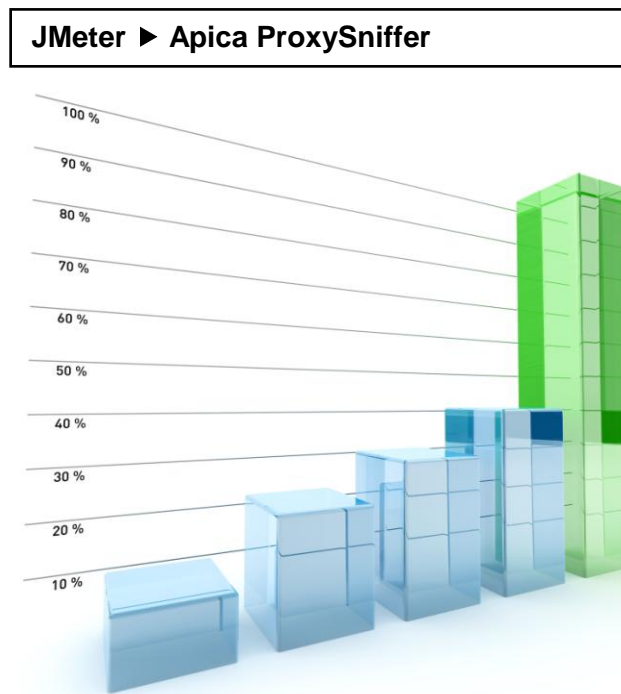




# Converting JMeter HTTP(S) Tests and SOAP/XML-RPC Tests to Apica ProxySniffer

English Edition



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## 1 Introduction

The best way to **convert** Apache **JMeter** tests to **Apica ProxySniffer** is to run the JMeter tests via the Proxy Server of Apica ProxySniffer which effects that all of the **JMeter HTTP Requests** are recorded once again by ProxySniffer.

The procedure of conversion is relatively simple. However, the handling of dynamically exchanged session parameters that are extracted from HTTP responses and then assigned to succeeding HTTP requests is lost by such a conversion. This means that such data or parameters must be manually postprocessed in the ProxySniffer GUI.

Session Cookies are automatically supported by ProxySniffer without the need of any configuration.

Note: JMeter tests containing **SOAP/XML-RPC Requests** can also converted to ProxySniffer in the same manner as described in this document.

## 2 Basic Prerequisites

1) Install Apica ProxySniffer on the same (local) machine as JMeter is already installed.

Please follow the instructions in the [ProxySniffer Installation Guide](#) and don't miss to configure the JavaScript Settings and the Popup-Window-Blocker if you plan to use the Firefox Web browser to access the Proxy Sniffer GUI.

After installation, start the "Proxy Sniffer Console".

2.) Copy the file **InsertPrxPageBreak.jar** into the JMeter installation directory **/lib/junit** .  
You can download this file from <http://www.proxy-sniffer.com/download/InsertPrxPageBreak.jar> .

Then restart JMeter.

## 3 Converting a JMeter Thread Group to a ProxySniffer Web Session

### 3.1 Preparing a JMeter Thread Group for Recording

#### 3.1.1 Configure the Runtime Behavior of the Thread Group

Modify the **JMeter Thread Group** in such a way that each HTTP Request is executed only once. Set

- Number of Threads (users): 1
- Loop Count: 1 (and uncheck the option "Forever")

#### 3.1.2 Configure the Proxy Server

Configure all **JMeter HTTP Requests** in such a way that they are executed via a **Proxy Server**.

If the **JMeter Thread Group** contains a **Config Element → HTTP Request Default** then configure the following values in the "HTTP Request Default" element:

Proxy Server: Server Name or IP: **127.0.0.1**

Proxy Server: Port Number: **7997**

Thread Group

Name: Test A - One User - One Loop

Comments:

Action to be taken after a Sampler error

Continue

Thread Properties

Number of Threads (users): 1

Ramp-Up Period (in seconds): 1

Loop Count:  Forever 1

Delay Thread creation until needed

Scheduler

Proxy Server

Server Name or IP: 127.0.0.1 Port Number: 7997 Username Password

Optional Tasks

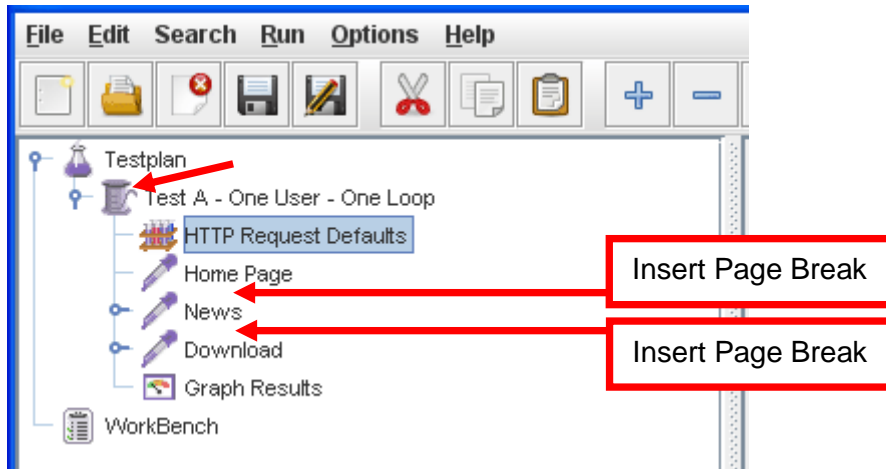
Retrieve All Embedded Resources from HTML Files  Use concurrent pool. Size: 4

Alternatively, if the JMeter Thread Group doesn't contain a "HTTP Request Default" element you have to modify all **JMeter HTTP Requests** separately.

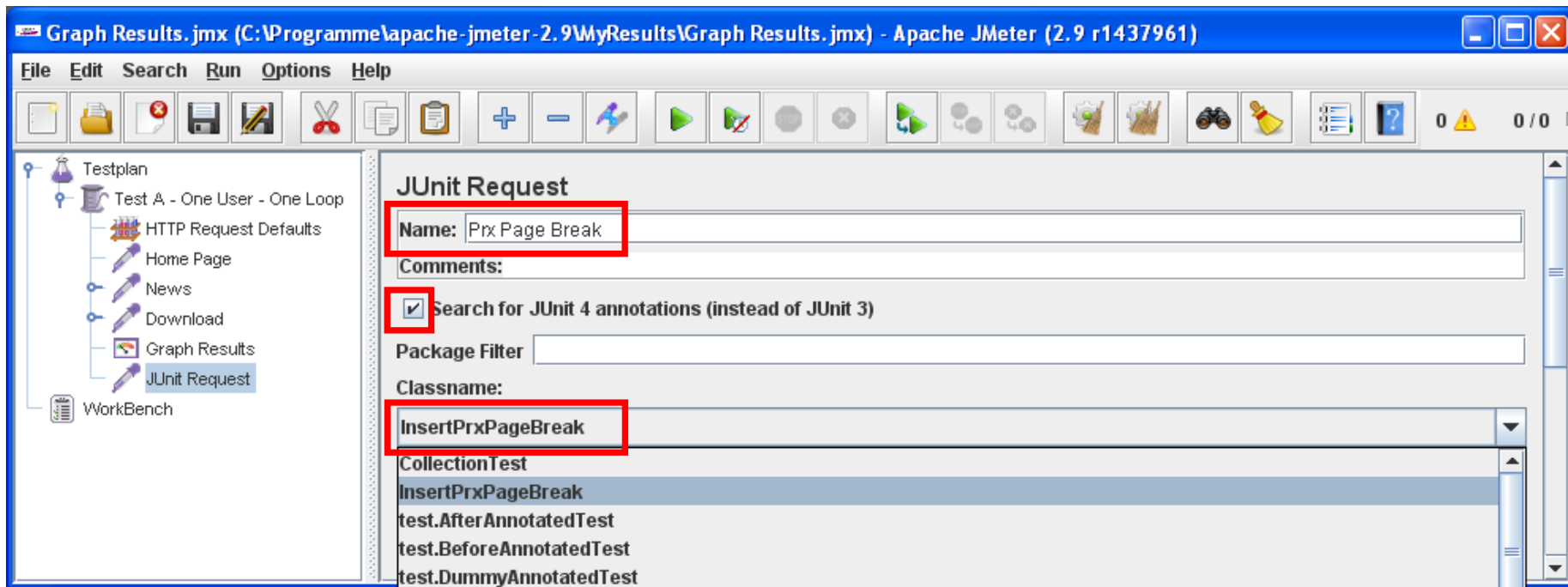
**Note:** If the JMeter test already uses an outbound Proxy Server configure nevertheless the new settings (127.0.0.1:7997) as shown above, but configure additionally the (other/replaced) Proxy Server in the **ProxySniffer GUI** by clicking in the **Main Menu** on the **Personal Settings** icon.

### 3.1.3 Insert Page Breaks between the HTTP Requests

Insert Page Breaks **between** the **JMeter HTTP Requests**. The reason for this is that the proxy server of ProxySniffer cannot recognize when a Web page starts, and when it finishes. The proxy server only sees single URL calls, such as requests for HTML data or image files. Adding page breaks manually is necessary in order to convert the test properly.



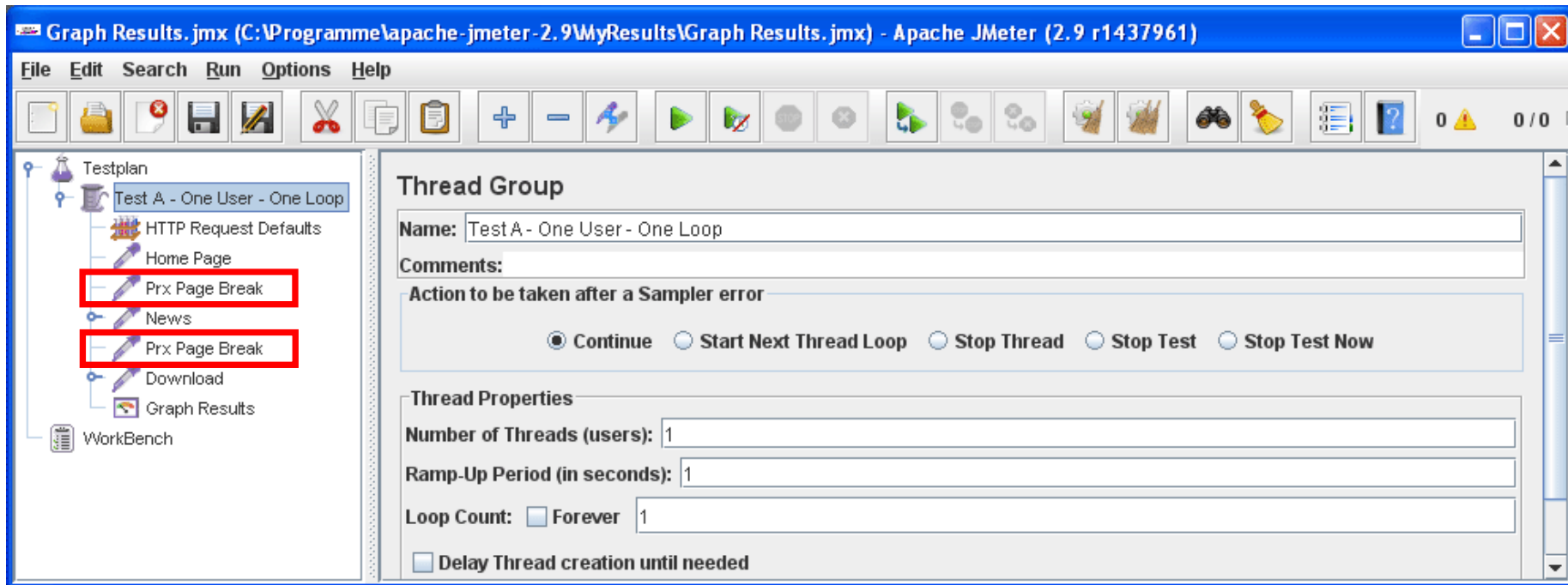
To insert a ProxySniffer Page Break in JMeter click using the right mouse button on **Thread Group → Add → Sampler → JUnit Request**



Configure the JUnit Request as follows:

- Name: Prx Page Break
- Enable the Checkbox "Search for JUnit 4 annotations"
- Select the Classname "InsertPrxPageBreak"

The example of a Thread Group shown in the image above contains three JMeter HTTP Requests. This means that two Page Breaks are needed and that the first Page Break (JUnit Request) should be moved between "Home Page" and "News". After that the Page Break can be duplicated and the second Page Break should be placed between "News" and "Download".

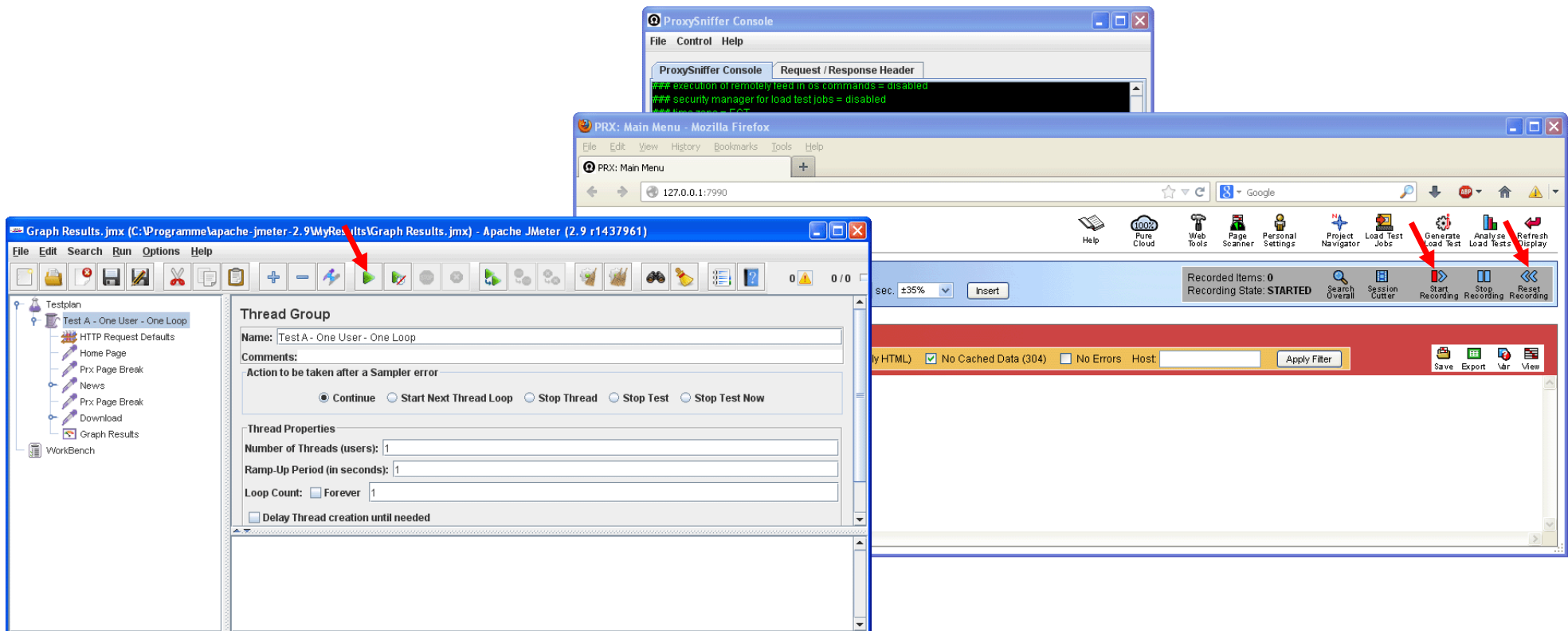


All preparations are now complete.

## 3.2 Running the JMeter Thread Group and Recording the ProxySniffer Web Session

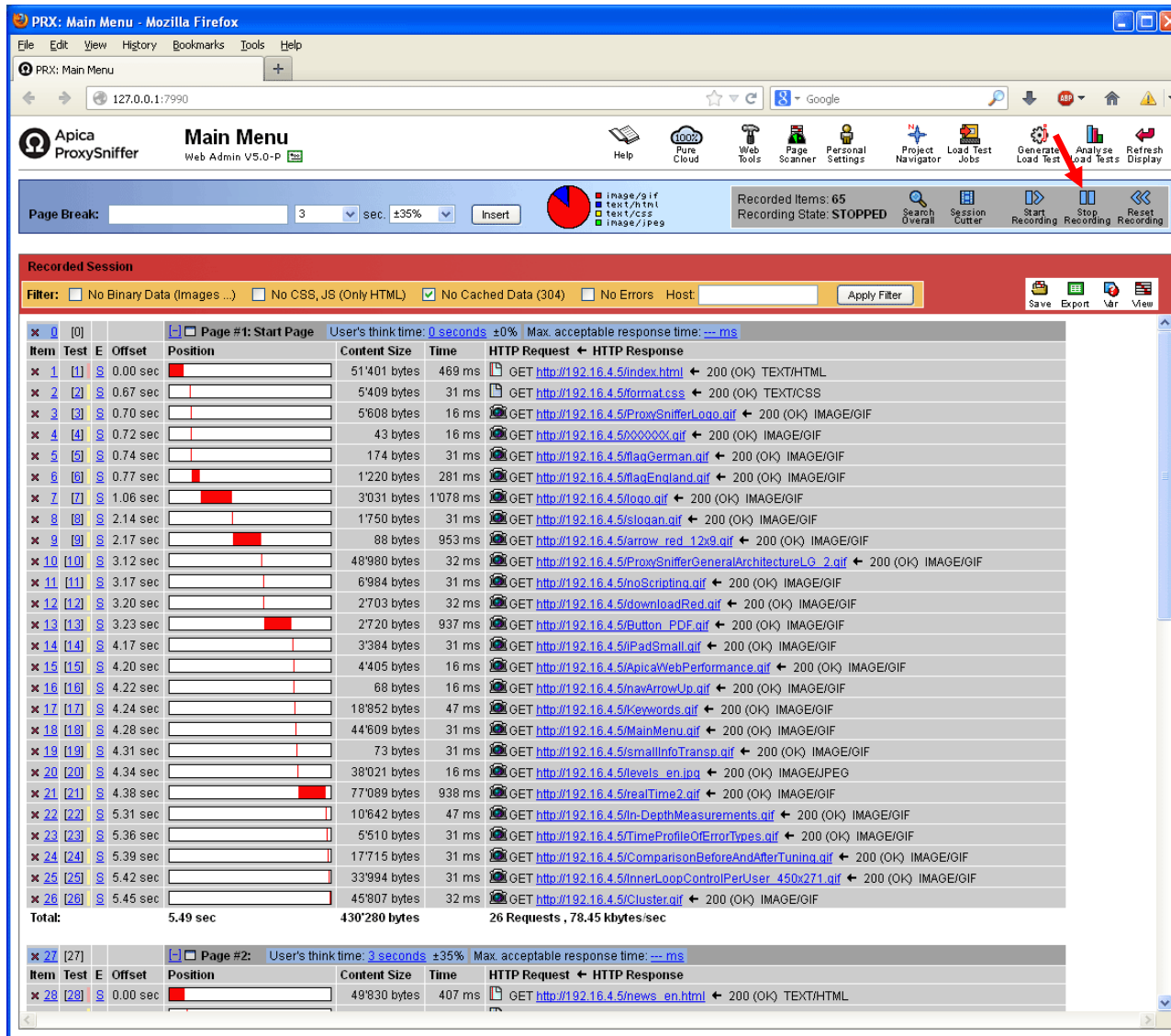
Proceed as follows:

1. Ensure that the "Proxy Sniffer Console" is started.
2. Enter <http://127.0.0.1:7990> into a Web browser to access the ProxySniffer GUI. If you see already some recorded requests click first on the "Reset Recording" icon in the ProxySniffer GUI. Then click on "**Start Recording**" icon in the **ProxySniffer GUI**.
3. Select the Thread Group in JMeter and click on the **Start** icon in **JMeter**.

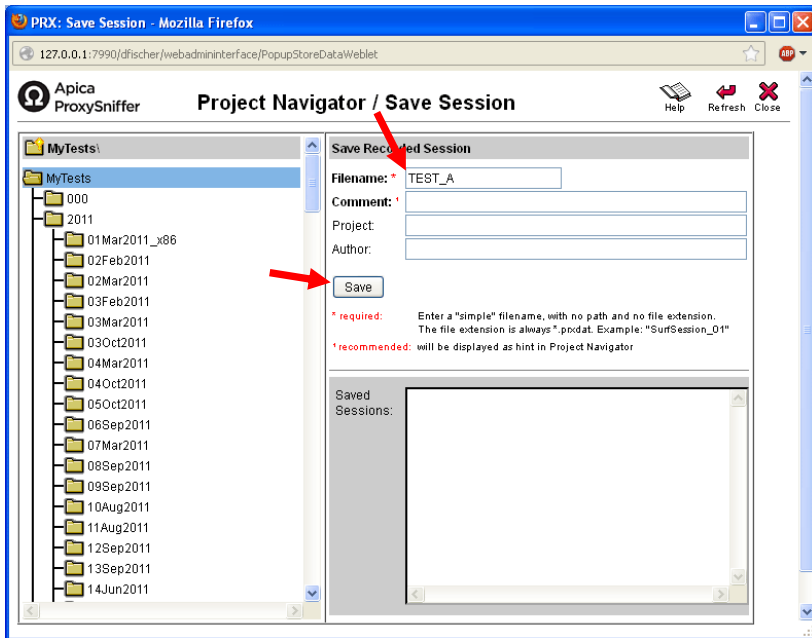
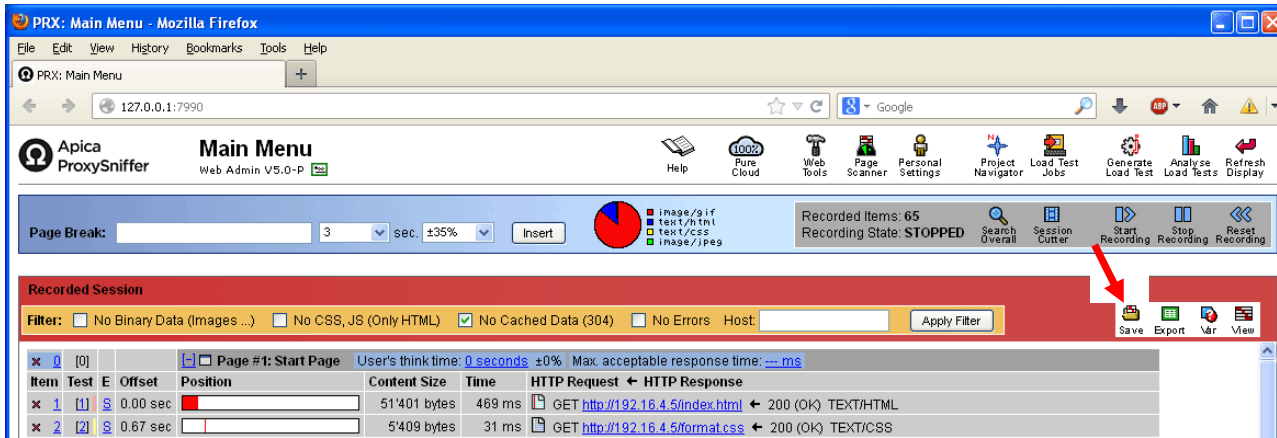




Wait until the JMeter test is completed. Then click on the "Stop Recording" icon in the ProxySniffer GUI:

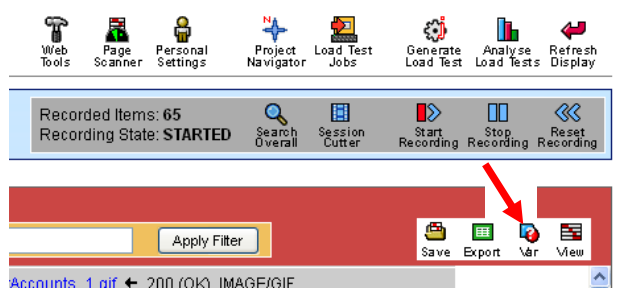


All HTTP(S) Requests are now recorded by ProxySniffer. It's recommended that you save the recording by giving it almost a similar name as the JMeter test name.



### 3.3 Post-Processing of the Recorded Web Session

You can call the ProxySniffer "Var Finder" menu to check if post-processing of dynamically exchanged session parameters is required:



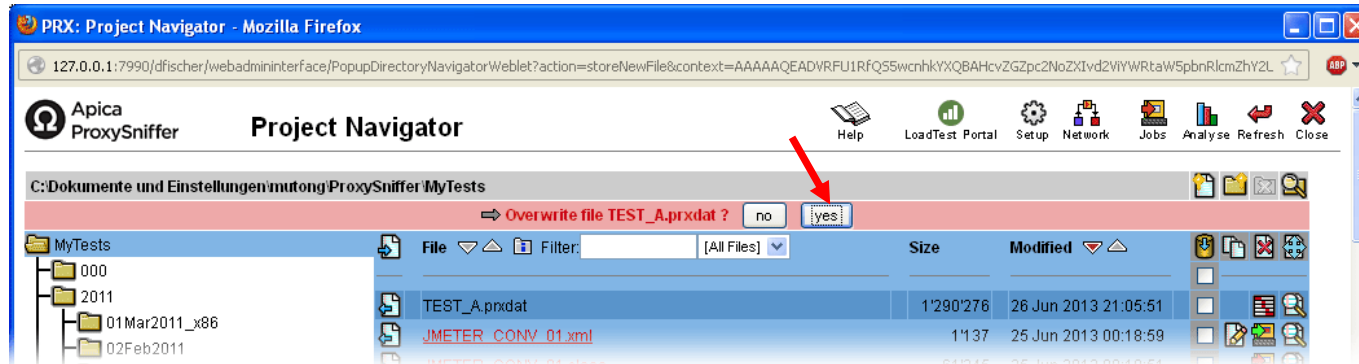
Further information is provided in the manual about [Handling of "Dynamically-Exchanged Session Parameters"](#).

There are many other options that can be configured in the ProxySniffer GUI for the recorded Web session, for example:

- Login with different user accounts into a Web application, by reading the usernames and passwords from a data file (input file).
- Define (inner-)loops around Web pages and define conditions when to continue or break a inner loop.
- Modify the automatically applied response content check of the HTTP responses.

Please take a look at the [ProxySniffer User's Guide](#) to learn more about using the extensive product features.

If you have modified the recorded Web session you should save it again. Don't miss to confirm that the old file should be overwritten:



### 3.4 Generating the ProxySniffer Load Test Program and Running the Converted Test

If you have reached this step the conversion from JMeter to ProxySniffer is completed. The next two final steps are the generation of the ProxySniffer load test program and its execution as a load test on a load generator – or on a cluster of load generators, as described in the [ProxySniffer User's Guide](#).

The screenshot displays the 'Generate HTTP(S) Load Test Program' web interface. The main content area is titled 'Generate HTTP(S) Load Test Program' and shows a summary of the selected test program: 'Load Test Program - 65 Items selected: 3 Pages - 62 HTTP/S Requests/Responses'. The configuration options include:

- Java™ Classname:** TEST\_A
- Java™ Code Model:** large
- Content Test Algorithm:** [+] apply (heuristic) methods from recorded session to check received content
- Character Encoding:** ISO-8859-1
- Generate External Files for XML and SOAP Request Data:** > 4096 Bytes

A note below these options states: '\* required: enter a "simple" classname for the load test program, with no path and no file extension.'

The 'HTTP Protocol Options' section includes:

- HTTP Protocol Version:** 1.1
- Allow Keep-Alive:**
- Strip Referer Header Field:**
- Strip Accept Header Field to /\*:**
- Load Test over HTTP(S) Proxy:**  Apply next proxy configuration from [personal settings](#)

The 'HTTP / SSL Authentication Options' section includes:

- Basic Authentication:**  Apply individual Basic Authentication per user from input file (basicauth.bt)
- Digest Authentication:**  Apply individual Digest Authentication per user from input file (digestauth.bt);  use common Username:  Password:
- NTLM Authentication:**  use common NTLM account from Personal Settings menu
- Kerberos Authentication:**  use common Kerberos account from Personal Settings menu
- HTTPS Client Certificates:**  apply individual PKCS#12 certificate per user from input file (pkcs12auth.bt)

The sidebar on the left shows 'URL Execution' statistics:

Serial Executed	3
Parallel Executed	59
Threads p. User	6

Buttons in the sidebar include 'Switch to Serial Exec.' and 'Switch to Parallel Exec.'. A red arrow points to the 'Switch to Parallel Exec.' button. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a 'Continue' button and a note: '\* recommended: will be displayed as hint in Project Navigator'.

**Hint:** it's recommended that you enable Parallel URL Execution when generating the load test program.

Then click on the **Continue** button at the bottom of the window.

The screenshot shows the Apica ProxySniffer web interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The title bar reads "PRX: Generate HTTP(S) Load Test Program - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL: "127.0.0.1:7990/dfischer/webadmininterface/PopupCreateLoadtestWeblet?action=createProgram&classname=TEST\_A&codeStructureModel=2&selectContentTes".

The main header area contains the Apica logo and the text "Generate HTTP(S) Load Test Program". Below this, a yellow banner states "Load Test Program TEST\_A.java ready to save.".

On the left side, there is a sidebar with the Apica logo and the text "Excellence in Cloud Performance" and "Proxy Sniffer V5.0-P". Below this, there is a section titled "URL Execution" with a table:

URL Execution	
Serial Executed	3
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Below the table are two buttons: "Switch to Serial Exec." and "Switch to Parallel Exec.".

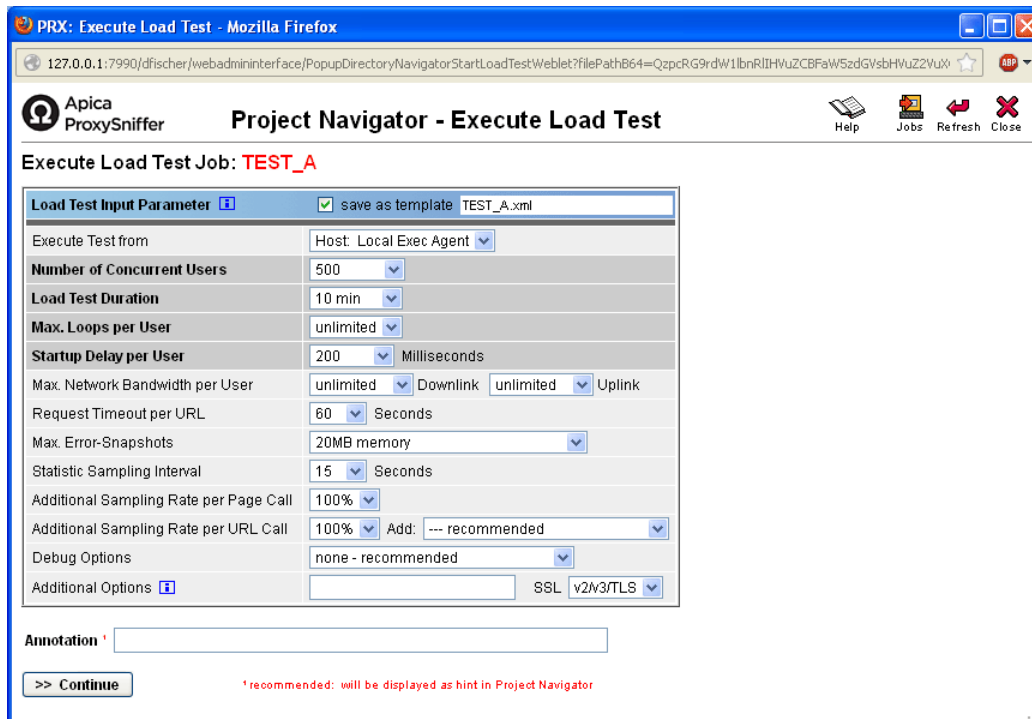
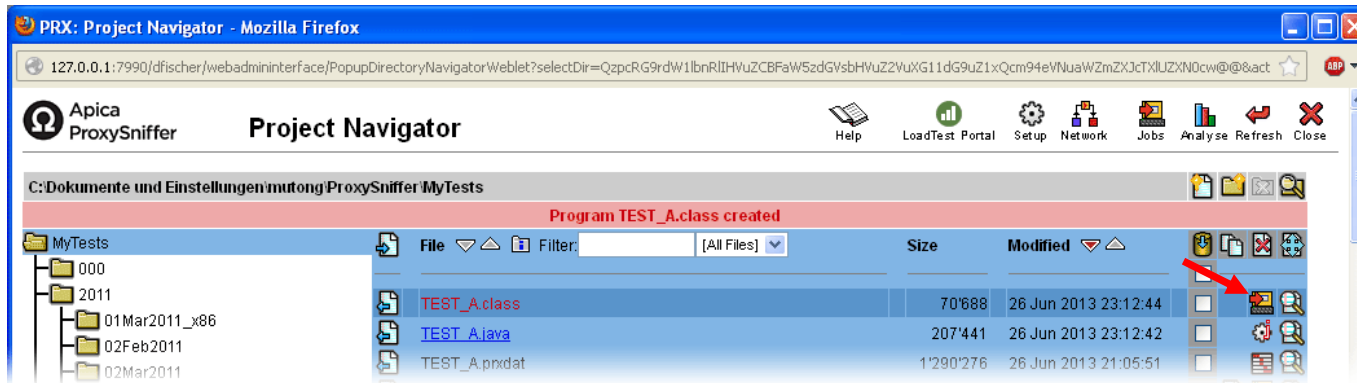
The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section is a file tree titled "MyTests" showing a hierarchy of folders: "MyTests", "000", "2011", "01Mar2011\_x86", "02Feb2011", "02Mar2011", "03Feb2011", "03Mar2011", "03Oct2011", "04Mar2011", "04Oct2011", "05Oct2011", "06Sep2011", "07Mar2011", "08Sep2011", "09Sep2011", "10Aug2011", "11Aug2011", and "12Sep2011".

The right section is titled "Response Verification Summary" and contains three entries:

- Page #1: Start Page  
1 [1] "a clear improvement of the test quality is achieved"
- Page #2:  
28 [28] "Further information is available in the revised"
- Page #3:  
53 [53] "the handbook of generating load from the cloud"

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a button "Save Load Test Program" with a red arrow pointing to it, and a checkbox "Overwrite & Compile" which is checked.

The load test program is now ready for execution:



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**Note: All menus provide *context specific help text*, available using the Help Icon:**

The screenshot shows the 'Project Navigator - Execute Load Test' window. The 'Load Test Input Parameter' section is expanded, showing the following settings:

Parameter	Value
Execute Test from	Cluster: cluster1
Number of Concurrent Users	1
Load Test Duration	1 min
Max. Loops per User	unlimited
Startup Delay per User	200 Milliseconds
Max. Network Bandwidth per User	unlimited
Request Timeout per URL	60 Seconds
Max. Error-Snapshots per URL	30
Statistic Sampling Interval	15 Seconds
Additional Sampling Rate per Page Call	100%
Additional Sampling Rate per URL Call	---
Debug Options	none - recommended
Additional Options	SSL v2/v3/TLS

At the bottom of the window, there is an 'Annotation' field and a '>> Continue' button. A red arrow points to the 'Help' icon in the top right corner of the window.