

Rapise – NeoLoad Integration

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Revision

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2016-04-14	1.1	Denis Markovtsev	Description of client performance monitoring.

Overview

This document describes the interface and workflow of Rapise - NeoLoad integration.

Convert Functional to Load Test

Prerequisites

- Ralise 4.1 or above
- NeoLoad 5.1 or above

Both tools must be installed on the same Windows host.

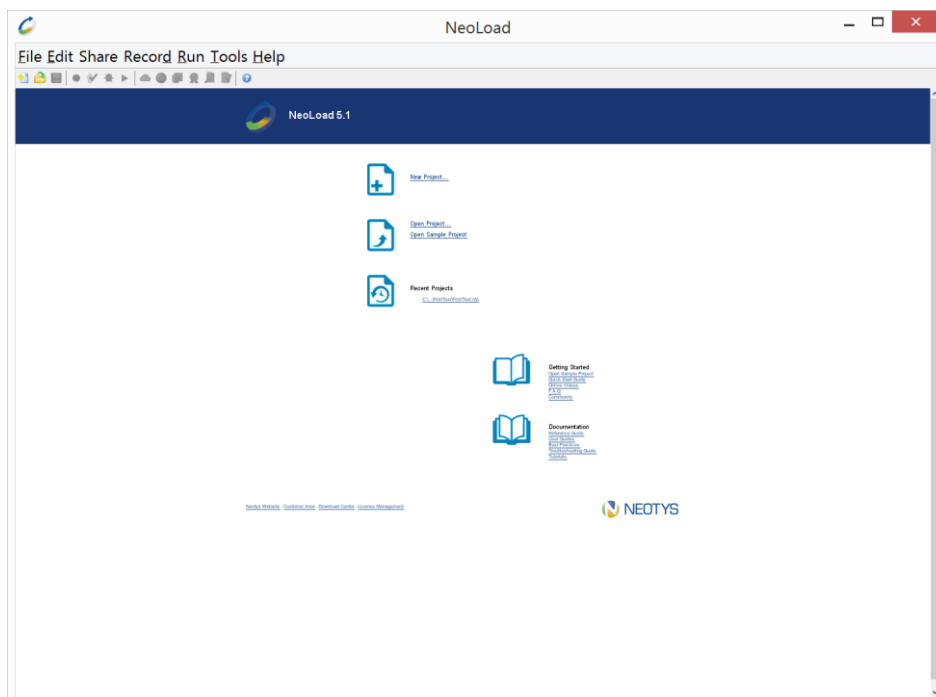
NeoLoad must have a license with Recording API enabled. The default trial version does not have this capability.

Workflow

Launch NeoLoad

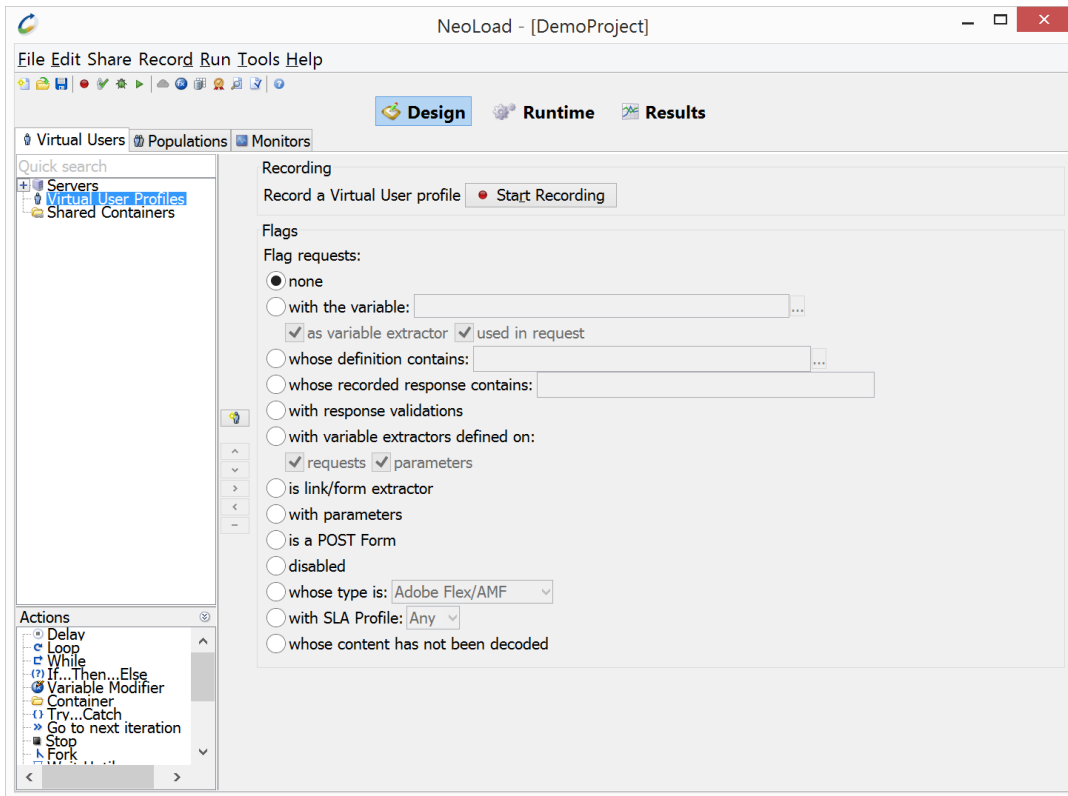
Open NeoLoad via Start menu or using a command line:

```
"c:\Program Files (x86)\NeoLoad 5.1\bin\NeoLoadGUI.exe"
```

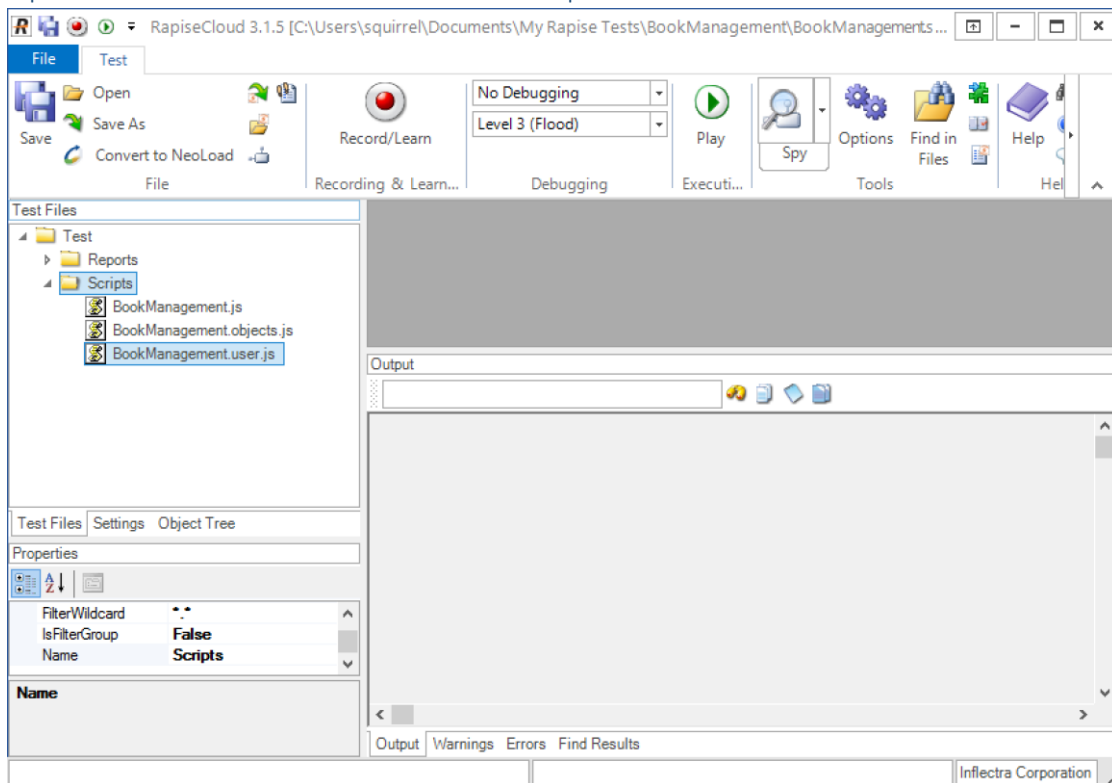


Create or Open Existing Load Project

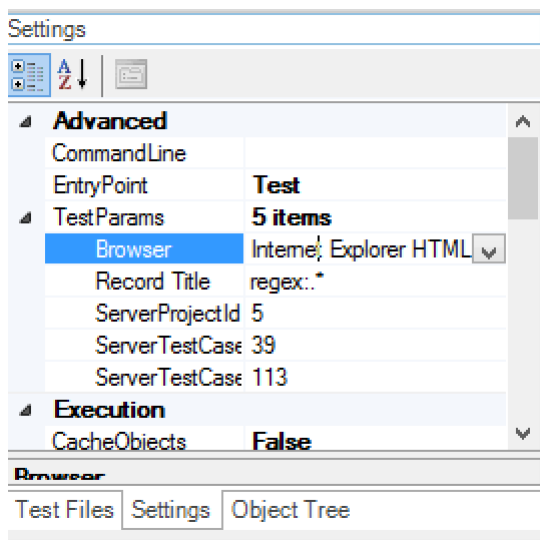
Use menu File > New or File > Open.



Open a Functional Cross-Browser Test in Rapise

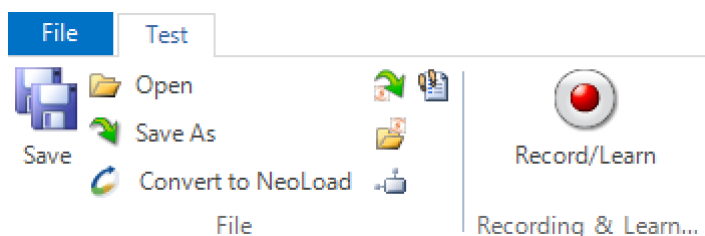


Ensure that Internet Explorer HTML library is set in test parameters.

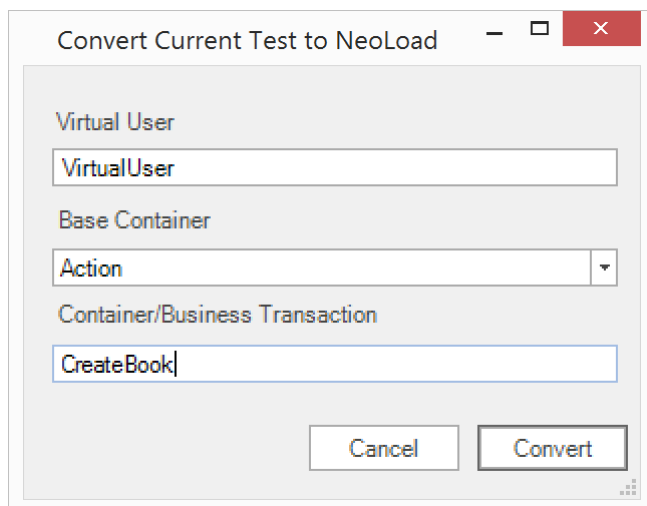


Open Conversion Dialog

On the Rapise ribbon > Test tab > File group press 'Convert to NeoLoad' button.



On the conversion dialog set parameters:



Virtual User

Name of the virtual user to create

- Default value is "VirtualUser"
- If the name is already used, then it is automatically renamed using "_X" suffix, with X an integer incremented.
- If the name has invalid characters then they will be escaped as an underscore (_).

Base Container

Container Init/Actions/End where we want to start the record

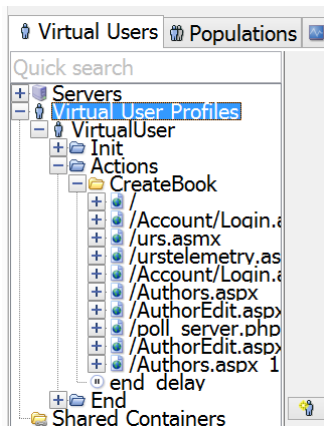
- Default is Actions.

Business Transaction

Current recording container in NeoLoad. It is just based on a single level. There is no way to specify an arborescence of containers.

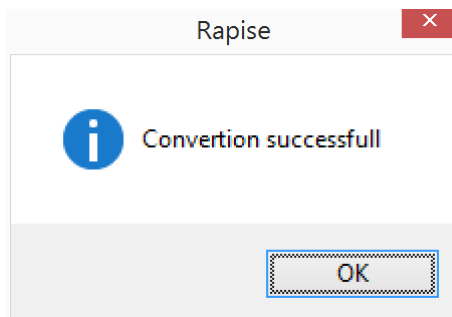
- Default is no container.
- If the name is already used then it will be made unique by adding _1, _2, etc.
- If the name is empty then no container will be used.

In the NeoLoad tree it looks this way:



Press Convert Button

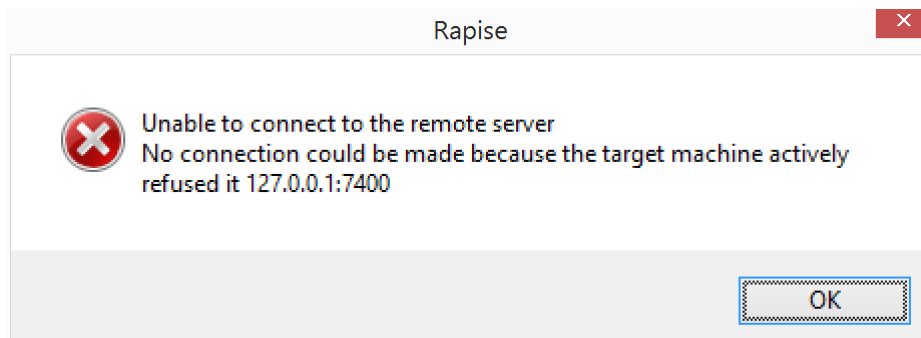
After pressing Convert button Rapsie will launch the test and NeoLoad will start capturing network traffic. When test playback is finished you'll see the dialog:



Troubleshooting

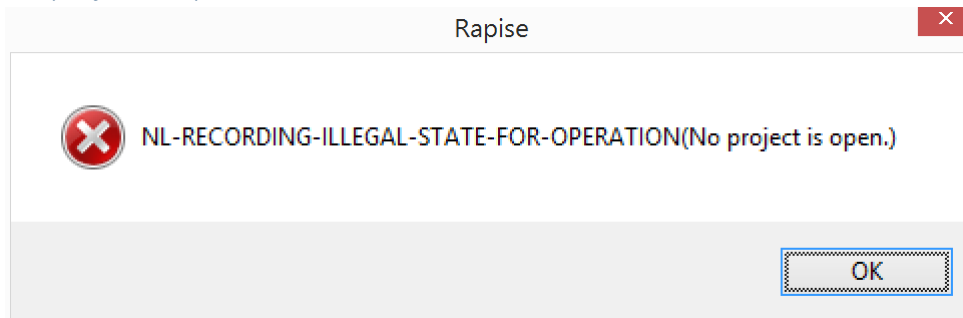
During conversion you may get a few error messages.

Unable to connect to the remote server



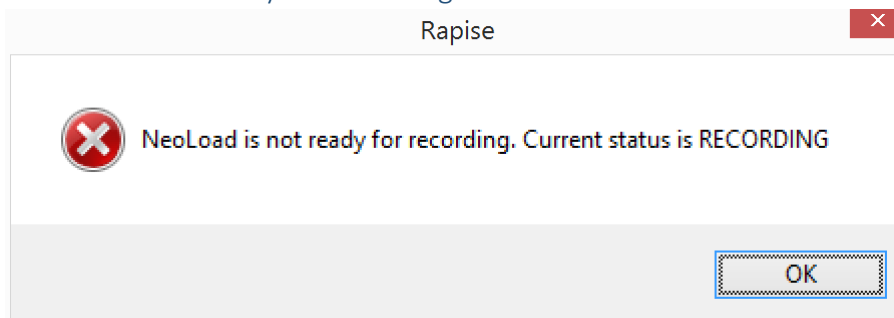
Check that NeoLoad is running.

No project is open



Check that a project is opened in NeoLoad.

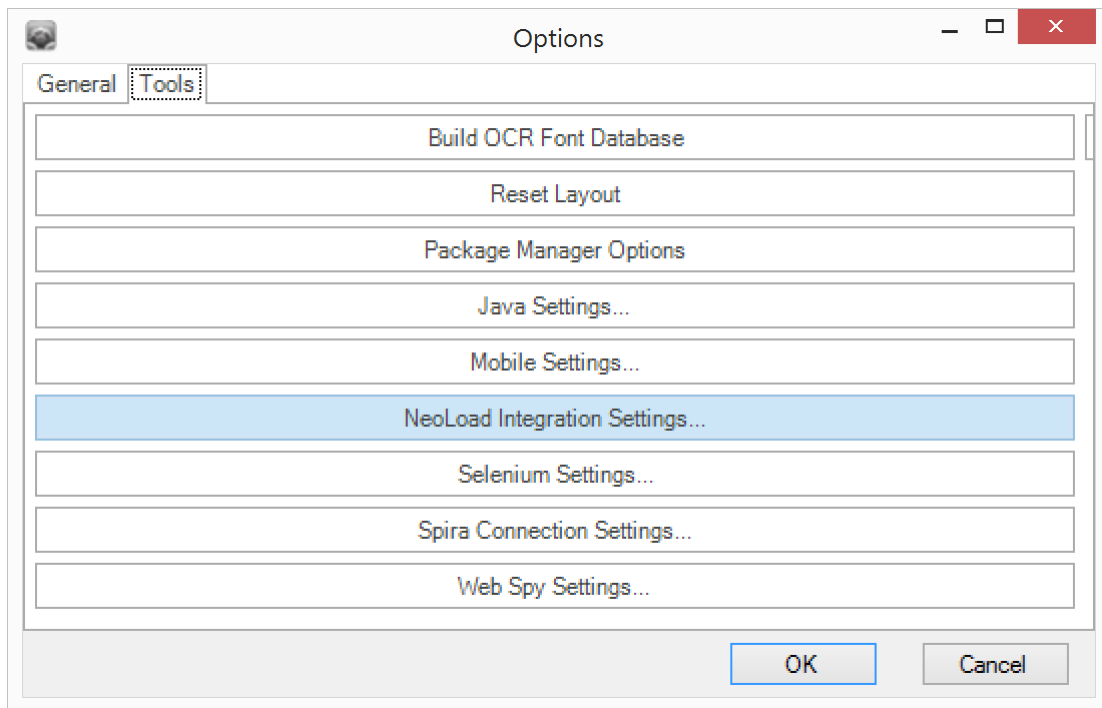
NeoLoad is not ready for recording



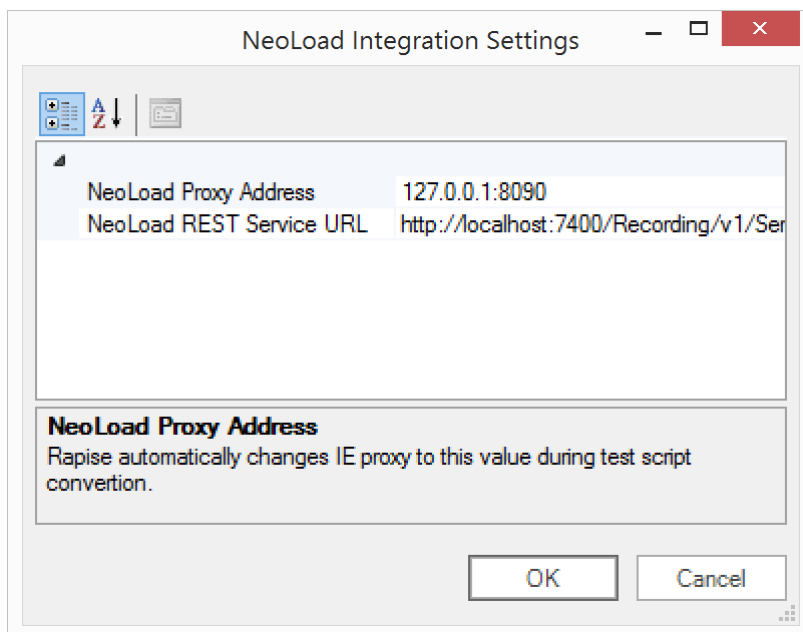
NeoLoad is in recording state. Stop recording in NeoLoad.

NeoLoad Integration Settings

There are a few global options for Rapise – NeoLoad integration. To reach them press Options in the Rapise ribbon.



Then press "NeoLoad Integration Settings..." button.

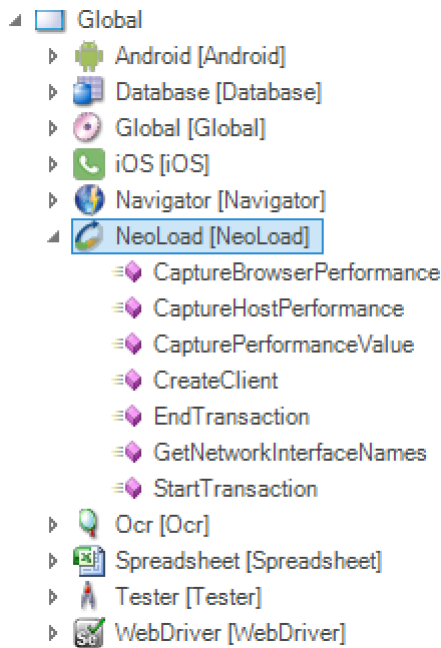


At the current state of integration there is no any reason to change these settings.

Client Performance Monitoring

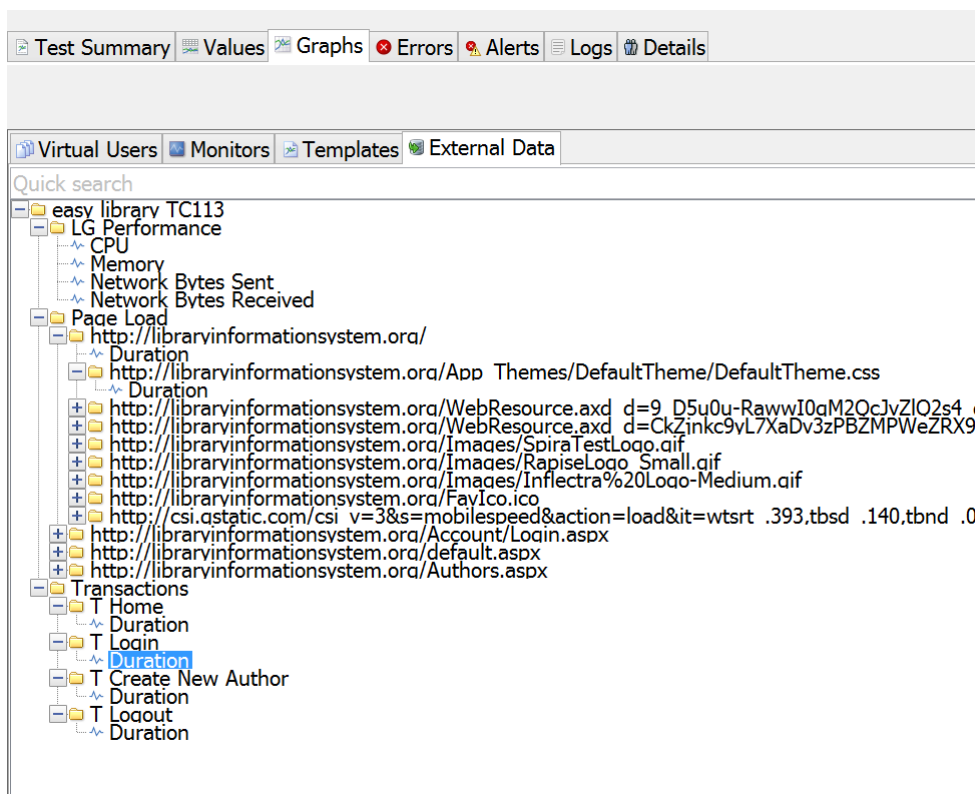
NeoLoad Global Object

Rapise has a global object named NeoLoad which is capable of sending client performance metrics to the NeoLoad controller.



NeoLoad displays received data in a tree and graph views.

Tree View



The root of the tree is the name of a script that was executed by Rapise.

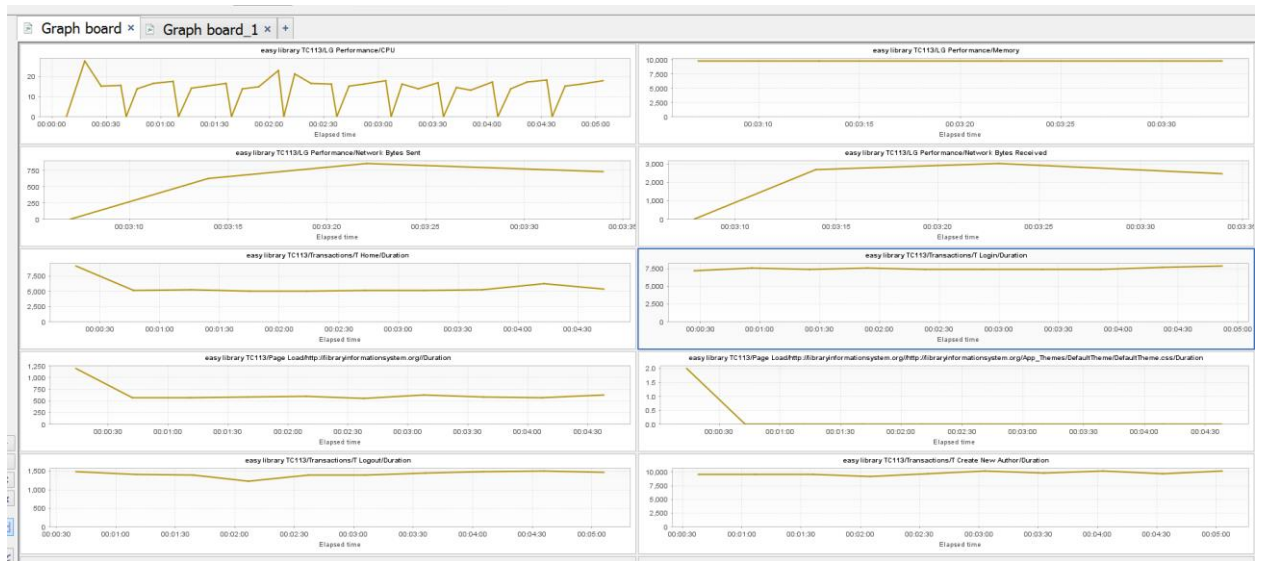
On the first level we have three groups:

- LG Performance – this is a folder of a load generator essential metrics captured by Rapise: CPU, Memory, Network Sent/Received bytes.
- Page Load – this folder contains nodes for each page and nested resource. Duration values are obtained using Window.performance structure. See also <http://www.w3.org/TR/navigation-timing/#processing-model>

- Transactions – this folder contains counters for transactions defined by a script.

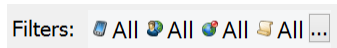
Graph View

Each leaf node can be dragged to the graph view for visualization:

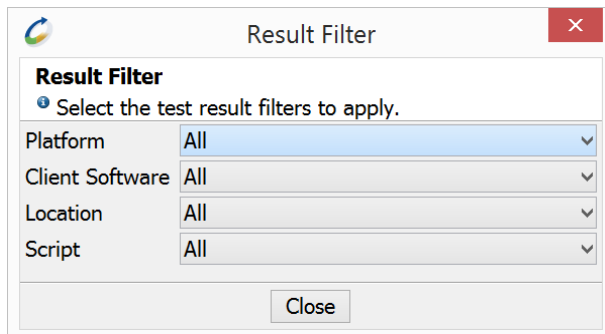


Filters

Performance results obtained from different runs can be filtered using result filter on the toolbar.



Open Results Filter dialogs by pressing '...' button.

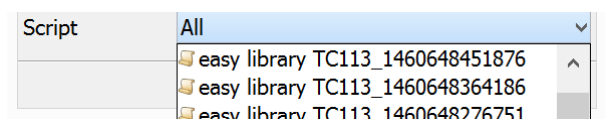


Platform is a combination of hardware – OS. Hardware is passed by a user script, OS is determined by Rapise automatically. E.g. hardware1 – Microsoft Windows 8.1 Pro.

Client Software is Rapise.

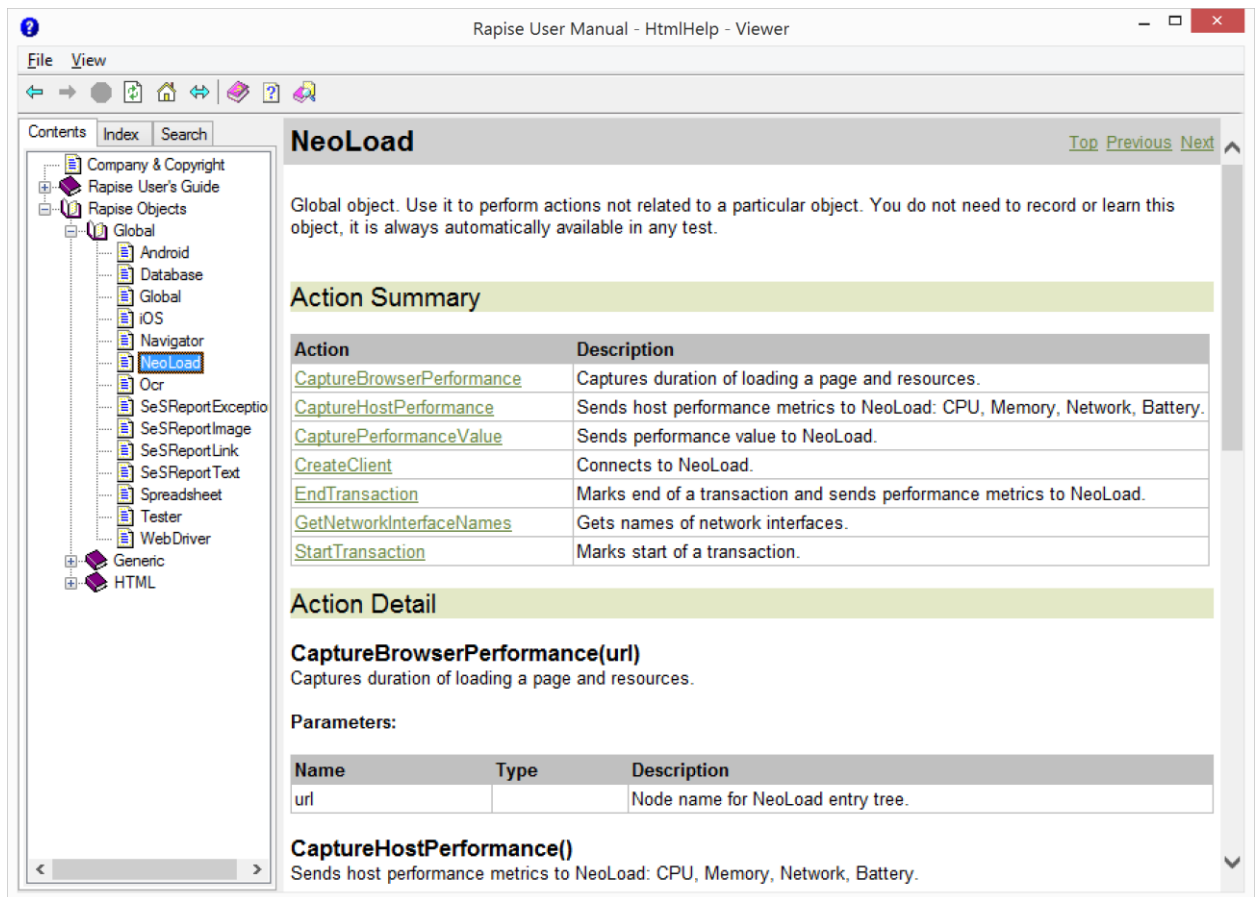
Location is supplied by a script. E.g. location1.

Script is a combination of script name and time stamp. E.g.



NeoLoad Object API Reference

Methods of the NeoLoad objects are described in the Rapise help file.



How to Use

In order to send performance metrics to NeoLoad you need to add a sequence of calls to your script.

First, connect to the NeoLoad. When this call is executed NeoLoad must be running a script, otherwise an error will be returned.

```
NeoLoad.CreateClient("hardware1", "location1", "Broadcom 802.11ac Network Adapter_2");
```

Let's look at the following block:

```
NeoLoad.CaptureHostPerformance();
NeoLoad.StartTransaction('T Home');
NeoLoad.CaptureBrowserPerformance(SeS('Log_In').GetPageURL());
//Click on Log In
SeS('Log_In').DoClick();
NeoLoad.CaptureBrowserPerformance(SeS('Username_').GetPageURL());
NeoLoad.EndTransaction('T Home');
```

CaptureHostPerformance call sends immediate values of CPU, Memory and Network load to the NeoLoad controller.

StartTransaction/EndTransaction calls define a transaction with name 'T Home'. Upon EndTransaction call the duration of it is sent to the NeoLoad controller.

CalculateBrowserPerformance call sends page load performance metrics to the NeoLoad controller.

There is also a general call that can send any user-defined metric to the NeoLoad controller:

```
NeoLoad.CapturePerformanceValue("First Level Folder",  
"Transaction1|Duration", "milliseconds", 120);
```

Components of the second parameters can be separated by |. It allows to add more levels to the tree.