

# LoadRunner Scripting Guide for ServiceCenter 6.2 Windows Clients

How to do performance testing on ServiceCenter using HP's LoadRunner tool

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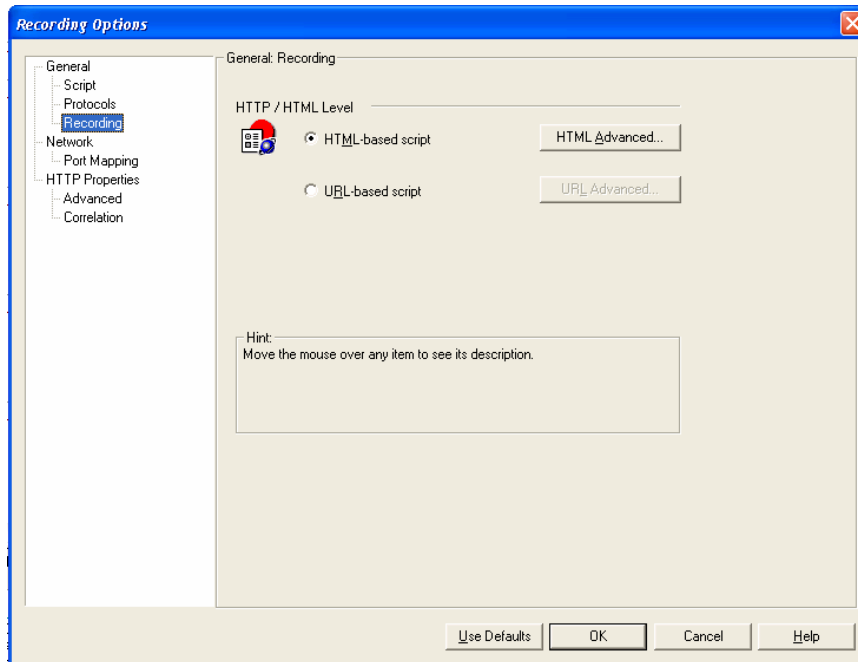
## Introduction

This white paper will show how to set up LoadRunner to test load and performance on ServiceCenter 6.2.

## Setting up LoadRunner

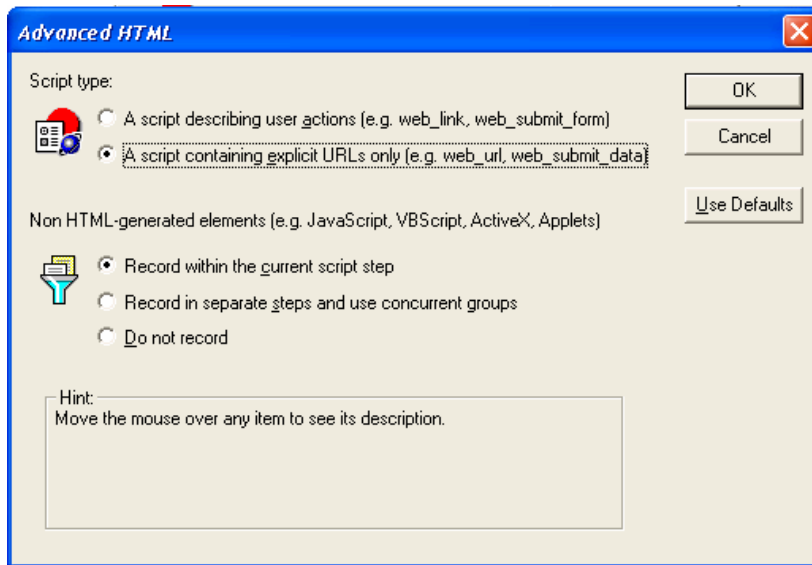
### Mercury Virtual User Generator Recording Options Setup:

From the Menu bar, select **Tools -> Recording Options**. In the **General** tree, select **Recording**.



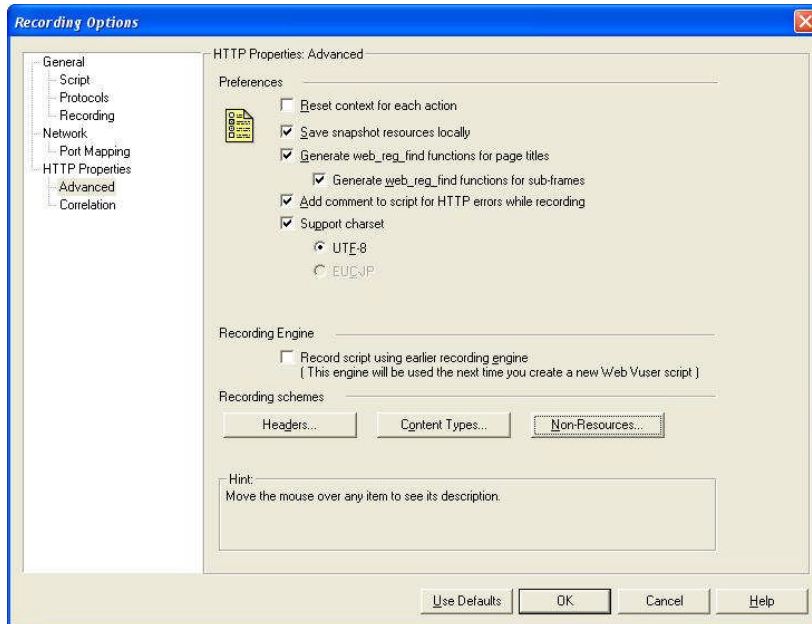
Click to Select **HTML-based script**

Click on the **HTML Advanced...** button.

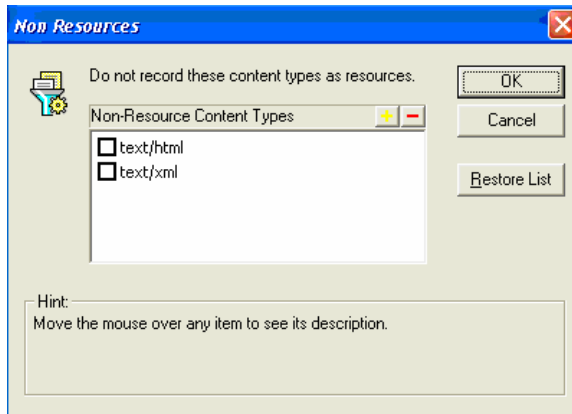


Select the options as shown above, then click **OK**.

Under the **HTTP Properties** tree, select **Advanced**



Select the options as shown above, then click on the **Non-Resources...** button  
In the dialog window, **uncheck** both checkboxes for the **text** content types.

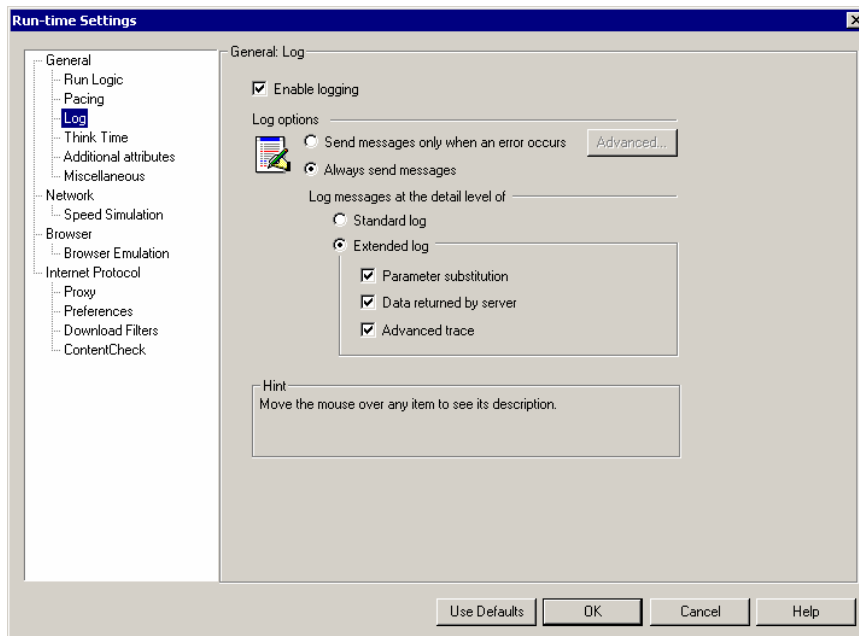


Click **OK** to save the Non-Resources settings.

Click **OK** to exit the Recording Options screen.

## Mercury Virtual User Generator Runtime Settings Setup:

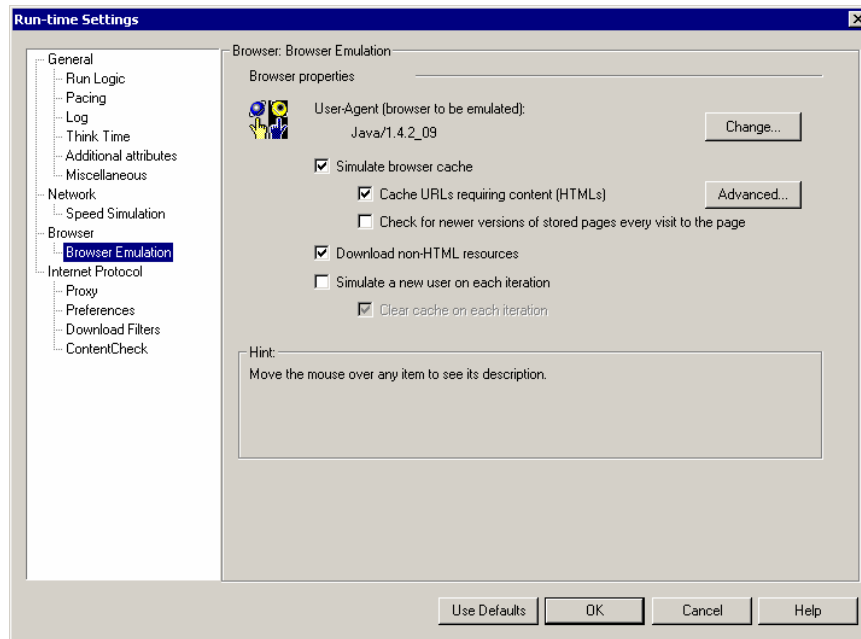
From the Menu bar, select **VUser** -> **Runtime settings**. In the **General** tree, select **Log**.



Enable **Extended log** and turn on all options.

**Note:** Activate "Always send messages" only during script creation and testing. When running the script it should be set to "Send messages only when an error occurs".

In the **Browser** tree, select **Browser Emulation**.



Uncheck **Simulate a new user on each iteration**.

These Run-time settings are set separately in the LoadRunner Controller as well.

## Recording a script for the SC Windows client connecting to the SC Classic Listener

### Script Content Overview

- The login should be recorded into vuser\_init.
- The activities in the script should be recorded into Action at a minimum.
- The activities should include a shutdown of all tabs and return to the same point where recording of Action began – the user's startup screen.
- The logout should be recorded into vuser\_end.

**Note:** These are the minimum recommendations for scripting. The user is free to create multiple action-based sections.

### Pre-Recording Setup

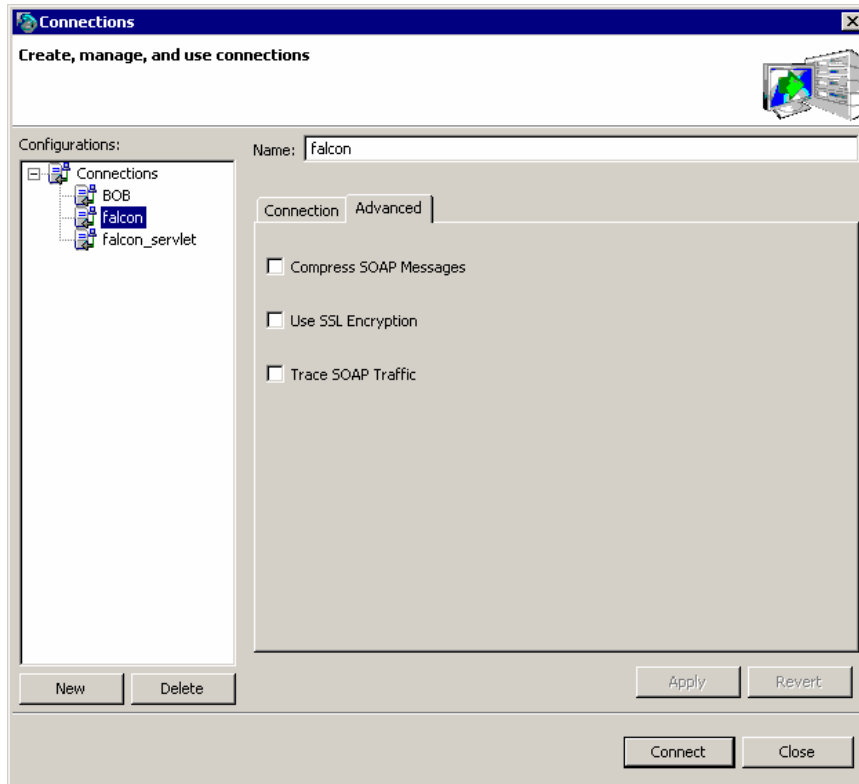
Prior to starting the ServiceCenter server, **recordtestscript:1** needs to be added to the sc.ini file.

Prior to recording a script, there are changes that need to be made to the ServiceCenter client configuration.

- The Windows Client needs the following arguments to the Servicecenter.exe program in the client shortcut: **-data workspace -vmargs -Xmx128M -DFastInfoset=false**
- For successful recording of script actions, SOAP Compression and SSL Encryption must be turned off in the client.

To turn off these settings, launch the ServiceCenter client and open the **Connection Manager**. Go to the **Advanced** tab for the connection you will be using.

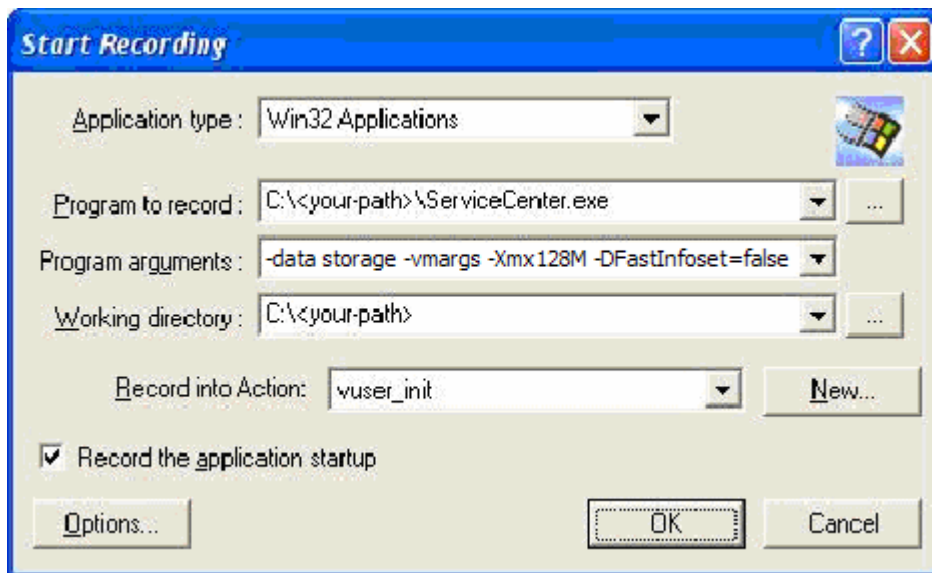
Uncheck **Compress SOAP Messages** and **Use SSL Encryption** to turn these options **off**.



Click **Apply** to save the settings.

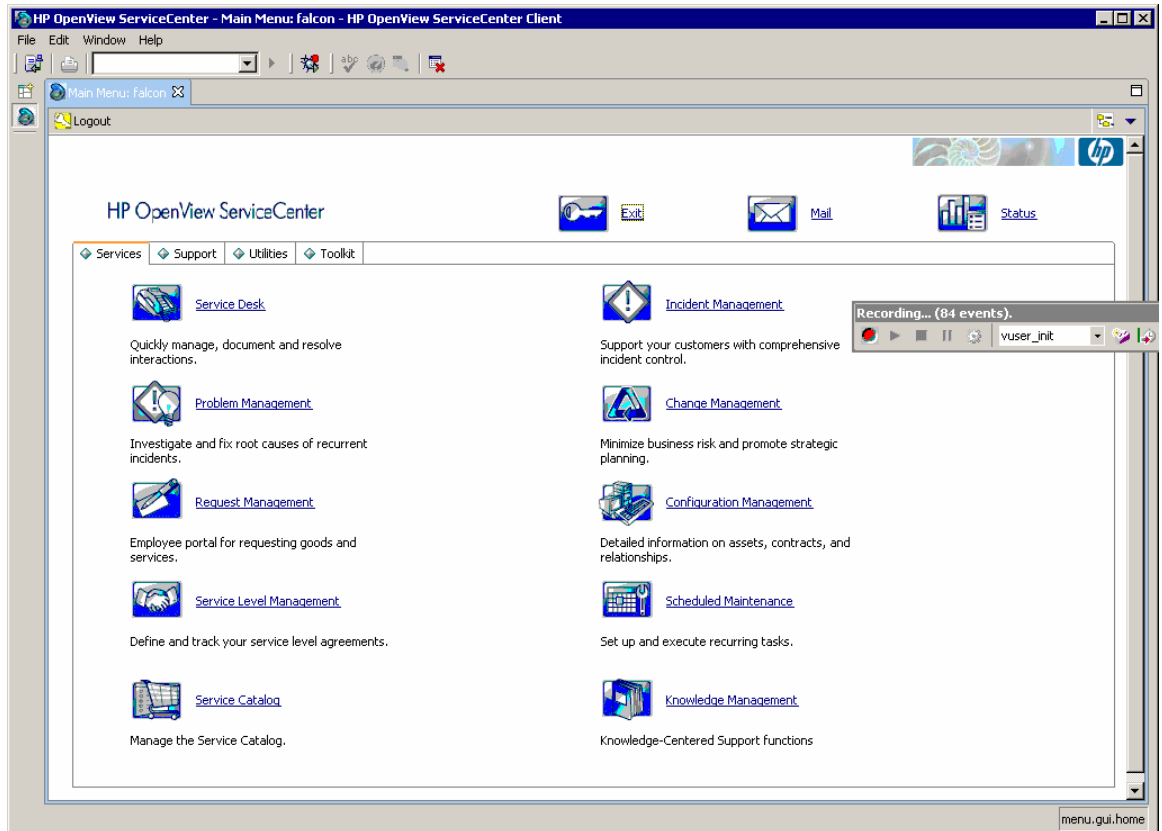
## Start the Recording

In the LoadRunner Virtual User Generator, select **Start Record** from the Toolbar. Enter the correct path to the ServiceCenter.exe, program arguments, and working directory.



Click **OK** to begin recording.

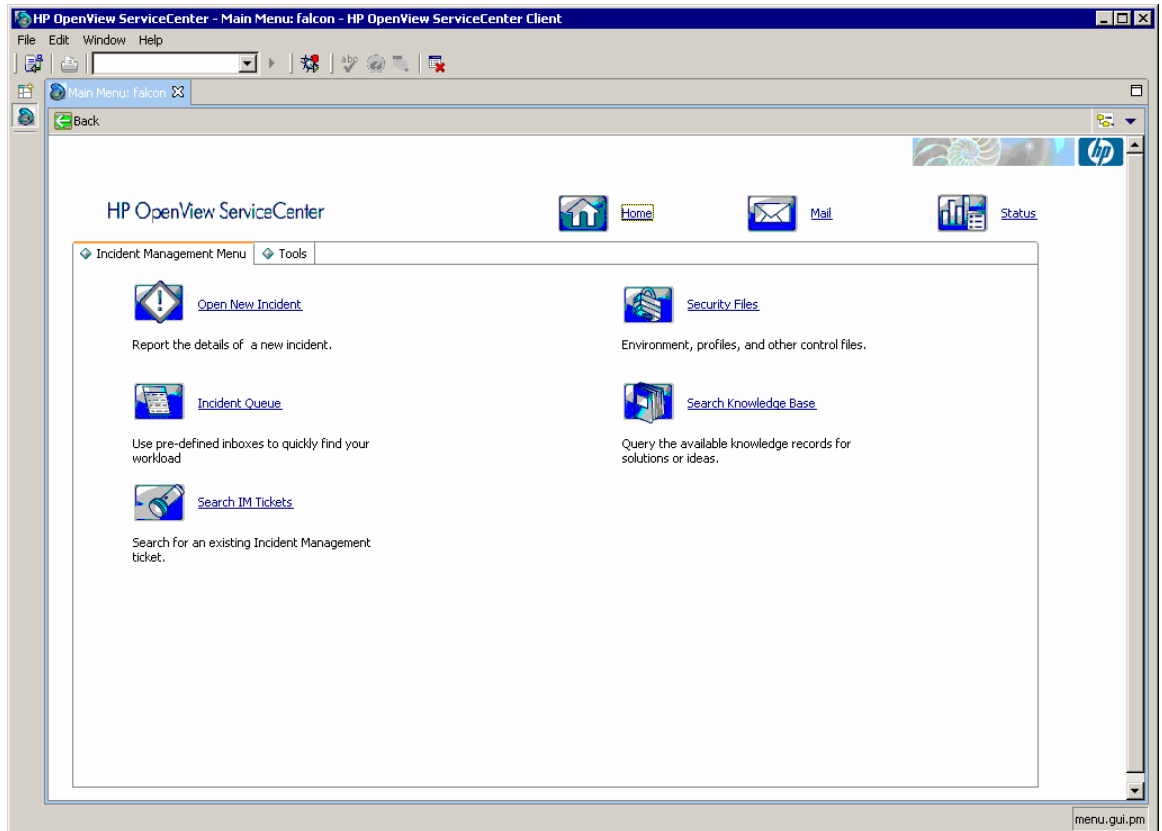
Take note of the screen at the time of login – in this case the home menu with the Services tab shown



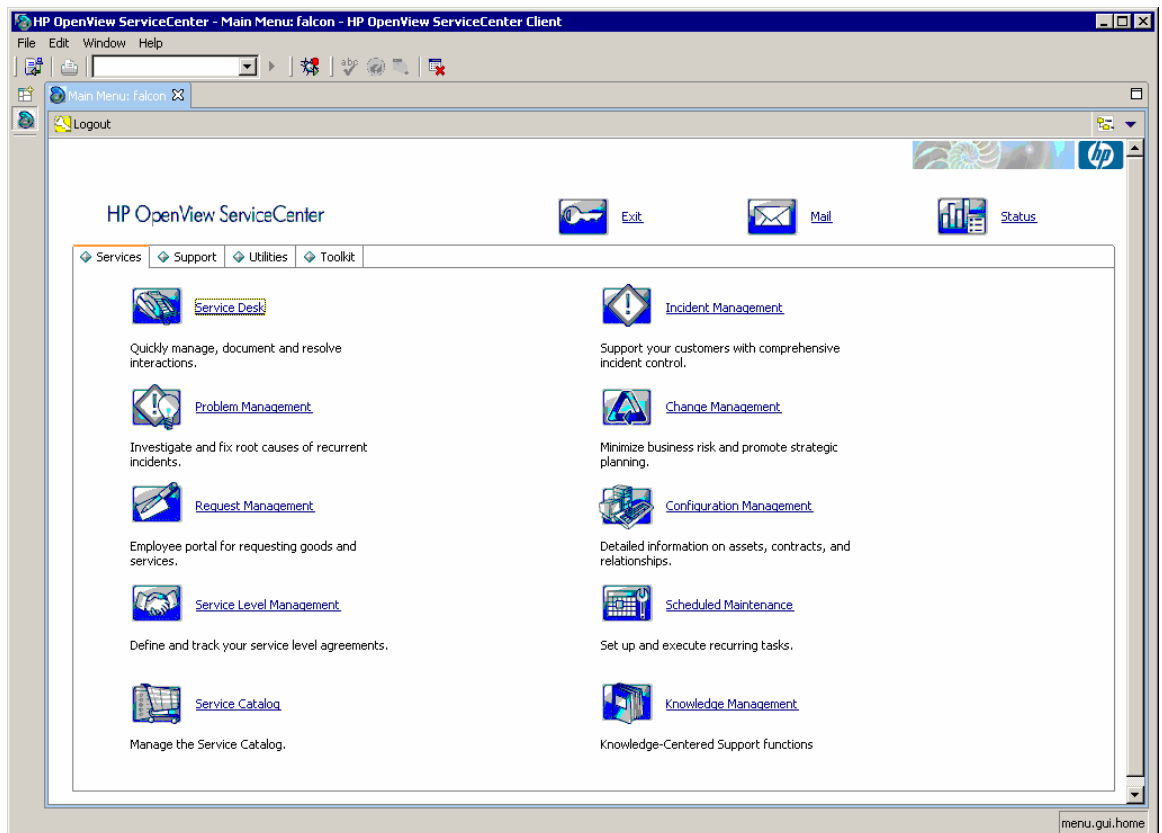
Switch from vuser\_init to **Action** in the LoadRunner recording control bar before you continue.



Perform all your planned activities in ServiceCenter. In the sample screen shot, the user has navigated into the Incident Management Menu where he can open, search, or update Incident Management tickets.



**Important:** Once the planned activities in ServiceCenter are completed, be sure to navigate back to the Home menu. Doing this will facilitate easier script iteration and modification in the future.



Once back at the ServiceCenter Home Menu, switch the script module from Action to **vuser\_end** in the LoadRunner control bar.



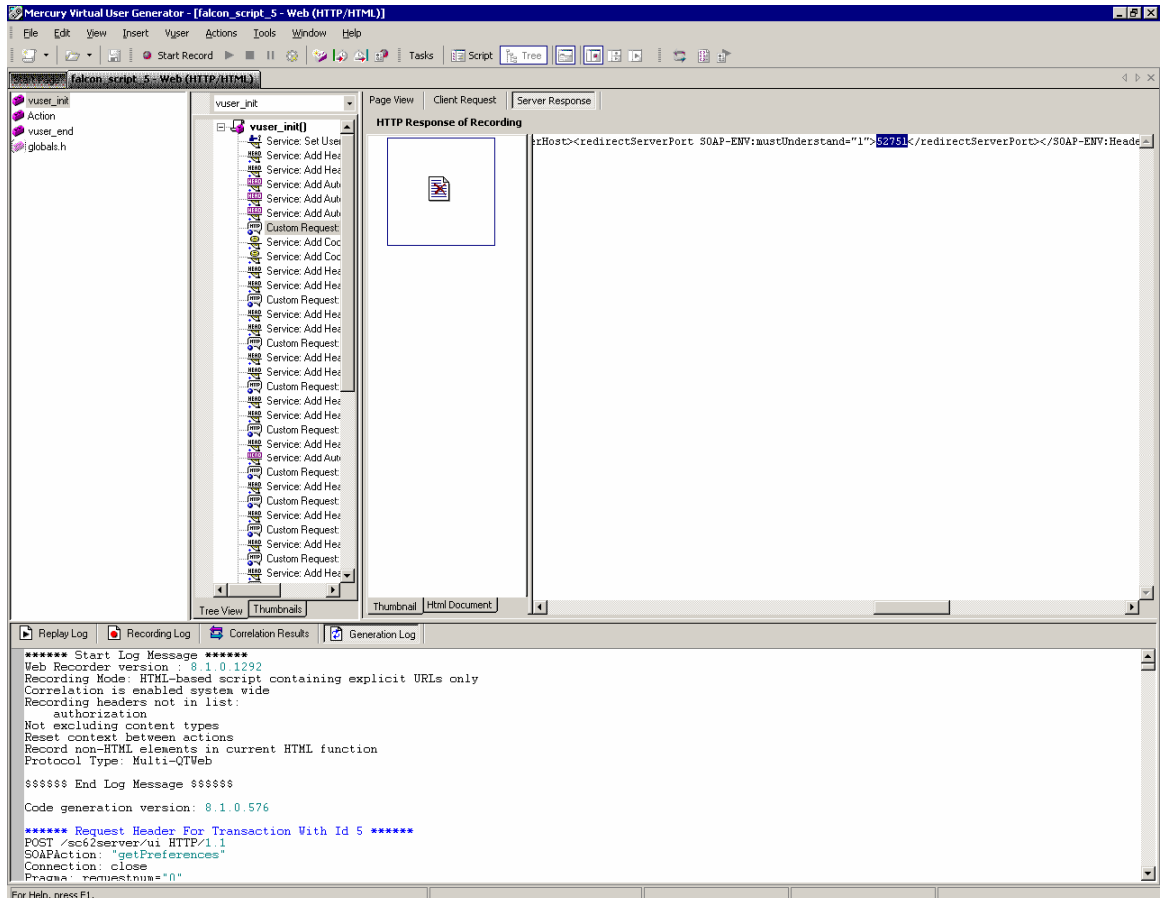


Click **Logout** twice to log out of ServiceCenter.

Select **Stop** in the LoadRunner recording control bar.

## Editing the recorded script prior to playback:

Save the newly recorded script and enter Tree View.



Navigate to the first **CustomRequest:ui** in the vuser\_init() tree.

Scroll across the response tab until you find the server redirect port which will look something like this:

```
<redirectServerPort SOAP-ENV:mustUnderstand="1">52751</redirectServerPort>
```

**Highlight** the port number (in this case 52751).

**Right click** on the highlighted text.

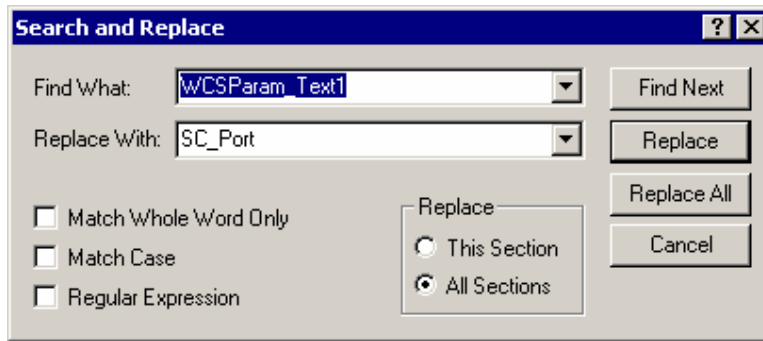
Click on **Create Parameter**

Click **Yes** when asked if you want to replace all values.

Return to script view.

Find the comment that was added to annotate the new parameter.

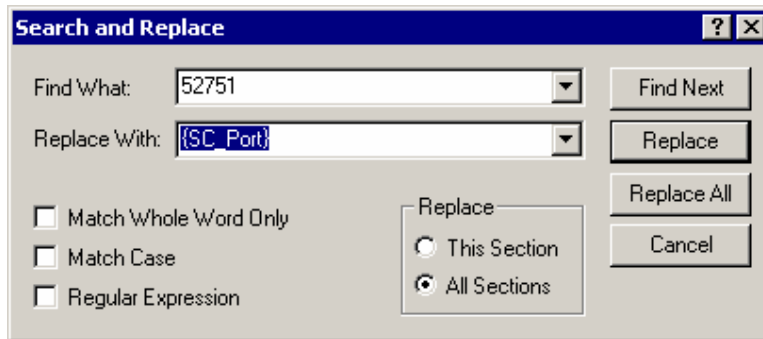
```
// [WCSPARAM WCSPParam_Text1 5 52751] Parameter {WCSPParam_Text1} created by Correlation Studio
```



Replace the parameter with a more meaningful label, such as **SC\_Port**.

Click **Replace All**. Check to make sure the replace was also done in the Action and vuser\_end sections of the script.

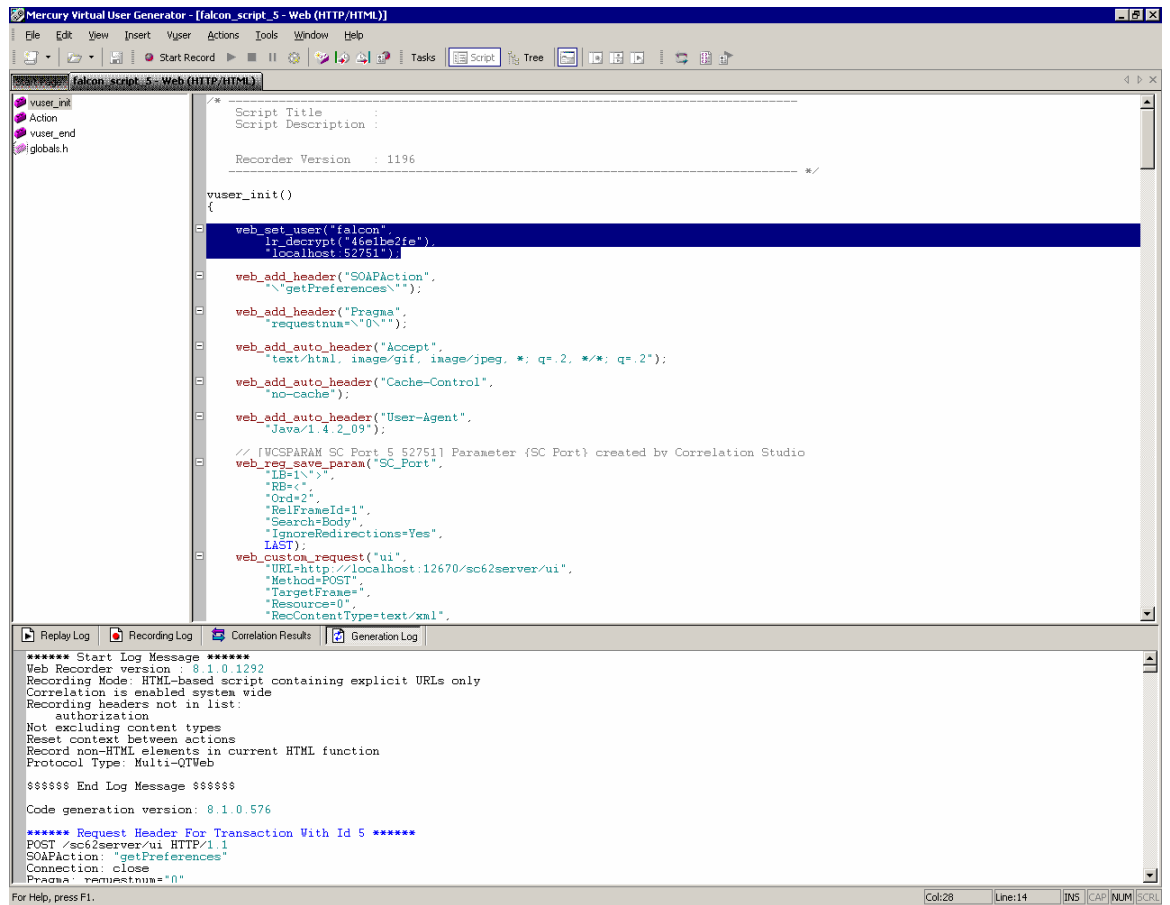
If the change was not made go to the Action section:



Make sure you have the curly brackets around **{SC\_Port}** and click **Replace All**. Check to make sure the changes were also made to the vuser\_end section.

**Save** the script.

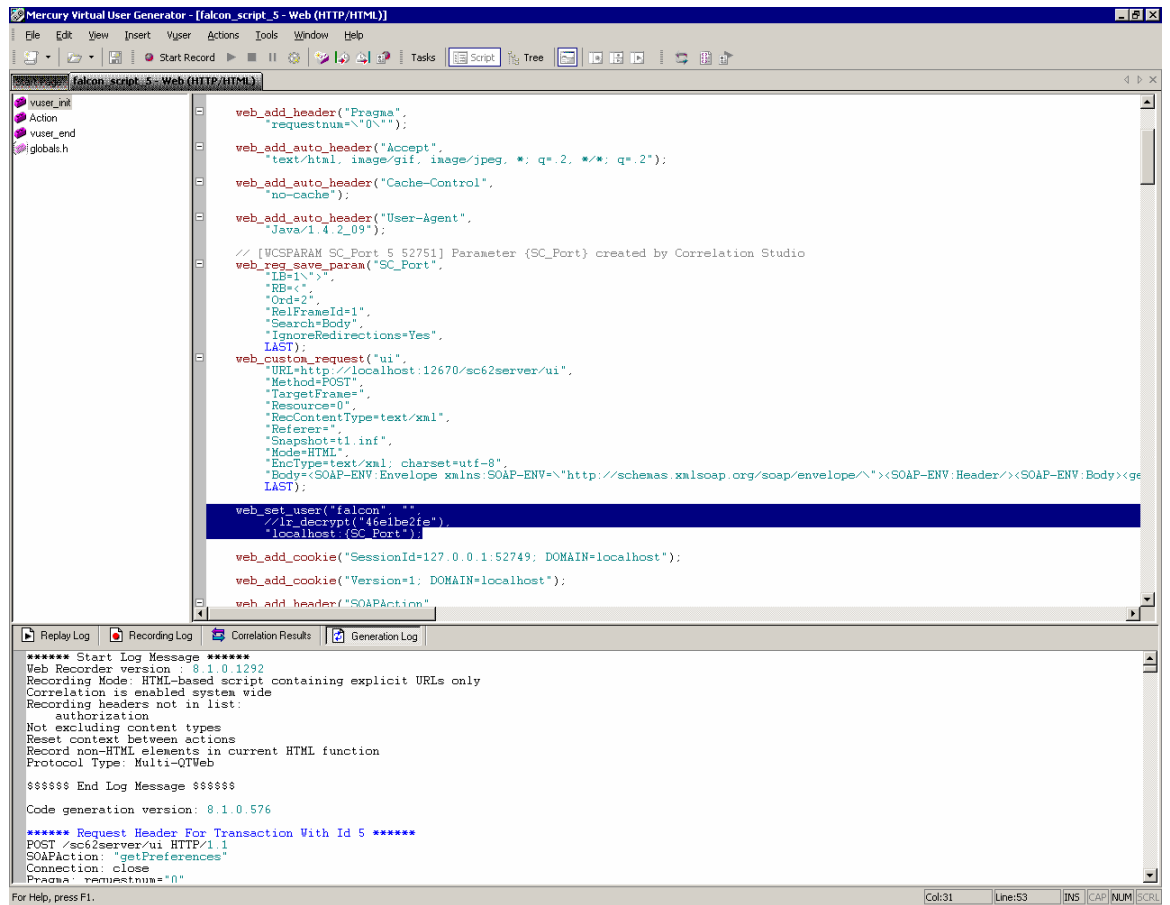
Select the **web\_set\_user** entry and use cut/paste to move these three lines to a point immediately after the first custom request.



Add "", to the end of the first of the three lines.

Comment out the second of the three lines.

Change the port number in the third line to **{SC\_Port}**.



Example of the changes to perform:

Before

```

web_set_user("falcon",
  lr_decrypt("46e1be2fe"),
  "localhost:52751");

```

After

```

web_set_user("falcon", "",
  //lr_decrypt("46e1be2fe"),
  "localhost:{SC_Port}");

```

**Save** the script.

Find **Authorization** in the Generation Log.

Copy the tag at the end of the line, in this case **Basic ZmFsY29uOg==**

The screenshot shows the Mercury Virtual User Generator interface. The main window displays a script for a web user named 'falcon'. The script includes several actions: adding headers, saving a parameter for the SC\_Port, and setting a custom request. The request is a SOAP POST to a local server. The log window below shows the execution details, including the request headers and the authorization value.

```
web_add_header("Pragma",
"requestnum=\"0\"");

web_add_auto_header("Accept",
"text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg, *, q=.2, */*; q=.2");

web_add_auto_header("Cache-Control",
"no-cache");

web_add_auto_header("User-Agent",
"Java/1.4.2_09");

// [WCSPARAM SC_Port $ 52751] Parameter {SC_Port} created by Correlation Studio
web_req_save_param("SC_Port",
"RB=\");
"Ord=2";
"RelFrameId=1";
"Search=Body";
"IgnoreRedirections=Yes";
LAST);
web_custom_request("ui",
"URL=http://localhost:12670/sc62server/ui",
"Method=POST";
"TargetFrame=";
"Resource=0";
"RecContentType=text/xml";
"Referer=";
"Snapshot=t1.inf";
"Mode=HTML";
"EncType=text/xml, charset=utf-8";
"Body=<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV=\"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/\"><SOAP-ENV:Header/><SOAP-ENV:Body/><getPreferences/><ClientSystemInfo/></SOAP-ENV:Body/></SOAP-ENV:Envelope/>";
LAST);

web_set_user("falcon", "",
//r_decrypt("46e1be2fe");
localhost:({SC_Port}));

web_add_cookie("SessionId=127.0.0.1:52749; DOMAIN=localhost");

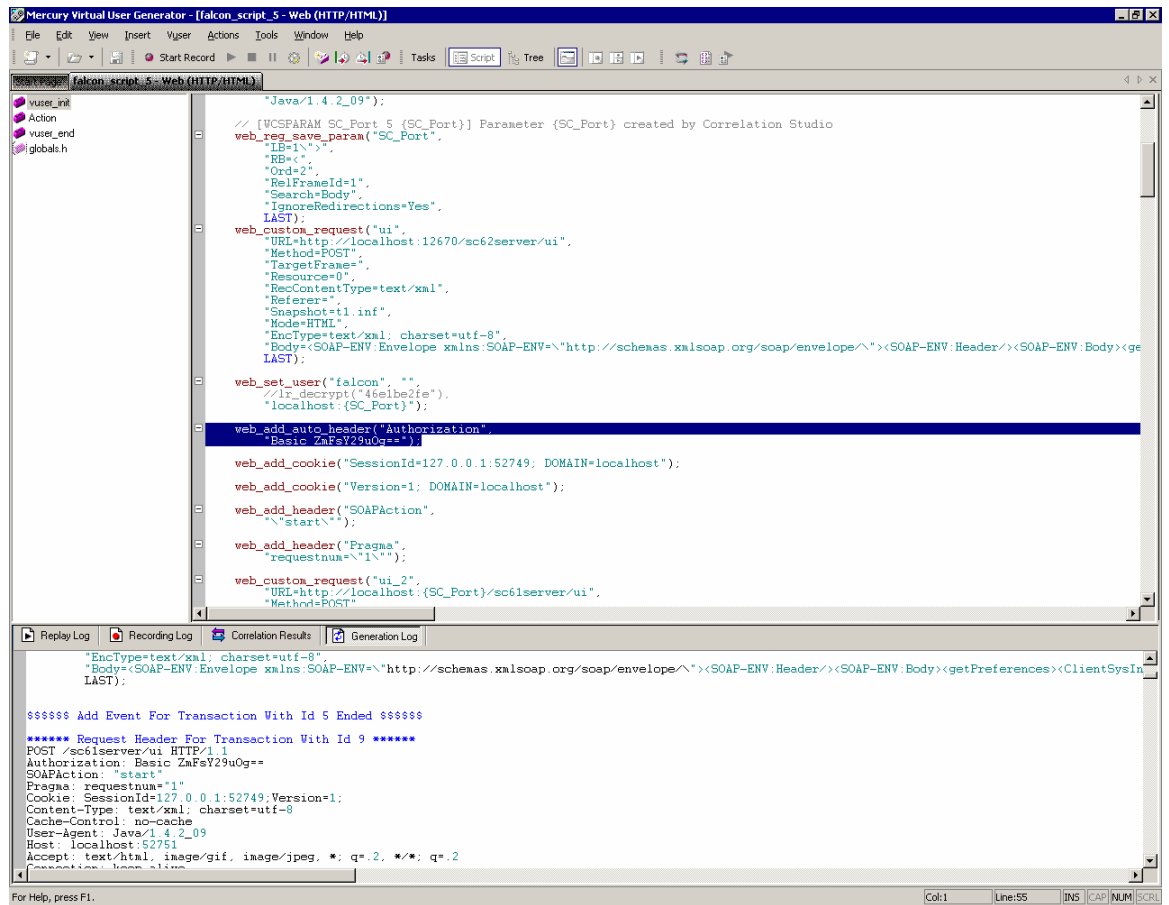
web_add_cookie("Version=1; DOMAIN=localhost");
```

```
.....
"EncType=text/xml, charset=utf-8";
"Body=<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV=\"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/\"><SOAP-ENV:Header/><SOAP-ENV:Body/><getPreferences/><ClientSystemInfo/></SOAP-ENV:Body/></SOAP-ENV:Envelope/>";
LAST);

$$$$$$ Add Event For Transaction With Id 5 Ended $$$$$$

***** Request Header For Transaction With Id 9 *****
POST /sc61server/ui HTTP/1.1
Authorization: Basic Mhhs3Y29u0q==
SOAPAction: "test"
Pragma: requestnum="1"
Cookie: SessionId=127.0.0.1:52749;Version=1;
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Cache-Control: no-cache
User-Agent: Java/1.4.2_09
Host: localhost:52751
Accept: text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg, *, q=.2, */*; q=.2
.....
```

Use the above authorization value to create a new **web\_add\_auto\_header** immediately following **web\_set\_user**:



Example:

```
web_add_auto_header("Authorization",
  "Basic ZmFsY29uOg==");
```

**Save** the script.

Test the script by using the **Play** button in the toolbar of **VuGen**. Any errors will be logged in the Replay Log at the bottom of the VUGen interface.

## Recording a script using the Windows Client connecting to the servlet listener:

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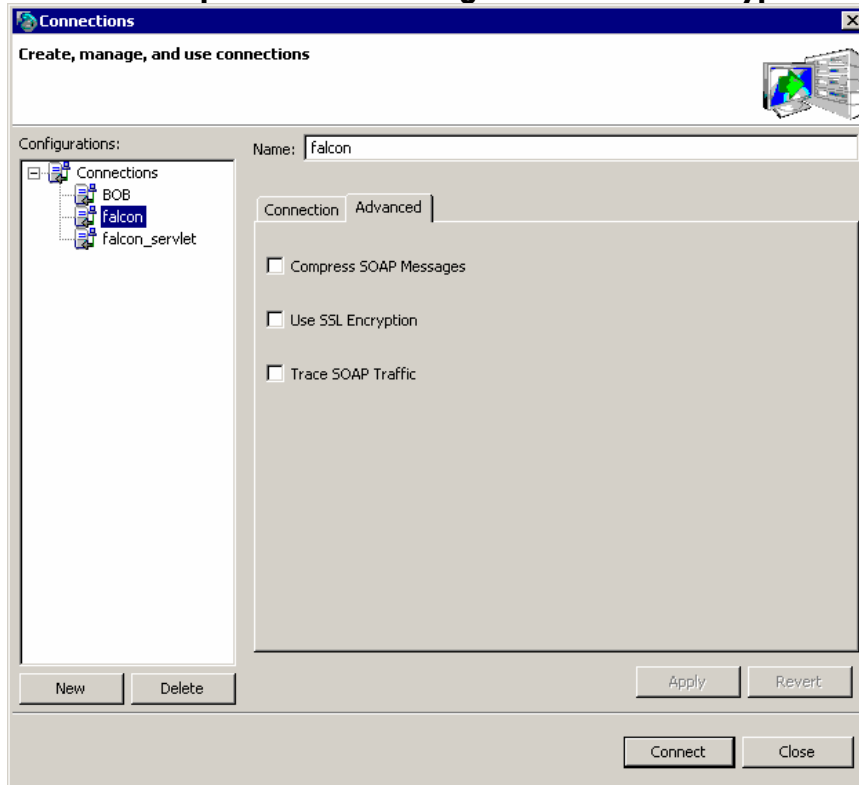
### Pre-Recording Setup

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- For successful recording of script actions, SOAP Compression and SSL Encryption must be turned off in the client.

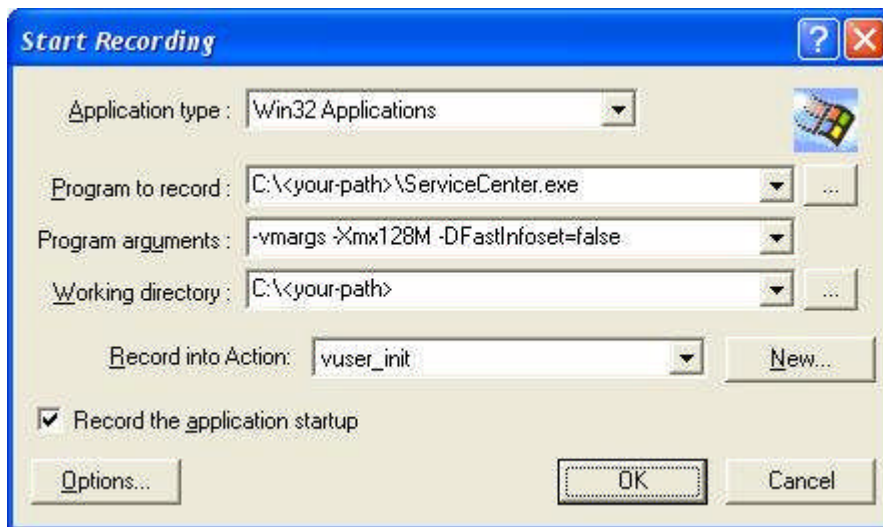
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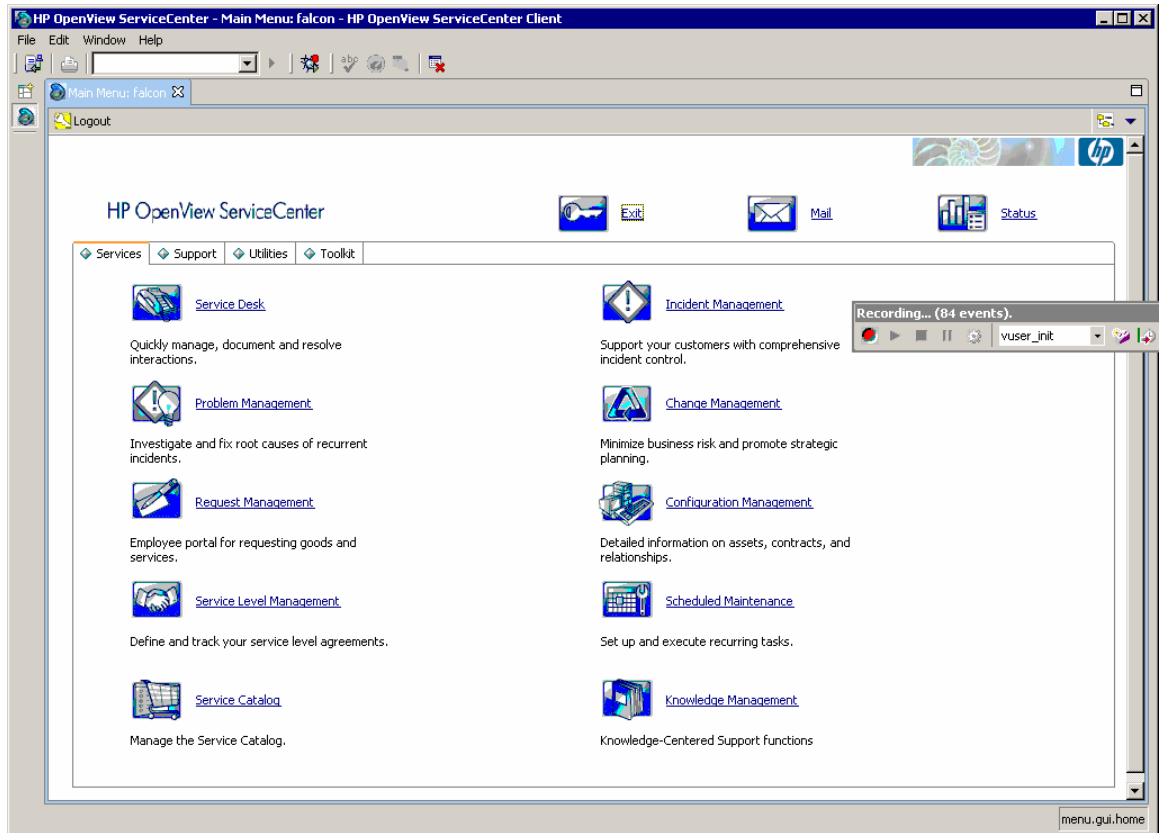
Click **Apply**.

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Click **OK** to begin recording.

Take note of the screen at the time of login – in this case the **Home** menu with the Services tab shown

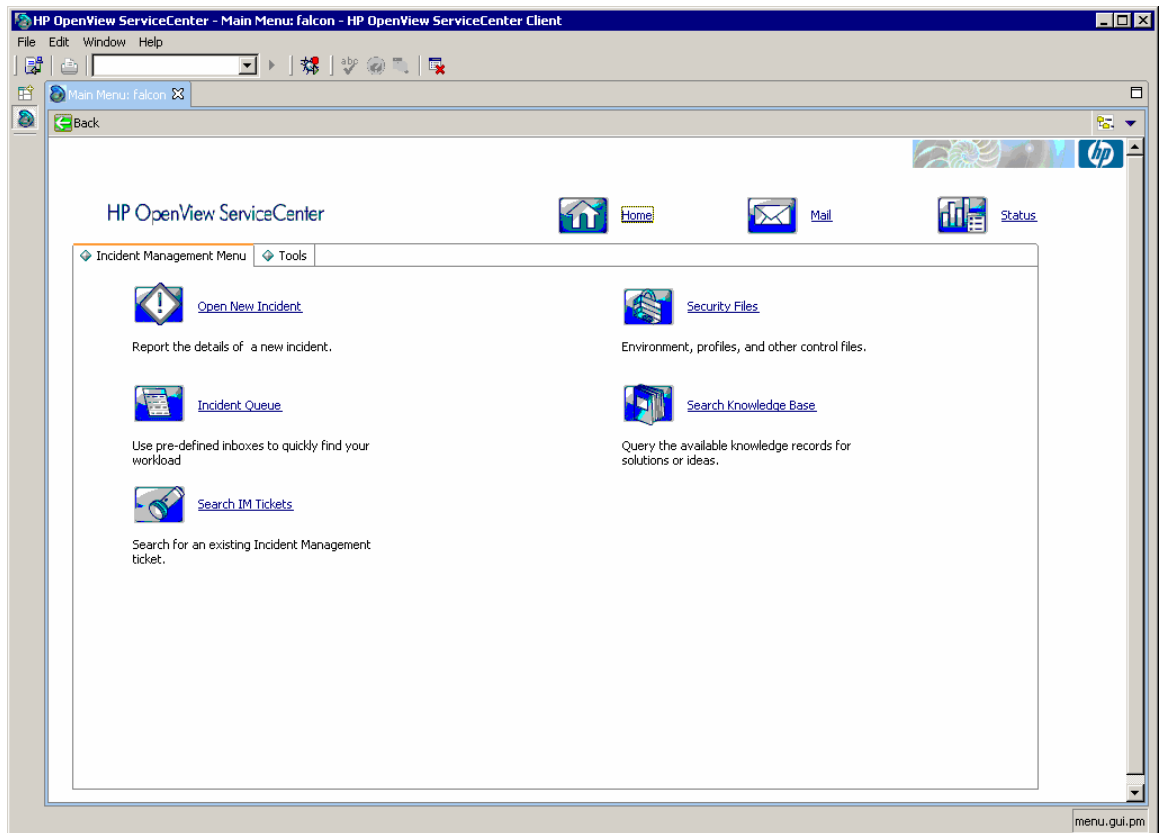


Switch from vuser\_init to **Action** in the LoadRunner recording control bar.

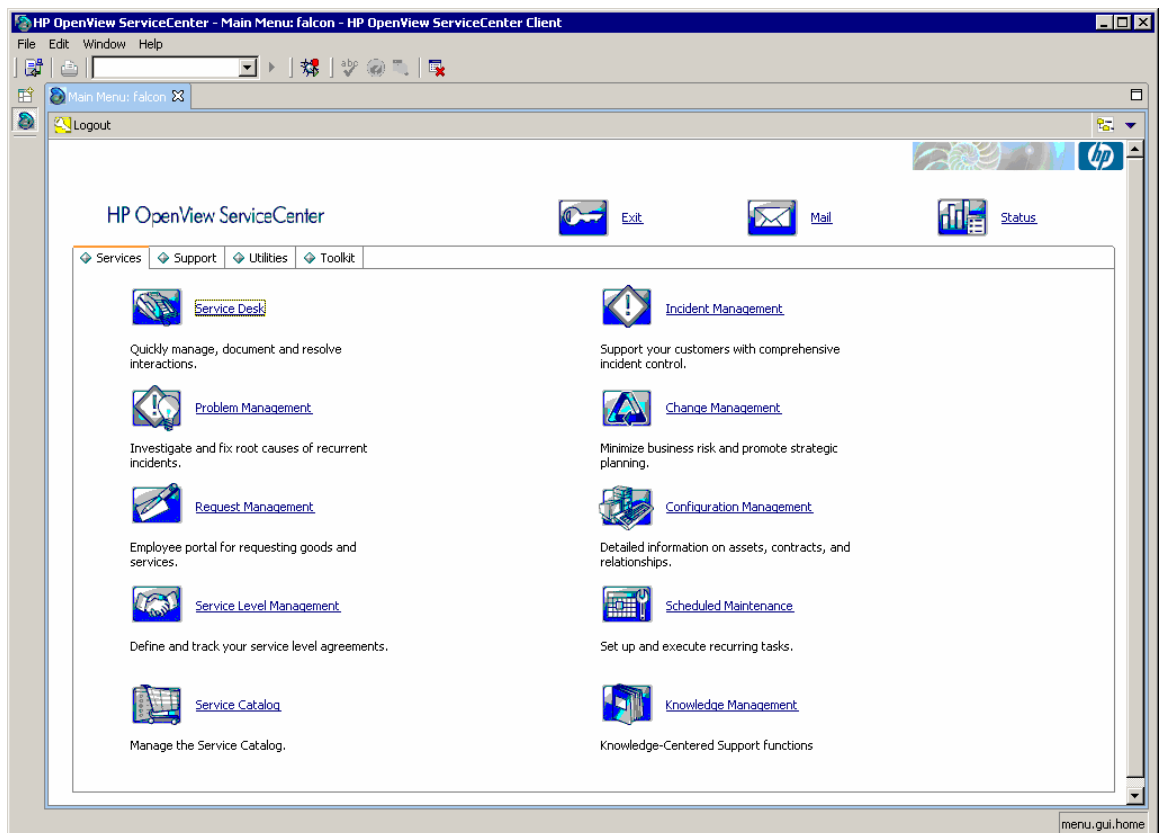


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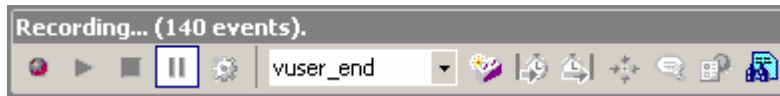




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Click **Logout** twice to log out of ServiceCenter.

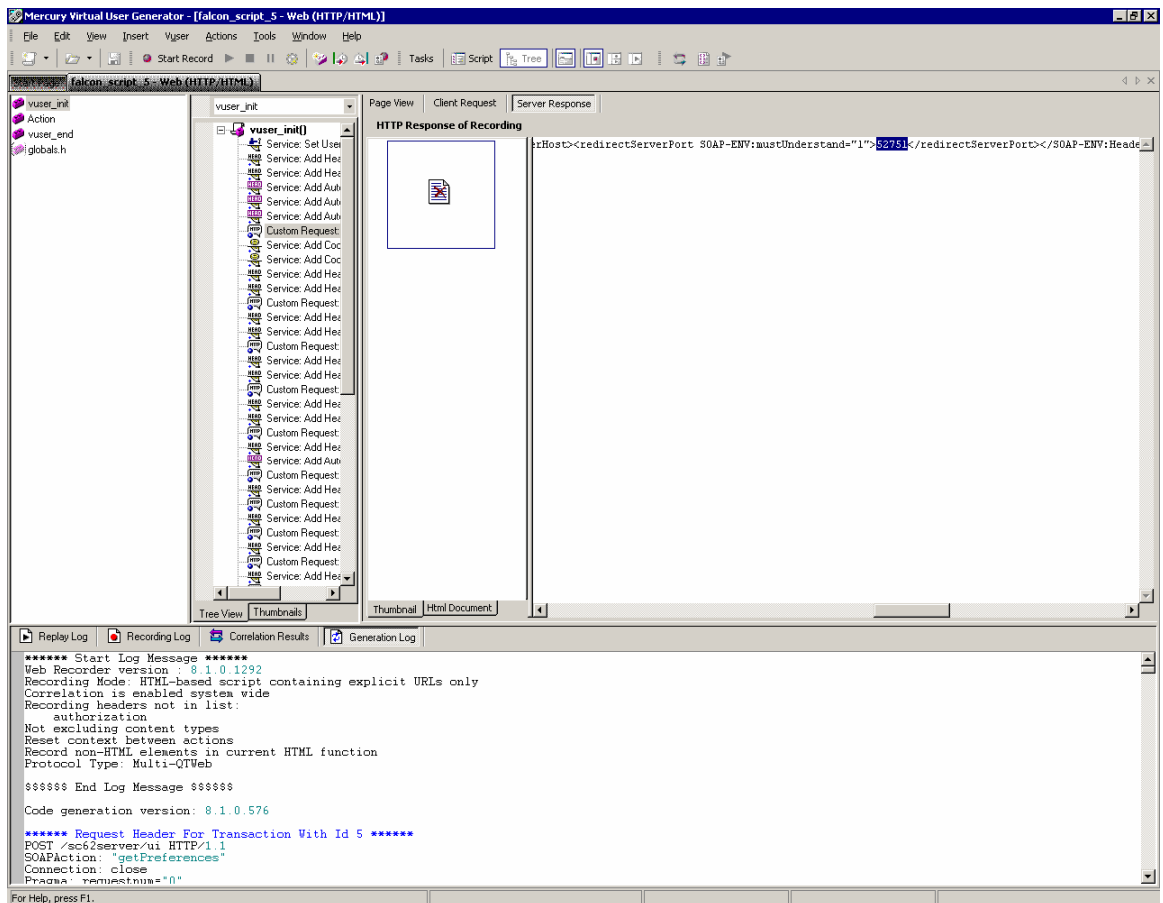
Select **Stop** in the LoadRunner recording control bar.

## Editing the recorded script prior to playback

The initial script editing steps differ depending on whether the system is configured for single servlet or multi-servlet, or clustered mode operation. After these initial changes for each mode are done, the remaining steps are identical and start with the heading *Common Script Changes*.

## Vertical Scaling – Single and Multi Servlet:

Save the previously recorded script and enter **Tree View**.



Navigate to the first **CustomRequest:ui** in the vuser\_init() tree.

Scroll across the response tab until you find the server redirect port which will look something like this:

```
<redirectServerPort SOAP-
ENV:mustUnderstand="1">52751</redirectServerPort>
```

**Highlight** the port number (in this case 52751).

**Right click** on the highlighted text.

Select the context menu option **Create Parameter**

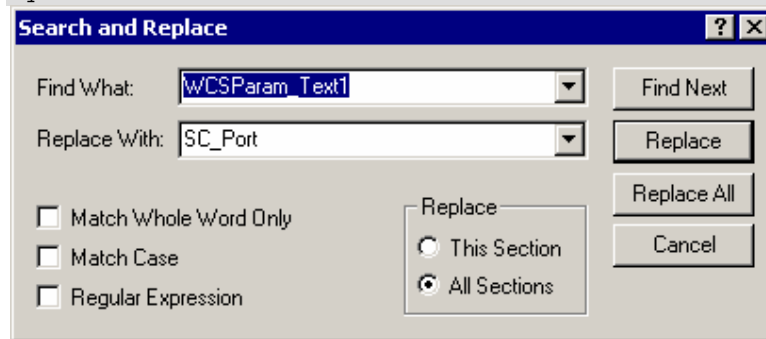
Click **Yes** when asked if you want to replace all values.

Do the same steps for the **redirectServerHost**.

Return to the script view.

Find the comment that was added to annotate the new parameter.

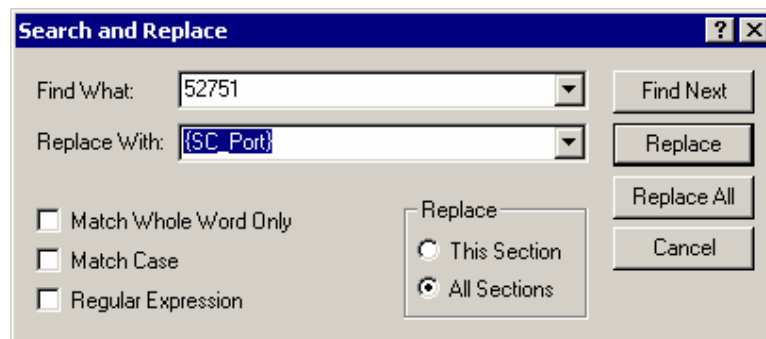
```
// [WCSPARAM WCSParam_Text1 5 52751] Parameter {WCSParam_Text1} created  
by Correlation Studio
```



Replace the parameter with a more meaningful label, such as **SC\_Port**.

Click **Replace All**.

Verify that the replace was also done in the Action and vuser\_end sections of the script. If the change was not made go to the Action section



Make sure you have the curly brackets around **{SC\_Port}** and click **Replace All**. Verify the changes were also made to the vuser\_end section.

**Save** the script.

## Horizontal Scaling (also called cluster mode):

**Note:** There is currently an issue with how LoadRunner 8.1 is handling HTTP 307 return codes. Due to this a small amount of manual scripting must be done when scripting against a system running in Horizontal Scaling mode.

1. Add a line to the script that instructs LoadRunner to not perform the redirect action automatically. The following line is added between the last 'web\_add\_auto\_header' and the first 'web\_custom\_request'.

```
web_add_filter("Action=Exclude", "QueryPrefix=lbHost", LAST);
```

2. Manually add the Parameters for the Load Balancer host and port and servlet host and port as in the below example:

```
// [WCSPARAM SM_Host 27 servername.serverdomain.com] Parameter {SC_Host}  
web_reg_save_param("SC_Host",  
    "LB=Location: http://",  
    "RB=",  
    "Search=Headers",  
    "IgnoreRedirections=No",  
    LAST);  
// [WCSPARAM SM_Port 5 52751] Parameter {SC_Port}  
web_reg_save_param("SC_Port",
```

```

        "LB=",
        "RB=/sc62server",
        "Search=Headers",
        "IgnoreRedirections=No",
        LAST);
// [WCSPARAM LB_Host 27 servername.serverdomain.com] Parameter {LB_Host}
web_reg_save_param("LB_Host",
    "LB=lbHost=",
    "RB=&",
    "Search=Headers",
    "IgnoreRedirections=No",
    LAST);
// [WCSPARAM LB_Port 5 52571] Parameter {LB_Port}
web_reg_save_param("LB_Port",
    "LB=lbPort=",
    "RB=\r\n",
    "Search=Headers",
    "IgnoreRedirections=No",
    LAST);

```

**Note:** A full explanation of all the Parameter options is available in the LoadRunner documentation.

The data used to build these parameters is in the server response to the first client request and can be found in the Generation Log.

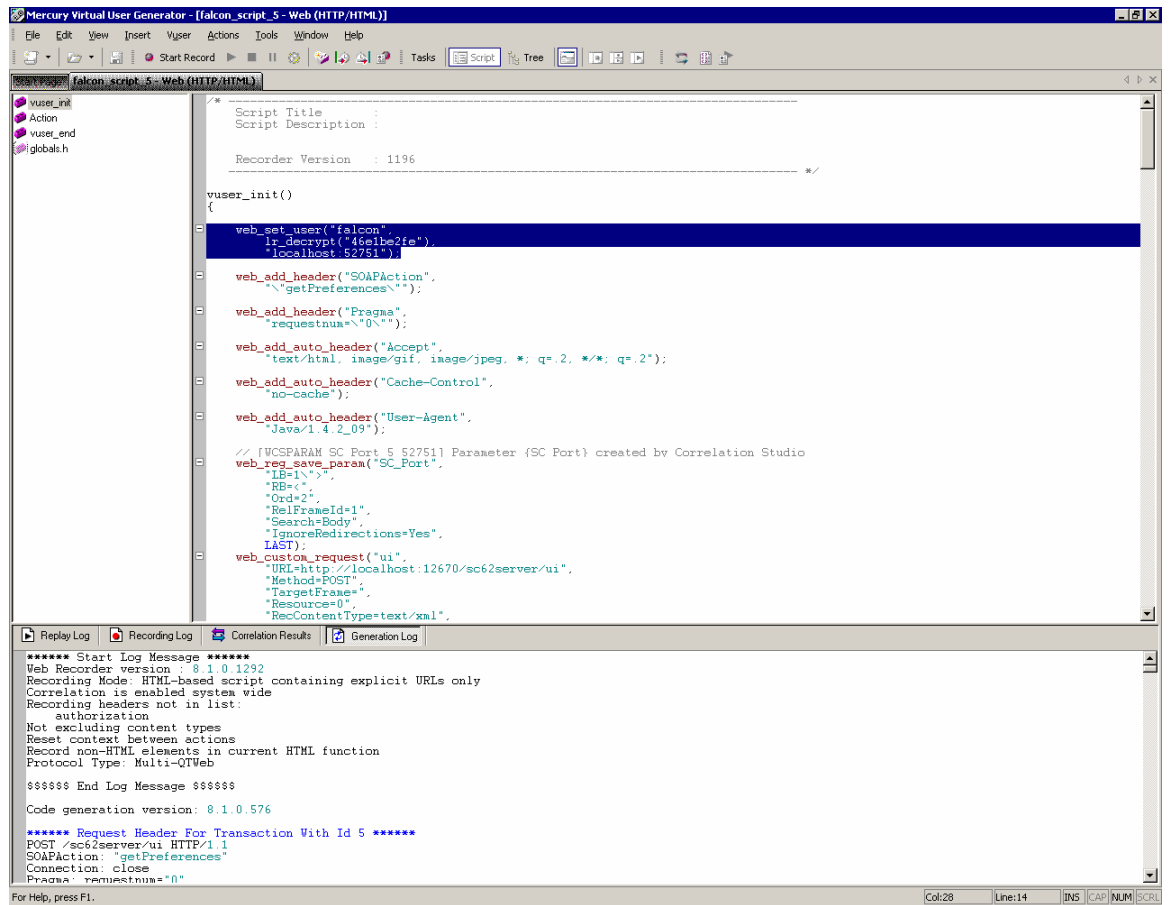
Using the **Search** function, find the first instance of **lbhost** and replace the value with **{LB\_Host}** and replace the value of **lbport** with **{LB\_Port}**. In both cases, make sure to select **All Sections** in the Search and Replace dialog box.

The same request that was found in the above step will also be the first place that needs the ServiceCenter server and port replaced. Replace the ServiceCenter server name with **{SC\_Host}** and the ServiceCenter port number with **{SC\_Port}**. In both cases, make sure to select **All Sections** in the Search and Replace dialog box.

Once the parameters above are created and placed throughout the script, the remaining steps are the same for both Horizontal and Vertical scaling.

## Common Script Changes:

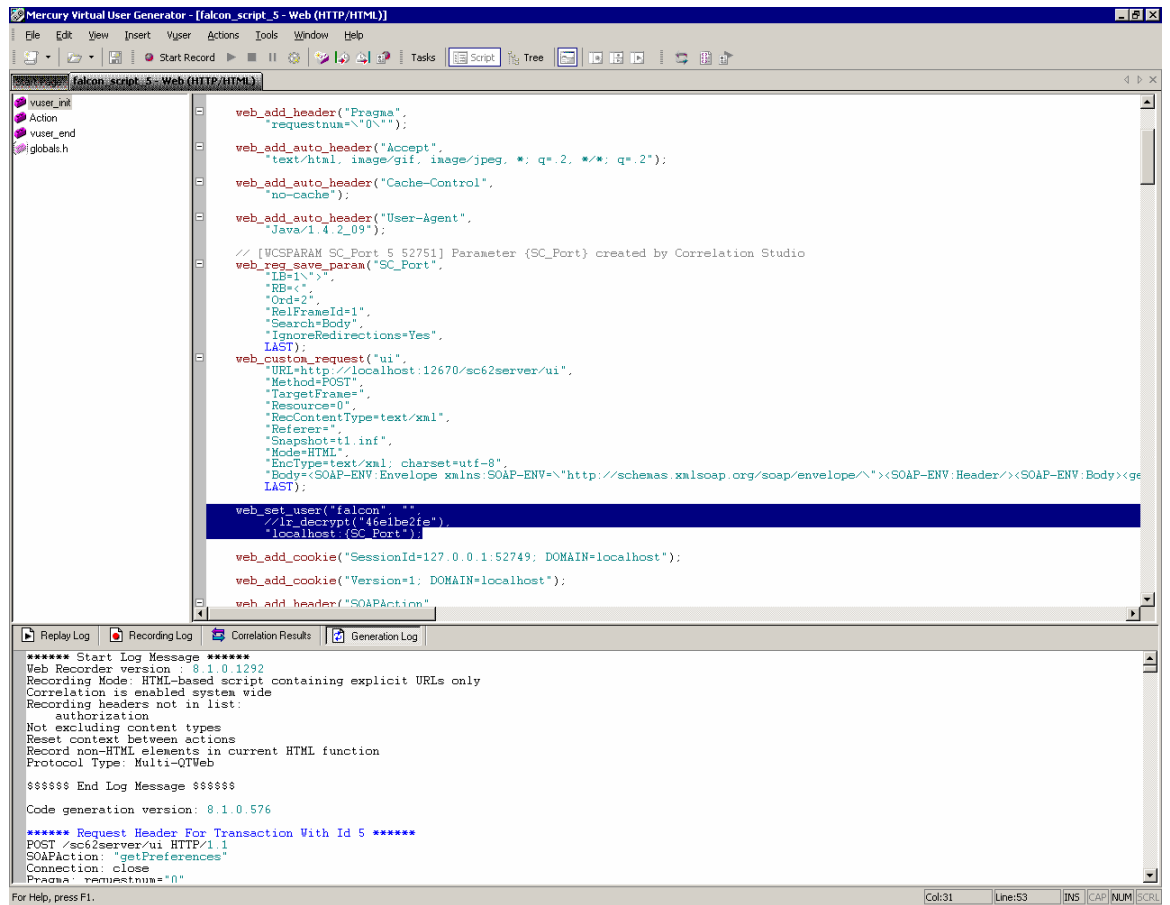
Select the **web\_set\_user** entry and use cut/paste to move these three lines to a point immediately after the first custom request.



Add "", to the end of the first of the three lines.

Comment out the second of the three lines.

Change the port number in the third line to **{SC\_Port}**.



Here is an example of the changes:

Before

```

web_set_user("falcon",
  lr_decrypt("46e1be2fe"),
  "localhost:52751");

```

After

```

web_set_user("falcon", "",
  //lr_decrypt("46e1be2fe"),
  "localhost:{SC_Port}");

```

**Save** the script.

Find **Authorization** in the Generation Log.

Copy the tag at the end of the line, in this case **Basic ZmFsY29uOg==**

The screenshot shows the Mercury Virtual User Generator interface. The top pane displays a script for a web user named 'falcon'. The script includes several actions: adding headers for Pragma, Accept, Cache-Control, and User-Agent; saving a parameter for the SC\_Port; creating a custom request for a SOAP service; setting the user to 'falcon' and decrypting a token; and adding cookies for SessionId and Version.

```

web_add_header("Pragma",
  "requestnum=\"0\"");
web_add_auto_header("Accept",
  "text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg, *, q=.2, */*; q=.2");
web_add_auto_header("Cache-Control",
  "no-cache");
web_add_auto_header("User-Agent",
  "Java/1.4.2_09");
// [WCSPARAM SC_Port $ 52751] Parameter {SC_Port} created by Correlation Studio
web_req_save_param("SC_Port",
  "RB=\\";
  "Ord=2";
  "RelFrameId=1";
  "SearchBody";
  "IgnoreRedirections=Yes";
  LAST);
web_custom_request("ui",
  "URL=http://localhost:12670/sc62server/ui",
  "Method=POST";
  "TargetFrame=";
  "Resource=0";
  "RecContentType=text/xml";
  "Referer=";
  "Snapshot=t1.inf";
  "Mode=HTML";
  "EncType=text/xml, charset=utf-8";
  "Body=<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV=\"http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/\"><SOAP-ENV:Header/><SOAP-ENV:Body/><getPreferences/><ClientSystemInfo/></SOAP-ENV:Body/></SOAP-ENV:Envelope/>";
  LAST);
web_set_user("falcon", "",
  //r_decrypt("46e1be2fe");
  "localhost:({SC_Port})");

web_add_cookie("SessionId=127.0.0.1:52749; DOMAIN=localhost");
web_add_cookie("Version=1; DOMAIN=localhost");

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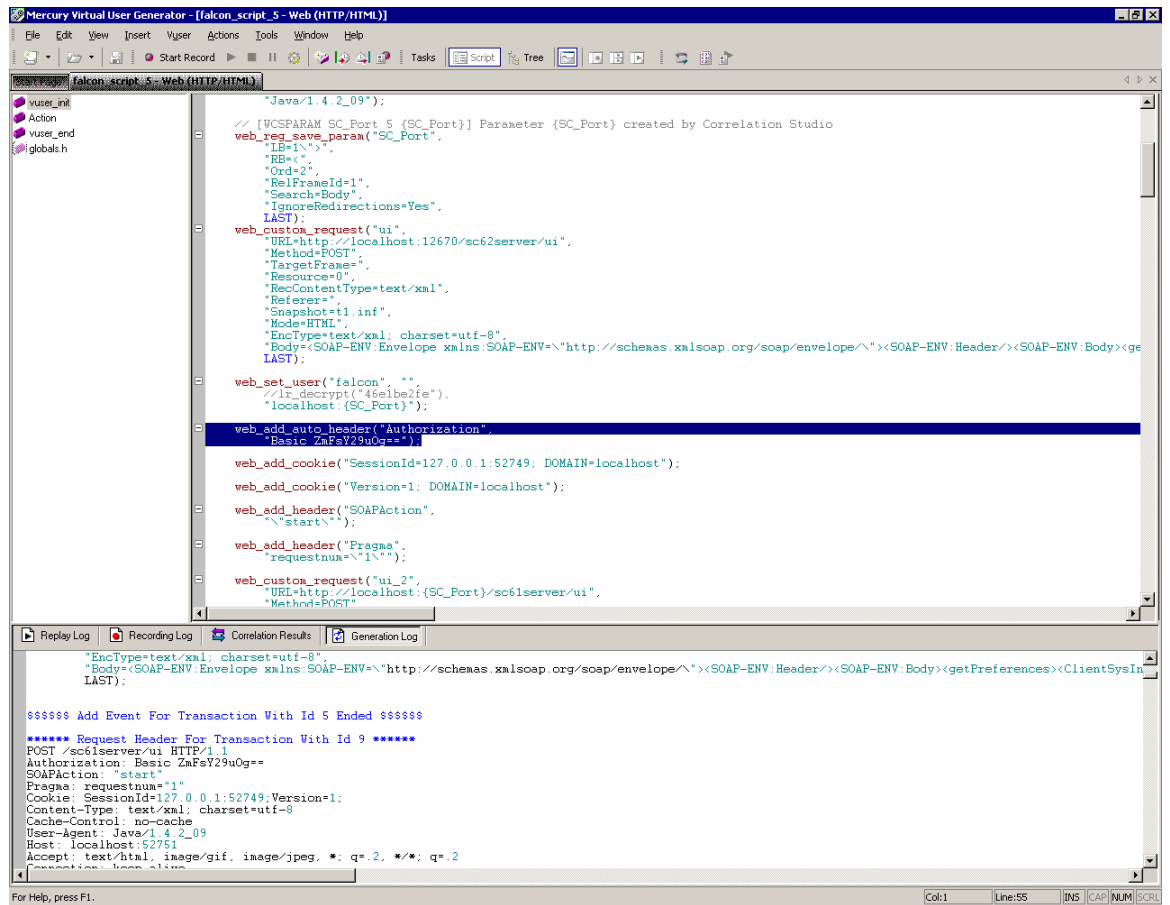
The bottom pane shows the execution log, which includes the request headers for the transaction:

```

***** Request Header For Transaction With Id 9 *****
POST /sc61server/ui HTTP/1.1
Authorization: Basic Mhhs3Y29uOQ==
SOAPAction: "test"
Pragma: requestnum="1"
Cookie: SessionId=127.0.0.1:52749;Version=1;
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Cache-Control: no-cache
User-Agent: Java/1.4.2_09
Host: localhost:52751
Accept: text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg, *, q=.2, */*; q=.2

```

Use the above Authorization value to create a new **web\_add\_auto\_header** immediately following **web\_set\_user**:



Here is an example:

```
web_add_auto_header("Authorization",
  "Basic ZmFsY29uOg==");
```

**Save** the script.

Test the script by using the **Play** button in the toolbar of **VuGen**. Any errors will be logged in the Replay Log at the bottom of the VUGen interface.



## For more information

Please visit the HP Management Software support Web site at:

[www.hp.com/go/hpssoftwaresupport](http://www.hp.com/go/hpssoftwaresupport)

This Web site provides contact information and details about the products, services, and support that HP Management Software offers.

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- Search for knowledge documents of interest
- Submit and track progress on support cases
- Submit enhancement requests online
- Download software patches
- Manage a support contract
- Look up HP support contacts
- Review information about available services
- Enter discussions with other software customers
- Research and register for software training

**Note:** Most of the support areas require that you register as an HP Passport user and sign in. Many also require an active support contract.

To find more information about support access levels, go to the following URL:

[http://www.hp.com/managementsoftware/access\\_level](http://www.hp.com/managementsoftware/access_level)

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