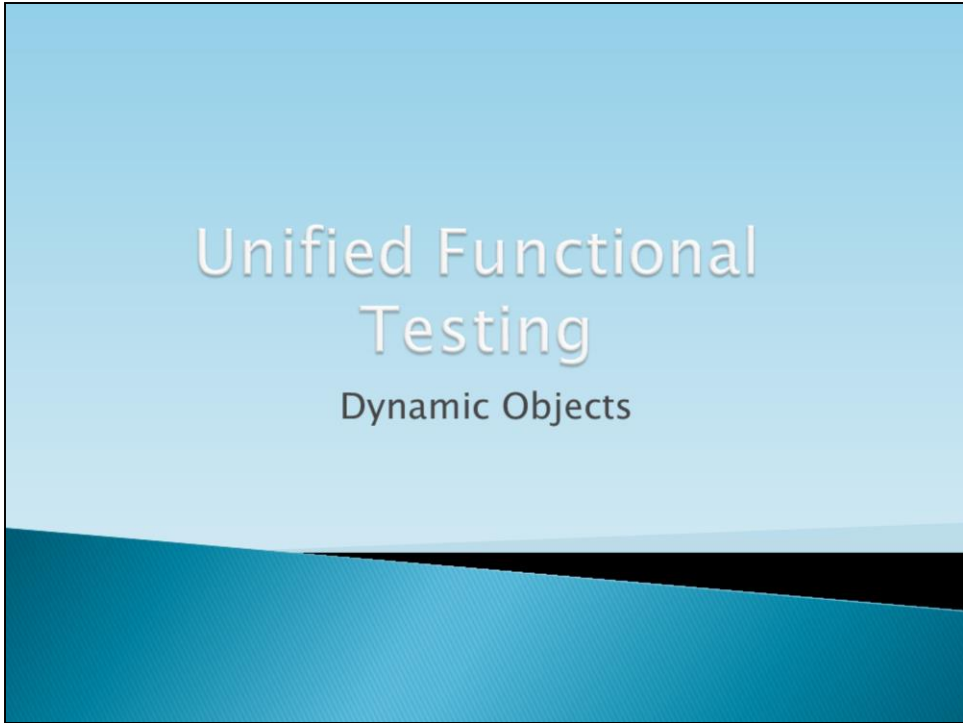


Unified Functional Testing

Dynamic Objects



Lesson Objectives

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

- ▶ Set dynamic values of objects in the Object Repository.
- ▶ Build a Descriptive Programming for an object.
- ▶ Identify uses of descriptive programming.
- ▶ Create and use a Description object.

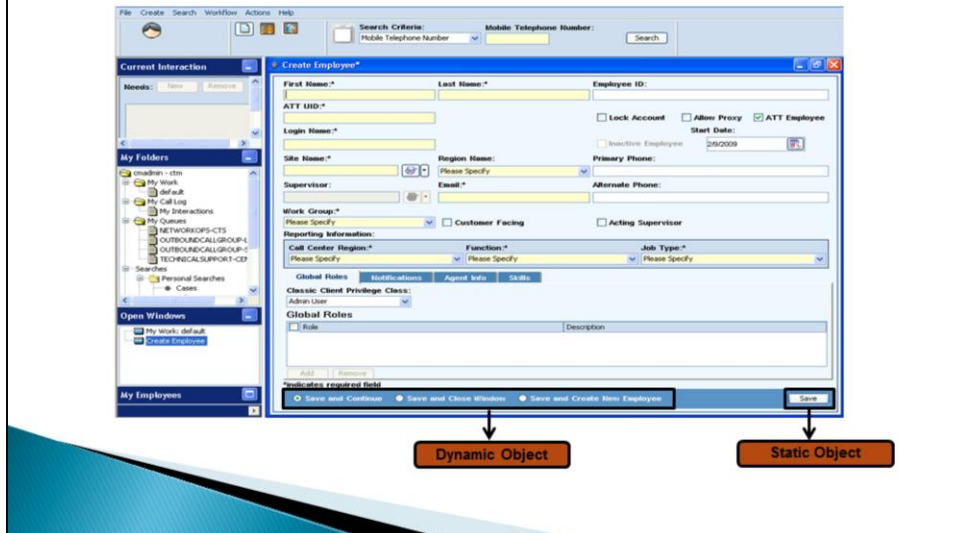


Topics

1. What are dynamic objects
2. Descriptive programming
3. Description object
4. SetTOProperty



Dynamic Object Vs Static Object



A lot of applications contain static and dynamic objects.

Static Object – objects that always exist in the same state in the application.

Dynamic Object – Object that not always exist in the same state in the application because it is created during run time and according to the flow.

For Example , Indicates required field can change according to the workflow and Save button will be same for each workflow.

Identify Dynamic Objects

- ▶ Two methods to handle dynamic objects in a Quick Test script:
 - Setting Dynamic values in OBJECT REPOSITORY
 - Using Descriptive Programming for dynamic objects that do not exist in the OBJECT REPOSITORY.



Types Of Setting Dynamic Values

- ▶ For Objects that exist in Object Repository:
 - Using Regular Expression.
 - Using Data from DATA TABLE.
 - Using the SetTOProperty method.
- ▶ For Objects that doesn't exist in Object Repository:
 - Using Descriptive Programming.



Descriptive Programming - Definition

Whenever UFT records any action on any object of an application, it adds some description on how to recognize that object to its object repository. UFT cannot take action on an object until unless its object description is in the Object Repository. But descriptive programming provides a way to perform action on objects which are not in Object repository.

Below are some of the situations when Descriptive Programming can be considered useful:

1. The objects in the application are dynamic in nature and need special handling to identify the object. The best example would be of clicking a link which changes according to the user of the application.
2. When every page have the same 3 buttons, for example , "Cancel", "Back" and "Next".
3. Perform the same operation on a list of objects with similar properties: For example, to select all the checkboxes on a page.
4. Perform an operation on a static object that you choose based on run-time information

Identify The Object Class And Building Descriptive Programming

- ▶ Steps for Building Descriptive Programming :
 - Identify the Object Class
 - Select Object Properties
 - Create a Descriptive Programming .



Identify Object Class

- ▶ Two Options to identify the object class :
 - Identify the class of the object by locating a similar dynamic object in the OBJECT REPOSITORY.
 - Use OBJECT SPY on the desired object.



Selecting Object Properties

- ▶ After the object class is identified, select the properties that will be needed to uniquely identify the object.
- ▶ You can view object properties in the OBJECT SPY, OBJECT REPOSITORY, or in the OBJECT MODEL REFERENCE in Quick Test Professional HELP.



Ways of Creating a Descriptive Programming

- ▶ The Descriptive Programming is created using one of these methods:
 - Specifying property and value pairs in place of the logical name.
 - Using the Description object.



Specifying property and value pairs

- ▶ You can describe an object directly in a statement by specifying **property:=value** pairs describing the object instead of specifying an object's name. The general syntax is:

TestObject("PropertyName1:=PropertyValue1", "...", "PropertyNameX:=PropertyValueX")



Examples of Specifying property and value pairs

valueX is the value of propertyX. If the value contains a special regular expression character, use the backslash (\) character to instruct QuickTest to treat the special character as a literal character.

This example shows how a value is specified for the WINBUTTON window id property:

 Window("Flight Reservation").WinButton("window id:=5").Click

This example shows how to use a variable and the concatenation (&) operator to specify a dynamic description for the DIALOG name property:

 Window("Flight Reservation").Dialog("text:=Fax Order No. " & OrderNum)

A regular expression may also be used in a programmatic description:

 Window("Flight Reservation").Dialog("text:=Fax Order No\ .*")

Sometimes it is necessary to use more than one property and value pair to uniquely identify a dynamic object:

 Window("Flight Reservation").Dialog("enabled:=True, visible:=True")

Description Object

- ▶ The Description object enables you to specify multiple properties to uniquely identify a dynamic object. To create and use the Description object:

- 1. Create a Description object by using the following syntax:

```
Dim objDes  
Set objDes = Description.Create()
```

- 2. Set property and value pairs in the Description object by using the following syntax:

```
<description_object>(<property1>).Value = <value1>  
<description_object>(<propertyX>).Value = <valueX>
```

- 3. The Description object can then be used in the script with the following syntax:

```
<object_hierarchy>.<object_class>(<description_object>)
```

Retrieving Child Object

- ▶ You can use the **ChildObjects** method to retrieve all objects located inside a specified parent object, or only those child objects that fit a certain Descriptive Programming .
- ▶ To retrieve this subset of child objects:
 - create a description object
 - add the set of properties and values that you want your child object collection to match using the **Description** object.

Examples:

```
Set MyDescription = Description.Create()  
MyDescription("html tag").Value = "INPUT"  
MyDescription("type").Value = "checkbox"  
Set Checkboxes =  
Browser("Amdocs").Page("Amdocs").ChildObjects(MyDescription)  
NoOfChildObjs = Checkboxes.Count  
For Counter=0 to NoOfChildObjs-1  
    Checkboxes(Counter).Set "ON"  
Next
```

```
Set ObjDesc = Description.Create()  
ObjDesc("Class Name").Value = "JavaInternalFrame"
```

```
ObjDesc("title").Value = ". *"
Set ObjF = JavaWindow("Clarify").ChildObjects(ObjDesc)
sLabel = CStr(ObjF(0).GetROProperty("label"))
ObjF(0).SetTOProperty "label",sLabel
```


What's Next?

- Review Questions
- Exercise
- Next Lesson
 - The next lesson in the course is:
DB CheckPoints



End of Lesson

