dsname', VAR='dsname'
      NOT-FOUND, THEN=PARAM ERR DSNAME, ELSE=LOGON
PARAM ERR USER EQU *
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE,
       VALUE='Missing required parameter (userName)'
  GOTO$ ERRORMSG
PARAM_ERR_PWD EQU
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE,
       VALUE='Missing required parameter (password)'
  GOTO$ ERRORMSG
PARAM ERR DSNAME EQU
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR=ErrorMsq, TYPE=REPLACE,
       VALUE='Missing required parameter (dsname)'
  GOTO$ ERRORMSG
LOGON
     EQU *
  ERROR$ 0,'--- LOGON '
  CASE$ (01,12,12),
        (EQ, 'ENTER USERID', DOUSN)
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='Not (UserID Logon) Screen',
       VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE
  GOTO$ ERRORMSG_WITH_SCREEN
```

```
DOUSN
        EQU
  ERROR$ 0,'--- DOUSN'
  ERROR$ 0, 'userName=', '*userName'
  COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='userName',
        SCREEN=(2,1,7), TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
        AND=(PROCESS-RESPONSE)
  IF$ (01,34,11),
         EQ='TSO/E LOGON',
         THEN=DOPASS
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='Not (TSO Logon) Screen',
         VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE
   GOTO$ ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN
DOPASS EQU
   ERROR$ 0,'--- DOPASS'
  ERROR$ 0,'password=','*password'
   COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='password',
         SCREEN=(8,20,8), TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
       LABEL$
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
         AND=(WAIT, 'ispf'),
         MAXTIME=500
  ERROR$ 0,'Look for ISPF in line 10'
   IF$ (10,2,4),
        EQ='ispf',
         THEN=PASSDONE
  ERROR$ 0, 'Look for ISPF in line 11'
   IF$ (11,2,4),
        EQ='ispf',
        THEN=PASSDONE
  ERROR$ 0, 'Look for ISPF in line 12'
  IF$ (12,2,4),
        EQ='ispf',
         THEN=PASSDONE
  ERROR$ 0, 'Look for ISPF in line 13'
   IF$ (13,2,4),
         EQ='ispf',
         THEN=PASSDONE
* Check for common login errors
  IF$ (2,12,17),
         EQ='PASSWORD NOT AUTH',
         THEN=LOGON BADPASS
   IF$(2,12,6),
         EQ='Userid',
         THEN=LOGON BADUSER MAYBE
* Generic login error message
```

```
LOGON GENERIC EQU *
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='ErrorMsg', TYPE=REPLACE,
         VALUE='ISPF screen not found (Is the user logged in?)'
   GOTO$ ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN
LOGON BADUSER MAYBE EQU *
   IF$ (2,27,8),
         EQ='not auth',
         THEN=LOGON BADUSER,
         ELSE=LOGON GENERIC
* Invalid User
LOGON BADUSER EQU *
   COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='ErrorMsg', TYPE=REPLACE,
         VALUE='Login failed (Invalid User)'
   GOTO$ ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN
 Invalid Password
LOGON BADPASS EQU *
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='ErrorMsg', TYPE=REPLACE,
         VALUE='Login failed (Invalid Password)'
  GOTO$ ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN
PASSDONE EOU
  ERROR$ 0,'--- PASSDONE'
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
        AND= (PROCESS-RESPONSE)
   IF$ (3,29,12),
         EQ='ISPF Primary',
         THEN=DOOPTION
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='Not (Primary Menu) screen',
         VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE
   GOTO$ ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN
DOOPTION EQU *
  ERROR$ 0,'--- DOOPTION'
   ERROR$ 0, 'Sending (=3.4)'
   COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='=3.4',
         VAR='input', TYPE=REPLACE
   COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='input',
         SCREEN=(4,40,4),TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
   ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
        AND= (PROCESS-RESPONSE)
   IF$ (3,30,13),
         EQ='Data Set List',
         THEN=DODATASET
   COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='Not (DataSet Menu) screen',
         VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE
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```
GOTO$ ERRORMSG_WITH_SCREEN
DODATASET EQU *
  ERROR$ 0,'--- DODATASET'
  ERROR$ 0,'Sending Dsname (','*dsname',')'
  COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='dsname',
        SCREEN= (10,24,46), TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
        AND= (PROCESS-RESPONSE)
   IF$ (3,16,13),
        EQ='Sets Matching',
         THEN=DOCONTENT
   COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='Not (DataSet Match) screen',
         VAR=ErrorMsg, TYPE=REPLACE
   GOTO$ ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN
DOCONTENT EOU *
  ERROR$ 0,'--- DOCONTENT'
  ERROR$ 0, 'Sending (E)'
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='e', VAR='input', TYPE=REPLACE
  COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='input',
         SCREEN=(8,28,1), TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
         AND= (PROCESS-RESPONSE)
  COPY$ SCREEN-TO-VARIABLE, SCREEN=(06,12,69,17), VAR='lines',
         TYPE=REPLACE
  ERROR$ 0,'Setting lines ','*lines'
   COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', VALUE='OK:',
        TYPE=REPLACE
   GOTO$ APPEND SCREEN
LOGOFF EOU
  ERROR$ 0,'--- DOLOGOFF'
  CASE$ (04,02,07), (EQ, 'Command', DOLOGOFF)
  ERROR$ 0,'Not logged - Skipping logoff'
  GOTO$ RETURN RESPONSE
DOLOGOFF LABEL$
  ERROR$ 0,'Sending (=X)'
  PERFORM$ TRACE
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='=X',
        VAR='clear', TYPE=REPLACE
  COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='clear',
        SCREEN=(4,40,2), TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
        AND=(WAIT, 'READY'),
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```
MAXTIME=500
  ERROR$ 0,'Sending (LOGOFF)'
  PERFORM$ TRACE
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VALUE='LOGOFF',
        VAR='logoff', TYPE=REPLACE
  COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-SCREEN, VAR='logoff',
        SCREEN=(2,2,6), TYPE=ERASE-FIELD
  ACTION$ TO-APPLICATION, KEY=7D,
        AND=(WAIT, 'LOGGED OFF'),
        MAXTIME=5000
  PERFORM$ TRACE
  ERROR$ 0, 'User Logged Off'
  GOTO$ RETURN RESPONSE
*##
                           HELPERS
ERRORMSG EQU
  ERROR$ 0,'*ErrorMsg'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', TYPE=REPLACE,
        LIST=('KO:','*ErrorMsg')
  GOTO$ RETURN RESPONSE
ERRORMSG WITH SCREEN EQU *
  ERROR$ 0,'*ErrorMsg'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', TYPE=REPLACE,
        LIST=('KO:','*ErrorMsg')
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', VALUE='(*SCREEN*)'
APPEND SCREEN EQU *
**Only 17 lines were read
  ERROR$ 0, 'Setting screen to response'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('01:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('02:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('03:','*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('04:','*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('05:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('06:','*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('07:','*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('08:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('09:','*lines')
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```
POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('10:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('11:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('12:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('13:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('14:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('15:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('16:','*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
  COPY$ LIST-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='response', LIST=('17:', '*lines')
  POP$ FIRST-VALUE-OF, VAR='lines'
       FOREACH$ VALUE-IN-VARIABLE, VAR='response'
T<sub>1</sub>OOP1
  COPY$ VARIABLE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR=('response', 'VAR2'),
                                                             X
        FOREACH=LOOP1, TYPE=REPLACE
        ENDFOR$ LOOP1
  GOTO$ LOGOFF
RETURN RESPONSE EQU *
  ERROR$ 0,'Returning response'
  CONVERT$ EBCDIC-TO-ASCII, VAR='response', TABLE='IBM1147'
  SEND$ AS-ANSWER, VAR='response', TYPE='text/plain',
        EXPIRES=IMMEDIATELY
  DEBUG$ NOTRACE, SCENARIO
*
  SCENARIO END
OUTPUT SCENARIO
SCENARIO OUTPUT
  SCENARIO END
*** TRACE ***
*****
TRACE
      SCENARIO SUBROUTINE
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='ruler1',
                                                             X
        VALUE='--- 0---|--- 10---|--- 20---|--- 30---|--- 40---X
        |--- 50---|--- 60---|--- 70---|--- 80---|',
        TYPE=REPLACE
  COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='ruler2',
        VALUE='123456789|123456789|123456789|123456789|123456789X
        |123456789|123456789|123456789|123456789|',
        TYPE=REPLACE
                     ','*ruler1'
  ERROR$ 0,'
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```
ERROR$ 0,' ','*ruler2'

LOOP1 FOREACH$ VALUE-IN-SCREEN, SCREEN=(1,1,80,24)

COPY$ SCREEN-TO-VARIABLE, SCREEN=(=,01,80), VAR='screenL', X

TYPE=REPLACE

COPY$ SYSTEM-TO-VARIABLE, VAR='L1', LENGTH=2, *

FIELD=(VALUE-OF, CURRENT-LINE), TYPE=REPLACE

ERROR$ 0,'line ','*L1','== ','*screenL'

ENDFOR$ LOOP1

*

ENDTRACE LABEL$

POP$ VAR='screenL'

SCENARIO END

SCRNEND

*

END
```

CHAPTER

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APPENDIX B

5.1 VBA Macro

```
Top-level MACROS for Excel
' - MACRO -
^{\prime} > Performs a POST HTTP request on the generated URL,
^{\prime} > Extracts data from the received content (if successful),
' > Injects the extracted data into the sheet 'output' cells
Sub ProcessHTTP()
      Dim baseURL As String
      Dim prms As String
      Dim body As String
      Dim url As String
      Dim content As String
      Dim usrName As String
      Dim usrPass As String
      Call ResetResults
      Call ClearScreen
      ' Gather miscellaneous pieces of information from the active sheet
      usrName = ActiveSheet.Range(g_userNameRange).Value
      usrPass = ActiveSheet.Range(g_userPassRange).Value
      baseURL = buildBaseUrl(g_baseUrl)
      prms = buildUrlParams(g_urlParamsRange)
      url = buildURL(baseURL, prms)
      body = ""
      ' Send the HTTP request, and get back the received content
      content = sendHttpRequest(url, , body, usrName, usrPass)
      ' Handle the HTTP response if no error occured
      If (content <> "") Then
            handleHttpResponse (content)
      End If
```

```
End Sub
' - MACRO -
' Clear the result cells
Sub ResetResults()
    Call clearCells(g_responseRange, g_responseCols)
End Sub
' - MACRO - [DEBUG] -
' Displays the generated URL
Sub ShowURL()
     Dim url As String
     Dim res As String
     url = buildURL(buildBaseUrl(g_baseUrl), buildUrlParams(g_urlParamsRange))
     res = "The generated URL is :" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & "[" & url & "]"
     MsgBox res
End Sub
'-----
   Functions and subs
'-----
'-----
' Extract the meaningful data lines from the received body, and store them into
' the output lines array. This array size is dynamically adjusted to hold any amount
\rightarrowof entries.
' The last entry in this array is always followed by an empty marker entry.
Function extractDataFromResponse(ByVal content As String, ByRef lines() As String) As
→Long
     ReDim lines (17)
     Dim nbLines As Long
     Dim startIdx As Long
     Dim nextIdx As Long
     Dim stopIdx As Long
     Dim line As String
     startIdx = 4
     nbLines = 0
     Do
          line = Trim(Mid(content, startIdx, startIdx + 69))
          lines(nbLines) = line
          nbLines = nbLines + 1
          startIdx = startIdx + 69 + 3
     Loop While (nbLines < 17)
```

```
extractDataFromResponse = nbLines
End Function
' Perform a synchronous HTTP request on the specified URL (using the specified body)
' If an error occurs, this function returns an empty string.
' Otherwise, it returns the body as recieved from the host.
Function sendHttpRequest(ByVal url As String,
     Optional ByVal mode As String = "POST", _
     Optional ByVal body As String = "",
     Optional ByVal userName As String = "",
     Optional ByVal password As String = "") As String
      If (g_DEBUG IN) Then
            Call MsgBox(url & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & body, vbOKOnly, "HTTP Request")
      End If
      Dim http As Object
      Set http = CreateObject("MSXML2.XMLHTTP")
     http.Open mode, url, False, userName, password
     http.setRequestHeader "User-Agent", "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows
→NT 5.0)"
         http.setRequestHeader "Content-type", "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
     http.setRequestHeader "Content-type", "text/plain"
     http.Send (body)
      sendHttpRequest = validateHttpResponse(http)
      If (g DEBUG OUT And (sendHttpRequest <> "")) Then
            Dim size As Long
            size = Len(sendHttpRequest)
           Call MsgBox(sendHttpRequest, , "SUCCESS - Received " & size & " bytes")
      End If
End Function
' Returns eihter an empty string if the HTTP response status is not 200 (and display

→ the error message),

' or the received content otherwise.
Function validateHttpResponse(http As Object) As String
      Dim text As String
      Dim resText As String
     Call saveText(g TRACE FILE, http.responseText)
     resText = saveScreenAndExtractText(g SCREEN FILE, http.responseText)
      text = getHttpErrorText(http)
      If (text <> "") Then
            text = text & vbCrLf & "
                                                                        " & vbCrLf &
→http.responseText
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MsgBox text, , "HTTP Request FAILED"
           validateHttpResponse = ""
           Exit Function
      End If
      text = resText
      If (Left(text, 3) = "OK:") Then
           text = Mid(text, 4)
           validateHttpResponse = text
           Exit Function
      End If
      If (Left(text, 3) = "KO:") Then
           text = "Applicative Error :" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf & Mid(text, 4)
                                                                    " & vbCrLf &
           text = text & vbCrLf & "
→resText
     End If
     MsgBox text, , "Request Failure"
     validateHttpResponse = ""
End Function
' Perform a synchronous HTTP request on the specified URL (using the specified body)
' If an error occurs, this function returns an empty string.
' Otherwise, it returns the body as recieved from the host.
Function handleHttpResponse(ByVal content As String) As Boolean
      Dim lines() As String
         Dim line As String
      Dim cell As Range
      Dim idx As Long
     Dim nbLines As Long
     nbLines = extractDataFromResponse(content, lines)
      For Each cell In ActiveSheet.Range(g_responseRange).cells
           line = lines(idx)
           If (idx = nbLines) Then Exit For
           Call injectResponseLine(cell, lines(idx))
           cell.Value = line
           idx = idx + 1
     handleHttpResponse = True ' successful
End Function
Sub injectResponseLine (ByVal cell As Range, line As String)
     Dim col As Long
     Dim row As Long
     row = cell.row
     col = cell.Column
     ActiveSheet.cells(row, col + 0).Value = RTrim(Mid(line, 1, 8))
→Name
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ActiveSheet.cells(row, col + 2).Value = LTrim(Mid(line, 20, 8))
-Size
      ActiveSheet.cells(row, col + 3).Value = RTrim(Mid(line, 30, 11))
→Created
     ActiveSheet.cells(row, col + 4).Value = RTrim(Mid(line, 44, 18))
→Changed
     ActiveSheet.cells(row, col + 5).Value = RTrim(Mid(line, 63, 7))
→ I D
End Sub
' Extract the error text from an HTTP object.
Function getHttpErrorText(http As Object) As String
      If (http.Status = 200) Then ' Request successful
            getHttpErrorText = ""
            Exit Function
      getHttpErrorText = "Status code : " & http.Status & vbCrLf _
               & "Status text : " & http.statusText
End Function
' Append the User/Pass/DSName params to the provided base URL
' TODO : Add some HTML-escaping on the extracted value
Function buildBaseUrl(baseURL As String) As String
      Dim url As String
      Dim host As String
      Dim port As String
     host = LTrim(RTrim(ActiveSheet.Range(g_virtelHostRange).Value))
     port = LTrim(RTrim(ActiveSheet.Range(g virtelPortRange).Value))
     url = "http://" & host & ":" & port & baseURL
      If (InStr(1, baseURL, "?") < 1) Then
           url = url & "?"
      Else
            url = url & "&"
      End If
     url = url & "userName=" & LTrim(RTrim(ActiveSheet.Range(q userNameRange).Value))
     url = url & "&password=" & LTrim(RTrim(ActiveSheet.Range(g userPassRange).
→Value))
     url = url & "&dsname=" & LTrim(RTrim(ActiveSheet.Range(g DSNameRange).Value))
     buildBaseUrl = url
End Function
' Extract the 'URL params' from the active sheet, in the specified cells range,
' and return them as an URL parameters string.
' The parameters extraction stops when the first empty name's cell is encountered.
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' TODO : Add some HTML-escaping on the extracted value
Function buildUrlParams(paramsRange As String) As String
      Dim cells As Variant
      Dim res As String, prmName As String
      Dim idx As Long
      Dim sep As String
      cells = ActiveSheet.Range(paramsRange).Value
      For idx = LBound(cells, 1) To UBound(cells, 1)
            prmName = cells(idx, 1)
            If (prmName = "") Then Exit For
            res = res & sep & prmName & "=" & cells(idx, 2)
            sep = "&"
      Next
      buildUrlParams = res
End Function
' Merges a base URL and an (optionnal) parameters into a full URL address.
Function buildURL(ByVal baseURL As String, Optional ByVal params As String = "") As
→String
      Dim separator As String
      If (params <> "") Then
            separator = "?"
      ^{\prime} Do not use ^{\prime}?^{\prime} if it is already found in the base URL (in such a case, use ^{\prime}\&^{\prime}
→instead)
      If (InStr(baseURL, "?") > 0) Then separator = "&"
            buildURL = baseURL & separator & params
      Else
            buildURL = baseURL
      End If
End Function
' Save some text into the specified file.
Private Sub saveTextOld(ByVal path As String, ByVal content As String)
      On Error GoTo saveTextError
      Dim fso As Object
      Dim file As Object
      Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
      Set file = fso.opentextfile(path, 2, True)
      file.Write content
      file.Close
     Exit Sub
saveTextError:
      On Error GoTo 0
      MsgBox Err.Number & vbLf & Err.Description, "Trace file saving error"
End Sub
Private Sub saveText(ByVal path As String, ByVal content As String)
      On Error GoTo saveTextError
```

```
Dim strFile_Path As String
     strFile Path = path
     Open strFile_Path For Append As #1
     Write #1, Now() & " : " & content
     Close #1
Exit Sub
saveTextError:
     On Error GoTo 0
     MsgBox Err.Number & vbLf & Err.Description, "Trace file saving error"
Private Function saveScreenAndExtractText(ByVal path As String, ByVal content As
→String) As String
     Dim idx As Long
     idx = InStr(1, content, g_ScreenTag)
     If (idx < 1) Then
      ' The response does not contain any screen dump
           saveScreenAndExtractText = content
           Exit Function
     End If
     saveScreenAndExtractText = Left(content, idx - 1)
      If (Left(content, 3) = "KO:") Then
           Sheets(2).Range(g ScreenMsgRange).Interior.Color = RGB(255, 255, 64)
           →Mid(saveScreenAndExtractText, 4)
     End If
      Dim scrData As String
      Dim i As Long
     Dim line As String
      ' Expected format is:
      ' (*SCREEN*)#01:<80 bytes>#02:<80 bytes>...#24:<80 bytes>
     idx = idx + Len(g ScreenTag) + 4
      For i = 0 To 23
           line = Mid(content, idx + (i * 84), 80)
           Sheets(2).cells(i + g_ScreenRow, g_ScreenColumn).Value = line
           scrData = scrData & line & vbCrLf
      Next
     Sheets (2) . Select
     Sheets(2).Range(g_ScreenMsgRange).Select
      ' Save the screen content into the specified trace file
     Call saveText(path, scrData)
End Function
Private Sub ClearScreen()
     Dim i As Integer
     For i = 0 To 23
           Sheets(2).cells(i + g ScreenRow, g ScreenColumn).ClearContents
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Next
      {\tt Sheets\,(2)\,.Range\,(g\_ScreenMsgRange)\,.ClearContents}
      Sheets(2).Range(g_ScreenMsgRange).Interior.Color = RGB(255, 255, 255)
End Sub
' Clear the specified range of cells
Sub clearCells(ByVal targetRange As String, Optional ByVal cols As Long = 1)
      Dim cell As Range
      For Each cell In ActiveSheet.Range(targetRange).cells
            cell.ClearContents
            If (cols > 1) Then
                  Dim c As Long
                  For c = 2 To cols
                         cells(cell.row, cell.Column + c - 1).ClearContents
                  Next
            End If
      Next
End Sub
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