JMeter



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History of JMeter

- It is a product of Apache
- Stefano Mazzocchi of the Apache Software Foundation (ASF) was the original developer of JMeter
 - He developed JMeter to test the performance of Apache JServ (now called Apache Tomcat project)
- ASF later redesigned JMeter to enhance the GUI
- Latest version of JMeter is 2.12

JMeter Features

- JMeter is an open source software tool and is platform-independent
- A tool to perform *load testing* in web server
 - Load testing measure performance of a system in terms of frequency of failure under heavy load
- Used to test heavy loads on a web server or group of web servers
- Used to perform load testing on a variety of web services such as HTTP, FTP, JDBC enabled database, SMTP, POP, IMAP, MongoDB and many more

JMeter Features cont...

- Provides different Samplers to test different web services
- Provides Listeners to analyze the results that are received after a test
- Provides in-built set of Timers which can create time gaps between tests or between firing requests by the users
- Provides a number of Logic Controllers to control the test script
- Provides error handling facilities using Assertions
- Supports a set of templates for different kinds of tests
- Supports a number of plug-ins which can extend its features as per dynamic updates

Basic Terminologies

- Test Plan: Used to create a JMeter script which can run tests
- Threads: A thread simulate a user. In one test plan, a user can create many threads as per the requirements for load testing
- ThreadGroup: It contains a group of threads or virtual users, which are created to perform different activities at a time
- Sampler: Used to make a request and a user can create different types of requests such as HTTP, JDBC, FTP, and SMTP etc.
- Listeners: These are used for results analysis
 - JMeter supports a variety of Listeners such as View Results in Table, View Results Tree etc.
- Timers: Used to add some delay to a sampler

Basic Terminologies cont...

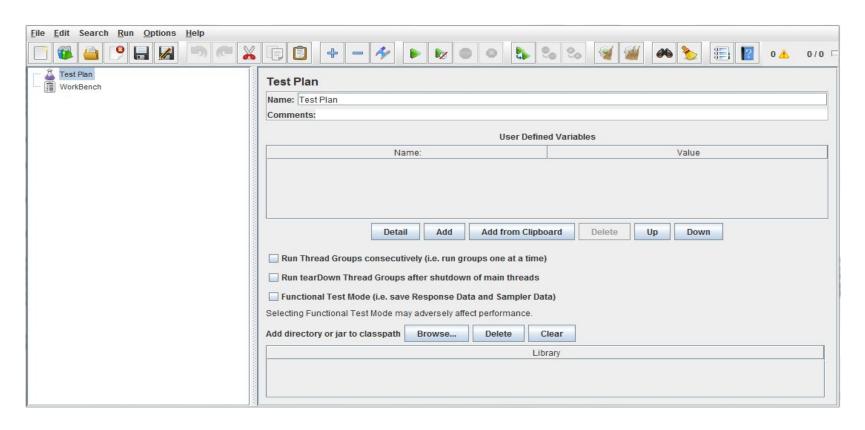
- Controllers: These are used to process the ordering of samplers and these are the logic expressions which perform an activity upon fulfillment of a certain condition
- Assertions: These act as checkpoints and are used for error handling
- Config Elements: Used to enhance a test script by adding extra functionality in combination with a sampler
- Workbench: This is the temporary workspace and is used to store the scripts

Basic Terminologies cont...

- Pre-Processor Elements: Used to modify a request that needs to be sent to the server
- Post-Processor Elements: Used to parse the received responses and extract a particular value from the parsed output
- HTTP Proxy Server: This is a service used by JMeter which acts as a proxy server in the network and is used to record user activities
- HTTP Cookie Manager: This feature of JMeter can simulate a real cookie. The Cookie Manager stores the cookies and while replaying it uses the data stored in the cookies

JMeter GUI

• To run JMeter, open the file /bin/Jmeter.bat in Windows



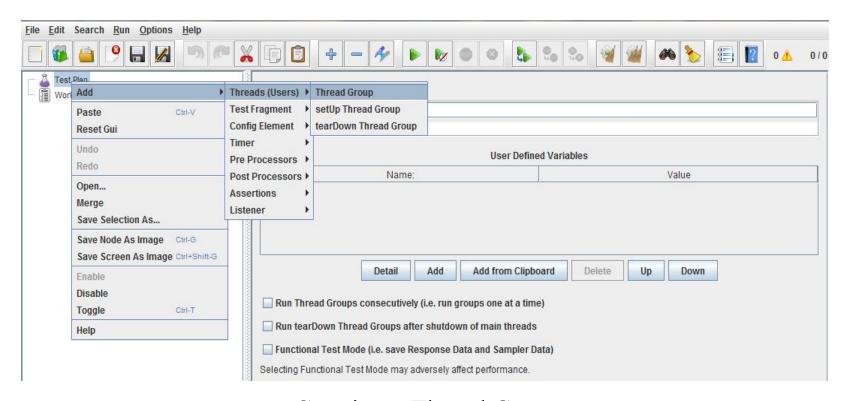
A Screenshot of JMeter GUI Version 2.9

Running JMeter in Server Mode

- To start the JMeter in server mode, open the file /bin/jmeter-server.bat
- In server mode, JMeter distributes its test parts to its clients that is it performs load testing by providing heavy loads using the client nodes

Running a Basic Test Script

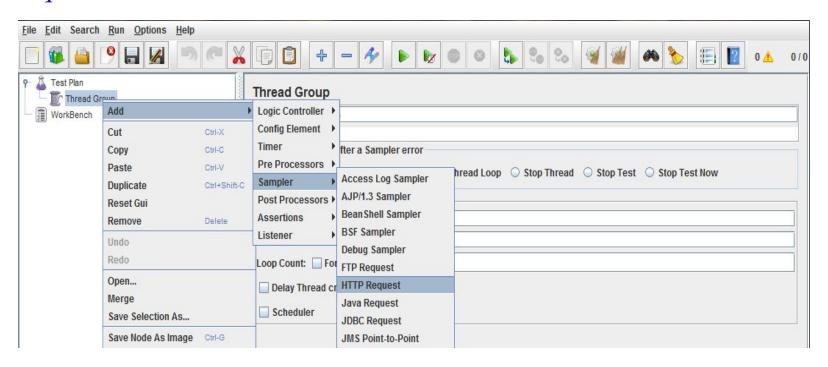
• Step1: Right click on Test Plan and go to Add>Threads(Users)>Thread Group



Creating a Thread Group

Running a Basic Test Script cont..

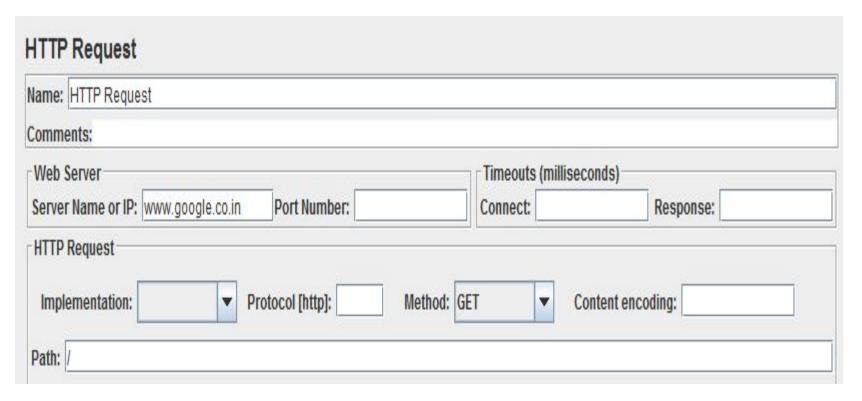
• Step 2: After creating Thread Group, right click on *Thread* group on the test plan pane and select *Add>Sampler>HTTP* Request



Adding a Sampler

Running a Basic Test Script cont..

• Step 3: Fill the server name field by www.google.co.in and path by /



HTTP Request Sampler Form

Running a Basic Test Script cont..

• Step 4: To collect the results, add a listener by right click on Thread Group, select *Add>Listener>View Results in Table*

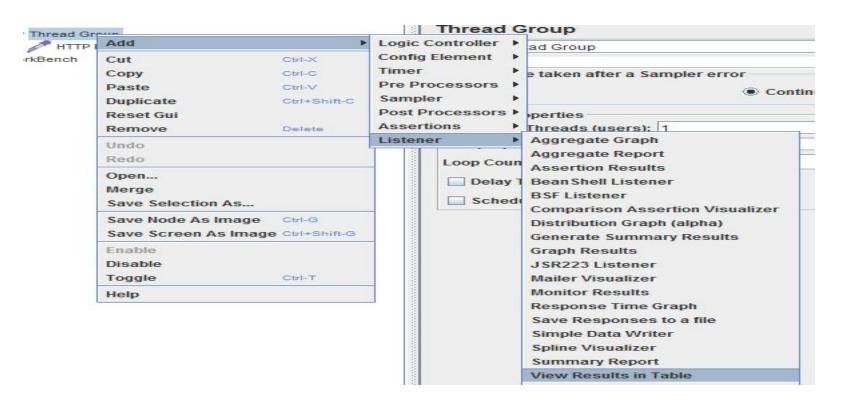


Table Listener Form

Running a Basic Test Script

• Step 5: Save the test script by pressing *ctrl* + *S* or go to File menu and click on Save and fill the Save Dialog box

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examples		
templates		
View Resu	ilts in Table.jmx	
File <u>N</u> ame:	Test Plan.jmx	
File <u>N</u> ame: Files of <u>T</u> ype:	Test Plan.jmx JMeter [.jmx]	-

Save Dialog Box

Running a Basic Test Script

• Step 6: Now you can see the results in the *Table Listener* by clicking on *View Results in Table* under the test script tree

View Results in T	able						
Name: View Results in	Table						
Comments:							
Write results to file / F	Read from file			ien o			
Filename				Browse	Log/Display Only:	Errors Successes	Configure
Sample #	Start Time	Thread Name	Label	Sample Time(ms)	Status	Bytes	Latency
1	11:41:17 14	16 Thread Group 1-1	HTTP Request	1329	Λ	20218	10

HTTP Sampler Form

Samplers in JMeter

JMeter provides a number of samplers to test different web services.

- FTP Request Sampler: Used to test File Transfer Protocol (FTP) service. FTP services provide data for download in a secured manner
- SMTP Sampler: Used to test the E-Mail services
- Mail Reader Sampler: Used to read mail from the mail servers. It uses different protocols for reading mails which includes POP3, IMAP, IMAPS, etc.
- Debug Sampler: This is used to debug JMeter itself. When a script behaves abnormally, the Debug Sampler is used to debug it

Samplers in JMeter cont...

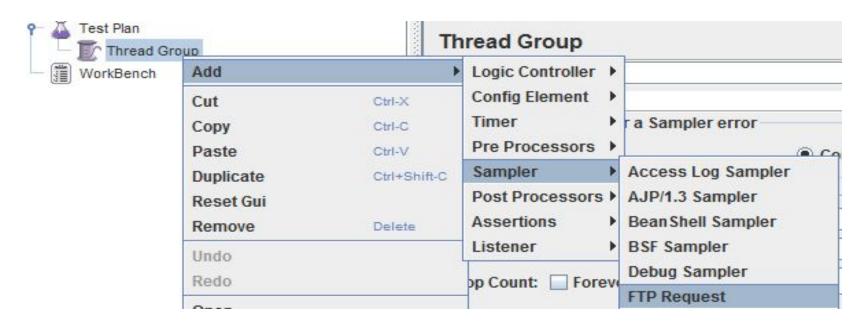
- Access Log Sampler: Used to generate requests based on access logs or the logs generated by the web servers
- AJP Sampler: Used to test the AJP service of Tomcat server
- BeanShell Sampler: Used to write a sampler using a BeanShell Script
- BSF Sampler: Used to write a sampler using a BSF Script
- JSR223 Sampler: Used to write a sampler using a JSR223 Script
- Java Request Sampler: Used to write a sampler using a Java Program

Samplers in JMeter cont..

- JDBC Sampler: Used to test the JDBC services
- JMS Samplers: Used to test the JMS services.
 - It can be used to test point to point as well as publisher and subscriber services under JMS
- LDAP Requests Defaults Sampler: Used to test the LDAP services by setting the default values for the test script
- LDAP Extended Request Defaults Sampler: This is same as LDAP Requests Defaults Sampler but is used for testing the extended services of LDAP
- TCP Sampler: Used to test the TCP services such as *telnet*, *ftp*, *https* and other services

FTP Request Sampler

- Step1: Right click on Test Plan and go to Add>Threads(Users)>Thread Group
- Step 2: Add a FTP Request Sampler to a test plan by right click on Thread Group and select *Add* > *Sampler* > *FTP Request*



FTP Request Sampler cont..

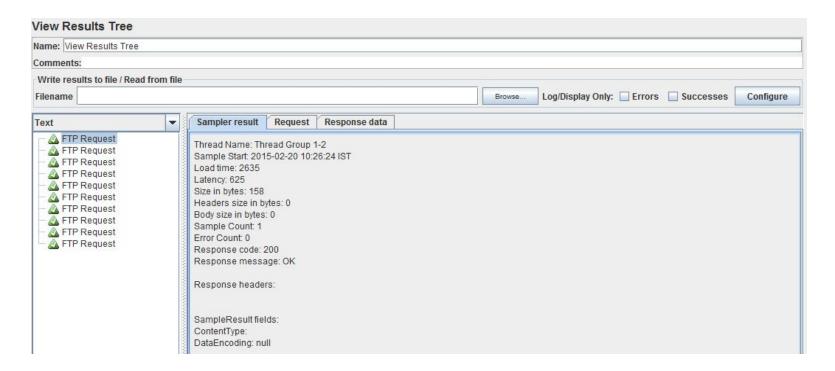
• Step 3: Configure the *FTP Request* Sampler form

FTP Request	
Name: FTP Request	
Comments:	
Server Name or IP: ftp.microsoft.com	Port Number:
Remote File: /Services/whql/readme.txt	12 34
Local File: abcde.txt	
Local File Contents:	
● get(RETR) ○ put(STOR) □ Use Binary mode ? □ Save File in Response ?	
Login Configuration	
Username anonymous	
Password ••••••	

Configuring FTP Request Sampler

FTP Request Sampler cont..

• Step 4: Run the script and view the results in View Results Tree



View Results Tree Listener

Measuring Load

- For most of the users it becomes important to test the load on a server in terms of hits per second
- To add delays in between the work of threads JMeter provides a set of *Timers*

Timers in JMeter

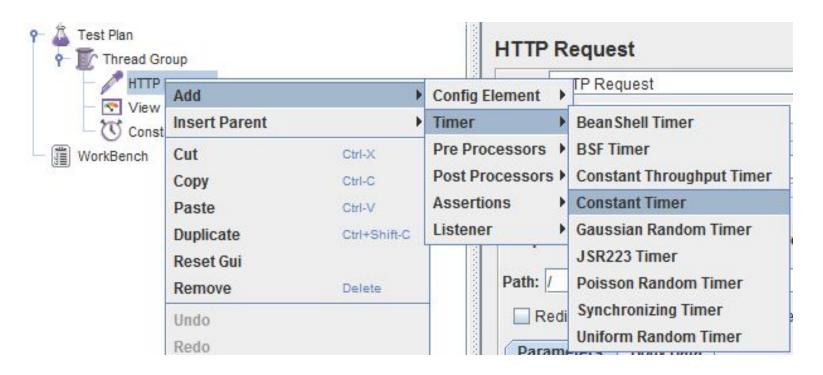
- Constant Timer: Used to add a constant delay in between actions of threads
- Constant Throughput Timer: Simulate the load in terms of throughput
- Uniform Random Timer: This timer introduces time gaps between the actions of each thread with random time limited by upper and lower limits of randomness.
 - There is a fixed delay and a random delay whose value suffers randomness and lastly total delay is the sum of these two
- Gaussian Random Timer: This timer is same as the Uniform Random Timer, but the randomness deviates based on the distribution of Gaussian curve

Timers in JMeter cont...

- BeanShell Timer: Used to add delay between each user request sent using BeanShell scripting
- BSF Timer: Used to add delay between each user request sent using BSF scripting language
- JSR223 Timer: Used to add delay between each user request sent using JSR223 scripting language
- Poisson Random Timer: Used to add delay between each threads action based on the Poisson Distribution Curve
- Synchronizing Timer: Used to add delay between groups of threads. It allows to add delay by synchronizing among certain number of threads

Using Constant Timer

• Step 1: Add a constant timer to a Thread Group by right click on Thread Group and select *Add* > *Timer* > *Constant Timer*



Adding Constant Timer

Using Constant Timer cont...

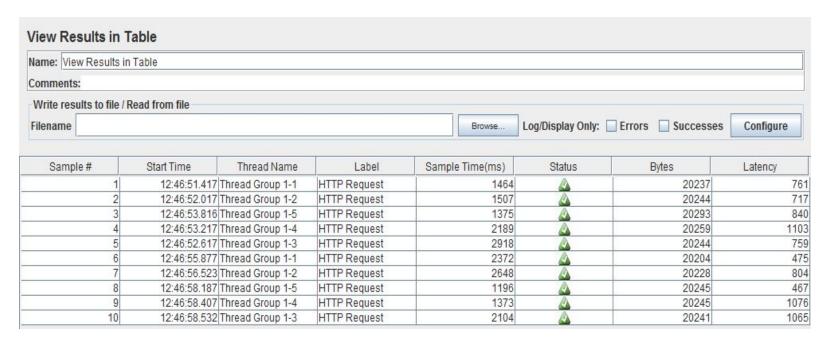
• Step 2: Configure the constant timer time by entering the time in *Thread Delay* field

Constant Timer	
Name: Constant Timer	
Comments:	
Thread Delay (in milliseconds): 3000	

Configuring Constant Timer

Using Constant Timer cont...

• Step 3: Now run the test script with required number of threads and view the results in *View Results in Table* listener



View Results in Table Listener

Logic Controllers in JMeter

Logic controllers are used to control the test scripts. Well ordering can be done among the samplers using Logic Controllers

- Random Order Controller: It makes the samplers being called in random manner
- Interleave Controller: It makes the samplers to run in loops based on number of threads. It does not depend upon the Loop Count parameter
- If Controller: It allows to hit the defined sampler inside whenever the condition becomes true
- Loop Controller: It makes the sampler to run as many times as specified or even forever
- Once Only Controller: This controller makes the test script to run the components of the controller only once per thread

Logic Controllers in JMeter cont..

- Random Controller: This controller makes the choice of samplers or test elements under the controller randomly
- Recording Controller: Used to add the recording elements and it automatically adds the recorded elements from the JMeter Proxy Service
- Runtime Controller: It allows to run the test elements under it and runs for a fixed period of time
- Switch Controller: Used to execute the test elements under it in the same manner as Interleave Controller but it is based on the switch value
- While Controller: Used to loop through its test elements based on a condition

Logic Controllers in JMeter cont...

- Critical Section Controller: Used to serialize the execution of test elements in a test script. This is mainly used when we want certain test element to be executed at a time
- ForEach Controller: This is based on number of values of a variable and continuation of loop is based on value of a variable.
 - A sampler added with ForEach Controller executes till the ForEach variable has a value
- Include Controller: Used to add other test scripts in the current test script.
 - allows to add JMeter jmx files to test script
- Module Controller: Used to add parts of the current test plan to the current test script

Using Random Controller

- Step 1: Add a random order controller to a thread group by right click on Thread Group and select *Add > Logic Controller* > *Random Order Controller*
 - Thread Group Logic Controller Critical Section Controller Config Element ForEach Controller Ctrl-X If Controller Timer Ctrl-C Pre Processors Include Controller Paste Ctrl-V Sampler Interleave Controller Duplicate Ctrl+Shift-C Post Processors Loop Controller Reset Gui Assertions Module Controller Remove Delete Once Only Controller Listener Undo Random Controller Redo Loop Co Random Order Controller Open... Dela Recording Controller

Adding Random Order Controller

Using Random Controller cont..

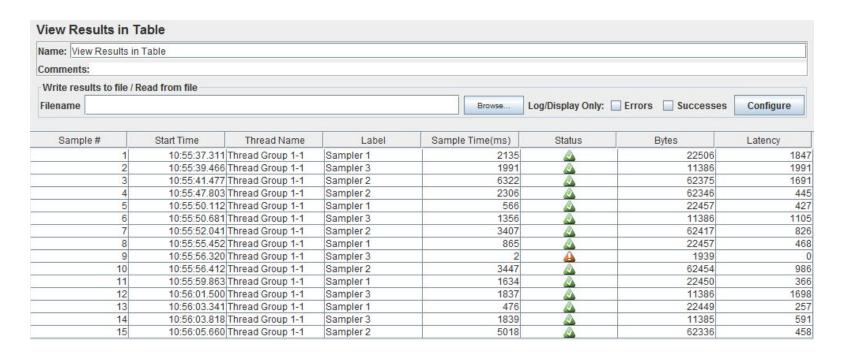
• Step 2: The *Random Order Controller* form is configured

Random Order Controller		

Random Order Controller Form

Using Random Controller cont..

• Step 3: Run the test script with required number of threads set and view the results using *View Results in Table* listener



View Results in Table Listener

Error Handling

- JMeter allows to create dynamic test scripts based on checking the responses from the server
- Through assertions, the response from the server can be checked in terms of size, duration, finding patterns etc.
- Other functionalities of JMeter assertions include testing the response by checking whether the HTML/XML document received from server contains any warnings or errors

Assertions in JMeter

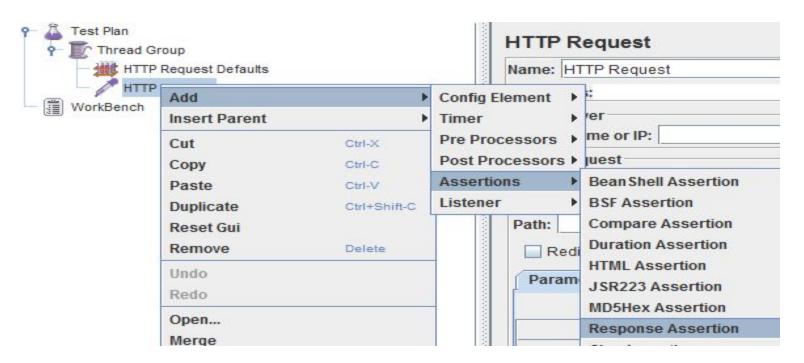
- Response Assertion: Used to find any pattern or response code from the response of the server
 - Generally, Google website has some response codes which include 404,200,302. The response code 404 means error, 200 represents everything is fine and 302 represents redirection to another URL
- Duration Assertion: Used to compare the response time with the specified time configured in *Response Assertion* form
- HTML Assertion: Used to check the syntax of the received HTML document and can also alert whenever there is any HTML warnings
- Size Assertion: Used to check the size of the response in terms of bytes

Assertions in JMeter cont..

- BeanShell Assertion: Used to check the response by writing a BeanShell script
- BSF Assertion: Used to check the response by writing a BSF script
- JSR223 Assertion: Used to check the response by writing a JSR223 script
- Compare Assertion: Used to compare the response within its scope, it can include time and comparisons filter. It consumes much CPU overhead
- MD5Hex Assertion: Used to check the MD5 hash of the response data
- XML Schema Assertion: Used to validate the response against a given XML schema

Adding Response Assertion

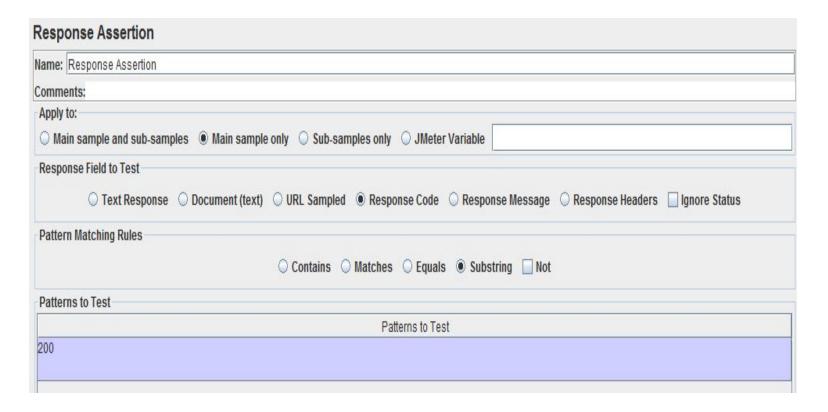
• Step 1: Add a Response Assertion to a sampler by right click on any Sampler and select *Add > Assertions > Response Assertion*



Adding Response Assertion

Adding Response Assertion cont..

• Step 2: Configure the *Response Assertion* form



Adding Response Assertion cont..

• Step 3: Run the script and view the results in *View Results in Table* Listener

Name: View Results	in Table						
Comments:							
Write results to file	Read from file						
Filename				Browse	Log/Display Only:	Errors Successes	Configure
Sample #	Start Time	Thread Name	Label	Sample Time(ms)	Status	Bytes	Latency
1	21:42:31.608	Thread Group 1-5	HTTP Request	2891	Δ	20778	159
2	21:42:31.397	Thread Group 1-3	HTTP Request	3152	<u>A</u>	20810	176
3	21:42:31.193	Thread Group 1-1	HTTP Request	3386	<u>A</u>	20862	169
4	21:42:31.707	Thread Group 1-6	HTTP Request	2892	<u> </u>	20797	118
5	21:42:31.507	Thread Group 1-4	HTTP Request	3123	<u> </u>	20827	191
6	21:42:31.302	Thread Group 1-2	HTTP Request	3328	<u> </u>	20802	212
7	21:42:31.907	Thread Group 1-8	HTTP Request	2742	<u> </u>	20826	152
8	21:42:32.012	Thread Group 1-9	HTTP Request	2647	<u>A</u>	20857	141
9	21:42:31.807	Thread Group 1-7	HTTP Request	2861	<u> </u>	20831	164
10	21:42:32.113	Thread Group 1-10	HTTP Request	2635	A	20842	133

Conclusion

- JMeter is an open source tool
- Used to perform load testing in a web server or group of web servers
- Provides a number of features such as Timers, Controllers, Recording Scripts, Assertions, and plug-ins etc. for load testing in web servers
- Used to perform load testing of variety of web services using its features

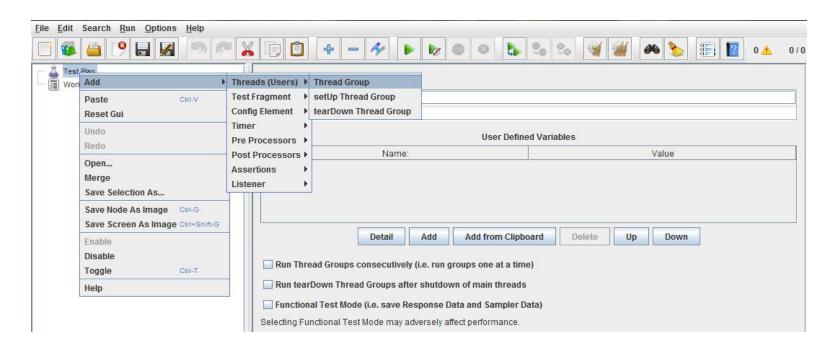
Thank You



Create a JMeter Test Script to test the load on www.facebook.com with 100 users and 3 loops each.

Solution 1

• Open JMeter and right click on Test Plan and select *Add* > *Threads (Users)* > *Thread Group*



Create Thread Group

• Set Number of Threads(users) to 100 and Loop Count to 3

Thread Group
Name: Thread Group
Comments:
Action to be taken after a Sampler error
Continue Start Next Thread Loop Stop Thread Stop Test Stop Test Now
Thread Properties
Number of Threads (users): 100
Ramp-Up Period (in seconds): 1
Loop Count: Forever 3
Delay Thread creation until needed
Scheduler

Thread Group Form

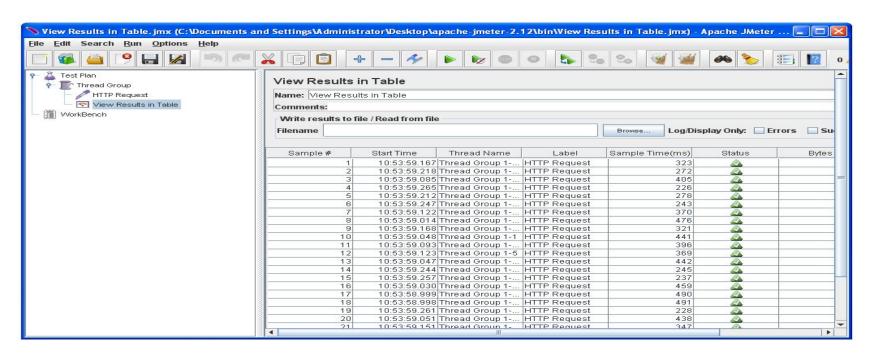
• Add a HTTP Request sampler, set the server name to www.facebook.com and path to /

Name: HTTP Request			
Comments:			
Web Server	<u> </u>	Timeouts (milliseco	onds)
Server Name or IP: www.facebook.com	Port Number:	Connect:	Response:
HTTP Request	Method: GET ▼	Content encoding:	
Implementation: Protocol [http]:			

HTTP Request Sampler Form

- Add Listener to collect the results. Right click on Thread Group, select *Add>Listener>View Results in Table*
- Save the test script using ctrl + S or File \square Save
- Run the test script using ctrl + R or from File menu

• View the results from View Results in Table under the test script tree in Test Plan Pane



View Results in Table Listener

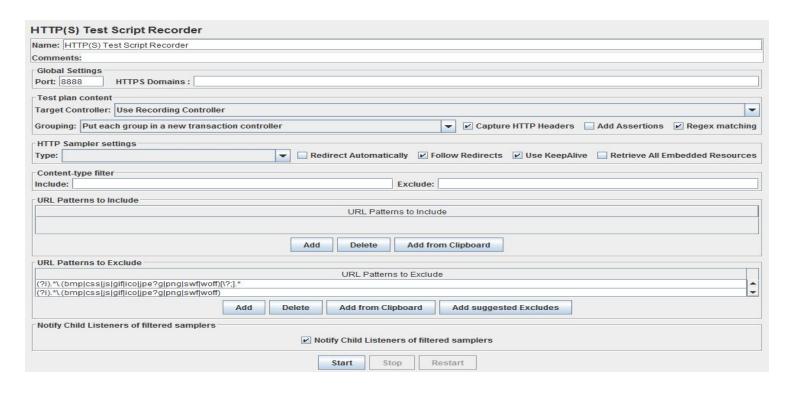
Create a script to record visiting a online shopping or social network site and play it with 100 threads and 3 loops per thread and view the results using View Results Tree.

• Go to File menu and select Templates. In the Templates dialog box the recording script is selected by default and click on Create button



Templates Dialog Box

• Now click on HTTP(S) Test Script Recorder in WorkBench, set the proxy port and start the JMeter proxy service by clicking on the Start button



HTTP Test Script Recorder Form

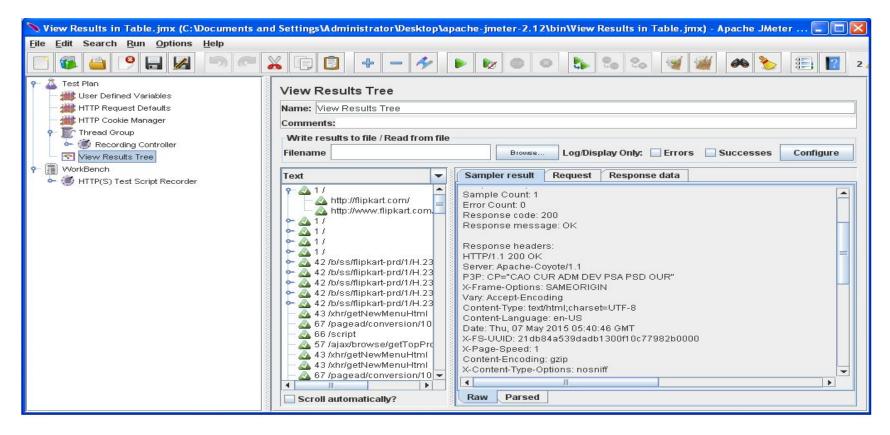
- Change the proxy setting of your browser to point to the JMeter proxy server. Set the proxy server address to the address of the JMeter system and in this case the JMeter address is the localhost and port is 8888
- Go to *Options* > *Advanced Tab* > *Network* > and configure the proxy settings and Use this proxy server for all protocols Settings

HTTP Proxy:	127.0.0.1	Port:	8888
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SSL Proxy:	127.0.0.1	Port:	8888
FTP Proxy:	127.0.0.1	Po <u>r</u> t:	8888
SOCKS Host:	127.0.0.1	Por <u>t</u> :	8888
	SOCKS v4 SOCKS v5	5	
No Proxy for:	localhost, 127.0.0.1		

- Now we would be recording login to a site and logout from it and use any online site e.g. www.flipkart.com for testing. Visit to login and then logout
- Before playing the script, modify the number of threads as per requirements

• Play the script and the results can be seen from the View Results

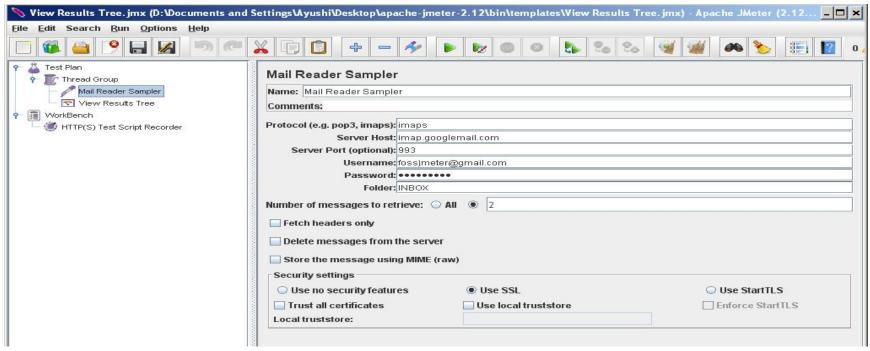
Tree listener from the Test Pane



View Results in Tree Listener

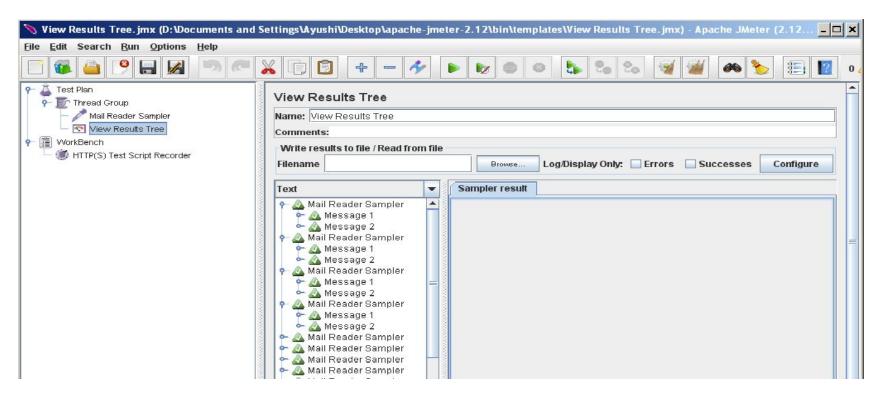
Create a test script to read 30 mails from the Inbox of your Gmail account.

- Create a Mail Reader Sampler and set the field Number of Messages to Retrieve to 2
- Run the script with 15 threads so that each thread downloads 2 mails and totals to 30 mails



Mail Reader Sampler Form

• Play the script and the results can be seen from the View Results Tree element from the Test Pane

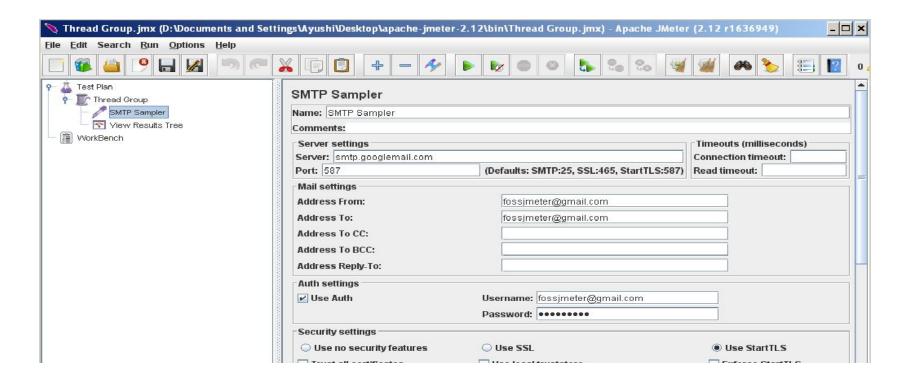


View Results Tree Listener

Create a test script to send mail to a Gmail user using the same Gmail account

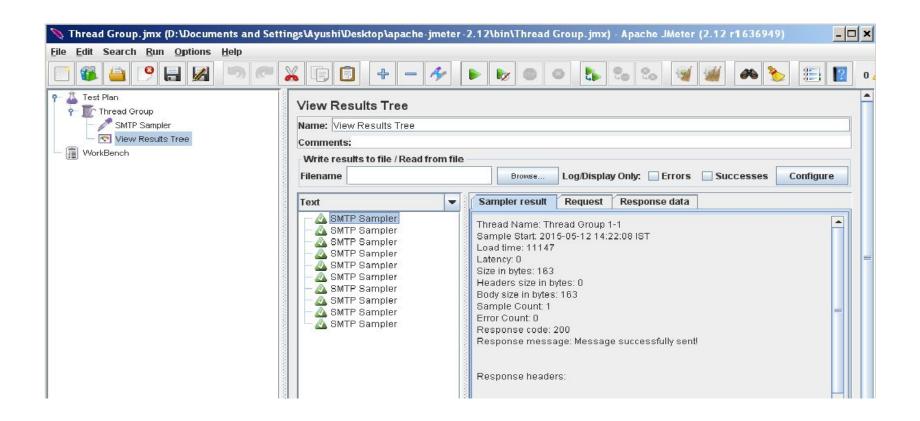
Solution 4

- Add a SMTP Sampler to a Thread Group
- Now configure the SMTP Sampler



SMTP Sampler Form

• Run the script and view the results in View Results Tree



View Results Tree Listener

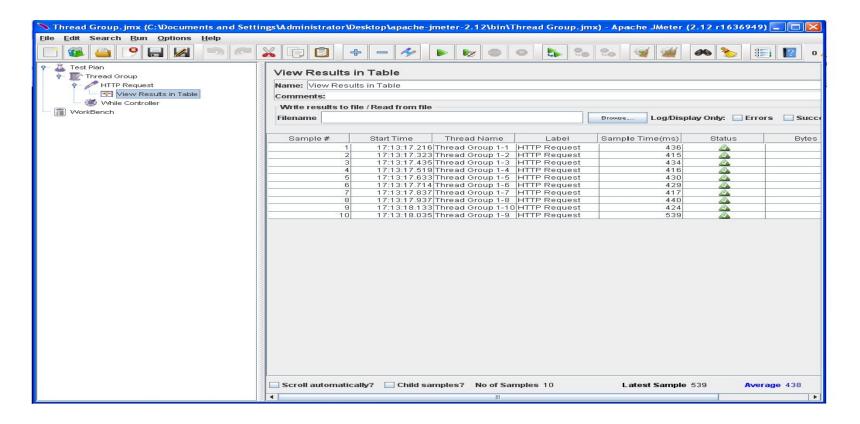
Add a While Controller to test script which tests the HTTP service of Google web site which is based on the condition that it will execute the next thread when the previous thread execution is successful.

- Create a basic test script to hit HTTP service of Google at www.google.co.in
- Now add a While Controller for the HTTP Sampler and configure the condition of the While Controller to \${JmeterThread:last_sample_ok}

While Controller	
Name: While Controller	
Comments:	
Condition (function or variable) \${JmeterThread:last_sample_ok}	

While Controller Form

• Run the test script with required number of threads



View Results in Table Listener

Create a script which will raise a warning when the response from the server gets longer by 2000 milliseconds.

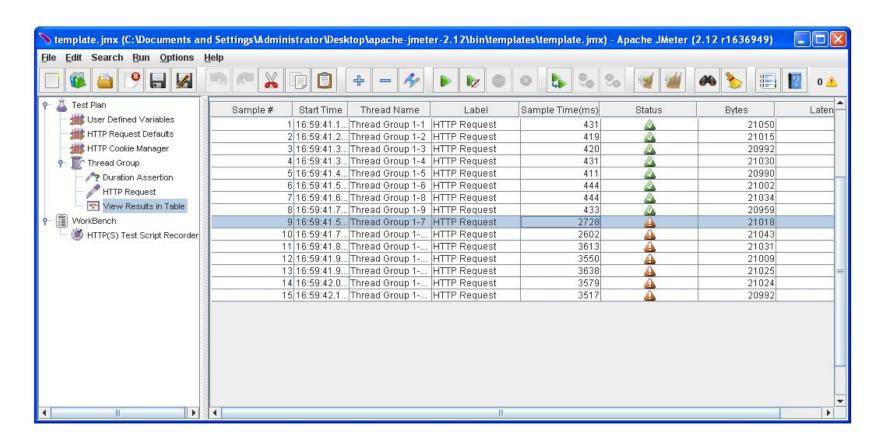
Solution 6

- Create a basic test script to hit HTTP service of Google at www.google.co.in
- Now add a Duration Assertion for the http sampler and configure the Duration in milliseconds of Assertion form to 2000



Duration Assertion Form

• Run the test script with required number of threads



View Results in Table Listener