

Green Lantern Framework

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Assumptions

- Audience is familiar with automation tools.
- Familiar with Record and Play
- Familiar with Capture and Script
- I am positive that you can take this concept and make it your own and implement it with the automation tool of your choice.

- This tutorial is not about explaining the pros and cons of automation. It is about a new framework that mainly focuses on saving the automation script to handle UI & DOM changes. It simultaneously enables us to write our scripts in English (literally)

Note about Automation Tools

*Regression automation tools like QTP, Test Complete, Silk Test, Selenium, etc. have been used for regression tests.
The tools cannot test a thing. All they do is –
Click buttons
Type in text in text box fields
Click links
Click radio buttons
Check ON or OFF check boxes
Compare text
log messages, log warning, log errors etc.
They do what we tell them to do.
The tool is only as good as the user.*

Concept

Main elements in a software application are

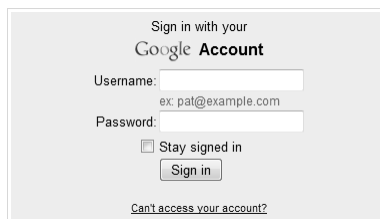
- Text fields
- Check boxes
- Radio buttons
- Links
- Menus
- Captions
- Images
- Logos

Every test uses some or all the elements in a page

Green Lantern Steps

1. Choose elements for automation
2. Capture the elements to the repository
3. Rename them in English as they would appear on the page
4. Categorize them as per their type
5. Write scripts using the pseudonym names

Choose elements for automating login function using Gmail



Sign in with your
Google Account

Username:
ex: pat@example.com

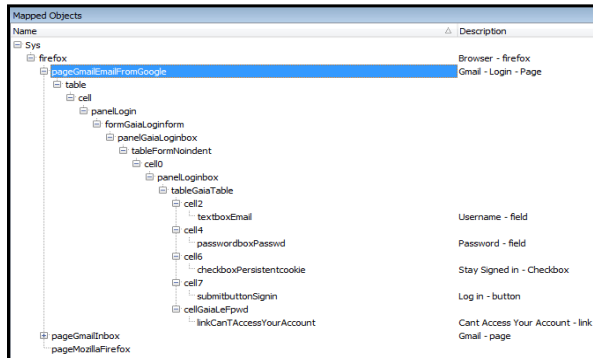
Password:

Stay signed in

[Can't access your account?](#)

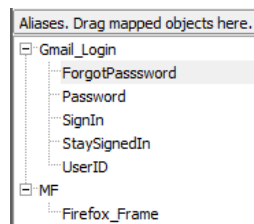
Main elements for this UI are URL, Username, Password, Stay Signed in and Sign in button.

Capture the elements to the Repository



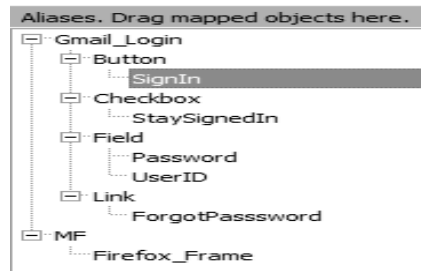
The logical names of the elements are not as they would display on the UI

Rename the Elements



Drag these elements to the aliases section and rename them in English as they display on the UI.

Categorize the elements



- Drag a common element for all the elements and name it as “Field”, “Button” etc.
- Drag and drop all the field elements under “Field”.
- Drag and drop all the button elements under “Button”.

Scripts

Write scripts using the pseudonym names

- Write a routine for each element
- Routines for text fields use external datasheets
- Log Messages, Warning, Errors should be written in the routine
 - The first part of the routine refers to the page or window
 - The second part of the routine refers to the type of element that needs to be used for the routine
 - The third part of the routine refers to the element that will be used for the test
 - The fourth routine will execute the actions

Routine for User ID

```
Sub fUserID()
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.UserID.Keys("^a")
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.UserID.Keys("[Del]")
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.UserID.Keys(DDT.CurrentDriver.Value("UserID"))
    Log.Message("UserID = " + Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.UserID.value)
End Sub
```

- Routine Name = to suite the type and name of the element (should be easy to remember)
- The scripts start with the Aliases, Name (of page) Type (of element), Name of the element
- Data used for testing could be static (hard coded) or dynamic (driven from external data sheets)
- Messages & Warning are very important for any routine. (I like to log the Values from the elements rather than from the Data sheets.)

Routine for Password

```
Sub fPassword()
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.Password.Keys("^a")
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.Password.Keys("[Del]")
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.Password.Keys(DDT.CurrentDriver.Value("Password"))
    Log.Message("Password = " + Aliases.Gmail_Login.Field.Password.value)
End Sub
```

- Copy paste the UserID routine and replace the value "UserID" with "Password".

Routine for button Sign In

```
Sub bSignIn()
    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Button.SignIn.Click()
    Log.Message("Button Sign In Clicked")
End Sub
```

- Modify the script for Button Sign in, in a similar way or rewrite it.
- The scripts start with the Aliases, Name (of page) Type (of element), Name of the element
- Buttons are for clicking. So, change “Keys()” to “Click()”

Routine for checkbox

```
Sub cbSignedIn()

    Aliases.Gmail_Login.Checkbox.StaySignedIn.ClickChecked(False)
    Log.Message("Checkbox Stay Signed In Checked OFF")
End Sub
```

- Copy and paste the Sign In routine. Remove the 2nd line.
- Replace the value “Button” with “Checkbox”.
- Replace the value “SignIn” with “StaySignedIn”.
- Replace the value “Click()” with “Click(false)”.
- Insert a message to the log to suggest the check box Stay Signed In was checked ON. So add – **Log.Message**("Uncheck check box Stay Signed In")

Routine to Verify Login

```

Sub VerifyLogin()
' Verify Login into Gmail
  If Not Aliases.Gmail.Exists Then
    Call Log.Picture(Aliases.Gmail, "Gmail Invoked", "Gmail Invoked", 300, 0,
-1)
    Log.Message("Gmail invoked via Mozilla Firefox")

  ElseIf Aliases.Gmail_Login.Exists Then
    Call Log.Picture(Aliases.Gmail_Login, "Gmail Login Failed", "Gmail Login
Failed", 300, 0, -1)
    Log.Warning("Gmail Login Failed")

  Else
    Call Log.Picture(Aliases.MF.Firefox_Frame, "Gmail Not Invoked or
Recognized", "Gmail Not Invoked or Recognized", 300, 0, -1)
    Log.Message("Gmail Not Invoked or Recognized")
  End If
End Sub

```

Routine to combine steps

```

Sub LoginSteps()
  Call fUserID
  Call fPassword
  Call cbSignedIn
  Call bSignIn
  Call VerifyLogin
End Sub

```

- We need a routine that will keep all the actions (Routines) in one place
- This way we can call this routine as many times as we need

Script for Login Routine

```

''' ##### LOGIN SCRIPT FOR GMAIL VIA MOZILLA FIREFOX #####
Sub Login ()
    Set Driver = DDT.ExcelDriver("C:\SriluBalla\DataSheets\Login.xlsx", "Gmail",
True)
    Driver.Name = "Login"
    Log.AppendFolder("Gmail LogIn with Browser Mozilla Firefox")

    If Not Aliases.Gmail_Login.Exists Then

        TestedApps.TerminateAll ()
        TestedApps.firefox.Run ()

        Aliases.MF.ToURL(DDT.CurrentDriver.Value("URL"))
        Log.Message("URL = " + DDT.CurrentDriver.Value("URL"))

        If Aliases.Gmail_Login.Exists Then
            Call LoginSteps
        Else
            Call Log.Picture(Aliases.MF.Firefox_Frame, "Unknown Error", "Unknown
Error", 300, 0, -1)
            Call Log.Error("Gmail Log In Not available")
            Call Runner.JustStop(False)
        End If

        If Not Aliases.Gmail.Exists Then
            Call Log.Picture(Aliases.MF.Firefox_Frame, "Unknown Error", "Unknown
Error", 300, 0, -1)
            Call Log.Error("Gmail page In Not Available or Log in Failed")
        End If

    End If
    Log.PopLogFolder ()

    DDT.CloseDriver (Driver.Name)
End Sub

```

Run the final Script

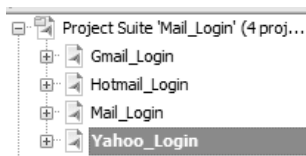
- Actions performed
 - User Name is typed in
 - Password is typed in
 - Check box is check ON (or OFF)
 - Sign in button is clicked

Verify the Log file

Type	Message	Time	Priority	Has Pict...
	Gmail LogIn with Browser Mozilla Firefox	11:1...	Normal	
	The application "C:\Program Files (x86)\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe" started.	11:1...	Normal	
	URL = www.gmail.com	11:1...	Normal	
	UserID = Sriju.Balla	11:1...	Normal	
	Password =	11:1...	Normal	
	The check box is already unchecked.	11:1...	Normal	
	Checkbox Stay Signed In Checked OFF	11:1...	Normal	
	Button Sign In Clicked	11:1...	Normal	
	Gmail Invoked	11:1...	Normal	
	Gmail invoked via Mozilla Firefox	11:1...	Normal	

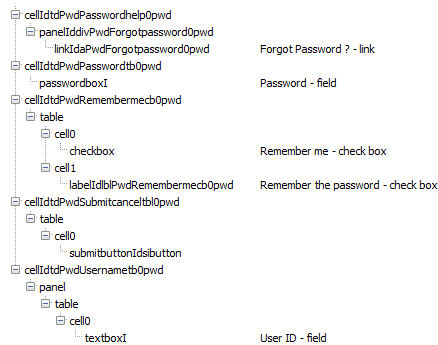
- URL used for the test
- User ID used for the test
- Password = (not displayed for privacy purpose)
- Checkbox unchecked
- Sign in button clicked on
- Gmail invoked via Mozilla Firefox

Use the Gmail Login script to log into Hotmail



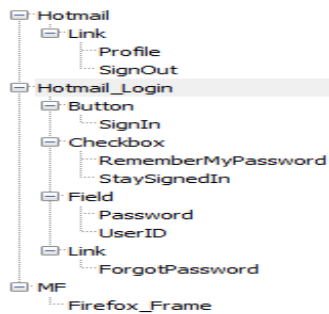
Create another project suite and name it Hotmail_Login

Create Repository for Hotmail



Capture elements

Rename the elements and categorize them



- Maintain the Hierarchy as is.

Copy & Paste the Login Script for Gmail

```

1  '***** LOGIN SCRIPT FOR GMAIL VIA MOZILLA
2  Sub Login()
3
4      Set Driver = DDT.ExcelDriver("C:\SriluBalla\DataShe
5      True)
6      Driver.Name = "Login"
7      Log.AppendFolder("Gmail LogIn with Browser Mozilla
8
9      IF Not Aliases.Gmail.Login.Exists Then
10
11         TestedApps.TerminateAll()
12         TestedApps.FixForExcel()
13
14         Aliases.MF.ToURL
15         Log.Message("URL
16
17         IF Aliases.Gmail
18             Call LogInSte
19         Else
20             Call Log.Plot
21             Error", 300, 0, -1)
22             Call Log.Err
23             Call Runner.J
24         End IF
25
26         IF Not Aliases
27             Call Log.Pic
28             Error", 300, 0, -1)
29             Call Log.Err
30         End IF
31     End IF
  
```

- Open a blank script and name it Hotmail_Login.
- Copy paste the whole Gmail Login script

Replace “Gmail” with “Hotmail”

```

1  '***** LOGIN SCRIPT FOR GMAIL VIA MOZILLA
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5      True)
6      Driver.Name = "Login"
7      Log.AppendFolder("Gmail LogIn with Browser Mozilla
8
9      IF Not Aliases.Gmail.Login.Exists Then
10
11         TestedApps.TerminateAll()
12         TestedApps.FixForExcel()
13
14         Aliases.MF.ToURL
15         Log.Message("URL
16
17         IF Aliases.Gmail
18             Call LogInSte
19         Else
20             Call Log.Plot
21             Error", 300, 0, -1)
22             Call Log.Err
23             Call Runner.J
24         End IF
25
26         IF Not Aliases
27             Call Log.Pic
28             Error", 300, 0, -1)
29             Call Log.Err
30         End IF
31     End IF
  
```

- Call 'Find and Replace (Ctrl+H)' and replace word – “Gmail” with “Hotmail”

Verify the replaced text & Run the Script

```
### LOGIN SCRIPT FOR Hotmail VIA MOZILLA FIREFOX #####

: DDT.ExcelDriver["C:\SriluBalla\DataSheets\Login.xlsx", "Hotmail"]
```

Windows Live ID:

Password:

Forgot your password?

Remember me
 Remember my password

- Verify the replaced text and run the script.

Verify the results

Type	Message
	Hotmail LogIn with Browser Mozilla Firefox
	The application "C:\Program Files (x86)\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe" started.
	URL = www.hotmail.com
	UserID = srilu_kiku@hotmail.com
	Password =
	Checkbox Stay Signed In Checked OFF
	Button Sign In Clicked
	Hotmail Invoked
	Hotmail invoked via Mozilla Firefox

We have a successful run

Use the Gmail Login script to log into Yahoo

- Create new Project
- Capture necessary elements to the repository
- Add the elements to the Aliases
- Rename the elements
- Add them to categories
- Copy paste the Gmail Login script to the new script
- Replace word – “Gmail” to “Yahoo”
- Verify the changes and run the script.

Tool created Script

```

Sub Test1
  Set firefox = Aliases.firefox
  Call firefox.ToUrl("https://www.google.com")
  Set table = firefox.pageEmailFromGoogle.table.cell.panelLogin.formGaiaLoginform.panelGaiaLoginbox
  .tableFormNoindent.cell.panelLoginbox.tableGaiaTable
  Set textbox = table.cell.textboxEmail
  Call textbox.Click(51, 5)
  Call textbox.SetText("som")
  Call table.cell1.passwordpassword.SetText("som")
  Set page = firefox.pageEmailFromGoogle
  Set table = page.table.cell.panelLogin.formGaiaLoginform.panelGaiaLoginbox.tableFormNoindent.cell.panelLoginbox
  .tableGaiaTable
  Call table.cell2.checkboxPersistenCookies.clickChecked(True)
  table.cell13.submitbuttonSignin.Click
  page.Wait
End Sub

```

- The above script was created by recording actions
- If the original DOM is not renamed and categorized, a developer will need to painstakingly assume the next element that needs to be used to get to the desired element.
- If the DOM properties or names were changed, the script will also need to be adjusted along with the Name Mapping

Green Lantern Script

```

Sub MailLogin()
  Aliases.MF.ToURL("www.gmail.com")
  Log.Message("URL = " + "www.gmail.com")

  Aliases.Gmail_Login.[Field.UserID].Keys("Som")
  Log.Message("User ID = " + "Som")

  Aliases.Gmail_Login.[Field.Password].Keys("Som")
  Log.Message("Password = " + "Som")

  Aliases.Gmail_Login.[Checkbox.StaySignedIn].ClickChecked(False)
  Log.Message("Check box - Stay Signed In = Checked OFF")

  Aliases.Gmail_Login.[Button.Login].Click()
  Log.Message("Clicked button Login")

End Sub

```

- The above script was created with renamed aliases
- A developer does not need to assume the next element that needs to be used to get to the desired element. They know exactly which element they require to complete the routine.
- If the DOM properties or names were changed, the script does not need to be adjusted. Only the Name Mapping needs to be adjusted

Conventional Automation Limitations

- Most automation is record and play. This technique will execute a few steps on an application, but won't log full length messages, warnings and won't do comparisons.
- A lot of time goes into automating regression suits. A lot of effort goes into automation. A lot of ideas go into automation. All of this effort goes waste with a few tweaks to the UI.
- When several developers (from all over the world) developing scripts for automation, unless there was a coding standard defined, each developer would pursue their own style of repository naming and script writing. The automation suits will not be consistent.
- Automated suits with various coding standards are hard to merge and maintain.
- Automated scripts created for one application cannot be used if changes are made to the application. They will need to be updated as well.
- A test had failed due to recognition issues, by looking at the logical names in the repository or the script alone it is not enough to identify which element needs updating. Because sometimes several elements could be named same and several times the names given on the page are not used for the logical name.

Summary

Archetypical Green Lantern DOM

- Page
 - Type
 - Element
- Gmail_Login, Yahoo_Login, Hotmail_Login
 - Field, Button, Link
 - UserID, Sign In, Forgot Password

Many UI's with similar function

Conclusion

Typically each application has its own team of testers and engineers to come up with scenarios for testing and automating.

With the help of Green Lantern Framework the testers time can be freed up to explore and implement more scenarios across applications and UI.

Companies that focus on testing can come up with test scripts for similar applications or domains – Suitable Test cases, Automated scenarios and the data files with all possible Data are ready to be used for manual or automated testing.

THE END

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