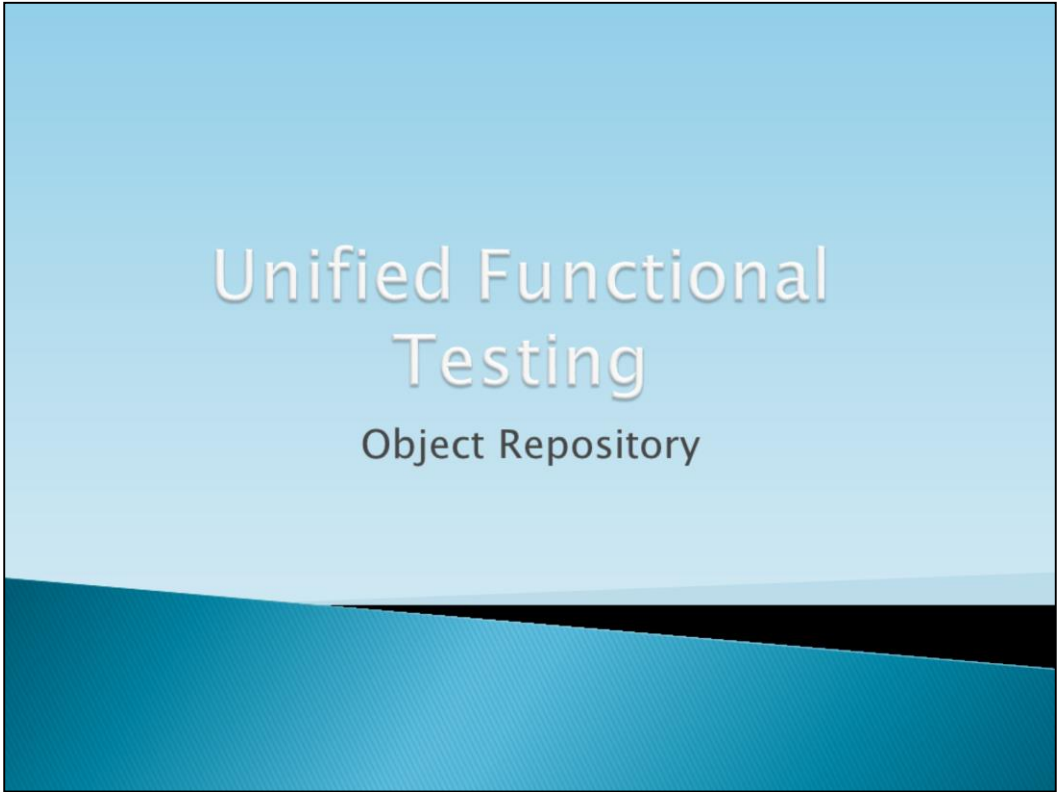


Unified Functional Testing

Object Repository



Lesson Objectives

By the end of this Lesson you will be able to:

- Identify objects.
- Describe a UFT object.
- Recognize objects in UFT.
- Use Object Repository to manage objects in UFT.



Lesson Content

1. What is an object
2. What are object properties
3. Object repository
4. Object spy
5. Object identification
6. Shared object repository
7. Object repository manager
8. Associate action with shared object repository
9. Update shared OR from local OR



Second Phase – Creation



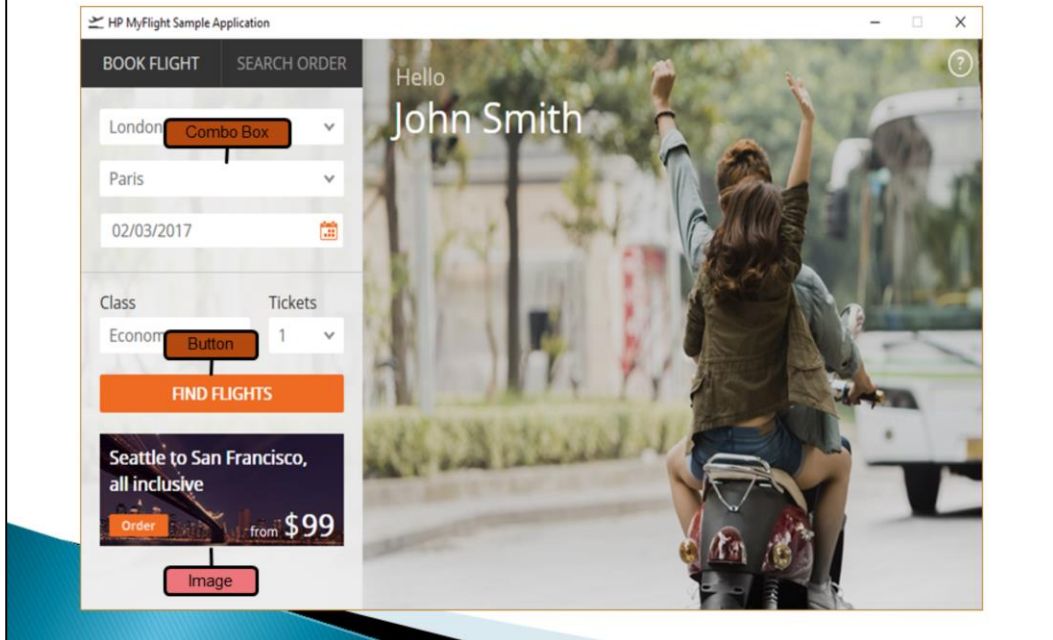
After recording a test, the test object information is stored in the Object Repository.

Object Oriented Programming

- OOP is a programming approach based on a hierarchy of objects and classes.
- An object consists of:
 - Data that describes the object.
 - Functions that can be performed on the object.
- UFT is also object-oriented.
 - UFT objects are defined by classes.
 - Each class in UFT defines the properties and methods available to its objects.
 - Each object contains the actual values for the properties.



UFT Objects and Classes



A UFT object is a graphic user element in the AUT.

UFT objects are categorized into classes, such as Button, Edit, ComboBox and Radio Button.

UFT does not define any object information; it uses the same information that application developers defined.

The FROM and TO objects belong to the WPFComboBox class. However, the properties of the two objects different.

Object Property

HP MyFlight Sample Application

BOOK FLIGHT SEARCH ORDER

Hello John Smith

London

Paris

02/03/2017

Class: Economy Tickets: 1

FIND FLIGHTS

Seattle to San Francisco, all inclusive

Order from \$99

Properties Operations

Native Identification

Properties	Values
Class Name	WpfComboBox
abs_x	500
abs_y	328
all items	<multi-line value>
attached text	
canfocus	True
classname	System.Windows.Controls.C
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devnamepath	fromCity...

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Logical Name

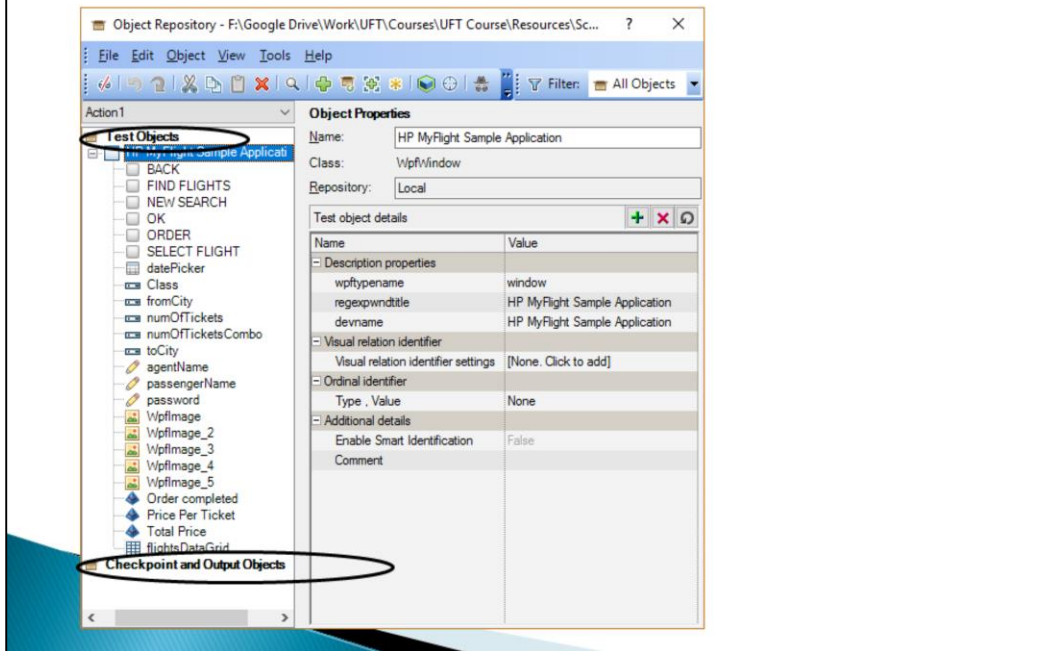
The screenshot displays the UFT (Unified Functional Testing) interface. At the top, a toolbar shows 'VBS', 'Action1', and 'Start Page'. Below this, a test step is visible: `WpfWindow("HP MyFlight Sample Application").WpfComboBox("fromCity").Select "Denver"`. The text `"fromCity"` is circled in red. Below the test step, a table shows the test data:

Item	Operation	Value
HP MyFlight Sample Application		
fromCity	Select	"Denver"

The text `fromCity` in the table is also circled in red. To the right, the 'Object Spy' window is open, showing the object hierarchy: `WpfWindow : HP MyFlight Sample Application` > `WpfComboBox : WpfComboBox` > `WpfComboBox : fromCity`. The `fromCity` object is circled in red. Below the hierarchy, the 'Properties' and 'Identification' tabs are visible. The 'Properties' tab shows various attributes like `Class Name`, `abs_x`, `abs_y`, `all items`, `attached text`, `canfocus`, `classname`, `devname`, `devnamepath`, `enabled`, `focused`, `height`, `helpid`, `hwnd`, `name`, `parent text`, `responds title`, `selection`, `test`, `visible`, `width`, `wpfypename`, `x`, and `y`. The 'Identification' tab shows the `WpfComboBox` class name and its value.

UFT assigns a name to the object. This name is called the logical name of the object.

Object Repository



The Object Repository window displays a tree of all test objects and all checkpoint and output objects in the current component or in the selected action.

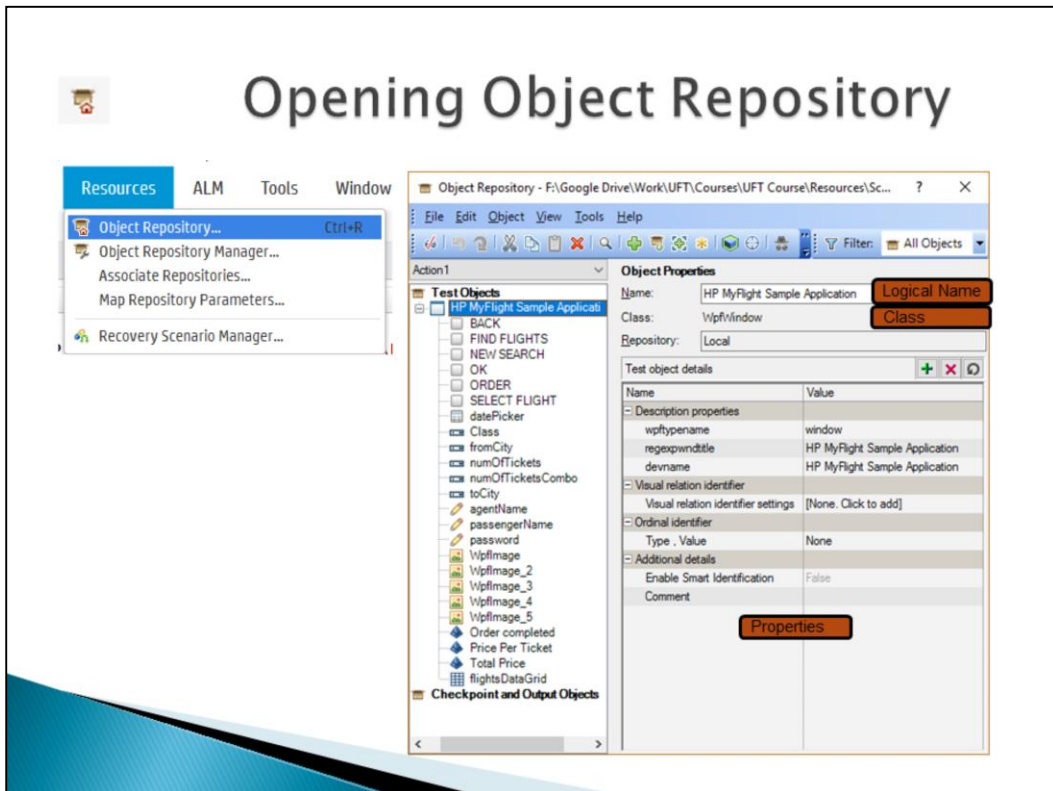
UFT identifies each object that you record and stores it as a test object, determining its object class.

For each object class, UFT identifies a default set of properties.

Usually, UFT needs only a few properties to uniquely identify an object within the scope of the window. In the Flight Reservation application, the CLASS NAME and ATTACHED TEXT properties are enough for UFT to uniquely identify an object.

Test objects can be stored in two types of object repositories: shared and local. By default, the test objects are stored in the local object repository. These test objects are associated with a specific action and no other action can access these objects.

You can use the Object Repository window to view the object description of any object in the repository (in local and shared object repositories), to modify local objects and their properties, and to add test objects to your local object repository. You can also drag and drop test objects from the Object Repository window to your test or component. When you drag and drop a test object to your test or component, UFT inserts a step with the default operation for that test object in your test or component. Checkpoint and output objects cannot be dragged and dropped from the Object Repository window.

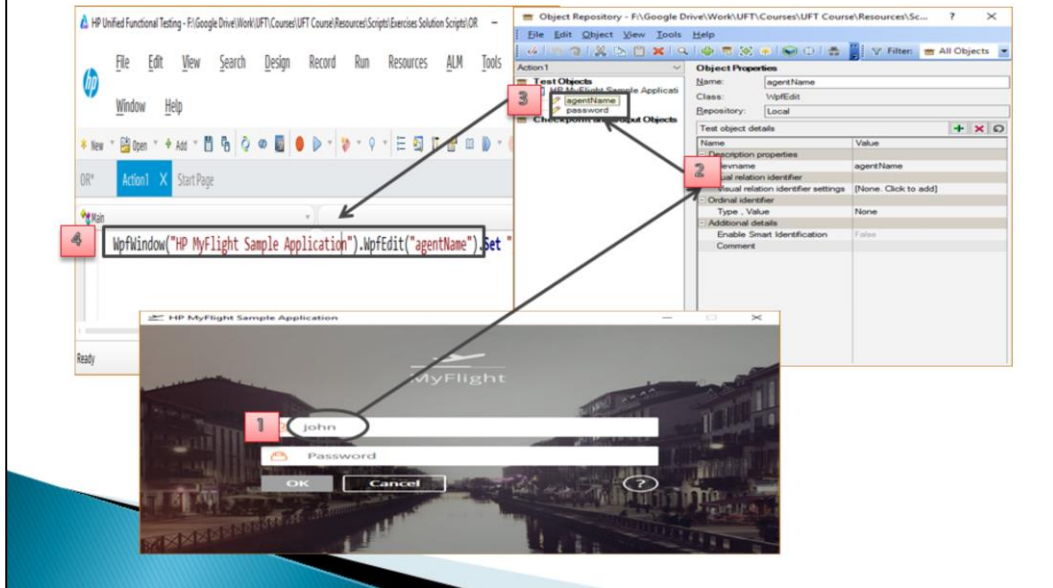


To open the OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box, in KEYWORD VIEW, select RESOURCES -> OBJECT REPOSITORY.

The OBJECT REPOSITORY displays the following:

- The logical name of an object.
- The class of an object.
- The properties of an object, with the current values

Object Repository During Recording

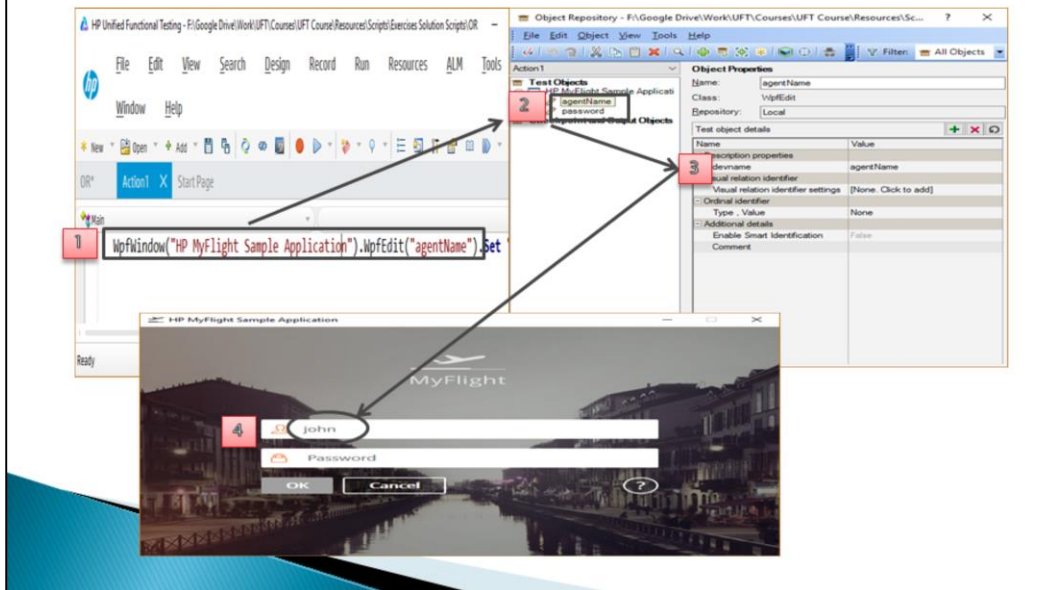


As a test is recorded, every window, button, and other object encountered in the

AUT but not already defined in the Object Repository is added to the Local Object Repository. During recording:

1. UFT gets the properties of the object you are performing the action on and looks for an object with those same physical attributes in the Object Repository.
2. If UFT finds an object with those properties, it uses the logical name for that object in the script.
3. If UFT *doesn't find an object with those properties in the Object Repository*, it creates a new object in the Object Repository, assigns it a logical name, and then uses the logical name in the script.

Object Repository During Script Run



During a script run, every object referred to by the script must exist in the Object Repository so that UFT can find the physical properties for each object and successfully execute

actions against the correct objects in the AUT. Object Repository containing objects

referenced by the script must be associated before running the script.

The Object Repository translates logical names into physical descriptions.

There is no link

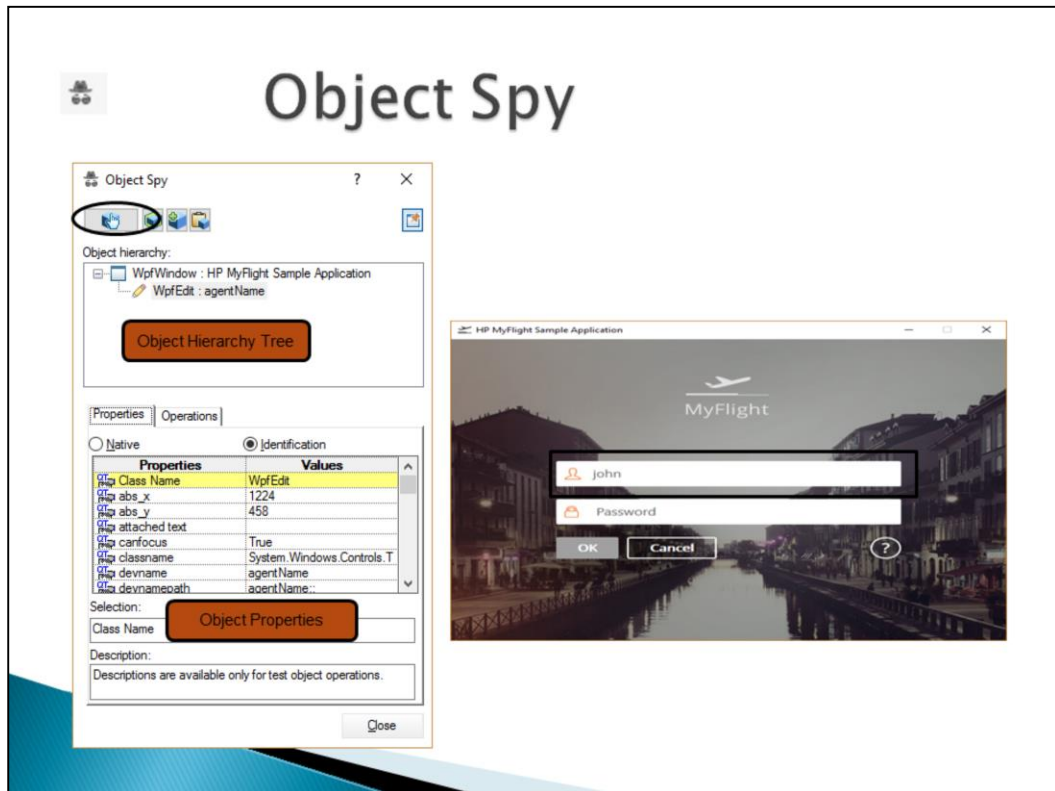
between the object names appearing in the script and the objects in the AUT other than

the one created by UFT in the Object Repository. All communication between UFT and the AUT passes through the Object Repository.

The process is:

1. Is there a logical name in the Object Repository in the same window that matches the logical name in the script? If there is, get the physical description attached to that logical name.
2. Is there an object in the AUT, currently open or active, matching that physical description?

3. If there is, perform the action indicated by the script statement on that object.

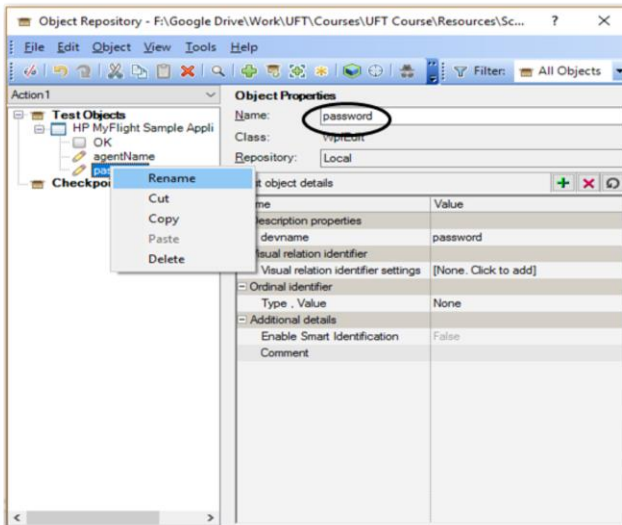


The Object Spy feature enables you to view the properties and their current values as well as methods associated with an object. By pressing on Methods tab , you can view the syntax for a selected method.

In order to open Object Spy

1. select TOOLS -> OBJECT SPY.
2. In the OBJECT SPY dialog box, click the pointing hand button.
3. With the pointing hand, click on the desired object in the AUT.
4. In the OBJECT SPY dialog box, click the **PROPERTIES** tab to view the properties of the selected object.

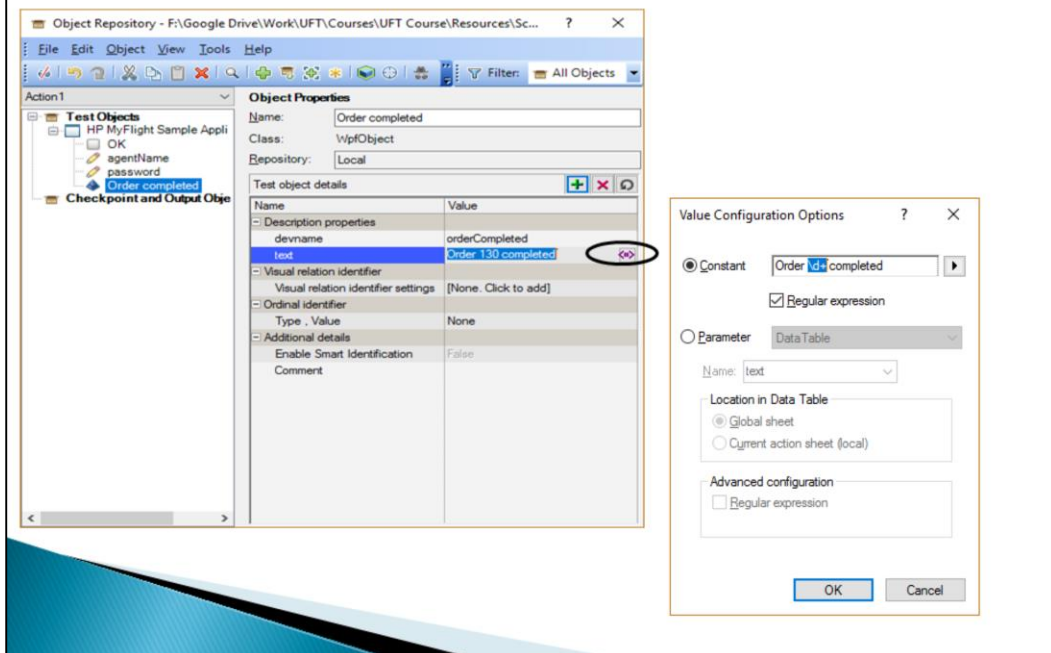
Renaming the Logical Name



To edit the logical name in OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box:

1. Right-click the object in the OBJECT REPOSITORY tree.
2. Select **RENAME** from the menu.
3. Type a descriptive name for the object.
4. Select **FILE -> CLOSE**.

Changing the Physical Description



You should change property value in 2 cases:

1. Property value has changed in the new application version:

Use the “Object Spy” to get the correct value of the property, copy it and replace the old value.

2. Property value is dynamic

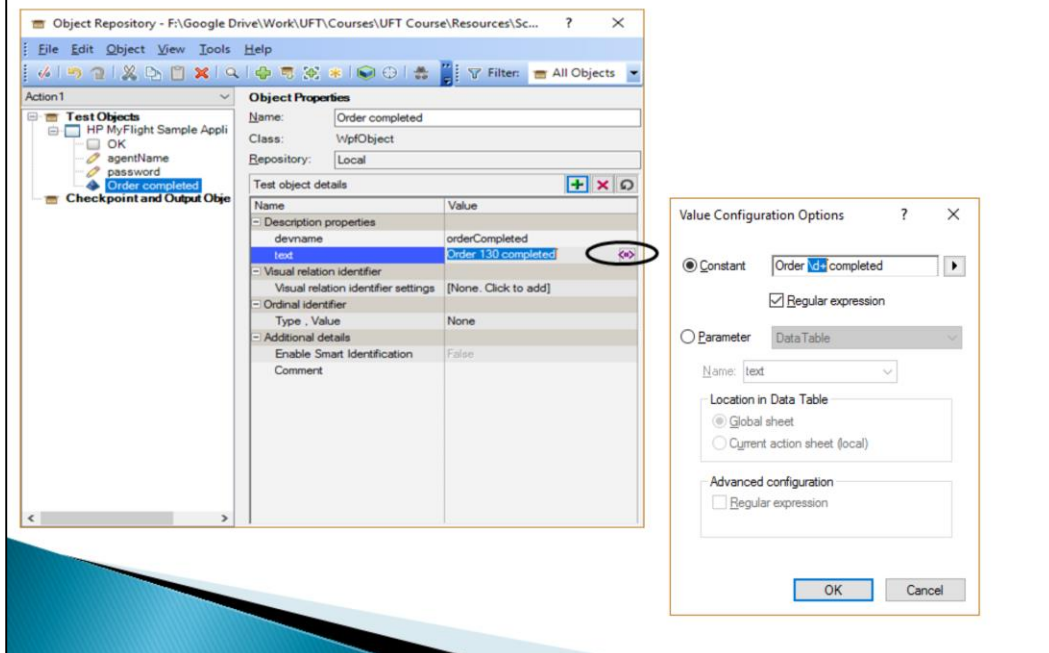
Some of the object property’s value contain dynamic parameter, for example the object ‘Fax Order No. 11’ contain number that will be different at the next execution.

You can use regular expression for an object property’s value in Object Repository:

1. Open the **OBJECT REPOSITORY**.
2. From the **OBJECT REPOSITORY** tree, select the object that changes dynamically.
3. In the **TEST OBJECT DETAILS** section, click the **VALUE** field for the property that you want to modify. The **CONFIGURE THE VALUE** button appears.
4. Click the **CONFIGURE THE VALUE** button. The **VALUE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS** dialog box appears.
5. Check the Regular expression checkbox.

6. Write the pattern instead of the constant property value.

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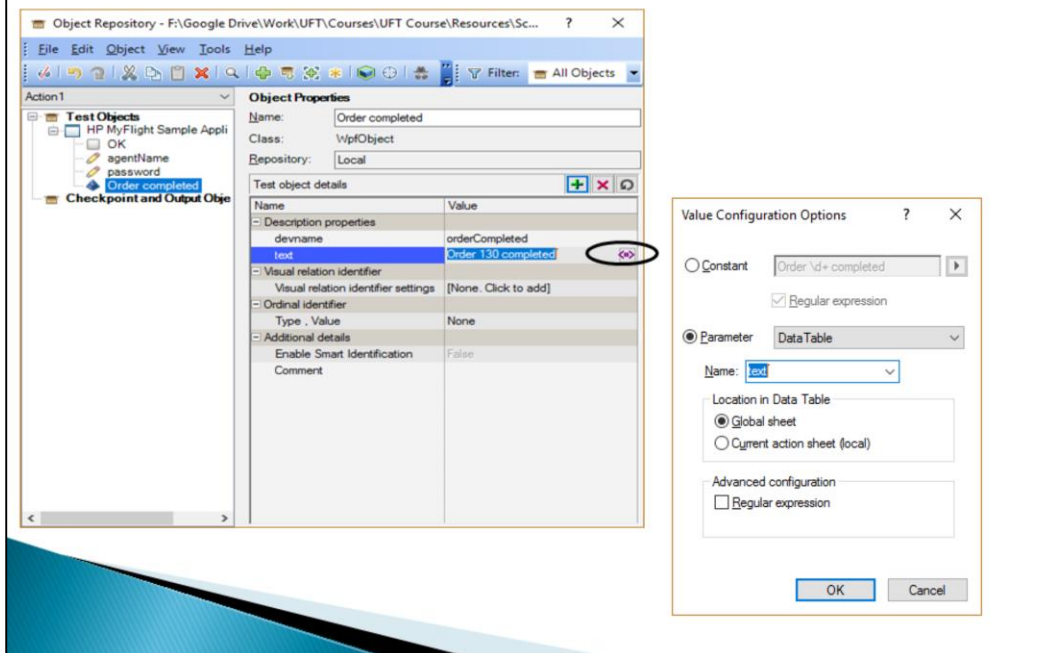
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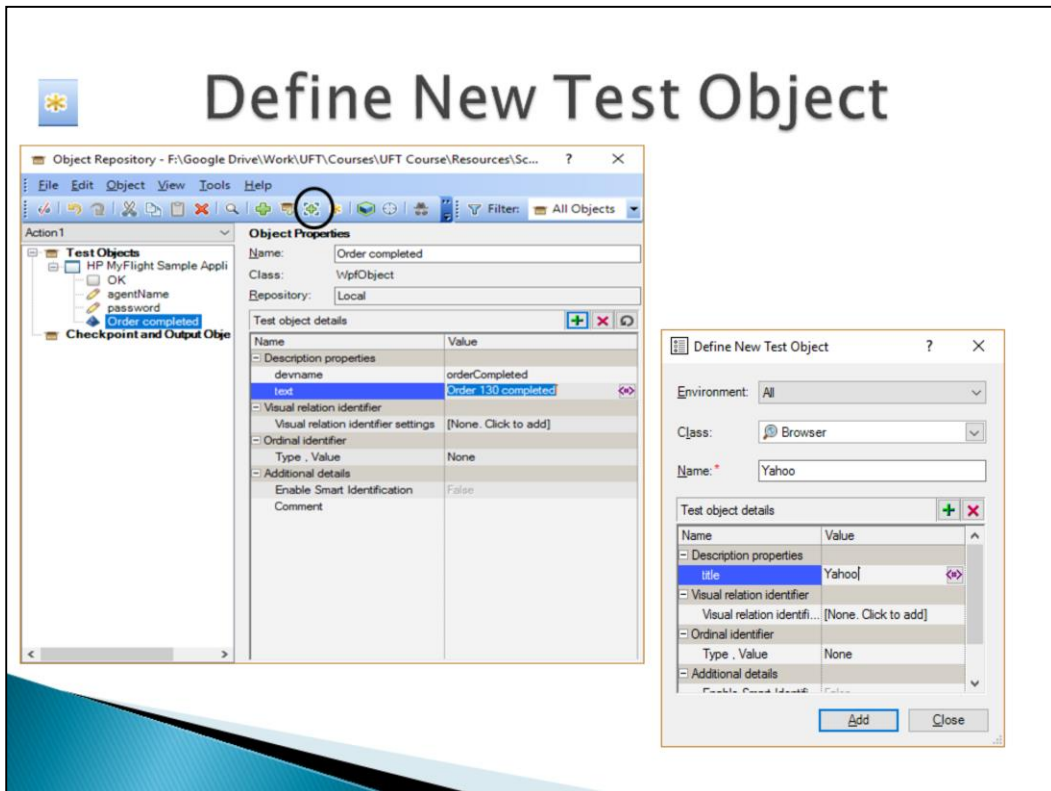
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Parameterize the Physical Description



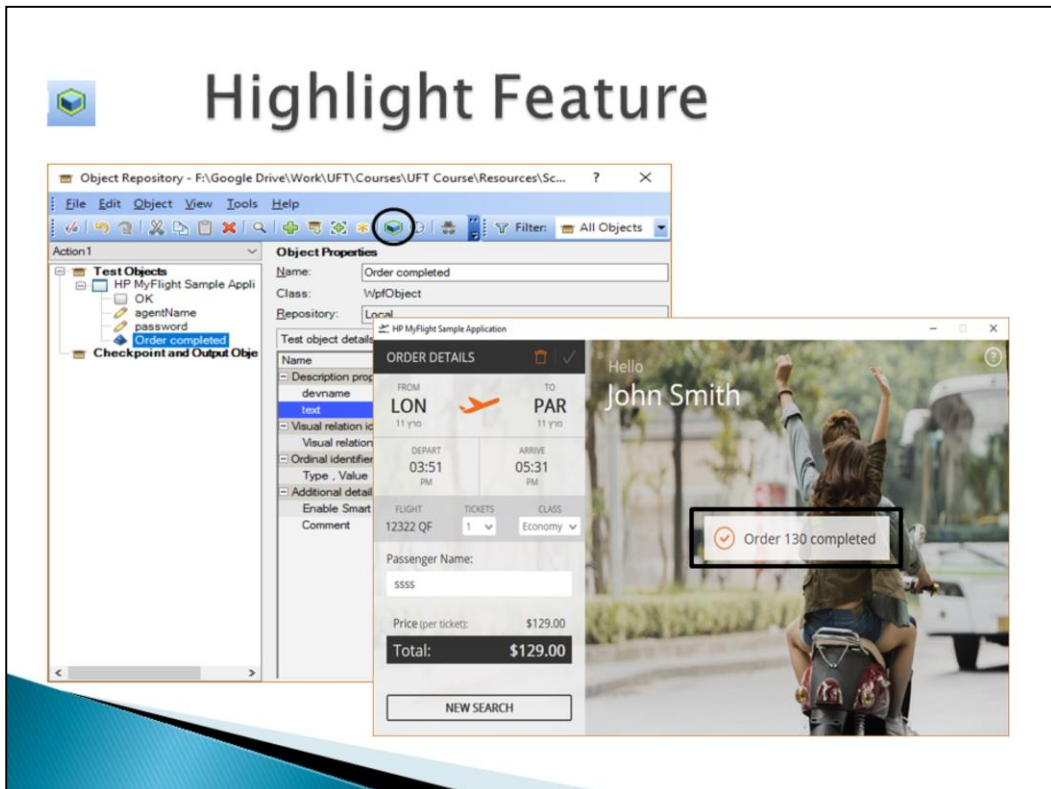
- You can also parameterize the value to be retrieved from a data table:
- In order to parameterize an object property's value in Object Repository:
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 4. Click the **CONFIGURE THE VALUE** button. The **VALUE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS** dialog box appears.
 5. Select the **PARAMETER** option. From the **PARAMETER** list, select the column name that stores the dynamically changing object value, and click **OK** to close the **VALUE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS** dialog box.
 6. Close the **OBJECT REPOSITORY**.



You can define test objects in your object repository that do not yet exist in your application. This enables you to prepare an object repository and build tests or components for your application before the application is ready for testing.

To define a new test object:

1. Open the OBJECT REPOSITORY.
2. Expand the OBJECT REPOSITORY tree and select the parent object under which you want to define the new object.
3. On the UFT toolbar, click the **DEFINE NEW TEST OBJECT** button. The DEFINE NEW TEST OBJECT dialog box appears.
4. From the CLASS list, select the class of the test object.
5. In the NAME field, type a name for the new test object.
6. In the TEST OBJECT DETAILS section, you can specify test object properties and values for the new object.
7. Click **ADD** to add the new test object to the local object repository.



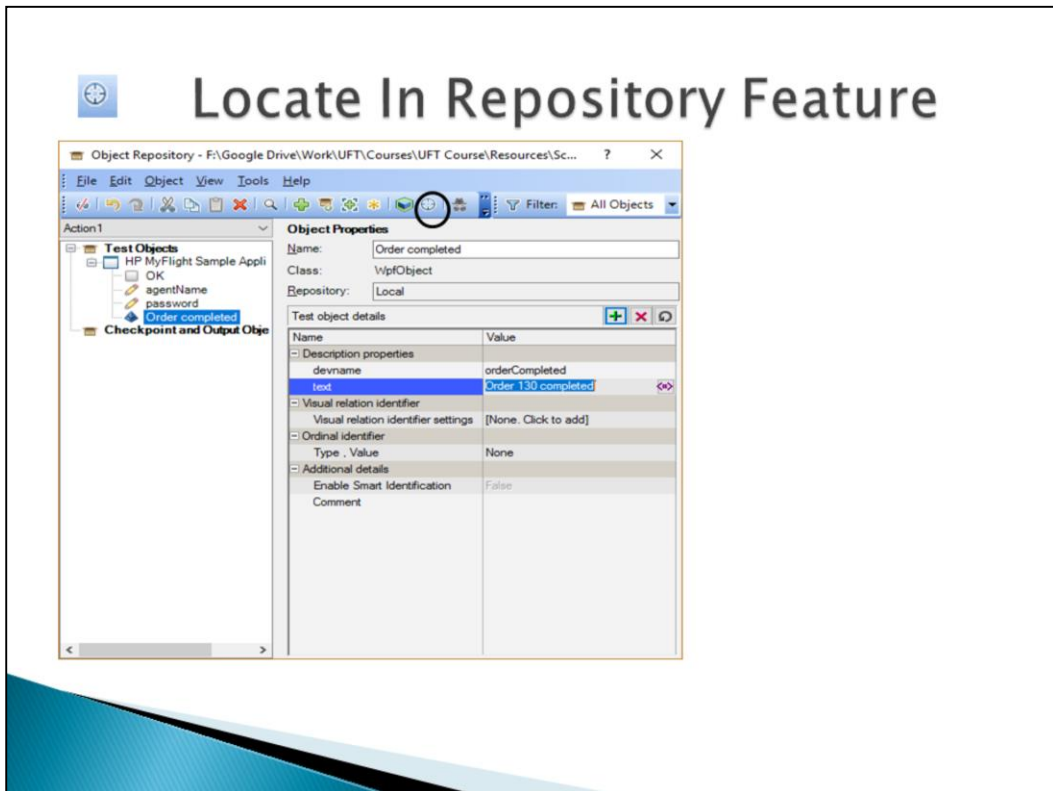
You can select an object in the OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box and highlight it in the application you are testing. This is helpful if an object definition has changed and you want to confirm that UFT still recognizes the object.

To highlight the object in the application:

Before using this feature, ensure that the application and the specific page are open.

1. Open the OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box.
2. Select the object in the OBJECT REPOSITORY tree and on the toolbar, click **HIGHLIGHT IN APPLICATION**.

UFT indicates the location of the selected object in your application by temporarily showing a frame around the object and causing it to flash briefly.



You can select an object in the application you are testing and highlight the test object in the object repository.

To locate an object in Object Repository:

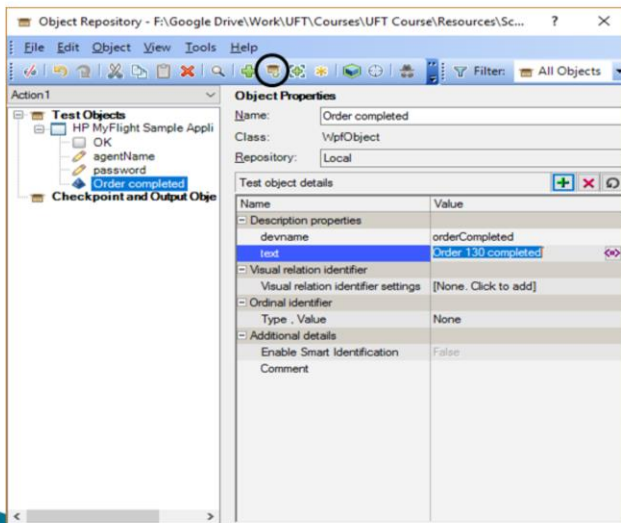
Before using this feature, ensure that the application and the specific page are open.

1. Open the OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box.
2. On the toolbar, click the **LOCATE IN REPOSITORY** icon. The cursor changes to a pointing hand.
3. Use the pointing hand to click the required object in your application.
4. In the SELECT AN OBJECT dialog box, click **OK**.

The selected object is highlighted in the OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box.



Update from Application Feature

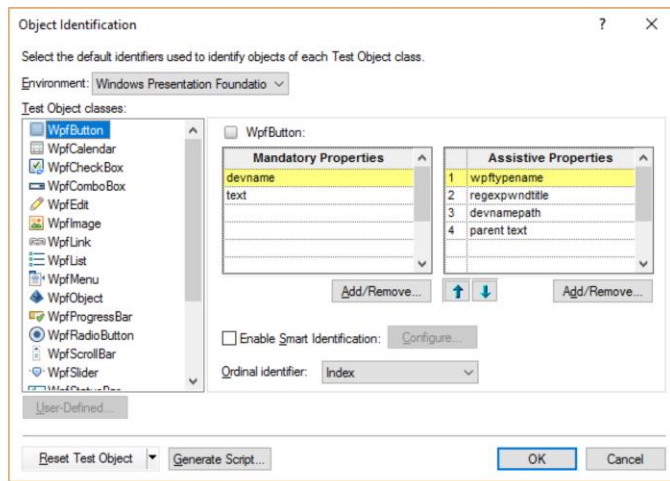


The UPDATE FROM APPLICATION feature enables you to update the properties of the object as identified in the OBJECT REPOSITORY to the object definition in the AUT.

To update an object:

1. Open the OBJECT REPOSITORY.
2. In the left pane of the OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box, select the test object whose description you want to update.
3. On the UFT toolbar, click the **UPDATE FROM APPLICATION** button. The UFT window is minimized and the cursor changes to a pointing hand.
4. With the pointing hand cursor, click the object in your application whose properties you want to update in the Object Repository.
5. In the SELECT AN OBJECT dialog box, click **OK**.

Setting Object Properties For Standard Windows



When you record a test, UFT learns the properties and values of the objects in the test. These properties help in uniquely identifying the objects when you run the test.

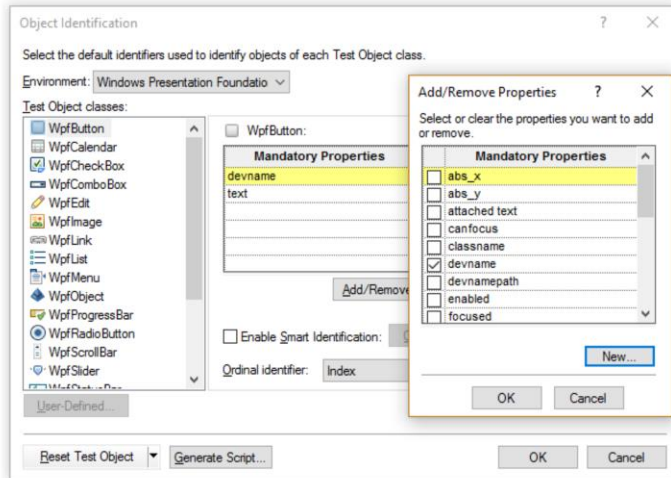
The OBJECT REPOSITORY is used to store a specific object with its properties and values for the object's class. OBJECT IDENTIFICATION is used to define which properties to use to identify a specific object class.

In order to open OBJECT IDENTIFICATION , select **TOOLS→OBJECT IDENTIFICATION**

When you use the OBJECT IDENTIFICATION dialog box :

- View the mandatory and assistive properties of an object class.
- Modify the mandatory and assistive properties of an object class.
- Select the ordinal identifier for an object class.
- Create a user-defined object class.
- Reset the properties of an object class.

Modifying Object Class Properties



If the mandatory and assistive properties that UFT automatically recognizes are insufficient to uniquely identify an object of an object class, you modify the properties for the object class.

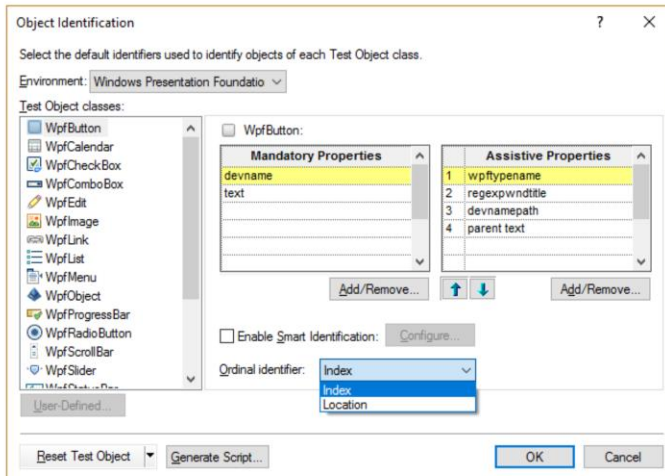
For example, you want to add more properties so you select the ITEMS COUNT property to identify the objects in a test object class.

To modify the mandatory properties of an object class:

1. In the OBJECT IDENTIFICATION dialog box, below the MANDATORY PROPERTIES list, click **ADD/REMOVE**.
2. In the ADD/REMOVE PROPERTIES dialog box, clear the properties that you do not require and check the properties that you require.
3. If the available properties are insufficient, click **NEW** to create a new property.
4. In the NEW PROPERTIES dialog box, in the NEW PROPERTY NAME field, type a name for the property, and click **OK**.
5. Click **OK** to close the ADD/REMOVE PROPERTIES dialog box and apply the new properties to the object class.

You modify the assistive properties of an object class in a similar manner.

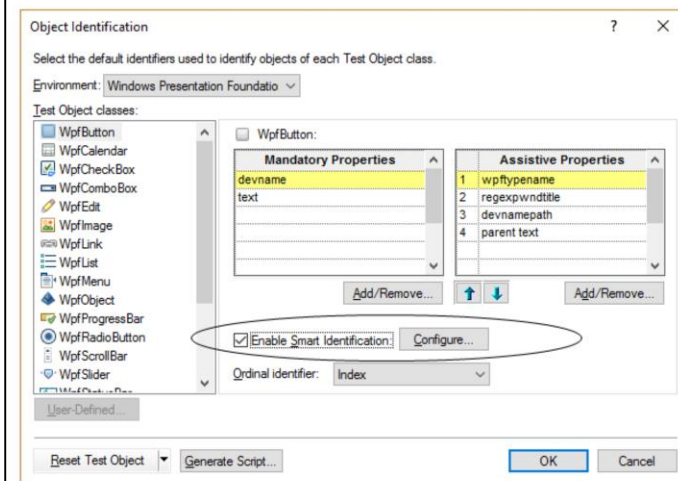
Selecting an Ordinal Identifier



UFT uses an ordinal identifier to identify an object if the mandatory and assistive properties are insufficient to identify the object.

By default, the location of an object is used as an ordinal identifier to identify an object.

Using Smart Identification



When you run a test, UFT searches for an object based on the description it learned for the object. If UFT cannot find any object that matches the description, or if it finds multiple objects that match, UFT uses the SMART IDENTIFICATION feature to identify the object.

The SMART IDENTIFICATION feature tries to find a unique set of properties to identify an object. This feature is normally required in tests that you create for Web-based applications

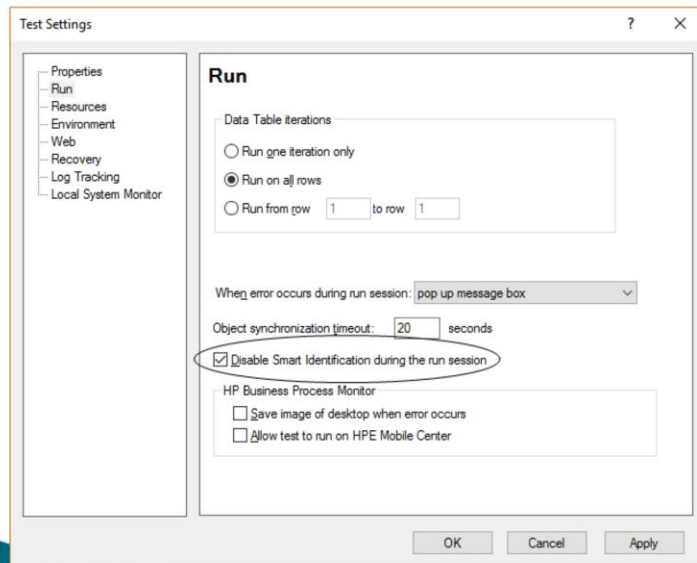
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The SMART IDENTIFICATION feature is disabled by default.

To enable the SMART IDENTIFICATION feature:

1. In the OBJECT IDENTIFICATION dialog box, from the TEST OBJECT CLASSES list, select the object class for which you want to enable SMART IDENTIFICATION.
2. Check the **ENABLE SMART IDENTIFICATION** check box to enable the SMART IDENTIFICATION feature.
3. Click **OK** to close the OBJECT IDENTIFICATION dialog box.

Disabling Smart Identification



If the mandatory and assistive properties of the object classes are sufficient to uniquely identify objects during a run session, you can disable the SMART IDENTIFICATION feature during the run session.

To disable the SMART IDENTIFICATION feature:

1. From the UFT menu bar, select **FILE**→**SETTINGS**→**RUN**
2. Check the **DISABLE SMART IDENTIFICATION DURING THE RUN SESSION** check box.
3. Click **OK** to close the TEST SETTINGS dialog box.

Retrieving The Property Values

- There are two methods that can be used to retrieve the values of a property in a run-time or test object.
 - Call GetROProperty – Retrieves the property values of run-time objects.
 - **Syntax** <object>.GetROProperty(<property>)
 - **Example** *'Count the items that exist in From ComboBox'*
`CountItemsFromList = Window("Flight Reservation").WinComboBox("Fly From:").GetROProperty("items count")`
 - Call GetTOProperty – Retrieves the property values of test objects.
 - **Syntax** <object>. GetTOProperty(<property>)
 - **Example** *'Get the title of the window as appear in Object Repository'*
`WindowTitle = Window("Flight Reservation").Dialog("Fax Order No.").GetTOProperty("text")`

Setting Object Properties

- During a execution, you can temporarily modify an object's property value in the OBJECT REPOSITORY. The change does not affect the permanent value.
- The **SetTOPProperty** method changes the property value used to identify an object during the test run. This method has no effect on the ACTIVE SCREEN of UFT or the values saved in the OBJECT REPOSITORY for the object.

- **Syntax** <object>.SetTOPProperty <property>,<value>
- **Example**

'Set title of window according to order number
Window("Flight Reservation").Dialog("Fax Order No.").SetTOPProperty "text", "Fax Order No." & OrderNumber

Types of Object Repository

- ❑ There are 2 types of Object Repositories:
 - **Local** – stores objects in a file that is associated with one specific action, so that only that action can access the stored objects.
 - **Shared** – stores objects in a file that can be accessed by multiple actions (via their application areas) in read-only mode.

When you create an action in a test, UFT creates a new local object repository that stores objects used in the action. This local object repository is the default type of object repository.

When you associate a shared object repository with a new action, the objects in the shared object repository appear in the object repository.

When you plan and create tests, you decide how you want to store the objects in your

tests. You can store the objects for each action in its corresponding local object

repository. You can also store the objects in your tests in one or more shared object

repositories. For each action, you can use a combination of objects from local and shared

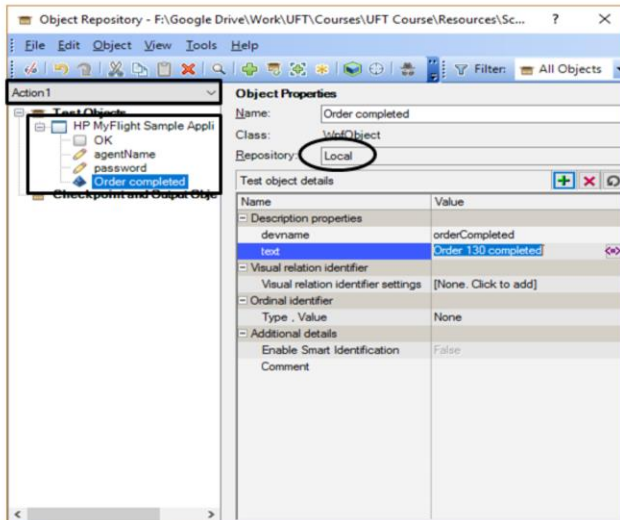
object repositories, depending on the test requirements.

You can transfer local objects to a shared object repository, if required. This transfer

reduces maintenance effort and enhances the reusability of your tests because it enables

you to maintain the objects in a single, shared location instead of multiple locations.

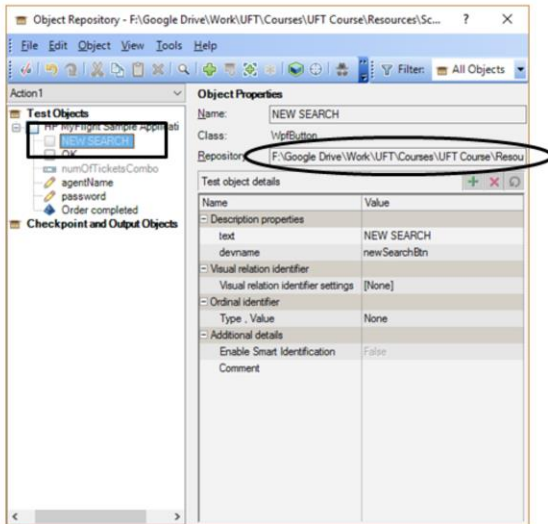
Local Object Repository



When you record a test, UFT automatically saves the information about the objects

that you record in the local object repository. UFT creates separate local object repositories for each action.

Shared Object Repository



If you plan to use shared objects in a test, you can create a shared object repository before you create the test. A shared object repository can be used for multiple tests.

Multiple shared object repositories can store shared objects.

You specify the shared object repositories that you want to use for an action in a test

before you record a test. You can also create new shared object repositories and

associate these repositories with an action in a test after you record the test.

To create and manage shared object repositories, select

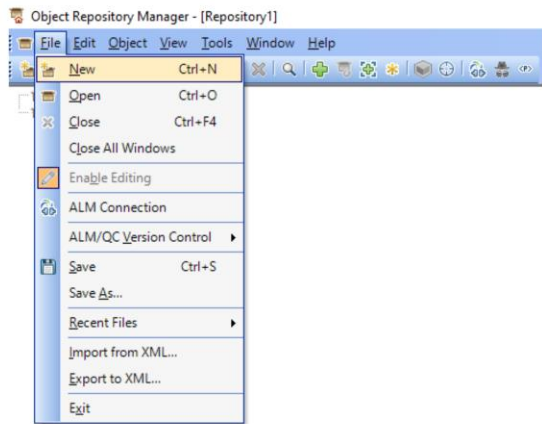
RESOURCES→OBJECT

REPOSITORY MANAGER.

Comparing Local and Shared of Object Repositories

- You use Local Object Repository when:
 - You have only one, or very few, tests that correspond to a given application, interface, or set of objects.
 - You do not expect to frequently modify object properties.
 - You generally create single-action tests.
- You use Shared Object Repository when:
 - You are creating tests using keyword-driven methodologies (not by recording).
 - You have several tests that test elements of the same application, interface, or set of objects.
 - You expect the object properties in your application to change from sometimes and/or you regularly need to update or modify object properties.
 - You often work with multi-action tests and regularly use the **Insert Copy of Action** and **Insert Call to Action** options.

Object Repository Manager – Create Shared OR

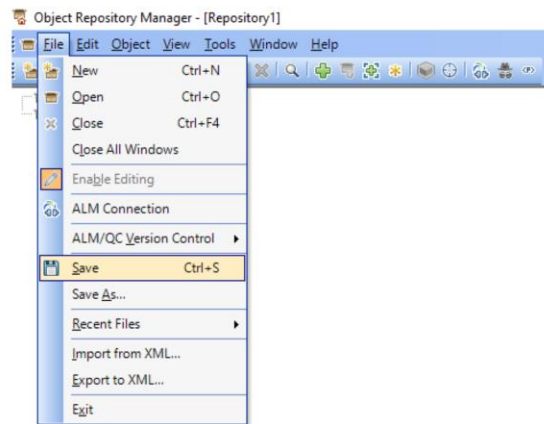


You can create a shared object repository in the OBJECT REPOSITORY MANAGER.

To create a new shared object repository select **FILE**→**NEW**.

A new object repository opens.

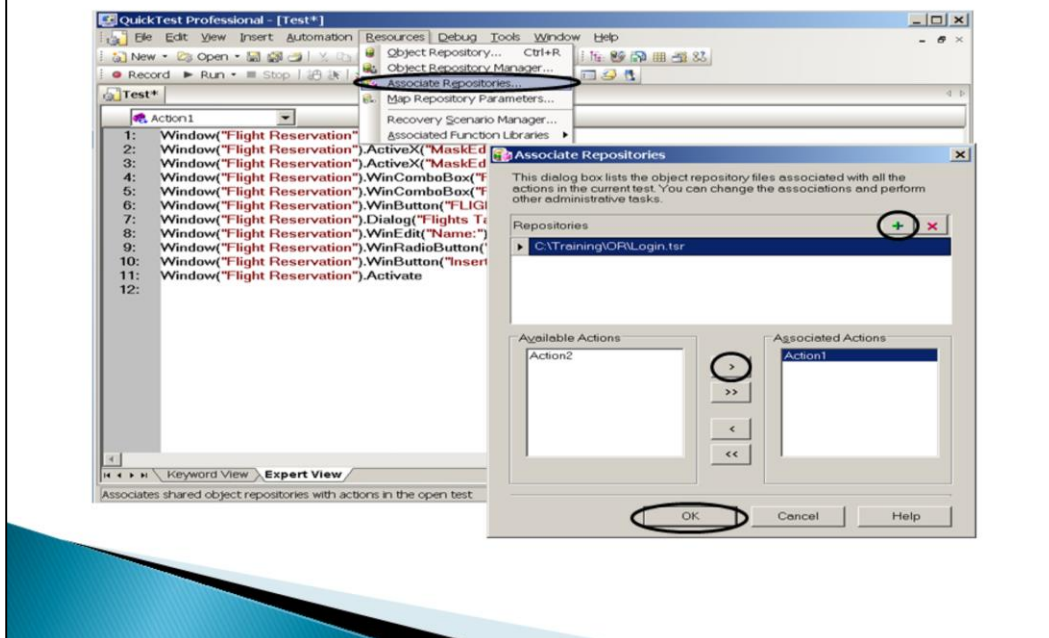
Object Repository Manager – Save Shared OR



After you create or modify an object repository, you should save it. To save an object repository:

1. From the OBJECT REPOSITORY MANAGER menu bar, select **FILE**→**SAVE**. The SAVE SHARED OBJECT REPOSITORY dialog box appears.
2. Select the folder where you want to save the object repository.
3. In the FILE NAME field, type the name of the object repository.
4. Click **OK**. UFT saves the object repository with a .tsr extension.

Associate Shared OR with Actions

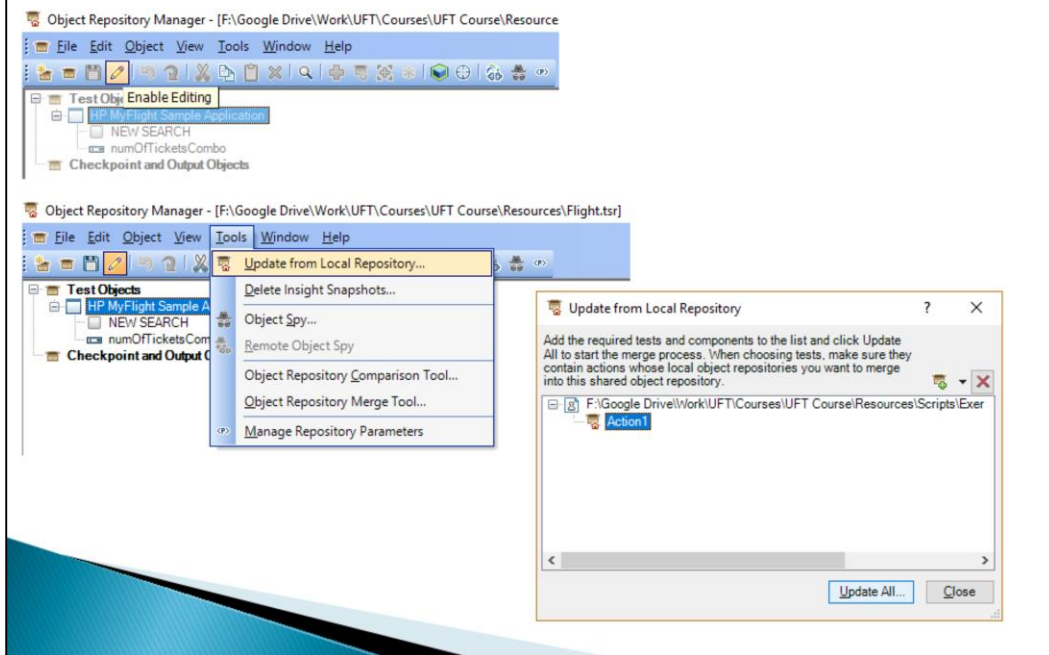


To use shared objects in a test, you first need to associate an existing shared object repository with an action. You associate the shared object repository by using the **ASSOCIATE REPOSITORIES** dialog box. The **ASSOCIATE REPOSITORIES** dialog box enables you to associate one or more shared object repositories with one or more actions in a test.

To associate a shared object repository to an action:

1. From the UFT menu bar, select **RESOURCES** → **ASSOCIATE REPOSITORIES**. The **ASSOCIATE REPOSITORIES** dialog box appears.
2. In the **ASSOCIATE REPOSITORIES** dialog box, click the **ADD REPOSITORY** button to select and add the repository.
3. In the **AVAILABLE ACTIONS** list, select the actions that you want to associate and move them to the **ASSOCIATED ACTIONS** list. Click **OK**. The **shared objects appear** in the **OBJECT REPOSITORY - ALL OBJECT REPOSITORIES** dialog box.

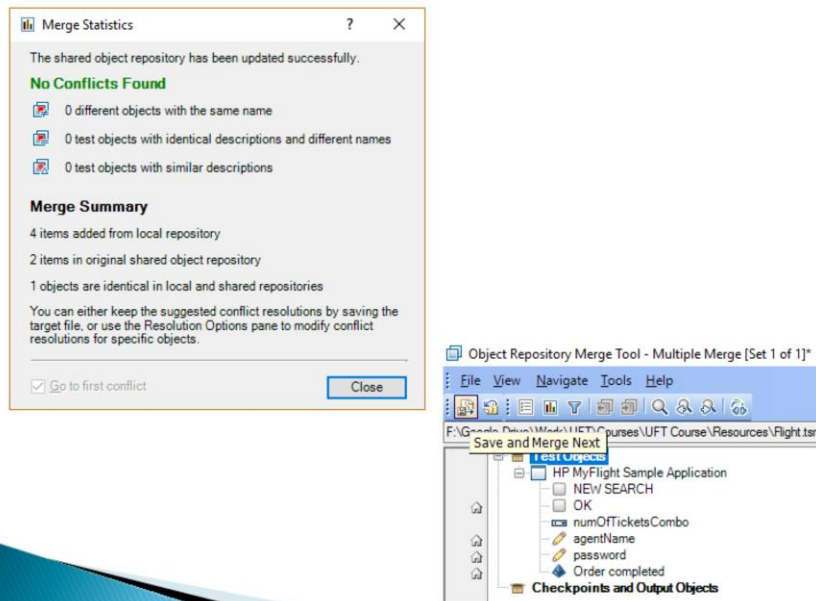
Object Repository Manager – Update From Local



To update shared OR from local OR:

1. Associate your test to the shared OR
2. Close your test in UFT
3. Update shared OR in Object Repository Manager

Object Repository Manager – Update From Local



What's Next?

- Review Questions
- Next Lesson
 - The next lesson in the course is:
Synchronization



End of Lesson

