NestedFlow Automation – Test Data Options

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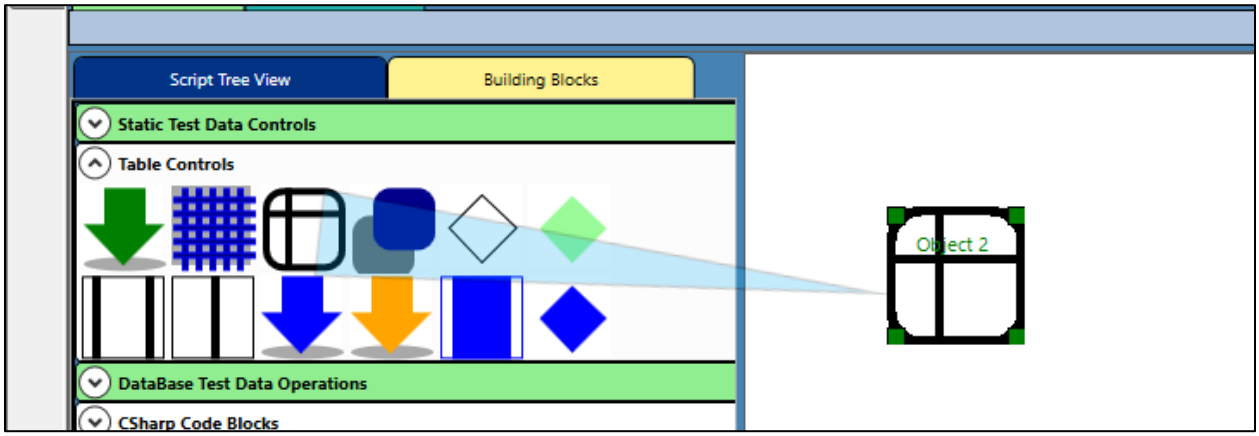
Introduction

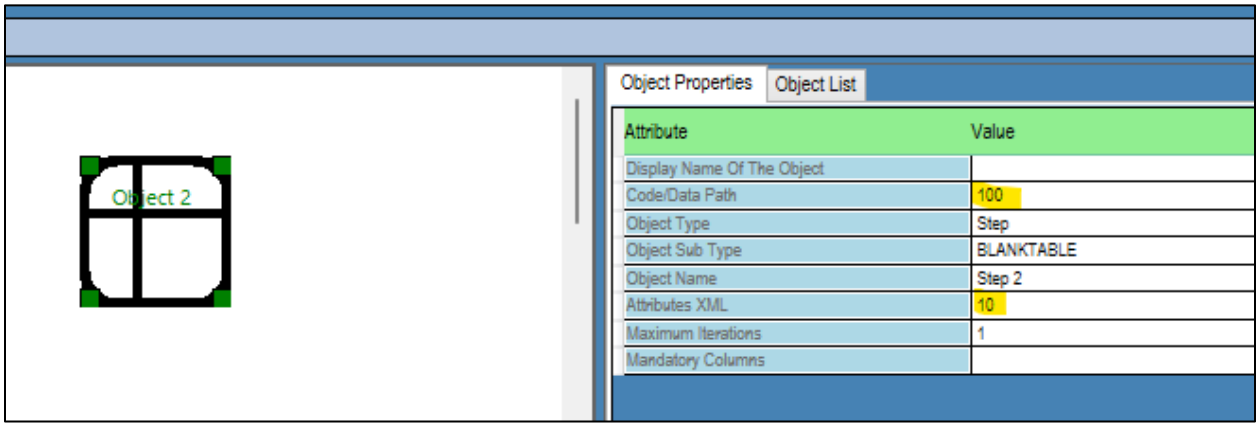
In this document we will look in to the test data generation options provided in the NestedFlow Automation tool which can be used to quickly generated test data needed to feed automated test scripts. Please refer to the below document to see how the tool uses external files to be used as test data input:

NestedFlowRepo/Documents/File Based Test Data Options and controls.pdf at main · nestedflow-Automation/NestedFlowRepo (github.com)

Components To Create Test Data

Create Empty Table With Default Column Names

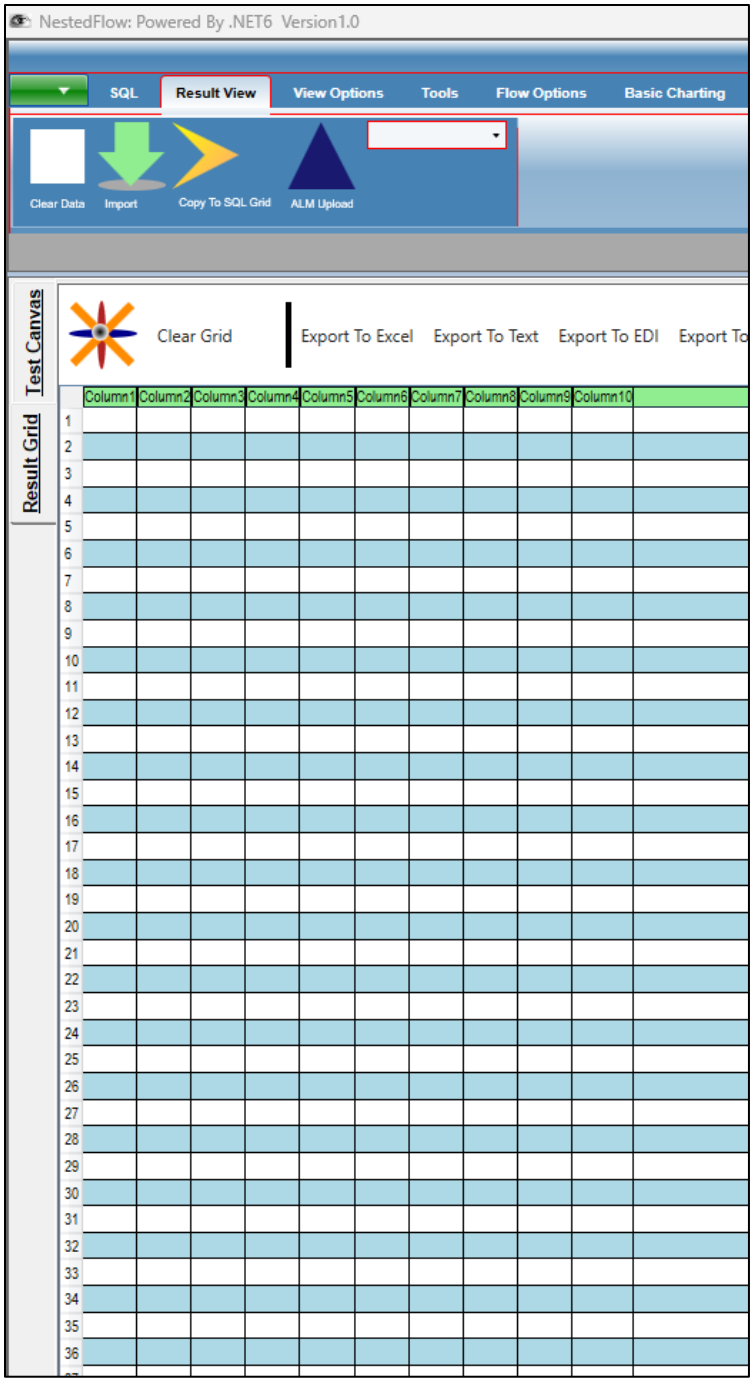




Double click on Value filed in Code/Data Path and enter number of rows needed.

Double click on Value field in Attributes XML and enter number of columns needed.

It will create table accordingly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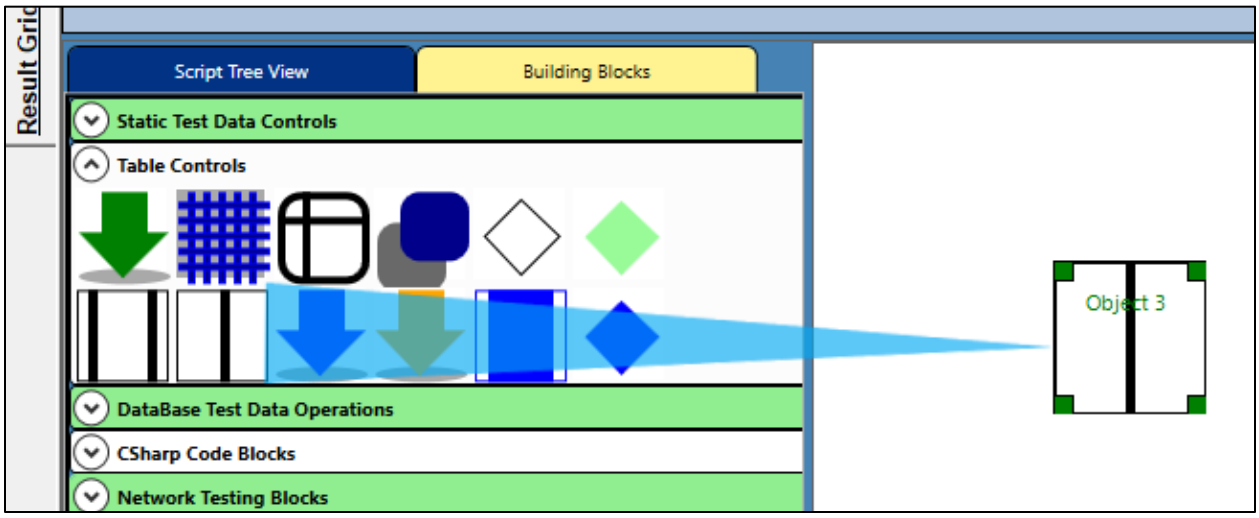
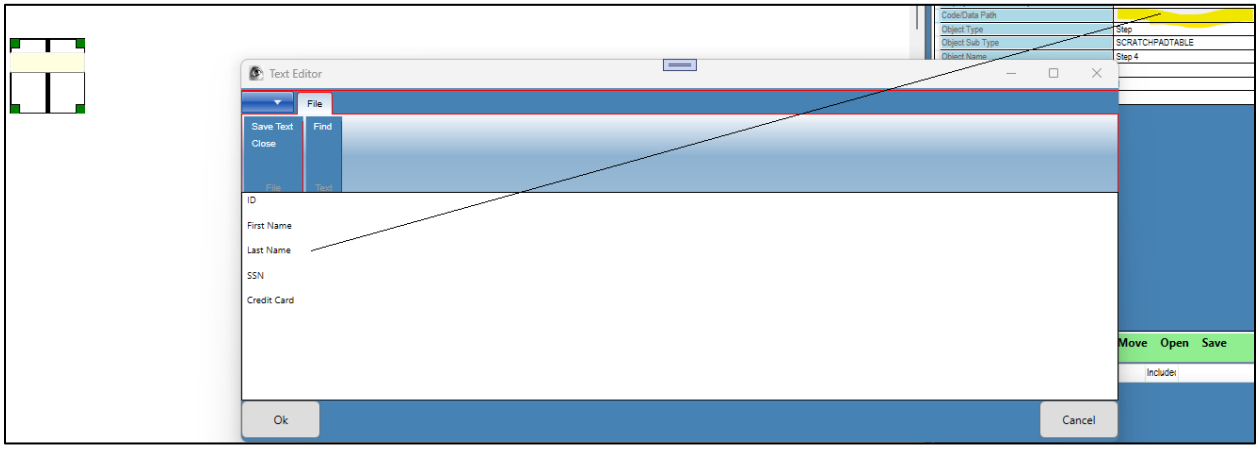
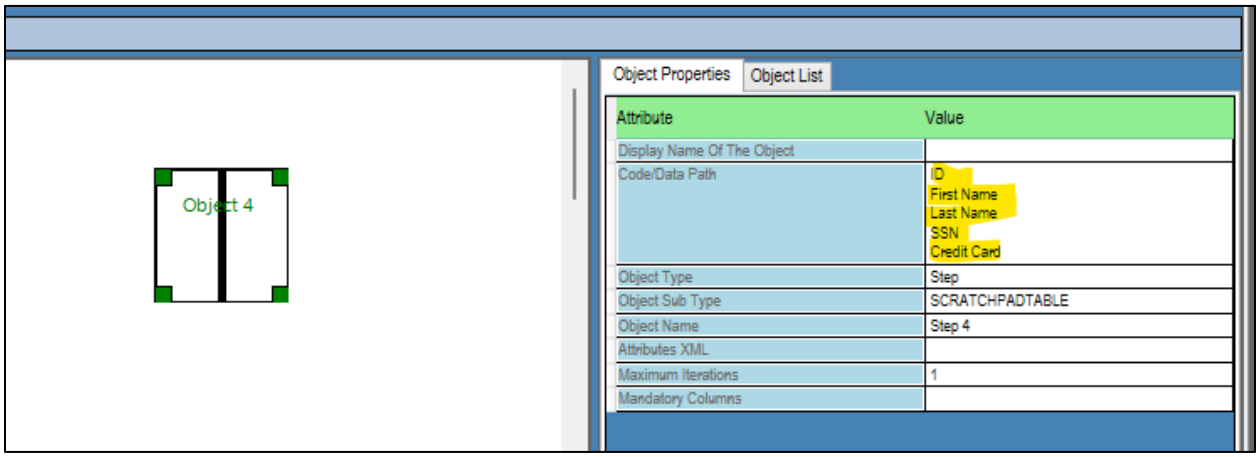
Create Empty Table With Pre-Determined Column Names



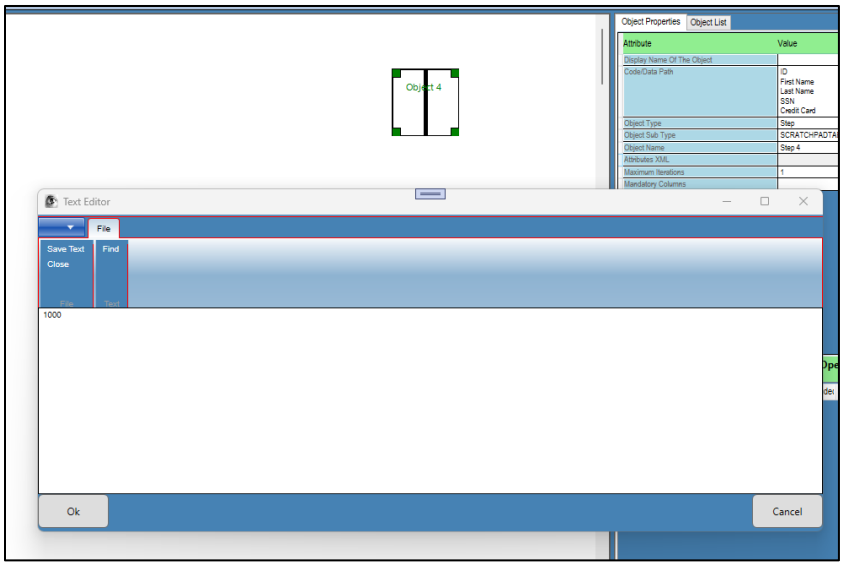
Click on the item and property of the item will be displayed. Double click on the Code/Data Path

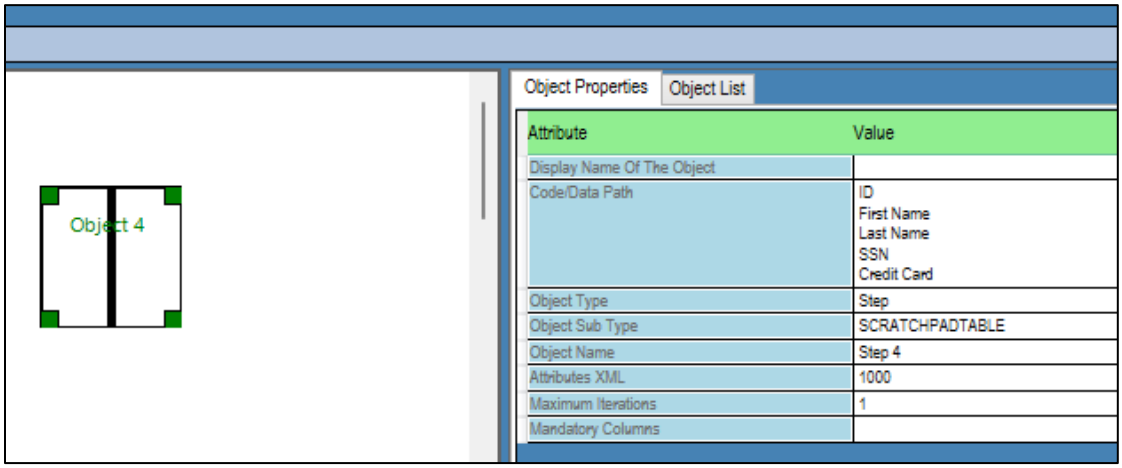


Enter the Expected column names (each row a single column name). Click on OK

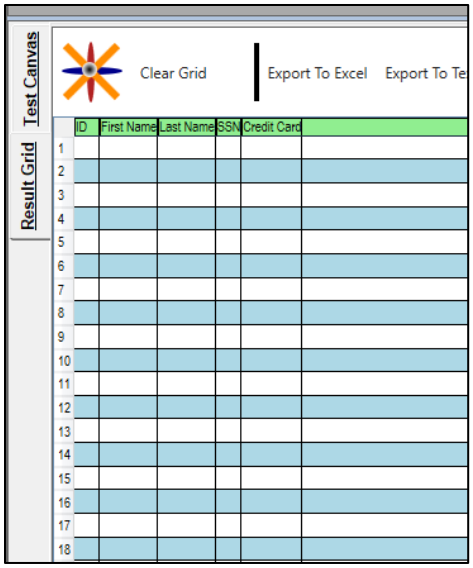


Double click on the Attribute XML value field and enter number of rows you expect to be created



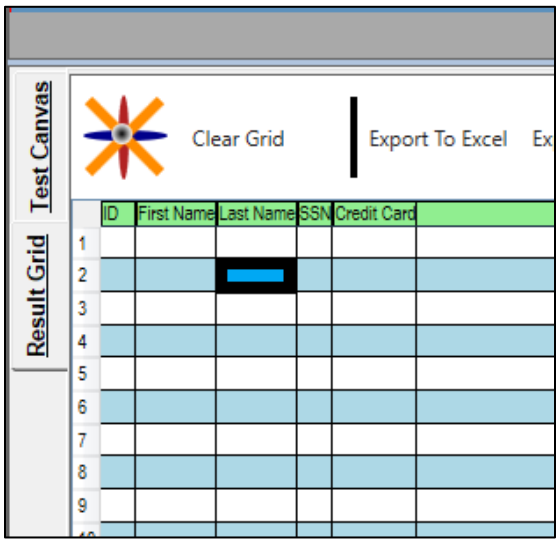


When executed it will generate a table as expected

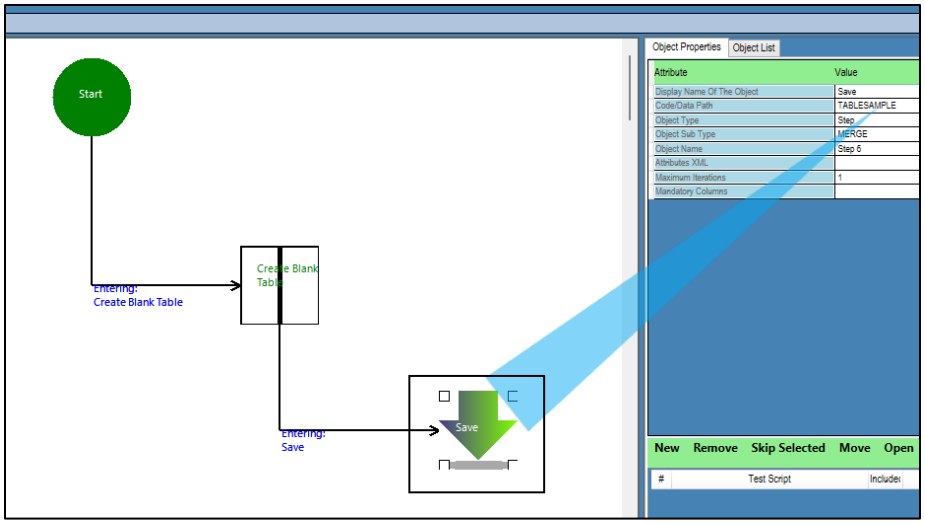


Update a Column

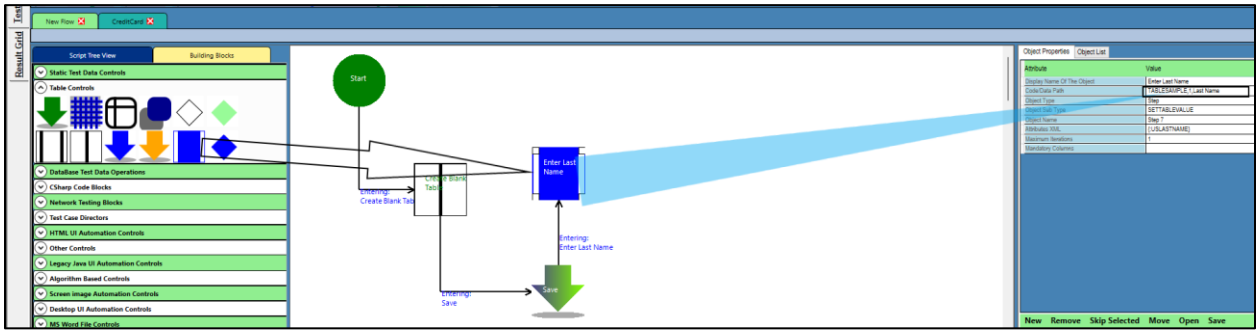
Let us say we want to update 2nd row Last Name field



For achieving it we must save the table first



Use Column update feature to achieve 2nd row Last Name field



The **Code/Data Path** is 3 part string separated by comma

Code/Data Path	TABLESAMPLE,1,Last Name

First component is Table name

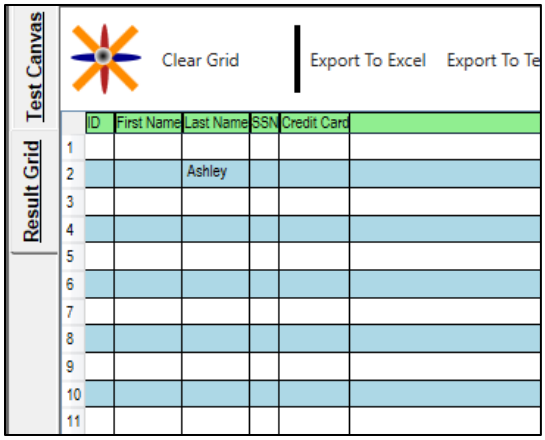
2nd component is the 0 based row index (2nd row will be 1, 3rd row will be 2 and so on)

3rd component is the name of the column to be updated

Attribute XML is the value to be updated with in this case it is system parameter {:USLASTNAME}

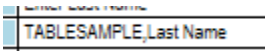
Attributes XML	{:USLASTNAME}

When executed the result will be as shown below



Update Entire Column

It can be achieved by altering **Code/Data Path**



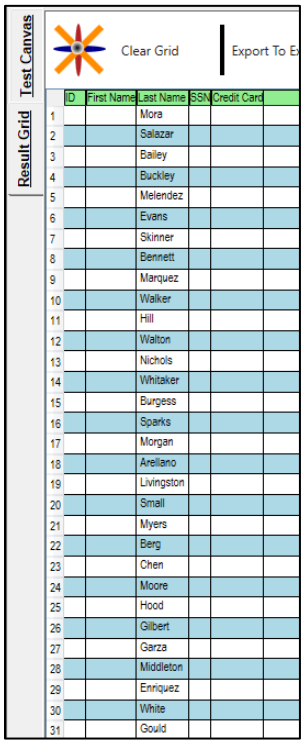
If the string entered is only 2 components

First component is Table name

2nd component is the name of the column to be updated

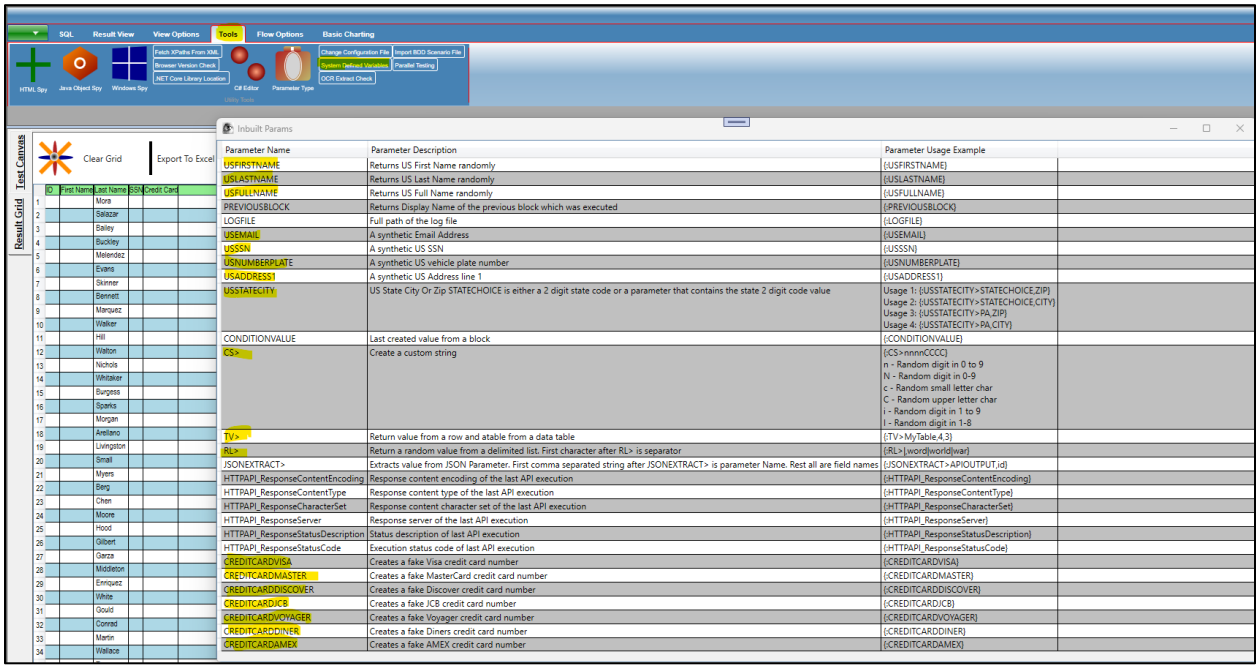
(No row number to be provided)

When executed entire column will be updated



Available System Variables For Data Generation

Navigate to **Tools** ribbon Menu → **System Defined Variables**



Parameter Name	Parameter Description	Parameter Usage Example
USFIRSTNAME	Returns US First Name randomly	{USFIRSTNAME}
USLASTNAME	Returns US Last Name randomly	{USLASTNAME}
USFULLNAME	Returns US Full Name randomly	{USFULLNAME}
PREVIOUSBLOCK	Returns Display Name of the previous block which was executed	{PREVIOUSBLOCK}
LOGFILE	Full path of the log file	{LOGFILE}
USEMAIL	A synthetic Email Address	{USEMAIL}
USSSN	A synthetic US SSN	{USSSN}
USNUMBERPLATE	A synthetic US vehicle plate number	{USNUMBERPLATE}
USADDRESS1	A synthetic US Address line 1	{USADDRESS1}
USSTATECITY	US State City Or Zip STATECHOICE is either a 2 digit state code or a parameter that contains the state 2 digit code value	Usage 1: {USSTATECITY>STATECHOICE,ZIP} Usage 2: {USSTATECITY>STATECHOICE,CITY} Usage 3: {USSTATECITY>PA,ZIP} Usage 4: {USSTATECITY>PA,CITY}
CONDITIONVALUE	Last created value from a block	{CONDITIONVALUE}
CS>	Create a custom string	{CS>nnnnCCCC} n - Random digit in 0 to 9 N - Random digit in 0-9 c - Random small letter char C - Random upper letter char i - Random digit in 1 to 9 I - Random digit in 1-8
TV>	Return value from a row and atable from a data table	{TV>MyTable,4,3}
RL>	Return a random value from a delimited list. First character after RL> is separator	{RL>|word|world|war}
JSONEXTRACT>	Extracts value from JSON Parameter. First comma separated string after JSONEXTRACT> is parameter Name. Rest all are field names	{JSONEXTRACT>APIOUTPUT,id}
HTTPAPI_ResponseContentEncoding	Response content encoding of the last API execution	{HTTPAPI_ResponseContentEncoding}
HTTPAPI_ResponseContentType	Response content type of the last API execution	{HTTPAPI_ResponseContentType}
HTTPAPI_ResponseCharacterSet	Response content character set of the last API execution	{HTTPAPI_ResponseCharacterSet}
HTTPAPI_ResponseServer	Response server of the last API execution	{HTTPAPI_ResponseServer}
HTTPAPI_ResponseStatusDescription	Status description of last API execution	{HTTPAPI_ResponseStatusDescription}
HTTPAPI_ResponseStatusCode	Execution status code of last API execution	{HTTPAPI_ResponseStatusCode}
CREDITCARDVISA	Creates a fake Visa credit card number	{CREDITCARDVISA}
CREDITCARDMASTER	Creates a fake MasterCard credit card number	{CREDITCARDMASTER}
CREDITCARDDISCOVER	Creates a fake Discover credit card number	{CREDITCARDDISCOVER}
CREDITCARDJCB	Creates a fake JCB credit card number	{CREDITCARDJCB}
CREDITCARDVOYAGER	Creates a fake Voyager credit card number	{CREDITCARDVOYAGER}
CREDITCARDDINER	Creates a fake Diners credit card number	{CREDITCARDDINER}
CREDITCARDAMEX	Creates a fake AMEX credit card number	{CREDITCARDAMEX}

This will give available variables for data generation.

USFIRSTNAME → Random first name

USLASTNAME → Random last name

USEMAIL → Random email id

USSSN → Randomvalid SSN number

CS> → Custom random string

TV> → Table values from other data tables created during execution.

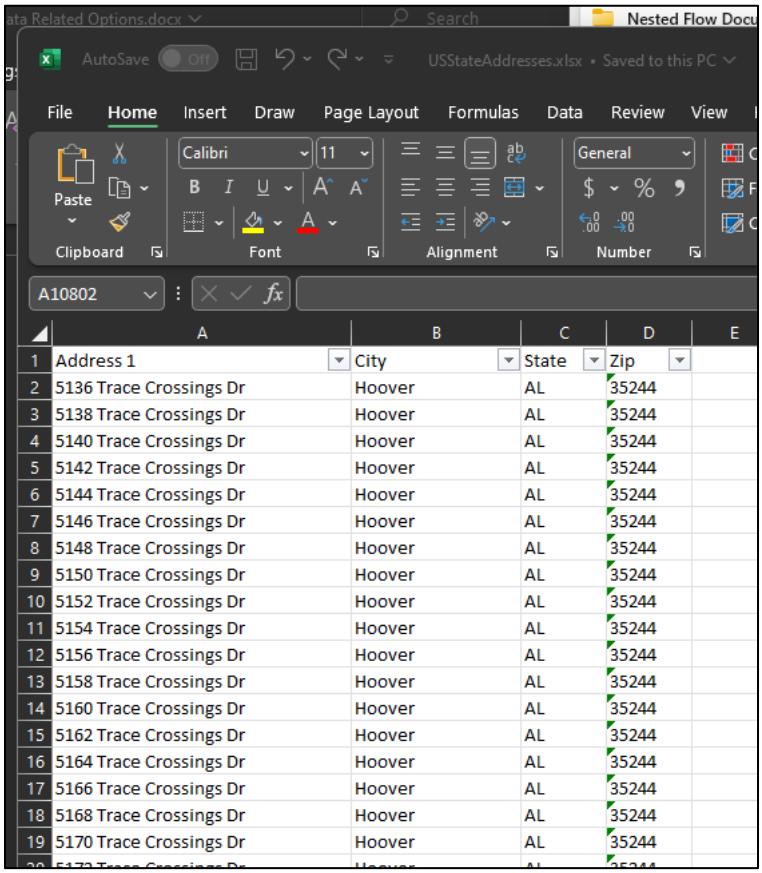
All other test data variables are credit card numbers.

Database Hosted DataSets

This feature requires the tool to be connected to SQL Server database.

Example of Data Set:

Download the file [NestedFlowRepo/Data/USStateAddresses.xlsx at main · nestedflow-Automation/NestedFlowRepo (github.com)](). This file has 200 valid addresses for each state and most of the territories.



	A	B	C	D
1	Address 1	City	State	Zip
2	5136 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
3	5138 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
4	5140 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
5	5142 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
6	5144 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
7	5146 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
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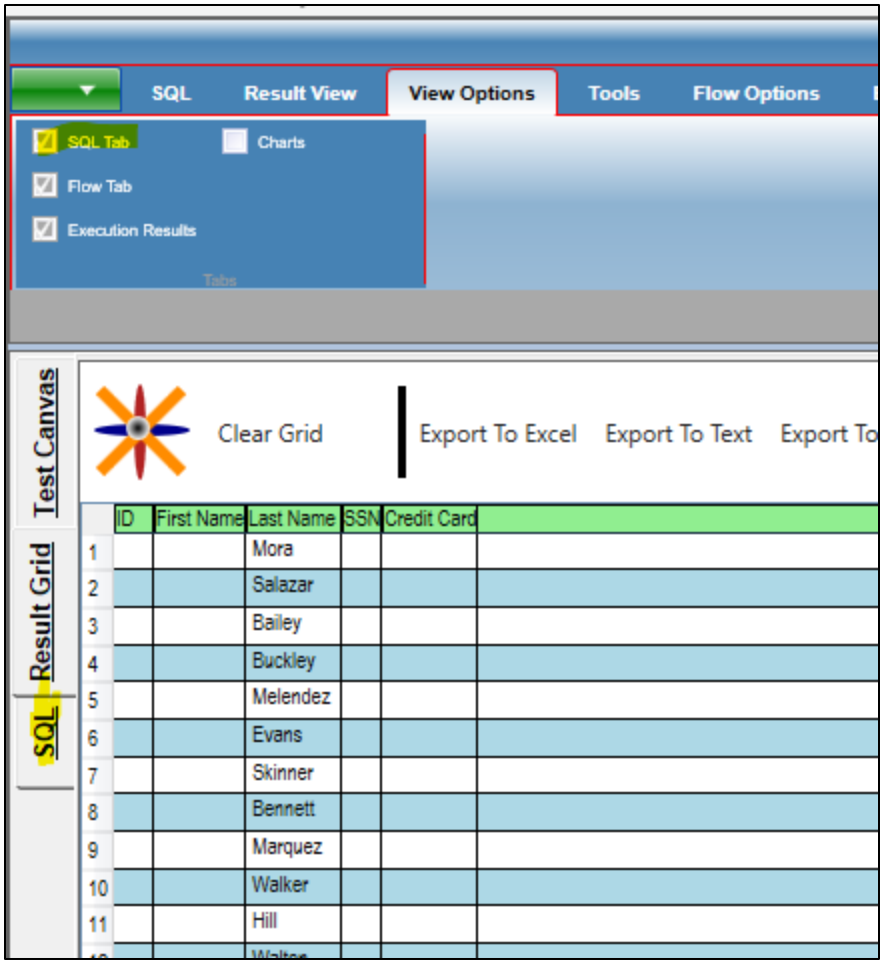
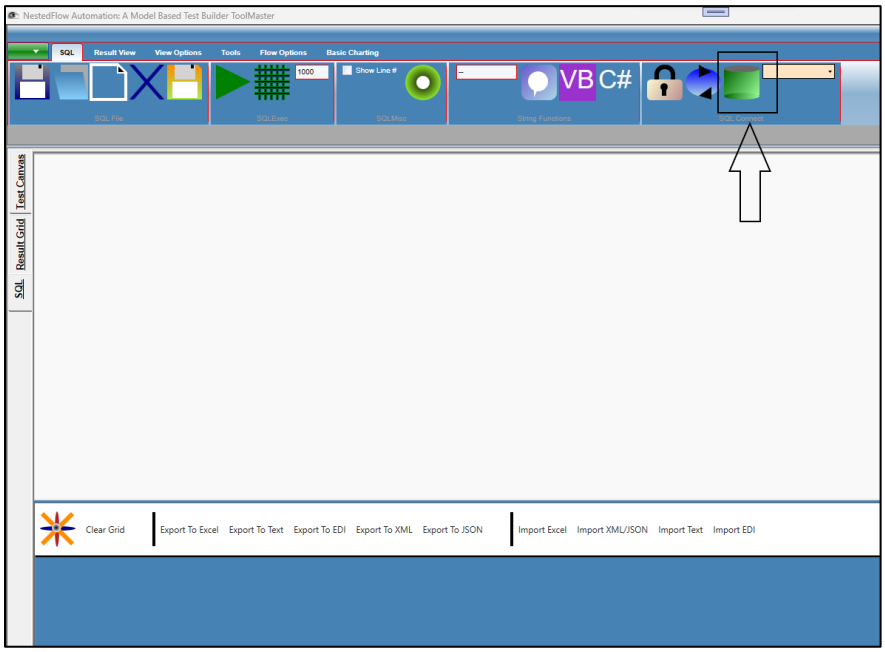
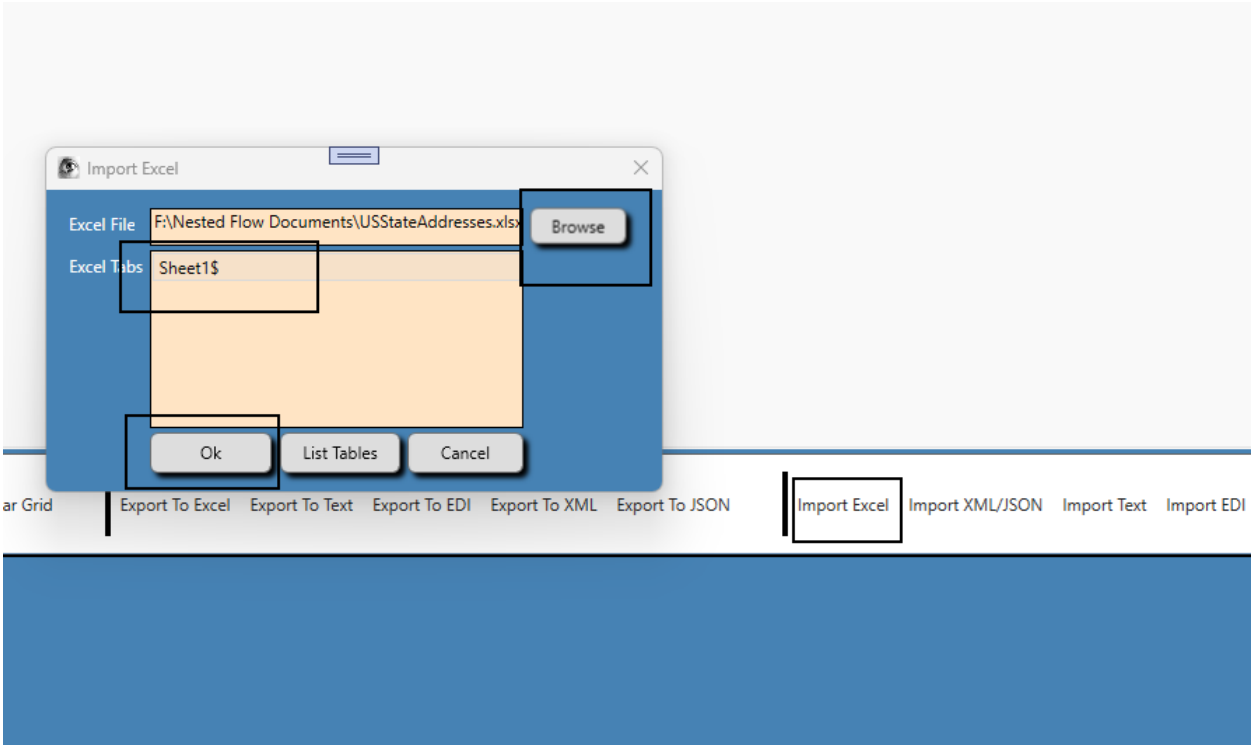
Navigate to View Options and select **SQL Tab** option. SQL Tab will appear



Click on SQL Tab and click on Connect to TDM DB button



Click on **Import Excel** button



In the **Import Excel** form, click on **Browse** button to choose the excel and click on the sheet you want to import and click on **Ok** button (Or double click on the sheet name). The Excel data will be shown on the grid.

	Address 1	City	State	Zip
1	5136 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244
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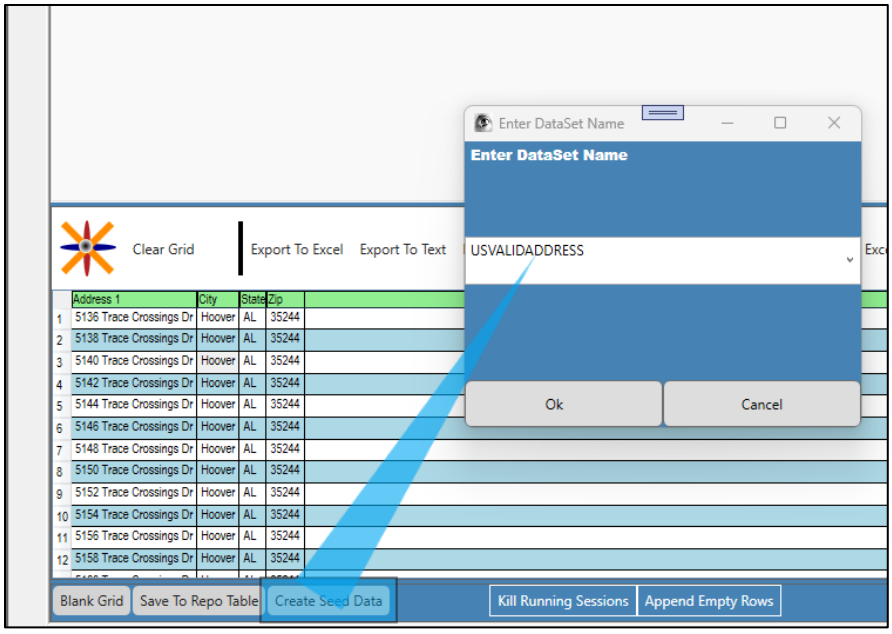
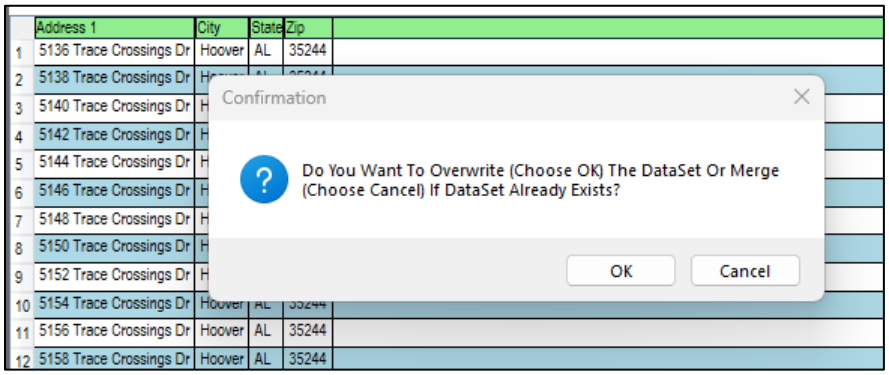
12	5158 Trace Crossings Dr	Hoover	AL	35244

Click on **Create Seed Data** button

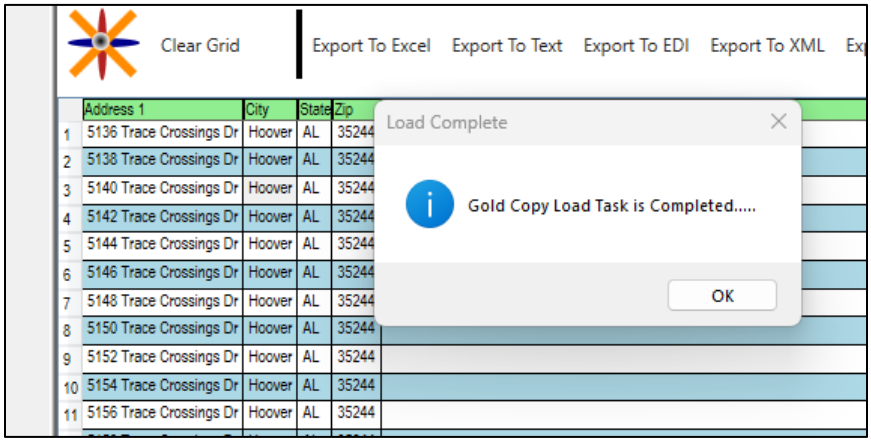


Enter seed data name to be created and Click on **Ok** button

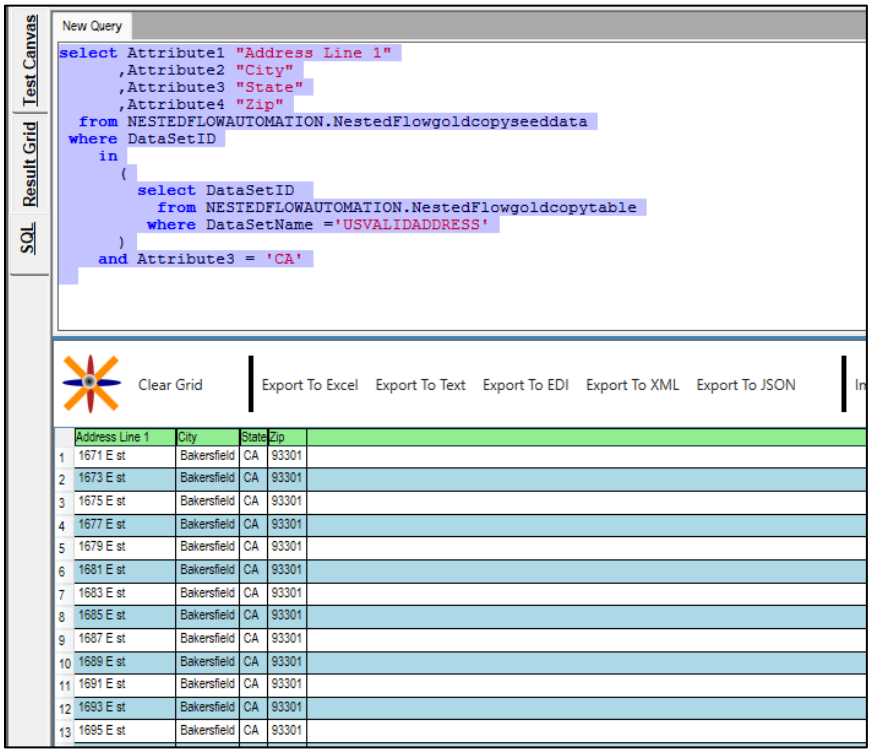
Click on **Ok** button to overwrite if dataset already exists or **Cancel** button if you want to merge with existing data in the seed data



Click on **Ok** button on the success message

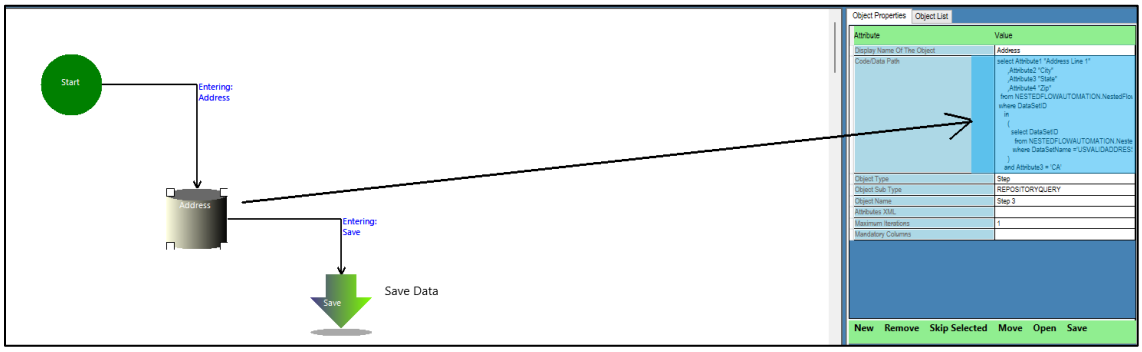


Now, gold copy seed data can be queries to generate the data we want (below example gives addresses for California)



	Address Line 1	City	State	Zip
1	1671 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
2	1673 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
3	1675 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
4	1677 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
5	1679 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
6	1681 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
7	1683 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
8	1685 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
9	1687 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
10	1689 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
11	1691 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
12	1693 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301
13	1695 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301

Same can be derived in the flow and can be saved to be used as runtime datatable



You can also choose a random address by below query

```
select TOP 1*
  from
  (
    select Attribute1 "Address Line 1"
          ,Attribute2 "City"
          ,Attribute3 "State"
          ,Attribute4 "Zip"
      from NESTEDFLOWAUTOMATION.NestedFlowgoldcopyseeddata
     where DataSetID
        in
```

```
        (
          select DataSetID
            from NESTEDFLOWAUTOMATION.NestedFlowgoldcopytable
           where DataSetName ='USVALIDADDRESS'
        )
      and Attribute3 = 'CA'
)A
order by Newid()
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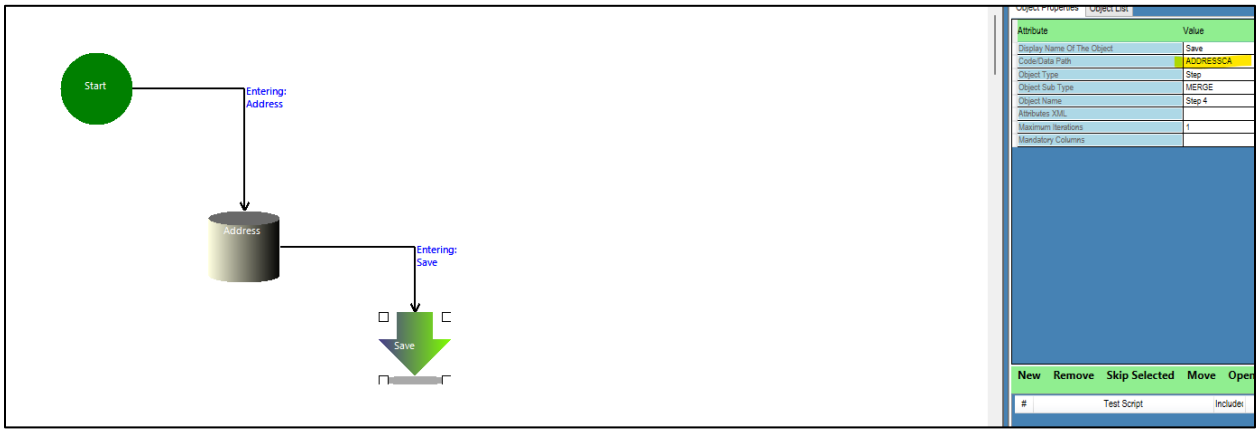
Code On Data Table

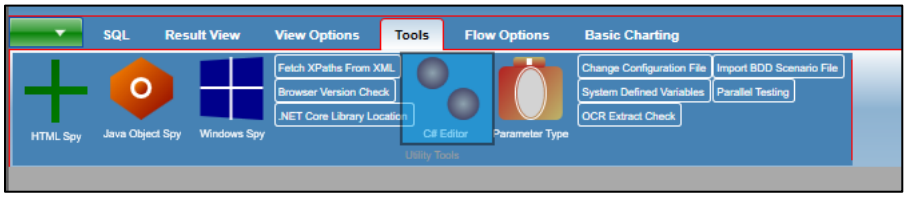
We can write custom C# code for modifying data. In this example we will add a 4th column and provide full address data by concatenating all other fields in it



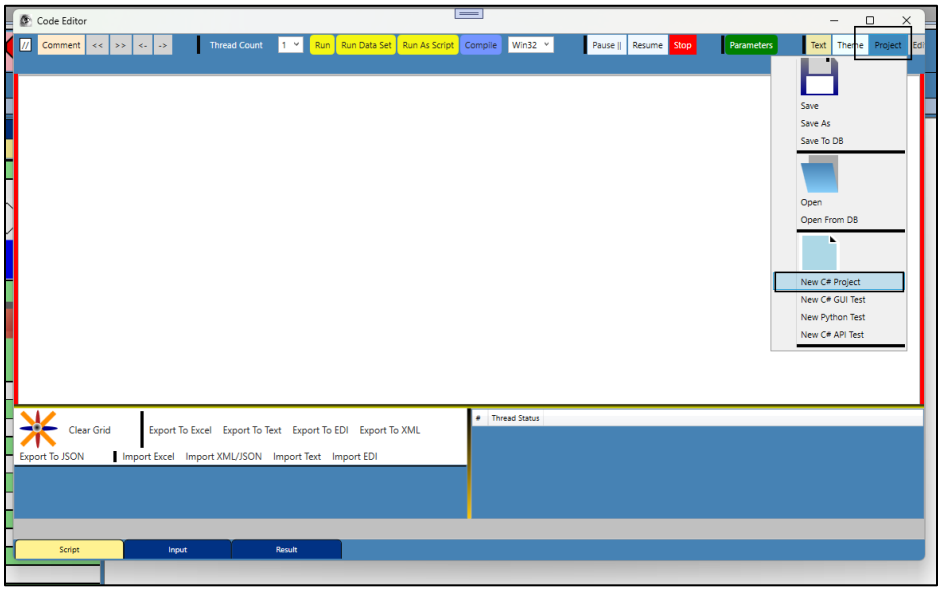
Let us save the Address data in a data table as shown above

Single Table Code

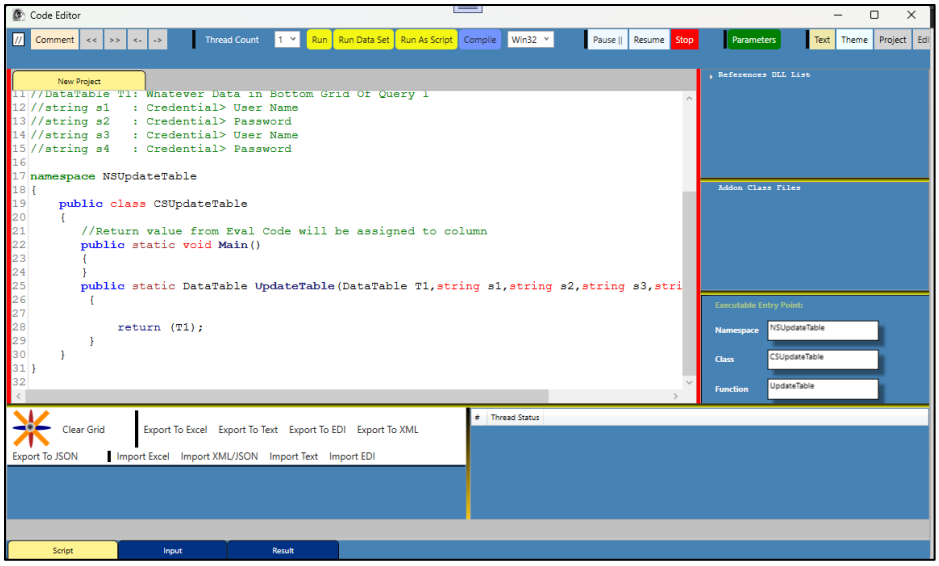
Navigate to **Tools → C# Editor**



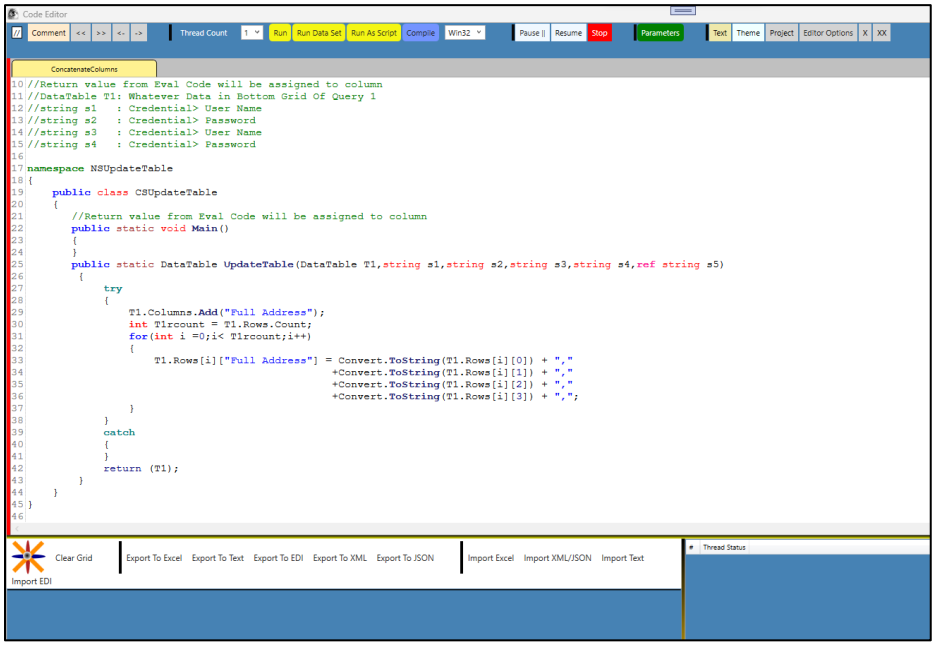
Navigate to **Project → New C# Project**



Code structure will be auto created

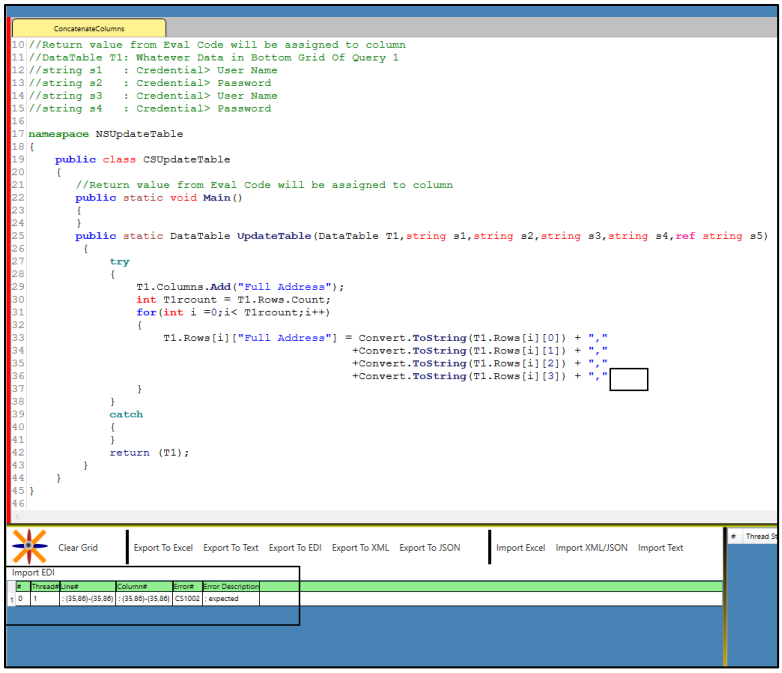


Either Save in file system or to database



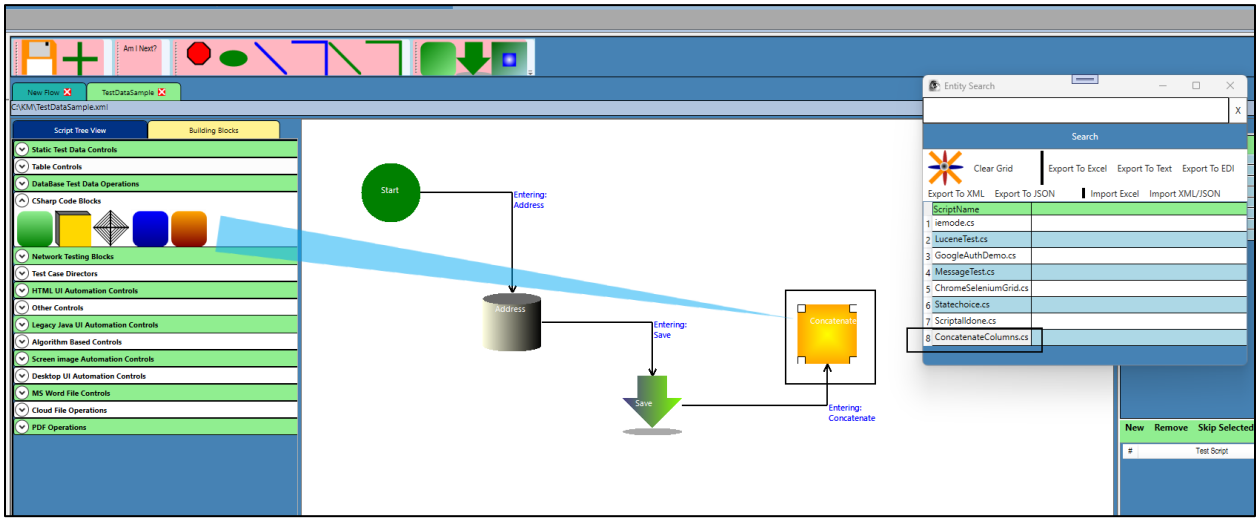
Click on **Compile** button

If errors exist, resolve them and recompile



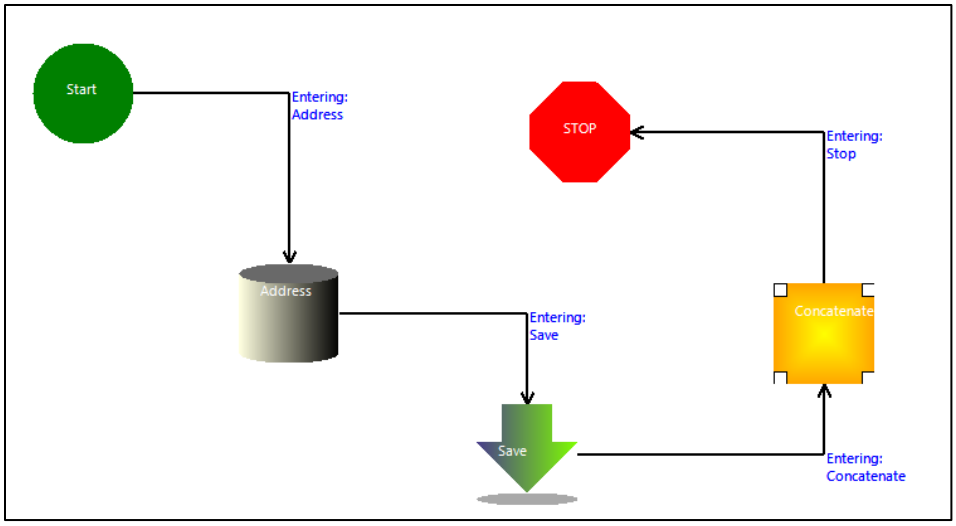
Close the form.

Add a Code block to the flow

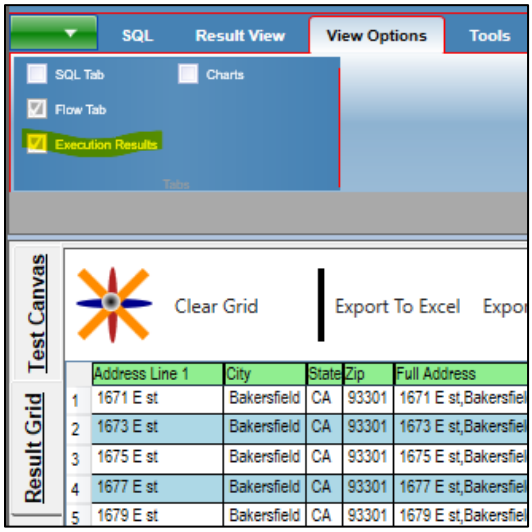


Right Click on the block and add the script either from file or from database (in this case used database)

Complete the flow by adding Stop block:



The result: (Result Grid can be enabled by ribbon menu **View Options → Execution Results**)



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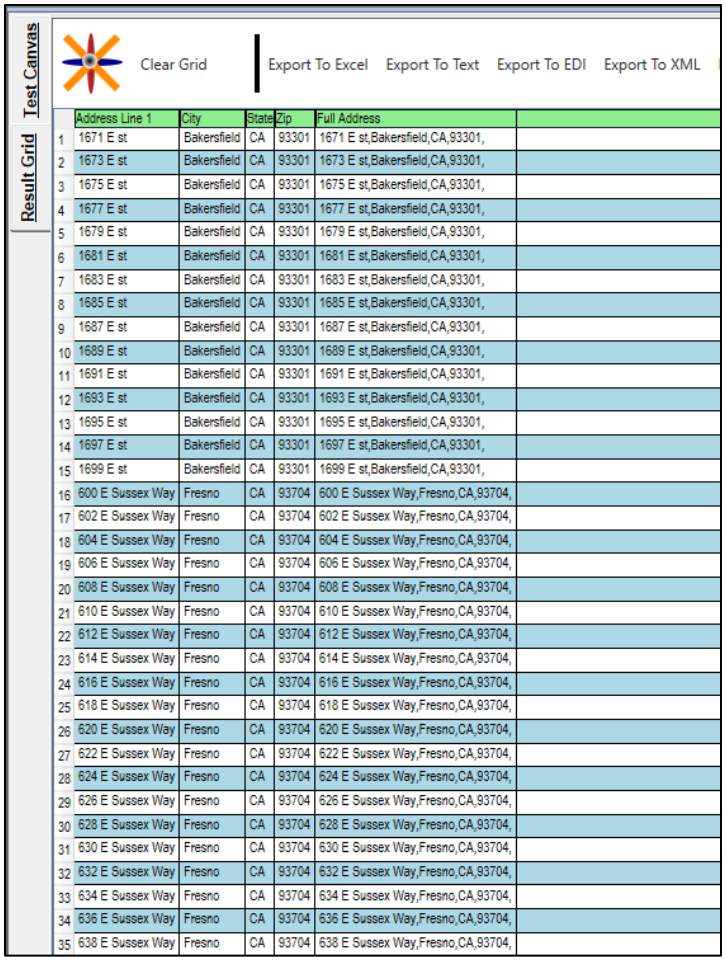
1	1671 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1671 E st,Bakersfiel
2	1673 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1673 E st,Bakersfiel
3	1675 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1675 E st,Bakersfiel
4	1677 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1677 E st,Bakersfiel
5	1679 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1679 E st,Bakersfiel



	Address Line 1	City	State	Zip	Full Address
1	1671 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1671 E st,Bakersfield,CA,93301,
2	1673 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1673 E st,Bakersfield,CA,93301,
3	1675 E st	Bakersfield	CA	93301	1675 E st,Bakersfield,CA,93301,
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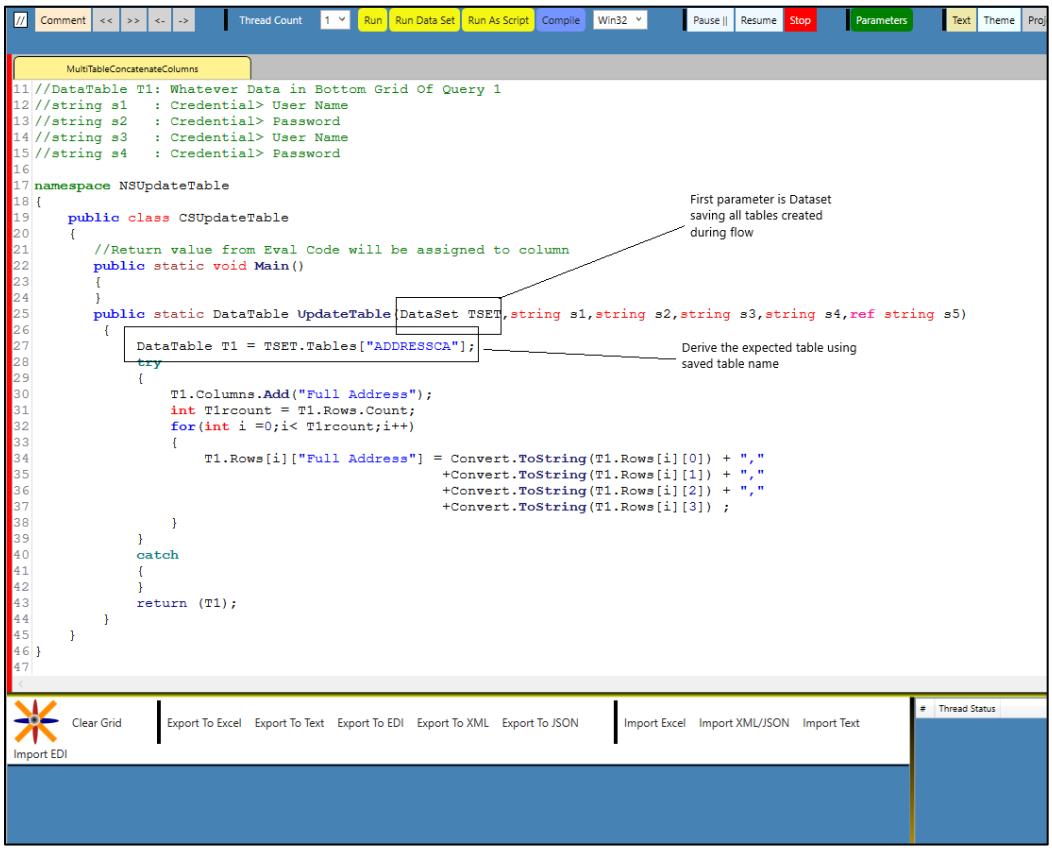

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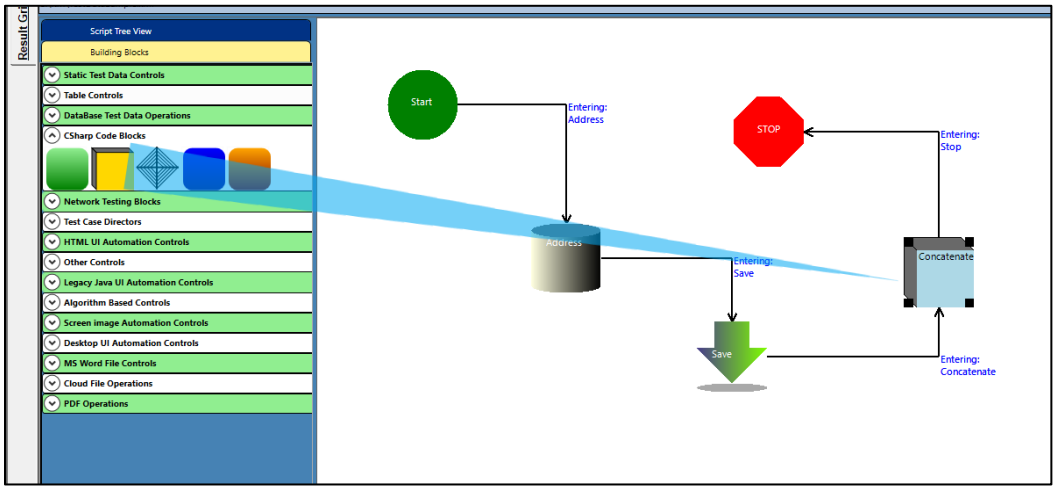

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