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Introduction to Virtualization

The word "virtualization" usually refers to hardware virtualization, where the behavior of a physical asset – such as a server or application in a software emulator – is simulated and the emulator is hosted in a virtual environment. The virtual environment provides the same communication with the emulated asset as the physical environment.

Virtualization lets you:

- Better manage physical assets, which eases change and configuration management
- Improve utilization of physical capacity, which better leverages the capacity of the physical assets
- Improve agility, which avoids the costly delays caused by waiting for IT to reconfigure or switch servers

LISA Virtualize provides service virtualization. The process is in principle the same as that for hardware virtualization.

The following topics are available.

[Service Virtualization](#)
[High-level Virtualization Steps](#)
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Service Virtualization

Service virtualization involves the imaging of software service behavior and the modeling of a virtual service to stand in for the actual service during development and testing. Service virtualization is complementary to hardware virtualization and addresses its limitations. The word "virtualization" is meant to refer to service virtualization for the rest of this documentation.

You may not want or be able to stay connected to the server for your quality assurance tasks. LISA Virtualize emulates the behavior of the server.

LISA can virtualize the following transport and data protocols:

- Transport protocols (interface protocol)
- Web Applications (HTTP, HTTP/S)
- Databases (JDBC)
- Messaging Platforms (webMethods, TIBCO, WebSphere MQ, Sonic, JCAPS)
- Data protocols
- Web Services (SOAP)
- Web Services Bridge
- A data handler that can parse requests

Also, it is possible to add your own transport and data protocols to LISA Virtualize with the [LISA SDK](#).

Because this document concerns the virtualization capabilities within the LISA product suite, the terms "LISA" and "LISA Virtualize" are used interchangeably.

While you can use LISA as the client to drive the service to be recorded, you will most likely exercise the service for recording with your own client (for example, a browser or an in-house application).

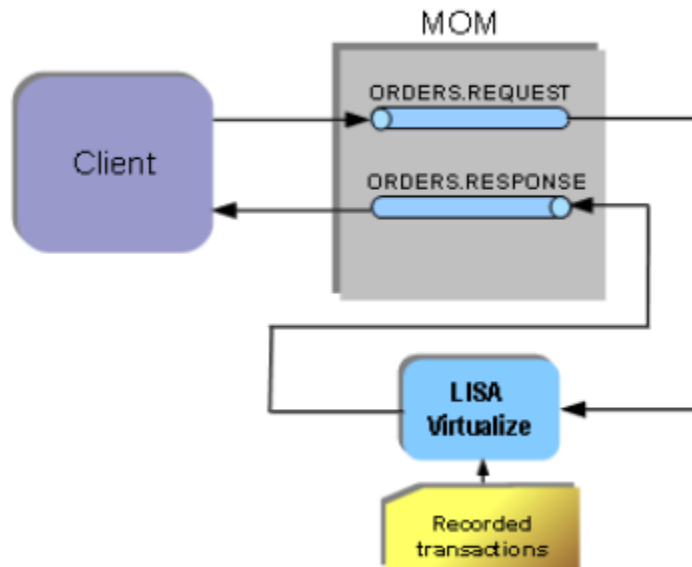
High-level Virtualization Steps

The high level steps in LISA virtualization are:

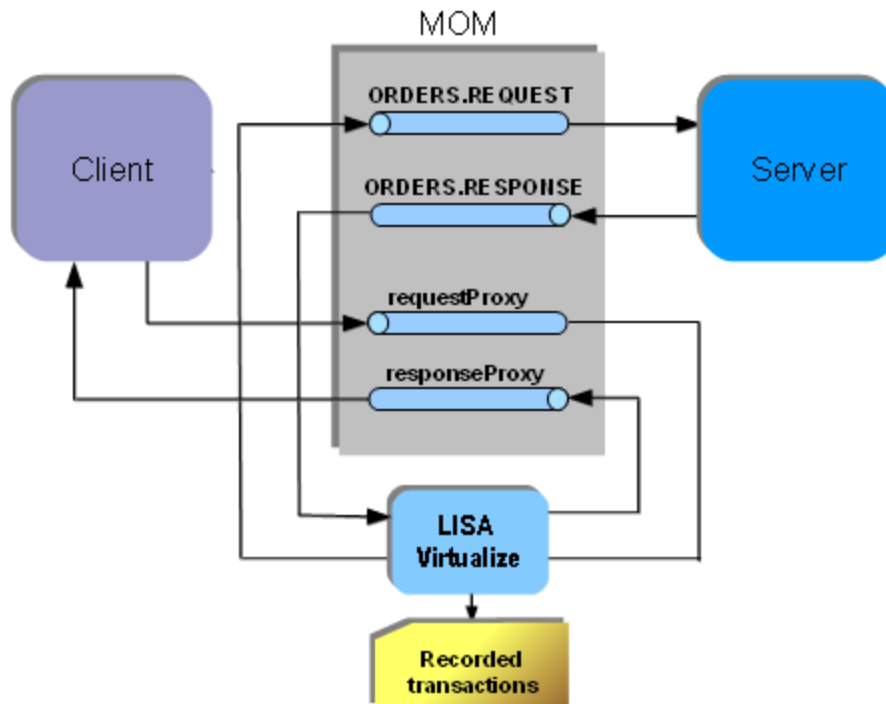
1. Take an image of the service behavior (service image): Record transactions that the server handles.
2. Construct the virtual service from the behavior (virtual service model or VSM).
3. Deploy the VSM to Virtual Service Environment (VSE). The VSM then looks at the captured service images to find the appropriate responses for requests coming in to the VSE.

The following images show that at the time of image recording, LISA Virtualize acts as the pass through mechanism between the client and server. While it passes the requests and responses along, it records the transactions.

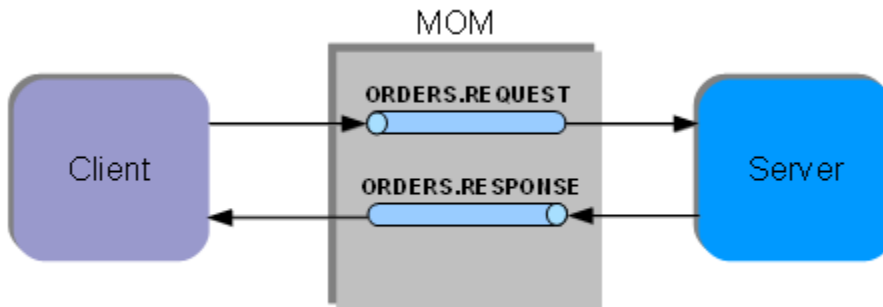
Normal Operation



Recording



At the time of virtualization, in the absence of the server, LISA Virtualize responds to the client requests by consulting the recorded transactions.



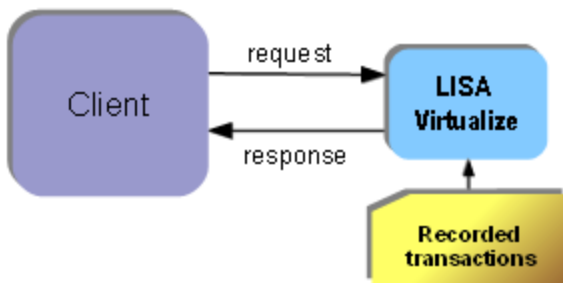
Virtualization of Messaging Systems

Message Oriented Middleware (MOM), or simply Messaging systems, are services that provide a means to enable asynchronous communication between two or more software applications. This communication always happens in the form of messages. The messages are posted to message destinations configured into the MOM.

The two types of message destinations are:

1. Queues: A publisher can add a message to the queue, and a subscriber pulls messages out of the queue, in a "first in, first out" fashion.
2. Topics: A publisher can publish a message to a topic, and all subscribers that are subscribed to the topic receive the message.

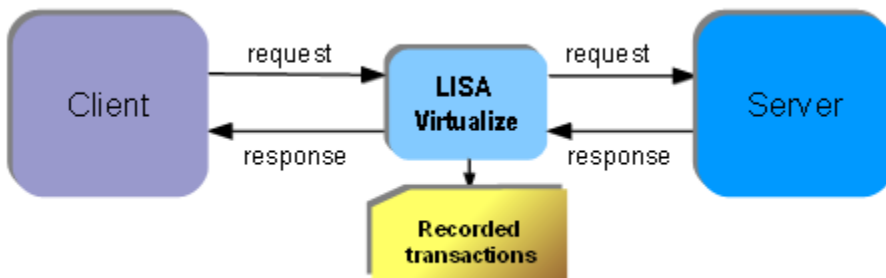
Following is a concept diagram of a simple message-based service. In the scenario shown, the client adds messages to a queue (ORDERS.REQUEST), which are picked up by the server. The response from the server is in the form of messages added on to another queue (ORDERS.RESPONSE). They are then picked up by the client.



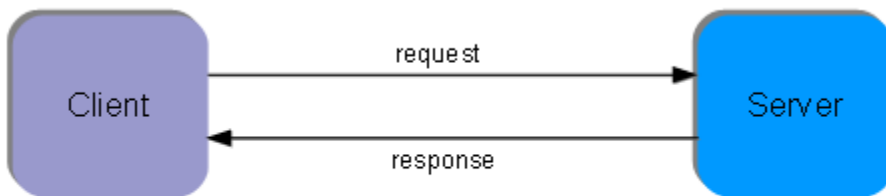
Some possible variations include:

1. Use of topics instead of queues
2. Multiple responses to a single request, which can possibly target different destinations

As before, LISA Virtualize aims to virtualize the server. As shown in the following diagram, in the recording mode LISA Virtualize requires extra proxy destinations (requestProxy and responseProxy queues in the diagram) that are used by the client in place of their counterparts. The server still listens and posts to the real destinations. LISA Virtualize acts as a pass-through between these proxy and real destinations, in turn recording the traffic to create the VSM and the service image that it needs for virtualization.



Later, when LISA virtualizes the server, it just works with the real destinations. It does not need the proxy destinations then.



Benefits of Virtualization

The benefits of using LISA Virtualize include:

- Providing round-the-clock access to service end points
- Removing capacity constraints
- Removing contention for shared resources
- Providing an alternative to unavailable systems or systems still under development
- Controlling complex data scenarios that are inherent during the SDLC
- Reducing or eliminating the cost of invoking third-party systems for non-production use
- Increasing agility and quality in complex and changing IT environments

Virtualize Installation and Configuration

Virtualize is required for maintaining a Service Oriented Virtualization environment.

As LISA Virtualize is a server level service, it can co-exist with a registry that has a coordinator and simulator attached to it, but the simulator and coordinator are not mandatory to run VSE.

The following topics are available.

[System Requirements](#)
[Installing LISA Virtualize](#)
[Configuring LISA Virtualize](#)
[Installing the Database Simulator](#)
[Installing a Messaging Simulator](#)
[DDLs for Major DBs](#)

System Requirements

The following system resources for LISA Virtualize are baseline requirements only.

- **CPU:** 2GHz or faster
- **RAM:** 2GB or more
- **Disk Space:** 5GB free space
- **OS:** Recommended: 64 Bit OS. Also supported: Windows 2000, 2003, 2008, Vista, 7, XP, Linux, Solaris, AIX 6.1 (LISA 5.0 and later)

The following resources are recommended for larger scale VSE deployments.

256 Virtual Service Threads per VSE instance
1 Processor Core and 2GB RAM per VSE instance

Example: 1,000,000 transactions per day
1 thread/service to support functional tests ~6 threads/service to support virtualization for L&P Tests
8 cores = 2,048 concurrent virtual service threads
16 GB RAM (for LISA)

For more details on other system requirements, see "[System Requirements and Prerequisites](#)[LISA Installation and Configuration Guide](#)."

Software Directory Structure and Files

The following is the LISA Virtualize directory structure. The directories are located in the LISA root installation folder.

- **bin:** Contains LISA executables, such as **TestRegistry.exe**, **LISAWorkstation.exe**, **VirtualServiceEnvironment.exe**, **VSEManager.exe**
- **DemoServer:** Contains LISA Demo Server
- **doc:** Contains LISA documentation
- **examples/vse:** Contains examples relating to LISA Virtualize
- **tmp:** Contains LISA VSE's workspace where it temporarily stores conversations and stateless transactions
- **vseDeploy:** Contains deployed VSMs and related data

Installing LISA Virtualize

If you are licensed for LISA Virtualize, the software will be installed when you install LISA Server. For information about installation and configuration of LISA Server, see the [Installation and Configuration Guide](#).

Configuring LISA Virtualize

Setting up the License

Virtual services are limited to the maximum number of virtual services you own. Each component must have access to the license server or have a file-based license installed in [LISA_HOME]. In addition, the **virtualService** item in the License Info tab must be set to **true**.

You must add your license information for LISA Server to the **local.properties** file.

You will receive your license information from ITKO Support after purchasing LISA.

To set up a server-based license:

1. In the root LISA installation folder, make a copy of the **_local.properties** file.
2. Name the copy **local.properties**.
3. Open **local.properties** in a text editor and add the PROJECT_ROOT definition:
=====
Project root definition

- ```
=====
PROJECT_ROOT=C:/TestAssets
```
4. In the license properties section, uncomment the properties lines and add your specific licensing information:

```
=====
license properties
=====
laf.server.url=https://license.itko.com (https://license.itko.com)
laf.domain=iTKO/LISA/YOURCO
laf.username=YOURUSERNAME
laf.password=YOURPASSWORD
```
  5. Save and close the file.

## Viewing Your Number of Licenses

You can view the number of virtual services for which you have licenses in the LISA Runtime Information window.

To view your license information:

1. From the menu bar, select Help > LISA Runtime Info.
  2. In the License Info tab, locate the **maxvirtualservices** property. The number of licenses is shown in the second column.
  3. Click Close.
- You can install one Test Registry that runs as a server, a number of Virtual Service Environment servers and a number of LISA Workstations that run as desktop applications, depending on your LISA license.

## Proxy for localhost

When LISA acts as the HTTP client for LISA Virtualize, the HTTP traffic from LISA needs to be passed to LISA Virtualize. A common way to do this is setting LISA Virtualize as the web proxy. However, the use of proxy is disabled by default for simple names like "localhost". To override this behavior, in the **local.properties** file, uncomment the following LISA property and set its value to false:

```
lisa.http.webProxy.nonProxyHosts.excludeSimple=false
```

## Other Settings

You can optionally set some other basic configurations in **local.properties**:

**Rename the VSE Server:** Add the following LISA property and change the value where **VSENAME** is the name of the VSE Server:

```
lisa.vseName=VSENAME
```

**Connect to another test registry:** add the following LISA property and change the values of **SERVER**, **PORT**, and **TRNAME** to the server name (or IP address), port number, and name of the new test registry:

```
lisa.defaultRegistry=rmi://SERVER:PORT/TRNAME
```

## Installing the Database Simulator

Recording the JDBC traffic is done by installing the LISA simulation JDBC driver on the database client, so that it uses that in place of the actual one.

The driver is packaged in a JAR file named **lisajdbcsim.jar** located in the **LISA\_HOME/lib** directory. You need to copy this file to be in your database client's classpath. For convenience, it is already copied into the demo server in the **DEMO\_HOME/jboss/server/default/lib** directory, to aid the use of Demo Server as the database client.

The driver class needs to be set to **com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.Driver**. This needs to be done differently based on the style of JDBC the database client uses:

**DriverManager Style:** If the database client uses Java's DriverManager to acquire connections (not likely in an application server), add the following to the startup command for the database client:

```
-Djdbc.drivers=com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.Driver
```

If this property is already used, add the LISA driver to the front, separating it from the rest of the driver class names with a colon.

**DataSource Style:** If the database client uses the DataSource style for connection acquisition (as the Demo Server does), then update its configuration. In the place where it specifies a data source definition, specify **com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.Driver** as the JDBC driver to use and a connection URL.

The driver is packaged in a JAR file named **lisajdbcsim.jar** located in the **LISA\_HOME/lib** directory. For convenience, it is also copied into the Demo server (for virtualizing it) in the **DEMO\_HOME/jboss/server/default/lib** directory.

The LISA Simulation JDBC driver needs to know the real driver information to achieve a pass through. It is achieved by modifying the connection URL. Format the connection URL as:

**name**=value[;**name**=value...]

where **name** may be any of the following:

**jdbc:lisasim:driver**: The value must be the fully qualified class name of the real JDBC driver to use.

**url**: The value must be set to the connection URL that the real driver is expecting. (It must be defined as the last property so that it can contain semi-colons.)



LISA Virtualize does not support Oracle thin driver as a pass through driver, as it does not provide the full JDBC implementation. If you are using Oracle as a database, use other JDBC drivers for virtualization.

For an example of setting the connection URL, see **DEMO\_HOME/jboss/server/default/deploy/itko-example-ds.xml**.

For an example of virtualizing the database in a WebMethods environment, see the following screenshot.

JDBCA Adapter - 192.168.10.99 - webMethods Integration Server - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address <http://localhost:5555/WmRoot/adapter-index.dsp?url=%2FWmART%2FListResources.dsp%3FadapterTypeName%3DJDBCAAdapter%2>

192.168.10.99 :: Integration Server :: JDBCA Adapter

**JDBCA Adapter**

- Connections
- Polling Notifications
- About

**Adapters > JDBCA Adapter > View Connection**

- [Return to JDBCA Adapter Connections](#)

**iTKOTraining.adapters:derby Details**

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Connection Type | JDBC Adapter Connection |
| Package Name    | iTKOTraining            |

**Connection Properties**

|                  |                                                                                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Transaction Type | LOCAL_TRANSACTION                                                                                 |
| DataSource Class | com.itko.lisaint.LisaDataSource                                                                   |
| serverName       | localhost                                                                                         |
| user             | sa                                                                                                |
| password         | *****                                                                                             |
| databaseName     | reports/lisa-reports.db                                                                           |
| portNumber       | 1527                                                                                              |
| networkProtocol  |                                                                                                   |
| Other Properties | url=jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/reports/lisa-reports.db;driver=org.apache.derby.jdbc.ClientDriver |

**Connection Management Properties**

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Enable Connection Pooling | true |
|---------------------------|------|

If you want to use both the simulation and Pathfinder drivers, make the simulation driver the "outside" driver and specify the Pathfinder class and URL as the real information described previously. See the **itko-example-ds.xml** file in the **DEMO\_HOME/jboss/server/default/deploy** folder for an example that defines LISA data source to JBoss for LISA Demo Server.

### Other Startup Properties

Regardless of the database client's connection style, you can add these properties to the startup command for the database client to affect the simulation driver:

**lisa.jdbc.sim.require.remote**: Valid values for this property are **true** and **false** and the default value is **false**. If set to true the driver blocks until there is an active connection with a LISA Workstation or VSE Server instance. This is the preferred way to have a database client synchronize with LISA VSE when you want to record or play back any startup database activity performed by the server.

**lisa.jdbc.sim.port**: This property must specify a valid IP port. If it is not specified, it defaults to **2999**. This is the port the driver listens on for connections from a recorder or a running virtual service model.

## Installing a Messaging Simulator

LISA Virtualize can virtualize a messaging-based SOA environment. For this, it needs to connect to the MOM.



- There are special steps for connecting to IBM WebSphere MQ server.
- It can connect to other messaging systems if they support JMS.
- Support for any other messaging system may be created by creating custom steps through the LISA SDK.

To connect to WebSphere MQ server, copy the following JAR files from your WebSphere MQ installation into the **LISA\_HOME/lib** folder:

- com.ibm.mq.commonservices.jar
- com.ibm.mq.defaultconfig.jar
- com.ibm.mq.headers.jar
- com.ibm.mq.jar
- com.ibm.mq.jmqi.jar
- com.ibm.mq.pcf.jar
- com.ibm.mqjms.jar
- connector.jar
- dthbcore.jar

These are found in the **java/lib** folder under your MQ installation. The actual names of the files can differ between different versions of WebSphere MQ.

In the case of a JMS system, the generic JAR files for connecting to a JMS system already exist - in particular, to the demo server. However, any additional driver files that may be needed to connect to the messaging system may be needed to be copied into the **LISA\_HOME/lib** folder.

See these sections for more platform-specific information.

[TIBCO EMS Messaging](#)

[SonicMQ Messaging \(JNDI\)](#)

[IBM WebSphere MQ](#)

## DDLs for Major DBs

LISA can generate DDL to a FILE by adding the following three lines to the **local.properties** file:


```
eclipselink.ddl-generation=create-tables
eclipselink.ddl-generation.output-mode=sql-script
eclipselink.target-database=Oracle
```

Start LISA with these three lines and it creates two files - **createDDL.jdbc** and **dropDDL.jdbc** - that contain the necessary DDL.

You can generate for a different DBMS by changing the value of "target-database".

This table lists the EclipseLink JPA persistence unit properties that you can define in a `persistence.xml` file to configure EclipseLink extensions for session, and as the target database and application server.

| Property                              | Usage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>eclipselink.session-name</code> | <p>Specify the name by which the EclipseLink session is stored in the static session manager. Use this option if access the EclipseLink shared session outside of the context of the JPA or to use a pre-existing EclipseLink session configured through an EclipseLink <code>sessions.xml</code> file.</p> <p>Valid values: a valid EclipseLink session name that is unique in a server deployment.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <code>persistence.xml</code> file&lt;property value="MySession"/&gt;<b>Example:</b> <code>property Mapimport org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(PersistenceUnitProperties.SESSION_NAME,"MySession");</code></p> <p>The default value is EclipseLink-generated unique name.</p> |

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| eclipselink.sessions-xml | <p>Specify persistence information loaded from the EclipseLink session configuration file (<code>sessions.xml</code>).</p> <p>You can use this option as an alternative to annotations and deployment XML. If you specify this property, Ec will override all class annotation and the object relational mapping from the <code>persistence.xml</code>, and as ORM other mapping files, if present.</p> <p>Indicate the session by setting the <code>eclipselink.session-name</code> property.</p> <div> If you do not specify the value for this property, <code>sessions.xml</code> file will not be used.</div> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Valid values: the resource name of the sessions XML file.

**Example:** `persistence.xml` file<property value="mysession.xml"/>**Example:** `property Mapimport org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(PersistenceUnitProperties.SESSI`  
`ONS_XML, "mysession.xml"); |`

|                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| eclipselink.session-event-listener             | <p>Specify a descriptor event listener to be added during bootstrapping.</p> <p>Valid values: qualified class name for a class that implements the <code>org.eclipse</code></p> <p><b>Example:</b> <code>persistence.xml</code> file&lt;property value="mypackage.MyClass.class org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(Pe<br/><code>"mypackage.MyClass.class");</code></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| eclipselink.session.include.descriptor.queries | <p>Enable or disable the default copying of all named queries from the descriptors EclipseLink API, descriptor amendment methods, and so on.</p> <p>The following are the valid values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>true</code> – enable the default copying of all named queries from the descr</li><li>• <code>false</code> – disable the default copying of all named queries from the des</li></ul> <p><b>Example:</b> <code>property Mapimport org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMa</code><br/><code>"false");</code></p> <p>The default value is <code>true</code>.</p> |

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| eclipselink.target-database | <p>Specify the type of database that your JPA application uses.</p> <p>The following are the valid values for the use in a <code>persistence.xml</code> file and I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attunity – configure the persistence provider to use an Attunity data</li> <li>• Auto – EclipseLink accesses the database and uses the metadata tha JDBC drivers that support this metadata.</li> <li>• Cloudscape – configure the persistence provider to use a Cloudscap</li> <li>• Database – configure the persistence provider to use a generic choic not support the use of metadata that the Auto option requires.</li> <li>• DB2 – configure the persistence provider to use a DB2 database.</li> <li>• DB2Mainframe – configure the persistence provider to use a DB2Mai</li> <li>• DBase – configure the persistence provider to use a DBase database.</li> <li>• Derby – configure the persistence provider to use a Derby database.</li> <li>• HSQL – configure the persistence provider to use an HSQL database.</li> <li>• Informix – configure the persistence provider to use an Informix dat</li> <li>• JavaDB – configure the persistence provider to use a JavaDB databas</li> <li>• MySQL – configure the persistence provider to use a MySQL database.</li> <li>• Oracle – configure the persistence provider to use an Oracle Databas</li> <li>• PointBase – configure the persistence provider to use a PointBase d</li> <li>• PostgreSQL – configure the persistence provider to use a PostgreSQ</li> <li>• SQLAnywhere – configure the persistence provider to use an SQLAny</li> <li>• SQLServer – configure the persistence provider to use an SQLServer</li> <li>• Sybase – configure the persistence provider to use a Sybase databas</li> <li>• TimesTen – configure the persistence provider to use a TimesTen dat subclass of the <code>org.eclipse.persistence.platform.Database</code></li> </ul> <p><b>Example:</b> <code>persistence.xml</code> file&lt;property value="Oracle"/&gt;<b>Example</b><br/> <code>org.eclipse.persistence.config.TargetDatabase;import<br/> org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMa<br/> TargetDatabase.Oracle);</code></p> <p>The default value is Auto.</p> |
| eclipselink.target-server   | <p>Specify the type of application server that your JPA application uses.</p> <p>The following are the valid values for the use in the <code>persistence.xml</code> file an</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – configure the persistence provider to use no application server</li> <li>• WebLogic – configure the persistence provider to use Oracle WebLog need to set it, unless it is disabled.</li> <li>• WebLogic_9 – configure the persistence provider to use Oracle WebL</li> <li>• WebLogic_10 – configure the persistence provider to use Oracle Wet</li> <li>• OC4J – configure the persistence provider to use OC4J.</li> <li>• SunAS9 – configure the persistence provider to use Sun Application S not need to set it, unless it is disabled.</li> <li>• WebSphere – configure the persistence provider to use WebSphere A</li> <li>• WebSphere_6_1 – configure the persistence provider to use WebSph</li> <li>• JBoss – configure the persistence provider to use JBoss Application S</li> <li>• Fully qualified class name of a custom server class that implements <code>or</code> interface.</li> </ul> <p><b>*Example*:</b> <code>persistence.xml</code> file&lt;property value="OC4J_10_1_3"/&gt;<br/> <code>org.eclipse.persistence.config.TargetServer;import<br/> org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMa<br/> TargetServer.OC4J_10_1_3);</code></p> <p>The default value is None.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |


This table lists the EclipseLink JPA persistence unit properties that you can define in a `persistence.xml` file to configure schema generation.

#### EclipseLink JPA Persistence Unit Properties for Schema Generation

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| eclipselink.ddl-generation            | <p>Specify what Data Definition Language (DDL) generation action you want for your JPA entity. The valid values are:</p> <p>eclipselink.ddl-generation.output-mode:</p> <p>The following are the valid values for the use in a persistence.xml file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none – EclipseLink does not generate DDL; no schema is generated.</li> <li>• create-tables – EclipseLink will attempt to execute a CREATE TABLE SQL for each entity (if the table does not already exist, it will follow the default behavior of your specific database and JDBC driver combination; if the table already exists, it will do nothing). In most cases an exception is thrown and the table is not created.</li> <li>• drop-and-create-tables – EclipseLink will attempt to DROP all tables, then create all tables. EclipseLink will follow the default behavior of your specific database and JDBC driver combination.</li> </ul> <p>The following are the valid values for the org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NONE – see none.</li> <li>• CREATE_ONLY – see create-tables.</li> <li>• DROP_AND_CREATE – see drop-and-create-tables.</li> </ul> <p>If you are using persistence in a Java SE environment and would like to create the schema, you can define a Java system property INTERACT_WITH_DB and set its value to false.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> persistence.xml file&lt;property value="create-tables"/&gt;<b>Example:</b> prc org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(PersistenceUnitProperties.CREATE_ONLY);</p> <p>Default value is none or PersistenceUnitProperties.NONE.</p> |
| eclipselink.application-location      | <p>Specify where EclipseLink should write generated DDL files. Files are written if eclipselink.ddl-generation.output-mode is create-tables or drop-and-create-tables.</p> <p>Valid values: a file specification to a directory in which you have write access. The file specification can be relative to the application location or absolute. If it does not end in a file separator, EclipseLink will append one valid file separator.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> persistence.xml file&lt;property value="C:\ddl\"/&gt;<b>Example:</b> property Mapimp org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(PersistenceUnitProperties.APPLICATION_LOCATION, "C:\ddl\");</p> <p>The default value is "."+File.separator or &lt;tt&gt;PersistenceUnitProperties.APPLICATION_LOCATION</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| eclipselink.create-ddl-jdbc-file-name | <p>Specify the file name of the DDL file that EclipseLink generates containing SQL statements written to the location specified by eclipselink.application-location when eclipselink.ddl-generation.output-mode is create-tables or drop-and-create-tables.</p> <p>Valid values: a file name valid for your operating system. Optionally, you may prefix the file name with the concatenation of eclipselink.application-location + eclipselink.create-ddl-jdbc-file-name for your operating system.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> persistence.xml file&lt;property value="create.sql"/&gt; <b>Example:</b> property Mapimp org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(PersistenceUnitProperties.CREATE_DDL_JDBC_FILE_NAME, "create.sql");</p> <p>The default value is createDDL.jdbc or PersistenceUnitProperties.DEFAULT_CREATE_DDL_JDBC_FILE_NAME</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| eclipselink.drop-ddl-jdbc-file-name   | <p>Specify the file name of the DDL file that EclipseLink generates containing the SQL statements written to the location specified by eclipselink.application-location when eclipselink.ddl-generation.output-mode is drop-and-create-tables.</p> <p>Valid values: a file name valid for your operating system. Optionally, you may prefix the file name with the concatenation of eclipselink.application-location + eclipselink.drop-ddl-jdbc-file-name for your operating system.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> persistence.xml file&lt;property value="drop.sql"/&gt;<b>Example:</b> property Mapimp org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties;propertiesMap.put(PersistenceUnitProperties.DROP_DDL_JDBC_FILE_NAME, "drop.sql");</p> <p>The default value is dropDDL.jdbc or PersistenceUnitProperties.DEFAULT_DROP_DDL_JDBC_FILE_NAME</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| eclipselink.ddl-generation.output-mode | <p>Use this property to specify the DDL generation target.</p> <p>The following are the valid values for the use in the <code>persistence.xml</code> file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>both</b> – generate SQL files and execute them on the database.<br/>If <code>eclipselink.ddl-generation</code> is set to <code>create-tables</code>, then <code>eclipselink.create-ddl-jdbc-file-name</code> and <code>eclipselink.drop-ddl-jdbc-file-name</code> are required and both SQL files are executed on the database.</li> <li>• <b>database</b> – execute SQL on the database only (do not generate SQL files).</li> <li>• <b>sql-script</b> – generate SQL files only (do not execute them on the database).<br/>If <code>eclipselink.ddl-generation</code> is set to <code>create-tables</code>, then <code>eclipselink.create-ddl-jdbc-file-name</code> and <code>eclipselink.drop-ddl-jdbc-file-name</code> are required and both SQL files are executed on the database. If <code>eclipselink.ddl-generation</code> is set to <code>drop-and-create-tables</code>, then <code>eclipselink.create-ddl-jdbc-file-name</code> and <code>eclipselink.drop-ddl-jdbc-file-name</code> are required and both SQL files are executed on the database. Neither is executed on the database.</li> </ul> <p><code>org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties</code>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>DDL_BOTH_GENERATION</code> – see <b>both</b>.</li> <li>• <code>DDL_DATABASE_GENERATION</code> – see <b>database</b>.</li> <li>• <code>DDL_SQL_SCRIPT_GENERATION</code> – see <b>sql-script</b>. <b>Example:</b> <code>persistence.xml</code> <pre> &lt;property name="org.eclipse.persistence.config.PersistenceUnitProperties.DDL_DATABASE_GENERATION" value="database"/&gt; </pre> </li> </ul> <p>The default for Container or Java EE mode is <code>database</code>.</p> <div>  <p>This setting may be overridden by containers with specific EclipseLink properties. For details, see the EclipseLink documentation for <code>DDL_DATABASE_GENERATION</code> or <code>DDL_SQL_SCRIPT_GENERATION</code>.</p> </div> |
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## Understanding LISA Virtualize

The following topics are available.

[The LISA Virtualize Process](#)  
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## The LISA Virtualize Process

The general process for working with LISA Virtualize includes these steps:

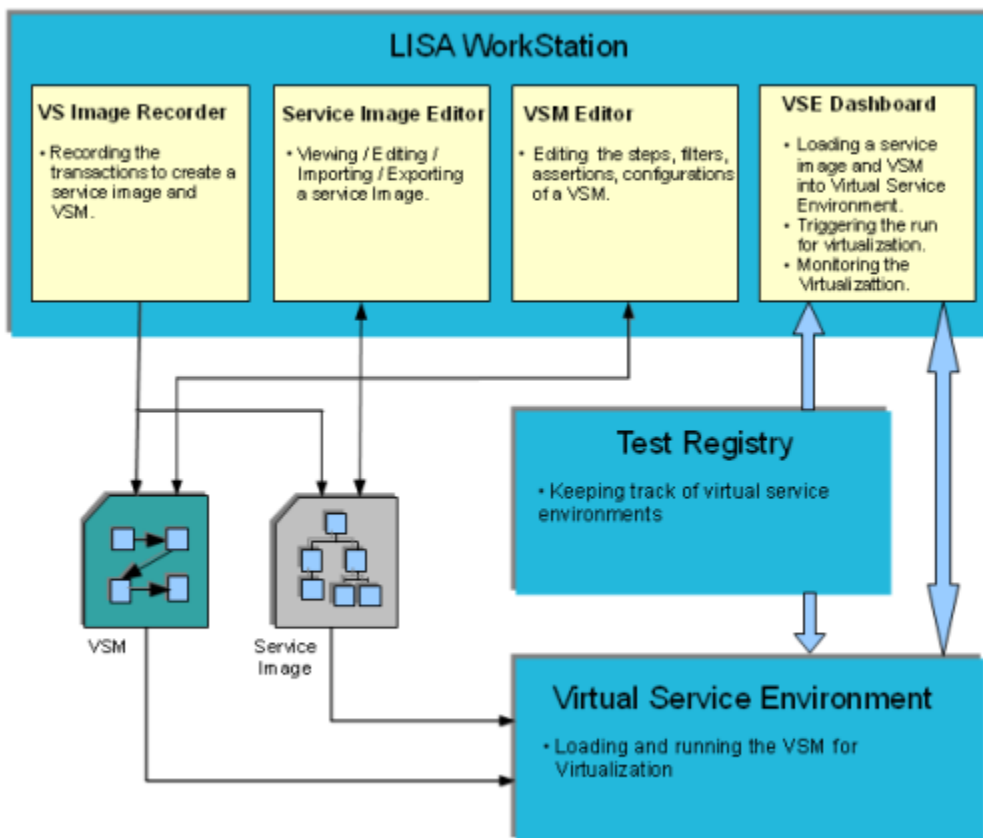
1. Create a Virtual Service Model (VSM) in the LISA Workstation.
2. Launch the Virtual Service Image Recorder.
3. In the Virtual Service Image Recorder, provide basic information about what needs to be recorded, select the appropriate protocols, and specify the default navigations. Provide any information required by the selected protocols. Begin the recording.
4. Exercise the client to cause communication with the server routed through LISA Virtualize. LISA Virtualize records the traffic.
5. In the Virtual Service Image Recorder, finish the recording.
6. In LISA Workstation, save the VSM.
7. In the VSE Console, deploy the VSM, and start the virtual service.
8. Run live requests against LISA VSE (Virtual Service Environment).

## LISA Virtualize Concept Diagram

The following diagram illustrates how the various components in LISA Virtualize are related to each other.

At the time of recording, the Virtual Service Image Recorder is used to record a service image and a VSM. The Service Image Editor and VSM Editor help in editing and viewing them.

At the time of Virtualization, the VSM and service image are loaded and run on a VSE that runs as a service. The Test Registry service is used to keep track of one or more Virtual Service Environments running, and LISA Workstation uses it to connect to the VSE. The VSE Dashboard is the web UI used to monitor and control the various VSMs and service images loaded onto the Virtual Service Environments.



## Virtual Service Model (VSM)

A virtual service model can be conceptualized as a series of steps to be executed when a request is received, to create and pass back a response to the request. It is stored in a **.vsm** file, and must contain at least one VSE step from the **Virtual Service Environment** step list in Workstation to be deployable to a VSE.

After a service image is recorded, the protocol-specific steps are automatically generated in the VSM for all transports supported. Any of the generated steps can be modified. You can also:

- Populate responses from an Excel spreadsheet or by cross referencing a database table and do math on inputs
- Add steps of different step types
- Manipulate the request and response steps before proceeding
- Specify the service image you would like to use from the Response Selection step

At the time of virtualization, a VSM needs to be deployed to the VSE. It defines how behavior patterns get used and queries the service image to determine how to respond. It knows how to traverse the service image. In general, VSMs are deployable to VSEs only, while test cases can be staged to coordinators, but not the other way around.



If you have a message-based virtual service and because the same messaging steps are used for both testing and virtualizing, add the Message Marker step, which lets you deploy to VSE.

## Service Images

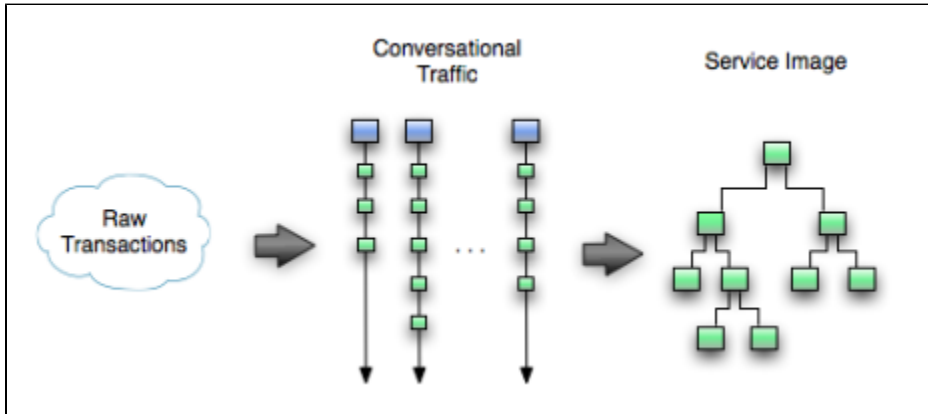
A service image is a recording of the interaction between the client and server as created by LISA Virtualize and it is referenced in a VSM. After it is recorded, the service image is used to deliver the appropriate response to the client in the absence of the server.

A service image contains three sets of information:

- A list of conversations (requests and responses) recorded as conversation tree.
- A list of stateless transactions (requests and responses).
- The responses that should be sent when unknown conversational or stateless requests are encountered. (If the recorded service image is incomplete, an error message appears.)

You can view, edit, or create a service image using the Service Image Editor.

A conversation can be visualized as a series of stateful transactions. However, multiple conversations (from multiple sessions) can be recorded in the same service image. Similar request structures are merged into a single transaction, thus creating a tree as shown in the following diagram.



As an example, if multiple users log into the system with `login()` transactions, all these transactions will be merged in a single transaction. But if one user logs in using `login()` and another user logs in with an `acquireAuthToken()`, then these transactions will not be merged.

## Importing Transactions

The following XML documents can be imported into a service image being recorded:

### Raw Transactions

The XML document represents raw traffic as if coming off the wire, characterized by a root element of `<rawTraffic>`.

A well-documented example can be found in [\[LISA\\_HOME\]/examples/vse/raw-traffic.xml](#).

### Conversational Traffic

The XML document represents traffic that has been rearranged into conversations and/or stateless transaction sets. They are organized into linear lists of transactions, each of which represents a "real" conversation and are characterized by a root element of `<traffic>`.

A well-documented example can be found in [\[LISA\\_HOME\]/examples/vse/traffic.xml](#).

## How Virtualization Works

In the absence of a server, LISA Virtualize simulates the behavior of the server for its client. This process is known as the virtualization of server. It requires loading the service image referenced from a VSM and running it in the VSE dashboard.

When a request is received by the VSE, the request is examined and an attempt is made to match it to an existing conversational state (session) within the VSE. For example, a cookie ID or some other session identifier can "tie" requests in stateless protocols such as HTTP. The conversational state is used to determine where in the conversation tree the "current transaction" is, and any other "state" such as a previously submitted authentication token, the user name, for example, which may not be part of the current request, but used in the subsequent response.

If an existing session cannot be found, the VSE attempts to match the request against the starter transactions of each conversation in the image. If a match is found, a new session is created and the relevant response is returned. The session is maintained until 20 minutes after it has last been 'seen' by the VSE. If no conversation starters match, no session is created and the list of stateless transactions is consulted in the order they are defined. If there is a match, the appropriate response is returned. If there is still no match, the 'unknown request' response is sent.

In the case where we do find a previous session and we are in the midst of a conversation, the next transaction match depends on many factors including navigation and match tolerances (described in the following section).

If a matching transaction is not found in the conversational and stateless transactions, then the service image is consulted again for the kind of response that needs to be sent out for an unmatched conversational/stateless request.

## Handling Conversational Requests

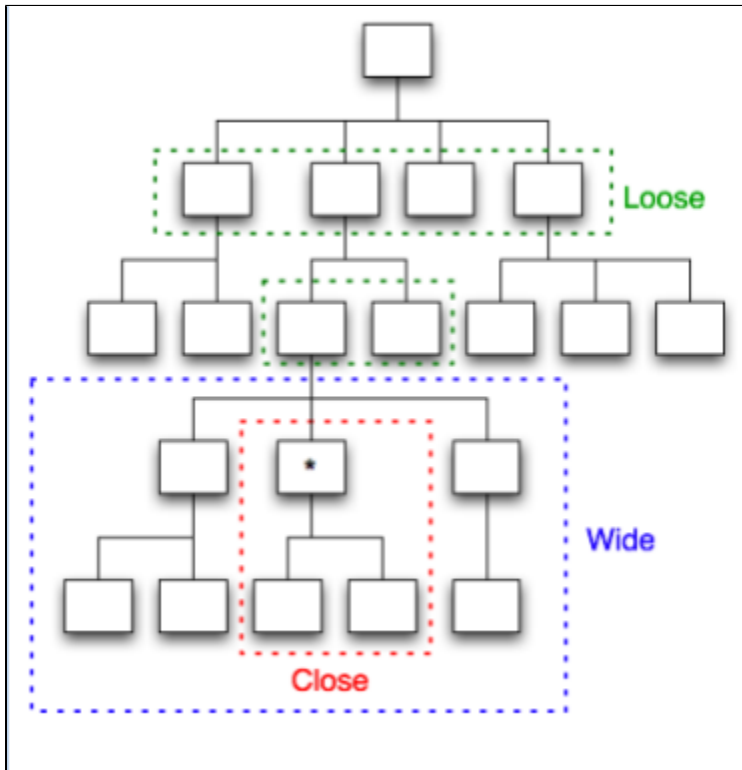
The navigation tolerance that you can specify for every node in the tree plays an important role in how the VSM handles a conversation request. It is used to determine where in the conversation tree VSM should search for a transaction that should follow the given transaction.

### Navigation Tolerance Levels

- **Close:** The current transaction's children are searched.

- **Wide:** A close search, including the current transaction plus siblings and "nieces/nephews" of the current transactions.
- **Loose:** A wide search, plus the current transaction's parent and its siblings followed by the children of the starting transaction. If both fail to find a match, then the starting transactions for all conversations are checked, resulting in searching the full conversation.

The following diagram illustrates how navigation tolerance impacts the transactions to be searched in a conversation tree. The current transaction is marked with a star ★.



At the time of recording, the VSE recorder allows for initializing the navigation tolerance on transactions with two separate settings.

#### Navigation concepts and Defaults

- **Default navigation:** Refers to the default tolerance on all meta transactions that have child meta transactions. Defaults to **Wide**.
- **Last:** Refers to the default tolerance for meta transactions that are "leaf" transactions without any child meta transactions. Defaults to **Loose**.

These can later be changed for each node through the Service Image Editor.

The defaults provide a wider hit on "right" behavior. VSE responds correctly more often in situations when current runtime sessions restart a conversation without the need to start a new conversation.

#### Handling Unknown Requests

An unknown request may occur in two situations: when there is an active conversation and when there is not.

In the case where there is no active conversation, a request is identified as unknown if there are no stateless transactions that can satisfy the request. In this case, the service image's response for unknown stateless requests becomes the reply.

In the case where a request cannot be matched to a follow-on transaction:

- If the navigation tolerance is not CLOSE, then the conversation starter transactions are given the chance to satisfy the request.
- If the request is still unmatched, and if a stateless transaction can produce a reply, then that is sent out. The current session continues to remember where it is in its conversational tree.

If that fails, the service image's response for unknown conversational requests becomes the reply.

## Magic Strings and Dates

Magic strings and magic dates are central to the dynamic nature of a virtualized service. They enable the virtualized service to return meaningful results for request parameters that were never recorded.

### Magic Strings

During the recording phase, each request is examined for arguments or parameters. For example, a weather forecasting web service call might include a city name or an airline booking system request might include a flight number. If the flight number is included in the recorded *response*, then it is classified as a "magic" string. If the VSE is in playback mode and a request comes in for a flight number that was never recorded, the correct flight number is included in the response.

The screenshot shows the Transactions window for Conversation 3. The conversation tree on the left includes operations like `itko_capacity`, `itko_resetState`, `itko_setFlight` (with argument `ABC53`), `itko_seat` (with argument `Person1`), and `itko_emptySeat`. The detailed view on the right shows the transaction basics for `itko_setFlight` with Match style: Exact and Operation: `itko_setFlight`. The response body is an XML envelope containing a header and a body with a `requestResponse` element. The `requestResponse` element contains a `return` element with the value `Flight is {{=request_arg1/*ABC53*/}}`.

In the previous example, we recorded a request to set some "state" in the conversation, in this case the flight number (ABC53). The recorder noted that the same string ABC53 was contained in the response, so it converted it to a magic string, which is saved in the service image database as `'=request_arg1/*ABC53/*`.

The `{{ }}` notation is a standard LISA property substitution syntax. The meaning here is "substitute this `{{ }}` text with the runtime value of the first argument of the request, and if there is no first argument then use ABC53 as the default".

The practical significance of this is that if some future client requests flight ZZ99, the virtualized service will respond with the correct flight number, ZZ99.

Magic strings are detected not just in a simple request/response pair. If an argument is ever seen in any subsequent response in a conversation, it is deemed to be magic and the argument value is stored in the conversation state.

Here is an example, just a little further on in the same conversation. The request operation is "itko\_seat" and the single argument is a name, in this case "Person1". The response contains the name in the request, the previously set flight number and a date (more on dates later).

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This is the canonical example of conversational state over a stateless protocol, in this case SOAP over HTTP. It means that if the VSE in playback mode sees a request to set the flight to ZZ99 and then a request to seat PersonSomeoneElse, then the correct string, "Seated PersonSomeoneElse on seat 1 of flight ZZ99" will be included in the response, even though those details were never recorded.

The seat number, 1 in this case, is not regarded as a magic string, because it was never seen in the original series of requests that led to this response. Nor is it "big enough" to be regarded as a magic string: they need to be at least three characters long and optionally have whitespace on the left, right or both sides of the string. You can adjust the length and whitespace parameters in the **local.properties** configuration file.

The `{{ }}` property notation is extremely powerful and flexible and is not confined to using magic strings. For example, if we changed the '1' in the response in our example to `DataSetValue` and defined a data set in the virtual service model, that data set would be used to generate the runtime response value. The dataset might be a random string generator, a counter, a call to a database, a reference to an Excel spreadsheet row, anything. `}}` can execute arbitrary Java code and even generate realistic "everyday" data such as a valid credit card number `{{=:Credit Card:}}`. See [Using BeanShell in LISA](#).

## Magic String Exclusions

LISA Virtualize will attempt to identify tokens in requests and responses that are identical (contingent on certain rules), and turn the values in the response into a "magic string" whose value will vary based on the values in the request.

However, LISA has no way of knowing if those values match by design, or by accident. Experience has shown that this is most common with a handful of values: Booleans, and the `__NULL` token used by the Agent / Pathfinder for Java VSE. For instance, consider this request and response snippet:

Request

```
<GetUserRequest>
<userId>lisaitko</userId>
<includeDetails>true</includeDetails>
</GetUserRequest>
```

Response

```
<GetUserResponse>
<userId>lisaitko</userId>
<isActive>true</isActive>
<isEmailVerified>true</isEmailVerified>
</GetUserResponse>
```

Clearly, the two "true" values in the response have nothing to do with each other, or with the value in the request. In real world scenarios, the number of unwanted "magic strings" that are generated is much greater. One way to avoid this is to manually find and replace these magic strings after the service image was recorded.

An easier way, however, is to use a LISA property, defined in **lisa.properties**.

`lisa.magic.string.exclusion=Yes, YES, yes, No, NO, no, true, True, TRUE, false, False, FALSE, __NULL`

This lets you specify values that are not candidates for magic string identification. LISA will not try to correlate these values in the response to values in the request during recording. The service image can still be manually edited to add magic strings if needed.

## Magic Dates

Requests and responses are also scanned at recording time by a powerful date parser. Anything matching a very wide definition of date formats is recognized and translated into a 'Magic Date'. In the previous example, the magic date is `{{=doDateDeltaFromCurrent("yyyy-MM-dd","0D");/2008-12-17}}`. The use of `{{ }}` notation is important here.

At runtime, this is translated as "generate a date of the format yyyy-MM-dd that is 0 days from the current date". In other words, generate today's date.

If the original recording was taken on 1 February 2009 and the response contained a date 2009-02-10, then the magic date string would be `=doDateDeltaFromCurrent("yyyy-MM-dd","10D");/2009-02-10/`. The **10D** in the magic string means the VSE will generate a date in the response 10 days ahead of the current time. Thus if the VSE is in playback mode on 12 June 2010, the response will contain the string "2010-06-22".

Valid parameters for date deltas are:

- **D**: Days
- **H**: Hours
- **M**: Minutes
- **S**: Seconds
- **Ms**: Milliseconds

There is another variant of magic dates: **doDateDeltaFromRequest**, as opposed to **doDateDeltaFromCurrent**. The **doDateDeltaFromRequest** variant is used when a date is used as a parameter in the request and a date is seen in the response. For example, an airline reservation system

might accept a seating request for a particular flight on a particular day. If that date is seen in the response, the VSE will correctly substitute the date in any subsequent responses.

A more sophisticated example is if the flight request generated a response that detailed a flight crossing the international date line: a flight from Los Angeles to Sydney would arrive two days later than the departure according to the calendar date even though the flight time is around 14 hours. In this example, the response would contain something like **doDateDeltaFromRequest("yy-MM-dd", "2D")**. If VSE processed a similar request for a flight departing LAX on 19-June-2009, it would include the correct arrival date of 21-June-2009 in the response.



Any valid date/time formats, including the ones that have zones, can be added to **lisa.properties** for magic date calculations.

## Understanding Transactions

A **transaction**, as it applies to VSE, is a complete unit of work done by a service. This includes both the request sent from the client to the service and the response sent back from the service to the client. With most service protocols, including Web Services, HTTP, and Java, transactions are done *synchronously*. The request and response are directly related to each other.

With Web Services and HTTP, the request and response are contained within a single socket connection, and the request is usually followed directly by the response. With Java, the request and response are contained within a single thread and the request, a method call, is always followed by the response, the return value.

Messaging is different because it is *asynchronous*. The request and response messages do not have to occur in the same socket connection, the same thread, or even in the same day. The client sends a request message and then goes and does something else while waiting for the response. When the response is sent from the service, the client receives it and *matches it up with the original response*, completing the transaction.

In short, a transaction comprises a request and a response. In most cases, a transaction has only one response, such as in the case of an HTTP responder. However, the messaging protocol can return multiple responses (stored as a list) from a single request.

The following topics are available.

[Stateless and Conversational Transactions](#)

[Logical Transactions](#)

[Match Tolerance](#)

## Stateless and Conversational Transactions

Transactions are classified as either [Stateless](#) or [Conversational](#).

### Stateless Transactions

Stateless transactions include no logical relationships between transactions. For example, HTTP and SOAP are stateless protocols. A stateless transaction always has a static response, regardless of what calls were made previously.

In a stateless conversation, each service call is independent of the others. For example:

- What's the weather like in Dallas, TX? (Operation: weather; arg1-city)
- What's the weather like in Atlanta, GA? (Operation: weather; arg1-city)
- What will the weather be like in Dallas, TX tomorrow? (Operation: weather; arg1-city; arg2-date)

### Conversational/Stateful Transactions

Conversations comprise stateful transactions and consist of the logical transaction that, if matched, starts a unique session and the information necessary to create and identify that session. A transaction in a conversation always depends on the context created by earlier conversation.

Here is an example of a stateful conversation that involves using an ATM.

1. Connect to the ATM. (Operation: log on)
2. What account do you want? (arg1-checking)
3. What's my balance? (Operation: balance)
4. Response.
5. Withdraw an amount of money. (Operation: withdrawal)
6. How much? (arg2-amount)
7. What's my balance? (Operation: balance)
8. Response (different based on the amount withdrawn in the previous request).
9. End session (Operation: log out)



## Conversation Starters

The first transaction in a conversation is known as the conversation starter. When LISA Virtualize gets an incoming request, it will look at the conversation starters to determine if this transaction means we are starting a new conversation.

All the transactions in a conversation are related to each other. VSE must have a way of determining this relationship. This is typically done by some kind of special token in the transactions, such as "jsessionid" or a cookie in web transactions, or a custom identifier in message traffic, or others.

LISA supports the following types of conversations:

**Instance-based conversations:** The protocol layer is responsible for identifying the unique string based on different instances of the client and that is used to identify server-side sessions for both recording and playback of the service image.

**Token-based conversations:** The token is generated by the LISA VSE using a string generation pattern stored with the conversation in the service image. After the token is generated, it operates the same as an instance-based conversation. Because token-based conversations cannot be automatically inferred during recording, you will need to use the [VS Image Recorder](#) to specify where tokens are found.

## Navigation Tolerance

Within a conversation, VSE follows very specific rule to determine how to find the next conversational transaction. There are three sets of rules, also known as navigation tolerances.

Close	The transactions must go straight down the tree. The only candidates for the next conversational transaction are the children of the current one.
Wide	<p>This is the default. This allows navigation to the current transaction's children, the current transaction, the current transaction's siblings, and the sibling's immediate descendants (or "nephews"). The order of precedence is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Current transaction's children</li><li>2. Immediate children of a sibling</li><li>3. Sibling or current transaction</li></ol>
Loose	<p>This is the most permissive navigation tolerance. It first tries the "Close" and "Wide" tolerances, then adds the ability to match the current transactions parent, any of the parent's siblings ("uncles"), the children of the parent's siblings ("cousins"). If this fails, navigation is permitted to any transaction in the second or third level of the tree. The order of precedence is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Current transaction's children (close tolerance)</li><li>2. Immediate children of a sibling (wide tolerance)</li><li>3. Sibling, or current transaction (wide tolerance)</li><li>4. The siblings of the parent transaction ("uncles") but not their children (not cousins)</li><li>5. The parent transaction or its siblings (parent or "uncles")</li><li>6. The children of the current conversation's starter transaction (the immediate children of the root of the tree)</li><li>7. The starter transactions for all the SI's conversations</li></ol>

## Logical Transactions

A logical transaction appears as a single node in a conversation. It comprises one *meta* transaction with one or more specific transactions.

When a logical transaction appears in the search for responding to a given request, the meta transaction is consulted to see if this transaction wants to respond to the given request. If the meta transaction decides to respond to the request, then all the specific transactions are queried if they want to respond to the request. If none of the specific transactions want to respond to the request, then the response is taken from the meta transaction.

This logic can be expressed as the following pseudo code:

```

for each logical transaction \{

 if (meta transaction request matches the given request) \{

 // This node would handle the request

 for each specific transaction in this node \{

 if (the specific transaction matches the given request) \{

 return the response from the specific transaction

 \}

 \}

 // No specific transaction found for the given request

 return the response from the meta transaction

 \}

\}

```

Further, a physical meta transaction carries a list of specific transactions and a list of child meta transactions. The latter allows meta transactions to be structured into a decision tree.

## Match Tolerance

Navigation tolerance tells LISA Virtualize what transactions it can try to match the incoming transaction with. Match tolerance, on the other hand, defines how VSE decides if a given transaction matches the incoming one. There are three levels of match tolerance.

- **Operation:** This is the loosest match tolerance. It means that the operation name of the incoming transaction must match the name of the recorded transaction.
- **Signature:** This level of match tolerance means that not only must the operation name match, but the names of the arguments must match exactly, with no additions or deletions. The order of arguments does not have to be the same.
- **Exact:** In addition to the signature match, the values for each argument must match the values that were recorded, as defined by the argument match operators.

### Argument Match Operators

A match operator is specified for every argument in a request. For an **Exact** match operation, it controls how the value of the argument in the incoming request is matched against the value of the corresponding argument in the service image.

The following table describes the available match operators.

- **Anything:** Always returns true. The virtual service recorder defaults the comparison to this when it determines that an argument is a date.
- **= Equal:** Returns true if the values are the same.
- **!= Not equal:** Returns true if the values are different.
- **< Less than:** Returns true if the inbound value is less, before, or earlier than the value from the service image.
- **<= Less than or equal:** Returns true if the inbound value is less, before, or earlier than or equal to the value from the service image.
- **> Greater than:** Returns true if the inbound value is greater, after, or later than the value from the service image.
- **>= Greater than or equal:** Returns true if the inbound value is greater, after, later than or equal to the value from the service image.
- **Regular Expression:** Returns true if the inbound value (as a string) matches the value, as a regular expression, from the service image.
- **Property Expression:** The value in the service image must be in the form of a double-braced script expression, `. .`, which returns either **true** or **false**. The argument value in the inbound request is ignored unless referenced in the script.



If an argument is marked as a date, the values from the requests being compared are first converted to a date before the comparison is done. This is not done for the Any, Property Expression or Regular Expression comparison types.

## META Transactions and Specific Responses

When VSE searches for a conversational match, it only searches what is known as META transactions. A META transaction cannot have a match tolerance of "Exact" (the default is "Signature"). Each META transaction will have one or more specific responses, which may have any match tolerance ("Exact" is the default).

If none of the specific responses for a META transaction match, then the response specified for the META transaction will be used.

### ***How the Next Response is Selected***

1. If the incoming request is in a conversation, search for a match based on the navigation tolerance and other rules explained previously.
2. If nothing is found in the current conversation, look for another conversation (unless navigation tolerance is CLOSE).
3. If there is a conversational match, and we got a specific response (rather than just a meta match), use that.
4. Otherwise, look for a specific match in the stateless transactions, and if found, use that one.
5. If there was no specific match in the stateless list, but we found a meta match in the conversational list, use that meta match.
6. If there was no conversational match at all, but we did have a meta match in the stateless list, use that.
7. Fail with "no match found," and send back either the "unknown conversational response" or the "unknown stateless response" specified in the service image (which could be overridden based on the protocol and handlers used).

### **Debugging**

If you get failures to match, change \$LISA\_HOME/logging.properties and set log4j.logger.VSE to DEBUG or even TRACE. That will cause VSE to be extremely verbose to the **vse\_matches.log** file, and will tell you exactly what did and did not match.

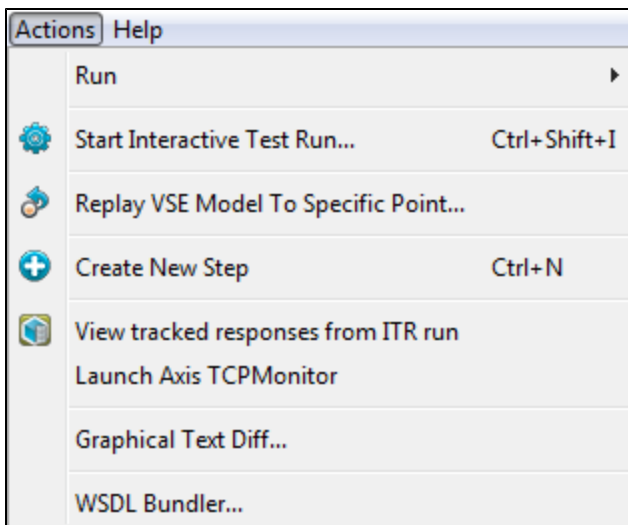
Set this to INFO or WARN for production use; do not leave it set to DEBUG or TRACE longer than needed.

## **Tracking Transactions**

In VSE, you can track the transactions done through the ITR facility.

When using a virtual service in the ITR, you need to set the execution mode in the project's configuration file.

In the Actions menu, click **View tracked responses from ITR run**.



To track transactions of a particular Virtual Service, you must set the execution mode in the active configuration file for the VSM by setting the **lisa.vse.execution.mode** property to TRACK.

The tracked transactions get listed in a new window in the LISA editor.

## **Creating Service Images**

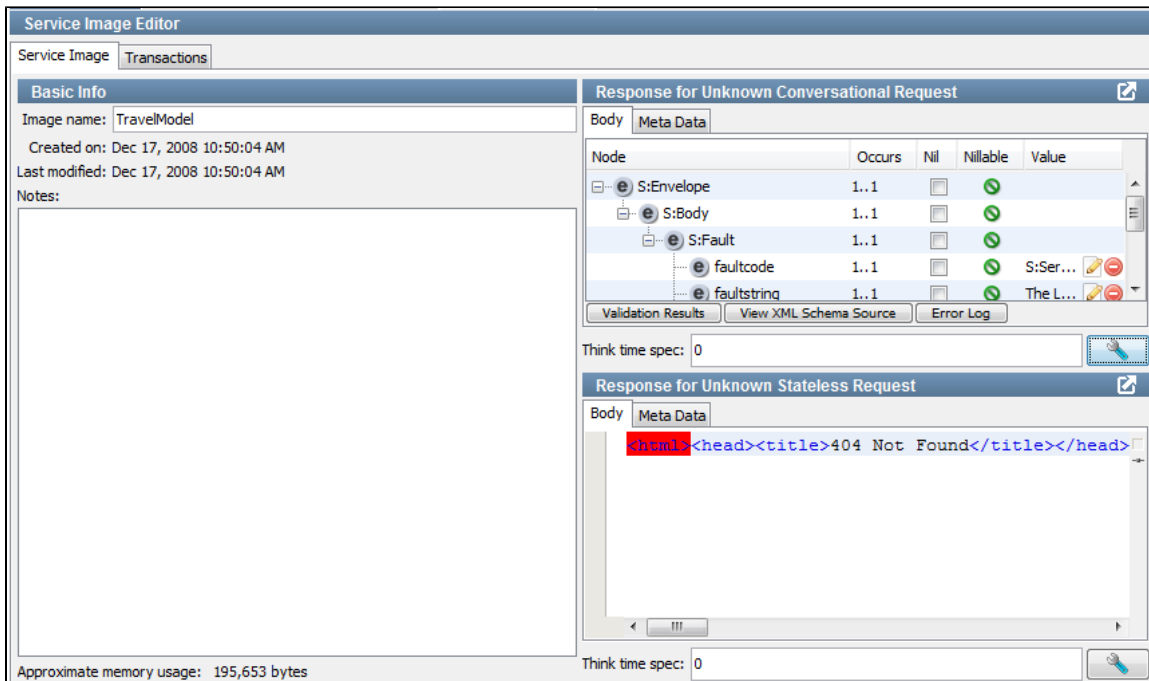
Service images are generated using the Virtual Service Image Recorder and pretend to be what you recorded (a manipulated or altered version of your recorded raw traffic).



If you have existing service images from releases of LISA Virtualize earlier than LISA 6.0, you need to export those service images to move them from the database of earlier versions to the file system where they are stored in the current release. See [Exporting Legacy Service Images](#).

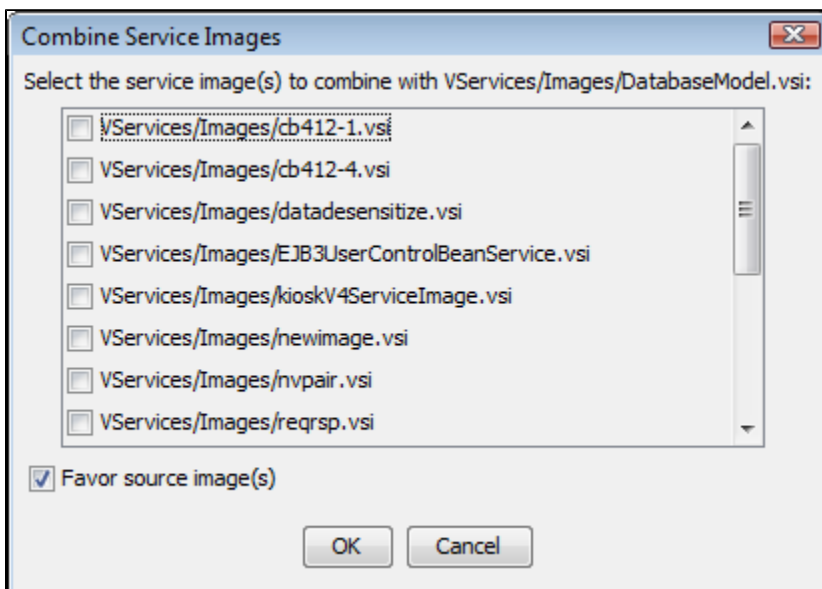
## Opening a Service Image

To open an existing Service Image, select the image in the project panel, and double-click, or right-click and select Open. You will see the Service Image Editor, in which you can view and make changes to existing Service Images. More information about how to use the Service Image Editor is available in [Editing Service Images](#).



## Combining Service Images

Combining service images is useful when you want to add additional functionality to an existing service image. You can combine service images by right-clicking the service image on the project panel and choosing Combine other service images into this one. You will see a dialog.

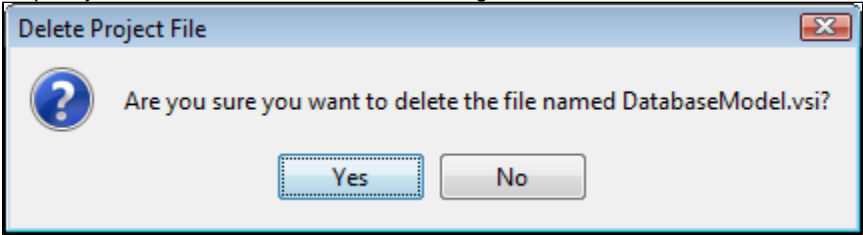


Select one or more service images to combine into the original one, the target. When service images are combined, each stateless transaction (at the meta level) from each source service image is matched against each one in the target service image. For each one that matches the specific transactions from the source are matched against the ones in the target. When matches are not found, the source transactions are added to the target image. When they do match, the transactions must be merged. You have the choice here of having the source data (response bodies, for example) replace what is in the matching target transaction or of leaving the target data as-is. This choice of how to merge matching transactions is controlled by the Favor source image(s) check box.

The process for combining conversations is very similar. For each conversation in each source service image, its starter transaction is matched against each starter in the target's conversations. If no starter matches, then new conversations are created in the target image. If they do match, then the same process for the stateless list is applied to each meta node in the source conversation tree, adding new transactions and merging matching transactions as appropriate.

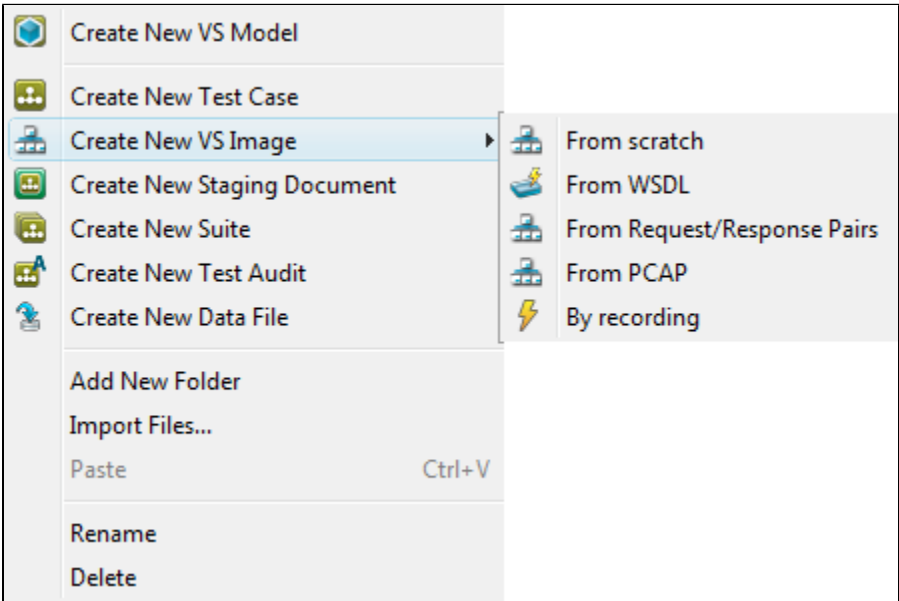
## Deleting a Service Image

You can delete service images by right-clicking the service image on the project panel and choosing Delete. You will see the confirmation dialog. This option lets you permanently remove a service image from LISA Virtualize. It is best practice to think of service images as transient and to frequently remove unused or outdated service images from LISA.



## Creating a Service Image

You can create a new service image by right-clicking the **VServices > Images** node on the project panel and choosing **Create New VS Image**.



See the following sections for each menu option.

- [Creating a Service Image from Scratch](#)
- [Creating a Service Image from a WSDL](#)
- [Creating a Service Image from Request-Response Pairs](#)
- [Creating a Service Image from Request-Response Pairs](#)
- [Creating a Service Image from PCAP](#)
- [Creating a Service Image by Recording](#)

## Importing Raw Traffic

Raw traffic can only be imported through the VSE Service Image recorder. Create a new service image and select Virtual Service Image

Recorder. Then enter the raw traffic file name or select it using the file browser.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with some basic information about what is to be recorded and select the appropriate protocol(s) involved. Some transport protocols do not allow for a data protocol.

Basics Notes

Write image to: C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\newimage.vsi [Browse...]

☒ Create ☐ Merge into

Import traffic: [Redacted] [Browse...]

Transport protocol: [Dropdown]

☐ Desensitize (transport layer)

☐ Treat all transactions as stateless

Default navigation: WIDE Last: LOOSE

Export to: [Dropdown] [Browse...]

Model file: [Dropdown] [Browse...]

VS Model style: ☐ More flexible ☒ More efficient

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

Continue the recording process as normal, by selecting a transport protocol. When you begin the recording process, LISA will import the raw traffic into a new service image.

The following topics are available.

[Working with Virtual Service Models](#)  
[Creating a Service Image from Scratch](#)  
[Creating a Service Image from a WSDL](#)  
[Creating a Service Image from Request-Response Pairs](#)  
[Creating a Service Image by Recording](#)  
[Creating a Service Image by Recording](#)  
[Using Data Protocols](#)

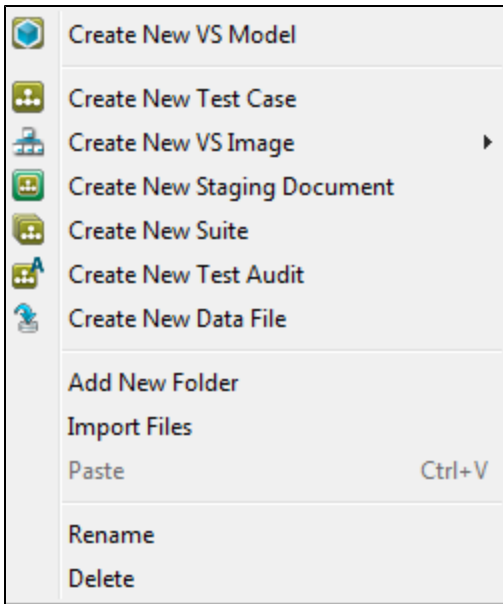
## Working with Virtual Service Models

A Virtual Service Model (VSM) is a specialized type of test case that becomes the end point of a service that has been virtualized. You must create a VSM to launch the Virtual Service Image Recorder.

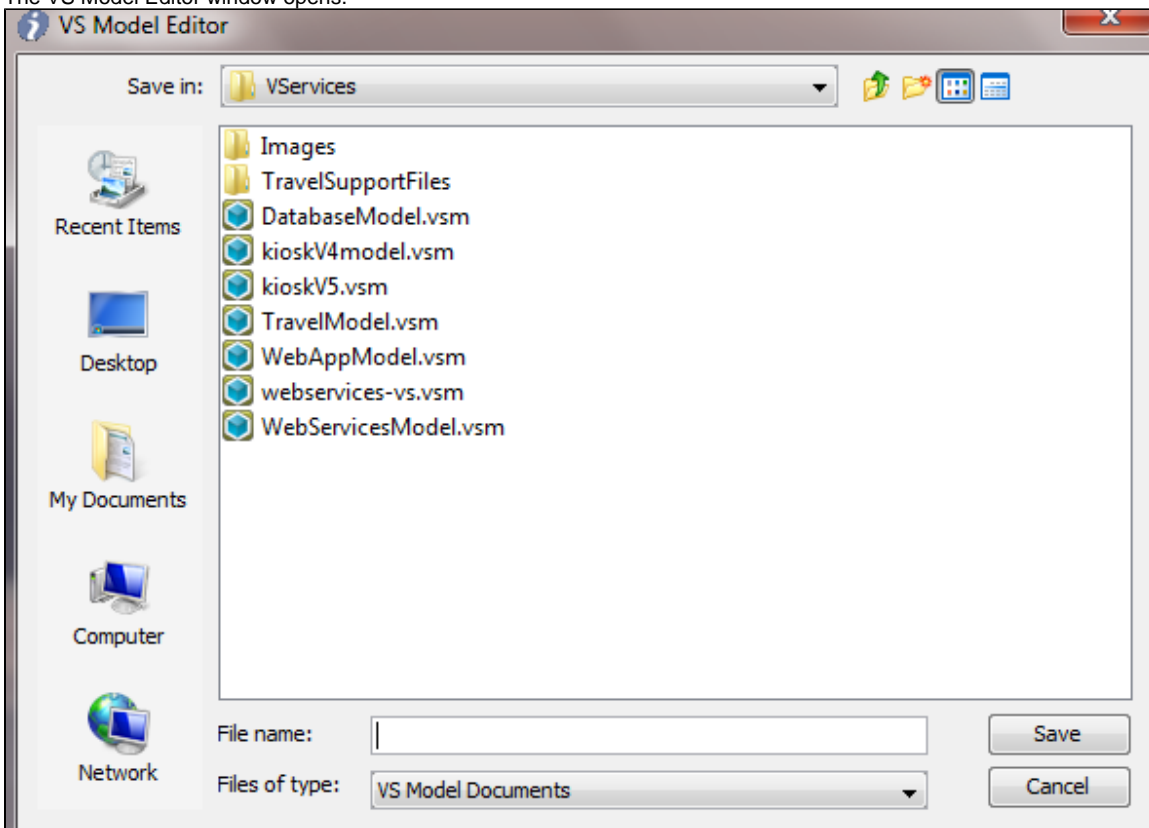
### Creating a New VSM

You can create a new VSM inside a LISA project.

1. Open an existing project or create a new project.
2. The project opens, and the left project panel shows the project folder and its subfolders. Right-click on the **VSservices** subfolder node and select Create New VS Model. Technically, you can create a VS Model in another folder also, but it is a good practice to create it under the VSservices folder.



3. The VS Model Editor window opens.



4. In the VS Model Editor window, browse to the location for the new VSM.
5. In the File name field, enter a unique name for the VSM. The extension will be .vsm.
6. Click Save. The VS Model Wizard opens the new VSM.
7. When a VSM is open, the Commands menu shows menu items relevant to a VSM.

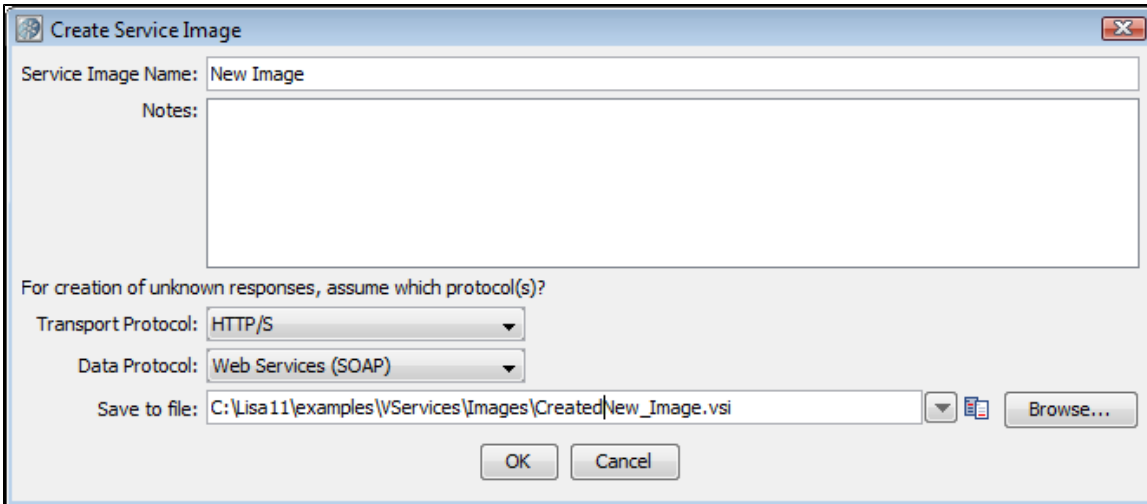
## Opening an Existing VSM

To open an existing VSM inside a project:

1. From the toolbar, click the **Open** button to open the project, or select it from the 'Open Recent' project list on the Quick Start window.
2. From the project panel that opens up on the left side, select the VS model from its folder (usually VServices).

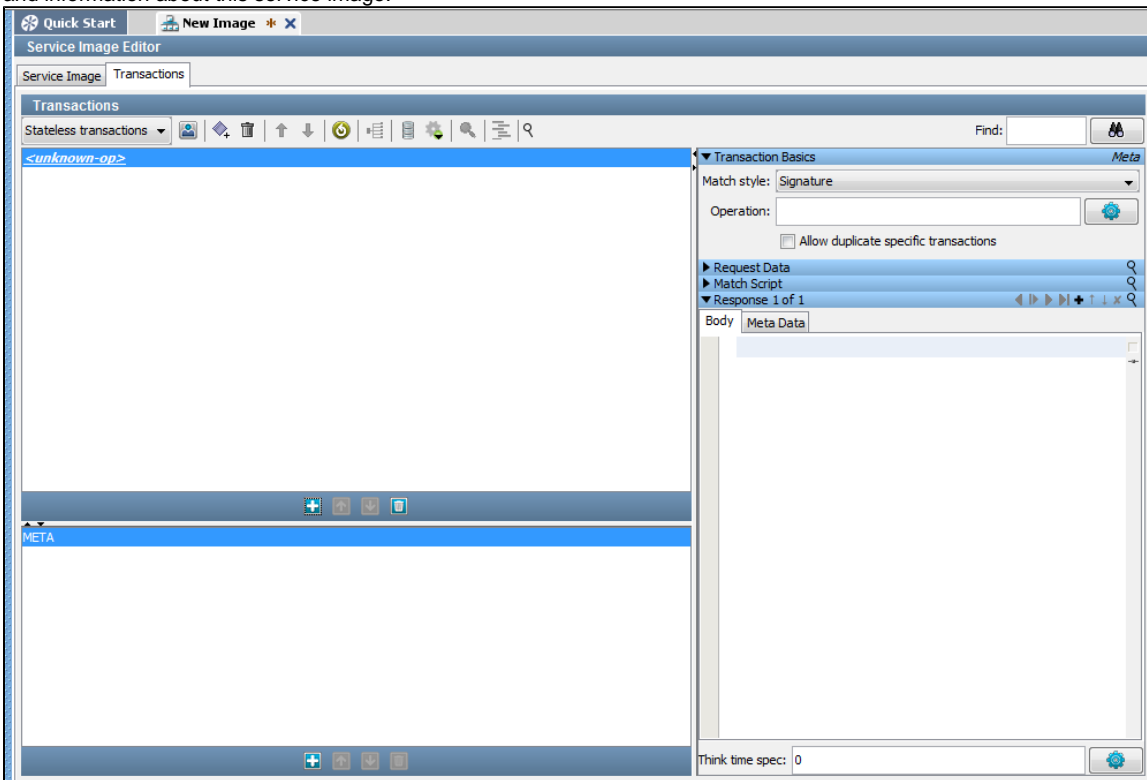
## Creating a Service Image from Scratch

It is possible to create a VS Image from scratch. To do so, right-click on **VServices** on the project panel and select "Create a New VS Image," then "From scratch."



The "Create Service Image" dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with a close button. Inside, there is a "Service Image Name:" field with the text "New Image". Below it is a "Notes:" text area. Further down, a question asks "For creation of unknown responses, assume which protocol(s)?". There are two dropdown menus: "Transport Protocol:" set to "HTTP/S" and "Data Protocol:" set to "Web Services (SOAP)". At the bottom, there is a "Save to file:" field with the path "C:\Lisa11\examples\VServices\Images\Created\New\_Image.vsi", a "Browse..." button, and "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Enter identification and protocol information, and click **OK**. You will be taken to the Service Image Editor screen, where you can enter parameters and information about this service image.



The "Service Image Editor" window is shown. It has a title bar with "Quick Start" and "New Image" buttons. The main area is divided into two panes. The left pane is titled "Transactions" and contains a list of transactions, including "<unknown-op>". The right pane is titled "Transaction Basics" and contains fields for "Match style:" (set to "Signature"), "Operation:", and a checkbox for "Allow duplicate specific transactions". Below these are sections for "Request Data", "Match Script", and "Response 1 of 1". The "Body" section is currently set to "Meta Data". At the bottom, there is a "Think time spec:" field set to "0".




## Creating a Service Image from a WSDL

A web service can be generated from a WSDL in two ways. You can either use the Quick Start menu or the **Create New VS Image** option.

### Creating a VS Image from a WSDL using the Quick Start Menu


1. From the Quick Start menu, select **Create an SI from a WSDL**. You will see this window.



2. On the Connection tab, enter the name of a WSDL. You can click the Utilities icon  to list options to find WSDLs on your system.
3. After you enter the WSDL name, the **Service** and **Port** fields are populated. Notice that the associated operations are listed on the Operations tab. You can select All, None, or use the check boxes to select specific operations to test.
4. At the bottom of the screen, you can change the name of the service image that will be created. If the service image name that defaults is already in use, you will see a warning  icon.
5. When you click the green arrow  at the bottom of the screen, you will be taken to the Service Image Editor screen, with your service image displayed.

## Creating a VS Image from a WSDL using the Create New VS Image option

Right-click the VServices> Images icon on the project panel and select **Create New VS Image** option, then **From WSDL**.

1. Enter a service image name and the name of a VS model file. Defaults are fine for the rest of the fields on this screen.
2. Clicking the Load from file  icon lets you navigate the file system to load parameters from a previously-saved service image into this recording session.
3. Click Next.

Virtual Service From WSDL

Please provide us some basic information to virtualize the WSDL

Basics Notes

Write image to: C:\Lisa5.1.0.736\examples\VSservices\Images\wsdlImage.vsi Browse...

☒ Create ☐ Merge into

Model file: C:\Lisa5.1.0.736\examples\VSservices\wsdl.vsm Browse...

VS Model style: ☒ More flexible ☐ More efficient

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

4. Select Web Services (SOAP) on the next screen. The Request Side Data Protocols list is pre-populated with Web Services (SOAP) data protocol handler. If you do not select one of the SOAP-style data protocol handlers (Web Service (SOAP), Web Services (SOAP Headers), or Web Service Bridge), you will be prompted to select one before continuing.

Virtual Service From WSDL

Request Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
Web Services (SOAP)	Protocol layer for handling SOAP-based web services calls.

Response Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
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First Prev Next Cancel Finish

5. Enter a port number in **Listen on port** text box on which the VSE service should listen.

Virtual Service From WSDL

Please provide us with the wsdl of the web service and service name which you want to virtualize. Also select the operations which should be included in the service image.

Connection

WSDL URL

Service  Port

Which operations do you want to test? [All](#) [None](#)

Operations

- ☒ addUser
- ☒ getUser
- ☒ deleteUser
- ☒ listUsers
- ☒ addUserState

Listen on port:

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

6. Add the WSDL to be virtualized in the **WSDL URL** text box. This can be a local file or a URL.
7. Select the particular service in that WSDL that needs to be selected, in the **Service** text box. There is usually only one choice.
8. Select the **operations** in that service that should be virtualized. By default, all the operations will be virtualized.
9. Click Next. On the next screen, the service image is generated and the wizard is finished. Click Finish.

Virtual Service From WSDL

We are now performing some post-processing on what has been recorded. When it becomes enabled, click the Finish button to store everything.


Processing complete. Click Finish when ready.

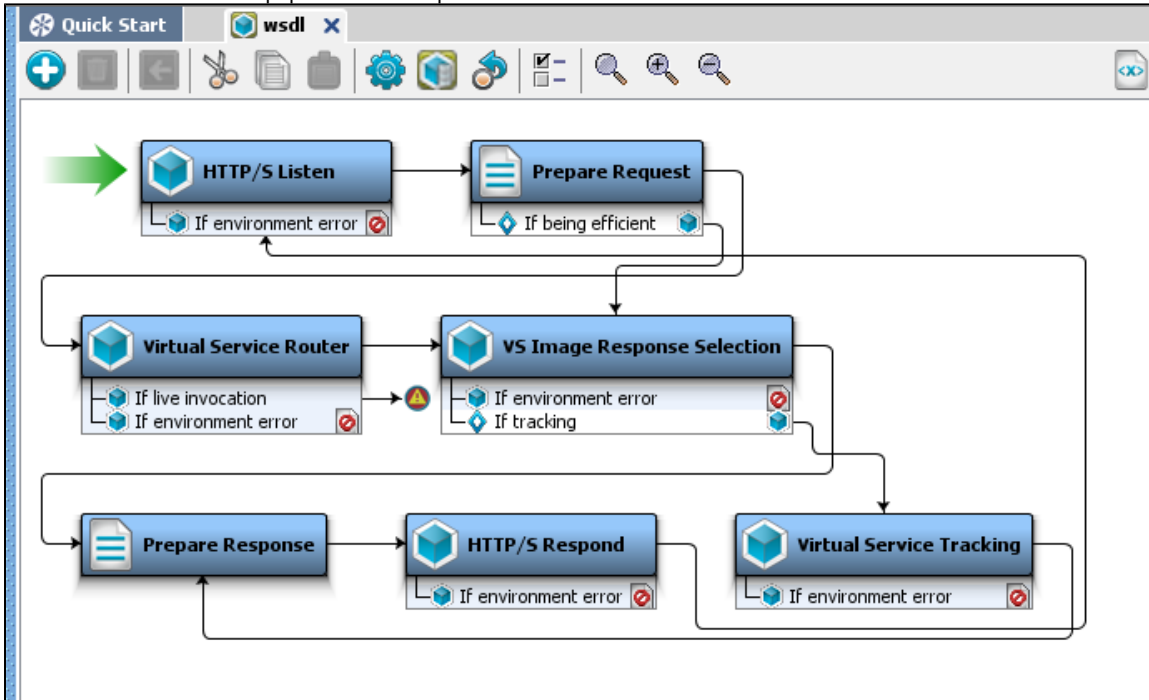
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☐ Open the service image

☐ Open the generated virtual service model

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

10. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, you can click the Save  icon.
11. The blank VSM will now be populated with steps. Save it.




The service image that was generated will be a *stub* service. It will return correctly formatted responses, but the values will be default values.

The Service Model (VSM) that was saved will be what gets deployed to VSE.

## Creating a Service Image from Request-Response Pairs

### Creating a Service Image from Request-Response Pairs using the UI

To create a service image from Request/Response pairs

1. Right-click the **VServices> Images** icon and select Create New VS Image, then From Request/Response Pairs.
2. Enter a service image name and the name of a VS model file. Defaults are fine for the rest of the fields on this screen.
3. Clicking the Load from file  icon lets you navigate the file system to load parameters from a previously-saved service image into this recording session.
4. Click Next.

Virtual Service From Request/Response Pairs

Please provide us some basic information to virtualize the request/response pairs

Basics Notes

Write image to: C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\Images\rrpairs.vsi Browse...

☒ Create ☐ Merge into

☐ Desensitize (transport layer)

☐ Treat all transactions as stateless

Model file: C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\rrpairs.vsm Browse...

VS Model style: ☐ More flexible ☒ More efficient

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

5. Next, select a data protocol. For this example, we will use Web Services (SOAP).

Virtual Service From Request/Response Pairs

Request Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
Web Services (SOAP)	Protocol layer for handling SOAP-based web services calls.

Response Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
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First Prev Next Cancel Finish

6. Browse the file system for the directory that contains your request/response pairs. The request/response pairs should be named with a unique identifier, then a "-req" on the request side and a "-rsp" on the response side, with a .xml or .txt extension. An example of a request/response pair of files would be **addUserObject-req.xml** and **addUserObject-rsp.xml**. LISA Virtualize generates a transaction

for each request/response pair in the directory you specify.



For HTTP/S, the files must contain the entire SOAP envelope and the headers.

Chose a transport protocol, and click the Configure button.

Virtual Service From Request/Response Pairs

Please provide us with the path of the directory that contains the request/response pairs that you want to virtualize.

Request/Response Pairs Dir: C:\Users\arhoades\Desktop\Data\yr2si\http\soap

Transport protocol: HTTP/S

Configure

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

7. You will see the appropriate configuration window the for transport protocol you selected on the previous screen. Enter the configuration information for the request here, then click Finish.

**Virtual Service From Request/Response Transport Protocol Configuration**

Please provide us with the port your consumer will talk to us on, the target server's host name and port and how we should forward requests during recording. Use gateway unless your HTTP/S client requires the use of a proxy.

Listen/Record on port:

Target host:

Target port:

Recorder passthru style: ☒ Gateway ☐ Proxy

☐ Use SSL to server

☐ Use SSL to client

SSL keystore file:

Keystore password:

Recording will start automatically when Next is clicked.

8. You will return to the **Virtual Service from Request/Response Pairs** window, where you can click **Configure** again, and the values you entered will be persisted. If, however, you select a different protocol, we will present that protocol and you can provide configuration information for it. Click Next.

**Virtual Service From Request/Response Pairs**

Please use the components below to select transactions which start conversations and identify their session tokens. Click the Next button to continue.

Conversation Starter Transactions	Remaining Transactions
	<b>addUserObject</b> userObject_accounts_balance: 100.00 userObject_accounts_id: BtpL8LI5kApho userObject_accounts_name: 6Cl7p3ZG userObject_accounts_type: STUDENT_LOAN userObject_addresses_city: Larchmont userObject_addresses_id: 3IF8aICw userObject_addresses_line1: 4 Forest Park Ave userObject_addresses_line2: <null> userObject_addresses_state: NY userObject_addresses_zip: 10538 userObject_email: luther@itko.com

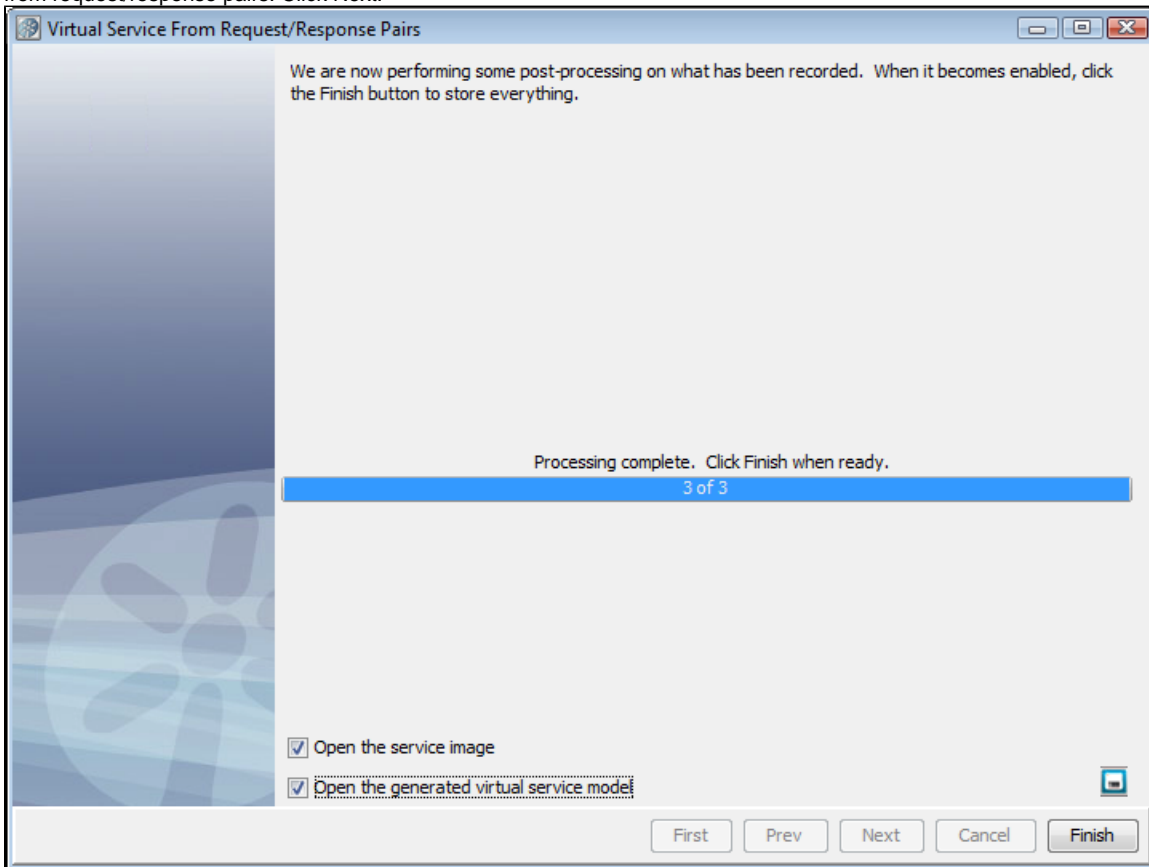
Conversation count: 0 ☐ Force stateless


**Token Identification**

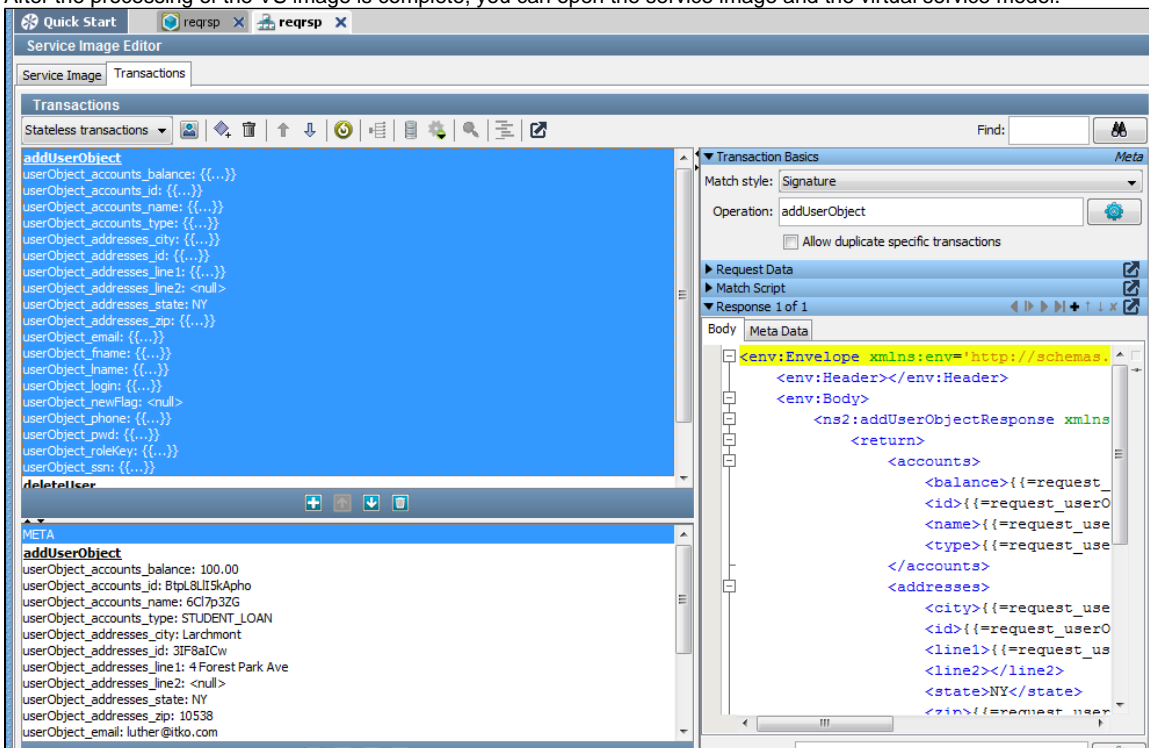
Response:  Look in:

9. Next, you see the virtual service request/response pairs for token identification and conversations. We only support stateless transactions

from request/response pairs. Click Next.



10. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, you can click the Save  icon.
11. After the processing of the VS image is complete, you can open the service image and the virtual service model.




## Creating a Service Image from Request-Response Pairs using the Command Line

As of LISA 6.0.5, you can create a service image from request-response pairs using the ServiceImageManager command line.



### To create a service image from Request/Response pairs using the **ServiceImageManager**

1. Create a service image in the UI. After it is created, click the Save  icon to save the settings on the recording. The settings will be saved in a file with a **.vrs** extension.
2. Navigate to the LISA\_HOME\bin directory and enter the following command, where **recording-session-file** is the path of the .vrs file you created previously, and **vsi-file** and **vsm\_file** are the service image and virtual service model files that will be created.

```
ServiceImageManager -vrs recording-session-file si-file=vsi-file --vsm_file=vsm-file --record
```


## Creating a Service Image from PCAP

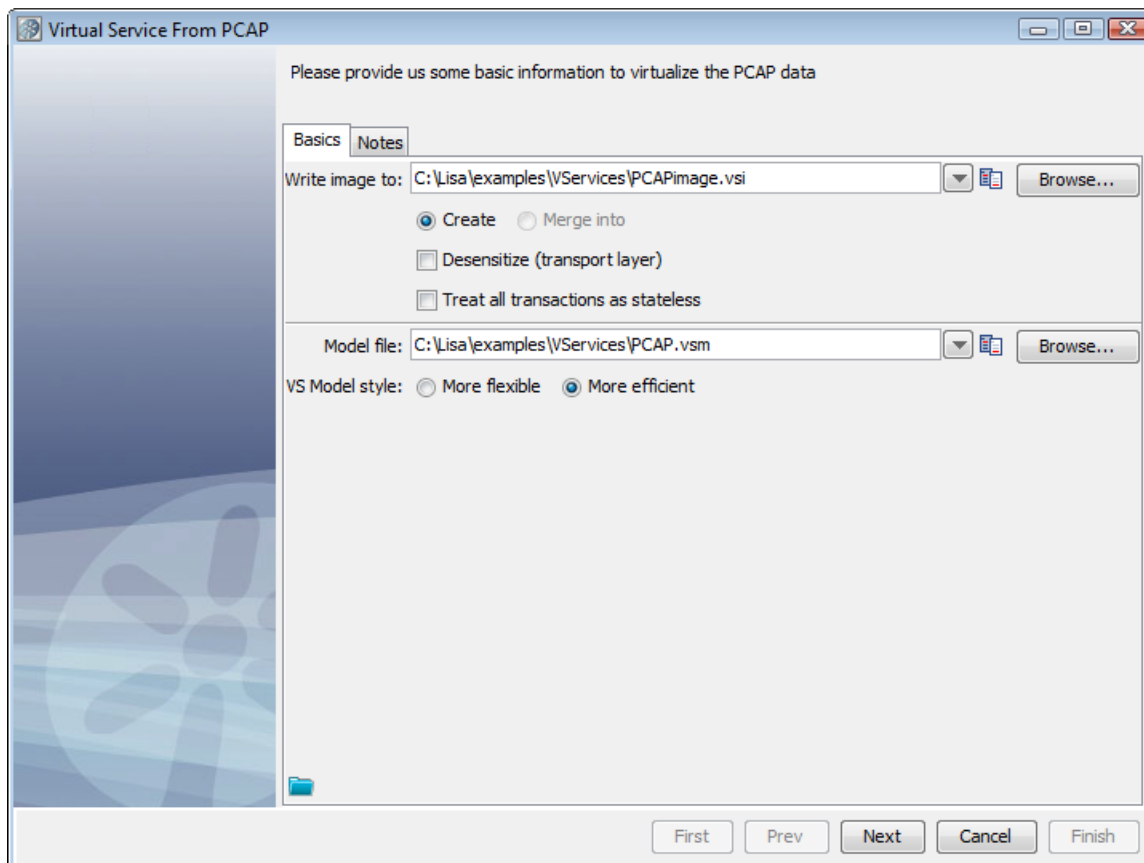
If you are using packet capture software such as Wireshark to create logs of traffic, LISA Virtualize can use those logs to create a virtual service image.

### Prerequisites:

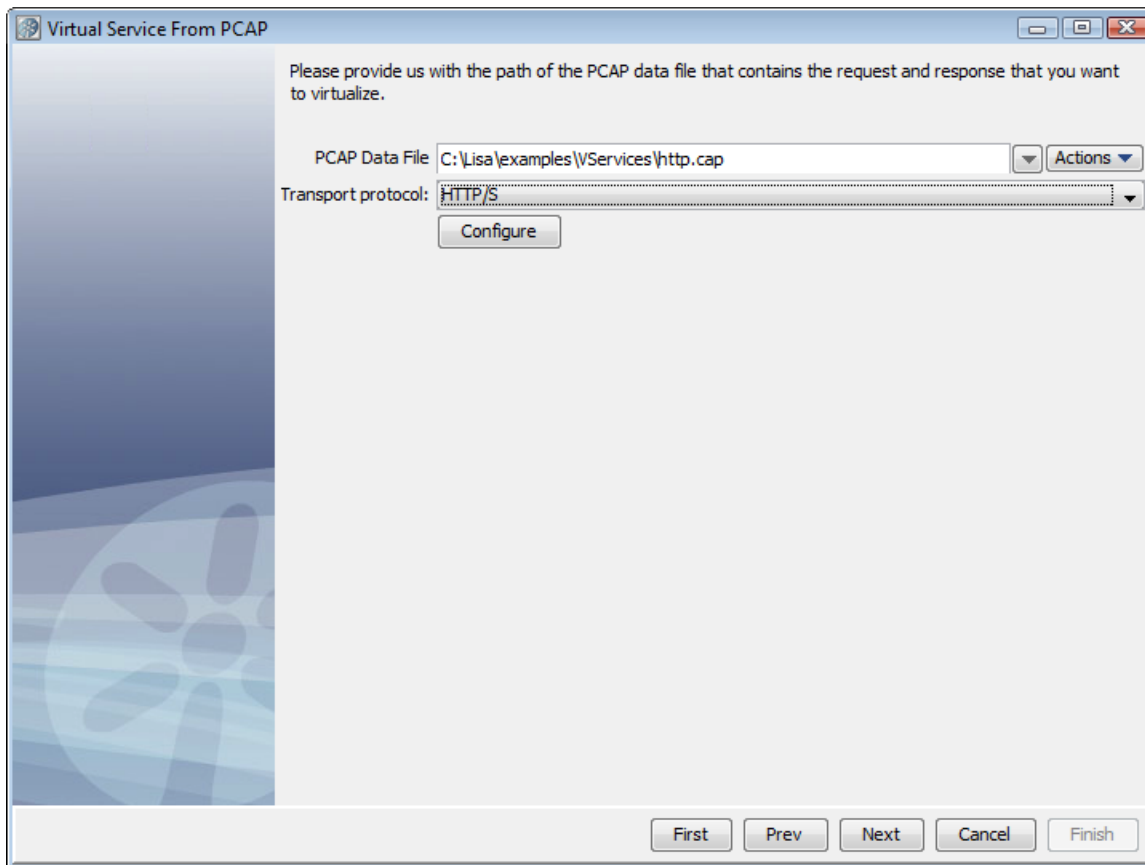
1. Download the appropriate binary package for your operating system from <http://jnetpcap.com/download>.
2. Add the **jnetpcap.jar** in the binary package to the **LISA\_HOME/lib** directory and the jnetpcap native library to **LISA\_HOME/bin**. The native library will be different for different operating systems. For Windows, it is **jnetpcap.dll**.
3. At this point, the PCAP functionality is configured.
4. Restart LISA Workstation, if running, to pick up the new configuration changes.

### To create a service image from PCAP (a packet capture file)

1. Right-click the **VSservices> Images** folder and select "Create New VS Image" option, then "From PCAP."
2. Enter a service image name and the name of a VS model file. Defaults are fine for the rest of the fields on this screen.
3. Clicking the Load from file  icon will allow you to navigate the file system to load parameters from a previously-saved service image into this recording session.
4. Click the Notes tab to add documentation about this virtual service.
5. Click Next.

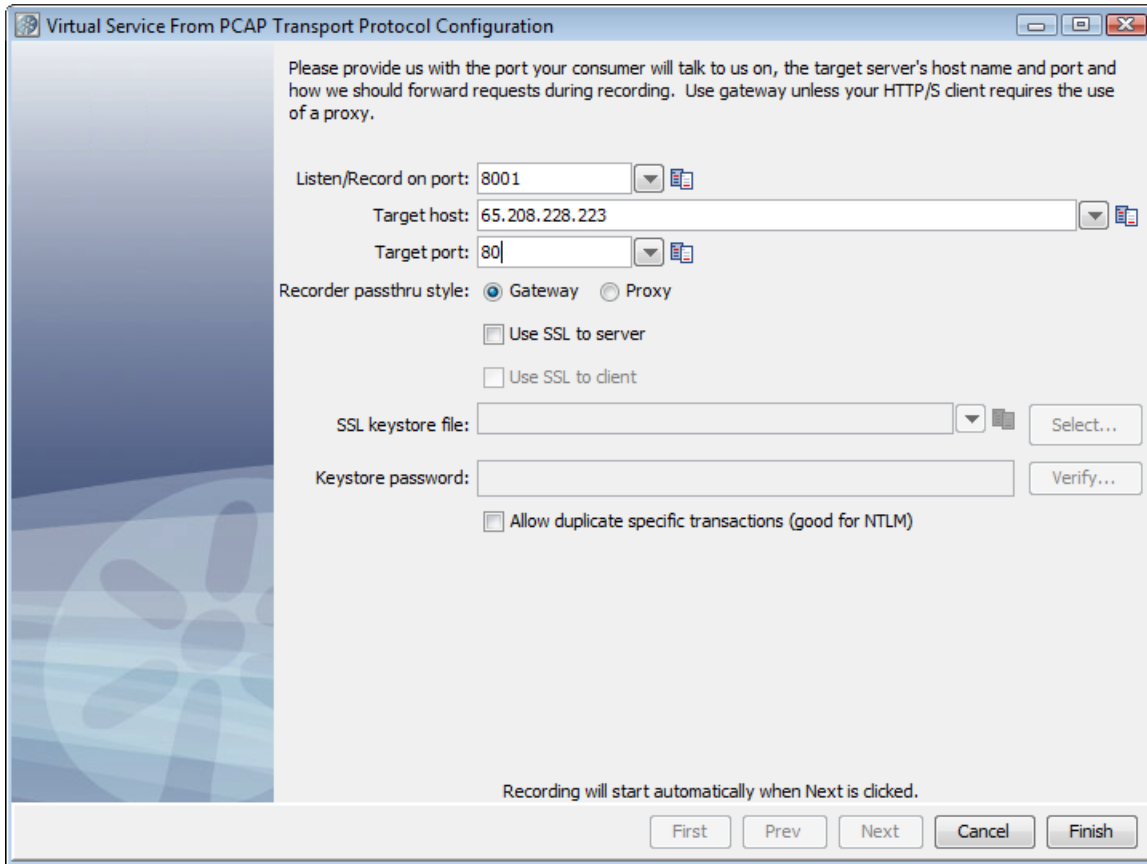


5. Click Next on the data protocol window.



6. Enter the name of, or browse the file system to select, the name of the packet capture file to use for input.

7. Select **HTTP/S** as the Transport Protocol, and click Configure. The Virtual Service from PCAP Transport Protocol Configuration window appears next.



Virtual Service From PCAP Transport Protocol Configuration

Please provide us with the port your consumer will talk to us on, the target server's host name and port and how we should forward requests during recording. Use gateway unless your HTTP/S client requires the use of a proxy.

Listen/Record on port: 8001

Target host: 65.208.228.223

Target port: 80

Recorder passthru style: ☒ Gateway ☐ Proxy

☐ Use SSL to server

☐ Use SSL to client

SSL keystore file:  Select...

Keystore password:  Verify...

☐ Allow duplicate specific transactions (good for NTLM)

Recording will start automatically when Next is clicked.

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

The options are:

- **Listen/Record on port:** Provide the port on which your consumer communicates to LISA. It is typical to choose 8001, but you can choose another port number.
- **Target host:** Enter the name or IP address of the target host where the server is running. Leave blank if you are going to choose a Proxy pass through style.
- **Target port:** Enter the target port number listened to by the server. The defaults are 80 (HTTP) and 443 (HTTPS). Leave blank if you are going to choose a Proxy pass through style.
- **Recorder passthru style:** Indicate how VS Image Recorder will act during recording. The choices are Gateway and Proxy. If you select Proxy, the contents in Target host and Target port fields are cleared and the fields become disabled. This choice impacts how the client connects in the recording mode.
  - If VS Image Recorder would listen in a gateway mode, the client will need to send http requests directly to the recorder and not to the server. (If the client is a browser, the URL will contain the host and port of the the recorder instead of that of the server.)
  - If VS Image Recorder would listen in a proxy mode, then the client will need to specify the recorder host and port as the proxy. (If the client is a browser, then the URL will contain the host and port of the server, but the proxy settings need to be set to route the request through the recorder.)

Most HTTP clients have a setting for NOT using proxy for localhost. If your VS Image Recorder is running on localhost in proxy mode, then you will need to disable this setting for the traffic to get correctly passed through the recorder.
- **Use SSL to server:** If checked, sends HTTPS (secured layer) request to the server. If you check **Use SSL to server** but not **Use SSL to client**, LISA will present a plain HTTP connection for recording, but will send those requests to the server using HTTPS.
- **Use SSL to client:** This option is only enabled if **Use SSL to Server** has been selected. Check whether we can playback an HTTPS request from client using a custom client keystore. When you specify "Use SSL to client", you are allowed to specify a custom keystore and a passphrase. If these are entered, LISA will use them rather than the hard-coded defaults.
- **SSL keystore file:** Name of the keystore file.
- **Keystore password:** Password for the keystore file.



For more information on configuring LISA Virtualize in a two-way SSL environment, see [Virtualizing Two-way SSL Connections](#).

- **Allow duplicate specific transactions (good for NTLM):** Check to allow duplicate specific transactions to be recorded.

8. Click Finish to return to the previous screen.

9. Click Next to begin recording.

## Creating a Service Image by Recording

Service images are generated using the Virtual Service Image Recorder and pretend to be what you recorded (a manipulated or altered version of your recorded raw traffic).



To begin recording a new VS image, click the VSE Recorder icon on the main toolbar, or right-click the **VServices** node on your project panel and select **Create a VS Image by Recording**. You will access the Virtual Service Image Recorder.

### Virtual Service Image Recorder - Basics Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' dialog box with the 'Basics' tab selected. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Write image to:** A text field with the path 'C:\Lisa\Projects\My Tutorials\VServices\newimage.vsi' and a 'Browse...' button.
- Import traffic:** A text field and a 'Browse...' button.
- Transport protocol:** A dropdown menu.
- Desensitize (transport layer):** A checkbox.
- Treat all transactions as stateless:** A checkbox.
- Default navigation:** A dropdown menu set to 'WIDE'.
- Last:** A dropdown menu set to 'LOOSE'.
- Export to:** A text field and a 'Browse...' button.
- Model file:** A text field and a 'Browse...' button.
- VS Model style:** Two radio buttons: 'More flexible' and 'More efficient' (selected).

At the bottom of the dialog are buttons for 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

The first window in the VS Image Recorder wizard provides the name, protocol, and navigation options. Enter the information as needed in the fields depending on the protocol you are using. Subsequent windows are protocol-specific. The Basics tab options are:

- **Write image to:** A unique service image name.
- **Import traffic:** Import a raw or conversational XML traffic file. This field could be blank if no such file exists. If a file is specified, then the transactions in the referenced XML document are merged into those resulting from the ensuing recording.
- **Transport protocol:** Select one of the following options:
  - **HTTP/S:** For virtualizing a web server
  - **IBM MQ Series:** For virtualizing a messaging server connected to IBM WebSphere MQ
  - **Standard JMS:** For virtualizing a messaging server connected to any middleware that supports JMS API
  - **Java:** For virtualizing calls to Java classes
  - **JDBC (Agent based):** For virtualizing a database
  - **JDBC (Driver based):** For virtualizing a database
  - **TCP:** For virtualizing the transport layer that supports TCP traffic
  - **CICS Link:** For virtualizing IBM CICS applications
  - **DRDA:** For virtualizing Distributed Relational Database Architecture databases
- **Desensitize** check box: During the recording, attempt to recognize sensitive data and substitute random values instead. For more information, see [Desensitizing Data](#).
- **Treat all transactions as stateless** check box: This option is provided for very special cases where you may want to treat all recorded transactions as stateless. In most cases, you would leave this cleared.
- **Default navigation:** Select the default [navigation tolerance](#) for all except the last (leaf) transactions. The default is WIDE.
- **Last:** Select the default [navigation tolerance](#) for the last (leaf) transactions. The default is LOOSE.
- **Export to:** Enter the full path of a file where you want the raw traffic logged. If one is specified, every time a transaction is offered to the recorder (either from the transport protocol during actual recording or from the import process), it is written to this file. A recording session

can be captured for later import and can be reused while data protocol details are being refined.

- **Model file:** Enter the full path of your virtual service model file for this service image. The recorder will not automatically generate a VSM unless a file name has been provided in this field. The model style will have no effect unless a VSM is being requested.
- **VS Model style:** Set this option to indicate whether to generate a VSM including the prepare steps or not. The options are:
  - **More flexible:** Default. Includes Prepare steps (leading to a five-step model in case of HTTP/S protocol).
  - **More efficient:** Prepare steps are absent (leading to a three-step model in case of HTTP/S protocol).

The available navigation buttons are:


**First:** Click to return to the first step.

**Prev:** Click to move to the previous step.

**Next:** Click to move to the next step.

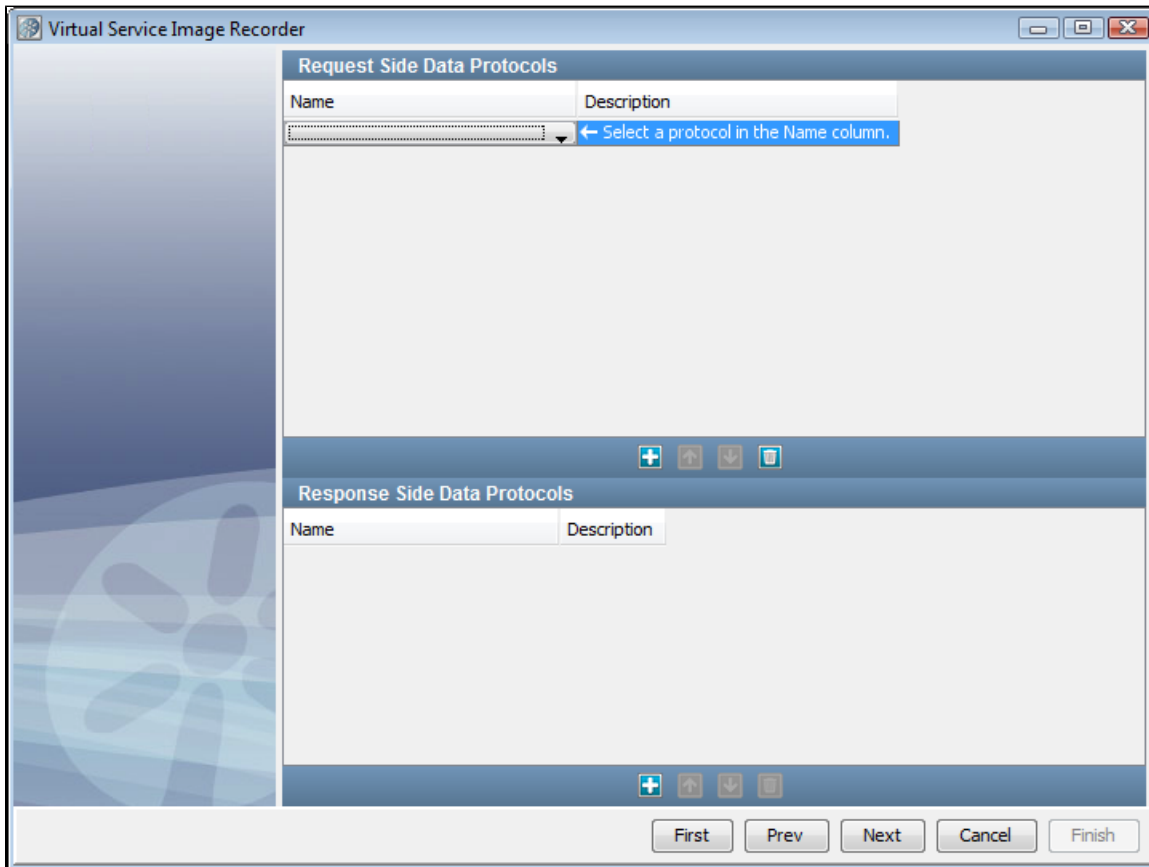
**Cancel:** Click to close the wizard without saving.

**Finish:** Click to complete the recording and save the service image.

Clicking the Load from file  icon will let you navigate the file system to load parameters from a previously-saved service image into this recording session.

Clicking the **Notes** tab will let you create any documentation for this service image.

## Virtual Service Image Recorder - Data Protocols Tab



The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Data Protocols' tab selected. The window is divided into two main sections: 'Request Side Data Protocols' and 'Response Side Data Protocols'. Each section contains a table with 'Name' and 'Description' columns. The 'Request Side Data Protocols' table has a dropdown menu in the 'Name' column with a blue tooltip that says 'Select a protocol in the Name column.' Below the tables are navigation buttons: '+', '↑', '↓', and 'X'. At the bottom of the window are five buttons: 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

The second window in the VS Image Recorder wizard lets you enter information about data protocols for the virtual service.

The recorder can use several data protocol handlers. Choosing the appropriate data protocol helps it to analyze the information it records to correctly distinguish the conversations from one another, and to identify transactions belonging to these conversations. These data protocol handlers can be chained to be used with each other.

- **Web Services (SOAP):** SOAP data protocol used in web services (written for consumption by a web service client).
- **Web Services (SOAP Headers):** Data protocol to convert SOAP header elements into request arguments.
- **Web Services Bridge:** Data protocol for LISA Travel example. It is very specific to the example and would not be very useful in a general case. It can therefore be safely ignored.
- **WS-Security Request:** Strips away any security from the SOAP Request before sending it along the Virtualize framework and applies

security to outgoing SOAP responses.

- **Request Data Manager:** Lets you manipulate VSE requests as they are recorded or played back.
- **Request Data Copier:** Lets you copy data from the current inbound request into the current testing context.
- **Auto Hash Transaction Discovery:** Identifies a message by the hash code of the data. The hash code changes with even a slight change in the data, which effectively makes all requests unique. This is useful in case you will run exactly the same small set of requests against the service.
- **Generic XML Payload Parser:** Identifies that the requests and responses are XML strings. If this protocol is used, then you can identify variables out of the XML messages that are used by the recorder.
- **Data Desensitizer:** During the recording, attempts to recognize sensitive data and substitute random values instead. For more information, see [Desensitizing Data](#).
- **Copybook Data Protocol:** Converts copybook text to XML.
- **Delimited Text Data Protocol:** Converts delimited strings to XML.
- **Scriptable Data Protocol:** Lets you provide scripts on the request side, the response side, or both, to process the request or response.
- **CICS Request Data Access:** TODO
- **DRDA Data Protocol:** Converts binary DRDA payloads to XML during recording to facilitate alignment with native LISA functionality, readability, dynamic data support. Responses are converted back to their native format on playback.

JDBC does not allow a data protocol.

More details on these data protocols is available at [Using Data Protocols](#).

Using a dynamic data protocol is covered in [Generic XML Payload Parser](#).

## Recording by Transport Protocol

More detailed instructions are available for each method of recording VS Images.

[Recording HTTPS Service Images](#)

[Recording IBM WebSphere MQ Service Images](#)

[Recording Standard JMS Service Images](#)

[Recording Java Service Images](#)

[Recording JDBC \(Driver based\) Service Images](#)

[Recording TCP Service Images](#)

[Recording WS Service Images](#)

## Recording HTTPS Service Images

1. If you are using HTTP/S as the transport protocol in the Basics tab of the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the wizard steps in the following example.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with some basic information about what is to be recorded and select the appropriate protocol(s) involved. Some transport protocols do not allow for a data protocol.

Basics Notes

Write image to: C:\Lisa5.1.0.736\examples\VSservices\Images\WebServices.vsi Browse...

☒ Create ☐ Merge into

Import traffic: Browse

Transport protocol: HTTP/S

☒ Desensitize (transport layer)

☐ Treat all transactions as stateless

Default navigation: WIDE Last: LOOSE

Export to: C:\Lisa5.1.0.736\examples\VSservices\traffic.xml Browse...

Model file: C:\Lisa5.1.0.736\examples\VSservices\webservices.vsm Browse...

VS Model style: ☒ More flexible ☐ More efficient

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

- Click Next on the recorder's first screen.
- Do not select any value for the data protocol on the recorder's second screen and click Next.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

**Request Side Data Protocols**

Name	Description
Web Services (SOAP)	Protocol layer for handling SOAP-based web services calls.

+ ↑ ↓ ✖

**Response Side Data Protocols**

Name	Description
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+ ↑ ↓ ✖

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

- Click Next on the recorder's second screen.
- Enter the port and host information for this step.

The options are:

- **Listen/Record on port:** Provide the port on which your consumer communicates to LISA. It is typical to select 8001, but you can use another port number.
- **Target host:** Enter the name or IP address of the target host where the server is running. Leave blank if you are going to select a Proxy pass through style.
- **Target port:** Enter the target port number listened to by the server. The defaults are 80 (HTTP) and 443 (HTTPS). Leave blank if you are going to select a Proxy pass through style.
- **Recorder pass-through style:** Indicate how VS Image Recorder will act during recording. The choices are Gateway and Proxy. If you select Proxy, the contents in Target host and Target port fields are cleared and the fields become disabled. This choice impacts how the client connects in the recording mode.
  - If VS Image Recorder would listen in a gateway mode, the client will need to send http requests directly to the recorder and not to the server. (If the client is a browser, the URL will contain the host and port of the the recorder instead of that of the server.)
  - If VS Image Recorder would listen in a proxy mode, then the client will need to specify the recorder host and port as the proxy. (If the client is a browser, then the URL will contain the host and port of the server, but the proxy settings need to be set to route the request through the recorder.)

Most HTTP clients have a setting for NOT using proxy for localhost. If your VS Image Recorder is running on localhost in proxy mode, then you will need to disable this setting for the traffic to get correctly passed through the recorder.
- **Use SSL to server:** If selected, sends HTTPS (secured layer) request to the server. If you select **Use SSL to server** but not **Use SSL to client**, a plain HTTP connection is presented for recording, but those requests will be sent to the server using HTTPS.
- **Use SSL to client:** This option is only enabled if **Use SSL to Server** has been selected. Check whether we can playback an HTTPS request from client using a custom client keystore. When you specify "Use SSL to client", you are allowed to specify a custom keystore and a passphrase. If these are entered, they will be used rather than the hard-coded defaults.
- **SSL keystore file:** Name of the keystore file.
- **Keystore password:** Password for the keystore file.

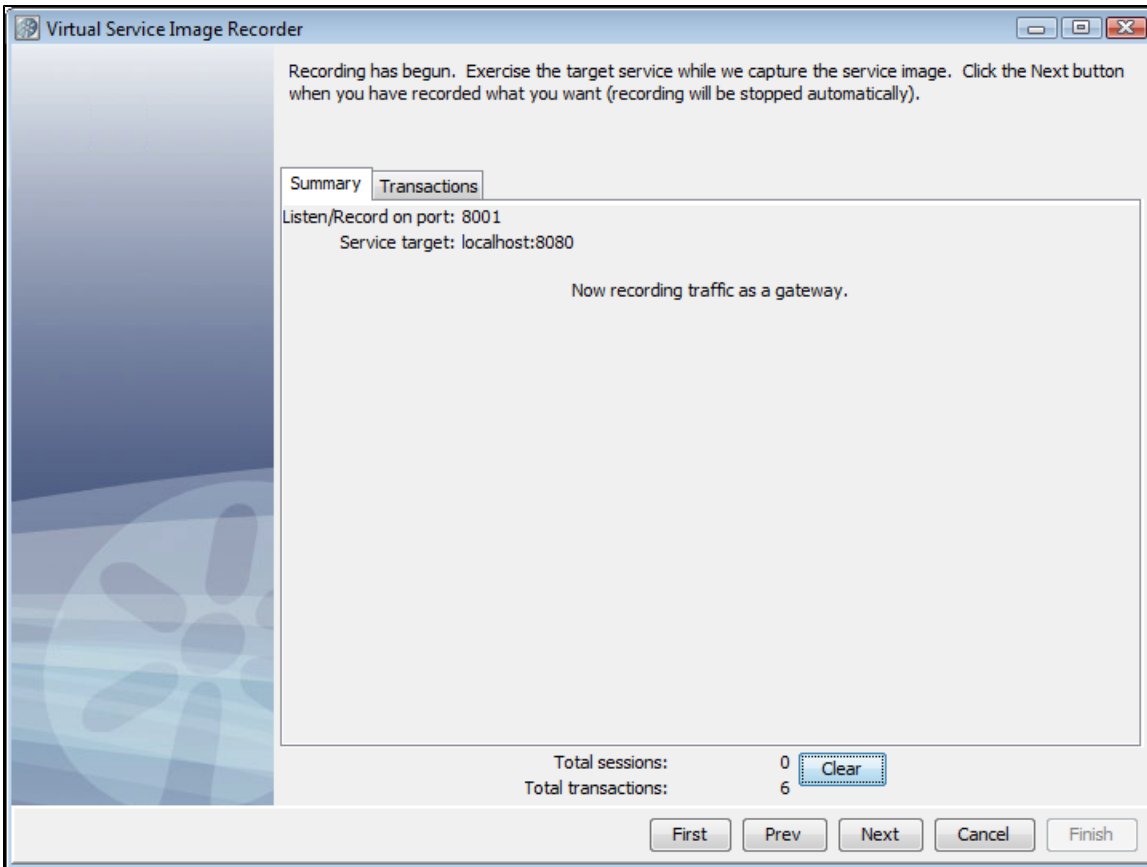


For more information on configuring LISA Virtualize in a two-way SSL environment, see [Virtualizing Two-way SSL Connections](#).

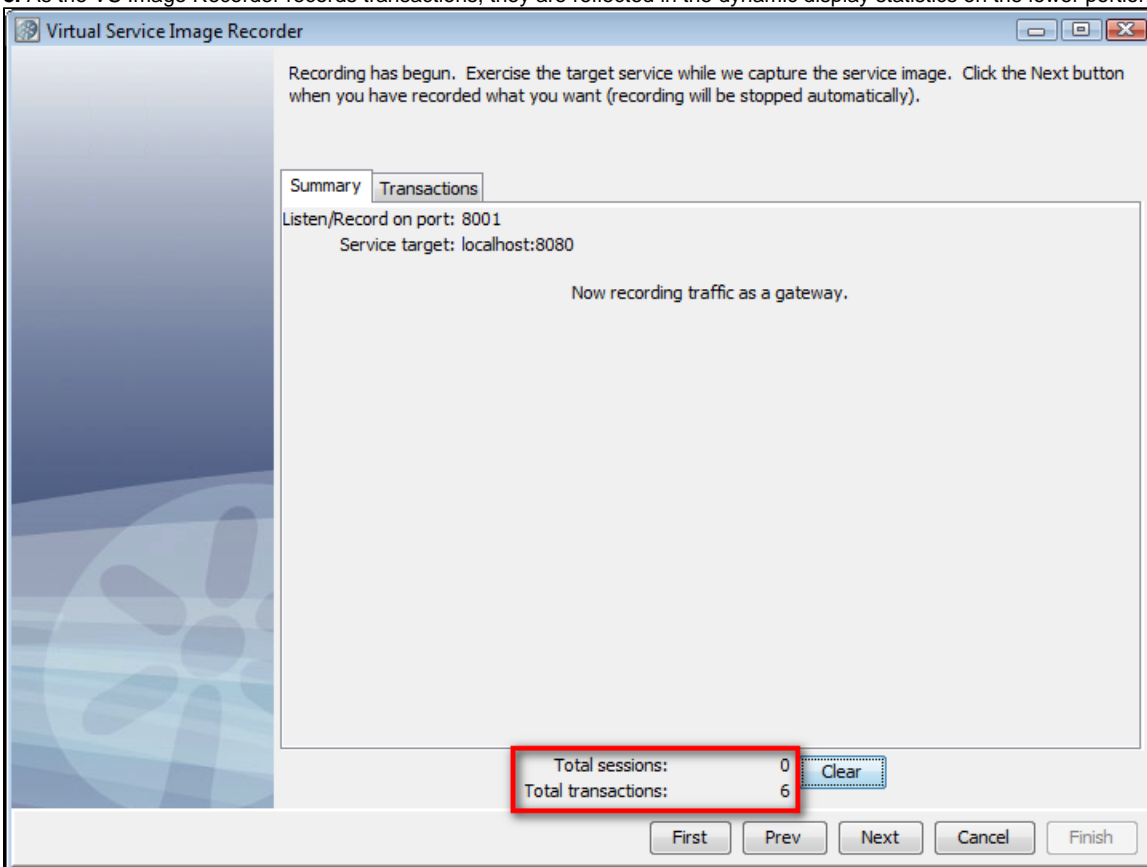
- **Allow duplicate specific transactions (good for NTLM):** Select to allow duplicate specific transactions to be recorded.

6. The VS Image Recorder starts recording the traffic when you click Next. The screen displays the assigned port and service target.
7. Start recording the traffic now. Use your HTTP client to send the requests to the server routed through the VS Image Recorder.





8. As the VS Image Recorder records transactions, they are reflected in the dynamic display statistics on the lower portion of the screen.

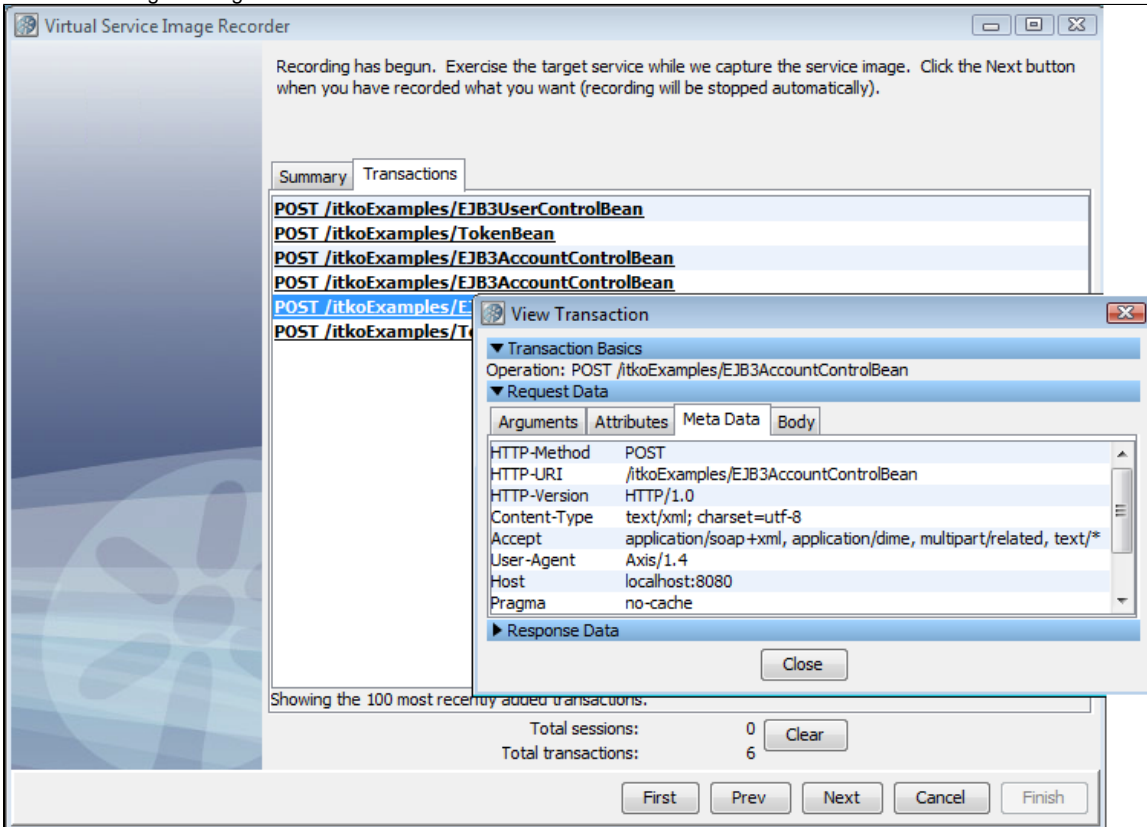


The options and dynamic display statistics are:

- **Total conversations:** Indicates the number of conversations recorded.

- **Total transactions:** Indicates the number of transactions recorded.
- **Clear:** Click this button to clear out currently recorded transactions.

9. The Transactions tab will display a list of the most recent transactions recorded. On this list of transactions, you can double-click a transaction and see a dialog showing the content of the transaction.

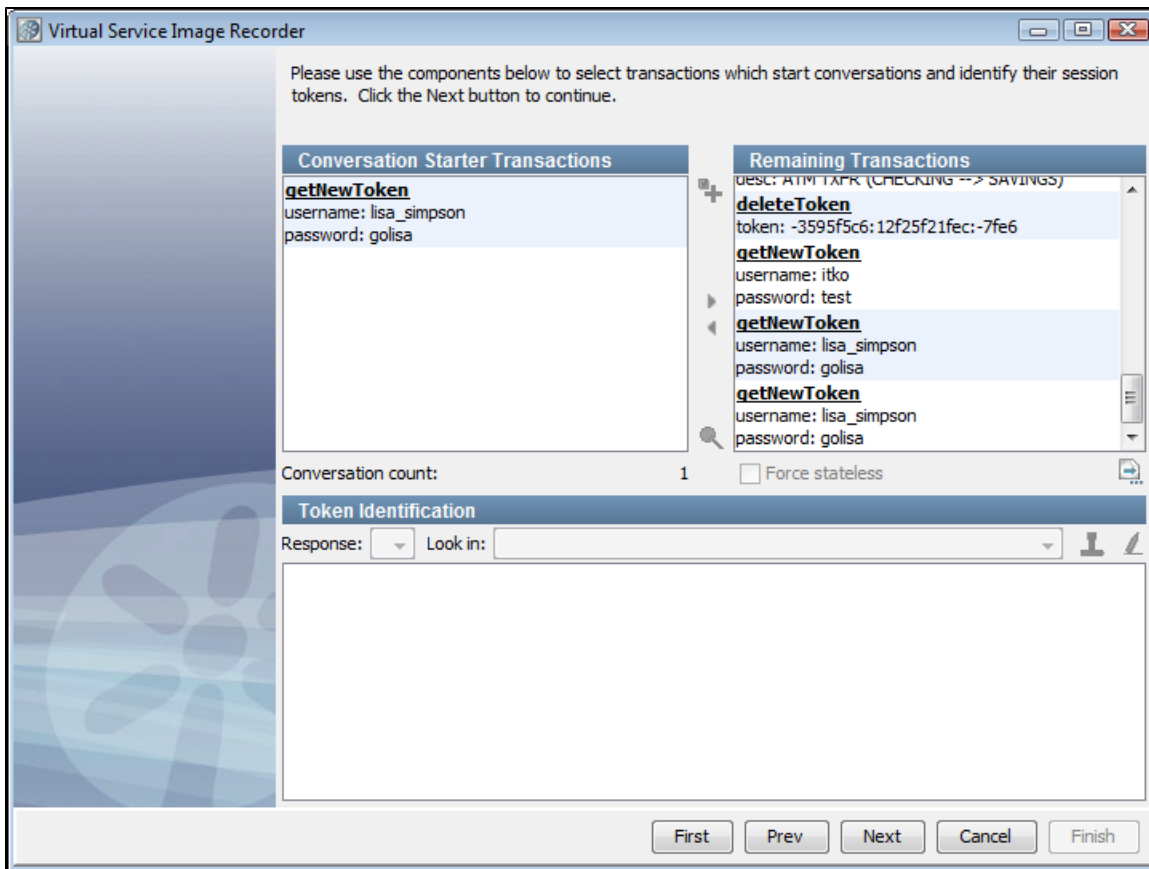


10. When you have completed the recording, click to move to the next step. If you click Next and no transactions have been recorded, an error message appears. Click OK to continue recording.



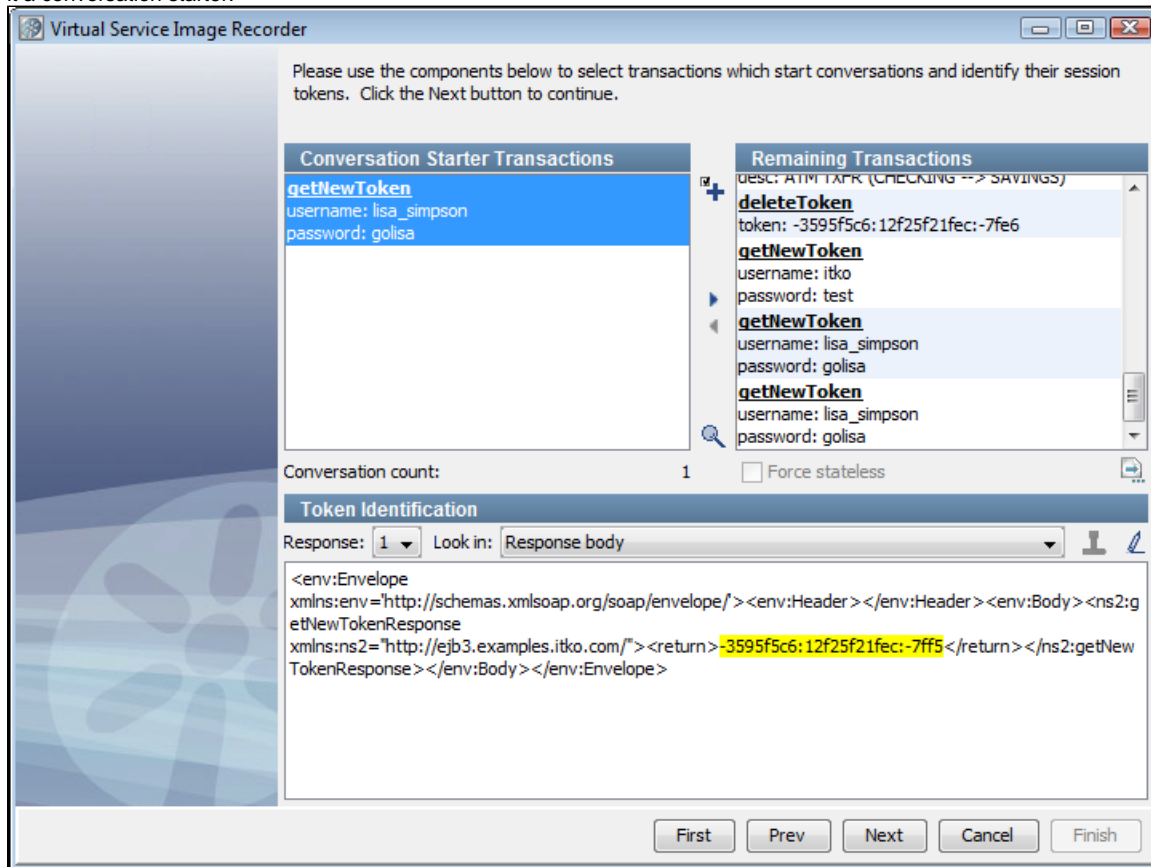
If transactions are not recorded, you may have a port conflict. The client sends transactions to the application instead of the Virtual Service Recorder. If another service is using that port, either stop that service or change the port setting so there is no longer a conflict.

11. After you record traffic, click **Next**.



12. If no conversations were detected during the recording process, select transactions that start conversations. For token-based conversations, you must specify where tokens can be found. Use the **Token Identification** area in the VS Image Recorder wizards. Select transactions that start conversations and identify the session tokens. Select the **getNewToken** Conversation Starter Transaction listed and click the blue arrow to make

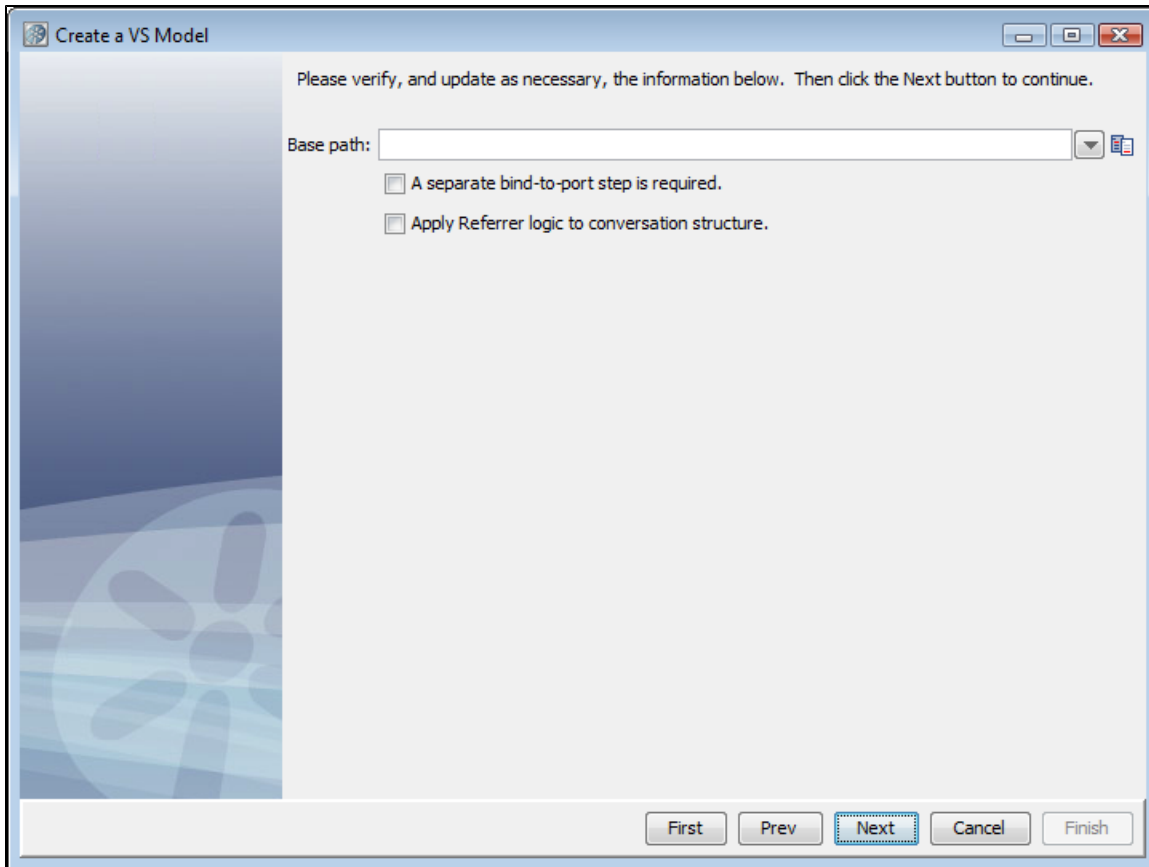
it a conversation starter.



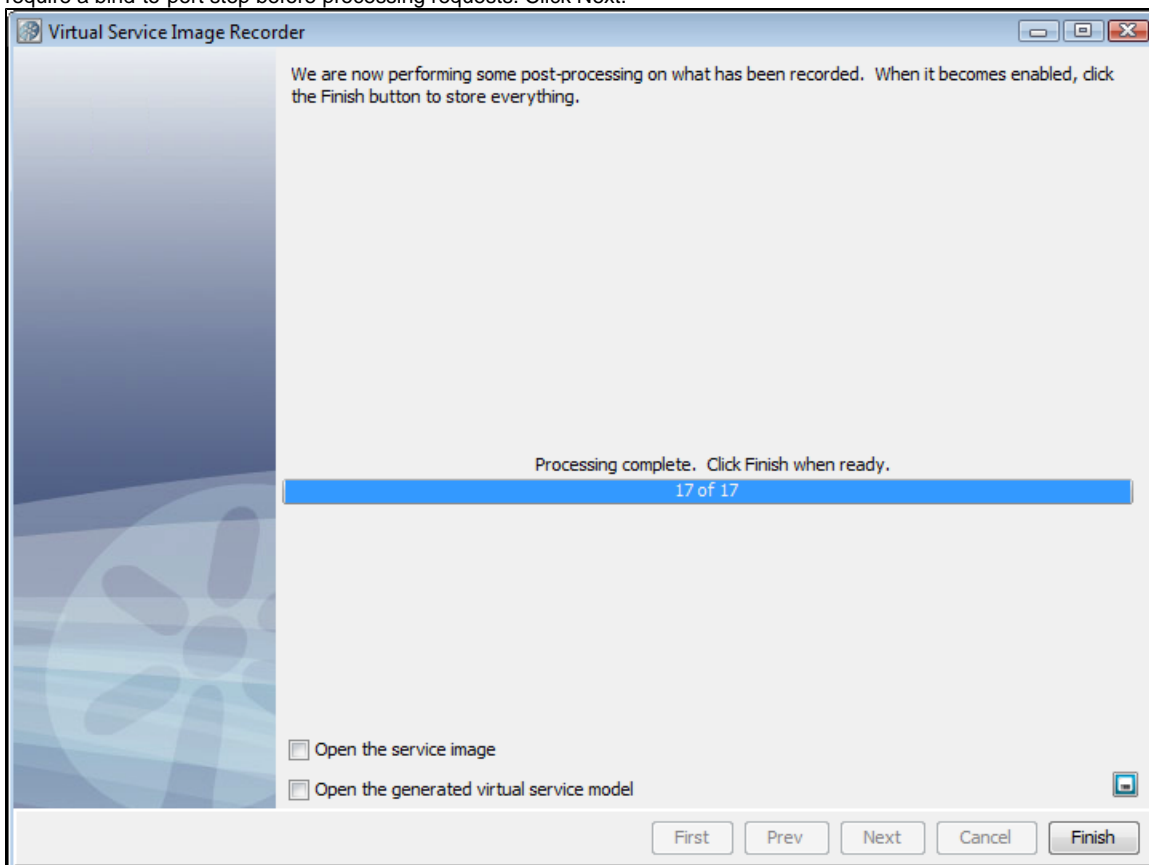
The step components are:

- **Conversation Starter Transactions:** Lists the transactions you have selected as conversation starters. Select a transaction and click the arrow to move the transaction to the Remaining Transactions list if you do not want it to be a conversation starter.
  - **Remaining Transactions:** Lists the recorded transactions. Select a transaction and click the arrow to move the transaction to the Conversation Starter Transactions list.
  - **Plus icon:** Selects all transactions (either Conversation Starters or Remaining) in the list that are like a selected transaction. Use the appropriate arrow button to move all the selected transactions.
  - **Conversation count:** Displays the number of conversations in the recording. As you build conversations, the number is increased.
  - **Force stateless:** From the Remaining Transactions list, select any transactions that should stay stateless and select the check box. For example, you may decide that a transaction that includes an image should stay stateless even though it contains a conversation starter token.
  - **Stateless Transactions:** Click to see a list of all transactions that will remain stateless, assuming the identified conversations on this panel. You can use the list to verify that you have identified all the conversation starter transactions.
  - **Save:** Click to save the raw recorded transactions. Click Browse to navigate to the location in which to save the file. You can import the raw traffic recording in the Basics tab before beginning a new recording.
  - **Response:** For the currently selected transaction, this identifies which of its responses to look in. In general, 1 is the only option.
  - **Look in:** Identifies the piece of the response you want to see when looking for conversation tokens. The drop-down list contains an entry for each of the response's meta data entries plus one for the response's body.
  - **Token Identification area:** Based on the selected transaction and response, the content of the selected Look in section of the response is displayed here.
    - To mark a piece of the text as a conversation token, select the text and click the red rubber stamp icon. The text is then highlighted in yellow.
    - To mark the text as no longer a conversation token, either mark a different piece of the text or click the Erase icon.
- After you mark a token, you can use the search icon to find similar transactions and mark their tokens. Click the search icon to open a dialog where you can select text (such as XML tags) that bound the conversation token, thus specifying the leading and trailing text to search for.

13. Click Next.




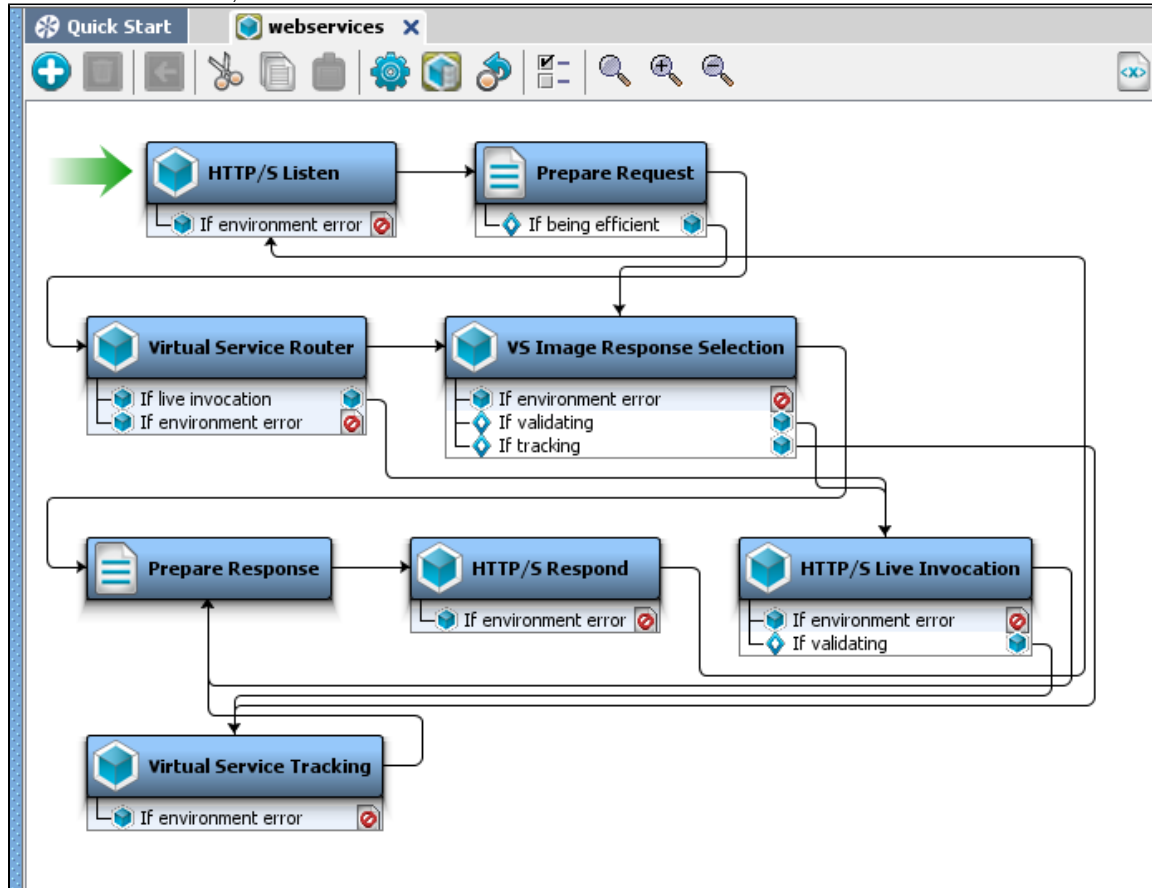
14. After you have identified the conversation starter tokens, verify the base path. Update the base path as needed. If needed, check the box to require a bind-to-port step before processing requests. Click Next.



15. During post-processing, the VS Image Recorder displays the processing status. As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to

binary.

16. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, click the Save  icon.
17. The recorder completes post-processing the recording. Click Finish to store the image.
18. In LISA Workstation, review and save the .vsm.



## Virtualizing Two-way SSL Connections

To be able to virtualize a two-way SSL connection, LISA must have:

- both client keystore and server keystore, **or**
- client keystore and LISA keystore (see `webreckeys.ks` in the LISA home directory). Extract the LISA certificate from the LISA keystore and add it to the client trust-store. The LISA certificate is a self-signed certificate and not a certificate issued by a CA authority. This workaround will only work in the cases where client will accept self-signed certificates.

In either case you will end up with two keystores: one client keystore and one server keystore (or LISA keystore).

Configure your SSL properties in the **local.properties** file, which is in the LISA home directory, to use the client keystore as follows:

- **ssl.client.cert.path**=path to your keystore; for example, `c:/mykeystore.jks`
- **ssl.client.cert.pass**=your keystore password
- **ssl.client.key.pass**=your certificate password

Start the VSE recorder and tell it to use two-way SSL. If you are using a client and a server keystore, your recorder should look similar to this screen:

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with the port your consumer will talk to us on, the target server's host name and port and how we should forward requests during recording. Use gateway unless your HTTP/S client requires the use of a proxy.

Listen/Record on port: 8001

Target host: localhost

Target port: 443

Recorder passthru style: ☒ Gateway ☐ Proxy

☒ Use SSL to server

☒ Use SSL to client

SSL keystore file: c:\porttuer\porttuer 1.5\lisa.jks

Keystore password: .....

Select...

Verify...

Recording will start automatically when Next is clicked.

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

If you are using a LISA keystore instead of the actual server keystore, you will not need to provide the path to it. That keystore will be used by default and your recorder should be configured similar to this screen:

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with the port your consumer will talk to us on, the target server's host name and port and how we should forward requests during recording. Use gateway unless your HTTP/S client requires the use of a proxy.

Listen/Record on port: 8001

Target host: localhost

Target port: 443

Recorder passthru style: ☒ Gateway ☐ Proxy

☒ Use SSL to server

☒ Use SSL to client

SSL keystore file:

Keystore password:

Select...

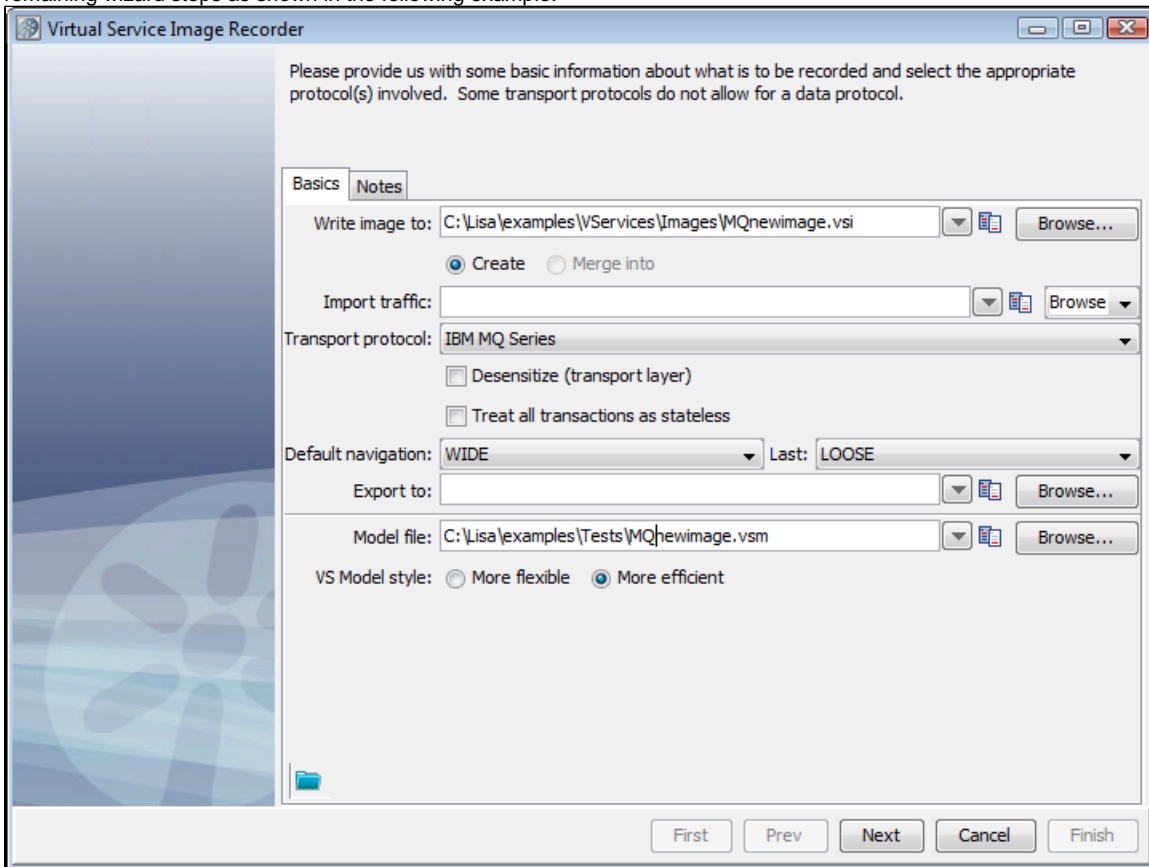
Verify...

Recording will start automatically when Next is clicked.

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

## Recording IBM WebSphere MQ Service Images

1. Information in configuring IBM WebSphere MQ is available in [Installing a Messaging Simulator](#).
2. If you are using IBM WebSphere MQ as the Transport protocol in the Basics tab in the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the remaining wizard steps as shown in the following example.



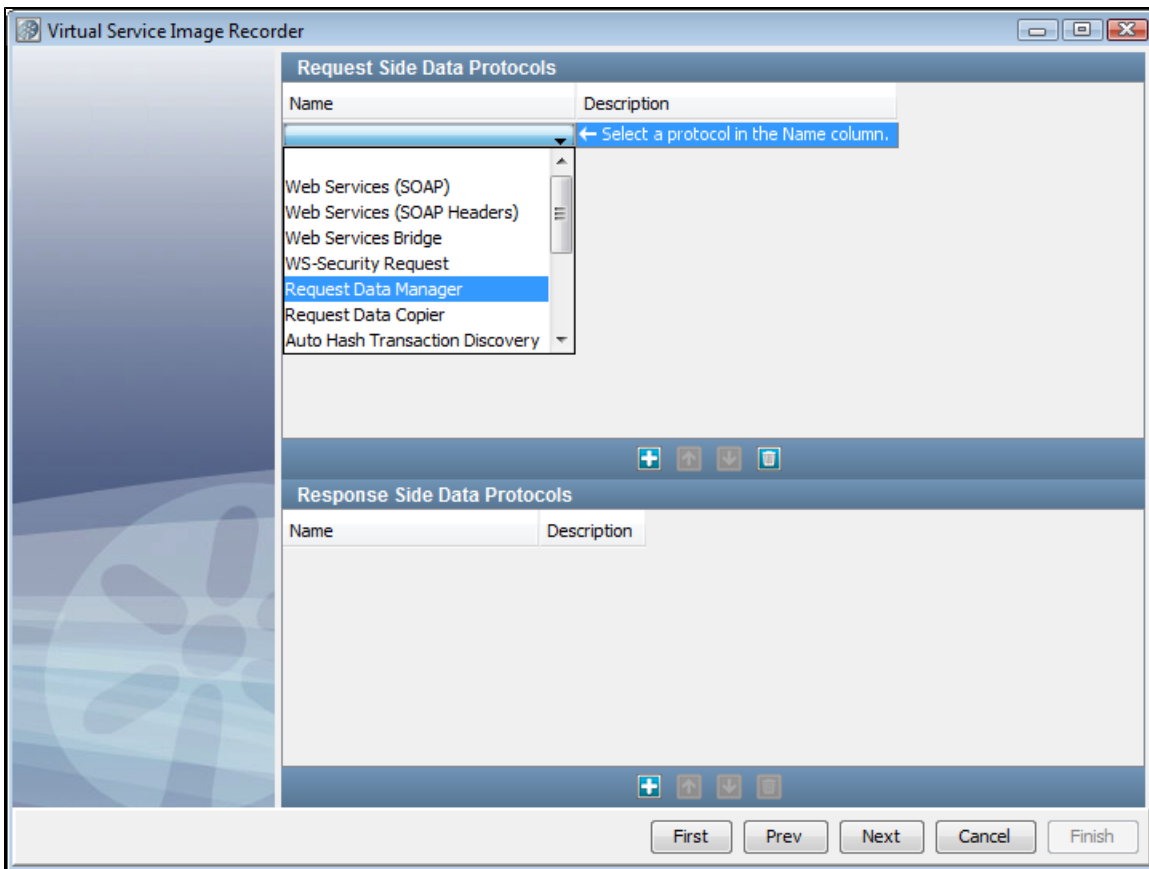
The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Basics' tab selected. The window contains the following fields and options:

- Write image to:** C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\Images\MQnewimage.vsi (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Options:** ☒ Create, ☐ Merge into
- Import traffic:** (empty field with a 'Browse...' button)
- Transport protocol:** IBM MQ Series (dropdown menu)
- Options:** ☐ Desensitize (transport layer), ☐ Treat all transactions as stateless
- Default navigation:** WIDE (dropdown menu), **Last:** LOOSE (dropdown menu)
- Export to:** (empty field with a 'Browse...' button)
- Model file:** C:\Lisa\examples\Tests\MQnewimage.vsm (with a 'Browse...' button)
- VS Model style:** ☐ More flexible, ☒ More efficient

At the bottom of the window are navigation buttons: First, Prev, Next, Cancel, and Finish.

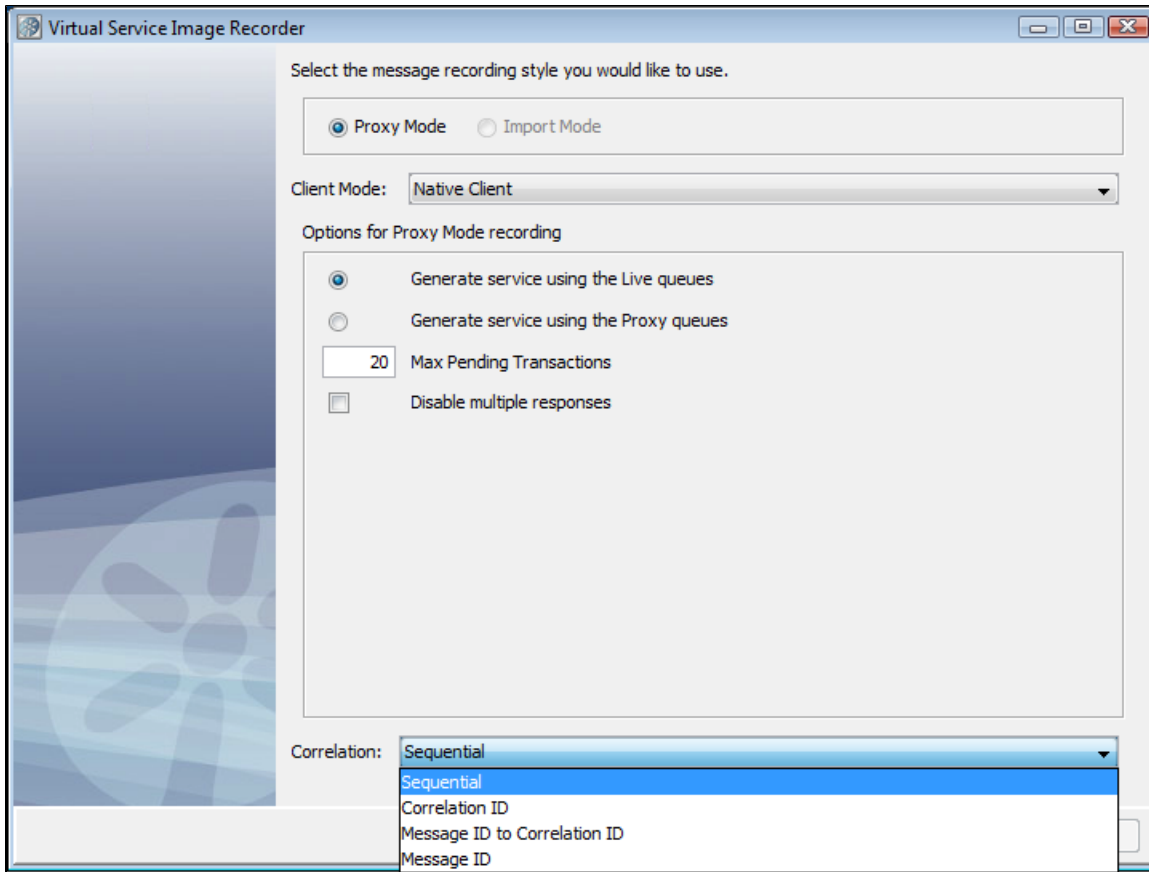
3. Click Next on the recorder's first screen.
4. Add a Request Data Manager Protocol on the recorder's second screen and click Next. For more information on configuring this protocol, see [Request Data Manager](#).





5. This is the recording mode selection step. For now, the only true *recording* mode supported is Proxy Mode. With Proxy Mode comes the option to generate the service from the Live queues (the previous default behavior) or generate the service using the Proxy queues.

### Proxy Mode



Proxy Mode allows the use of proxy destinations to be set up on the message bus. The client application is configured to put messages on those proxy destinations and LISA will forward to the real destination after recording them. The same thing happens on the response side, where LISA is configured to listen on the real response destination and get the message and forward it to the response proxy destination. This mode can behave differently if temporary destinations are enabled, making the response side basically automated.

When Proxy Mode is selected, the configuration panel has a option button selection for whether to use the Live queues or Proxy queues when generating the final VSM/Sl.

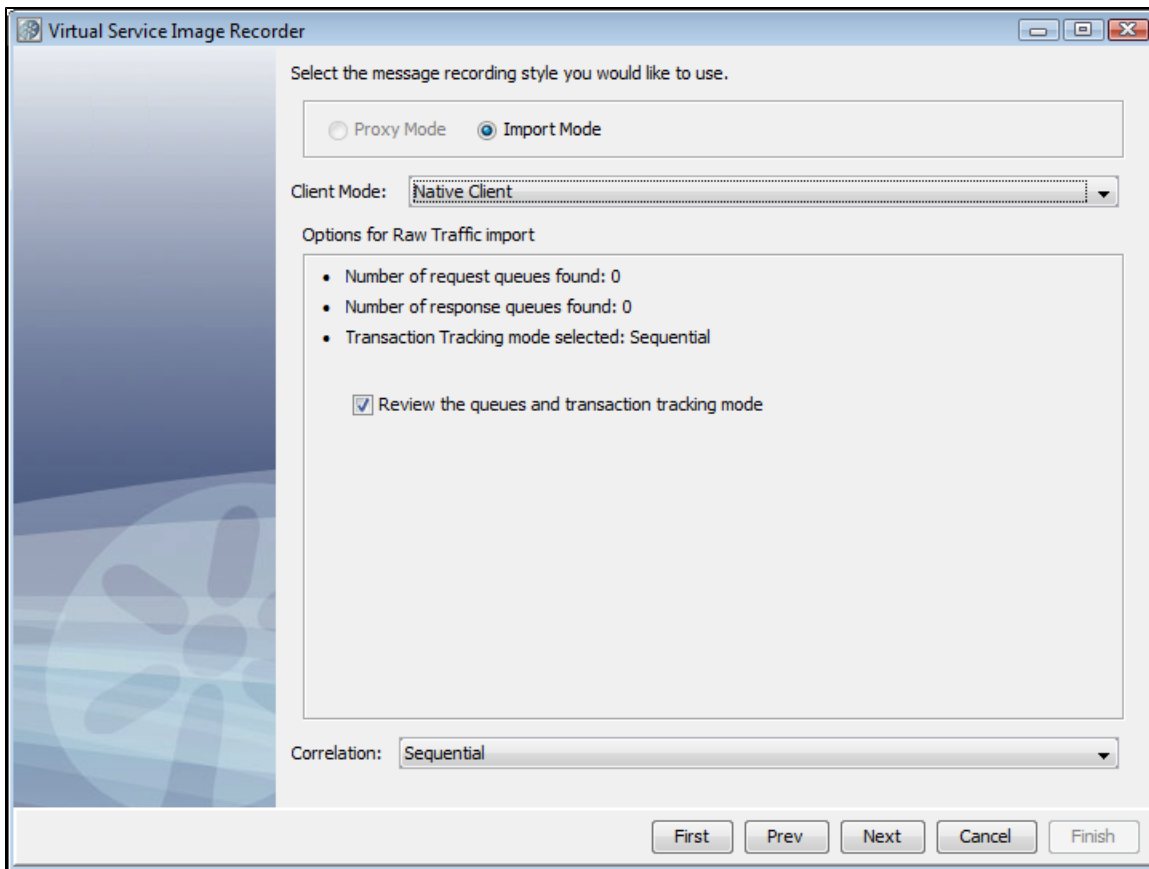
- **Max Pending Transactions:** This is the maximum number of running response listeners on each response queue. These response listeners will run until as long as a transaction is pending. When the number of pending transactions exceeds this maximum amount the oldest transaction will be closed automatically. Previously this was available as a system property: `lisa.vse.messaging.maxTransactionBufferSize`. If you enter 0 in this field, there will be no maximum number.
- **Disable Multiple Responses:** This determines whether to support multiple responses in each transaction. By default a transaction will stay pending after the first response, waiting for more responses to come in for the same transaction. When this option is selected the transaction will be automatically closed after the first response. If there are many transactions coming in very quickly, this can be a performance boost, especially for MQ.

The **Correlation** field contains the possible correlation schemes for putting together the request and response sides of individual transactions. JMS is asynchronous, which means we are receiving the requests and responses separately. This drop-down provides a way for you to tell the VSE Recorder which request to associate with which response. For the Correlation field, there are four options:

- **Sequential:** Every response is associated with the last request that was received, chronologically.
- **Correlation ID:** The request and the response must have the same Correlation ID.
- **Message ID to Correlation ID:** The request's Message ID must equal the response's Correlation ID.
- **Message ID:** The request and the response have the same Message ID.

## Import Mode

If you specify a raw traffic file on the initial recording screen in the Import traffic field, the **Proxy Mode** option is dimmed and the **Import Mode** screen selected.



With Import Mode, the extra configuration has some information about what request and response queues were detected in the raw traffic file and a check box that lets you skip the request and response steps altogether.

For Import mode, a **Client Mode** drop-down appears, where you can select:

- **Client Mode:** Select from JMS, Native Client or Bindings. Lets you select how you want to interact with the WebSphere MQ server.
  - **Native Client:** A pure Java implementation using IBM-specific APIs
  - **JMS:** A pure Java implementation based on the JMS specification. We recommend you use the JMS Transport Protocol instead of MQ if you want this implementation.
  - **Bindings:** Requires access to the native libraries from a WebSphere MQ client installation. You must make sure these libraries are accessible by the LISA application runtime. In most cases, having these available in the PATH environment is good enough.

The **Review the queues and transaction tracking mode** check box lets you skip the request and response steps altogether. If the raw traffic file comes from Pathfinder, this should be cleared by default, because Pathfinder will auto-detect queues and transactions. If the raw traffic file is from somewhere else, this is selected by default to let you review destination and tracking settings.

The **Correlation** field contains the possible correlation schemes for putting together the request and response sides of individual transactions. JMS is asynchronous, which means we are receiving the requests and responses separately. This drop-down provides a way for you to tell the VSE Recorder which request to associate with which response. For the **Correlation** field, there are four options:

- **Sequential:** Every response is associated with the last request that was received, chronologically.
- **Correlation ID:** The request and the response must have the same Correlation ID.
- **Message ID to Correlation ID:** The request's Message ID must equal the response's Correlation ID.
- **Message ID:** The request and the response have the same Message ID.



## Destination Info Tab

6. Enter your proxy queue and live queue names, and select the queue type from the drop-down. The Create Proxy Queue check box makes it possible to create a temporary queue on the fly to be used as a proxy queue. Select it if you have not manually created the proxy queue on WebSphere MQ.



Virtual Service Image Recorder


Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to.

Destination Info   **Connection setUp**   Proxy Connection setUp

Proxy Queue:   

☐ Create Proxy Queue

Live Queue:   

Queue Type:  

7. Go to the **Connection setUp** tab and enter the connection parameters useful to connect to the MOM. These connection parameters are internally saved to save typing the next time.

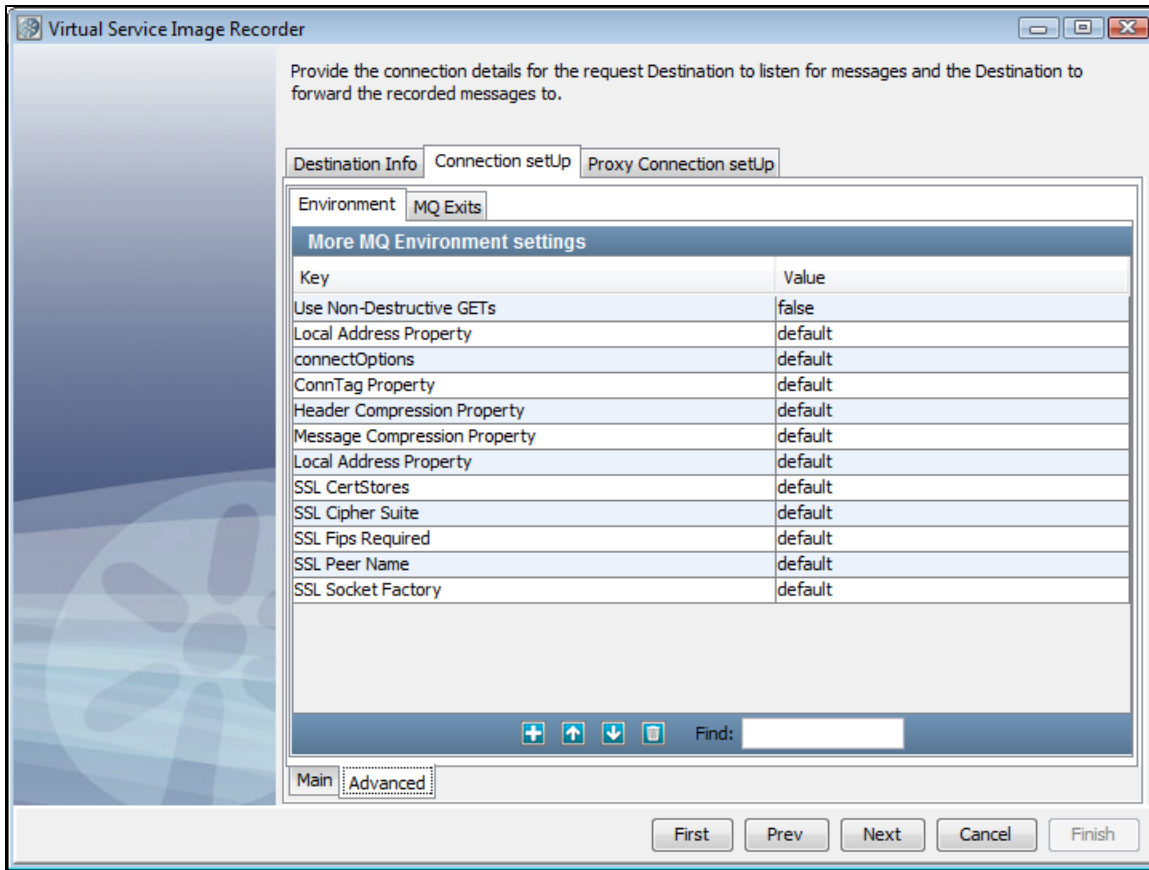
#### Connection setUp Tab - Main

The screenshot shows a window titled "Virtual Service Image Recorder". Inside, there is a text instruction: "Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to." Below this, there are three tabs: "Destination Info", "Connection setUp" (which is selected), and "Proxy Connection setUp". The "Connection setUp" tab contains several input fields: "Host Name:", "TCP/IP Port:", "Channel:", "Queue Manager:", "User:", "Password:", and "Alt QManager:". Each of these fields has a dropdown arrow and a document icon to its right. At the bottom left of the dialog, there are two sub-tabs: "Main" and "Advanced". At the bottom right, there are five buttons: "First", "Prev", "Next", "Cancel", and "Finish".

### Connection setUp Tab - Advanced - Environment

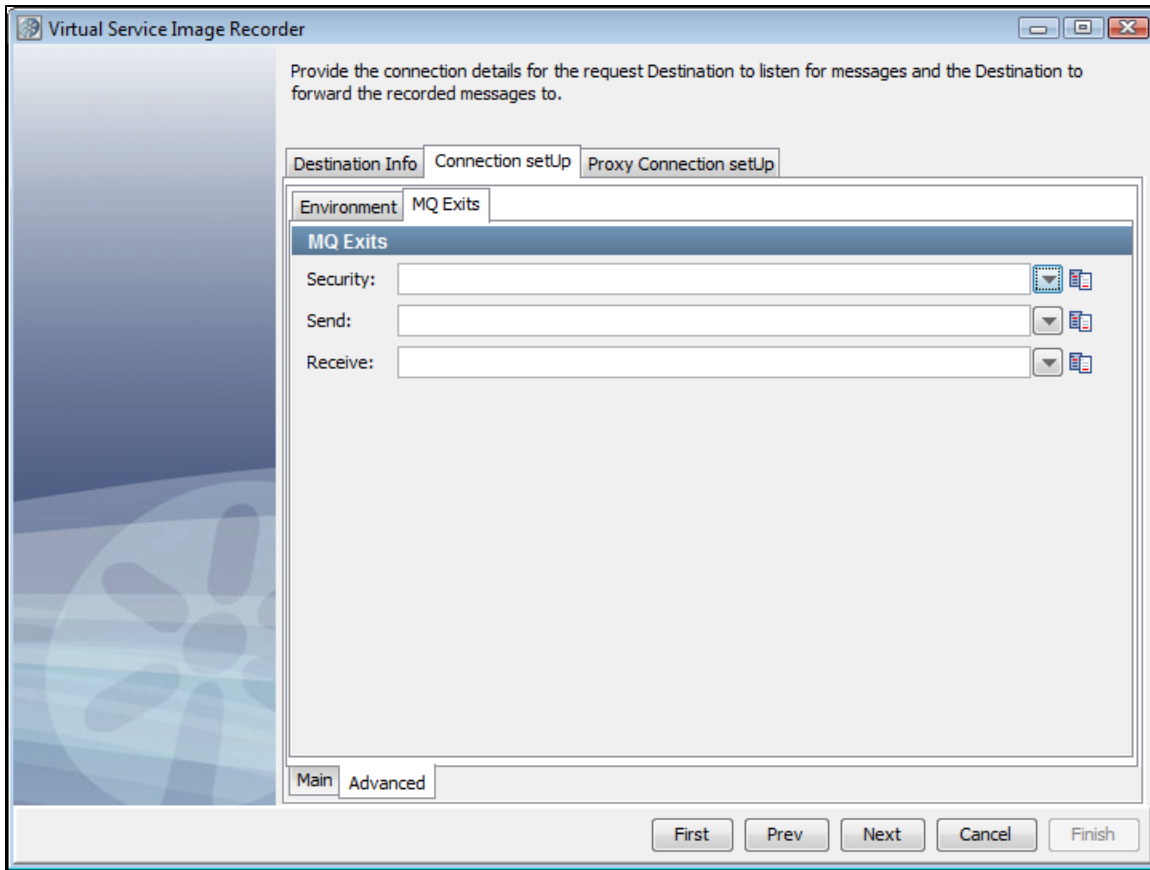
The **Connection Setup Main** tab for WebSphere MQ has an **Advanced** tab with two sub-tabs, **Environment** and **MQ Exits**.

The **Environment** tab lets you add, delete, and specify values for additional MQ environment settings.



### Connection setUp Tab - Advanced - Exits

On the **MQ Exits** tab, you can point to MQ exits for Security, Send, and Receive.



### Proxy Connection setUp Tab - Main

The **Proxy Connection Setup** tab is an optional separate set of connection info for when your Proxy Queues are on a different Queue Manager from your Live Queues. It has both Main and Advanced tabs.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to.

Destination Info | **Connection setUp** | Proxy Connection setUp

☐ Enable separate proxy connection

Host Name:

TCP/IP Port:

Channel:

Queue Manager:

User:

Password:

Alt QManager:

Main | **Advanced**

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

### Proxy Connection setUp Tab - Advanced

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to.

Destination Info | Connection setUp | **Proxy Connection setUp**

☐ Enable separate proxy connection

Environment | **MQ Exits**

**More MQ Environment settings**

Key	Value
Use Non-Destructive GETs	false
Local Address Property	default
connectOptions	default
ConnTag Property	default
Header Compression Property	default
Message Compression Property	default
Local Address Property	default
SSL CertStores	default
SSL Cipher Suite	default
SSL Fips Required	default
SSL Peer Name	default
SSL Socket Factory	default

Find:

Main | **Advanced**

First Prev Next Cancel Finish




## Destination List Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Destination List Tab' selected. The window title is 'Virtual Service Image Recorder'. The main instruction reads: 'Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.' The form includes the following fields and controls:

- Live Queue:** A text input field.
- Queue Type:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Queue - ASYNC'.
- Proxy Queue:** A text input field.
- ☐ Create Proxy Queue
- ☐ use temporary queue/topic
- Queue Model:** A dropdown menu.
- ☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

Below these fields is a table titled 'Response Destinations' with the following columns: Destination Name, Type, Connection Info, and Message Count. The table is currently empty. Below the table is a toolbar with icons for adding (+), deleting (-), and other actions, along with a 'Find:' search box. At the bottom of the window are navigation buttons: 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

On this tab, we set the response and response proxy queues. You may remember that in case of messaging, more than one response is possible for a given request. Use the Add  icon to register a set of response and response proxy queues. Before registering the response queue that you want to use for unknown requests, select the Use for Unknown Responses check box.

There is a check box on the Response wizard page for temporary destinations. Selecting this will disable the destination name and proxy destination name text fields and mark the response listener you are adding as a temporary response. The destination name will be blank.

### Adding a temporary response destination

A "temporary" destination in messaging is a destination created on demand for a messaging client. This is typically used in request-response scenarios.

LISA supports using a temporary queues for the responses. In LISA 6.0.1, we only support one concurrent transaction with a temporary queue at a time.

### Current Connection Info Tab - Main

It is possible to go to the **Current Connection Info** tab to verify that the connection info is correct. It is copied from the connection information that was given earlier, and you may want to change it only in a very rare case when the response connection information is different.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Queue:

Queue Type: Queue - ASYNC

Proxy Queue:

☐ Create Proxy Queue

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Queue Model:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

Host Name:

TCP/IP Port:

Channel:

Queue Manager:

User:

Password:

Main Advanced

Destination List Current Connection Info Proxy Connection Info ReplyTo Info

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

### Current Connection Info Tab - Advanced

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Queue:

Queue Type: Queue - ASYNC

Proxy Queue:

☐ Create Proxy Queue

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Queue Model:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

Environment MQ Exits

More MQ Environment settings

Key	Value
Use Non-Destructive GETs	false
Local Address Property	default
connectOptions	default
ConnTag Property	default

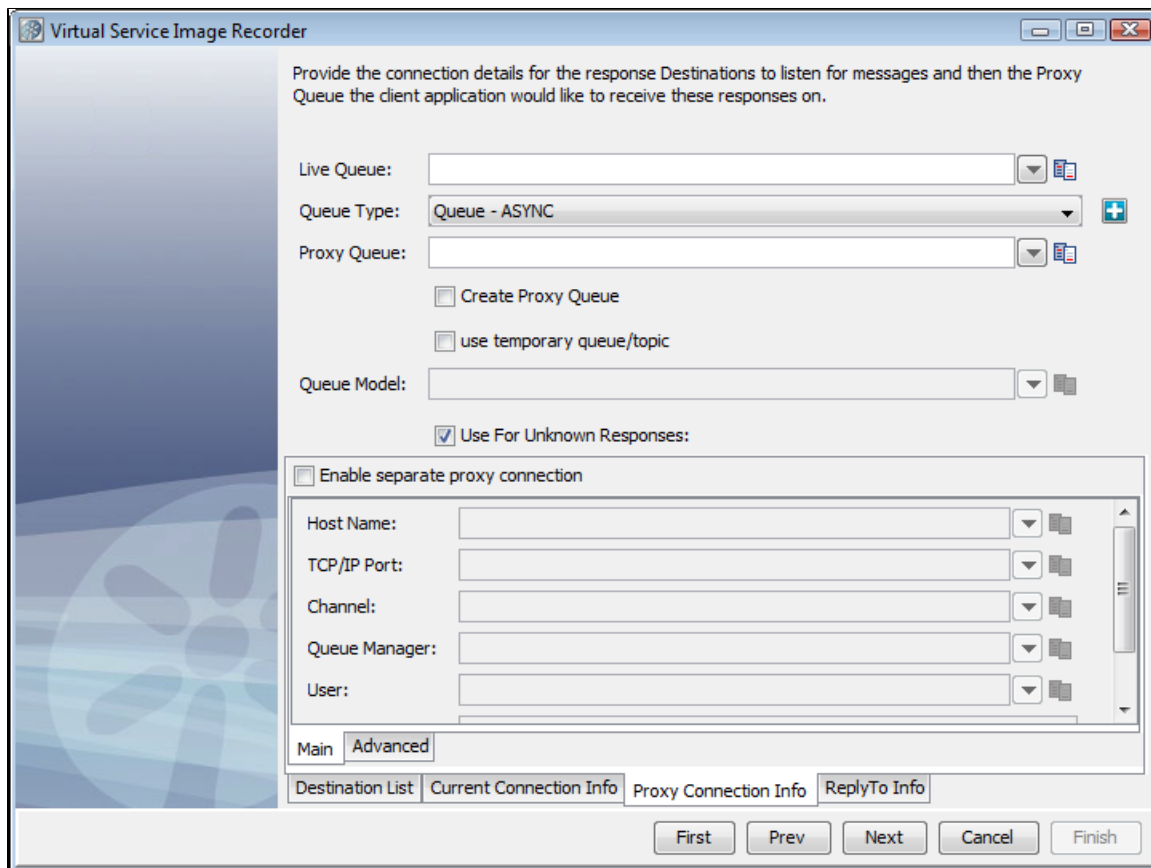
Find:

Main Advanced

Destination List Current Connection Info Proxy Connection Info ReplyTo Info

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

## Proxy Connection Info Tab - Main



Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Queue:

Queue Type:

Proxy Queue:

☐ Create Proxy Queue

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Queue Model:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

☐ Enable separate proxy connection

Host Name:

TCP/IP Port:

Channel:

Queue Manager:

User:

Main Advanced

Destination List Current Connection Info Proxy Connection Info ReplyTo Info

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

## Proxy Connection Info Tab - Advanced

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Queue:

Queue Type: Queue - ASYNC

Proxy Queue:

☐ Create Proxy Queue

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Queue Model:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

☐ Enable separate proxy connection

Environment: MQ Exits

More MQ Environment settings

Key	Value
Use Non-Destructive GETs	false
Local Address Property	default
connectOptions	default

Find:

Main Advanced

Destination List Current Connection Info Proxy Connection Info ReplyTo Info

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

## ReplyTo Info Tab

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Queue:

Queue Type: Queue - ASYNC

Proxy Queue:

☐ Create Proxy Queue

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Queue Model:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

☒ Use Proxy Queue as ReplyTo Queue

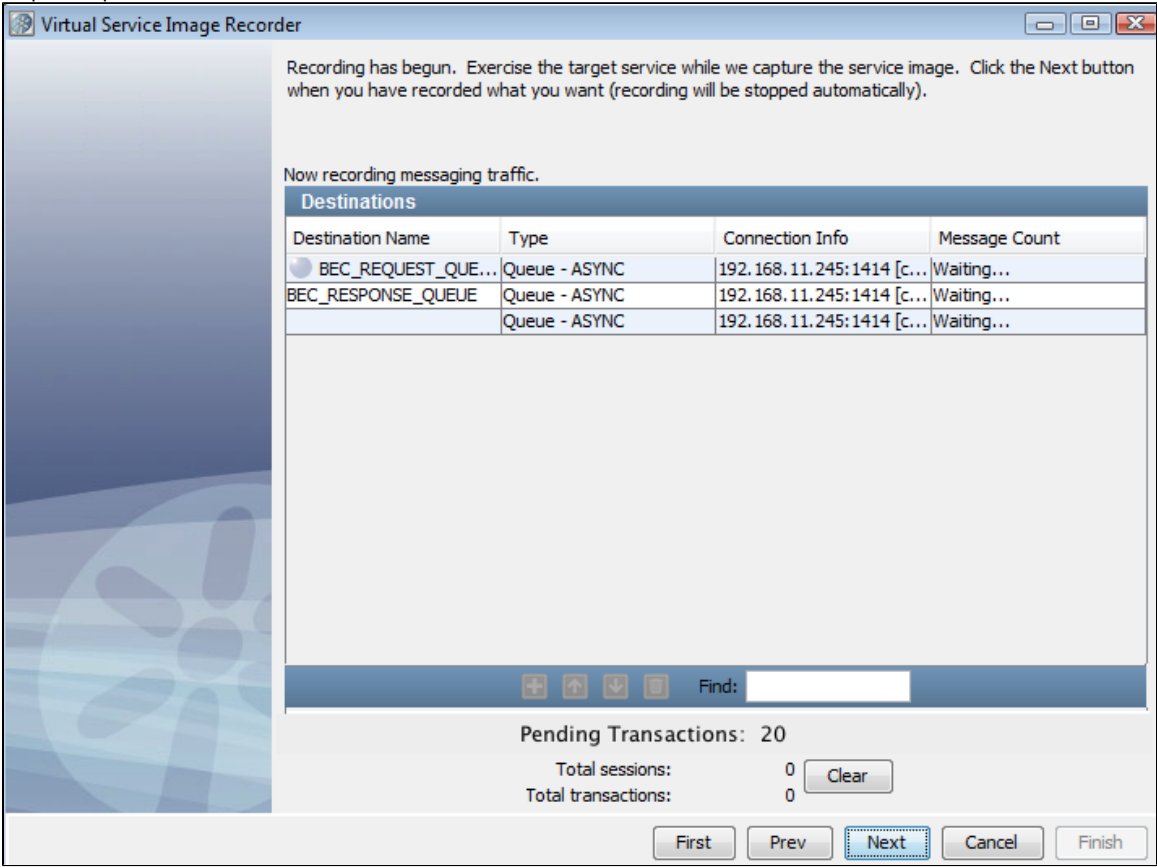
ReplyTo Destination:

ReplyTo Queue Manager:

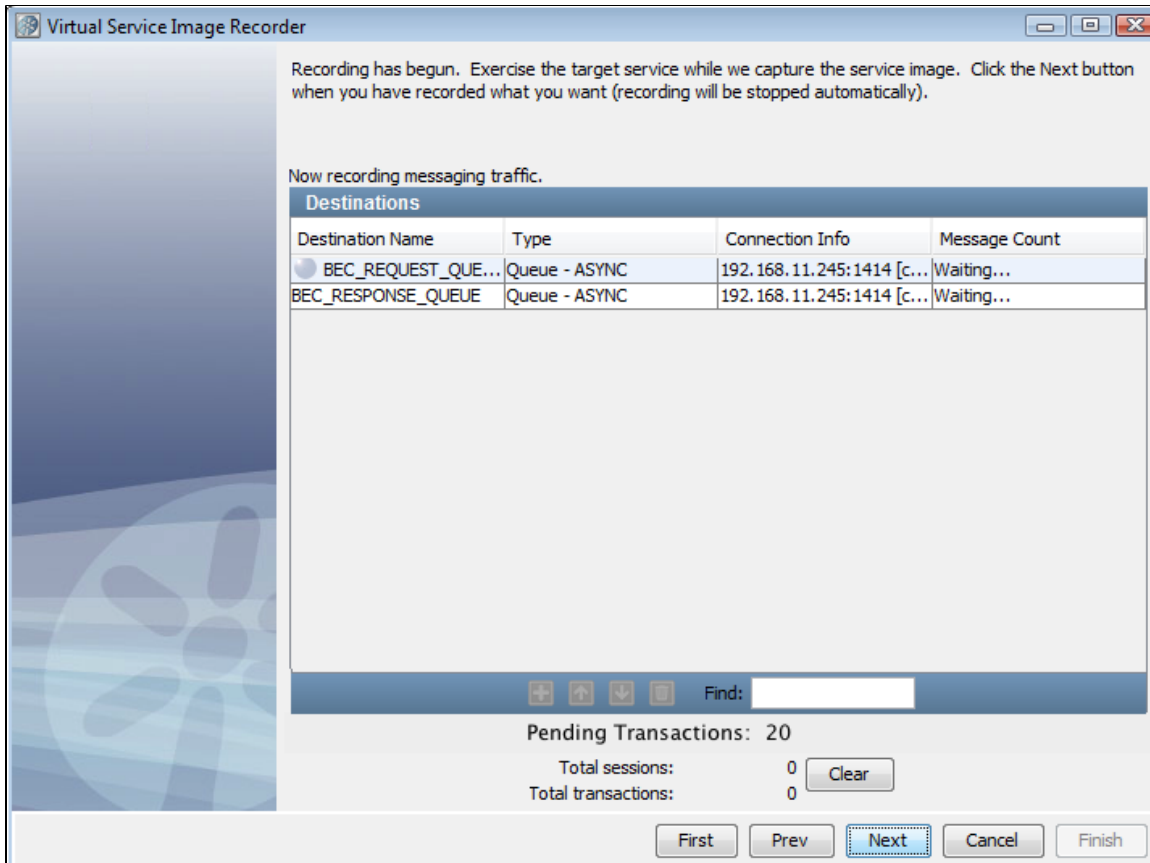
Destination List Current Connection Info Proxy Connection Info ReplyTo Info

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

8. Click Next to begin recording. You will see the names of the queues to which LISA Virtualize is listening, and hence the status is Waiting. If you are connecting to WebSphere MQ and have chosen to create the proxy queues on the fly, at this point those proxy queues would be created. This is the case with **use temporary queue** check box selected with response queues. The one without a destination name is the temporary response queue.

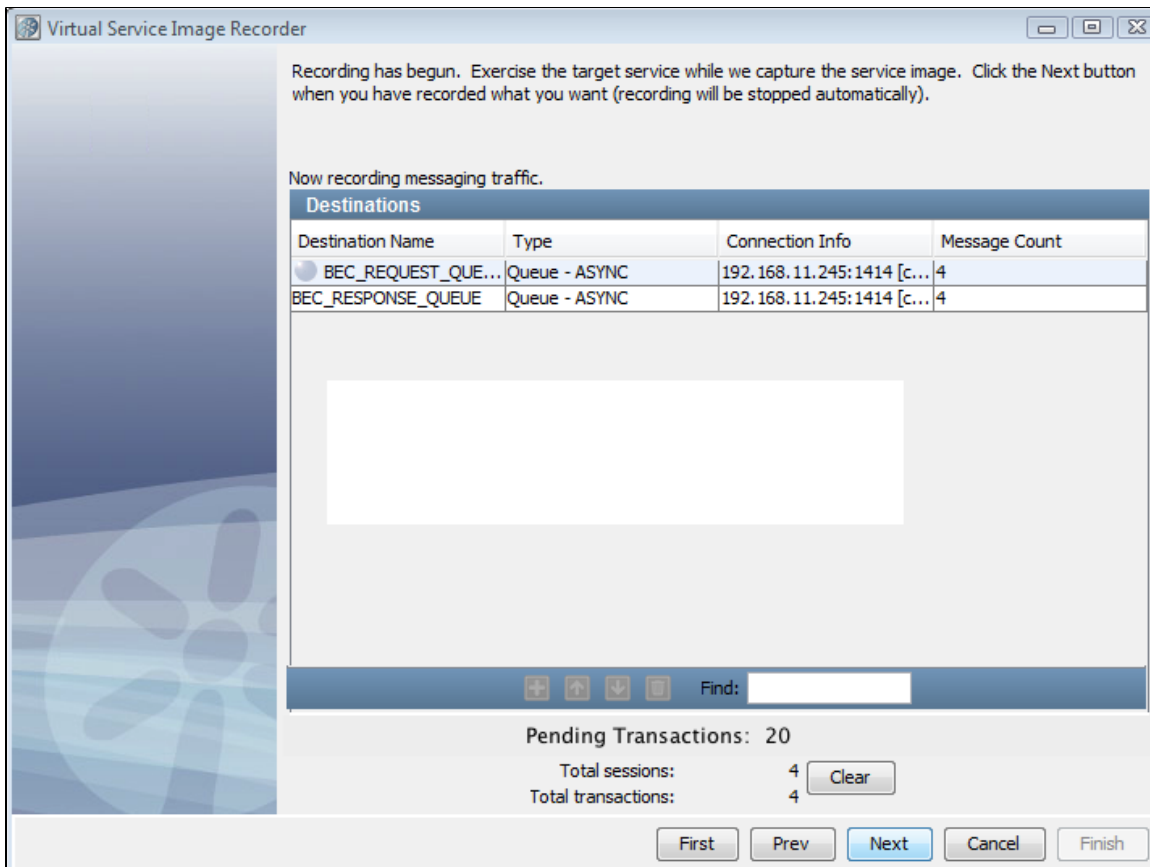


This is the case with **use temporary queue** check box cleared with response queues.



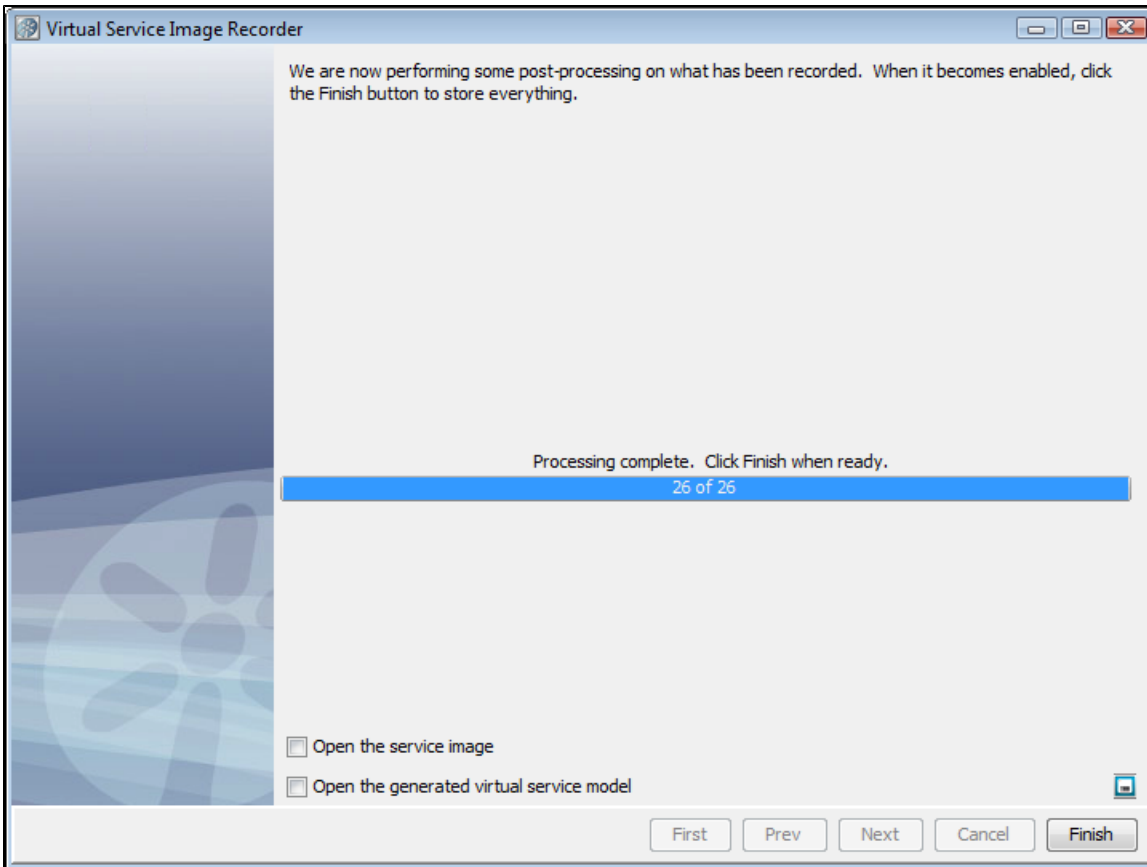
9. Run the client that would add messages to the request proxy queue. LISA Virtualize will copy those messages to the real request queue (ORDERS.REQUEST as in the screenshots). The server will pick those up from there and send responses to the response queue(s). Again, LISA Virtualize will pick those up and copy them to the response proxy queue(s), where the client listens to.


10. As the transactions are recorded, you will see the message count increasing and Total sessions and Total transactions count increasing on the Virtual Service Image Recorder dialog. At the end of recording, all the requests have gone through the same request queue, but about half of the responses have come back through temporary queues and the other half through the non-temporary response queue. Following is the case of end of the recording without **use temporary queue** check box selected.

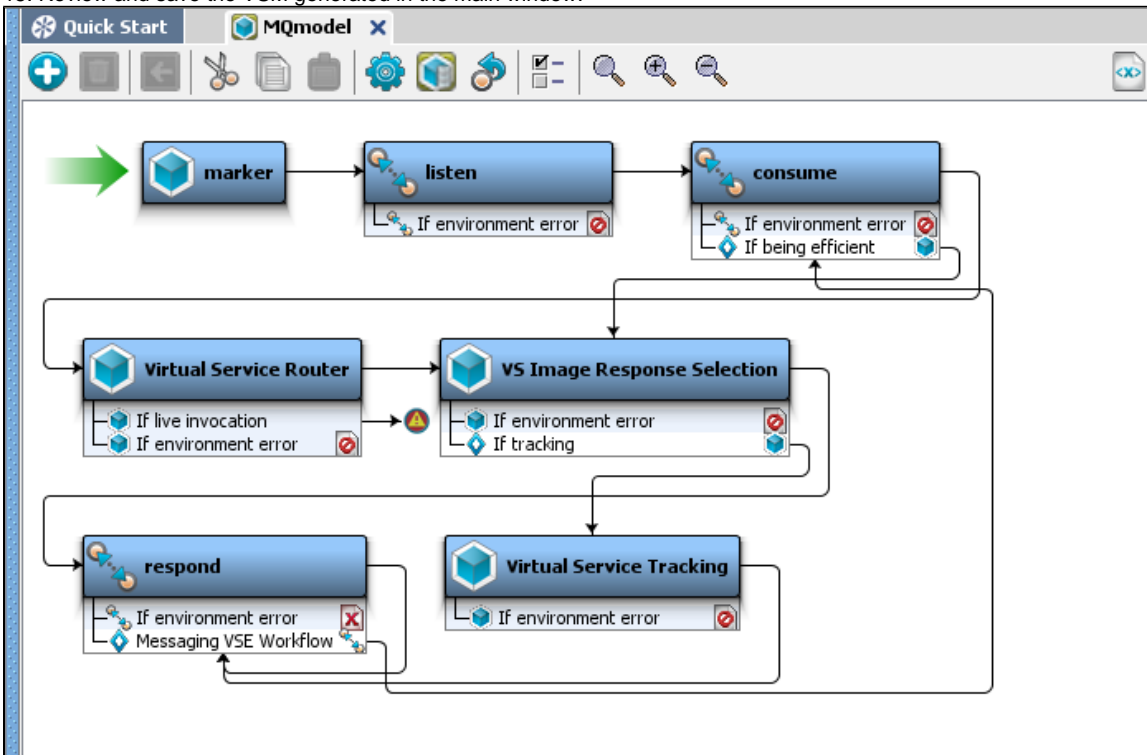


11. When the run is complete, you may see the count of messages on the response queues less by 1. As a single request can have more than one response, LISA Virtualize would not have yet recognized the last of the transactions to have completed. The messages corresponding to the last transaction are therefore not counted.

12. Click Next. This serves as a trigger to close the last transaction and do the necessary cleaning. (You would see an intermediate screen if you were using a dynamic data protocol.) As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to binary.



13. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, click the Save  icon.
14. Click Finish to close this dialog and store the image.
15. Review and save the VSM generated in the main window.



## Recording Standard JMS Service Images

1. Information in configuring Standard JMS is available in [Installing a Messaging Simulator](#).



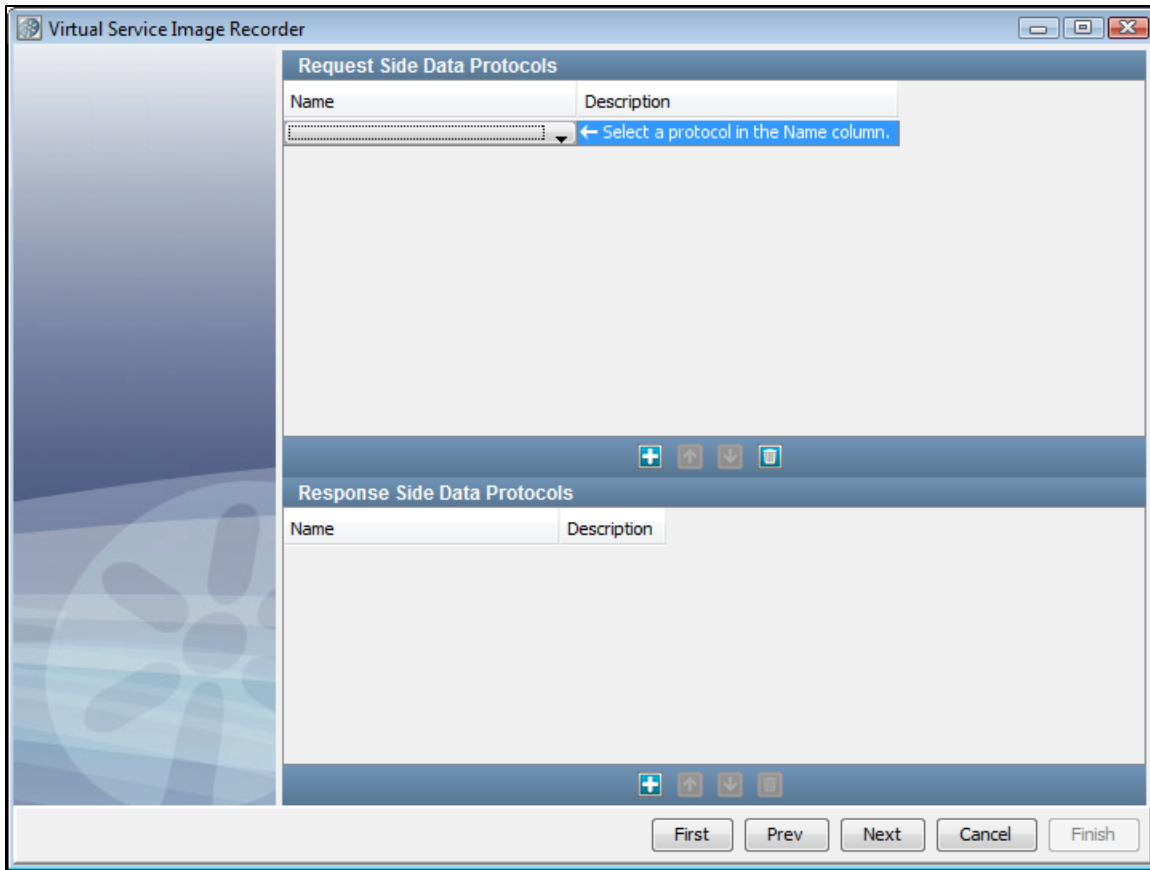
2. If you are using Standard JMS as the transport protocol in the Basics tab in the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the remaining wizard steps as shown in the following example.

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' dialog box with the 'Basics' tab selected. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Write image to:** C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\Images\JMSModel\vsi (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Import traffic:** (empty field with a 'Browse...' button)
- Transport protocol:** Standard JMS (dropdown menu)
- Default navigation:** WIDE (dropdown menu)
- Last:** LOOSE (dropdown menu)
- Export to:** (empty field with a 'Browse...' button)
- Model file:** C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\JMSModel.vsm (with a 'Browse...' button)
- VS Model style:** More flexible (radio button), More efficient (radio button, selected)

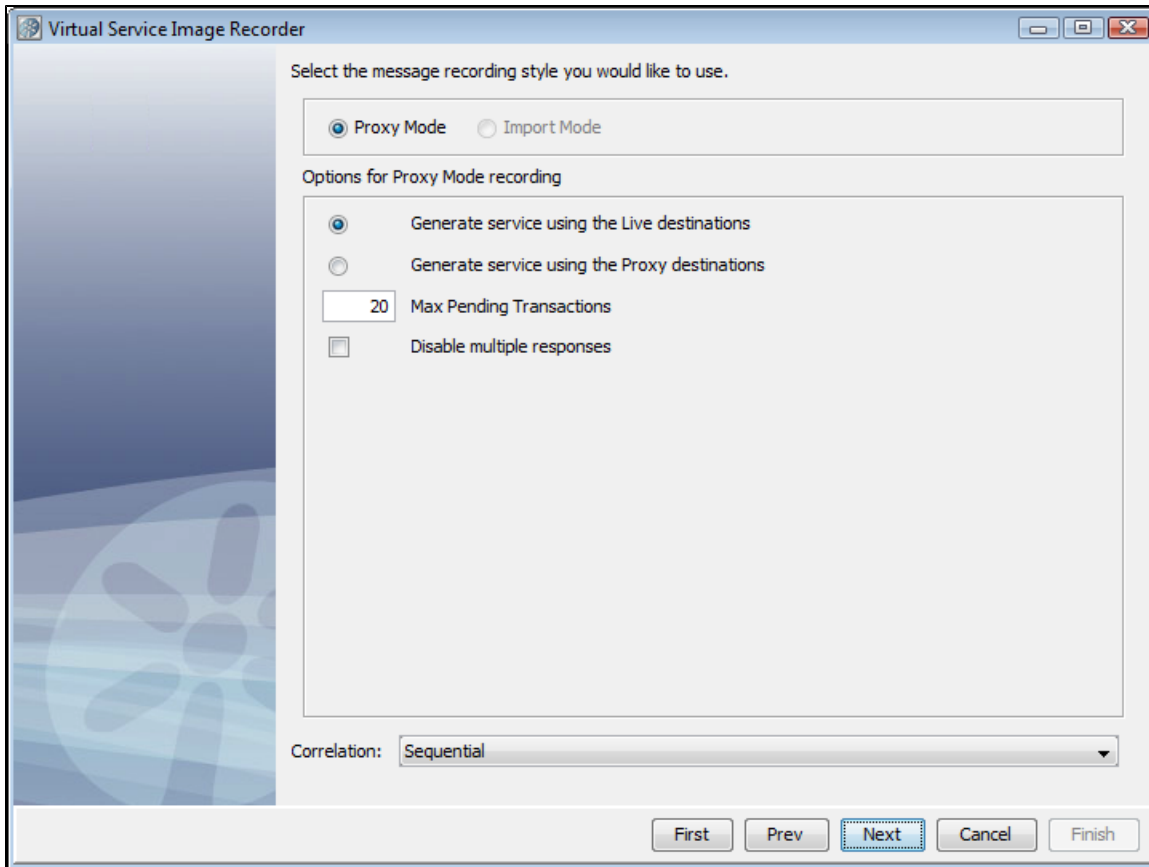
At the bottom of the dialog are five buttons: First, Prev, Next, Cancel, and Finish.

3. Click Next on the recorder's first screen.
4. Do not select any value for the data protocol on the recorder's second screen and click Next.



5. This is the recording mode selection step. For now, the only true *recording* mode supported is Proxy Mode. With Proxy Mode comes the option to generate the service from the Live queues (the previous default behavior) or generate the service using the Proxy queues.

### Proxy Mode



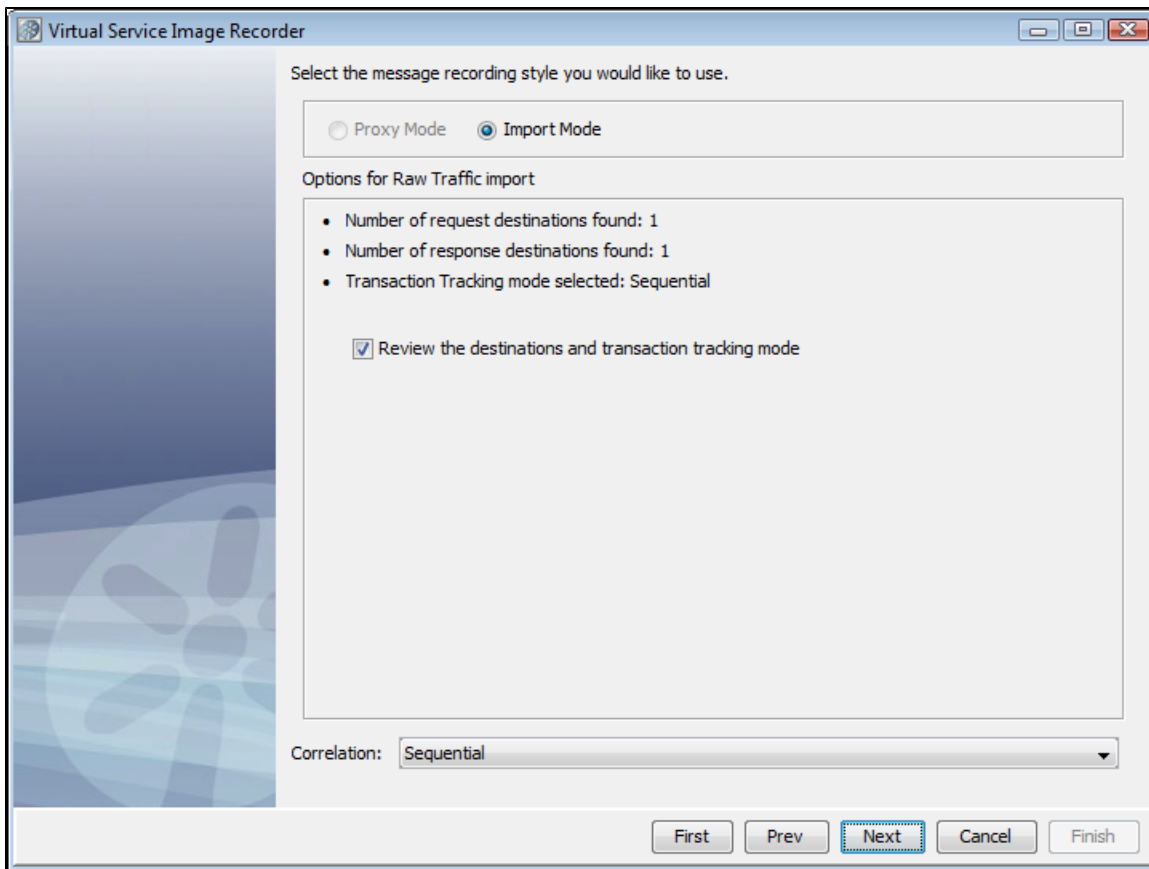
Proxy Mode allows the use of proxy destinations to be set up on the message bus. The client application is configured to put messages on those proxy destinations and they will be forwarded to the real destination after recording them. The same thing happens on the response side, where LISA is configured to listen on the real response destination and get the message and forward it to the response proxy destination. This mode can behave differently if temporary destinations are enabled, making the response side basically automated.

When Proxy Mode is selected, the configuration panel has an option button selection for whether to use the Live queues or Proxy queues when generating the final VSM/SI.

- **Max Pending Transactions:** This is the maximum number of running response listeners on each response queue. These response listeners will run until as long as a transaction is pending. When the number of pending transactions exceeds this maximum amount the oldest transaction will be closed automatically. Previously this was available as a system property: `lisa.vse.messaging.maxTransactionBufferSize`. If you enter 0 in this field, there will be no maximum number.
- **Disable Multiple Responses:** This determines whether to support multiple responses in each transaction. By default a transaction will stay pending after the first response, waiting for more responses to come in for the same transaction. When this option is selected the transaction will be automatically closed after the first response. If there are a lot of transactions coming in very quickly, this can be a performance boost, especially for MQ.

## Import Mode

If you specify a raw traffic file on the initial recording screen in the Import traffic field, the **Proxy Mode** option is dimmed and the **Import Mode** screen selected.



With Import Mode, the extra configuration has some information about what request and response queues were detected in the raw traffic file and a check box that lets you skip the request and response steps altogether.

The **Review the queues and transaction tracking mode** check box lets you skip the request and response steps altogether. If the raw traffic file comes from Pathfinder, this should be cleared by default, because Pathfinder will auto-detect queues and transactions. If the raw traffic file is from somewhere else, this is selected by default to let you review destination and tracking settings.

The Correlation field contains the possible correlation schemes for putting together the request and response sides of individual transactions. JMS is asynchronous, which means we are receive the requests and responses separately. This drop-down provides a way for you to tell the VSE Recorder which request to associate with which response. For the Correlation field, there are four options:

- **Sequential:** Every response is associated with the last request that was received, chronologically.
- **Correlation ID:** The request and the response must have the same Correlation ID.
- **Message ID to Correlation ID:** The request's Message ID must equal the response's Correlation ID.
- **Message ID:** The request and the response have the same Message ID.

6. Set up the proxy queue and destination queue names. You cannot create a temporary queue dynamically for JMS, so you must create the proxy queues manually on the MOM server.

7. Click Next.

## Destination Info Tab

The screenshot shows a window titled "Virtual Service Image Recorder". Inside, there is a tabbed interface with two tabs: "Destination Info" and "Connection setUp". The "Connection setUp" tab is active. Above the tabs, a text label reads: "Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to." Below this, there are three input fields: "Proxy Destination:" with the text "queue/Request.Proxy", "Live Destination:" with the text "queue/A", and "Destination Type:" with a dropdown menu showing "Queue - ASYNC". Each text field has a small icon to its right. At the bottom of the window, there are five buttons: "First", "Prev", "Next", "Cancel", and "Finish".

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to.

Destination Info Connection setUp

Proxy Destination: queue/Request.Proxy

Live Destination: queue/A

Destination Type: Queue - ASYNC

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

8. Go to the **Connection setUp** tab and enter the connection parameters useful to connect to the MOM. These connection parameters are internally saved to save typing the next time.

#### Connection setUp Tab - Main

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the request Destination to listen for messages and the Destination to forward the recorded messages to.

Destination Info Connection setUp

JNDI Factory Class: org.jnp.interfaces.NamingContextFactory

JNDI Server URL: jnp://{{SERVER}}:1099

JMS ConnectionFactory: ConnectionFactory

User:

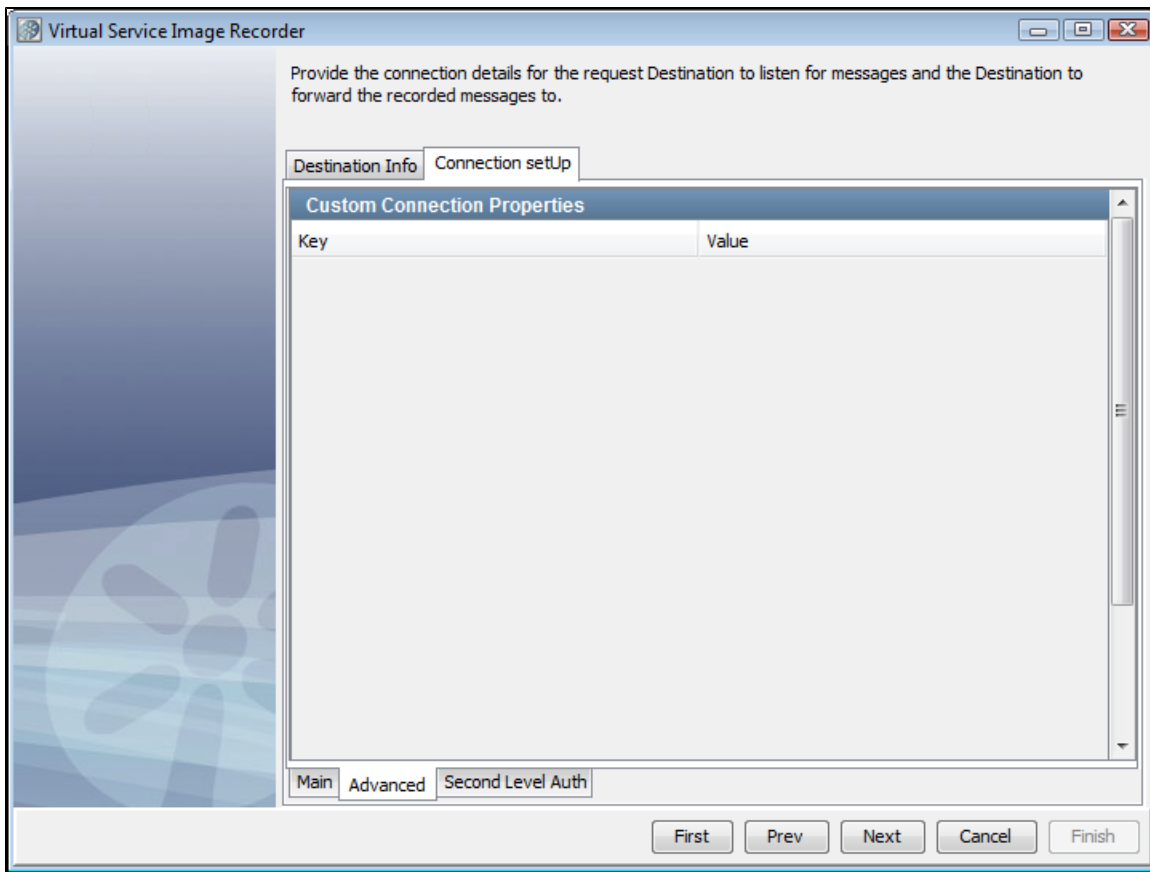
Password:

Main Advanced Second Level Auth

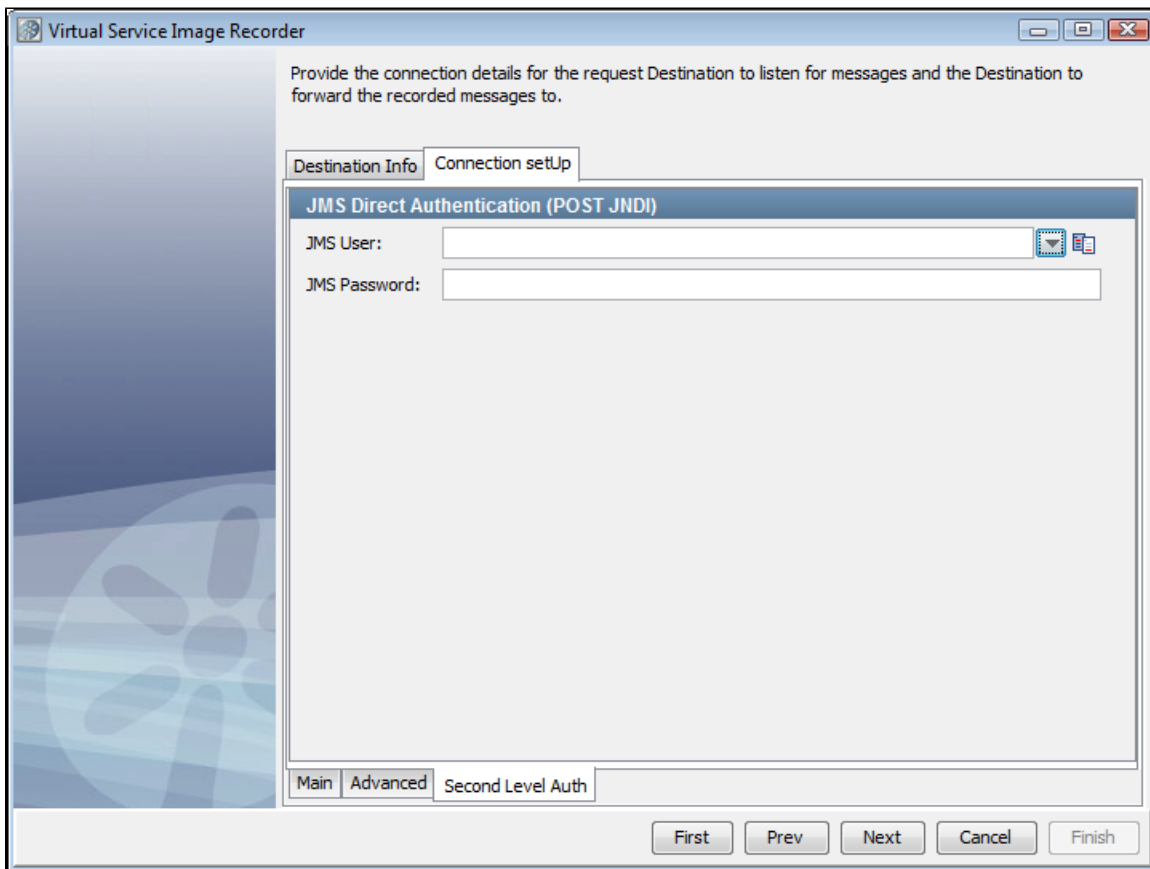
First Prev Next Cancel Finish

### Connection setUp Tab - Advanced

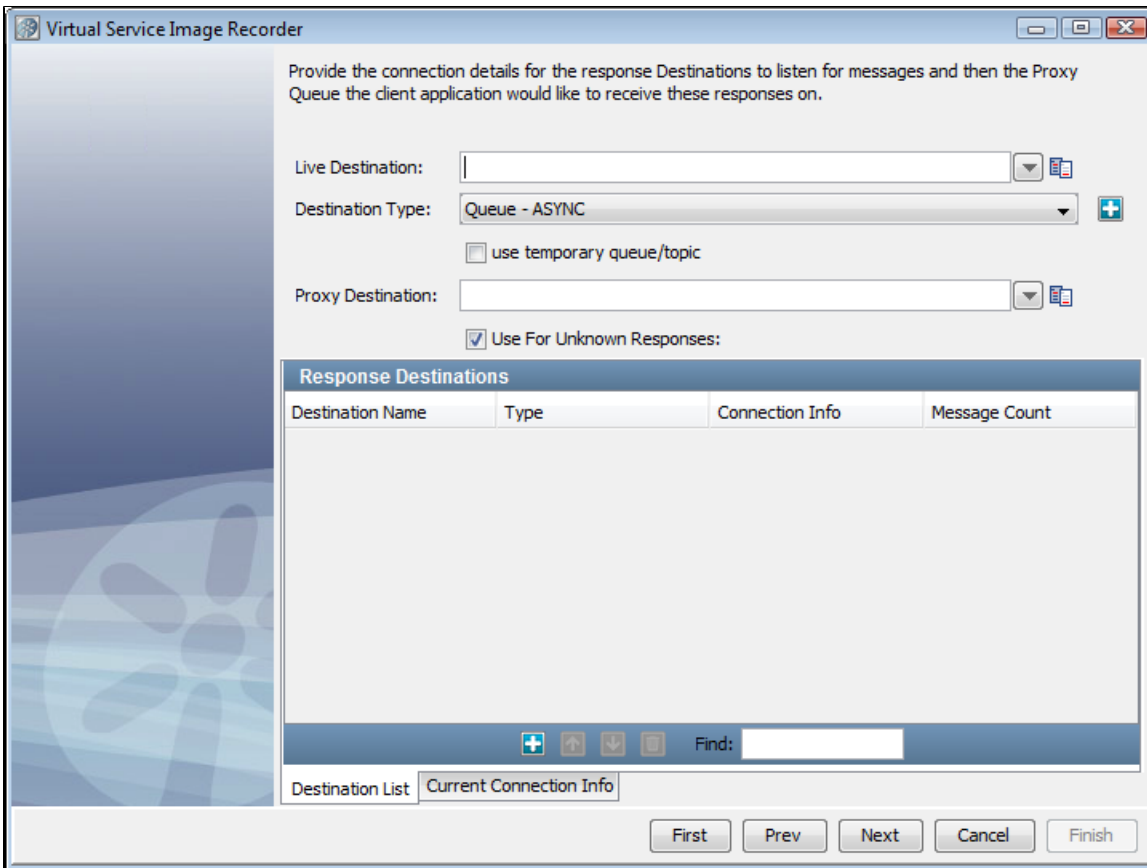
The **Connection setUp Advanced** tab for JMS lets you define custom connection properties for this service image.



#### Connection setUp Tab - Second Level Auth



## Destination List Tab



Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Destination:

Destination Type: Queue - ASYNC

☐ use temporary queue/topic


Proxy Destination:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

Response Destinations			
Destination Name	Type	Connection Info	Message Count

Find:

Destination List **Current Connection Info**

On this tab, we set the response and response proxy queues. You may remember that in case of messaging, more than one response is possible for a given request. Use the Add  icon to register a set of response and response proxy queues. Before registering the response queue that you want to use for unknown requests, select the Use for Unknown Responses check box.

There is a check box on the Response wizard page for temporary destinations. Checking this will disable the destination name and proxy destination name text fields and mark the response listener you are adding as a temporary response. The destination name will be blank.

### ***Adding a temporary response destination***

A "temporary" destination in messaging is a destination created on demand for a messaging client. This is typically used in request-response scenarios.

You can use a temporary queue for the responses. In LISA 6.0.1, we only support one concurrent transaction with a temporary queue at a time.

### **Current Connection Info Tab - Main**

It is possible to go to the **Current Connection Info** tab to verify that the connection info is correct. It is copied from the connection information that was given earlier, and you may want to change it only in a very rare case when the response connection information is different.



The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' dialog box, specifically the 'Advanced' tab. The dialog is titled 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' and has a blue header bar. Below the header, there is a descriptive text: 'Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.' The main area contains several input fields and controls:

- Live Destination:** A text input field with a dropdown arrow and a document icon.
- Destination Type:** A dropdown menu currently set to 'Queue - ASYNC', with a plus icon to its right.
- use temporary queue/topic:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Proxy Destination:** A text input field with a dropdown arrow and a document icon.
- Use For Unknown Responses:** A checked checkbox.

Below these fields is a section for JNDI and JMS configuration, enclosed in a rounded rectangle:

- JNDI Factory Class:** A text input field containing 'org.jnp.interfaces.NamingContextFactory'.
- JNDI Server URL:** A text input field containing 'jnp://{{SERVER}}:1099'.
- JMS ConnectionFactory:** A text input field containing 'ConnectionFactory'.
- User:** A text input field.
- Password:** A text input field.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are three tabs: 'Main', 'Advanced' (which is selected), and 'Second Level Auth'. Below the tabs are two buttons: 'Destination List' and 'Current Connection Info'. At the very bottom, there is a row of five buttons: 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

### Current Connection Tab - Advanced

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Destination:

Destination Type: **Queue - ASYNC**

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Proxy Destination:

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

Custom Connection Properties	
Key	Value

Main Advanced **Second Level Auth**

Destination List **Current Connection Info**



First Prev **Next** Cancel Finish



## Current Connection Tab - Second Level Auth

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' application window. The title bar reads 'Virtual Service Image Recorder'. The main area contains instructions: 'Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.' Below this are several input fields: 'Live Destination:' with a text box and a dropdown arrow; 'Destination Type:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Queue - ASYNC' and a '+' icon; a checkbox labeled 'use temporary queue/topic'; 'Proxy Destination:' with a text box and a dropdown arrow; and a checked checkbox labeled 'Use For Unknown Responses:'. A sub-panel titled 'JMS Direct Authentication (POST JNDI)' contains 'JMS User:' and 'JMS Password:' text boxes. At the bottom, there are tabs: 'Main', 'Advanced', 'Second Level Auth' (selected), 'Destination List', and 'Current Connection Info'. Below the tabs are buttons: 'First', 'Prev', 'Next' (highlighted with a dashed border), 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.



Virtual Service Image Recorder

Provide the connection details for the response Destinations to listen for messages and then the Proxy Queue the client application would like to receive these responses on.

Live Destination:   



Destination Type: Queue - ASYNC  

☐ use temporary queue/topic

Proxy Destination:   

☒ Use For Unknown Responses:

**JMS Direct Authentication (POST JNDI)**

JMS User:   

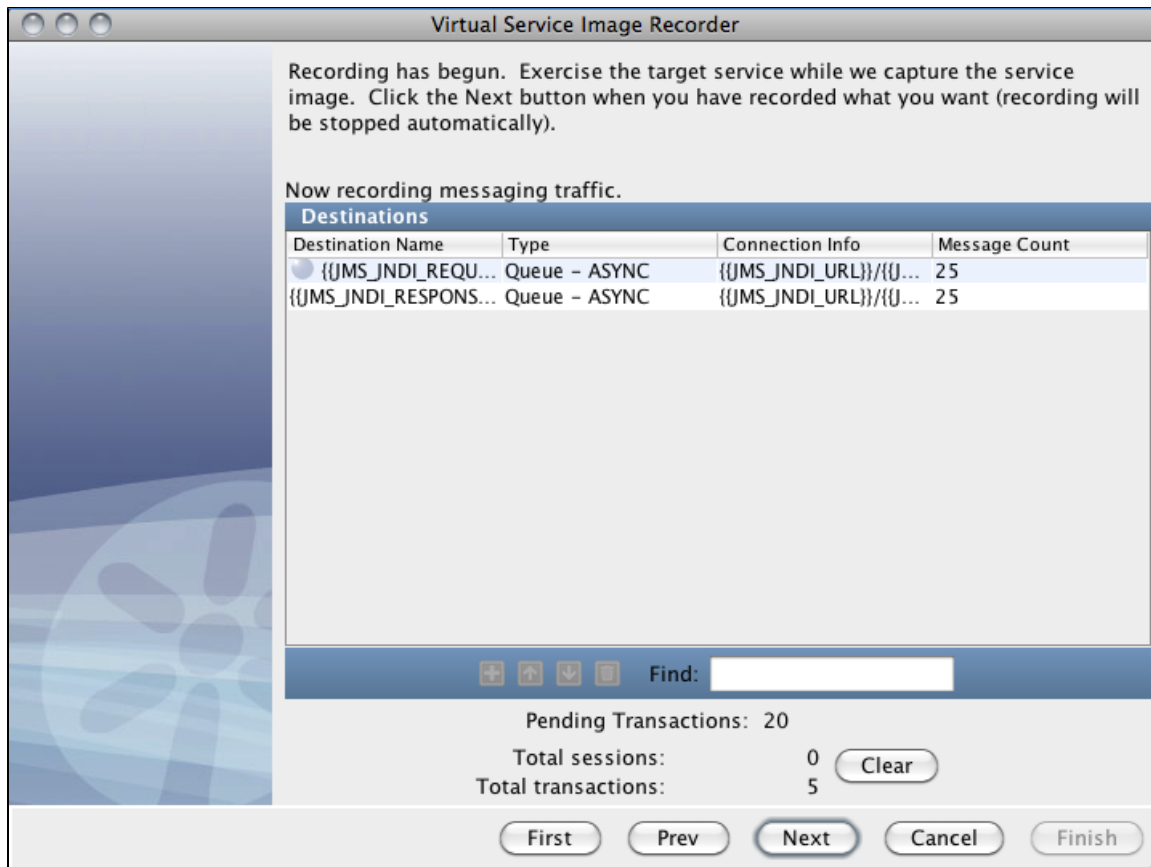
JMS Password:

Main Advanced **Second Level Auth**

Destination List Current Connection Info

First Prev **Next** Cancel Finish

9. Click Next to begin recording. You will see the names of the queues to which LISA Virtualize is listening



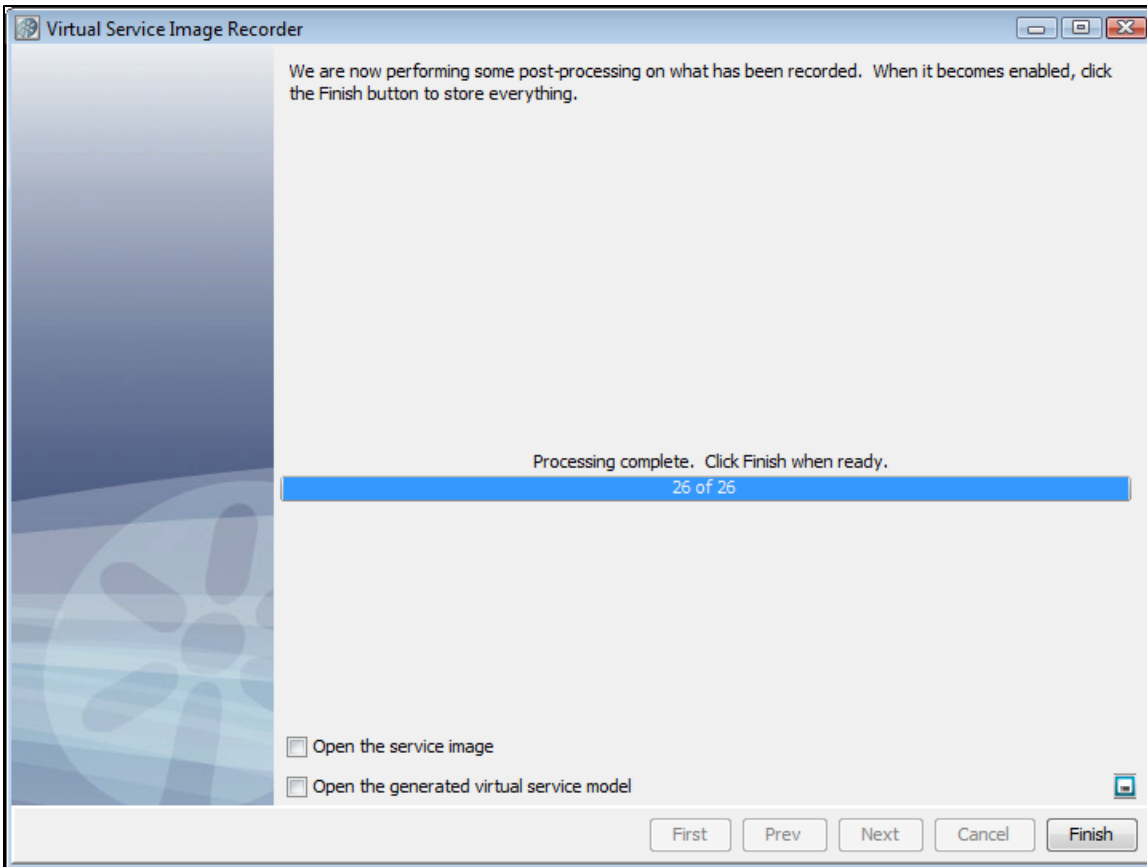
- **Pending Transactions:** This displays the number of transactions being stored in the pending transaction buffer waiting for more responses. As transactions are closed, either by hitting the maximum pending transaction count or by using the "Disable Multiple Responses" option, they are moved from the pending transaction buffer to the total transaction buffer.


9. Run the client that would add messages to the request proxy queue. LISA Virtualize will copy those messages to the real request queue. The server will pick those up from there and send responses to the response queue(s). Again, LISA Virtualize will pick those up and copy them to the response proxy queue(s), where the client listens to.

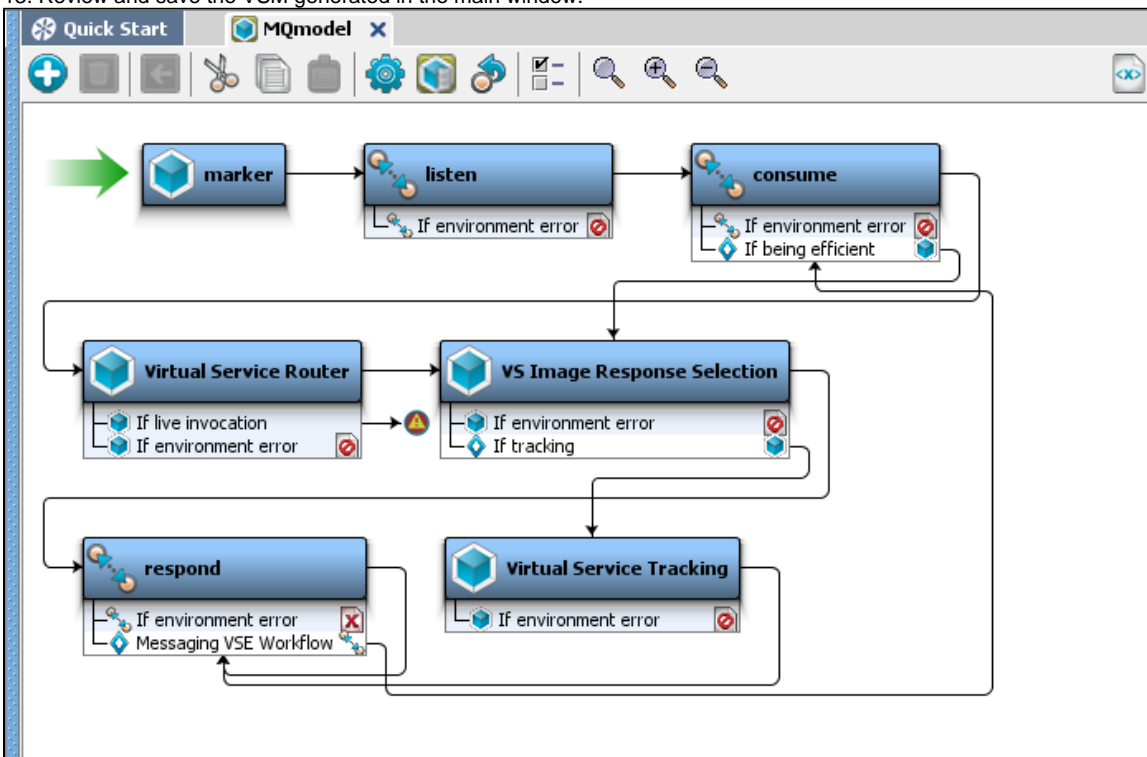
As the transactions are recorded, you will see the message count increasing and 'Total sessions' and 'Total transactions' count increasing on the Virtual Service Image Recorder dialog. At the end of recording, all the requests have gone through the same request queue, but about half of the responses have come back through temporary queues and the other half through the non-temporary response queue.

When the run is complete, you may see the count of messages on the response queues less by 1. As a single request can have more than one response, LISA Virtualize would not have yet recognized the last of the transactions to have completed. The messages corresponding to the last transaction are therefore not counted.

10. Click Next. This serves as a trigger to close the last transaction and do the necessary cleaning. (You would see an intermediate screen if you were using a dynamic data protocol.)



11. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, click the Save  icon.
12. Click Finish to close this dialog and store the image.
13. Review and save the VSM generated in the main window.



## Recording Java Service Images

If you are using Java as the transport protocol in the Basics tab in the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the remaining wizard steps.

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Basics' tab selected. The window contains the following fields and controls:

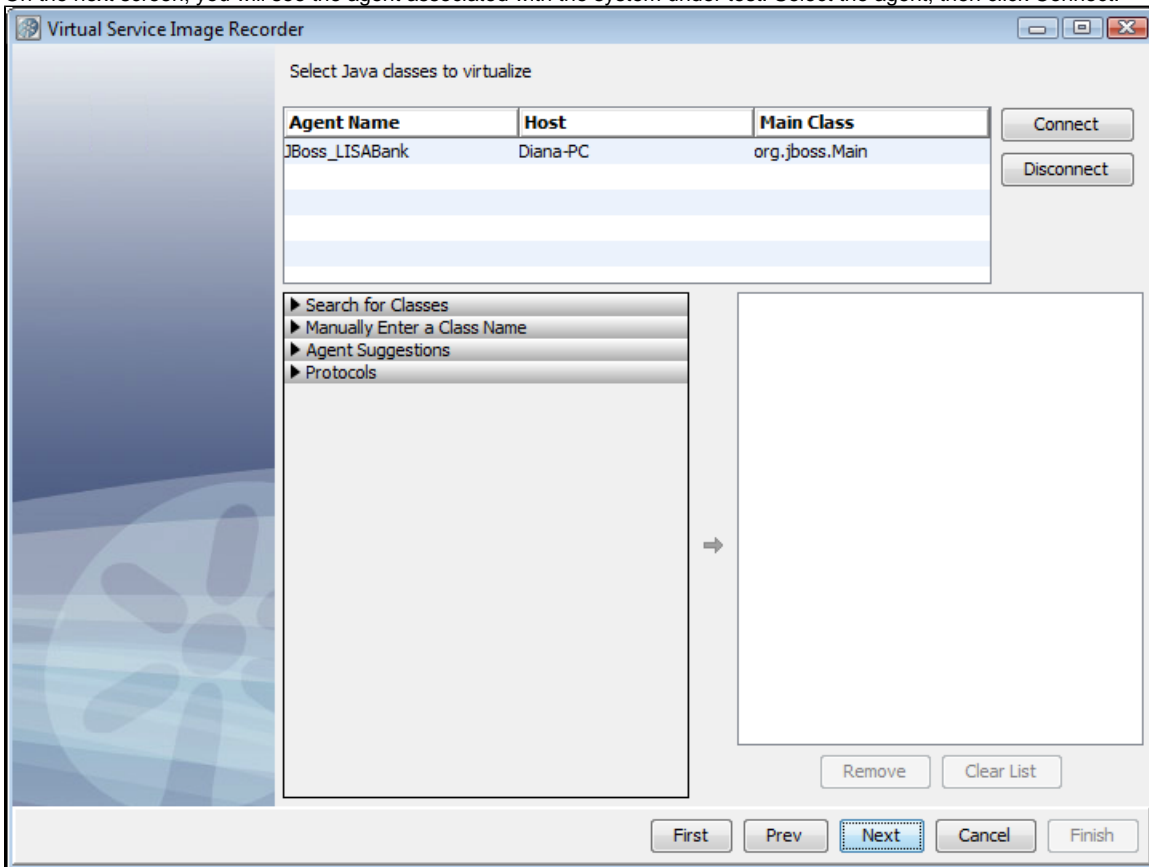
- Write image to:** C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\Images\Javanewimage.vsi (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Import traffic:** (empty field with a 'Browse' button)
- Transport protocol:** Java (selected in a dropdown menu)
- Options:** ☐ Desensitize (transport layer), ☐ Treat all transactions as stateless
- Default navigation:** WIDE (selected in a dropdown menu), **Last:** LOOSE (selected in a dropdown menu)
- Export to:** C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\Javatraffic.xml (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Model file:** C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\Javamodel.vsm (with a 'Browse...' button)
- VS Model style:** ☐ More flexible, ☒ More efficient

At the bottom of the window are navigation buttons: First, Prev, Next, Cancel, and Finish.

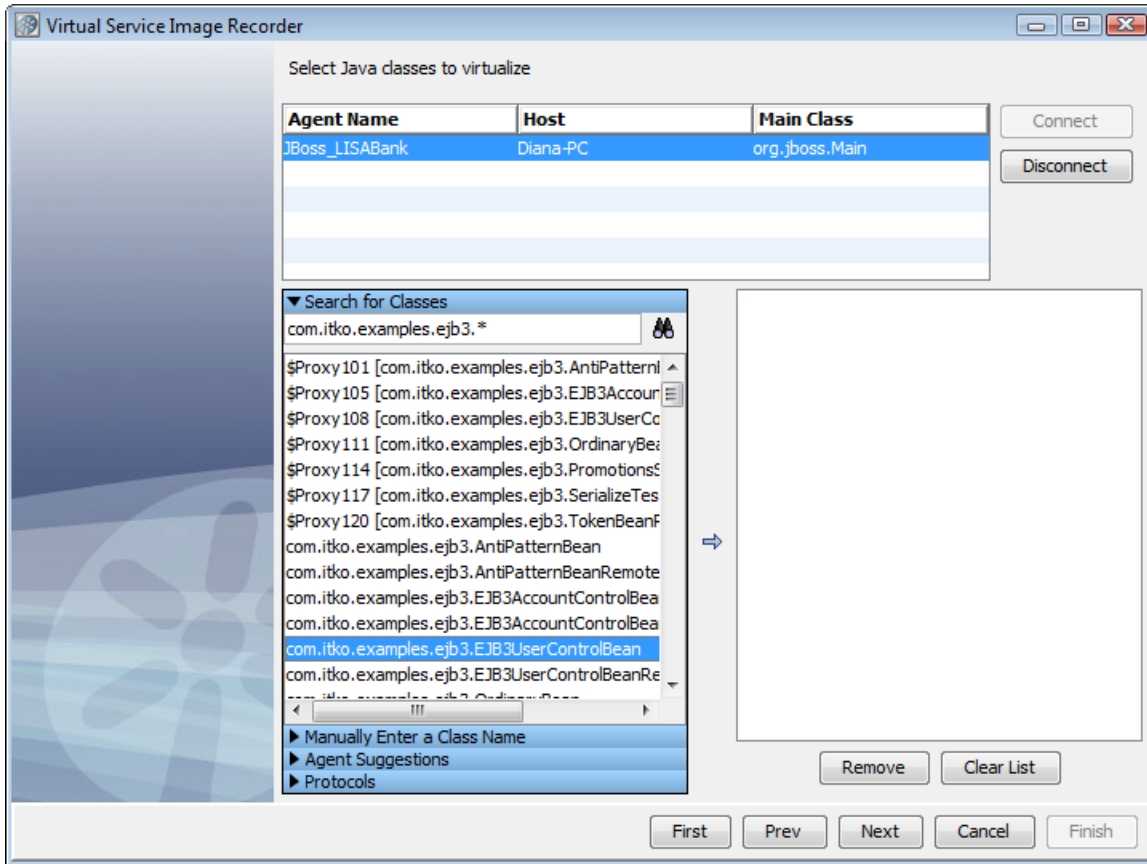
1. Select Java as the transport protocol and click Next. Do not select any value for the data protocol on the recorder's second screen and click Next.

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Request Side Data Protocols' and 'Response Side Data Protocols' screens. Both screens have a table with 'Name' and 'Description' columns. The 'Request Side Data Protocols' screen is currently empty. The 'Response Side Data Protocols' screen is also empty. At the bottom of the window are navigation buttons: First, Prev, Next, Cancel, and Finish.

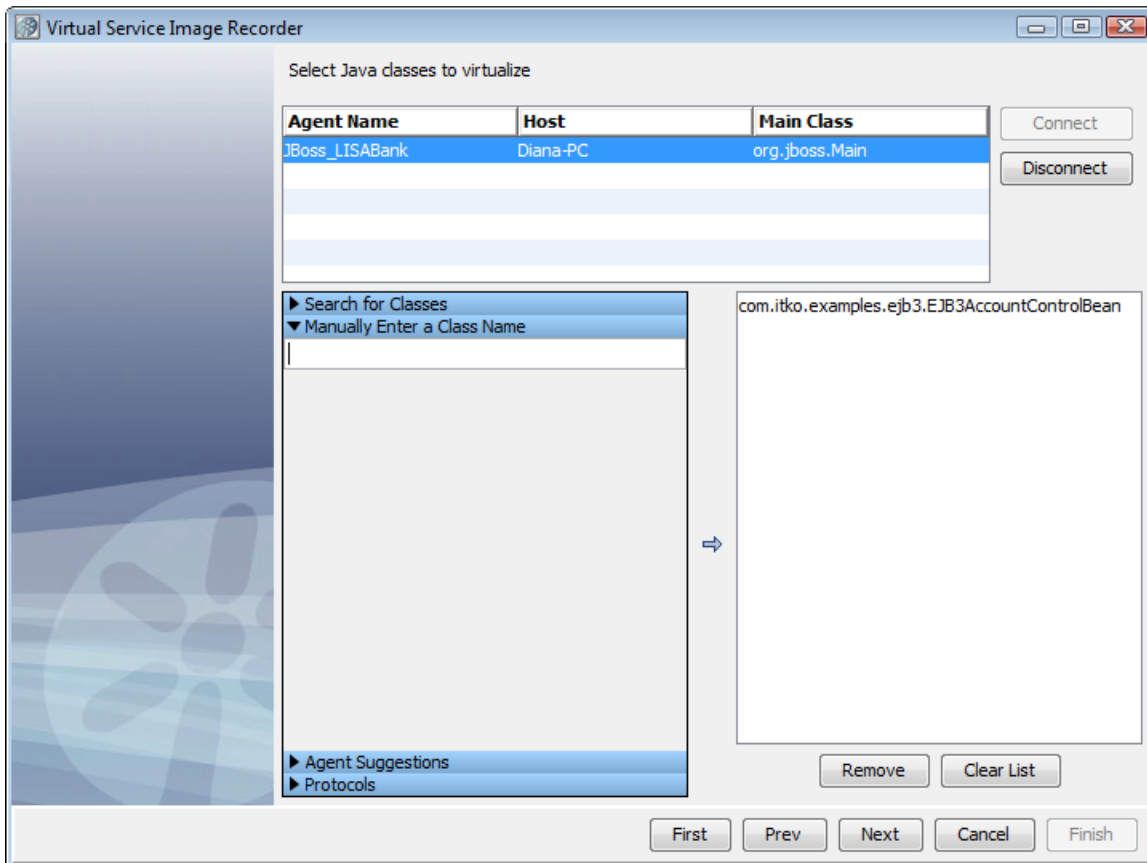
2. On the next screen, you will see the agent associated with the system under test. Select the agent, then click Connect.




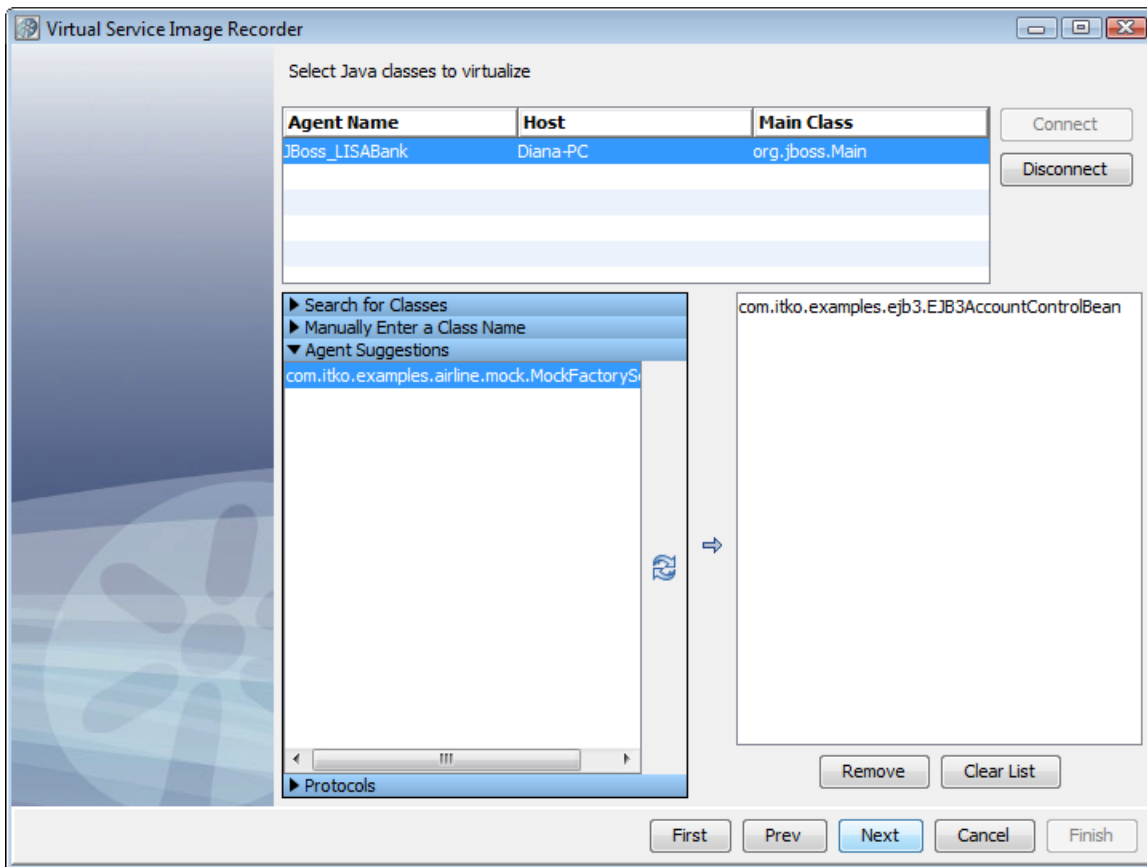
3. To search for classes, select the Search for Classes arrow and enter a class name. These are entered as fully qualified names (including package), using regular expressions. To select classes, select the class name on the list and select the right arrow to move the class into the right pane. Some classes may show up more than once; a class only needs to be selected once for it to be virtualized.



4. To enter a class manually, select the Enter a Class Manually arrow. Enter the name of the class to virtualize, then click the right arrow to move the class into the right pane.

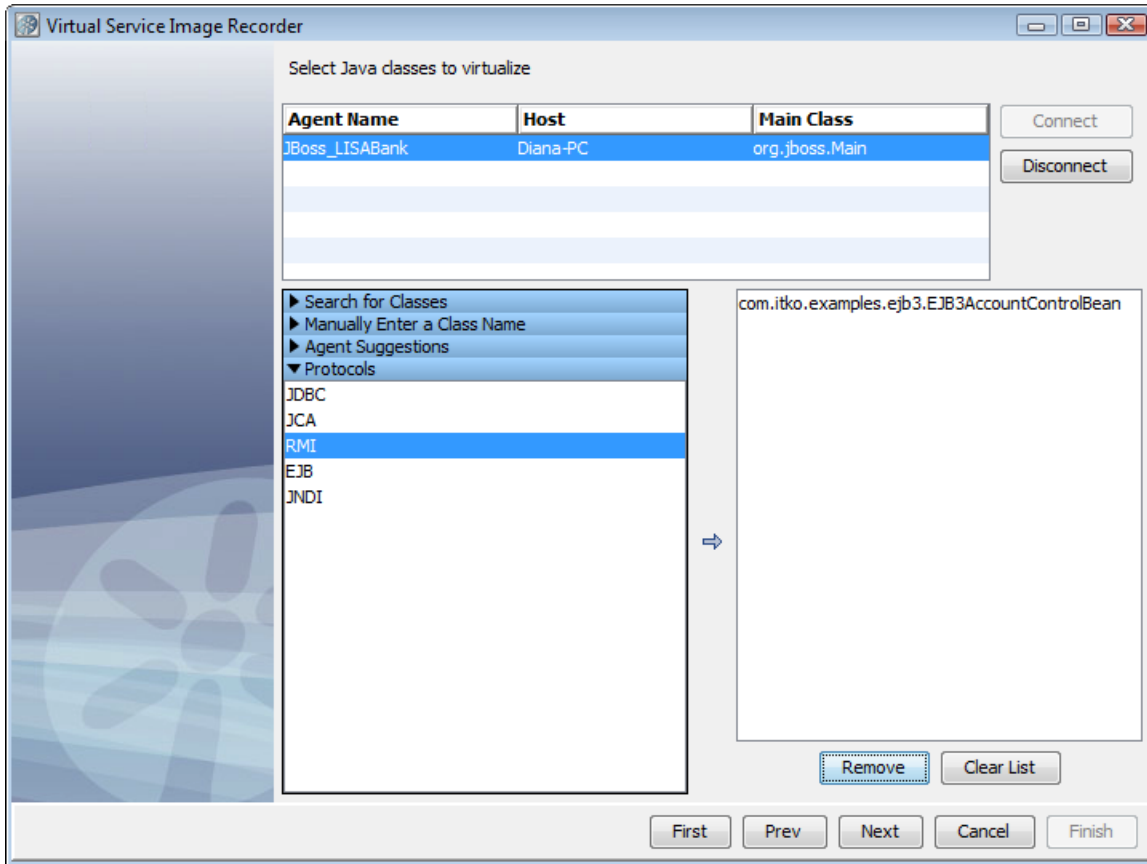


5. To retrieve a list of classes suggested by the LISA agent for virtualization, select the Agent Suggestions arrow and click the Retrieve  icon. Select any classes from the list and click the right arrow to move them into the right pane.

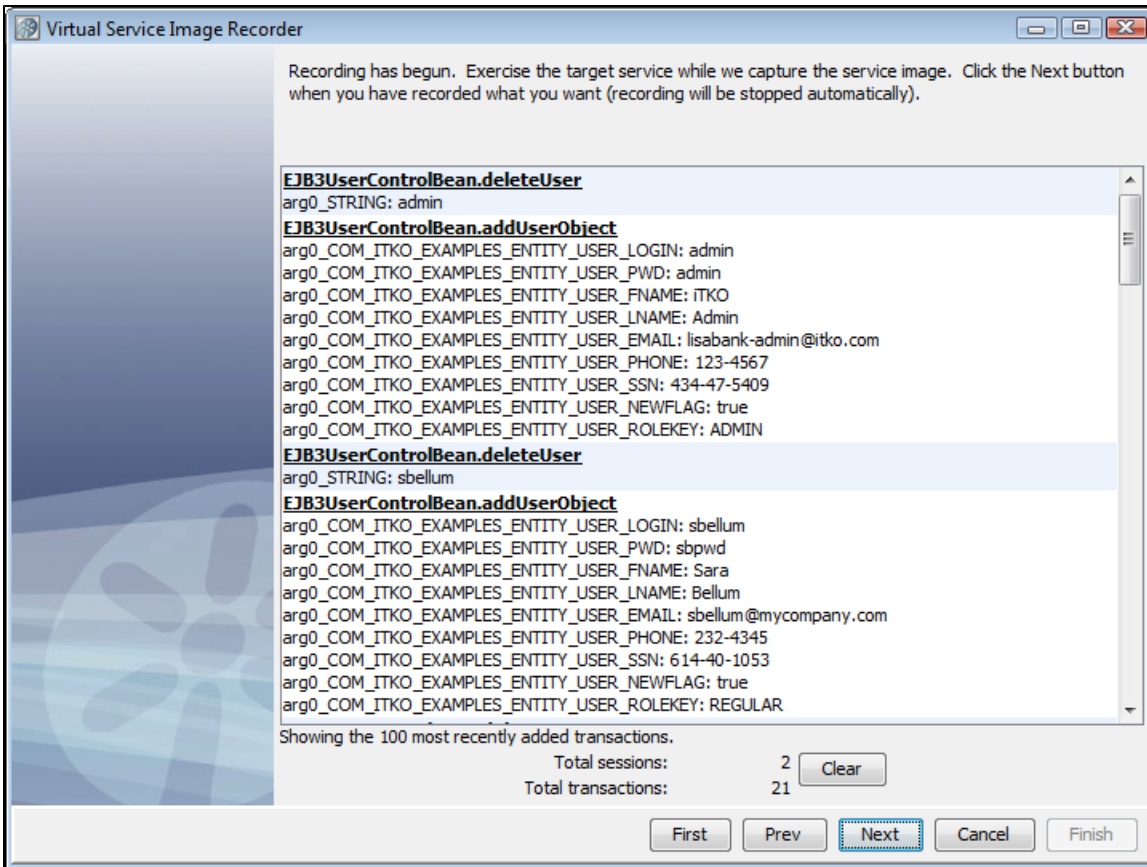


6. To add a protocol to the recording, select the Protocols arrow. From the list of available protocols, select any you want to record and click the right arrow to move them into the right pane.

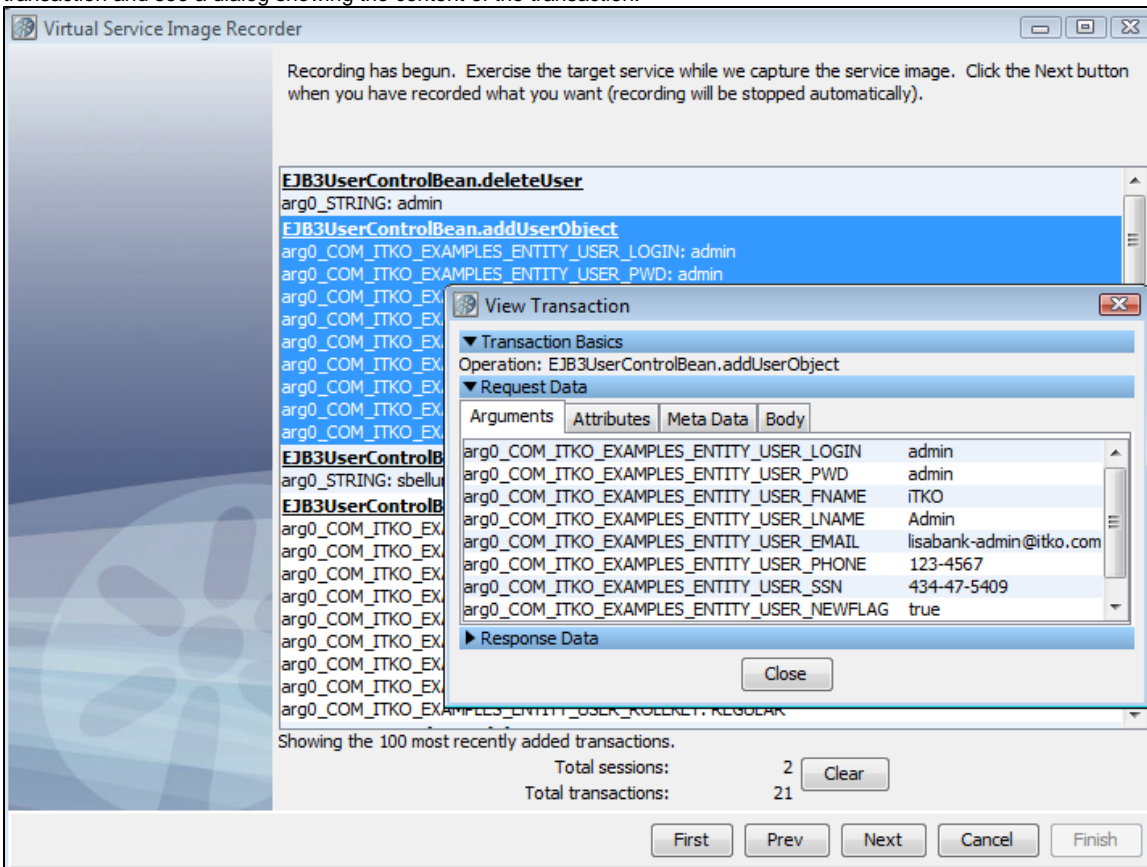




7. Shut down the system under test, then click Next, then start the system under test. This will help ensure that LISA Virtualize captures any initial traffic that happens when the system under test is initialized. Or, if you prefer, click Next to begin recording.

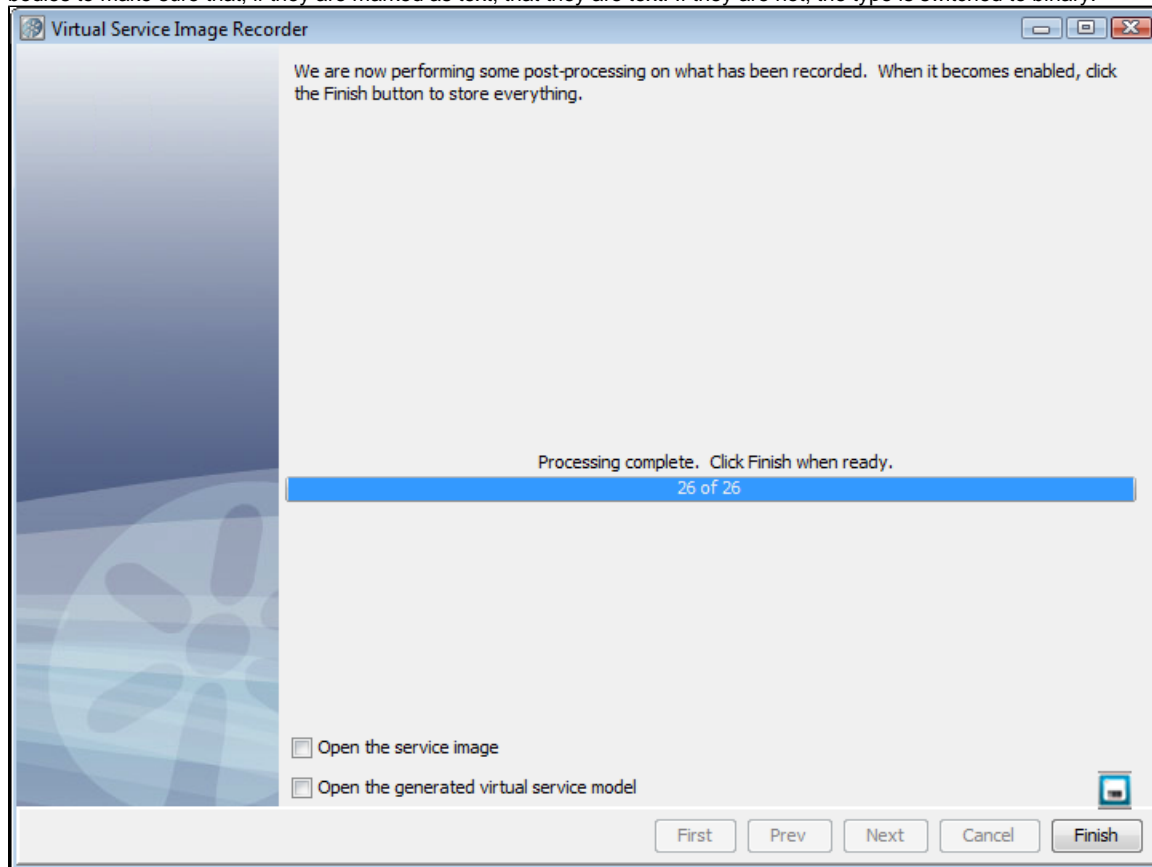



8. You see a list of the most recent transactions displayed on the "now recording" wizard page. On this list of transactions, you can double-click a transaction and see a dialog showing the content of the transaction.



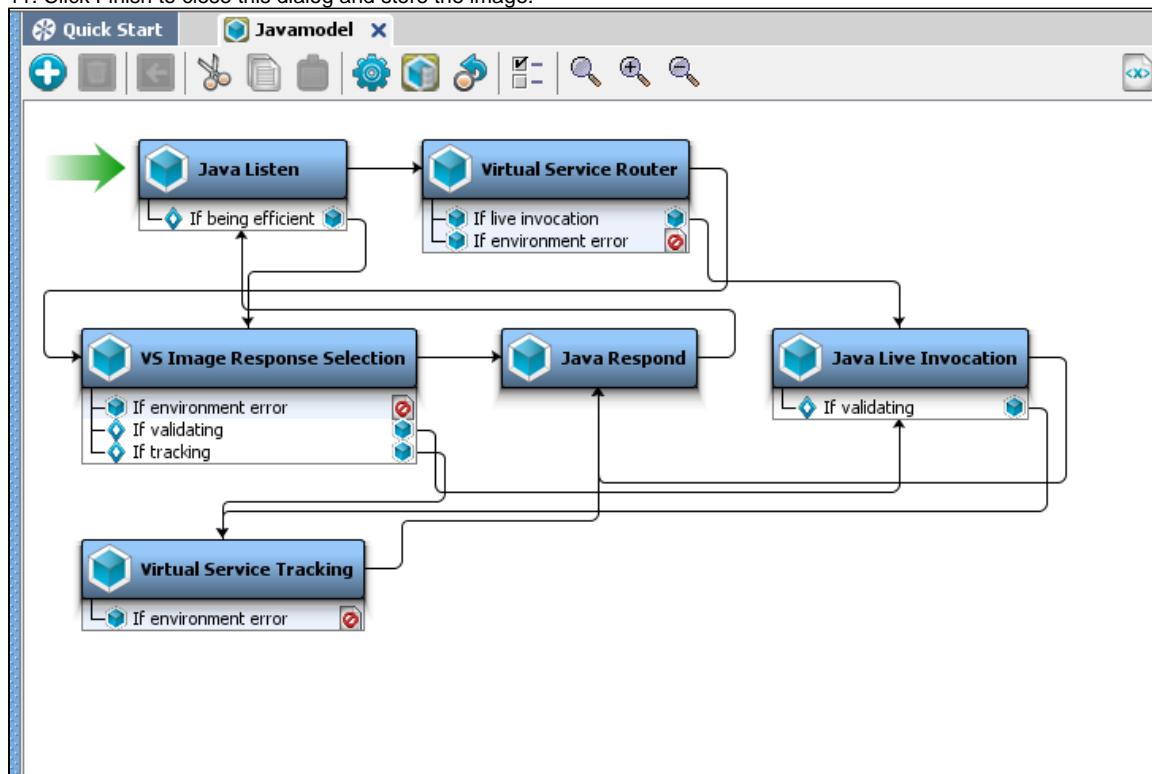
9. After your recording has completed, click Next. As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response

bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to binary.



10. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, you can click the Save  icon.

11. Click Finish to close this dialog and store the image.

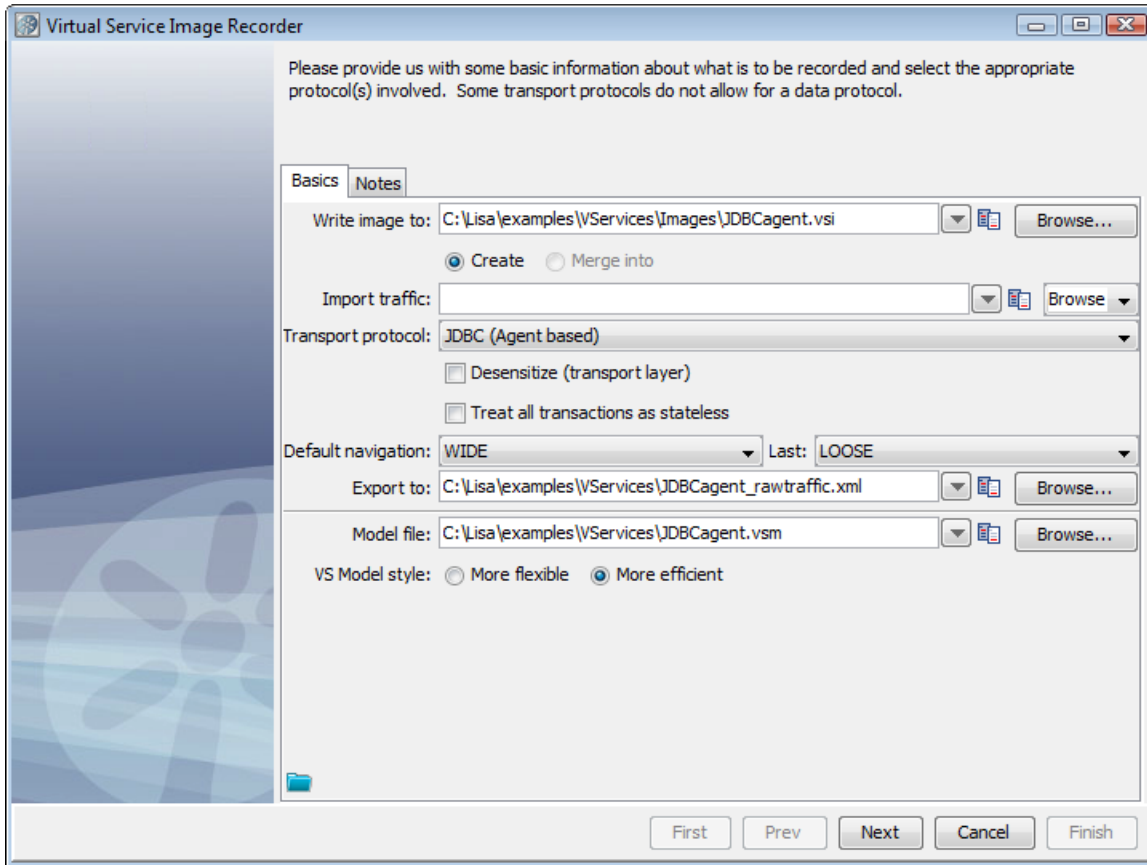


## Recording JDBC (Agent based) Service Images

### Prerequisites:

This protocol intercepts JDBC calls using the LISA Agent. The LISA Agent is included in a standard LISA installation, and must be installed on the application making JDBC calls (see [Installing the Native Agent](#)). After the agent is installed and configured, proceed with the following instructions.

To use JDBC (Agent based) as the transport protocol in the Basics tab in the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the remaining wizard steps.

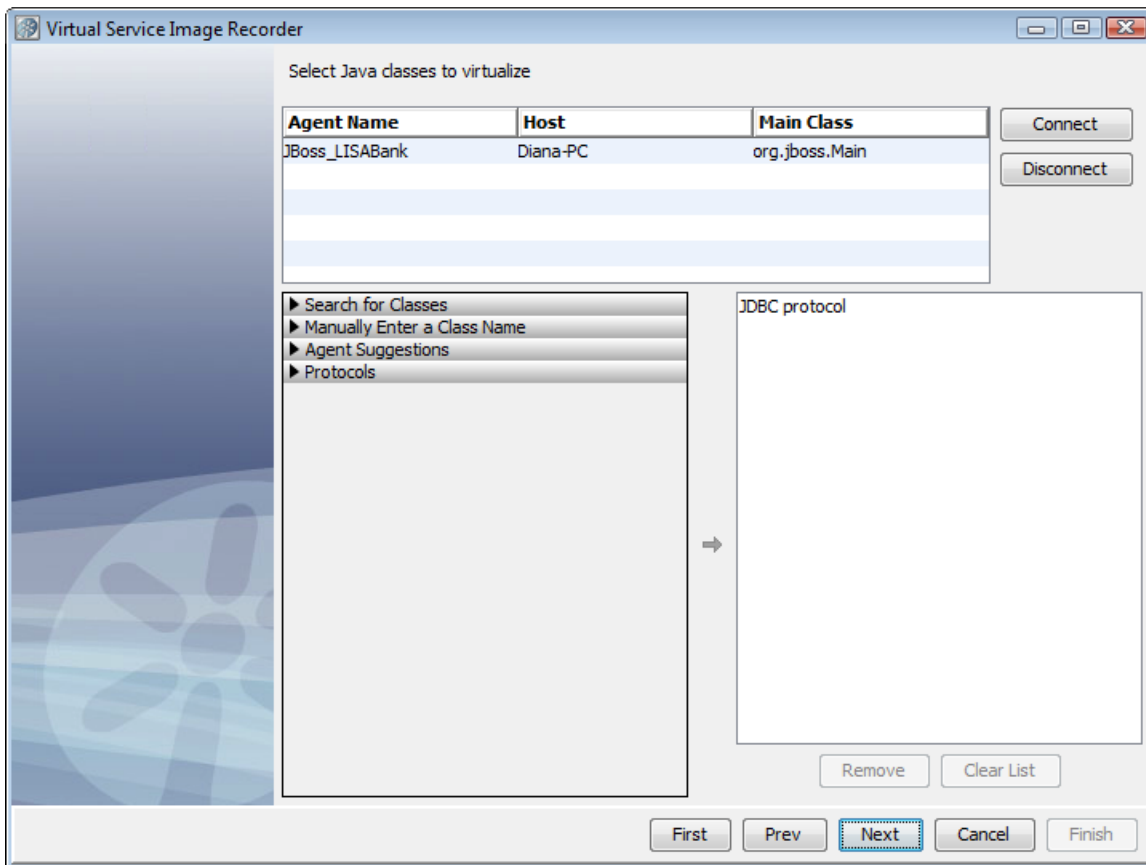




The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Basics' tab selected. The window contains the following fields and options:

- Write image to:** C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\Images\JDBCagent.vsi (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Import traffic:** (empty field with a 'Browse' button)
- Transport protocol:** JDBC (Agent based) (selected in a dropdown menu)
- Desensitize (transport layer):** ☐ (unchecked)
- Treat all transactions as stateless:** ☐ (unchecked)
- Default navigation:** WIDE (selected in a dropdown menu)
- Last:** LOOSE (selected in a dropdown menu)
- Export to:** C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\JDBCagent\_rawtraffic.xml (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Model file:** C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\JDBCagent.vsm (with a 'Browse...' button)
- VS Model style:** ☐ More flexible, ☒ More efficient

At the bottom of the window are five buttons: First, Prev, Next, Cancel, and Finish.

1. Select JDBC (Agent based) as the transport protocol and click Next. Do not select any value for the data protocol on the recorder's second screen and click Next



2. On the next screen, you will see a list of all LISA agents running on the network. Select the agent associated with the system under test, then select Connect.
3. To search for classes, select the Search for Classes arrow and enter a class name. These are entered as fully qualified names (including package), using regular expressions. To select classes, select the class name on the list and select the right arrow to move the class into the right pane. Some classes may show up more than once; a class only needs to be selected once for it to be virtualized.
4. To enter a class manually, select the Enter a Class Manually arrow. Enter the name of the class to virtualize, and click the right arrow to move the class into the right pane.
5. To retrieve a list of classes suggested by the LISA agent for virtualization, select the Agent Suggestions arrow and click the Retrieve  icon. Select any classes from the list and click the right arrow to move them into the right pane.
6. To add a protocol to the recording, select the Protocols arrow. From the list of available protocols, select any you want to record and click the right arrow to move them into the right pane.
7. Shut down the system under test, then click Next, then start the system under test. This will verify that LISA Virtualize captures any initial traffic that happens when the system under test is initialized. Or, if you prefer, click Next to begin recording.
8. You see a list of the most recent transactions displayed on the "now recording" wizard page. On this list of transactions, you can double-click a transaction and see a dialog showing the content of the transaction.
9. After your recording has completed, click Next. As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to binary.
10. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, click the Save  icon.
11. Click Finish to close this dialog and store the image.

## Recording JDBC (Driver based) Service Images

### Preparing to Virtualize JDBC

This section gives more detail about how to prepare to use LISA Virtual Service framework to virtualize JDBC-based database traffic. Information about configuration is also available in [Installing the Database Simulator](#). This section documents the various ways that driver-based JDBC virtualization can be combined, and the configuration options supported. It does not include any detail on how to actually implement the configuration on any given app container.

### System-Level Properties

The following properties can be specified either by using system variables (adding a **-Dvar=val** flag to the SUT's start-up, or through some other mechanism) or in a properties file named **rules.properties**, which has to be on the classpath (probably in the same directory as **lisajdbcsim.jar**). If a property exists in both locations, the system property overrides the configuration file.

- **lisa.jdbc.sim.require.remote**: Determines whether the driver should wait on a connection to VSE before processing commands. Defaults to **false**.
- **lisa.jdbc.hijack.drivermanager**: Determines whether the driver should attempt to hijack all the database connections from this application. Defaults to **false**.
- **lisa.jdbc.sim.port**: Default listen port. Defaults to **2999**.
- **lisa.log.level**: Default log level; possible values are OFF, FATAL, ERROR, WARN, INFO, DEBUG, DEV. Defaults to **WARN**.
- **lisa.log.target**: Where the logs should be written to; possible values are stderr, stdout, or any file location. Defaults to **stderr**.

## VSE Driver (standalone)

The VSE driver can be used directly by the system under test, or wrapped in a datasource such as Apache's BasicDataSource. In such cases, the configuration (other than the username and password) is passed through the URL.

### Driver Properties

- **URL**: The actual URL that will be passed to the underlying driver. This must be the last element passed.
- **State**: Initial state for the driver. One of "watch," "record," or "playback."
- **JdbcSimPort**: The port to listen on for connections from VSE. Overrides the system-level property.
- **Driver**: The classname of the real driver to use.
- **User**
- **Password**

Specify the driver's classname as **com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.Driver**.

The URL should be of this format:

**jdbc:lisasim:driver=<real driver class>;state=<initial state>;jdbcSimPort=<starting port>;url=<real url>**

Everything except the driver and URL is optional.



**The "URL" element must come last.** Everything following "URL=" will be passed to the underlying driver unchanged. We can support passing extra information to the underlying driver by embedding it in the real URL.

### Example

This URL would be appropriate for a Derby connection:

**jdbc:lisasim:driver=org.apache.derby.jdbc.ClientDriver;state=watch;jdbcSimPort=4000;url=jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/sample;create=true**

This format tells the VSE driver to use Derby's client driver, to start up in "watch" mode, to use port 4000 to talk to VSE, and to pass the URL **jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/sample;create=true** to the real Derby driver.

## VSE Datasource Wrapping a Driver

This may be a more typical configuration for app containers than using a VSE driver directly. VSE provides a datasource that wraps a real driver.

Most app containers provide a mechanism for directly specifying properties for the datasource.

Specify the driver's classname as **com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.VSEDataSource**.

### Datasource Properties

- **Driver**: Name of the real driver to use (this is the normal configuration).
- **URL**: The real URL to connect with (should not start with **jdbc:lisasim**).
- **User**
- **Password**
- **JdbcSimPort**: The port to listen on for connections from VSE. Overrides the system-level property.
- **CustomProperties**: A semicolon-separated list of name=value pairs. These will be parsed and delegated to the wrapped datasource, if any. If the first character is not alphanumeric, it will be used as the delimiter instead of a semicolon.

## VSE Datasource Wrapping a Datasource

This is a very unusual configuration, when an app container does not permit a driver to be instantiated directly via `Class.forName()`. To use it, instead of specifying **driver=<classname of real driver>** (such as **oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver**), specify **datasource=<classname of real datasource>** (such as **oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource**).

Specify the driver's classname as **com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.VSEDataSource**.

## Supporting Multiple Endpoints

If one application has multiple JDBC connections you want to virtualize (or if one appserver has multiple apps with different JDBC connections you want to virtualize), you need to specify a different **JdbcSimPort** for each connection. You can specify this either as a property to the VSE Datasource, or as a parameter on the URL for the driver, as explained previously.

### Example

Assume an application uses two JDBC connections, and you want to virtualize both of them. For simplicity, we will assume the application uses drivers directly.

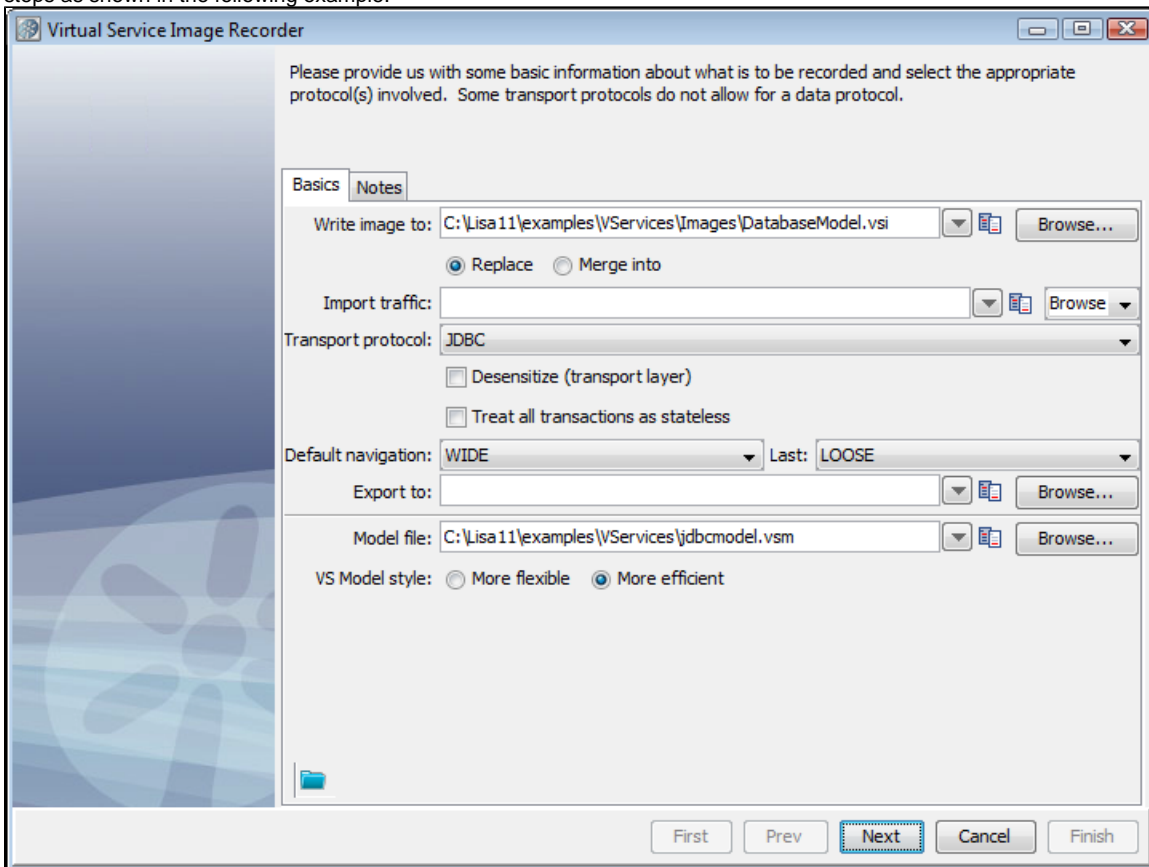
Specify **com.itko.lisa.vse.jdbc.driver.Driver** for each connection, with the appropriate underlying parameters such as driver and URL for each. For the first connection, you could specify **jdbcSimPort=3000** and for the second you could use **jdbcSimPort=3001**. Your configuration might look like:

- connection1.url=jdbc:lisasim:driver=org.apache.derby.jdbc.ClientDriver;jdbcSimPort=3000;url=jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/sample;create=
- connection2.url=jdbc:lisasim:driver=org.apache.derby.jdbc.ClientDriver;jdbcSimPort=3001;url=jdbc:derby://localhost:1527/sample2;create=

You would still need to record separately, but you could deploy both services simultaneously, with the ability to start and stop them independently.

## Recording JDBC

1. If you are using JDBC as the Transport protocol in the Basics tab in the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the remaining wizard steps as shown in the following example.

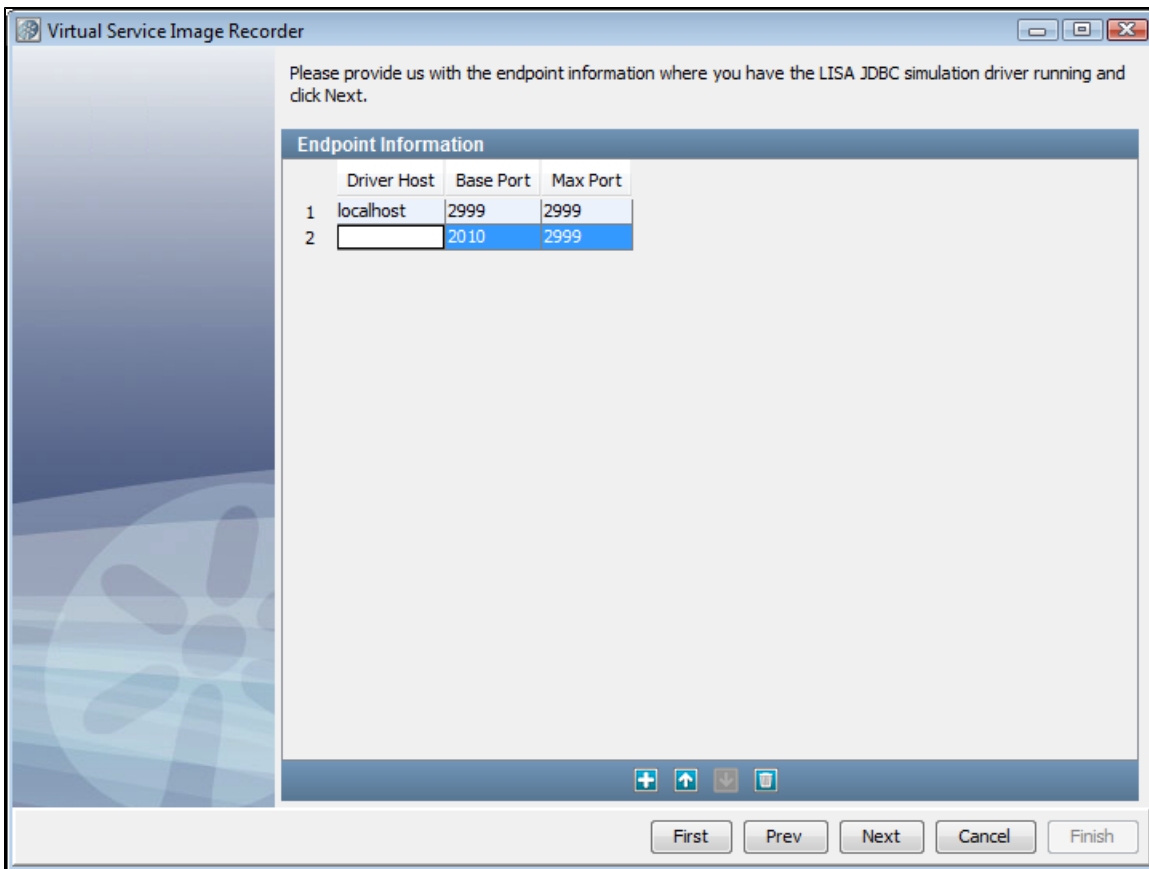


The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window with the 'Basics' tab selected. The window contains the following fields and options:

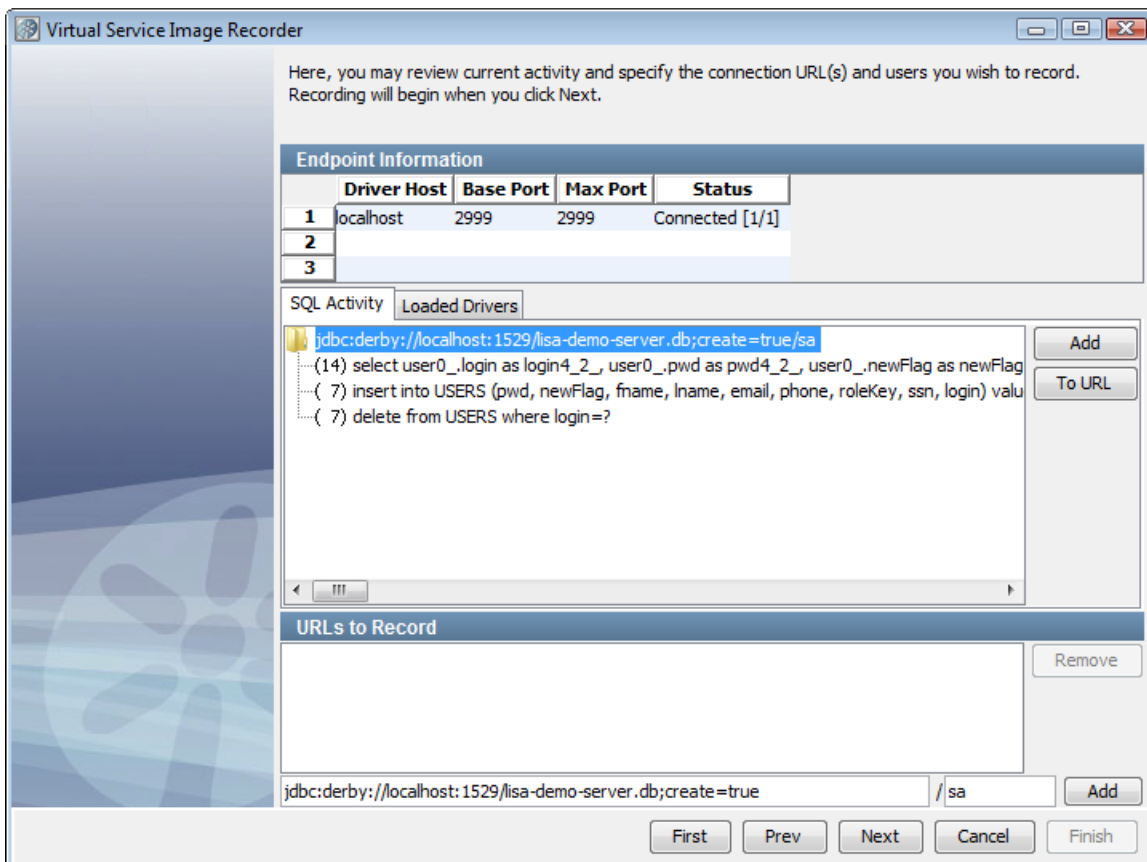
- Write image to:** C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\Images\DatabaseModel.vsi (with a 'Browse...' button)
- Import traffic:** (empty field with a 'Browse...' button)
- Transport protocol:** JDBC (selected from a dropdown menu)
- Desensitize (transport layer):** ☐ (unchecked)
- Treat all transactions as stateless:** ☐ (unchecked)
- Default navigation:** WIDE (selected from a dropdown menu)
- Last:** LOOSE (selected from a dropdown menu)
- Export to:** (empty field with a 'Browse...' button)
- Model file:** C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\jdbcmodel.vsm (with a 'Browse...' button)
- VS Model style:** ☐ More flexible, ☒ More efficient

At the bottom of the window are navigation buttons: First, Prev, Next (highlighted with a dashed border), Cancel, and Finish.

2. Set up the simulation host and range of ports (default is 2999), as appropriate. JDBC VSE supports multiple endpoints during recording and playing back. In the recorder and the JDBC listen step editor, there is a table of Driver Host, Base Port and Max Port. When Base Port and Max Port are different, a unique endpoint is created for each port between, inclusive.

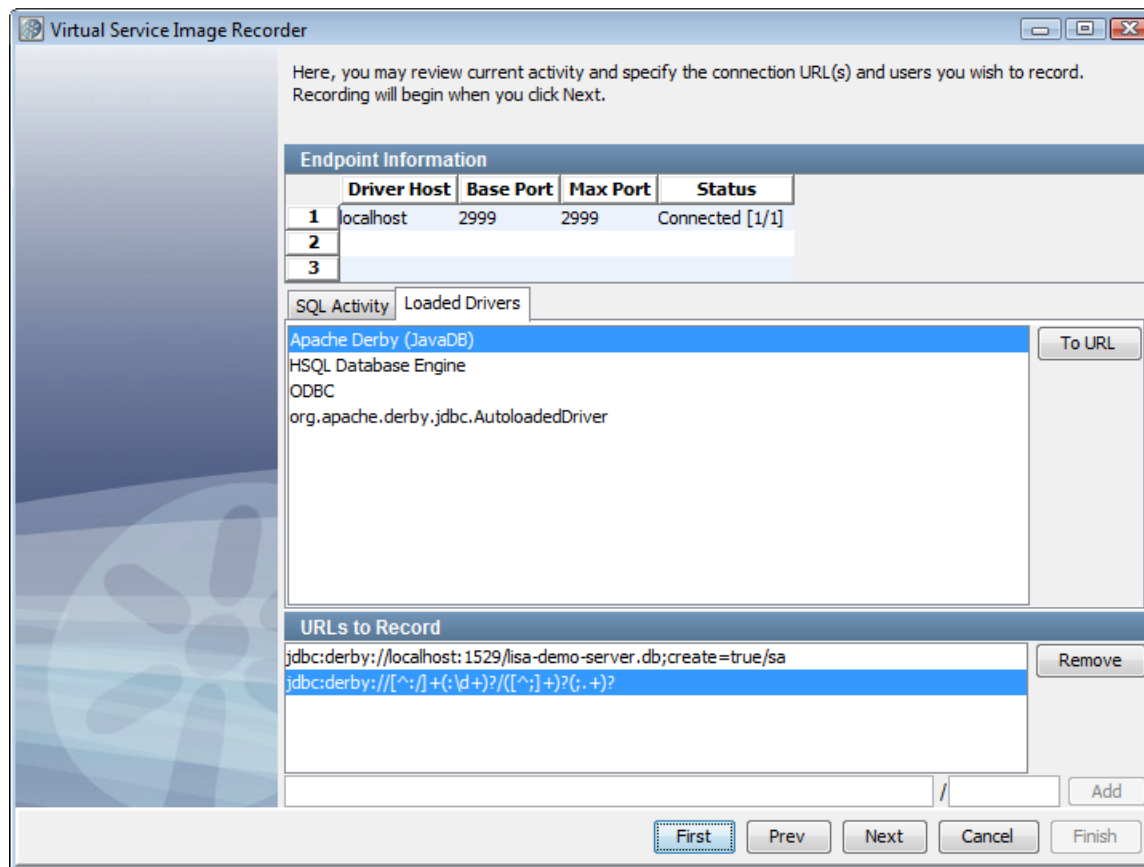


3. Click Next to connect to the JDBC Simulation server. You can stop trying to connect by clicking **Cancel** in the status window.
4. Specify connection URLs and users to record.






5. The SQL Activity tab shows the 10 most recent statements executed (and how many times) for every unique connection URL/database user combination. This refreshes every 5 seconds or so. On this tab, select the URLs and users you want to record. Click To URL to place the selected connection string and user into the URL and user fields at the bottom of the panel. Click Add to put the URL in the URLs to Record list.



6. The Loaded Drivers tab shows the list of all the JDBC drivers installed and registered in the SUT. By selecting a driver and clicking To URL, a regular expression that matches any connection through that driver is placed in the URL field at the bottom of the panel. Click Add to add that pattern to the list of URLs to record.

- **URLs to Record:** The URLs added from the SQL Activity list or the URL/User entry fields are displayed. To delete an entry, select it and click Remove.
- **User:** This is an unnamed area below the URLs to Record field where you can include a database user along with the URL. If you do not include a database user by leaving this blank, then the recording will be done for all users connecting to the URL.

 You must supply a connection URL in the first box and a username in the next box before the Add button is enabled.

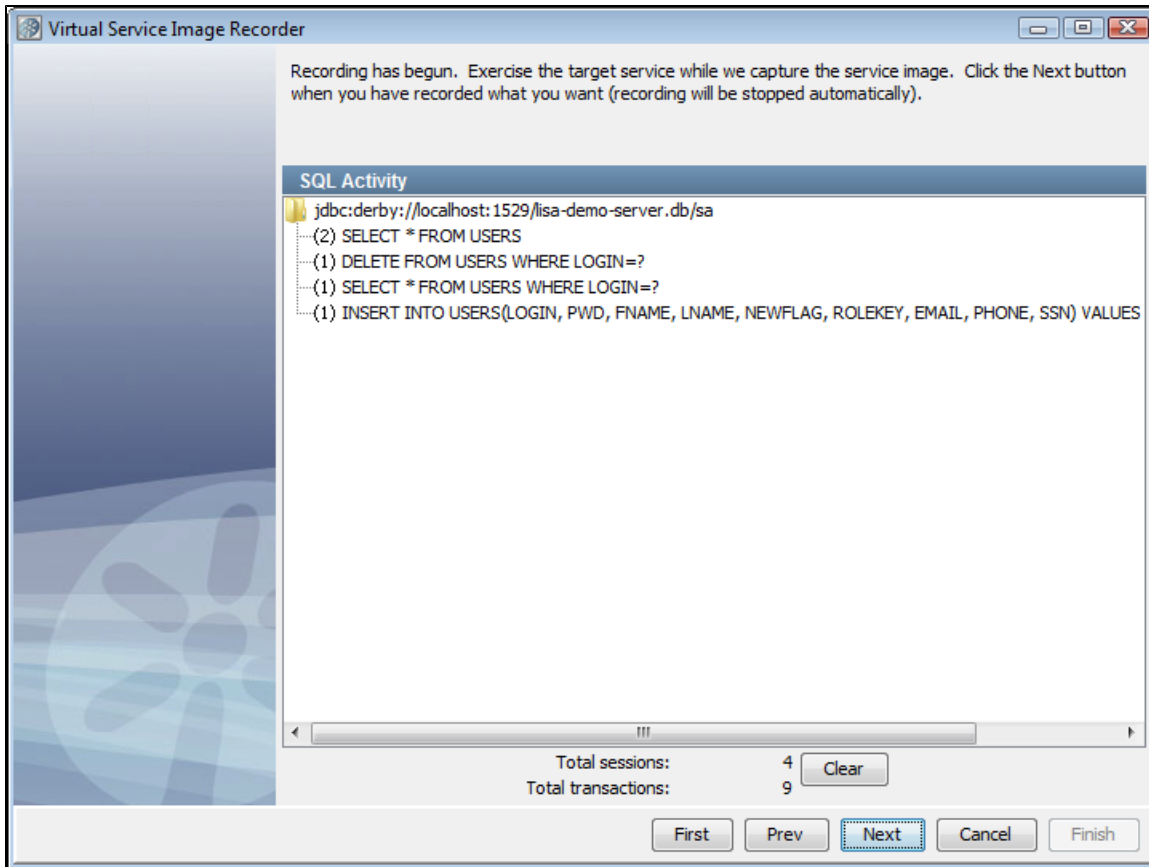
The bottom section shows the list of connection URL/database user combinations that are to be recorded. The URL can be a regular expression. (This list will usually start off empty unless the state attribute is set to RECORD on a simulation connection URL for DataSource style SUTs.)

If a driver is selected in the drivers list, the "To URL" button can be used to copy a generic regular expression that will match connection URLs for that driver to the URL entry field. If the connection URL (top level) node in the activity tree is selected, the "To URL" button can be used to copy the URL and user to the URL and user entry fields. Also, the "Add" button to the right of the activity tree can be used to add the connection URL and user directly to the recording list.

Connection URLs can be either exact or a regular expression that will match connection requests and can be added to the recording list with or without a database user. The absence of a database user will match any user attempting to connect. If the "Add" button to the right of the URL/user entry fields is disabled, it is likely the recording list already covers the URL/user combination.

When the recording list contains all the URLs and users to record, clicking Next will display the "recording" wizard page.

7. Click Next.



The options and dynamic display statistics are:

- **Total conversations:** Indicates the number of conversations recorded.
- **Total transactions:** Indicates the number of transactions recorded.
- **Clear:** Click to clear out currently recorded transactions.
- **Next:** When you have completed the recording, click to move to the next step. If you click Next and no transactions have been recorded, an error message will appear. Click OK to continue recording.

8. Record traffic. The number of Total conversations and Total transactions should increase with the number of transactions being recorded.



If transactions are not recorded, you may have a port conflict. The client sends transactions to the application instead of the Virtual Service Recorder. If another service is using that port, either stop that service or change the port setting so there is no longer a conflict.



If you have performance issues, it is possible that the target database is responding slowly. Check the **user.home/lisatmp/tmanager.log** file for debug messages that report the query execution time.

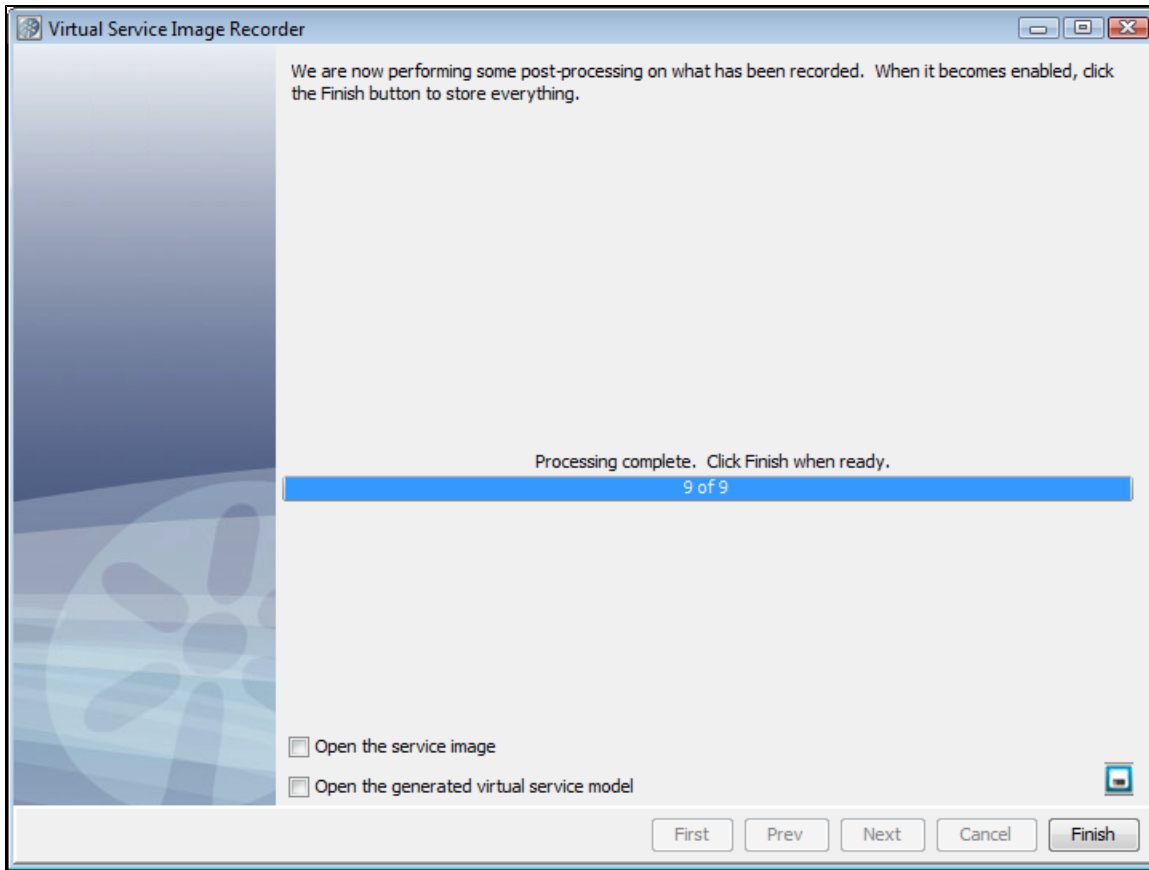
A sample message is:


```
2009-07-01 15:35:39,248 [AWT-EventQueue-0] DEBUG com.itko.lisa.vse.stateful.model.SqlTimer - Exec time 72ms : SELECT
TRAFFIC_ID, LAST_MODIFIED, SERVICE_INFO, CREATED_ON, NOTES, UNK_CONV_RESPONSE,
UNK_STLS_RESPONSE FROM SVSE_TRAFFIC
```

Warning messages of the following kind are generated if the query time is above a threshold:

```
2009-07-01 15:17:11,161 [AWT-EventQueue-0] WARN com.itko.lisa.vse.stateful.model.SqlTimer - SQL query took a long time
(112 ms) : SELECT TRAFFIC_ID, LAST_MODIFIED, SERVICE_INFO, CREATED_ON, NOTES, UNK_CONV_RESPONSE,
UNK_STLS_RESPONSE FROM SVSE_TRAFFIC
```

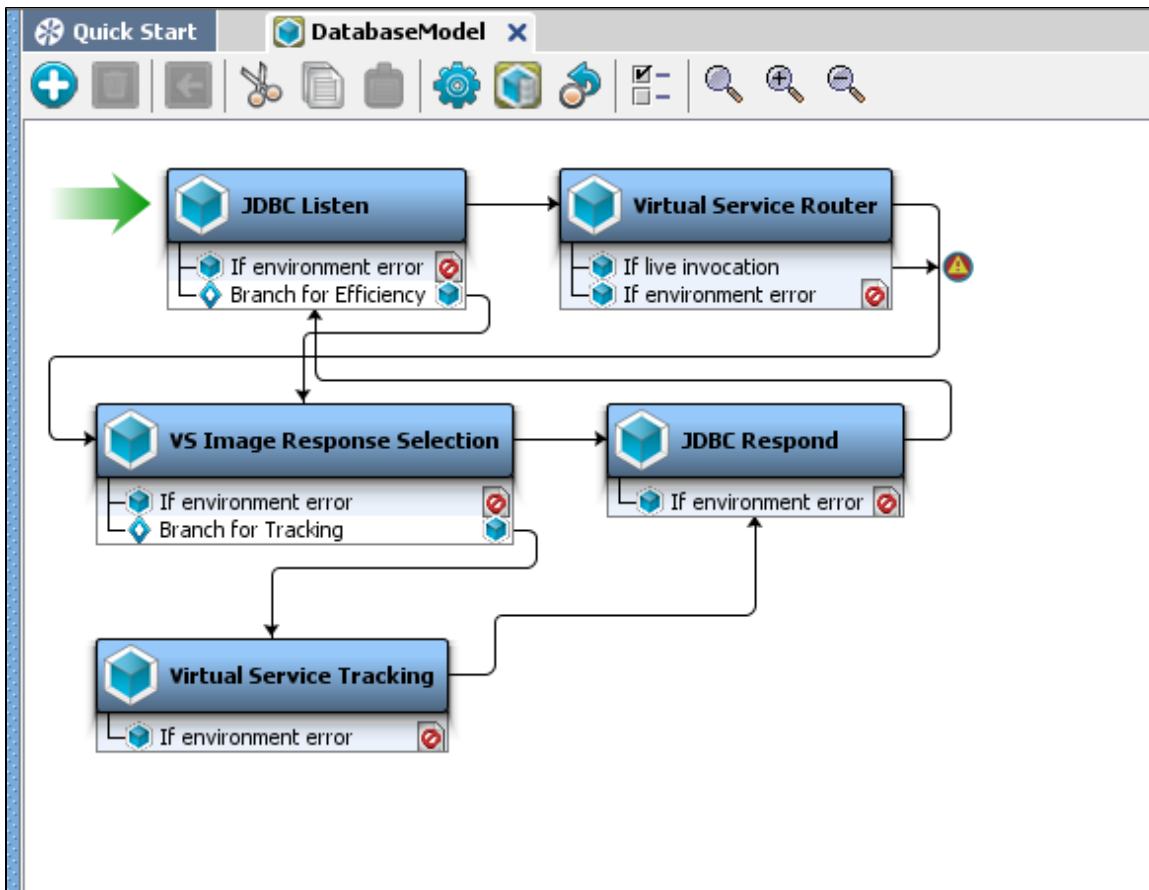
9. When you are finished recording, click Next. As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to binary.



10. The recorder completes post-processing the recording. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, you can click the Save  icon.

11. Click Finish to store the image.

12. In LISA Workstation, review and save the virtual service model.



## Recording TCP Service Images

The **TCP** transport protocol lets you virtualize raw TCP/IP traffic between one or more clients, and a server. It is very similar to the HTTP protocol, and uses much of the same features.

During recording, you configure the TCP protocol just like you would configure HTTP in "Endpoint" mode - you give it a socket to listen on, and as the target server and destination. The protocol will forward data between the client and server, and "listen in" on that data to create VSE transactions.

### Converting bytes to VSE transactions

Because there is no inherent structure to the TCP data, it can be difficult to know what makes up a complete request or response, and how to correlate those. It is necessary to select a **request delimiter** to identify requests in the incoming data stream. You can also select a **response delimiter**, although this is not strictly required.

The recorder uses these rules to determine requests and responses, and to correlate those together into transactions:

1. A request is followed by 0 or 1 responses.
2. Each response is paired with the latest complete request.
3. A request is determined to be complete when response data arrives, even if the request delimiter says it is not complete.
4. A response is determined to be complete when request data arrives, even if the response delimiter (if any) says it is not complete.
5. When response data is received, if the response delimiter finds a complete response, any extra response data will be discarded.

As an example, consider the following data.

Request 1 - Request 2 - Response A - Partial Request 3 - Response B - Request 4 - Partial Response C - Request 5 - Response D With Trailing Data

This will be parsed into transactions as follows:

- Request 1 with no response
  - Request 2 with Response A (from rule 2)
  - Partial Request 3 with Response B (from rule 3)
  - Request 4 with Partial Response C (from rule 4)
  - Request 5 with Response D, but with the "trailing data" dropped (from rule 5)
- This system will work if the client and server follow a synchronous "request - response" paradigm, and it handles requests with no

responses. It will not handle asynchronous communication, or one request with multiple responses.

## Creating Conversations

Each client's traffic goes into its own conversation.

## Out of the Box Delimiters

LISA has the following delimiters:

- **Records are terminated with line endings:** Each request/response is terminated by one or more newline characters - \n, \r, and Unicode characters 0085, 2028, and 2029. The delimiter itself is not included in the request/response.
- **Records are of fixed length:** Each request/response is a specific number of bytes.
- **Records are delimited by specific characters:** Each request/response is terminated by a specific sequence of characters, such as a comma. The entire sequence must be matched. The delimiter itself is not included in the request/response. This is analogous to importing a CSV file.
- **Records are delimited by a regular expression:** Each request/response is terminated by a set of bytes that matches the given regular expression. The delimiter itself is not included in the request/response.
- **Records are defined by a regular expression:** TODO
- **DRDA:** (request delimiter only) TODO

If the delimiter characters are not included in the request/response (as in most cases), back-to-back sets of delimiters will be ignored.



It is not possible to edit the selected delimiter after the recording is done. You cannot change it in the model editor.

## Treat Request/Response as Text

The check boxes Treat Request as Text and Treat Response as Text control how the request and response data is parsed.

- **Treat Request as Text** (selected): The **entire** request is set as the body text of the VSE request. The first "word" (up to the first space character) is used as the operation name.
- **Treat Request as Text** (not selected): The request body is left as binary. The operation is "OPERATION".
- **Treat Response as Text** (selected): The response body is treated as text, with any embedded nulls (\0) converted to spaces.
- **Treat Response as Text** (not selected): The response body is left as binary.

## Why is the Transaction Count Off?

The transaction count will always lag by at least 1. When the TCP protocol finds a complete transaction, it caches that until the next transaction starts. The reason for this is that the server may intentionally close the socket after responding. If this happens, the TCP protocol will detect it and set a bit of metadata on the response, "lisa.vse.close\_socket\_after\_response=TRUE". This will cause VSE to close the server side socket after sending that response during playback.

If you do not use a response delimiter, the transaction count will lag by another transaction because the TCP protocol will not know the response is finished until a new request starts. So, the total count can be off by two. It will be correct when the recording is finished.

## Recording TCP Service Images - Example

1. If you are using TCP as the Transport protocol in the Basics tab in the Virtual Service Image Recorder, complete the remaining wizard steps as shown in the following example.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with some basic information about what is to be recorded and select the appropriate protocol(s) involved. Some transport protocols do not allow for a data protocol.

Basics Notes

Write image to: C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\Images\TCPModel.vsi Browse...

☒ Create ☐ Merge into

Import traffic: Browse...

Transport protocol: TCP

☐ Desensitize (transport layer)

☐ Treat all transactions as stateless

Default navigation: WIDE Last: LOOSE

Export to: Browse...

Model file: C:\Lisa11\examples\VSservices\TCPModel.vsm Browse...

VS Model style: ☐ More flexible ☒ More efficient

First Prev **Next** Cancel Finish

- Click Next on the recorder's first screen.
- Add three Request Side Data Protocols: Delimited Text Data Protocol, Generic XML Payload Parser, and Request Data Manager. Add a Generic XML Payload Parser as a Response Side Data Protocol. If you do not select a response protocol, no live invocation step will be included in the VSM. Click Next to move to the next screen.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

**Request Side Data Protocols**

Name	Description
Delimited Text Data Protocol	Convert delimited text to and from structured
Generic XML Payload Parser	Data handler used to select XML body content used for making a transaction
Request Data Manager	Move/copy/delete pieces of VSE requests including the body

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**Response Side Data Protocols**

Name	Description
Delimited Text Data Protocol	Convert delimited text to and from structured

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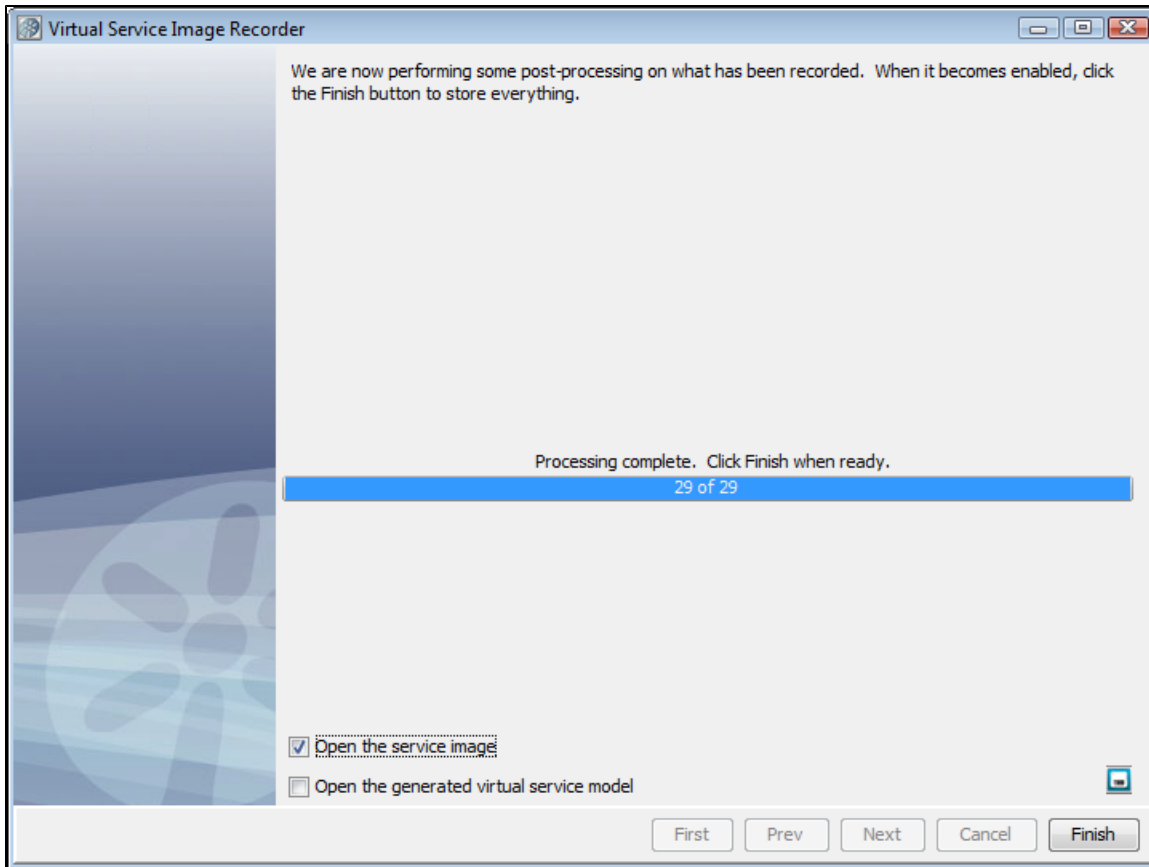
First Prev **Next** Cancel Finish


4. The next screen lets you enter information for both the client and the server, and selecting delimiters.

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Service Image Recorder' window. It has a title bar with standard Windows window controls. The main area contains a text prompt: 'Please provide us with the port the client will talk to us on, the server's host name, and the port the server listens on.' Below this are three input fields: 'Listen/Record on port:' with the value '8001', 'Target host:' with the value '192.168.11.249', and 'Target port:' with the value '8020'. Each field has a small icon to its right. Below these fields is a 'Request delimiter' dropdown menu currently set to 'Records are terminated with line endings'. Underneath is a checkbox labeled 'Treat request as text' which is checked. Below that is a 'Response delimiter' dropdown menu currently set to 'None'. Underneath is a checkbox labeled 'Treat response as' which is checked. The 'Response delimiter' dropdown is open, showing a list of options: 'None', 'Records are terminated with line endings' (highlighted in blue), 'Records are of fixed length', 'Records are delimited by specific characters', 'Delimiters match a regular expression', and 'Regular expression matches the record (includes delimiter)'. At the bottom of the window are five buttons: 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Finish'.

- **Listen/Record on port:** The port on which the client will talk to us.
- **Target host:** The server's host name.
- **Target port:** The port on which the server listens.
- **Request delimiter and Response delimiter:** Select from line endings, fixed length, specific characters, regular expression, or regular expression matches the record, including the delimiter. The Request delimited can also be DRDA. The Response delimiter can also be None.
- **Treat request/response as text:** Check to indicate that the request or response should be treated as text.

5. Click Next to begin recording. When you have completed your recording, click Next. As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to binary.



6. If you want to save the settings on this recording to load into another service image recording, click the Save  icon.



The TCP/IP protocol supports a live invocation step. To enable this, you must select a response protocol. If you do not select a response protocol, no live invocation step will be included in the VSM.

## Recording WS Service Images

You can record web services service images from the Quick Start window. For details, see [Record WS VSI](#).

## Recording CICS LINK Service Images

### Recording IBM CICS LINK Service Images Example

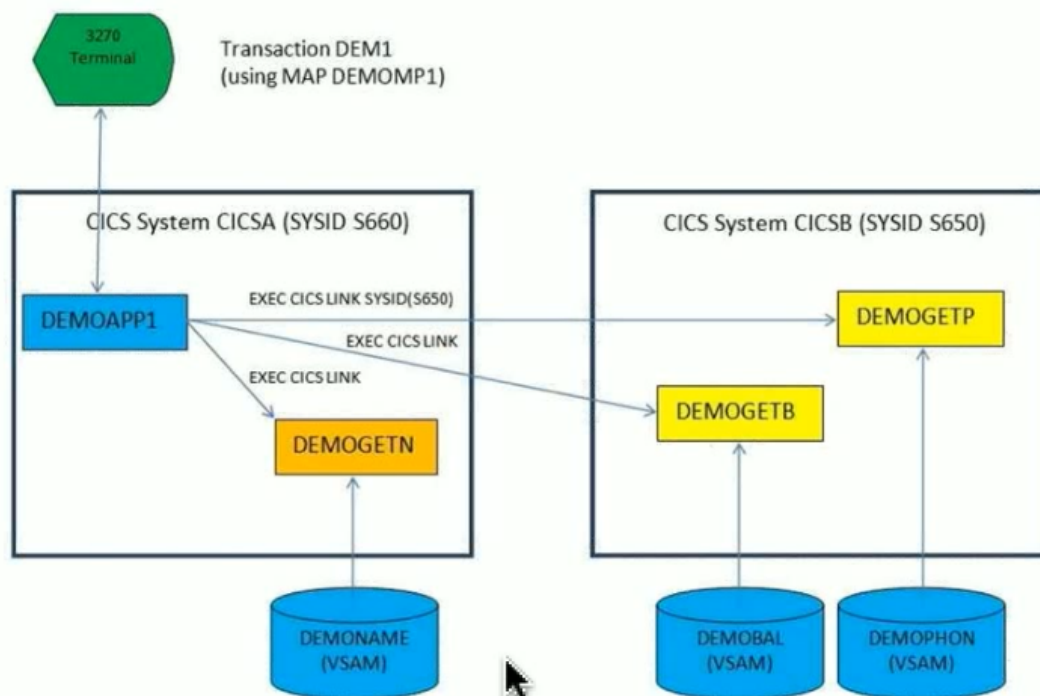
The example IBM CICS transaction we will use in our demonstration is named DEM1. It is launched from a 3270 terminal and it drives program DEMOAPP1. DEMOAPP1 does three CICS links.

The first CICS link is to **DEMOGETN**, which reads the DEMONAME VSAM file to get the account information from the customer.

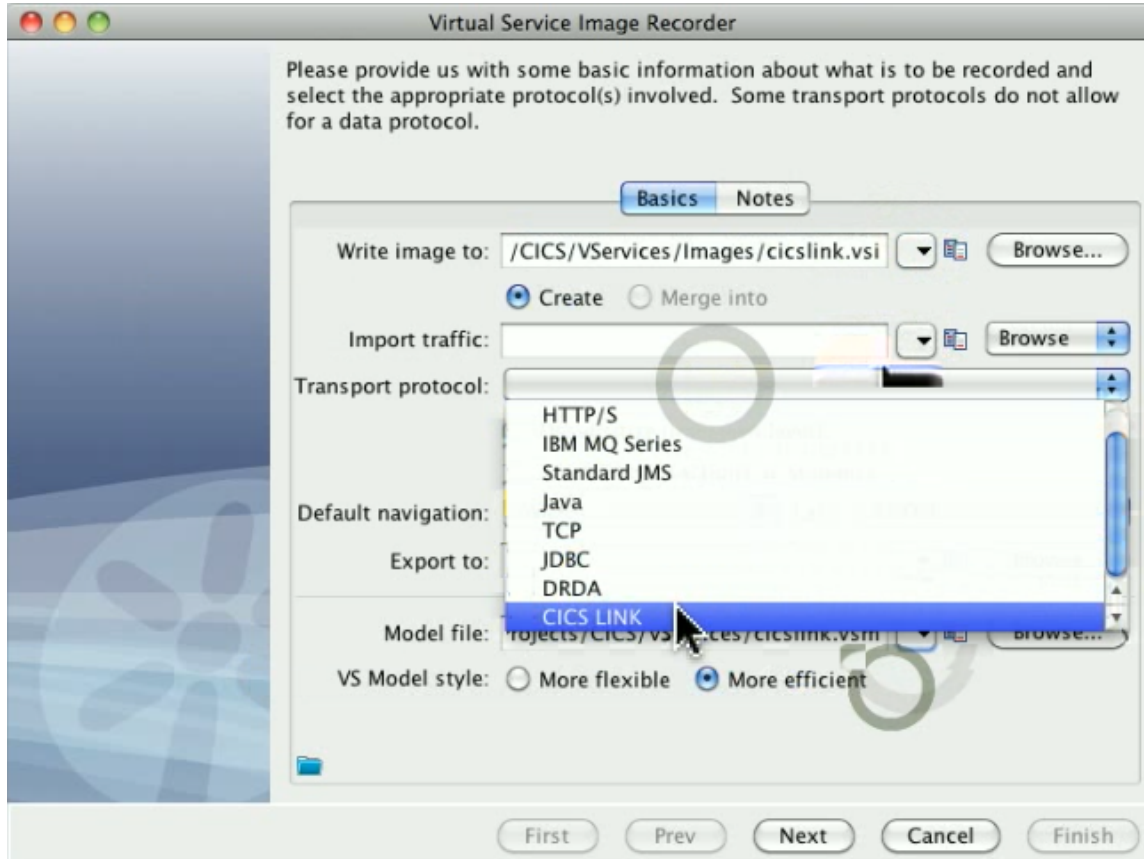
The next two links are Distributed Program Links, or DPL links. Both of these programs, **DEMOGETP** and **DEMOGETB**, reside on a separate CICS region, CICSBB, with SYSID S650. The first CICS link, to DEMOGETP, has the SYSID coded in the LINK statement, to specifically tell it to link to SYSID S650. For this reason, **DEMOGETP** is not defined in the PPT of CICSAA, so we will need to handle that separately in LISA.

The second program we link to with a DPL link is **DEMOGETB**, and that has a simple CICS link without the SYSID, because **DEMOGETB** is in the PPT. Both of these CICS programs read their respective VSAM files and return the telephone information and the balance information for the customer.





Now that we know what the CICS system that we are going to record looks like, we need to start LISA to actually capture that traffic. In the Virtual Service Image Recorder, enter the parameters for the file to write the service image to, the file to write the virtual service model to, and select CICS LINK as the transport protocol. Click Next.



Most programs that talk to each other in the CICS world use copybooks, formatted data structures, to describe the data going back and forth from

the calling program to the called program and back. So from LISA's point of view, we will need two data protocol handlers. The first is the new CICS Request Data Access. This one is used to indicate which of the various types of input styles in the CICS link statement that you are making use of that you want to capture to virtualize. We will also use our Copybook data protocol. This is a data protocol that will take the copybook data structure and use that against the incoming data and the response data and convert that into a well-understood XML document, which LISA can then process. We will need that same XML converter on the response side and the request side.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Request Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
CICS Request Data Access	Data protocol to access the input message
Copybook Data Protocol	Convert Copybook payloads to and from structured

Response Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
Copybook Data Protocol	Convert Copybook payloads to and from structured

FirstPrevNextCancelFinish

The next page is for the CICS information. The software talks to a broker, and that broker is what stands in front of the miscellaneous pieces embedded in CICS from ITKO that let you do this functionality. Enter the IP address where our broker is located. If you click Connect now, all the known programs will be retrieved. To limit the list of programs to ones that start with DEMO, enter DEMO as a prefix, then click Connect.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide the information about what programs to virtualize and where they are.

**Endpoint Information**

	Broker Host	Port
1	192.86.32.105	2997

**Available Programs**

Region	Program

Prefix: DEMO

**Programs to Virtualize**

Region	Program

Add: New...

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

We are now connected and have a list of all programs in this region that begin with DEMO. You can see DEMOGETB and DEMOGETN, so we will select those and move them over the the list of programs to virtualize.

**DEMOGETP** is not in the list, because it is not defined in a table, but it is in the same region, so we will add that one manually.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide the information about what programs to virtualize and where they are.

**Endpoint Information**

	Broker Host	Port	Status
1	192.86.32.105	2997	Connected

Connect  
Disconnect

**Available Programs**

Region	Program
CICSTS41	DEMOAPP1
	DEMOAPP2
	DEMOAPP3
	DEMOINQ
	DEMOLOGI
	DEMOSTE1
	DEMOSTEV

**Programs to Virtualize**

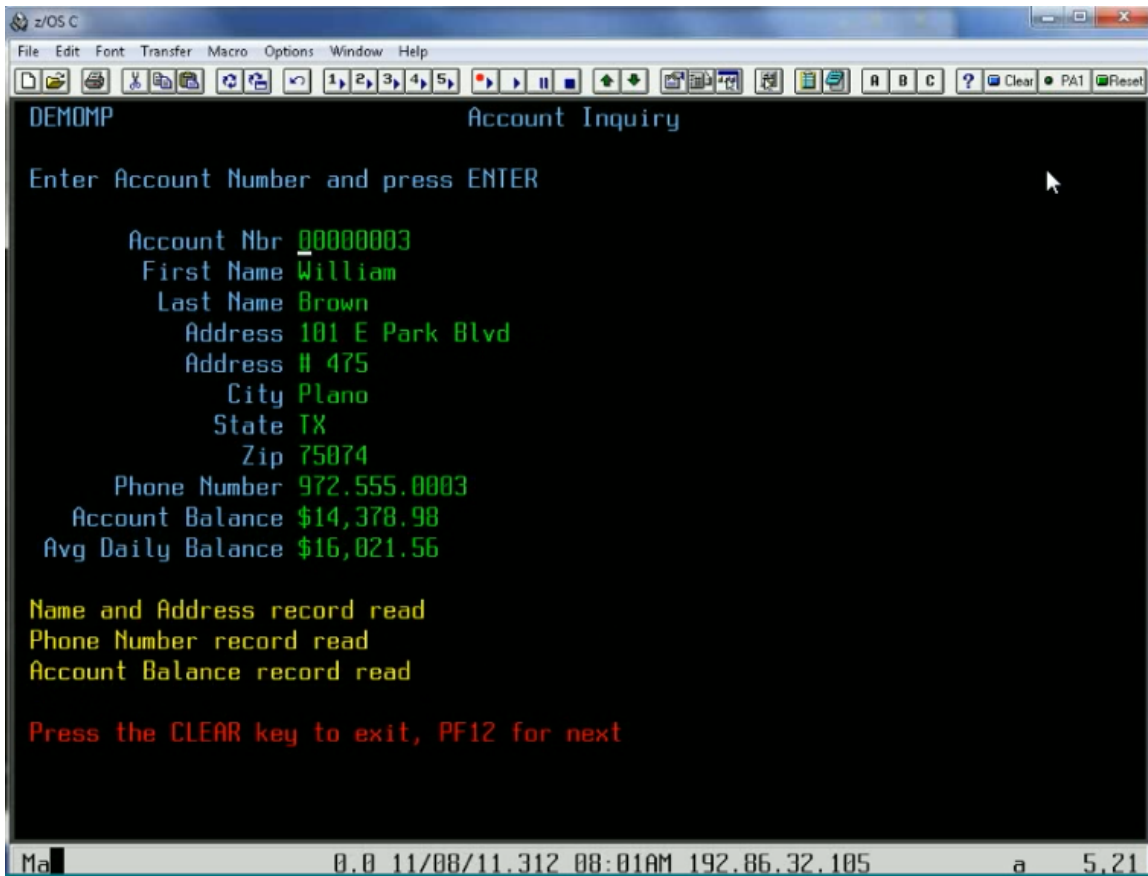
Region	Program
CICSTS41	DEMOGETB
	DEMOGETN

Prefix: DEMO Add: CICSTS41 DEMOGETP

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

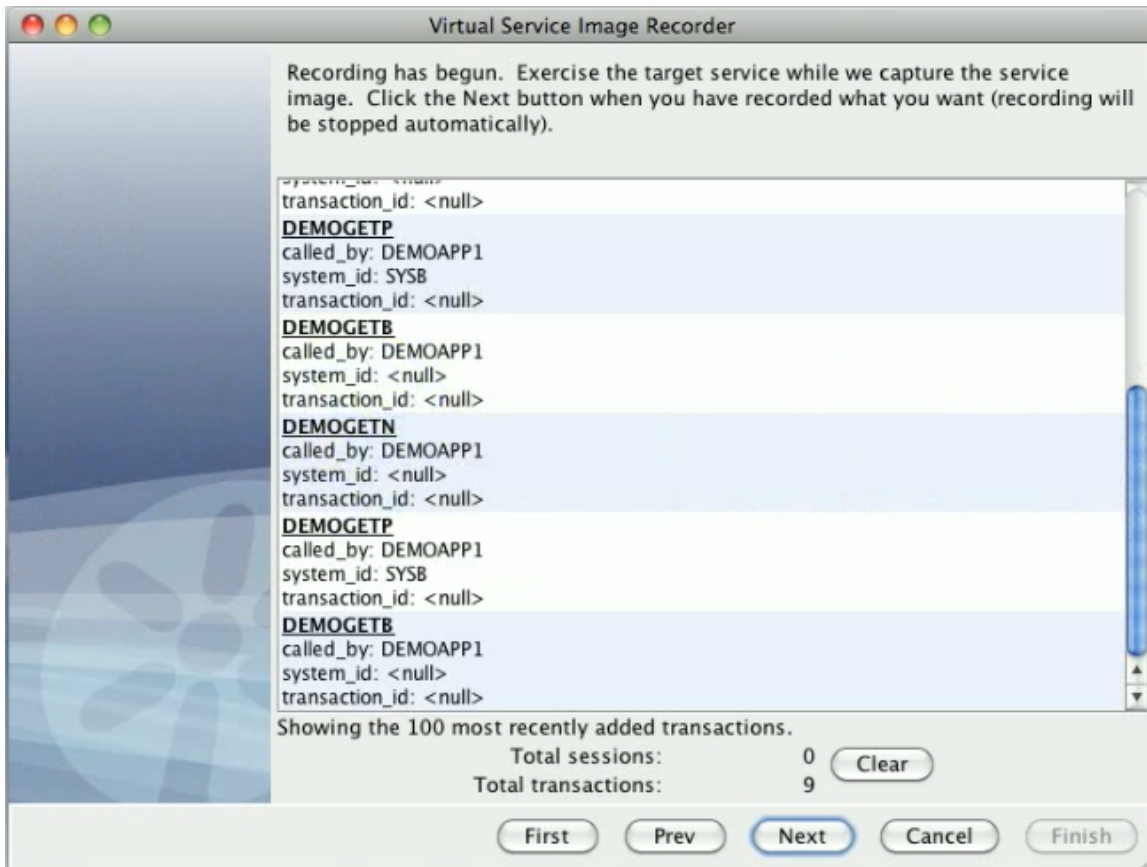
Now, we have everything we need to virtualize.

We are logged on to CICS and we will press the Clear key, and run transaction DEM1. Press ENTER to read the first record in the file, and you can see that it calls **DEMOGETN** to read the name and address record. It calls **DEMOGETP** to read the telephone number, and **DEMOGETB** to read the balance record.

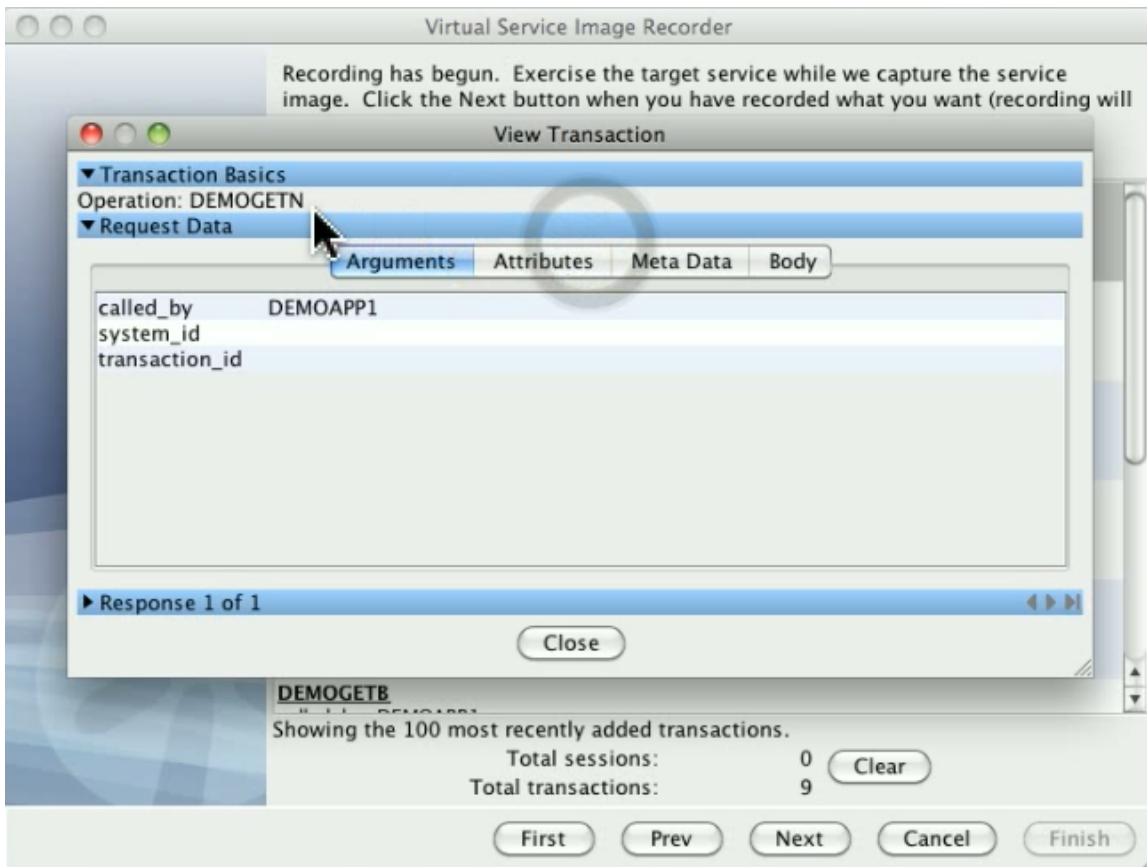


Continue browsing through the file by using PF12 and show the three records, then exit DEM1.

In the VSE recorder, you see the recorded calls; there is one for **DEMOGETN**, one for **DEMOGETP**, and one for **DEMOGETB**. At the bottom of the screen, you can see we have 9 transactions total that were captured.

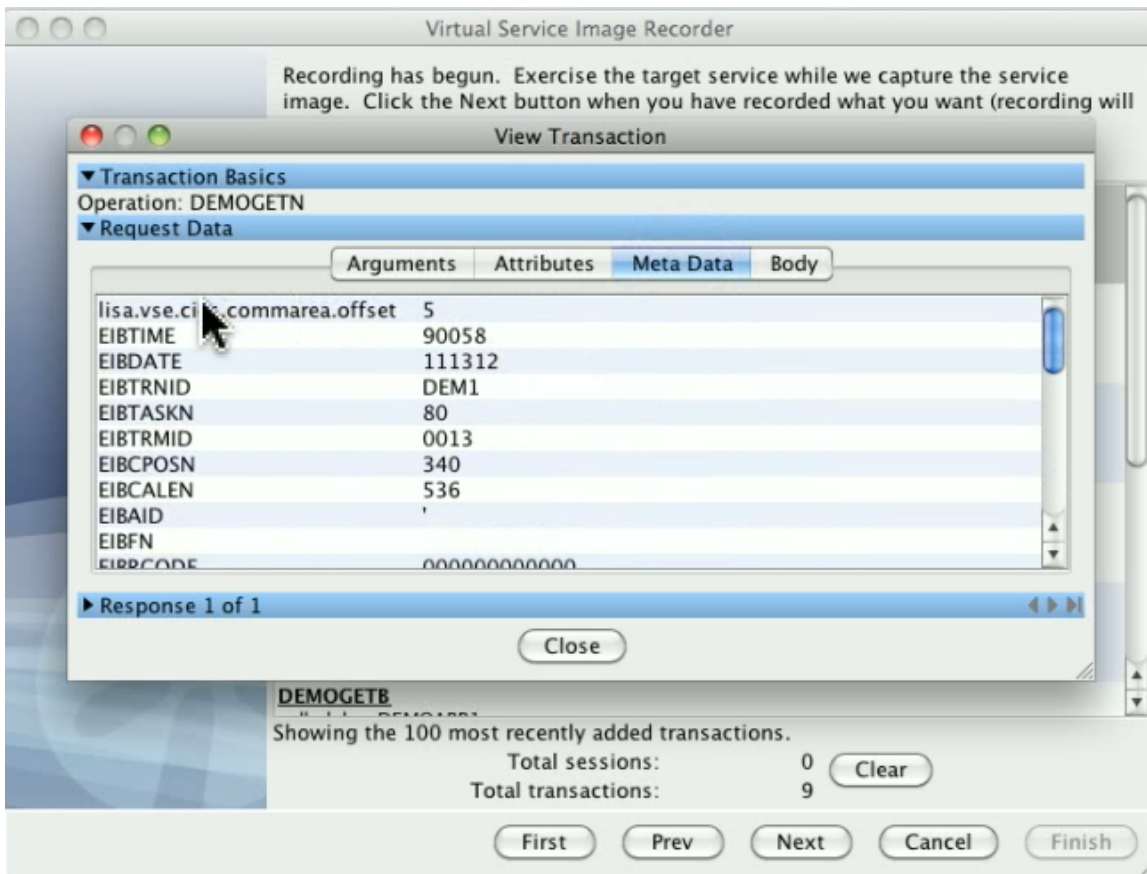


If we double-click on one of these, you can see this is how LISA is already looking at these transactions. We automatically at the CICS transport layer define the operation for a request as being the program being called, and then we set up three arguments automatically; the program that is doing the calling, the system id and the transaction id.

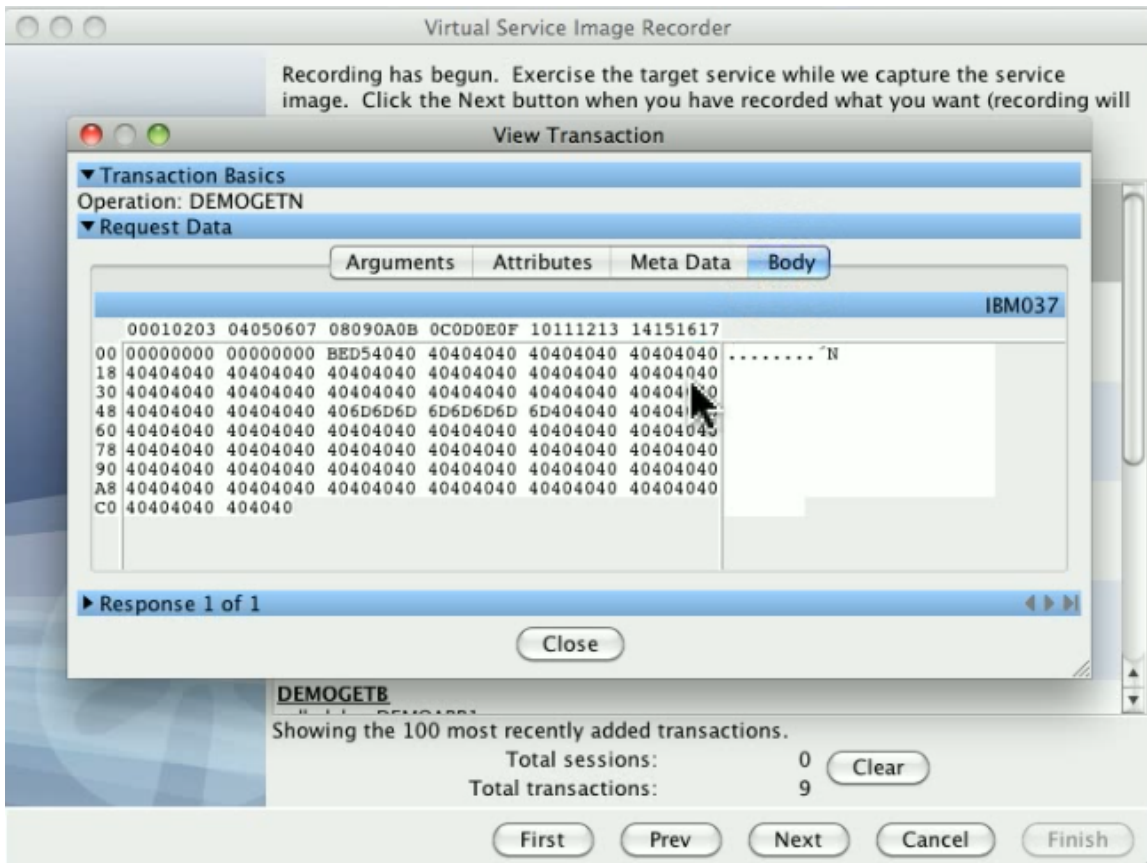


In the meta data, there is some information that is useful for anyone who is really familiar with CICS. Basically we have some control information to tell us where in our request body the commarea, which is one of the areas that CICS uses to talk between programs, starts. There are control fields that CICS provides, out of what is named the EXEC INTERFACE BLOCK, or EIB, and we put those all into the meta data for the request.



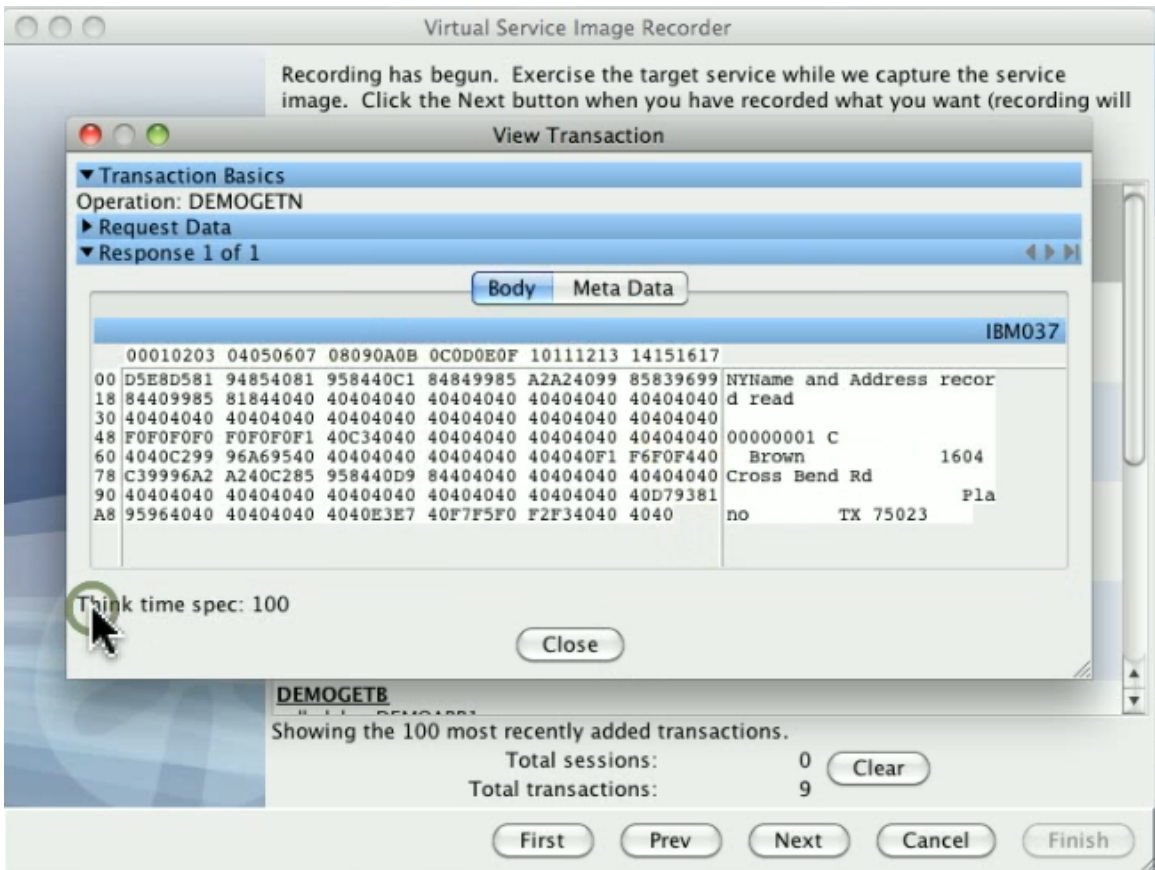


Then on the body, you can see that we have basically the input data. It is somewhat encoded, but again that is what the CICS Request Data Access data protocol handler is for. This is showing EBCDIC, so that you can see this is being correctly translated within LISA.

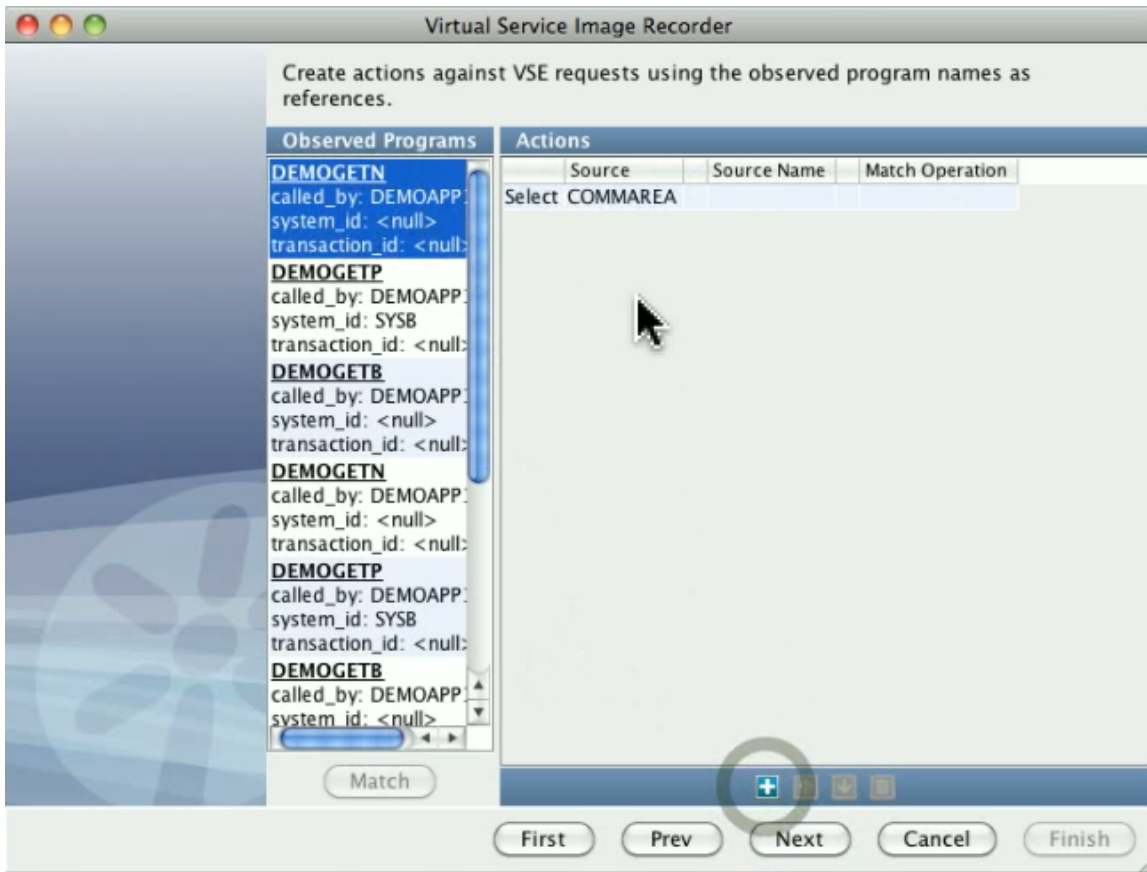




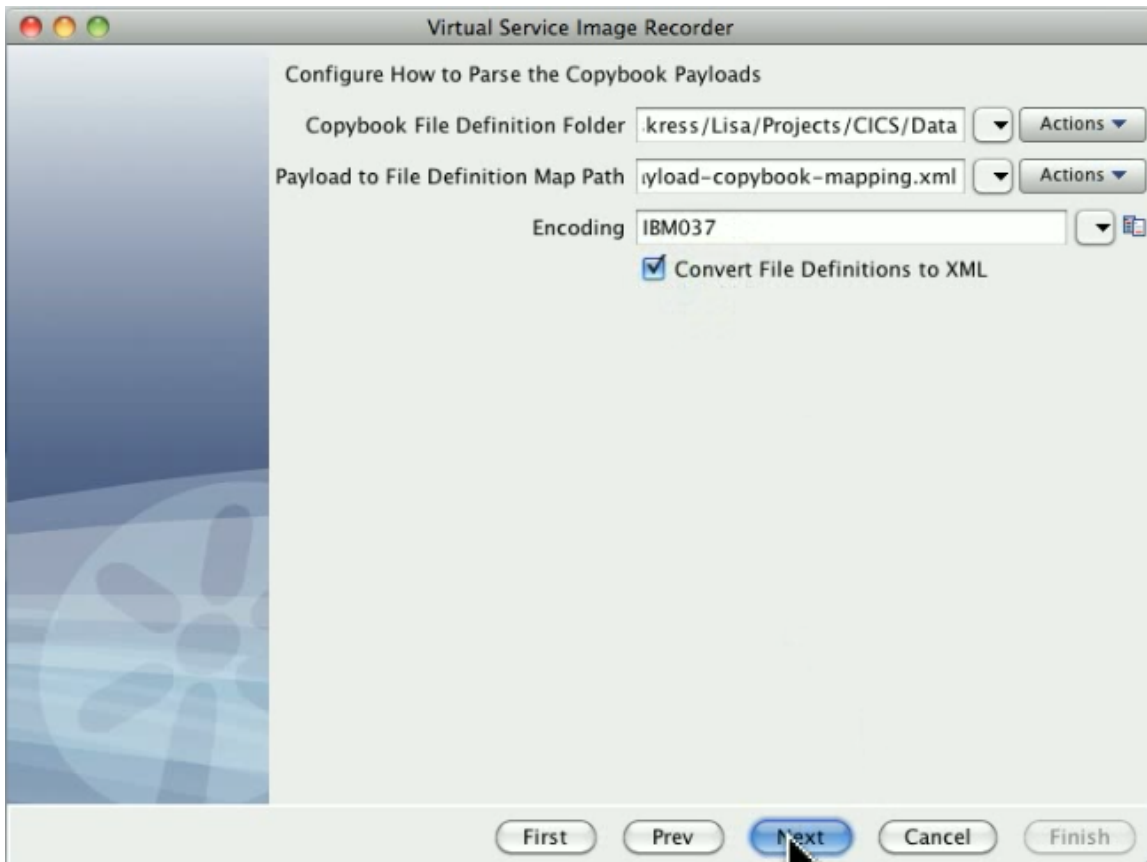
If you look at the response side, you can tell a little bit more clearly this is actually EBCDIC data in the body but we can still read it, so we could actually later on change it. And on the response side we also have the meta data with all the EIB fields and some encoding information that the CICS protocol uses to help build the response when it is time to send this back. Click Next to stop recording.



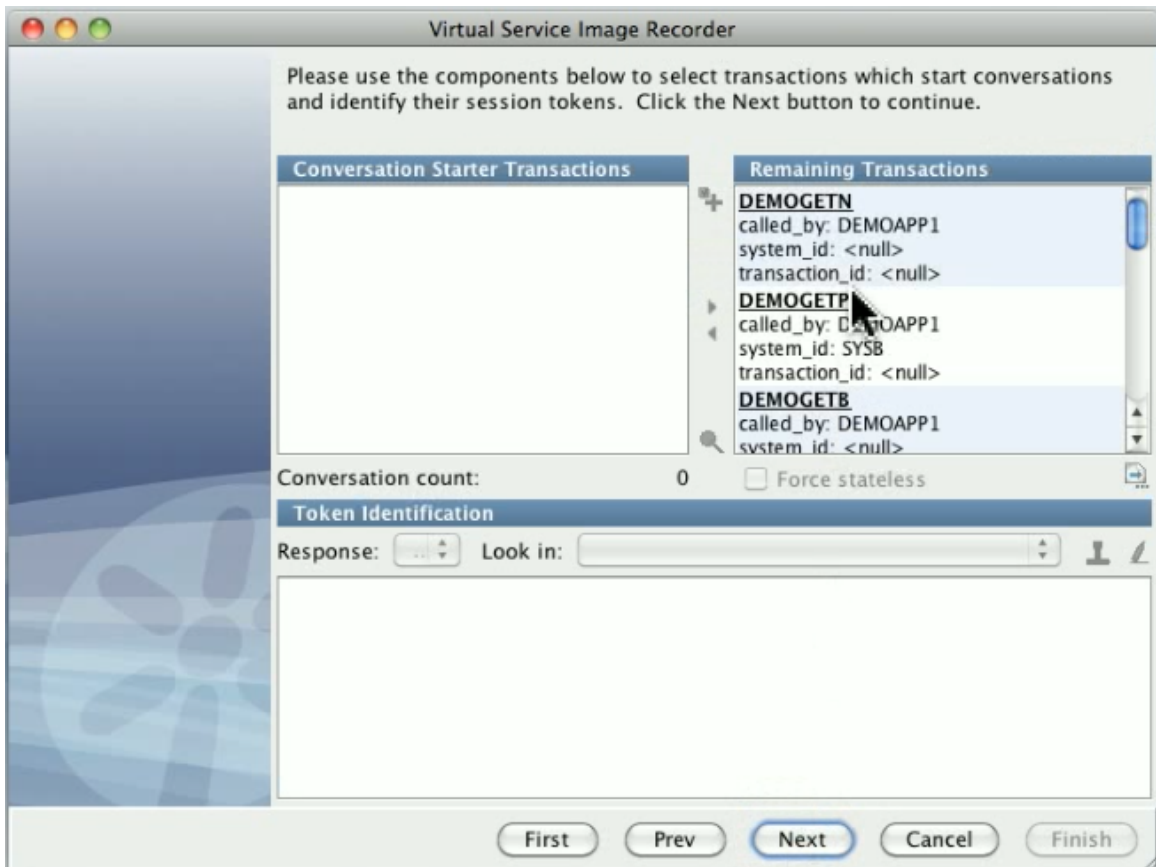
After recording is done we see the page where we can select what kind of input area we want and in the simplest case there is an optional input message or COMMAREA. Channels are also supported. For this demo, we are using a COMMAREA, so we will add one action that says to select the COMMAREA.



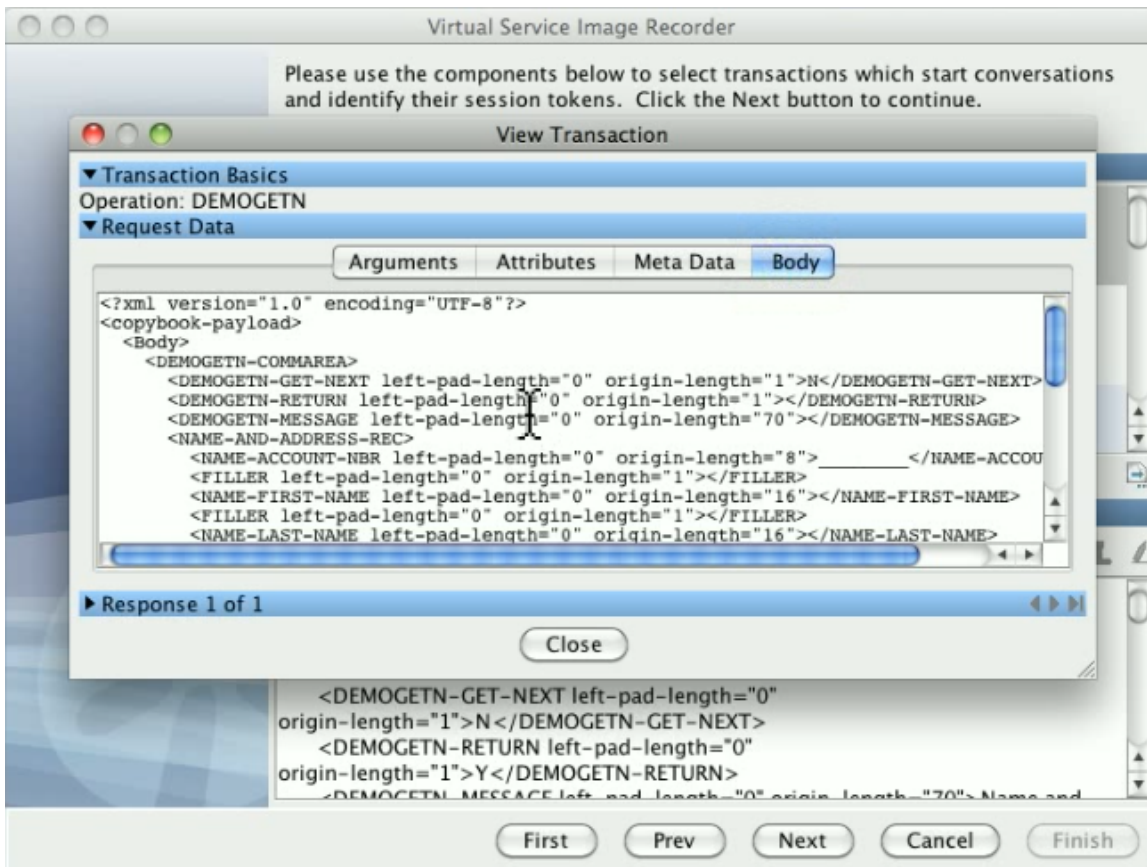
Click Next. Then fill in the information the copybook protocol, which includes the type of encoding that we are using, and click Next.



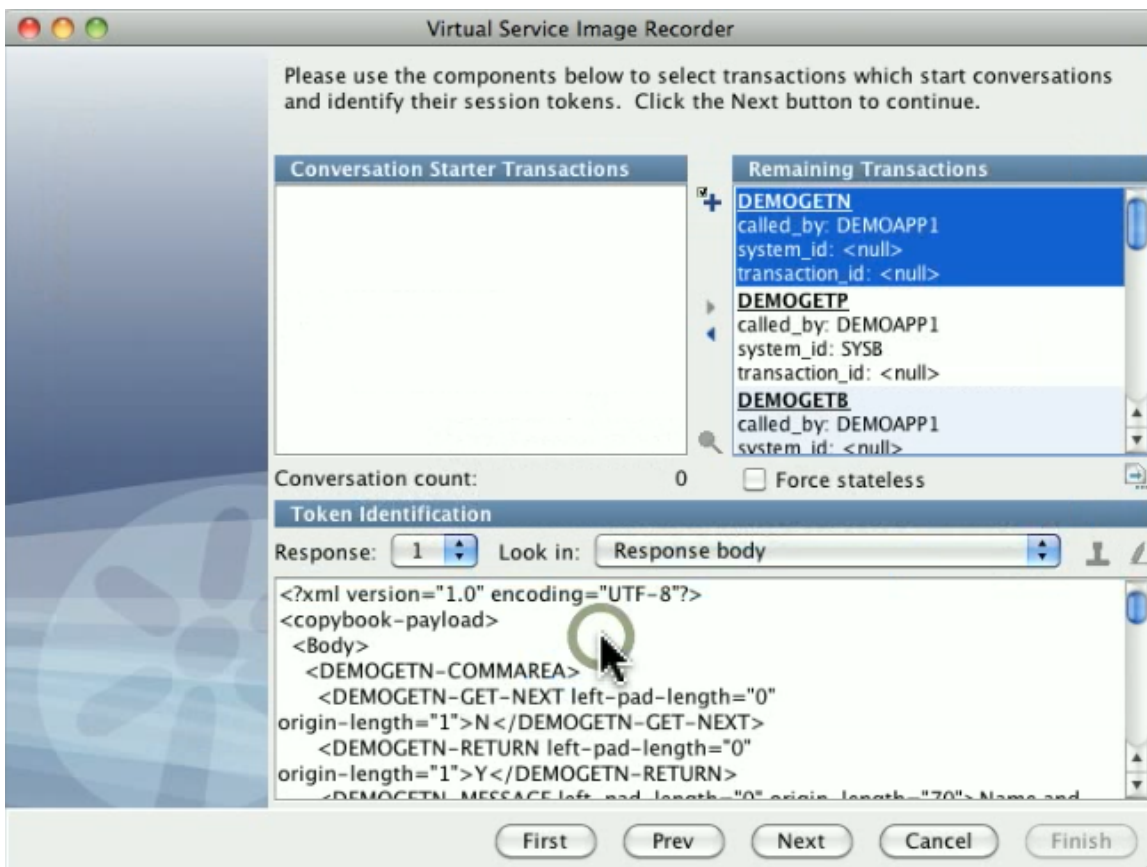
The next screen is where you would typically identify conversation starter transactions. You can see our transactions here.



Double-click on a transaction to see how the data protocols have changed things. The COMMAREA here on the request side has been converted into an XML document, and the same on the response side.

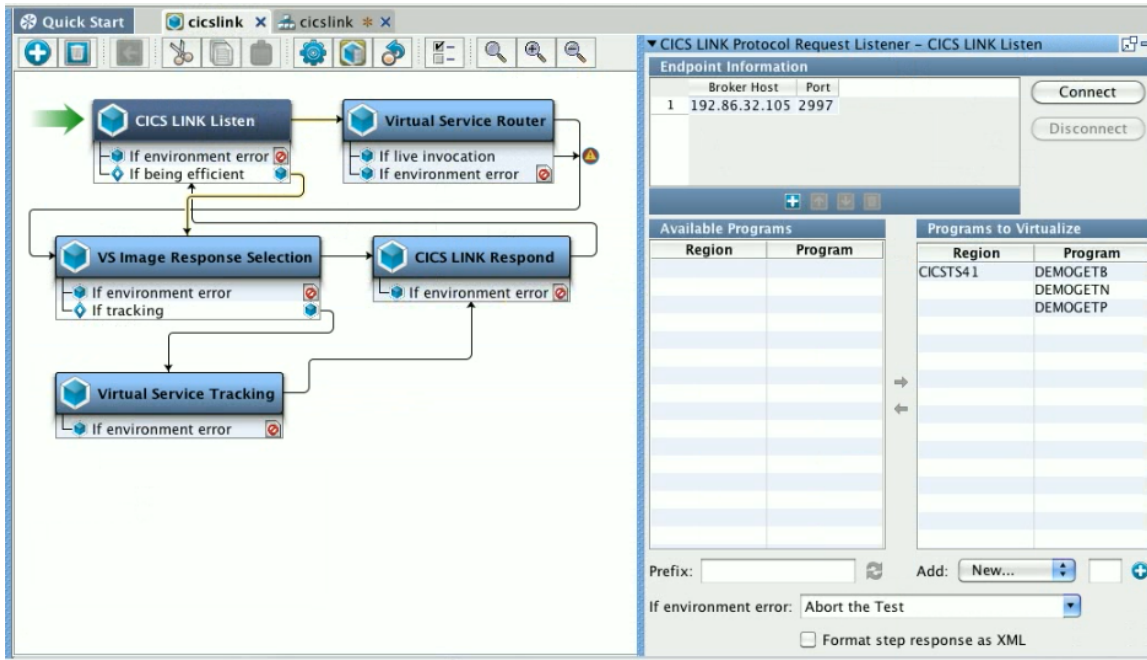


On the request side we could have added the Generic XML Payload Parser data protocol to select even more things and make actual arguments out of them: whatever is needed to support proper navigation.

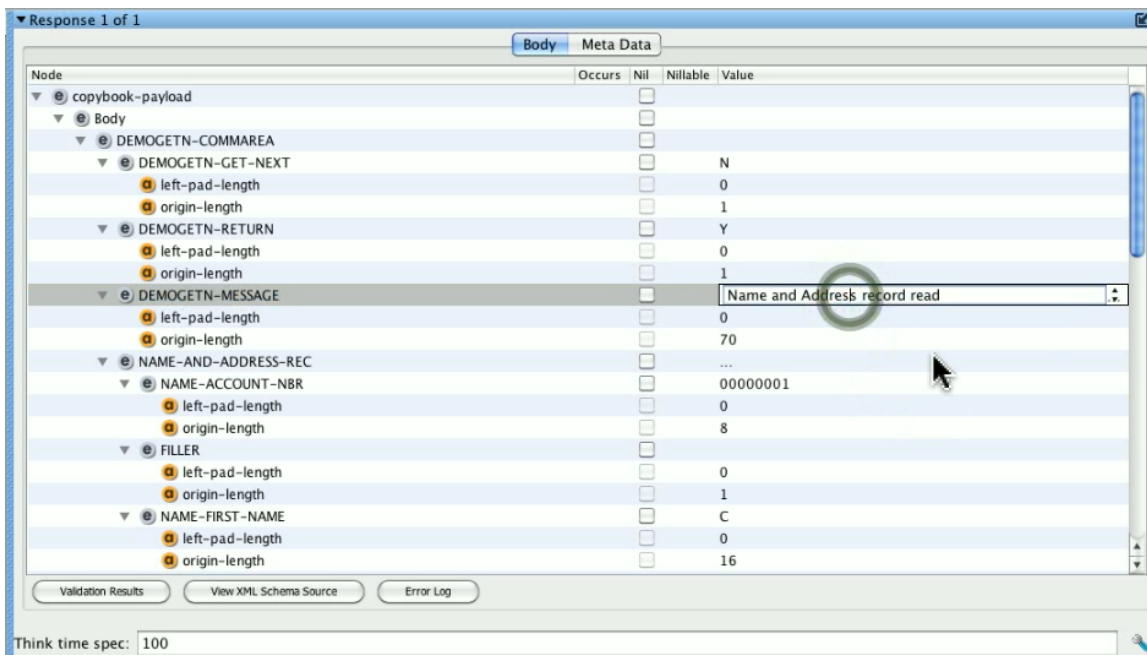


Click Finish to complete the recording. As part of the recorder's preparation for writing out the .vsi file, it verifies request and response bodies to make sure that, if they are marked as text, that they are text. If they are not, the type is switched to binary.

We have now created a service image and a virtual service model. Open the virtual service model. Notice that it has a listen step and a respond step, and on the listen step is the information about where the broker lives, what programs to virtualize, and you can change that if you need to.



Open the service image. You can see where we have all stateless transactions, one for **DEMOGETN**, **DEMOGETP** and **DEMOGETB**. Because they have the same argument structure, the repeats of each one all got merged. You can see on the response side we have the XML where we can set up the data. We will change the field in the response XML, which is the **DEMOGETN** message, where it says "Name and Address record read," to "Name and Address virtualized."





▼ Response 1 of 1

Body Meta Data

Node	Occurs	Nil	Nilable	Value
copybook-payload		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Body		<input type="checkbox"/>		
DEMOGETN-COMMAREA		<input type="checkbox"/>		
DEMOGETN-GET-NEXT		<input type="checkbox"/>	N	
left-pad-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
origin-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
DEMOGETN-RETURN		<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	
left-pad-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
origin-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
DEMOGETN-MESSAGE		<input type="checkbox"/>	Name and Address virtualized	
left-pad-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
origin-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	70	
NAME-AND-ADDRESS-REC		<input type="checkbox"/>	...	
NAME-ACCOUNT-NBR		<input type="checkbox"/>	00000001	
left-pad-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
origin-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	8	
FILLER		<input type="checkbox"/>		
left-pad-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
origin-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
NAME-FIRST-NAME		<input type="checkbox"/>	C	
left-pad-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
origin-length		<input type="checkbox"/>	16	

Validation Results View XML Schema Source Error Log

Think time spec: 100

Save the service image. Go to a browser and start LISA Server Console. Deploy the VSM to the dashboard.



Now that we have a virtual service image ready to respond, we will shut down CICS SB. We go back to CICS A and run DEM1 again. It reads the name and address successfully, because that is a local link, but the DPL links, **DEMOGETP** and **DEMOGETB**, fail. The program detects the failure and gives us errors.



Press Enter to read the first record. The program is successful, even with CICS down, because the program has been virtualized.

## Recording DRDA Service Images

TODO

## Using Data Protocols

Data protocol data handlers can be chained to work with each other. For example, on the request side, it is possible to use the Delimited Text Data Protocol, the Generic XML Payload Parser, and the Request Data Manager all together. Each available data protocol is described in the following sections.

- Web Services (SOAP)
- Web Services (SOAP Headers)
- Web Services Bridge
- WS - Security Request
- Request Data Manager
- Request Data Copier
- Auto Hash Transaction Discovery
- Generic XML Payload Parser
- Data Desensitizer
- Copybook Data Protocol
- Delimited Text Data Protocol
- Scriptable Data Protocol
- CICS Request Data Access Data Protocol
- DRDA Data Protocol

## Web Services (SOAP)

The Web Services SOAP data protocol handler is used to convert a SOAP document in XML form into a proper operation/arguments type of request.

For each request presented to the data protocol, an attempt is made to parse the text form of the request's body as an XML document. If the body is a valid XML document and the top-level element is **Envelope**, then it looks for both **Header** and **Body** child elements.

If the SOAP envelope contains a header element, the data protocol will look for a **ReplyTo** element in the header and under that, check for an **Address** element. If such an address element is present, its value is set in the current VSE request's meta data list under the name, **lisa.vse.reply.to**.

If the SOAP envelope contains a body element, then the tag name for its first child becomes the operation name for the VSE request. If the operation cannot be determined for any reason then none of the following will occur for the current request.

If the operation element contains any XML attributes, these are added to the current VSE request's attribute list.

Then the entire tree of XML elements under the operation element is examined. All elements that do not have child elements are added to the VSE request as arguments. The name of each argument is constructed by using all parent element tags (up to the operation element) to help ensure uniqueness. If the same name appears more than once, then a numeric suffix is added to both indicate an array style structure and to help ensure the uniqueness of the specific argument.

Finally, the original XML document (the request body) is copied to a new attribute in the VSE request named **recorded\_raw\_request**.

This data protocol handler requires no configuration information and so does not present a page in the recording wizard.

## Web Services (SOAP Headers)

The SOAP Headers data protocol handler will turn elements from the header of a SOAP message into arguments for requests in a virtual service image. It is compatible with any transport protocol that will generate SOAP messages; typically HTTP/S.

To use the SOAP Headers data protocol, generate a VS Image either by recording or from request-response pairs. You will typically use the HTTP/S transport protocol. Add the SOAP Headers data protocol as a **Request Side Data Protocol**. This data protocol does not require any extra configuration.

This data protocol can be used with the SOAP data protocol to process both SOAP headers and the SOAP body.

Arguments are named based on the structure of the XML.



## Example

```
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<soapenv:Header>
<wsse:Security xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd">
<wsse:UsernameToken>
<wsse:Username>username</wsse:Username>
<wsse:Password>password</wsse:Password>
</wsse:UsernameToken>
</wsse:Security>
<n1:ServiceControl xmlns:n1="http://examples.itko.com/examples.xsd">
<n1:VersionID>2.0</n1:VersionID>
<n1:Asynchronous>
<n1:ReplyRequiredIndicator>false</n1:ReplyRequiredIndicator>
<n1:PassThroughData>
<n1:Key>InteractionID</n1:Key>
<n1:Value>444831</n1:Value>
</n1:PassThroughData>
</n1:Asynchronous>
</n1:ServiceControl>
</soapenv:Header>
...
```

This will be parsed into elements named

- Security\_UsernameToken\_Username
- Security\_UsernameToken\_Password
- ServiceControl\_VersionID
- ServiceControl\_Asynchronous\_ReplyRequiredIndicator
- ServiceControl\_Asynchronous\_PassThroughData\_Key
- ServiceControl\_Asynchronous\_PassThroughData\_Value

Duplicated elements will be named with \_1, \_2, and so on, appended to the name.

## Web Services Bridge

Data protocol for LISA Travel example. It is very specific to the example and would not be very useful in a general case. It can therefore be safely ignored.

## WS - Security Request

The WS-Security Request data protocol supports SOAP messages that include WS-Security headers. It is designed to strip away any security from the SOAP Request before sending it along the Virtualize framework and to apply security to outgoing SOAP responses.

When recording a web service with WS-Security headers, add a WS-Security Request (Request Side) Data Protocol (typically before a Web Service SOAP Data Protocol) and a WS-Security Response (Response Side) Data Protocol.

Request Side Data Protocols	
Name	Description
WS-Security Request	Protocol layer for handling WS-Security Headers.
Web Services (SOAP)	Protocol layer for handling SOAP-based web ser

Response Side Data Protocols	
Name	Description
WS-Security Response	Protocol layer for handling WS-Security Headers.

Buttons: First, Prev, Next, Cancel, Finish

Before recording you will be presented with a set of configuration panels. One is for the WS-Security Request Data Protocol and two are for the WS-Security Response Data Protocol. For the Request Data Protocol, configure the handler to process a Request message sent by the client. Fill in the Receive actions used to decode/validate the headers. This configuration is used both for recording and playback.

Options available for Receive (Response) messages are:

- **Decryption**
- **Signature Verification**
- **SAML Verifier**
- **Username Token Verifier**
- **Timestamp Receipt**
- **Signature Confirmation**

Options available for Send (Request) messages are:

- **Timestamp**
- **Username Token**
- **SAML Token**
- **Signature Token**
- **Encryption**

You may want to use encryption, in which case you can enter the following information:

- **Keystore File:** Select from the drop-down or select from the file system the keystore file to use for encryption.
- **Keystore Type:** Select either **Java Key Store** or Personal Information Exchange (PKCS #12).
- **Keystore Password:** The password for your keystore.
- **Keystore Alias:** Should be an alias for a public key.
- **Alias Password:** Leave blank or enter the same as Keystore Password for PKCS #12 files.

The **WS-I BSP Compliant** check box indicates whether to verify compliance with WS-I Basic Security Profile (including using InclusiveNamespaces and CanonicalizationMethod in SignedInfo).

Click the Verify button to validate your keystore information as entered.

Configure the Receive options for processing Request messages during recording and playback

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Receive

Decryption

Signature Verification

Timestamp Receipt

☒ Use Decryption

Keystore File

Keystore Password

Keystore Alias

Alias Password  Verify...

☐ WS-I BSP Compliant

First

Prev

Next

Cancel

Finish

For the Response Data Protocol, configure the handler to both process Response messages sent back from the live service during recording and Response messages sent back from the VSM. During the recording phase you need to process the Response message as the client would.

Select the **Add Timestamp** check box.

- **Time-To-Live (sec):** The lifetime of the message in seconds. Enter 0 to not include an Expires element.
- **Use Millisecond Precision in Timestamp:** Express timestamp to milliseconds.



Some Web services, particularly .NET 1.x/2.0 with WSE 2.0, are not compliant with standard timestamp date formatting, and do not allow milliseconds. For these web services, clear the **Use Millisecond Precision in Timestamp** check box.

Configure the Send options for modifying Response messages during playback

Send

Timestamp

Signature Token

Encryption

☒ Add Timestamp

☒ Use Millisecond Precision

Time-to-Live (sec)

☐ WS-I BSP Compliant

First

Prev

Next

Cancel

Finish

During playback you must process the message as the server would send it (the SOAP message from the VSM will not have any Security headers and this configuration would apply the Security header).

Configure the Receive options for processing Response messages during recording

Receive

Decryption

Signature Verification

Timestamp Receipt

☐ WS-I BSP Compliant

First

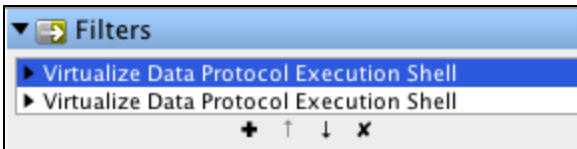
Prev

Next

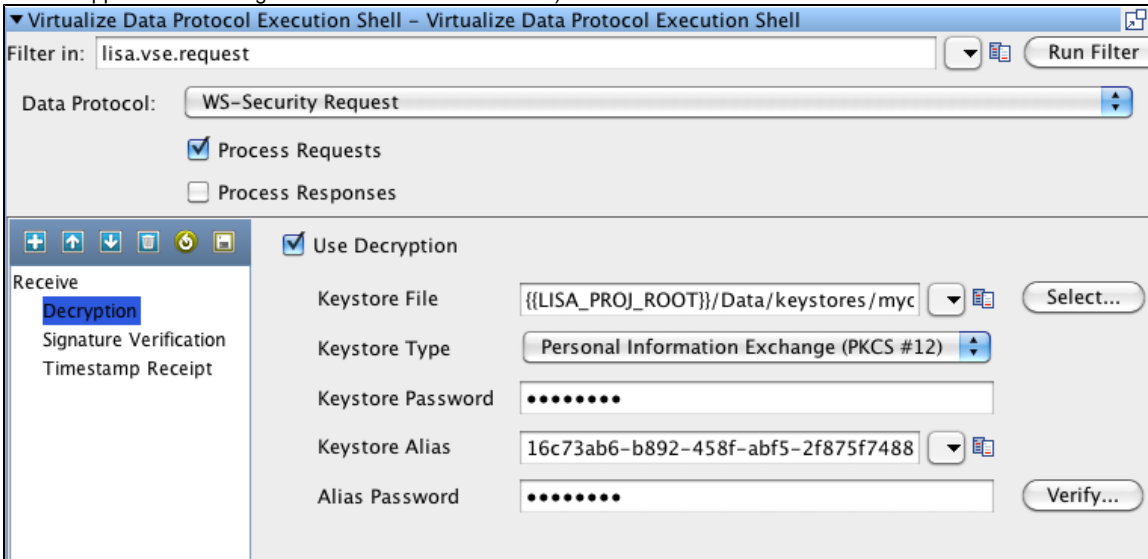
Cancel

Finish

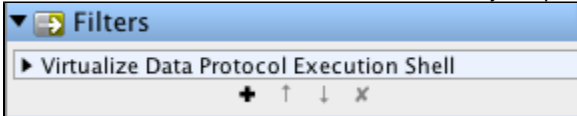
After recording is complete, a virtual service model is created. In that model, a Data Protocol filter is attached to the HTTP/S Listen step for the WS-Security Request Data Protocol.



Update any security configuration information for playback (for example, if your WS-Security settings change on the service, you can update them here as opposed to needing to re-record the virtual service).



In the VSM, a filter is also added for the WS-Security Response Data Protocol onto the HTTP/S Response step.



And like the Request side, any security configuration information for playback can be updated for the response message.

Virtualize Data Protocol Execution Shell – Virtualize Data Protocol Execution Shell

Filter in:  Run Filter

Data Protocol: WS-Security Response

☐ Process Requests

☒ Process Responses

Send

- Timestamp
- Signature Token
- Encryption**

☒ Use Encryption

Keystore File: {{LISA\_PROJ\_R}} Select

Keystore Type: Personal Info...

Keystore Password: .....

Keystore Alias: 16c73ab6-b8 Select

Alias Password: ..... Verify

Key Id Type: Binary Securi...

Algorithm: AES 128 bit (...)

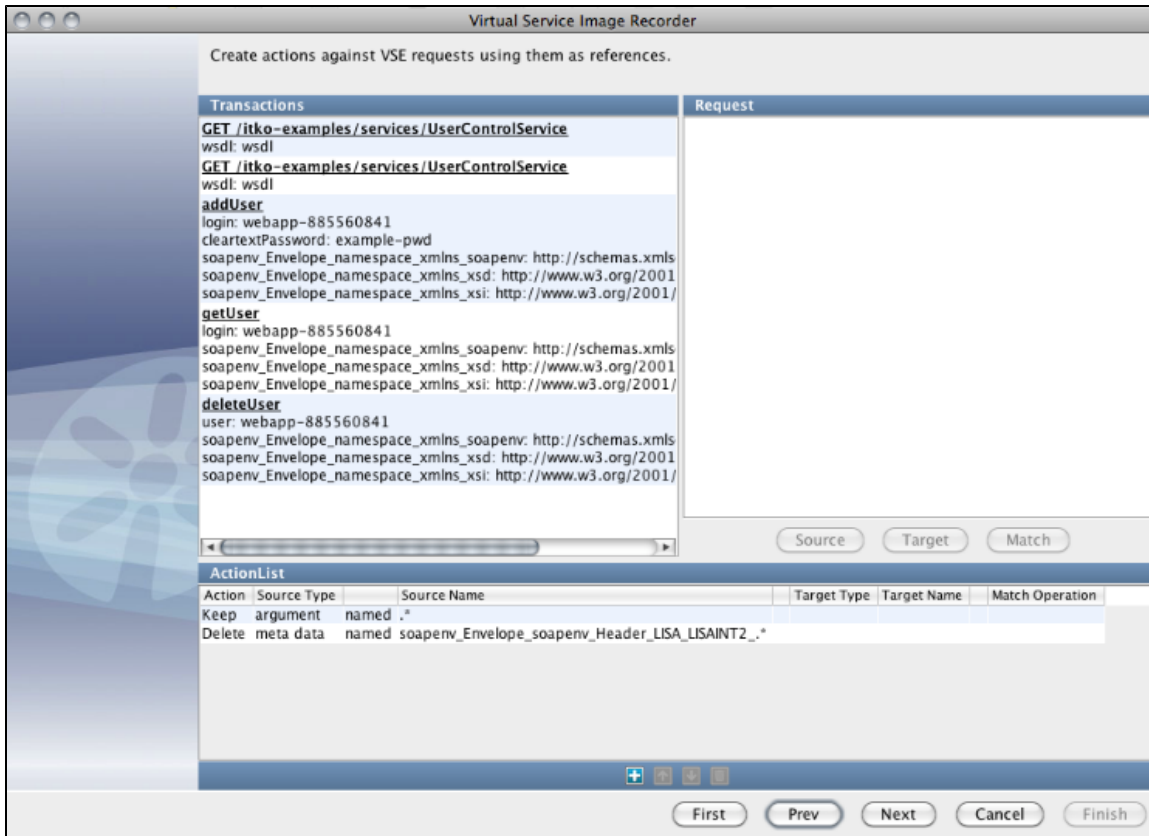
Transport: PKCS #1: RSA...

☐ Encrypt Only Parts Select

You can also use the Load  and Save  icons to save your security settings to a file, or to load a saved file containing security settings.

## Request Data Manager

On the Data Protocols screen, select Request Data Manager for a data protocol. When your recording is complete, you will see this screen.



The Request Data Manager protocol lets you do almost anything you want to VSE requests as they are recorded or played back.

Fundamentally, this protocol lets a list of actions to be applied against a request. You select actions to add in the **ActionList** section of the screen. These actions are:

- **Copy:** You can copy a piece of data in the request to another part of the request.
- **Move:** You can move a piece of data in the request to another part of the request (essentially a copy and a delete of the source data).
- **Delete:** You can delete (or clear) a piece of data from the request.
- **Keep:** You can deliberately keep a piece of data in a request while deleting anything else in that data value's group.

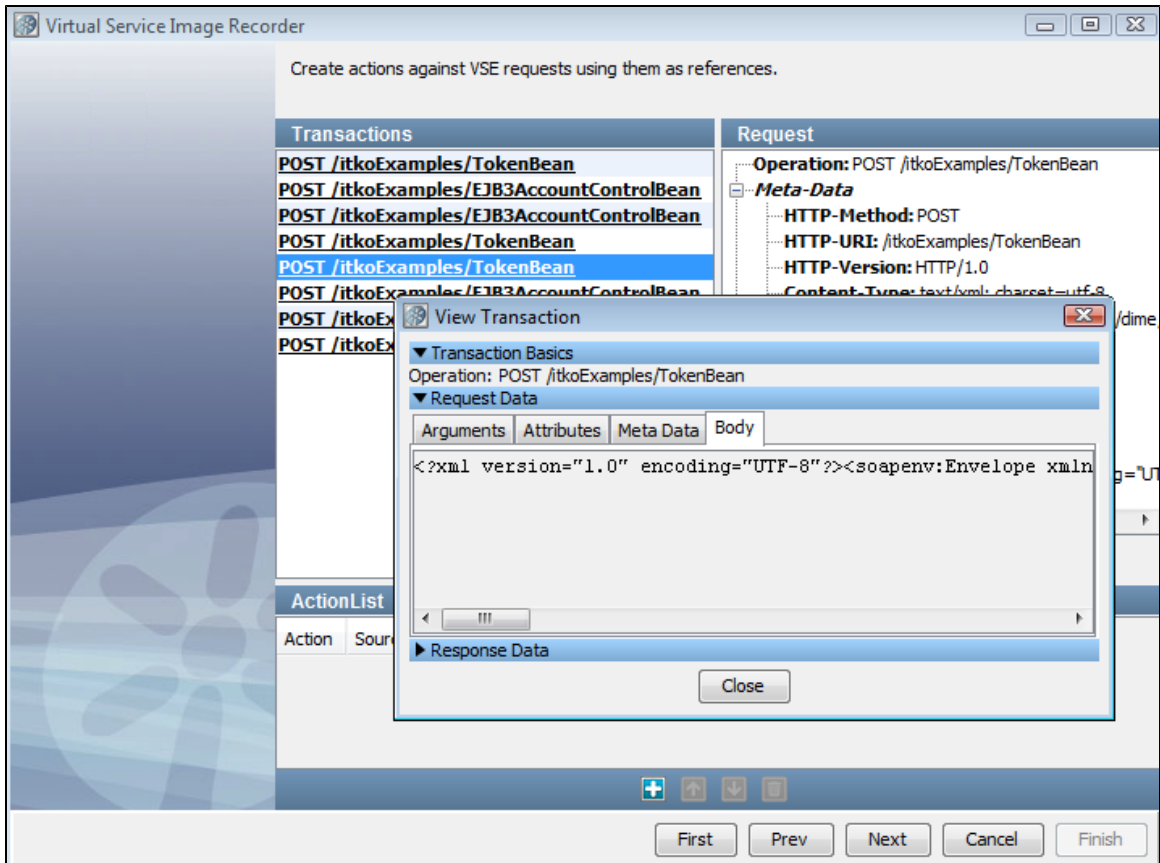
All can be applied to the request operation, any argument, attribute or meta data entry or the request body. So, for example, if you are virtualizing Java, which ends up with XML documents as arguments, you can use a move or copy action to put the value of an argument into the request body for processing by other data protocols.

A special note about **keep**: this one is most meaningful in relation to arguments, attributes and meta data. If you specifically keep a value from one of these three groups, any other value in that group which is not referenced by any action in the data protocol's list will be deleted. So, if you keep one argument any other arguments will be removed unless they were the target of a move or copy. This is a good way to lose meaningless arguments.

Each action can also be limited to apply only to requests whose operations match a specified regular expression.

In the recording wizard or the model editor containing a Request Data Manager DPH, add Keep and/or Delete actions and select argument/attribute/meta data and specify a regular expression to match as the name. You will also need to change the cell that reads "named" to "matches". When the DPH is run, it will perform the action (keep or delete) on all items in the argument, attribute or meta data list whose name matches the pattern. Leaving an action's operation matching pattern empty will affect all requests.

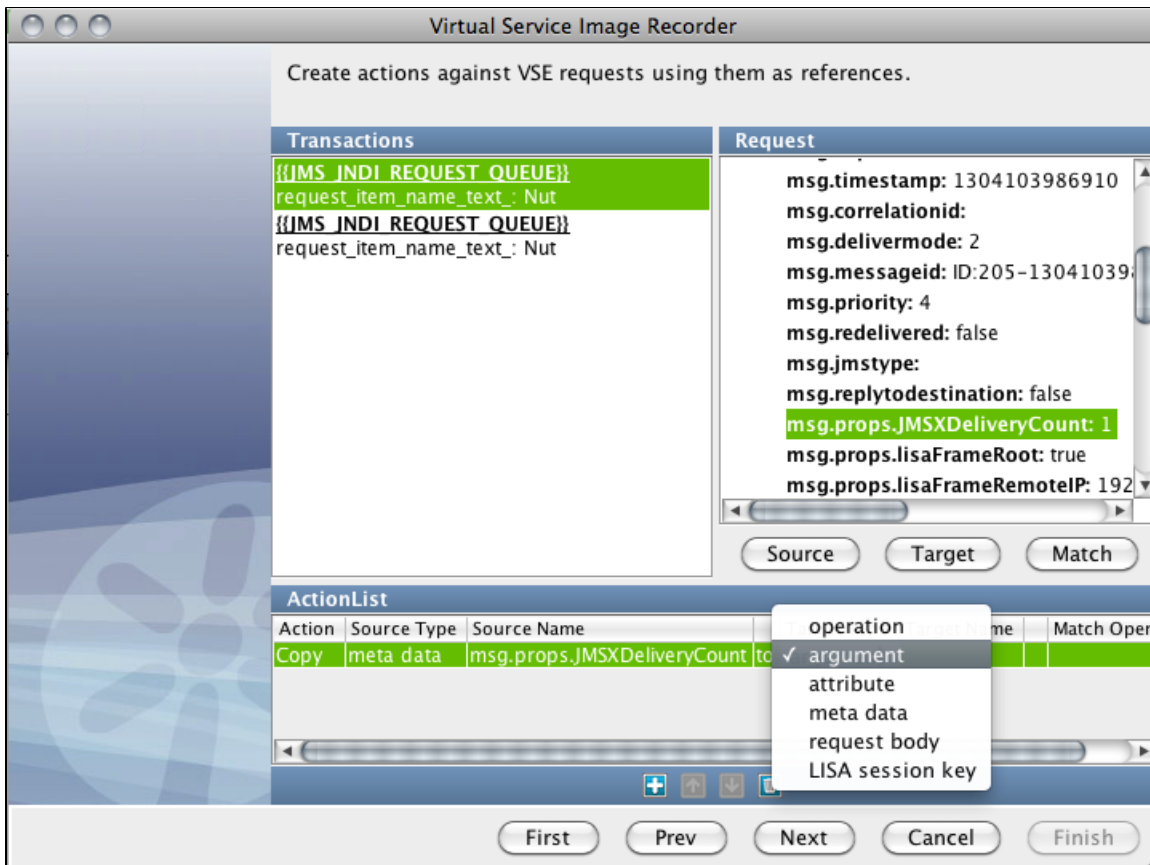
From this list of transactions, you can double-click on a transaction and see a dialog showing the content of the transaction.



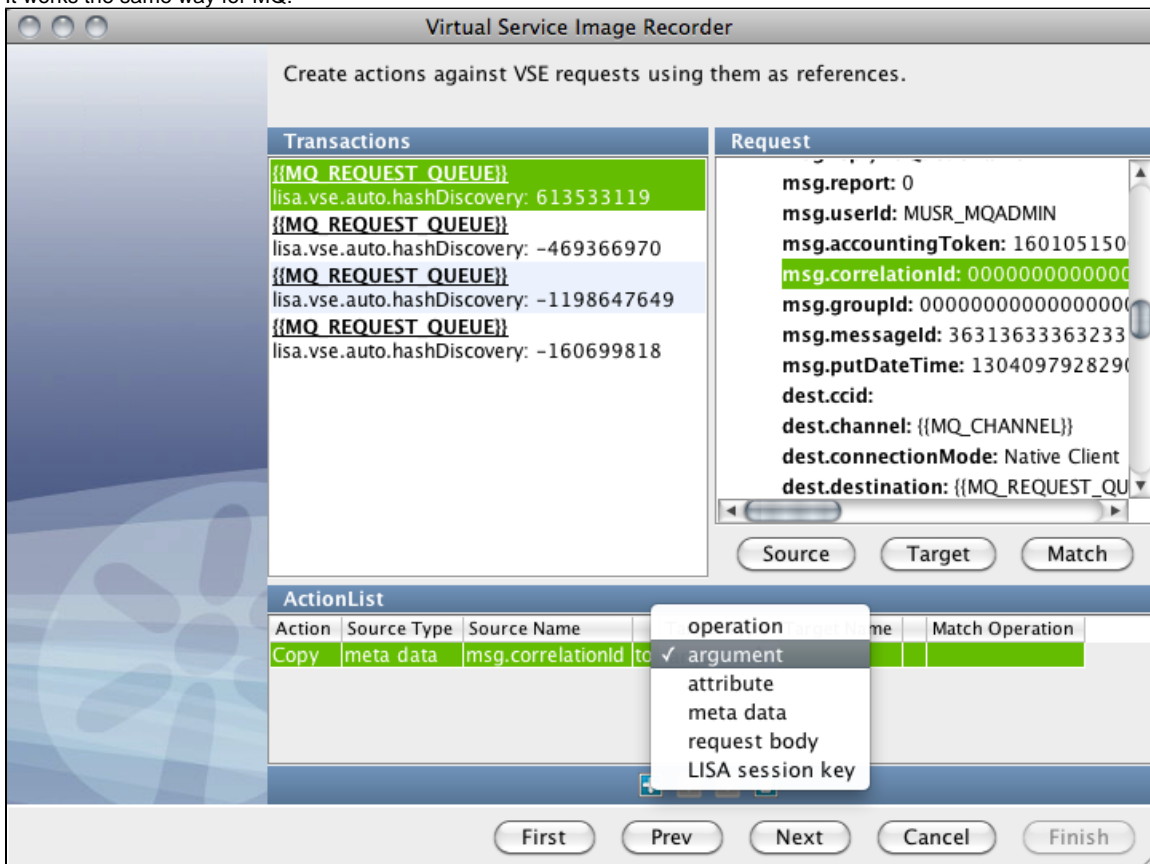
### ***Using the Request Data Manager Data Protocol to set JMS and MQ Message Properties***

After recording, use the Request Data Manager screen to add the targeted JMS message properties to the request arguments. The JMS message properties can be found under the request Meta Data with a 'msg.' prefix for standard JMS properties, like correlation ID, and a 'msg.props.' prefix for custom message properties. To copy a property to the request arguments, select **argument** from the drop-down list:





It works the same way for MQ:



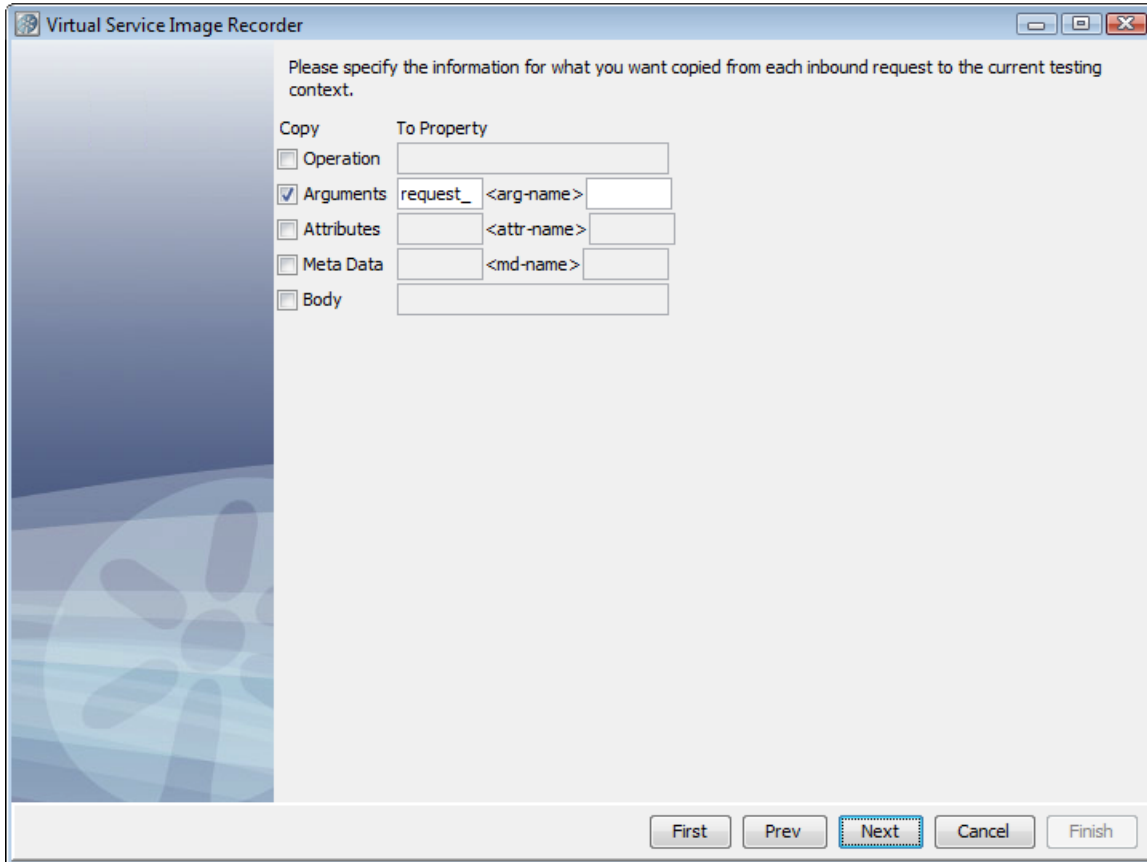
To set the stateful session key instead of an argument, select **LISA session key** from the drop-down instead:



You can use a single Request Data Manager Data Protocol to set any number of arguments and/or the session key at the same time.

## Request Data Copier

The Request Data Copier lets you copy data from the current inbound request into the current testing context. This is useful for more easily examining request information when custom behavior is required before the VSE response lookup step in the VS model flow.



## Auto Hash Transaction Discovery

Identifies a message by the hash code of the data. The hash code changes with even a slight change in the data, which effectively makes all requests unique. This is useful if you will run exactly the same small set of requests against the service.

The Auto Hash Transaction Discovery data protocol has a simple purpose. As it is given requests to handle, the standard Java hash code function is applied to the text version of the request's body. The resulting hash code value is then added as a new argument in the request named `lisa.vse.auto.hashDiscovery`.

This can be helpful, especially in messaging virtualization, for creating a reasonably unique value to use for conversation identification.

This protocol requires no configuration information and so will not present a page in the recording wizard.

## Generic XML Payload Parser

The Generic XML Payload Parser identifies that the requests and responses are XML strings. Using this protocol, you can identify variables out of the XML messages that are used by the recorder.

### *Identifying Conversations and Transactions*

The quality of the recorded service image is directly dependent on how much information LISA Virtualize has to identify the conversations and the individual transactions in them. In particular, LISA Virtualize needs help in differentiating the transactions from each other:

1. **As part of a conversation:** which means identifying some unique id representing a session.
2. **As individual operation:** which means identifying some information specific to the semantics of the operation; for example, distinguishing an "order creation" operation from an "order listing" operation.

LISA Virtualize internally knows many patterns to look for. For example, in case of virtualizing over the HTTP protocol, if the server is a Java server, it typically sets a cookie containing the value of a special variable named as sessionid, which uniquely identifies the session. LISA Virtualize can use that to identify different sessions from each other.

However, there are times when LISA Virtualize needs further help. It could be supplied in various forms:

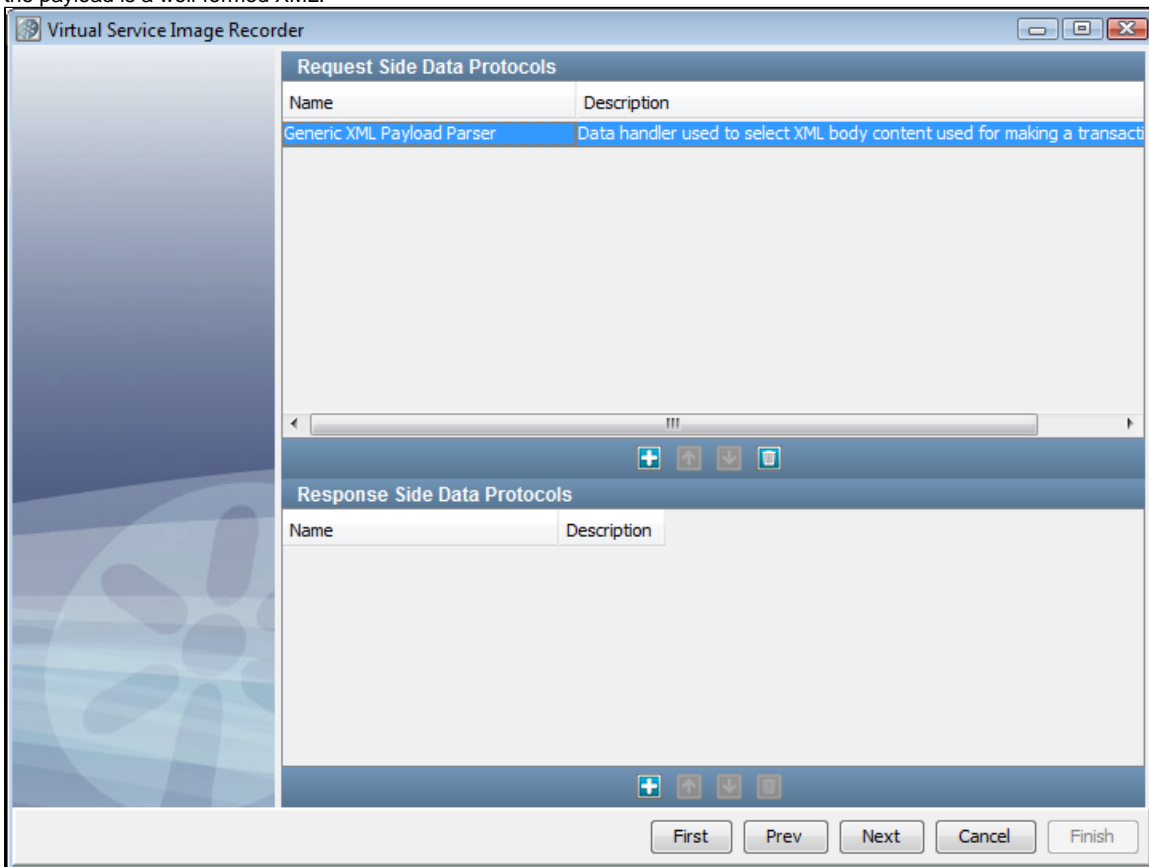
- In the HTTP recording, LISA Virtualize gives you the opportunity to identify tokens.
- For the JMS protocol, you could identify whether JMS correlation id, custom JMS headers or all JMS headers should be used by LISA Virtualize for this identification.
- LISA Virtualize lets you specify a dynamic data protocol that lets you get meaningful information from the message itself. The following section describes this technique.

Using the Generic XML Payload Parser is a technique to help LISA Virtualize look at the body of the recorded messages (payload) and extract meaningful information from them to help identify the transactions. Especially for very opaque protocols like the WebSphere MQ native protocol, this is the only way to get meaningful conversation information.

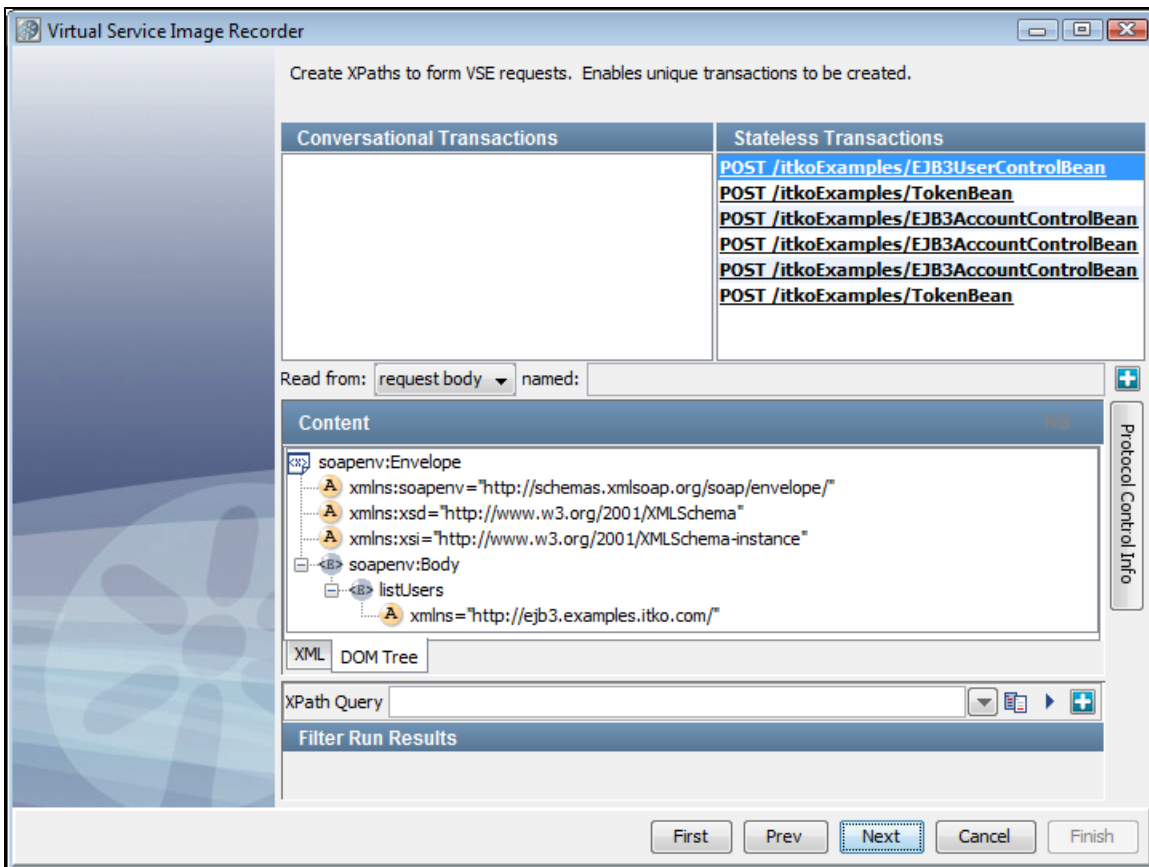


If you are using both the Generic XML Payload Parser and the Delimited Text Data Protocol, the Delimited Text Data Protocol should be added before the Generic XML Payload Parser. Otherwise, the request will never appear as parsed in the recorder.

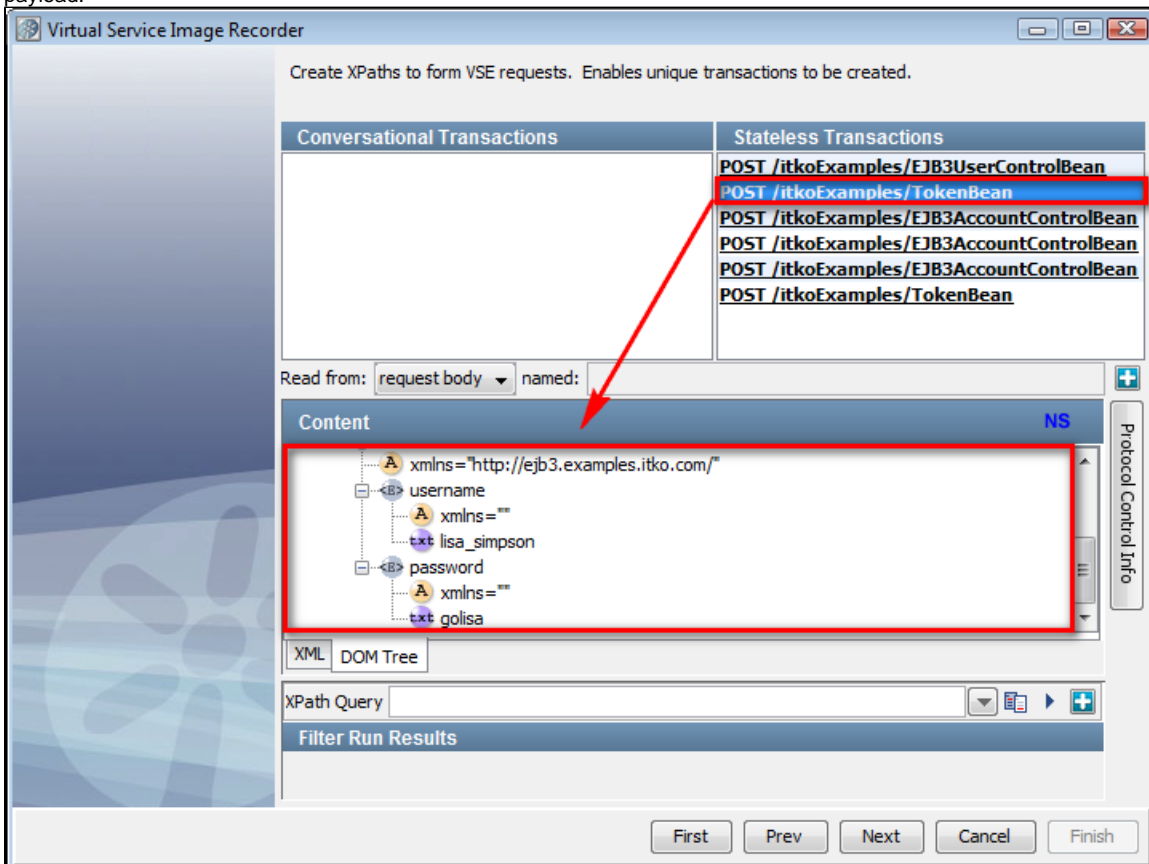
1. To use a dynamic data protocol, in the Data Protocols tab of the Virtual Service Image Recorder, select Generic XML Payload Parser, if the payload is a well-formed XML.



2. Go through the rest of the steps, up to the cleanup step.
3. After the cleanup step, the following screen appears:



4. By default, there are no starter transactions identified, which means that LISA does not know which data to look at to identify the conversations. However, you will see the recorded transactions in the Other Transactions list. Click the first transaction to see the XML payload.



5. The XML payload can now be seen under **Content**. The XML tab shows the classic XML view. The DOM Tree tab shows it in the tree

format.

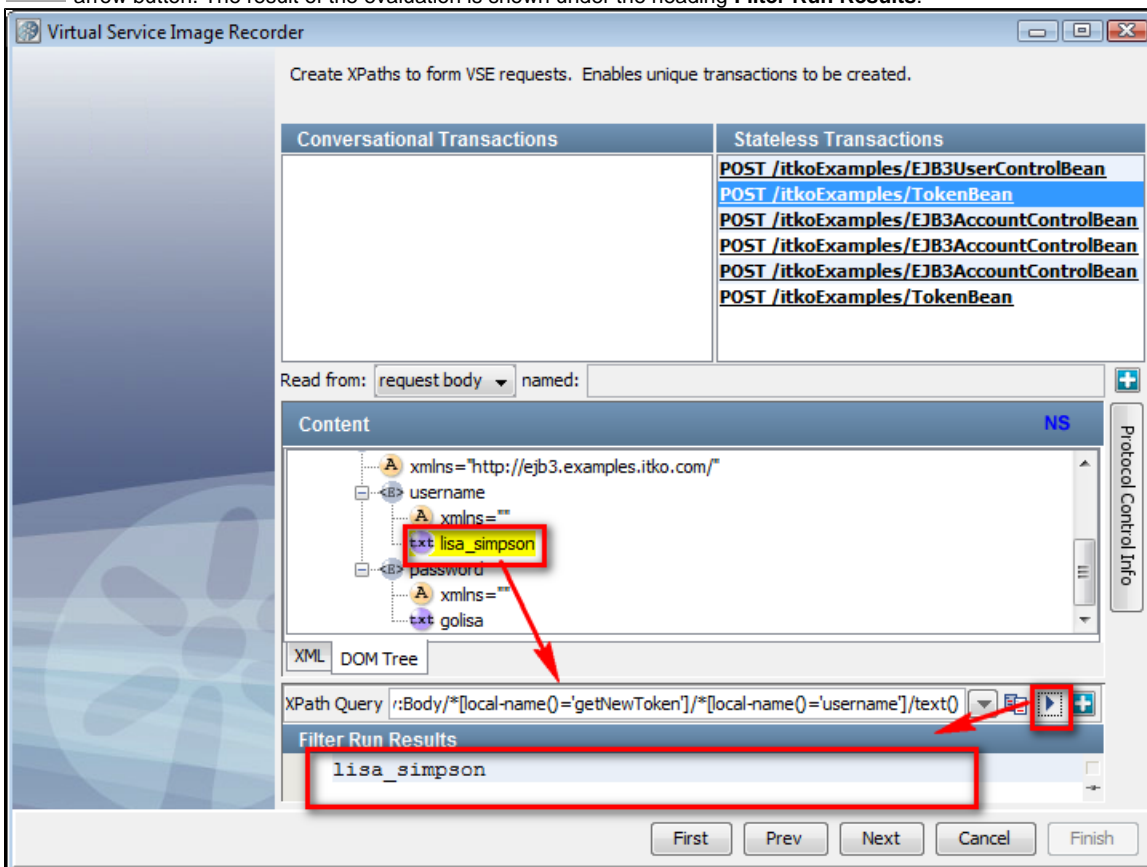


This portion of the screen is similar to the panel that appears when you create an XML XPath filter. As described in [XML XPath Filter](#), you can use the `lisa.xml.xpath.computeXPath.alwaysUseLocalName` property to ignore the namespace.

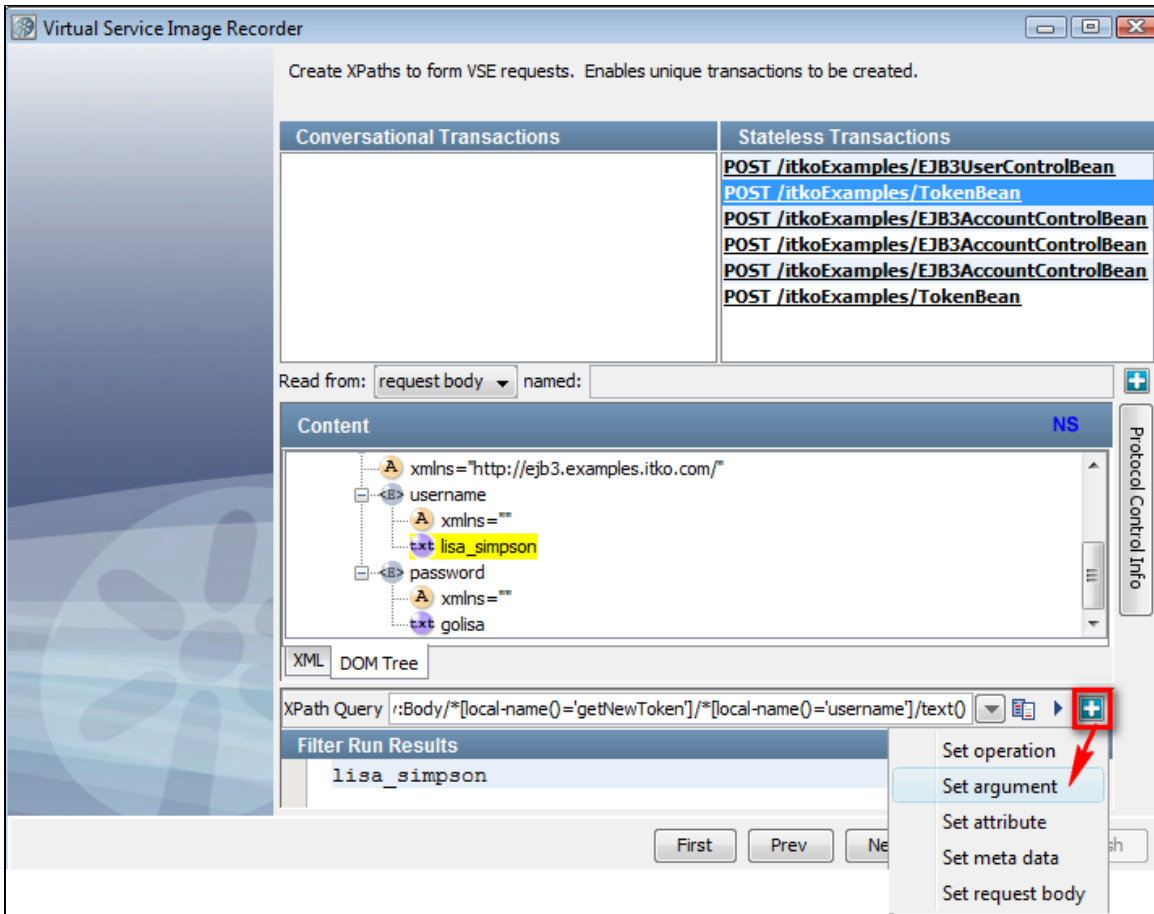
6. In the DOM tree, to identify a particular node as a parameter for LISA Virtualize, click on the node. You will see the XPath query corresponding to the node in the text box against XPath Query. To evaluate the XPath query on the current payload, you can click the





arrow button. The result of the evaluation is shown under the heading **Filter Run Results**.

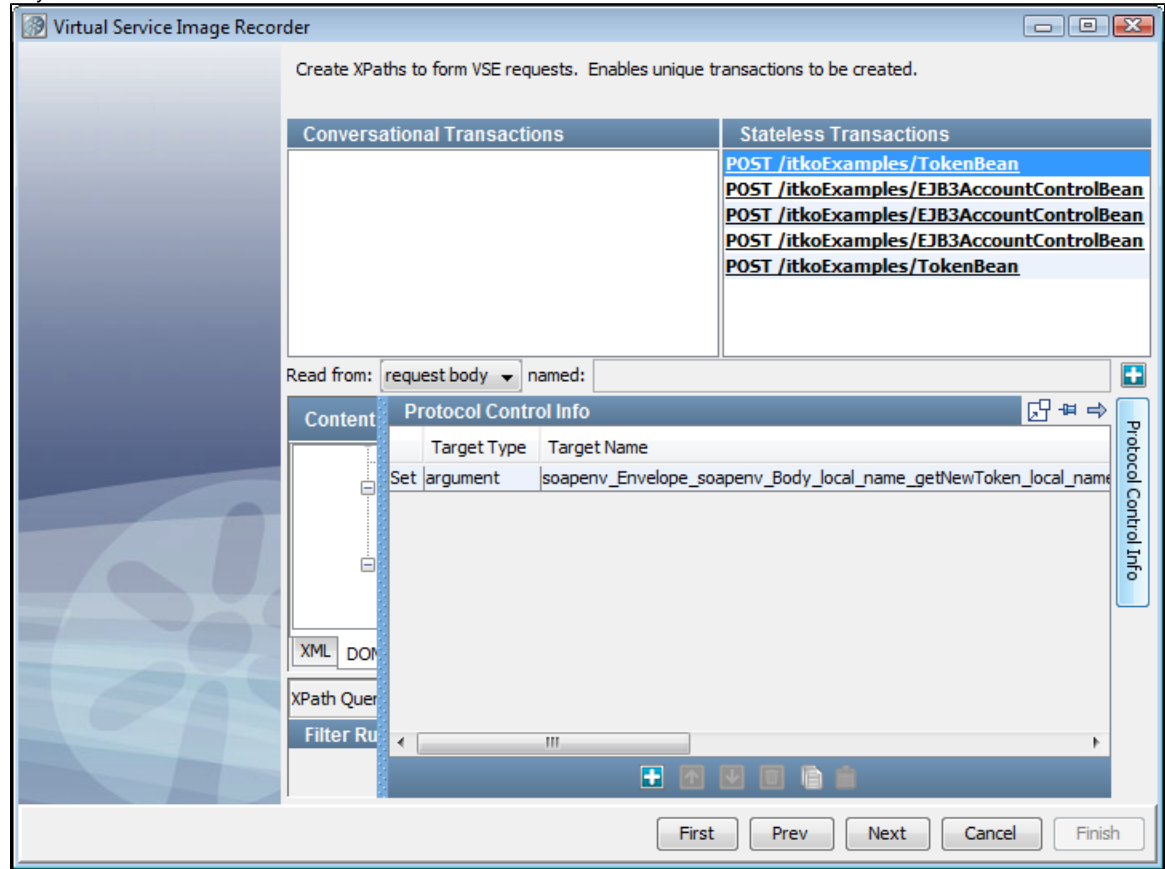


7. To add this particular XPath query to the parameter list, click the plus icon. This will display a menu list where you can choose to set an operation, an argument, a meta parameter, or the request body. For example, this can be used to select an embedded SOAP document to the request body so that the WS SOAP protocol could then be used to parse that out.

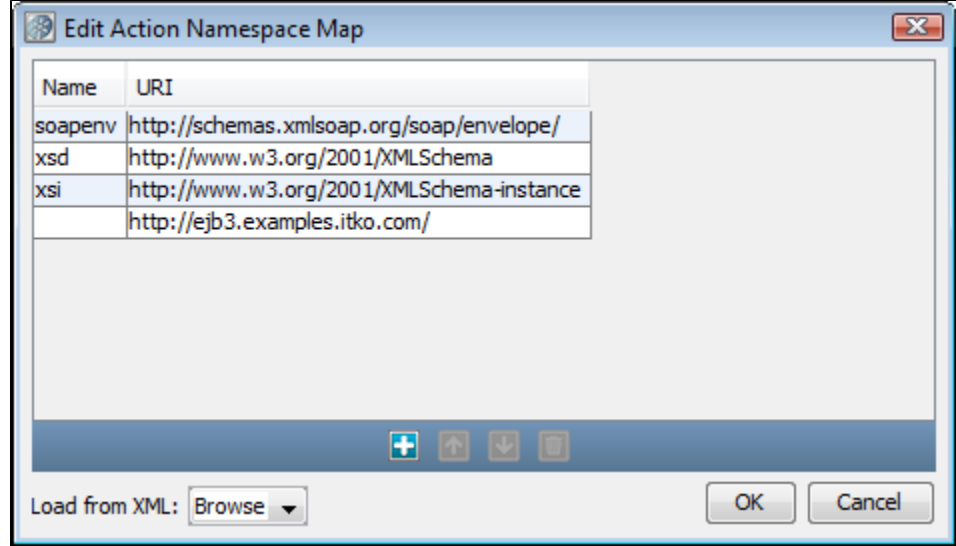


8. When you select Protocol Control Info, see that LISA Virtualize has remembered the XPath string that you identified and has given it an argument name. You can rename the argument. Also see that from this panel, you can use the Save  and Restore  buttons to

save your list of XPath's to a file, or to load a list of XPath's from a file. By doing this, you can easily copy and paste from one XML Payload Parser to another.

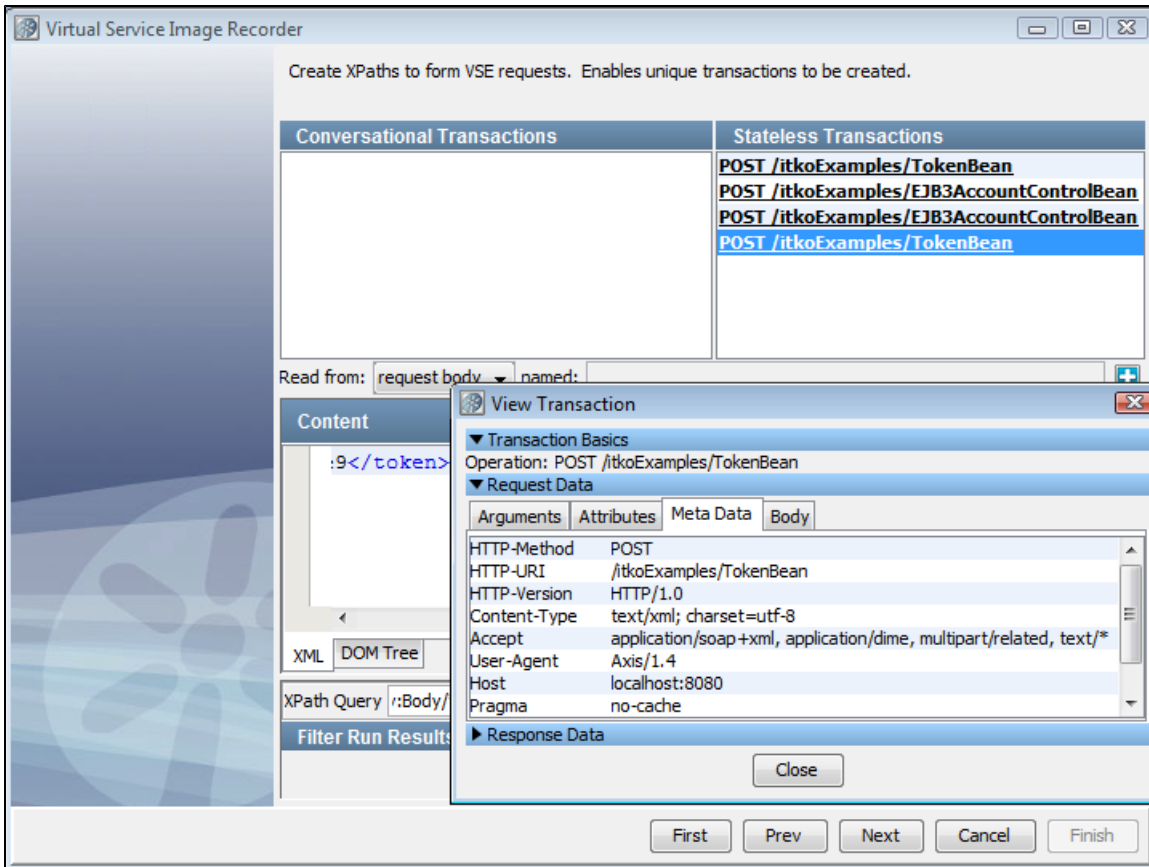


- Likewise, you can pull other variables from this transaction or others. It is not required for all transactions to have the particular argument. At the time of processing, if a particular argument is not present in the payload then it is ignored.
- If you scroll to the right on the **Protocol Control Info** panel, you see a **NS** column to indicate namespace information.



Here, you can add or edit namespace definitions, or you can use the Browse button to locate and pull in an XML file from the file system and use the namespace definitions from that file.

- When you are displaying the XML tab, you can double-click on a transaction and see a dialog showing the content of the transaction.



12. Click Next when you are satisfied with your choice of variables. You are then directed to the post-processing screen.

## Data Desensitizer

In cases where the transport layer cannot "see" the data to desensitize, VSE provides a data protocol handler. As an example, consider the use of gzip in SOAP over HTTP or messaging. If VSE is given a gzipped SOAP request (or response), then data desensitization cannot be done at this level. In that case the recorder can be configured with a data protocol to perform the necessary gunzip operation and with the data desensitization protocol to handle desensitization after the SOAP body has been converted to plain text.

In general, LISA Virtualize will attempt to desensitize data at the lowest possible level. As such, the Desensitize check box on the first page of the VSE recording wizard will request that the transport protocol specified attempt to perform desensitization as soon as possible. However, there are times when the payload for a request is opaque to the transport protocol. Consider HTTP messages in which the payload is compressed, such as with gzip or FastInfoSet. In this case, the transport protocol cannot apply the desensitization rules. This data protocol is built for such situations.

It is intended to be added to the request and/or response side of a data protocol chain after the protocol which can convert the opaque payload into something readable and is only intended for recording, not playback. As each request and/or response is presented to the protocol handler, all desensitization rules as specified in `LISA_HOME/desensitize.xml` are applied, just as the transport layer does where possible.

This protocol requires no configuration information and so does not present a page in the recording wizard.

## Copybook Data Protocol

The Copybook Data Protocol allows VSE to convert copybook payloads to and from XML at runtime in a way that is transparent to the caller. Being able to display these payloads in XML allows other, standard, VSE mechanisms to provide value. Specifically, the Generic XML Payload Parser can be used to identify and select request arguments and operations for matching and transaction organization in the service image. Also, using a standard XML structure allows for magic strings to be processed in the responses so that dynamic data can be created in a more usable way.

### Terms

In order to clarify this documentation, some common terms need to be defined.

- **Copybook:** A hierarchical structure used to define the layout of data. It identifies the field names, their lengths, and their relationships to each other.
- **Copybook File Definition:** A file in plain text format containing a copybook.
- **Field:** A single element in a copybook. It encapsulates a name for, the length of, and the data type for a single logical piece of data in a record.



- **Payload:** A collection of one or more records that is seen by VSE in either a single request or a single response.
- **Payload Mapping File:** (also known as "Payload Copybook Mapping" or "Payload to File Definition Map") An XML document describing how to identify the copybook(s) needed to parse a payload, and providing the basic structure for the resulting XML.
- **Record:** A collection of data with no structural elements in and of itself. It is defined by one or more fields making up a single copybook. A record may not contain data for every field a copybook defines, but the relationship between records and copybooks is always one-to-one. That is, a given record is only defined by a single copybook, and a single copybook will define only one record.

## Setup

To prepare for creating a copybook virtual service, you will need to gather all of the copybooks that define the records in your payloads. These need to be placed in a directory within your LISA project. You may include whatever hierarchy you find helpful inside the directory you use. Typically, you would place the copybook file definition folder somewhere under the Data folder of the project.

Also, you will need to create a payload mapping file. See [the next section](#) for more information.

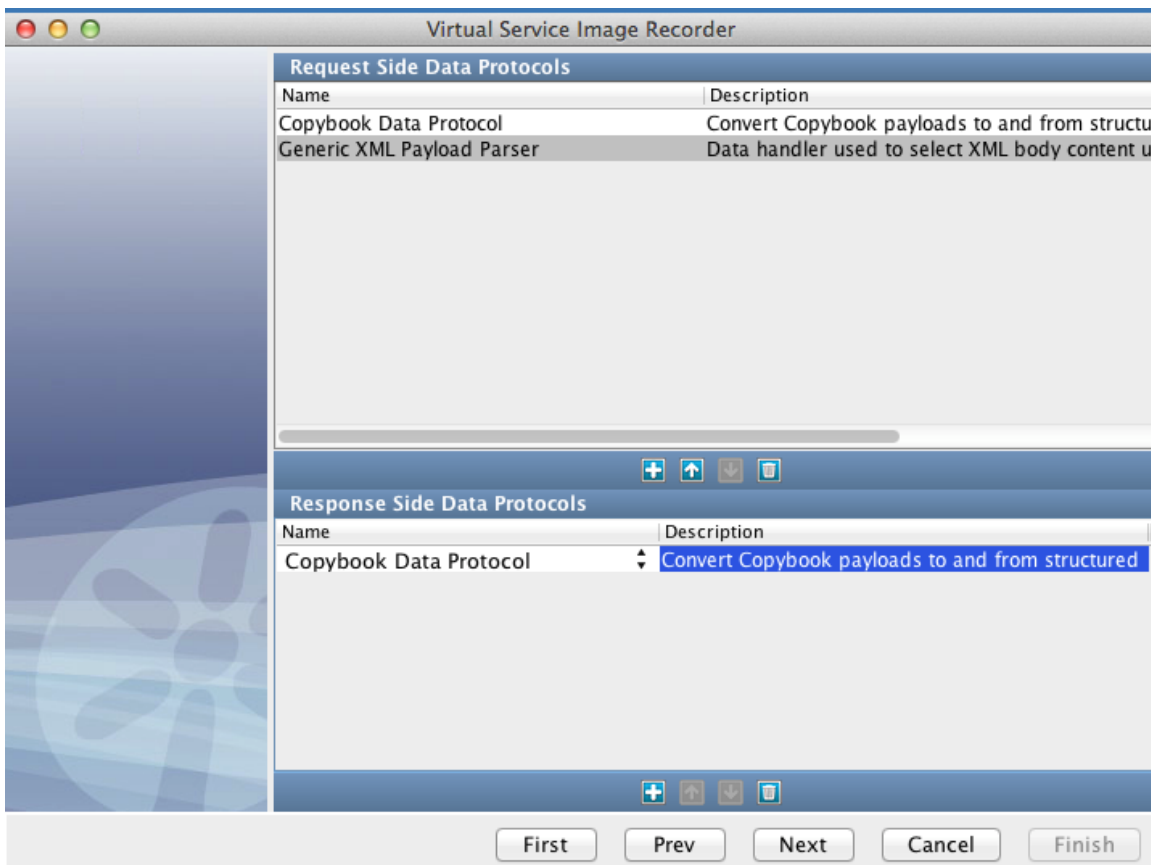
Finally, you will need to prepare your client for recording, gather request/response pairs, capture a PCAP file of the traffic, or use some other means of gathering the transactions you want to use for your virtual service.

## Usage

The Copybook Data Protocol can be used with any of the transport protocols that VSE supports. Commonly, the Copybook Data Protocol Handler is used with a messaging protocol like JMS or MQ or with the CICS Transport Protocol. There is also a sample copybook application that uses HTTP available in the Demo Server.

## Selection

When selecting the Copybook Data Protocol, there are a few things you will probably want to keep in mind. First, it is very likely that you will want to use the data protocol handler on both the Request and Response sides. It is technically possible to only use it on one side, but it is not very common, and single-sided usage will not be covered in detail here. Second, the result of the Copybook Data Protocol is that the Request (or Response) body has been changed into XML. **The Copybook Data Protocol does not automatically add arguments to the Request for every field.** So, in order to do useful things with the Copybook Data Protocol, you will also need to include another data protocol handler on the Request side. Most commonly, the second data protocol handler would be the Generic XML Payload Parser; however, any data protocol handler that does useful things with XML payloads would be fine.



## Configuration

Once you have captured your traffic (or imported from Request/Response pairs, PCAP, or raw traffic files) you will get the following Copybook DPH configuration screen.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Virtual Service Image Recorder" with a sub-header "Configure How to Parse the Copybook Payloads". The window contains several configuration fields:

- Copybook File Definition Folder:** A text box containing "Data/copybooks".
- Payload to File Definition Map Path:** A text box containing "Data/payload-copybook-mapping.xml".
- Encoding:** A text box with a dropdown arrow and a document icon.
- Copybook Cache TTL:** A text box containing "-1" with a dropdown arrow and a document icon.
- Copybook Parser Column Start:** A text box containing "6" with a dropdown arrow and a document icon.
- Copybook Parser Column End:** A text box containing "72" with a dropdown arrow and a document icon.
- Convert File Definitions to XML:** A checked checkbox.
- Validate Field Lengths:** An unchecked checkbox.

At the bottom of the window are five buttons: "First", "Prev", "Next", "Cancel", and "Finish".

- **Copybook File Definition Folder:** The folder in your project where your copybook file definitions are stored. This becomes the base path for relative paths in the Payload Mapping File.
- **Payload to File Definition Map Path:** The XML document that will serve as the Payload Mapping File for this virtual service.
- **Encoding:** Specify any valid [Java charset](#). If provided, this value will be used in attempting to convert the bytes in the payload into text for usage in the output XML. The default is specified by VSE's default charset (UTF-8 by default, and can be configured by setting `lisa.vse.default.charset` in `local.properties`).
- **Copybook Cache TTL:** During runtime, as VSE needs to reference a given copybook, it has to read from the file and potentially convert it to an XML representation of the copybook. This parameter tells VSE how long it is allowed to keep a cached version of the converted copybook in memory. Once the TTL is reached, the converted copybook will be removed from the cache and the file will be re-read and re-converted if it is needed again. A TTL of 0 or a negative number means that caching should be disabled and the files should be read and parsed every time they are needed. If the TTL is a positive number, it will be used as the timeout, in seconds.
- **Copybook Parser Column Start:** Often copybooks contain line numbers at the beginning of each line. Typically these are 6 digits long, so the default value of this parameter is 6. This option allows you to specify on which column the parser should start when trying to parse a copybook file definition. Note that the number is a zero-based index and is *inclusive*. However, if it helps for clarity, you can think of it as a "normal" 1-based index that is *exclusive*. That is, if you set this to 6, it will skip the first 6 characters and begin with the 7th.
- **Copybook Parser Column End:** Occasionally, copybooks will contain other reference data at the end of each line as well. When that happens, the parser needs to know on which column to stop. If there is no "extra" data at the end of the lines in the file, this number can be set to something greater than the length of the longest line in the file. Note that the number is a zero-based index and is *exclusive*. However, if it helps for clarity, you can think of it as a "normal" 1-based index that is *inclusive*. That is, if you set this to 72, it will read the 72nd character in the line and then stop (without trying to read the 73rd). If this number is greater than the length of a line, the parser will stop at the end of the line.
- **Convert File Definitions to XML:** Typically, copybook file definitions are text documents that contain copybooks in their traditional format. However, internally, VSE uses `cb2xml` to convert the file definitions to XML documents before trying to use them. If this is checked, it lets VSE know that the files you have provided in your Copybook File Definition Folder are traditional copybook file definitions and that VSE needs to do the conversion internally. If, however, you have pre-converted your file definitions to XML, you can leave this *unchecked* and VSE will not try to convert the files, but will try to use them as-is. VSE does not currently provide a way for you to save the internal converted version for future use. Further, VSE is somewhat more permissive in converting file definitions to XML than stock `cb2xml` is. So, if you are able to convert your file definitions with `cb2xml`, you may safely provide them as XML and leave this *unchecked*. However, if you are **not** able to convert with `cb2xml`, your file definitions may still work with VSE. In that case, just provide them as-is to VSE and select this option.
- **Validate Field Lengths:** This option is only used, in VSE, on the Response side. During recording VSE will convert the payload to XML and then back to bytes to make sure that it is able to convert symmetrically. Also, during playback, VSE converts the XML responses back to records/payloads before responding to the caller. In both of those operations, VSE is capable of validating that the value in each field is exactly the length specified in the copybook. However, it is not always desirable to have this check done. For example, if your record does not contain any data for some fields, VSE will see them as 0 length, whereas the copybook will define that field for some

length greater than 0. If this is selected, in that case, VSE would fail the validation and report it as an error. If you know that your data does not align correctly with the length defined in your copybooks, you will want to leave this *un*-checked. If, however, you want to enforce that each record contains exactly the data it is specified to contain, you may select this option.

This same editor is available on the Data Protocol filters in the VSM (one on the Request side and one on the Response side). If some configuration needs to be changed after recording, that is the place to do it.

## Payload Mapping File

The payload mapping file (also known as payload copybook mapping and payload to copybook file definition map) is an XML document that describes how incoming payloads can be matched to their corresponding copybook(s) and provides hints on how to structure the resulting XML in a way that provides clarity to the user.

### Sample

A sample mapping file can be found [attached here](#). The sample file contains examples of various configurations as well as lengthy comments describing each of the attributes on each node. This sample file will be useful for reference while creating your copybook mapping files.

### Structure

The basic structure of the mapping file follows. Note that no attributes or values have been specified for simplicity and clarity. A description of each of the elements is provided.

**Payload Mapping Structure**

```
<payloads>
 <payload>
 <key></key>
 <section>
 <copybook></copybook>
 ...
 </section>
 ...
 </payload>
 <payload>
 ...
 </payload>
</payloads>
```

- **<payloads>** : The root XML node for the document. It may not be repeated.
- **<payload>** : This element, in its entirety, is responsible for fully describing a payload that matches it. Once a payload is determined to match a **<payload>** element in this document, the **<payload>** element will be used to fully describe the incoming payload.
- **<key>** : An optional element. Everything that can be specified on this element can also be specified as attributes on the **<payload>** element. This is provided as an option to make the XML document more readable.
- **<section>** : A logical grouping of copybooks that define a portion of the payload. There can be more than one **<section>**, and if there are, they will be processed in order with no repetition.
- **<copybook>** : A single copybook that may or may not describe a record in the payload. There may be more than one **<copybook>** element in a **<section>**.

### <payload>

A sample payload element with all attributes on it and a description of the attributes follows.

**Payload Element w/ Attributes**

```
<payload name="TEST" type="request" matchType="all" key="reqKey" value="reqVal" keyStart="3"
keyEnd="6" headerBytes="0" footerBytes="0" saveHeaderFooter="false" definesResponse="false">
 ...
</payload>
```

Attribute	Required?	Description
name	Required	A unique name to identify the type of request described here. <b>Name</b> must be unique among the set of payloads of the same type (that is, request or response).

<b>type</b>	Required	One of: request   response.
<b>matchType</b>	Optional	<p>One of the following. The default is "payload" if not specified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>argument</b>: Will try to match only the specified argument.</li> <li>• <b>attribute</b>: Will try to match only the specified attribute.</li> <li>• <b>metaData</b>: Will try to match only the specified metaData.</li> <li>• <b>operation</b>: Will try to match on operation name only.</li> <li>• <b>payload</b>: Will try to match on the body of the request.</li> <li>• <b>all</b>: Will try to match in the following order: argument, attribute, metaData, operation, then payload.</li> </ul> <p>This attribute applies to payload definitions of type "response" in a different way. For example, Responses do not contain arguments or operation names. If a payload definition of type "response" sets this attribute to "argument", "attribute" or "operation", it will never match anything (unless the matching request sets "definesResponse" to "true," which overrides this attribute). If a payload definition of type "response" sets this attribute to "all," the argument, attribute, and operation phases of matching will be skipped.</p>
<b>key</b>	Required	<p>The behavior of this attribute changes depending on the matchType. The permutations are described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If matchType is "operation" or "payload," the value of this attribute is used for matching.</li> <li>• If matchType is "argument," "attribute," "metaData," or "all," the value of this attribute is assumed to be the key of an argument, attribute, or metaData entry. In the case of "all," the value of this attribute will NOT be used for matching against the operationName or the payload body (see "value" below, instead).</li> </ul>
<b>value</b>	Optional / Required	<p>The behavior of this attribute (and whether it is required or not) changes depending on the matchType. The permutations are described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the matchType is "operation" or "payload," the value of this attribute is ignored and can be excluded.</li> <li>• If the matchType is "argument," "attribute," or "metaData," this attribute is assumed to be the value of an argument, attribute, or metaData entry and is required for matching.</li> <li>• If the matchType is "all," this attribute is required and behaves as described above during the argument, attribute, and metaData matching phases. During the operation and payload matching phases, however, the value of <b>this</b> attribute is used for matching (as opposed to using the value of the "key" attribute as would be the case if the matchType had been "operation" or "payload").</li> </ul>
<b>keyStart</b>	Optional	<p>The position where the search for the key should start in the payload (1-based index). The search is <b>inclusive</b> of this value. So, if you specify a keyStart of 1, it will begin searching with the very first byte. If this is not provided, the entire payload will be searched and keyEnd will be ignored. If this is set to a number less than 1, it will be treated as if the value was 1. If this is set to a number larger than the length of the payload, the entire payload will be searched and keyEnd will be ignored. If this value is equal to keyEnd or greater than keyEnd, the entire payload will be searched. If keyEnd - keyStart is less than the length of the key, the entire payload will be searched.</p>
<b>keyEnd</b>	Optional	<p>The position where the search for the key should end in the payload (1-based index). The search is <b>exclusive</b> of this value. So, if you specify a keyEnd of 3, it will search bytes 1 and 2 and no more. If this is not provided, the search starts at keyStart and ends at the end of the payload. If this value is larger than the length of the payload, the search will end at the end of the payload. If this value is equal to keyStart or less than keyStart, the entire payload will be searched. If keyEnd - keyStart is less than the length of the key, the entire payload will be searched.</p>
<b>headerBytes</b>	Optional	<p>The number of bytes to strip from the beginning of the payload. This defaults to 0 if not provided. If the attribute is present, the value must be a valid integer.</p>
<b>footerBytes</b>	Optional	<p>The number of bytes to strip from the end of the payload. This defaults to 0 if not provided. If the attribute is present, the value must be a valid integer.</p>
<b>saveHeaderFooter</b>	Optional	<p>If "true" then the header and footer bytes that were stripped will be persisted in the XML version of the request as hex-encoded strings under the tags "rawHeader" and "rawFooter" respectively.</p> <p>Default is "false".</p>

<b>definesResponse</b>	Optional	<p>If "true" then the response for this request will look for a payload element with an identical name but of type "response". This attribute is ignored when the type is "response".</p> <p>Default is "false".</p>
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The **<key>** element can optionally be used to replace the key-related attributes. The example **<payload>** element given previously could, optionally, be written in the following manner for readability:

Optional Key Element
<pre> &lt;payload name="TEST" type="request" headerBytes="0" footerBytes="0" saveHeaderFooter="false" definesResponse="false"&gt;   &lt;key matchType="all" value="reqVal" keyStart="3" keyEnd="6"&gt;reqKey&lt;/key&gt;   ... &lt;/payload&gt; </pre>

### **<section>**

A sample section element with all attributes on it and a description of the attributes follows.

Section Element w/ Attributes
<pre> ... &lt;section name="Body"&gt;   ... &lt;/section&gt; ... </pre>

Attribute	Required?	Description
<b>name</b>	Required	This name will be used as the name of a grouping XML element in the XML output version of the payload. One or more converted copybook elements will be present beneath it.

### **<copybook>**

A sample copybook element with all attributes on it and a description of the attributes follows.

Copybook Element w/ Attributes
<pre> ... &lt;copybook key="cpk" order="1" max="1" name="TESTRECORD" length-field="SOME-ID"&gt;TESTIN.CPY.TXT&lt;/copybook&gt; ... </pre>

Attribute	Required?	Description
<b>key</b>	Required	The unique string in the record to identify the copybook. Technically, this attribute is optional. However, if a key is not provided, it means in practice that that copybook is the only one that will ever get applied to the payload. It will be applied over and over until the payload runs out of bytes. If multiple copybook elements have no key, then the first one will always be used, unless the <b>max</b> attribute is specified.
<b>order</b>	Optional	A hint as to the order in which the records will be found in the payload. The numbers used are irrelevant, but "later" records in the payload should use a larger integer. Multiple copybooks may be tagged with the same order number. This means that those records could be in any order. Once a record has been found with a given order number, subsequent searches will only search for copybooks with that order number and greater. It is allowed to include copybooks in a group that will never match against the payload. They will just be ignored. However, there will be a performance hit as each one has to be checked. If this is not provided, it defaults to 0.

<b>max</b>	Optional	Limits the number of times that a copybook may be applied to the payload. Because a max of 0 does not really make sense, 0, negative numbers, non-numbers, and non-existent values all mean "no limit".
<b>name</b>	Optional	Provides an opportunity to override the record name (that is, the root level in the copybook). If this is set, the generated node in the XML for this copybook will use this name instead of the record name from the copybook definition. If this is not provided, the default is to look up the record name from the copybook definition and use that. If this is provided and already set to the record name from the copybook definition, the only effect is on readability of this file.
<b>length-field</b>	Optional	Used to determine how to split the payload so that the next record search begins in the correct place. If this attribute is not present, the processor will attempt to determine the length of the copybook from the definition. If, for some reason, it is unable to figure out the length, it will assume that the rest of the payload applies to this copybook, and processing will end after applying this copybook. This field <b>MUST</b> be an unsigned Display numeric field. If it is not, it will be ignored.

## Matching Logic

It may be possible to piece together how the matching logic works based on the descriptions of the XML elements and arguments. However, in order to provide a clearer picture, this section will explore matching fully.

There are three phases to the matching that happens when VSE receives a payload: Payload, Section, and Copybook.

### Payload

When VSE receives a new payload, this is the first phase of matching that happens. This phase is responsible for determining which **<payload>** element from the payload mapping file corresponds to the payload VSE received. It will attempt to match a **<payload>** element by processing the elements in the payload mapping file in order, from top to bottom. The first match wins. The logic of determining whether a given **<payload>** element matches or not is as follows.



If no payload elements match the payload, it will be treated as an "unknown payload," the content will be HEX encoded, and it will be wrapped in a generic XML structure. Payloads like this will be automatically converted back to bytes, correctly, during playback if needed.

#### For Request payloads:

1. If the type attribute of this element is "request," proceed. Otherwise, this element does not match.
2. If the matchType is argument, look for a request argument whose key matches the key attribute from this element and whose value matches the value attribute from this element. If one is found, this payload element matches.
3. If the matchType is attribute, look for a request attribute whose key matches the key attribute from this element and whose value matches the value attribute from this element. If one is found, this payload element matches.
4. If the matchType is metaData, look for a request metaData entry whose key matches the key attribute from this element and whose value matches the value attribute from this element. If one is found, this payload element matches.
5. If the matchType is operation, check to see if the request's operation name matches the key attribute from this element. If so, this payload element matches.
6. If the matchType is payload, search within the boundary specified by this element's keyStart and keyEnd attributes for the value in the key attribute. If the key is found within those bounds, the payload element matches.
7. If the matchType is all, steps 2 through 6 are processed in order, stopping as soon as a match is found. The only variation is that in steps 5 and 6, the "value" attribute is used in place of the "key" attribute.

#### For Response payloads (during recording):

1. If the previously seen Request's payload element set the definesResponse attribute to true, immediately return the payload element with the same name as the request's element, but with a type of "response." If no such element is found, there is no match.
2. Otherwise (the previously-seen Request's payload element did not specify definesResponse="true")
  - a. If the type attribute of this element is "response", proceed. Otherwise, this element does not match.
  - b. If the matchType is metaData, look for a response metaData entry whose key matches the key attribute from this element and whose value matches the value attribute from this element. If one is found, this payload element matches.
  - c. If the matchType is payload, search within the boundary specified by this element's keyStart and keyEnd attributes for the value in the key attribute. If the key is found within those bounds, the payload element matches.
  - d. If the matchType is all, do steps (b) and (c) in order, stopping as soon as a match is found. The only variation is that in step (c), the "value" attribute is used in place of the "key" attribute.

#### For Response payloads (during playback):

During playback, no matching is done for responses. Instead, during recording, whatever match was determined is saved in the MetaData of the Response object. Then, during playback, when that Response object is returned, the processor just picks up the value from the Response

MetaData, finds the payload element with that name (and type="response") and uses it. If no such element existed, it would be considered an unrecoverable error.

## Section

Once the payload element has been identified, the processor begins looking at each section element in order, from top to bottom. No matching is done at this level, but once the processor has fully processed a section (that is, none of the copybooks in the section match), it moves on to the next section and will not revisit previous sections.

## Copybook

The final phase of matching is to determine which copybook in this section applies first, second, and so on until all the records in the payload have been processed. This is, arguably, the most complex matching phase. The process is as follows:

1. The processor looks at all of the copybook elements in the section and sorts them by the number specified in their order attributes.
2. The list of copybook elements with the lowest order number is checked first (in the order they are specified in the file). The (remaining) payload is searched for the value in this copybook element's key attribute and the index where it is found (if at all) is saved.
3. Once all copybooks in the lowest order list have been checked, if any matched, the one found **earliest** in the payload is used.
4. If a copybook **did** match:
  - a. If this copybook has matched this payload previously (an earlier record in the payload), the **max** attribute is checked to see if it may be applied again. If the max has been reached, this is not considered a match and the next matching copybook is used.
  - b. If the max has not been reached, this copybook is applied to the payload and the number of bytes specified by the copybook is consumed (unless there is a length-field attribute on the copybook, in which case, the value of that field in the record is used to determine how many bytes to consume) and the processor goes back to step 2.
5. If a copybook did **not** match: the list of copybooks with the next lowest order number is checked using the same rules as steps 2, 3, and 4. Note, however, that once the processor has decided that no copybooks in a given order number list match, it will not try to process that order number list (for this section) again for this payload.
6. Once all lists have been checked and no matches have been found (or the payload runs out of bytes), the processor moves on to the next section.

## Finalizing

If, after all sections for a payload have been processed, there are bytes left over in the payload, they will be truncated.

## Delimited Text Data Protocol

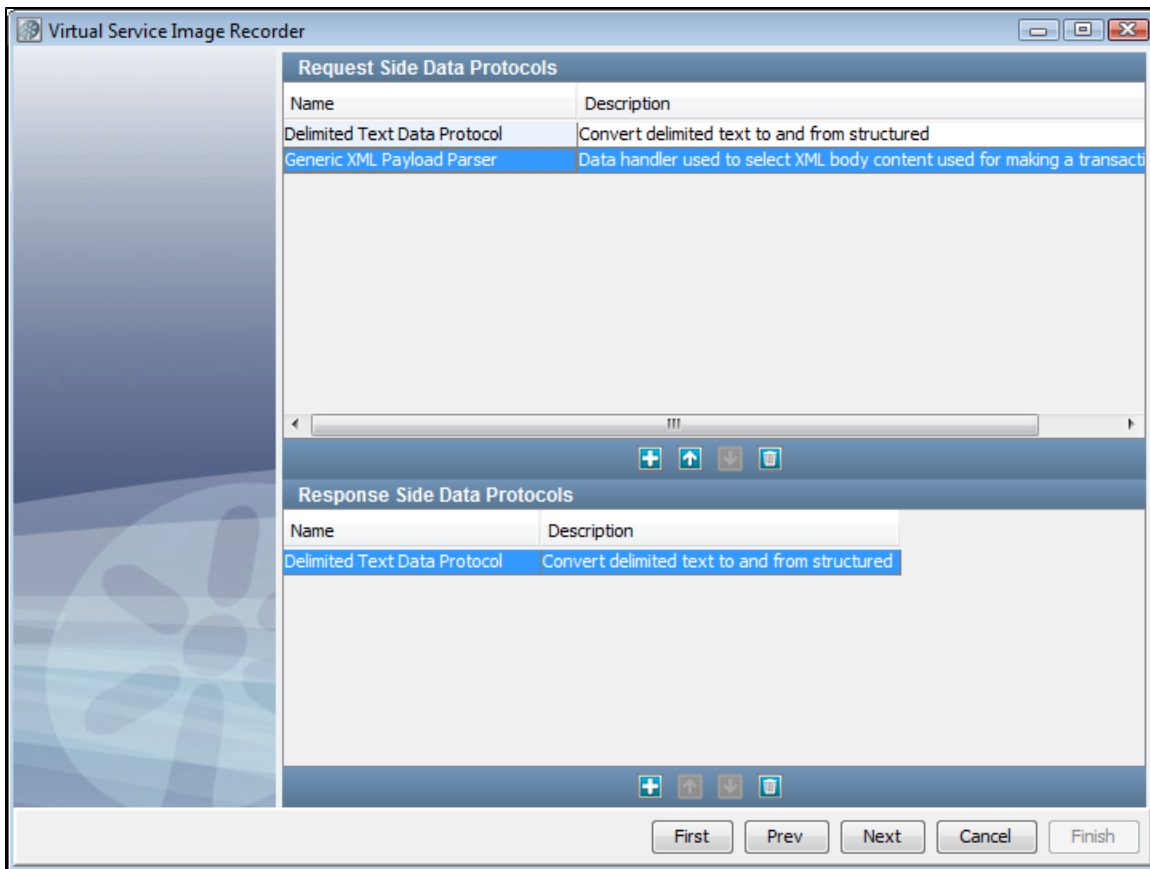
The Delimited Text data protocol converts delimited strings to XML. The data can be defined as one of six formats. This data protocol was designed to be used with the Generic XML Payload Parser as it converts the payload of these delimited strings into XML documents on both the request and response side.



Add the Delimited Text data protocol *before* the Generic XML Payload Parser. Otherwise, the request will never appear as parsed in the recorder.

To demonstrate using the Delimited Text data protocol, we will walk through an example using Name/Value pairs.

After completing the **Basics** tab of the Virtual Service Recorder, select the Delimited Text Data Protocol on both the request and response sides, and the Generic XML Payload Parser on the request side.

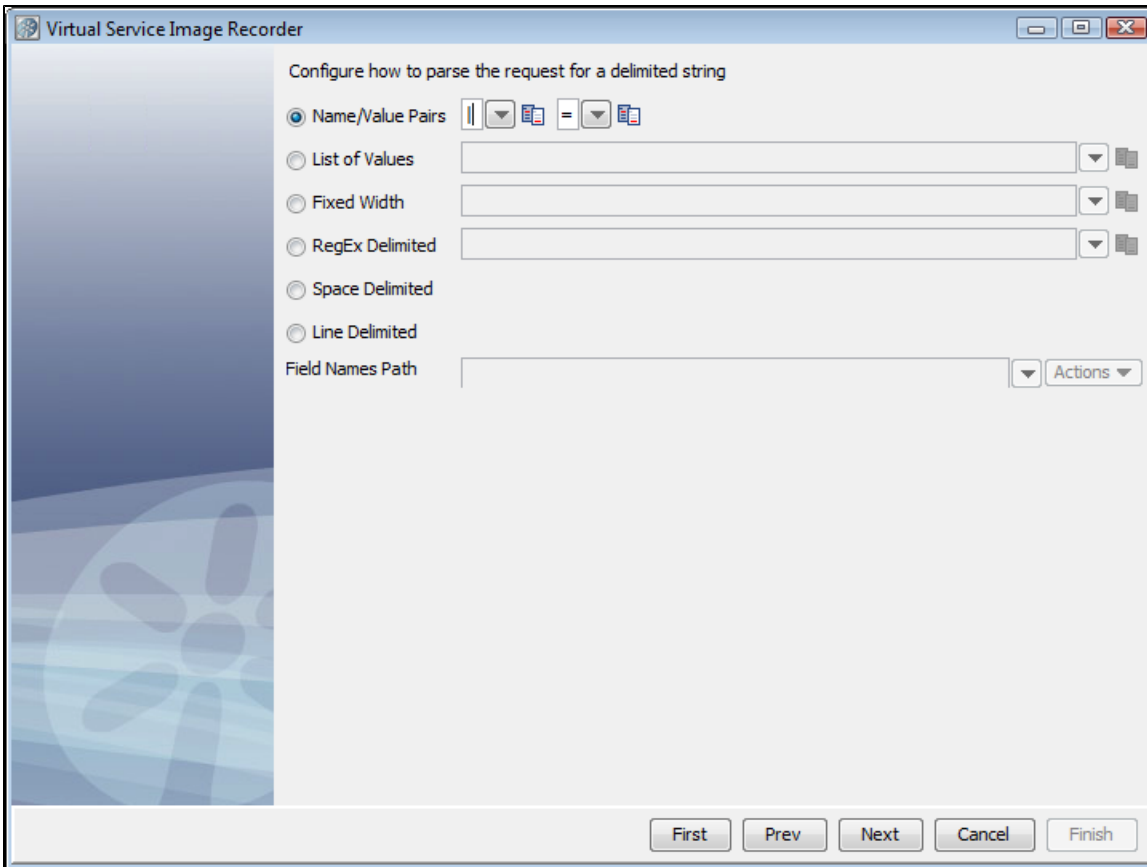


After the recording is complete, specify a Name/Value Token Delimiter and a Name/Value Delimiter on the parser screen. On this screen, you can select your data type from the list.

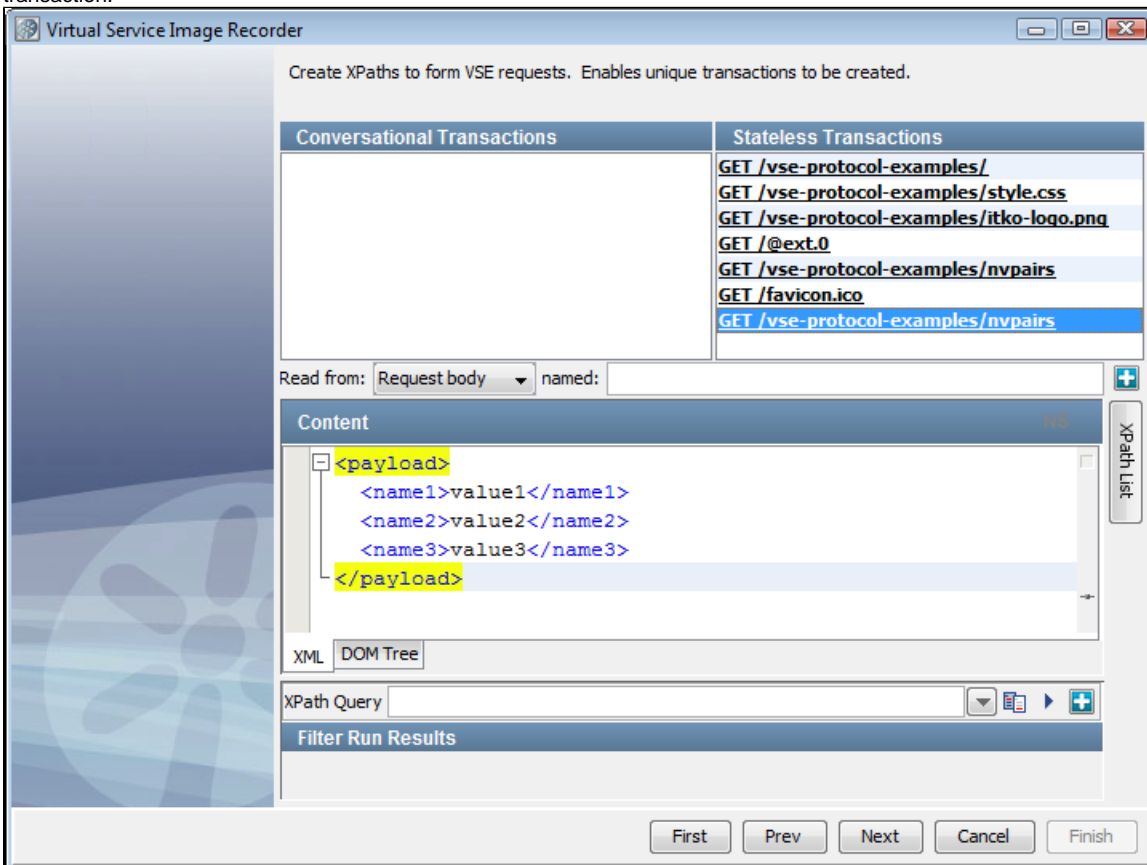
- **Name/Value Pairs:** The delimiter between name/value pairs and the delimiter between the name and the value in a name/value pair.
- **List of Values:** The delimiter between values in a list of values.
- **Fixed Width:** The whole number width of a fixed width delimiter.
- **RegEx Delimited:** The regular expression used to tokenize the payload.
- **Space Delimited:** None.
- **Line Delimited:** None.

The **Field Names Path** field gives you the option to load a field names document, which is a line=delimited document that specifies an ordered list of the names of fields. As a default, the fields will be named **value1**, **value2**, **value3**, and so on, but to specify names for those XML elements you can do so by using a field names document.



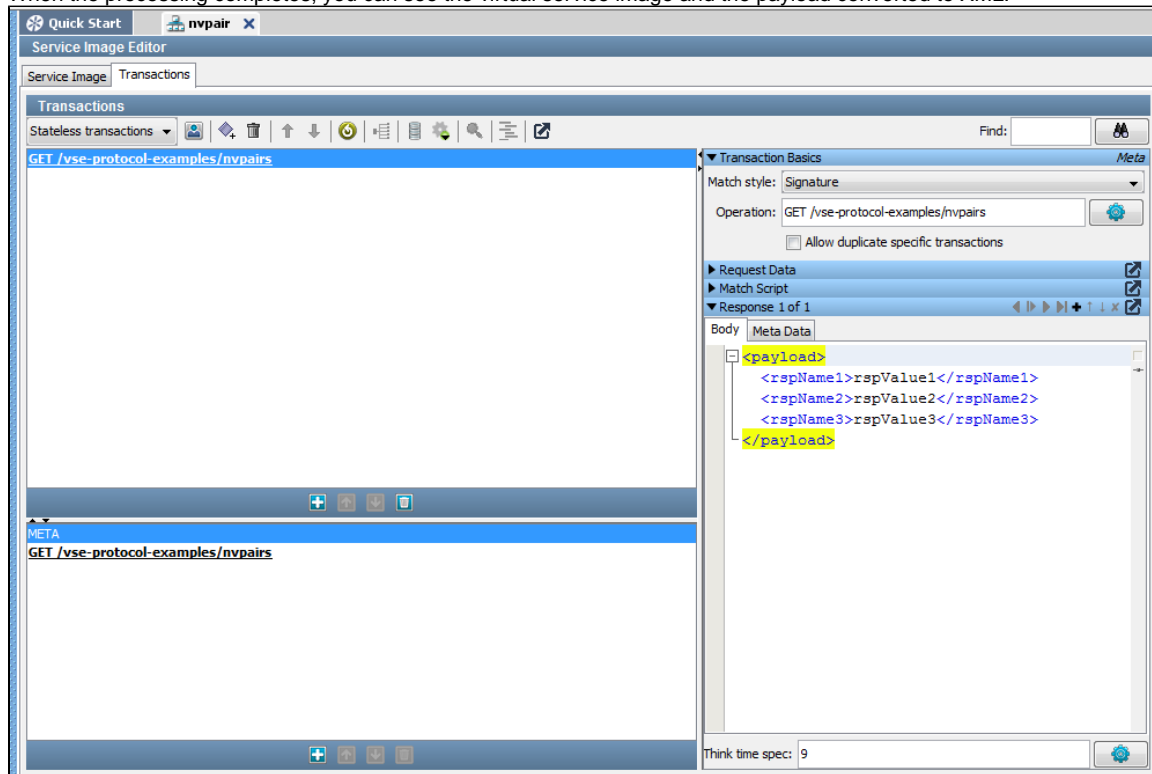


Click **Next** and you can see the name/value pairs represented in XML. Here, you can double-click on a transaction to show the contents of that transaction.



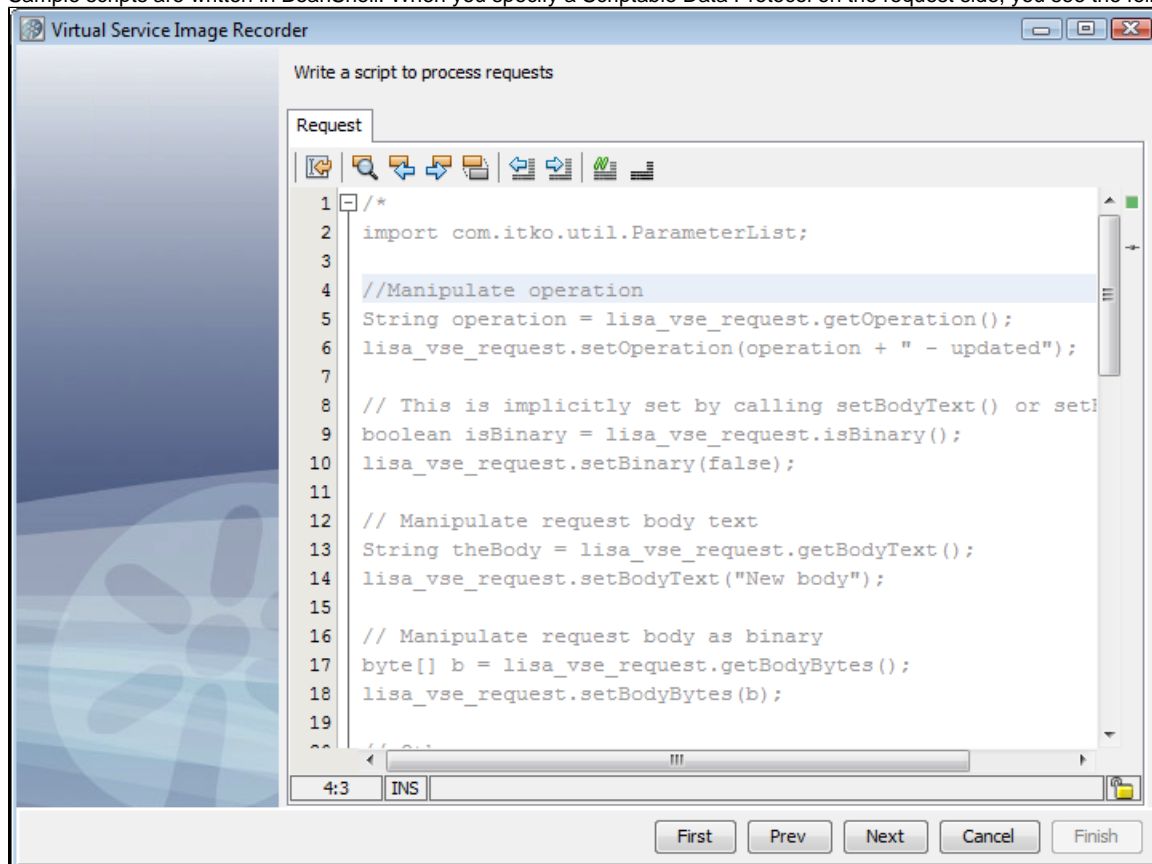
You configure the delimiters for the response side in the same way you did for the request side.

When the processing completes, you can see the virtual service image and the payload converted to XML.



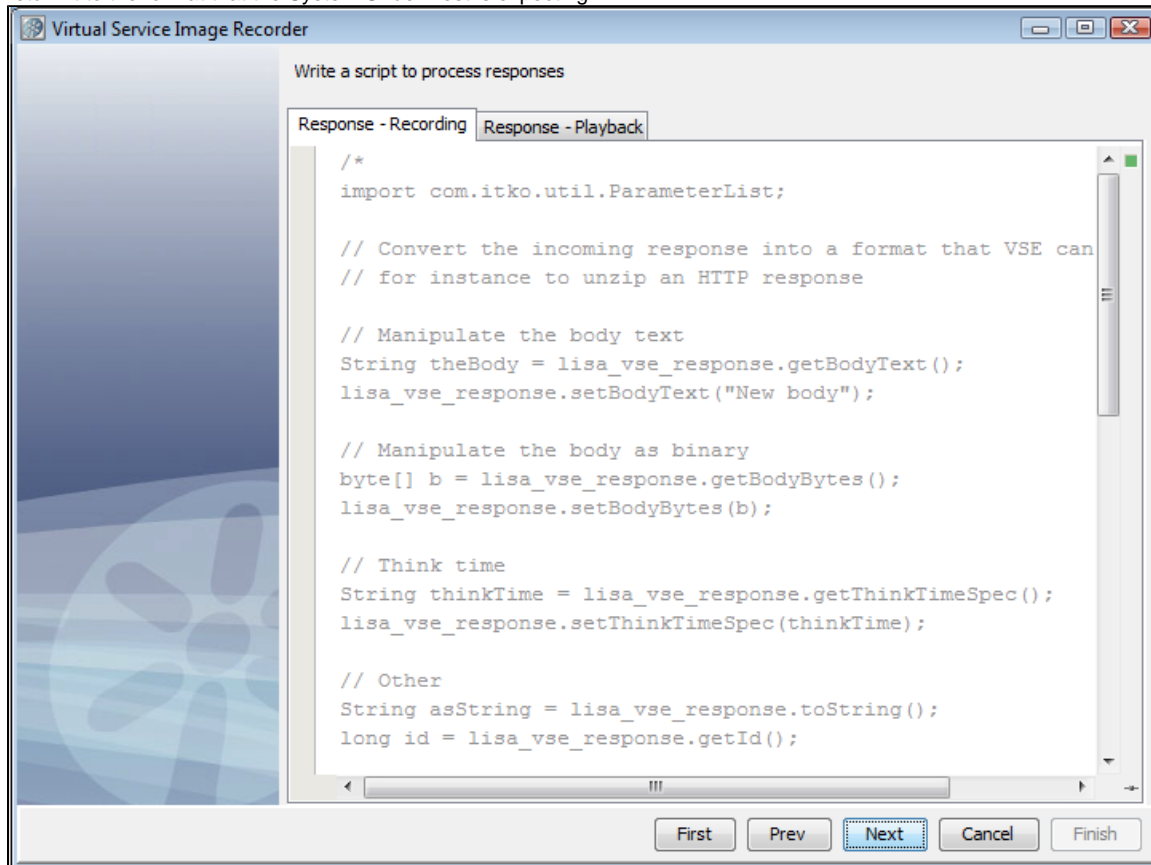
## Scriptable Data Protocol

The Scriptable Data Protocol is available for situations where you need a small amount of processing on either the request, the response, or both. Sample scripts are written in BeanShell. When you specify a Scriptable Data Protocol on the request side, you see the following screen.



Two scripts are available on the response side; one for recording and one for playback. You can use the Response - Recording script to take the

recorded response and change it into a format that VSE can process. Then, after it is processed, you can use the Response - Playback script to return it to the format that the System Under Test is expecting.



You can add your own BeanShell script to perform any actions you want on the request and/or the response.

## CICS Request Data Access Data Protocol

### DRDA Data Protocol

The DRDA data protocol converts binary Distributed Relational Database Architecture (DRDA) payloads to XML during recording to facilitate alignment with native LISA functionality, readability, dynamic data support. Responses are converted back to their native format on playback.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with some basic information about what is to be recorded and select the appropriate protocol(s) involved. Some transport protocols do not allow for a data protocol.

Basics Notes

Write image to: C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\Images\DRDA.vsi Browse...

☒ Create ☐ Merge into

Import traffic: Browse...

Transport protocol: DRDA

☐ Desensitize (transport layer)

☐ Treat all transactions as stateless

Default navigation: WIDE Last: LOOSE

Export to: Browse...

Model file: C:\Lisa\examples\VSservices\DRDAmodel.vsm Browse...

VS Model style: ☐ More flexible ☒ More efficient

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

When you select the DRDA data protocol on the Transport Protocol field of the VSI Recorder, the Request and Response side data protocols fields are automatically populated with the DRDA Data Protocol selections.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Request Side Data Protocols

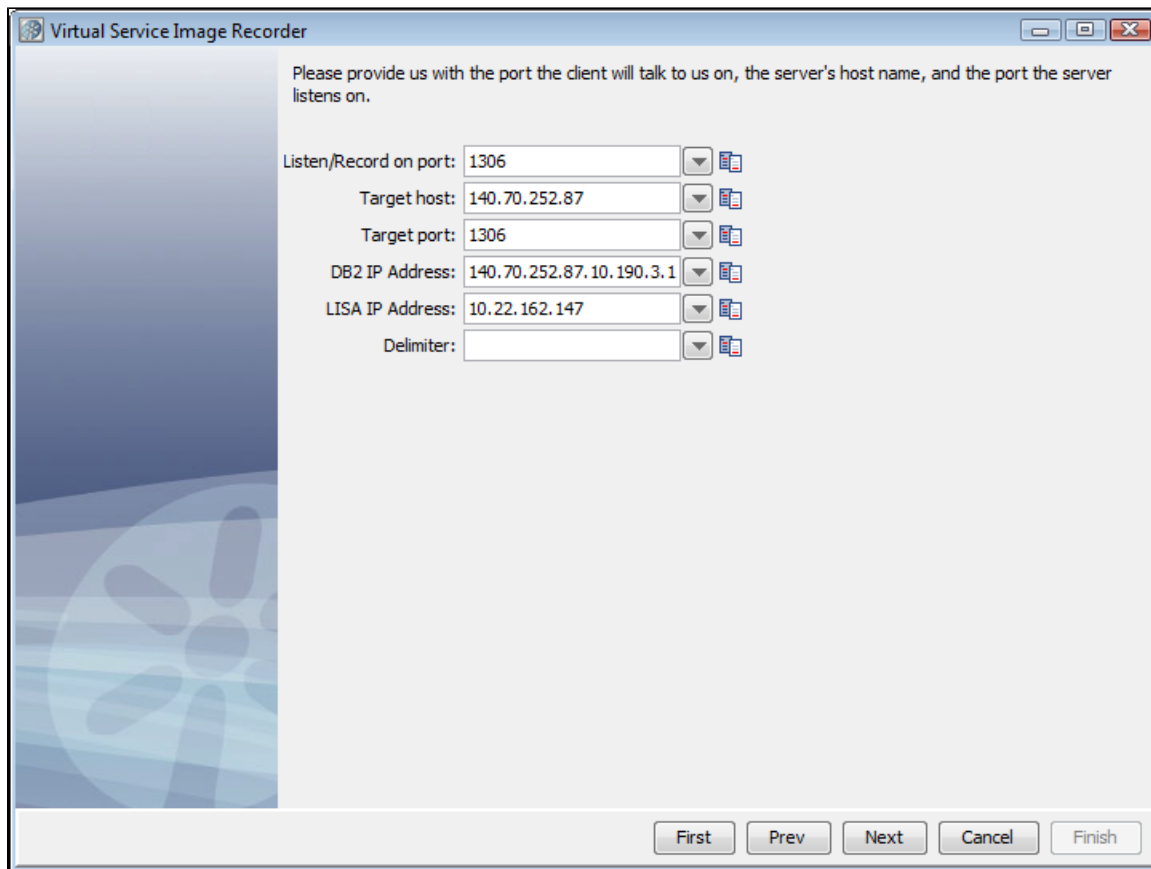
Name	Description
DRDA Data Protocol	Convert DRDA transactions to and from XML

Response Side Data Protocols

Name	Description
DRDA Data Protocol	Convert DRDA transactions to and from XML

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

The next screen of the recorder lets you specify communications information.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Virtual Service Image Recorder". Inside, there is a text prompt: "Please provide us with the port the client will talk to us on, the server's host name, and the port the server listens on." Below this prompt are six input fields, each with a dropdown arrow and a document icon to its right. The fields are labeled and contain the following values: "Listen/Record on port:" with "1306", "Target host:" with "140.70.252.87", "Target port:" with "1306", "DB2 IP Address:" with "140.70.252.87.10.190.3.1", "LISA IP Address:" with "10.22.162.147", and "Delimiter:" which is empty. At the bottom of the window are five buttons: "First", "Prev", "Next", "Cancel", and "Finish".

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with the port the client will talk to us on, the server's host name, and the port the server listens on.

Listen/Record on port: 1306

Target host: 140.70.252.87

Target port: 1306

DB2 IP Address: 140.70.252.87.10.190.3.1

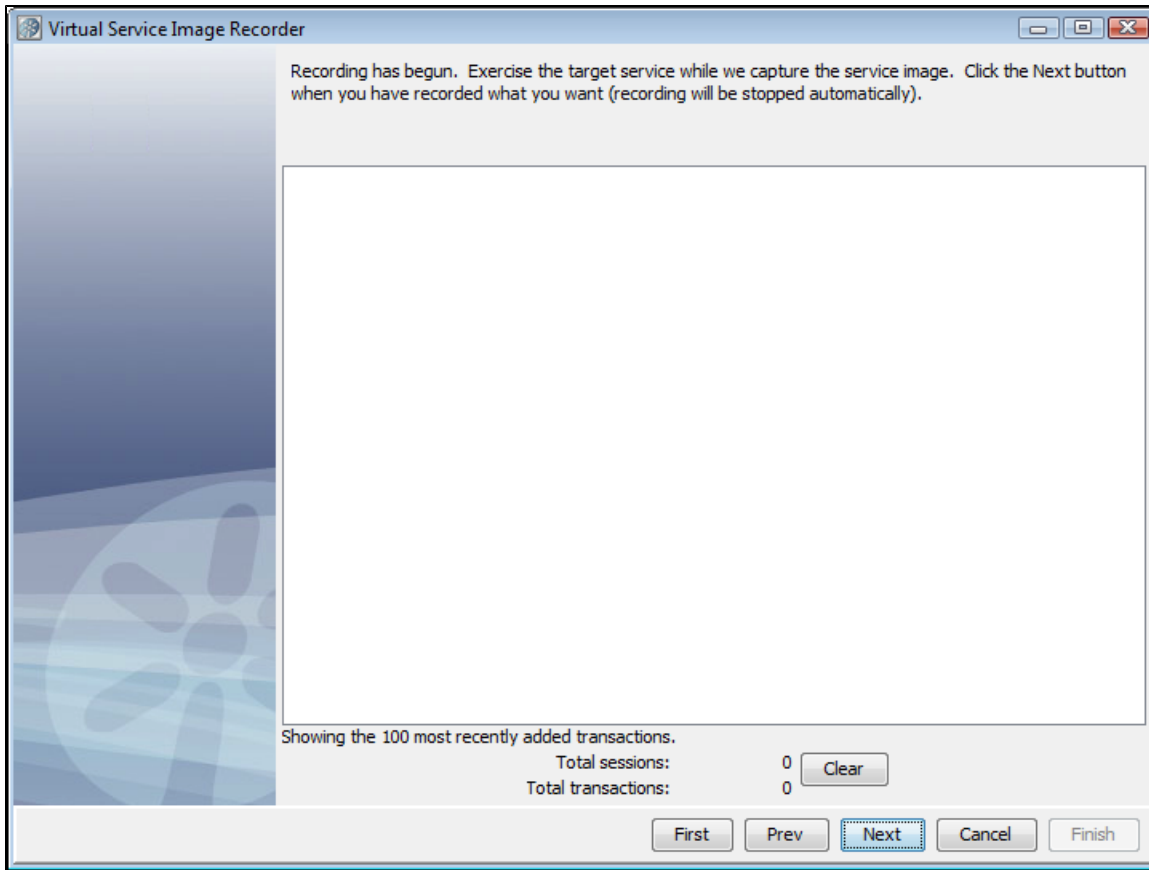
LISA IP Address: 10.22.162.147

Delimiter:

First Prev Next Cancel Finish

Enter the communications parameters for the service image:

- **Listen/Record on port:**
- **Target host:**
- **Target port:**
- **DB2 IP address:**
- **LISA IP address:**
- **Delimiter:**



## Editing Service Images

This chapter documents how to edit a virtual service image using a Service Image Editor.

The following topics are available.

- [Legacy Service Images](#)
- [Opening the Service Image Editor](#)
- [Service Image Editor Service Image Tab](#)
- [Service Image Editor Transactions Tab for Stateless Transactions](#)
- [Service Image Editor Transactions Tab for Conversations](#)
- [Conversation Editor](#)

## Legacy Service Images

Beginning with LISA 6.0, service images are no longer stored in a database. If you need to use LISA 5.0 service images in LISA 6.0, you should export them using LISA 5.0 and then import them using the Import item on the project tree's context menu in LISA 6.0.



A LISA 5.0 exported service image has an extension of **.xml**. This exported version 5.x service image can be modified to be a valid LISA 6.0 service image by changing the extension to **.vsi**.

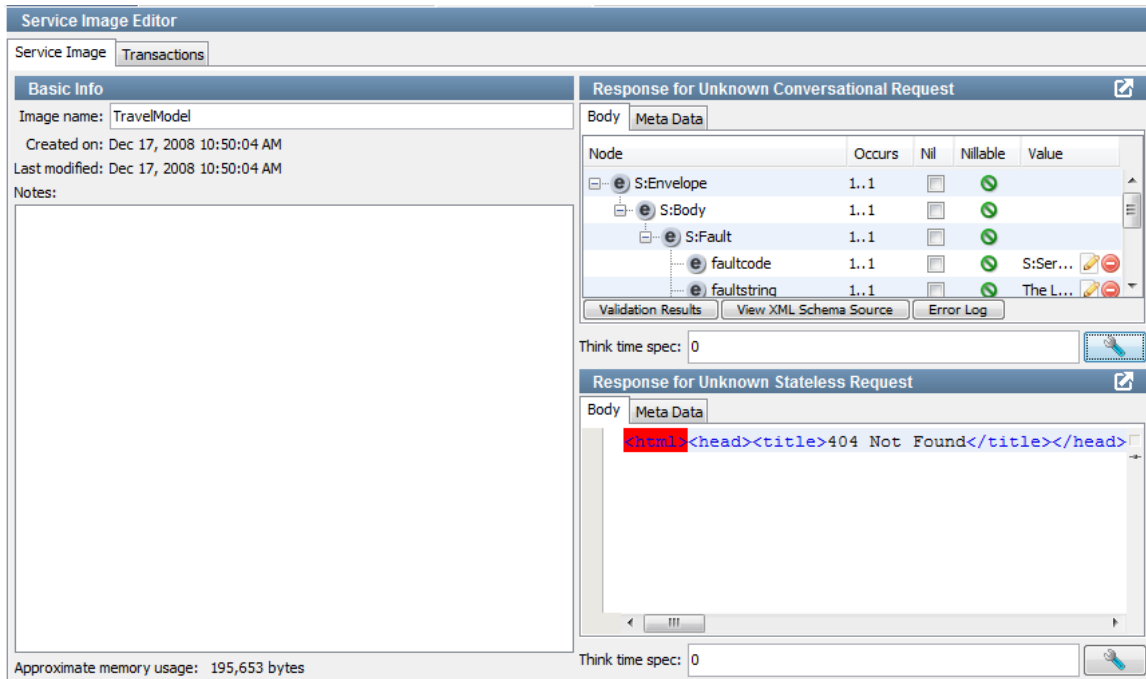
## Opening the Service Image Editor

From the project panel, double-clicking on a service image from the **Vservices/Images** list will launch the service image editor.

You can also access the editor from the Response Selection step in the **.vsm** by clicking **Open** beside the name of the service image.

## Service Image Editor Service Image Tab


The following fields are visible on the Service Image Editor Service Image tab:



### Service Image Editor Service Image Tab Components

- **Image name:** The name of the current service image.
- **Created on:** Date and time when the service image was created.
- **Last modified:** Date and time when the service image was last modified.
- **Notes:** Documentation on the service image.
- **Approximate memory usage:** Estimated memory required for the service image.
- **Response for Unknown Conversational Request:** Details the Body, Meta Data, and think time for a response to an unknown conversational request in playback.
- **Response for Unknown Stateless Request:** Details the Body, Meta Data, and think time for a response to an unknown stateless request in playback.

## Editing Responses for Unknown Requests

Use the **magnifying glass** icon  to zoom the panels to their largest size. Use the same icon to unzoom back to the original size.


In the **Response** panels, complete the fields as needed:

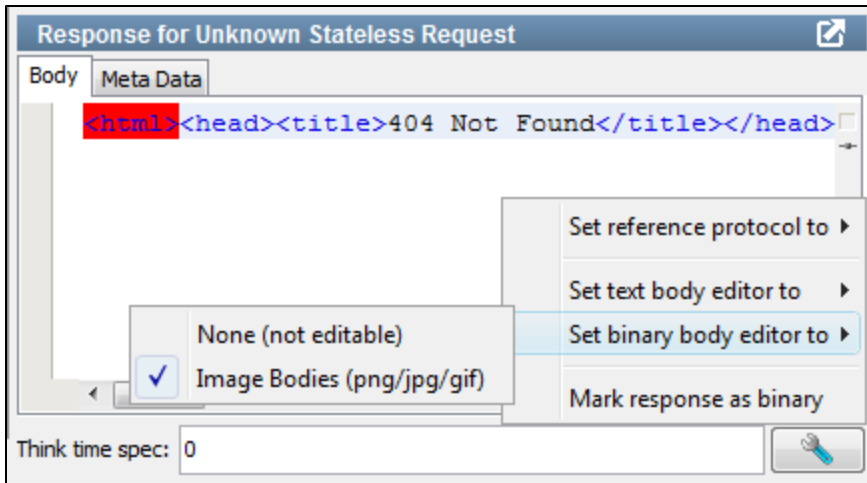
- **Body:** Contains the response to be returned for unknown stateless requests during playback.
- **Response Meta Data Area:** In the **Response Meta Data** area, use the toolbar at the bottom to add, move, or delete key-value pairs as needed.
- **Think time spec:** Enter the amount of think time required in milliseconds. The think time is the time that is taken before sending out the response to a request. The default setting is **0**. If you enter a range, the think time is randomly selected within that range (for example, **100-1000** specifies a random think time between 100 and 1000 milliseconds). You can specify time measurements by adding a suffix to the numbers (case does not matter). For example, **10t-5s** indicates a random think time between 10 milliseconds and 5 seconds. The valid suffixes are:  
**t---**milliseconds  
**s---**seconds  
**m---**minutes  
**h---**hours



A step subtracts its own processing time from the think time to have consistent pacing of test executions.

## Customizing the Response Editor

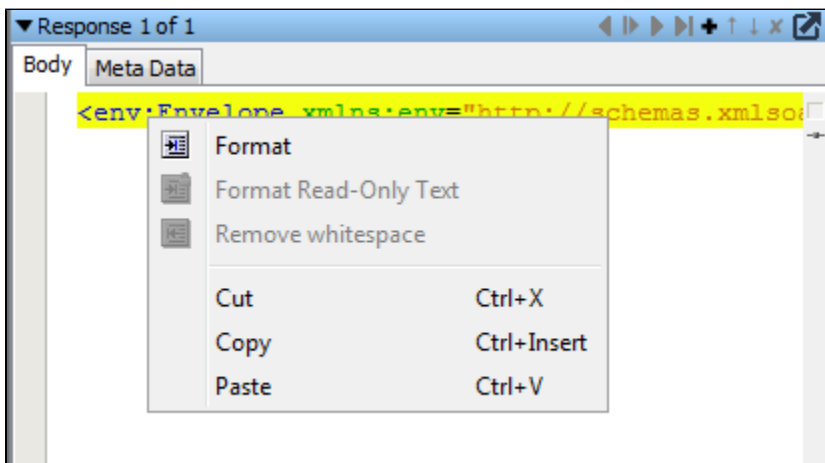
Use the **wrench** icon  to invoke the menu to customize the response editor.



Options on the response editor menu are:

- **Set reference protocol to:** No Specific Protocol or JDBC.
- **Set text body editor to:** Auto-Detect, Default Text Editor, Import/Export Text Editor, Simple Text Editor, Visual JSON/JSONP Editor, or Visual XML Editor.
- **Set binary body editor to:** None (not editable) or Image Bodies (png/jpg/gif).
- **Mark response as binary**

When the text body editor is set to the Default Text Editor, right-click on the Response Body XML to format or remove whitespace from the response text.

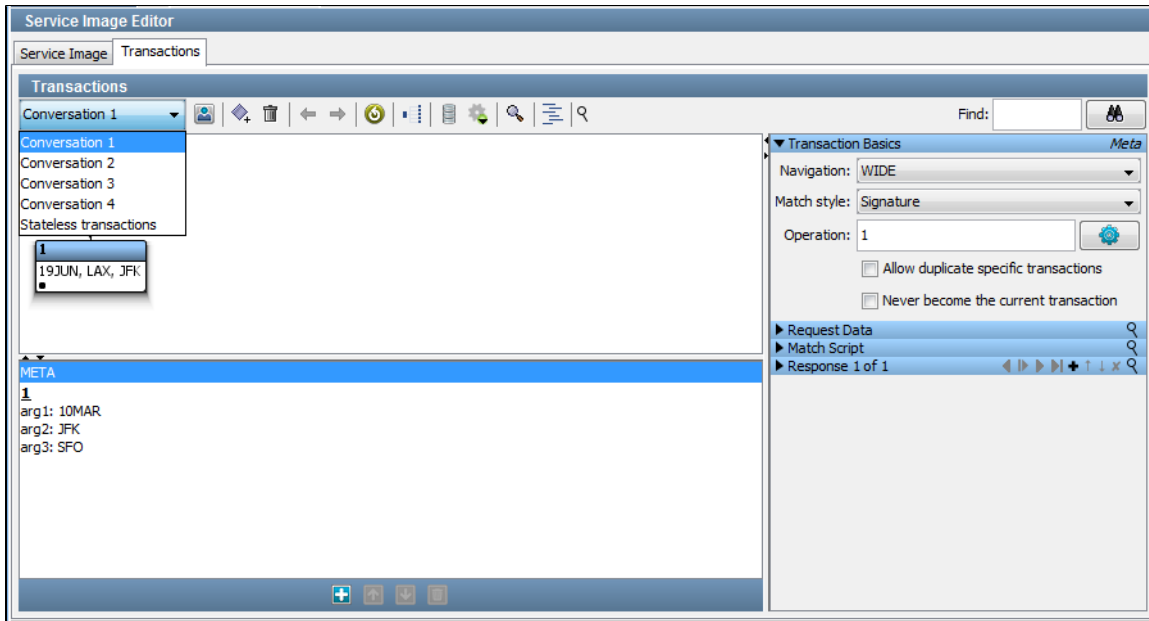


## Service Image Editor Transactions Tab

Access the **Transactions** tab from the Service Image Editor. This tab gives information about both stateless and stateful (conversations) transactions, with slightly different components for each. This section describes viewing the general components of the Transactions Tab that are the same for both types of transactions.

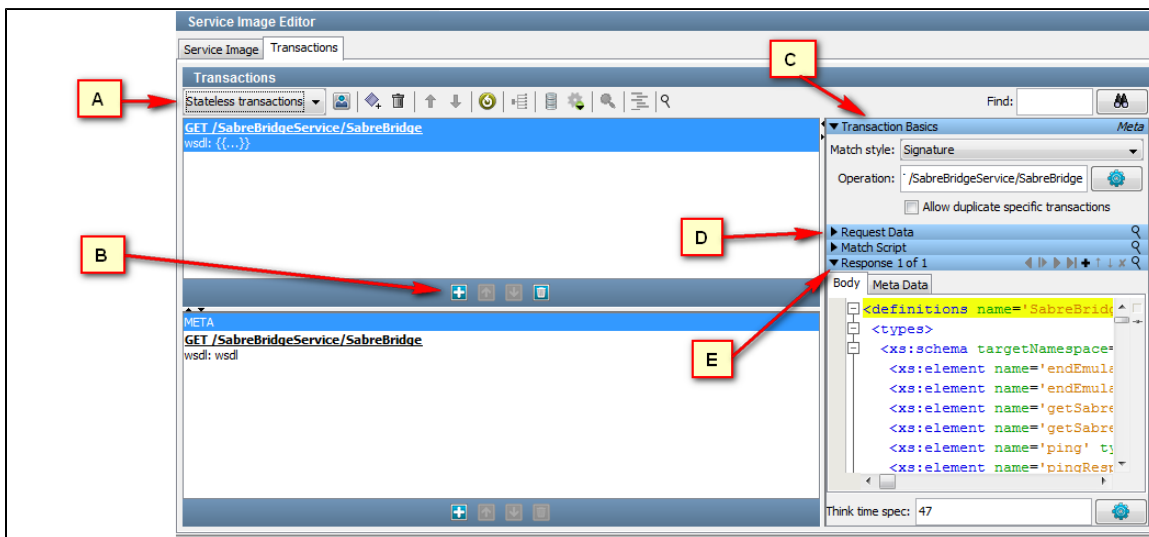
To choose between viewing conversations or stateless transactions, select either **Conversation** by number or **Stateless Transactions** from the drop-down list.





## Service Image Editor Transactions Tab for Stateless Transactions

When viewing a stateless transaction, you can see the components shown in the following image.



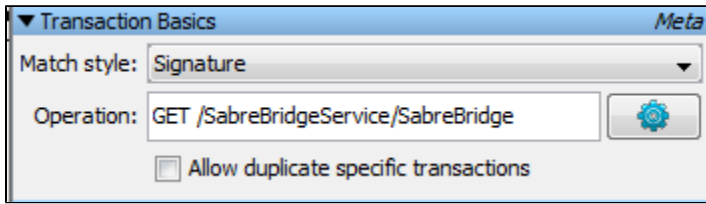
### Transactions Tab Components for Stateless Transactions

- A:** Use the Stateless Transactions list to view and edit stateless transactions. Use the toolbar at the bottom of the pane to add, move, or delete stateless transactions.
- B:** One logical transaction (in the stateless transaction list) contains exactly one META transaction and any number of specific transactions. The Transactions list shows these transactions under the logical transaction. Use the toolbar at the bottom of the pane to add, move, or delete stateless transactions.
- C:** Use the **Transaction Basics** area to view and edit transaction requests and response data for either Specific or Meta transactions, selected from the Transactions area. You can select a match style for the given transaction here. More information about this follows.
- D:** The **Request Data** panel shows the stateless requests. See following for more information.
- E:** The **Response** panel shows the response to the stateless requests. See following for more information.



If you add or change several transactions, then click **Regenerate Magic Strings and Data Variables**. LISA creates the magic string and date variables for you. Existing magic strings and variables are not modified.

## Transaction Basics Editor



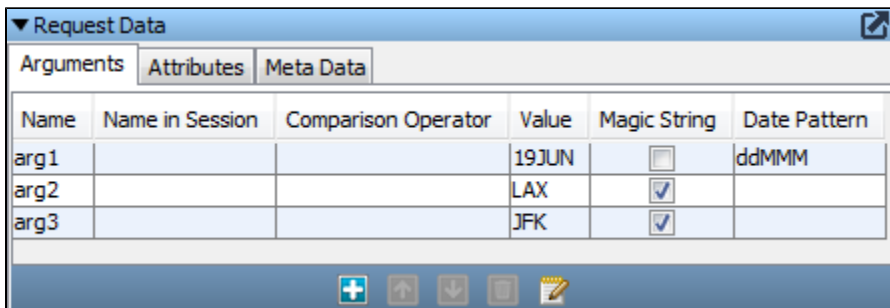
The Transaction Basics Editor window has a title bar with a dropdown arrow and the text "Transaction Basics" and "Meta". Inside, there is a "Match style:" dropdown menu set to "Signature". Below it is an "Operation:" text box containing "GET /SabreBridgeService/SabreBridge" and a gear icon. At the bottom is a checkbox labeled "Allow duplicate specific transactions" which is currently unchecked.

Use the Transaction Basics editor to view and edit transaction data for specific or meta transactions. Select a specific transaction or **META** from the **Transactions** list.

The Transaction Basics editor lets you specify:

- **Match Style:** Specify Signature or Operation.
- **Operation:** The operation selected.
- **Allow duplicate specific transactions:** Checking this will let LISA respond more than once to the same call, choosing a different response.

## Request Data Editor



The Request Data Editor window has a title bar with a dropdown arrow and the text "Request Data". It has three tabs: "Arguments", "Attributes", and "Meta Data". The "Arguments" tab is active, showing a table with the following data:

Name	Name in Session	Comparison Operator	Value	Magic String	Date Pattern
arg1			19JUN	<input type="checkbox"/>	ddMMM
arg2			LAX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
arg3			JFK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

At the bottom of the window are icons for adding, moving, deleting, and saving arguments.

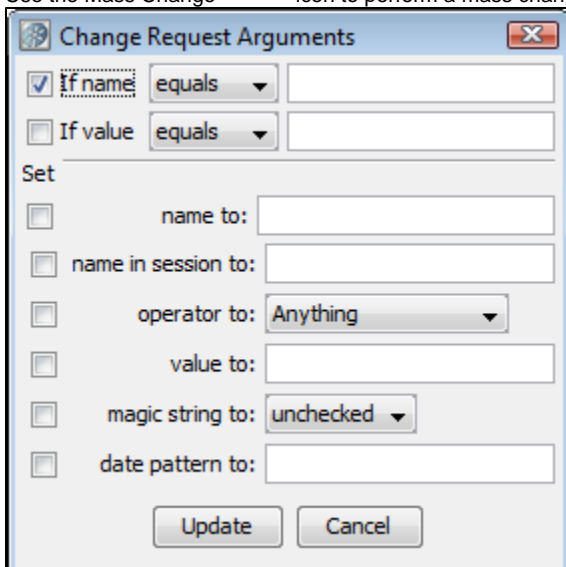
Use the Arguments tab to edit, add, move, or delete meta transaction arguments. For specific transactions, you can only edit aspects of the arguments.



To sort the arguments by data in a column, double-click the column heading to enable the sort arrows. Click the arrows to arrange the data in ascending or descending order. Click the arrows again to disable them.



Use the Mass Change icon to perform a mass change of request arguments. When you click this icon, a dialog appears.



The Change Request Arguments dialog has a title bar with a gear icon and the text "Change Request Arguments". It contains two sections: "If" and "Set". The "If" section has two rows: "If name" with a dropdown set to "equals" and an empty text box, and "If value" with a dropdown set to "equals" and an empty text box. The "Set" section has six rows, each with a checkbox and a label: "name to:", "name in session to:", "operator to:" (with a dropdown set to "Anything"), "value to:", "magic string to:" (with a dropdown set to "unchecked"), and "date pattern to:". At the bottom are "Update" and "Cancel" buttons.

You can use this dialog to specify your mass changes, then implement those changes by pressing the Update button.

▼ Request Data

ArgumentsAttributesMeta Data

Key	Value
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Use the Attributes area to add, edit, move, and delete key-value pairs.

▼ Request Data

ArgumentsAttributesMeta Data

Key	Value
HTTP-Method	GET
HTTP-URI	/SabreBridgeService/SabreBridge
HTTP-Version	HTTP/1.1
User-Agent	Java/1.5.0_16
Host	localhost:8080
Accept	text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg...

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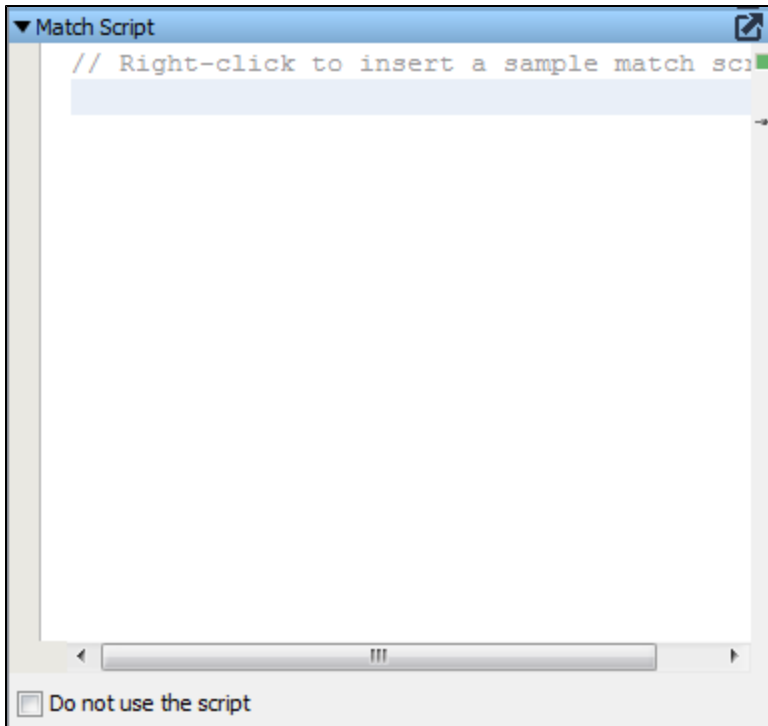
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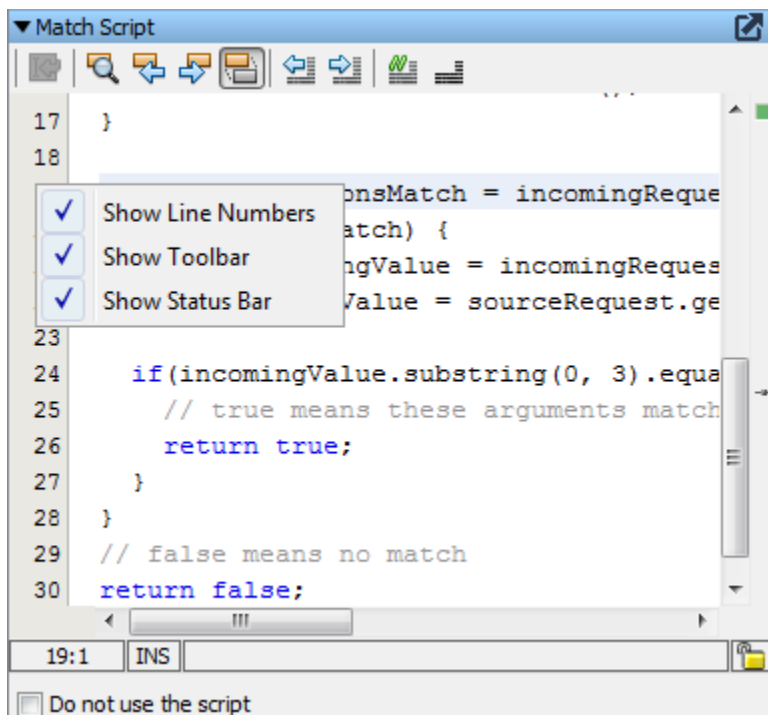
Use the Request Meta Data area to add, edit, move, and delete meta data key-value pairs.

## Match Script Editor



Right-click in the Match Script panel to insert a sample match script for your information. You can also choose to toggle the match script on or off by using the Do not use the script check box.

Right-click on the left side of the Match Script panel to choose to hide or display line numbers, the editor toolbar, and the editor status bar. The image below shows all options displayed.



A match script defines how LISA Virtualize decides if a given transaction scripts matches the incoming one. Unlike Match tolerance, here there is no need to specify levels of a match tolerance. We just write BeanShell scripts performing certain actions to return the specific match based on the given condition.

For example:

```

/* always match name=joe */
ParameterList args = incomingRequest.getArguments();
if ("joe".equals(args.get("name"))) return true else return defaultMatcher.matches();

```

For the match script to work there is no need to specify any match tolerance level, or there is no need to specify any match operator. It just finds the match based on the condition in the match script.

By default (with no match script) an inbound request is matched against a service image request by comparing operations and/or arguments to come to a true/false "do they match?" answer. A match script simply replaces this with whatever logic makes sense and must still come to the true/false "do they match?" answer.

The script does have the ability to make use of the default matching logic if it needs to. To do this, inside the script use the expression, "defaultMatcher.matches()". This will return a true or false using VSE's default matching logic.

It is similar to a scripted assertion. Basically, it is a regular BeanShell script but with three additional variables preloaded for you (and the usual properties and **testExec** variable):

```

com.itko.lisa.vse.stateful.model.Request sourceRequest //(the recorded request)
com.itko.lisa.vse.stateful.model.Request incomingRequest //(the live request coming in)
com.itko.lisa.VSE.RequestMatcher defaultMatcher //(you can default to this guy if you want)

```

You must return a Boolean value from the script; true means a match was found.

If there is an error evaluating the script, the VSE deliberately ignores the error and defaults to the regular matching logic. If you don't think your script is being executed, have a look in the VSE log file.

A good way to add logging/tracing into your match scripts is to embed calls to the VSE matching logger, which produces the messages in the vse\_match.log file. Here is an example:

```

import com.itko.lisa.VSE;

VSE.info(testExec, "short msg", "a longer message");
VSE.debug(testExec, "", "I got here\!\"");
VSE.error(testExec, "Error\!", "Some unexpected condition");

return defaultMatcher.matches();

```

If you log messages at INFO, later when the production settings are applied to the logging.properties file, the log level will be WARN and your messages will show up as a LISA test event (a "Log Message" event).

Tips from **logging.properties**:



- Keep a separate log for VSE transaction match/no-match events: this makes debugging much easier.
- Change INFO to WARN or simply comment out the following line for production systems.
- In general, INFO will report on every failure to match.








log4j.logger.VSE=INFO, VSEAPP

#### Match Script Editor Toolbar



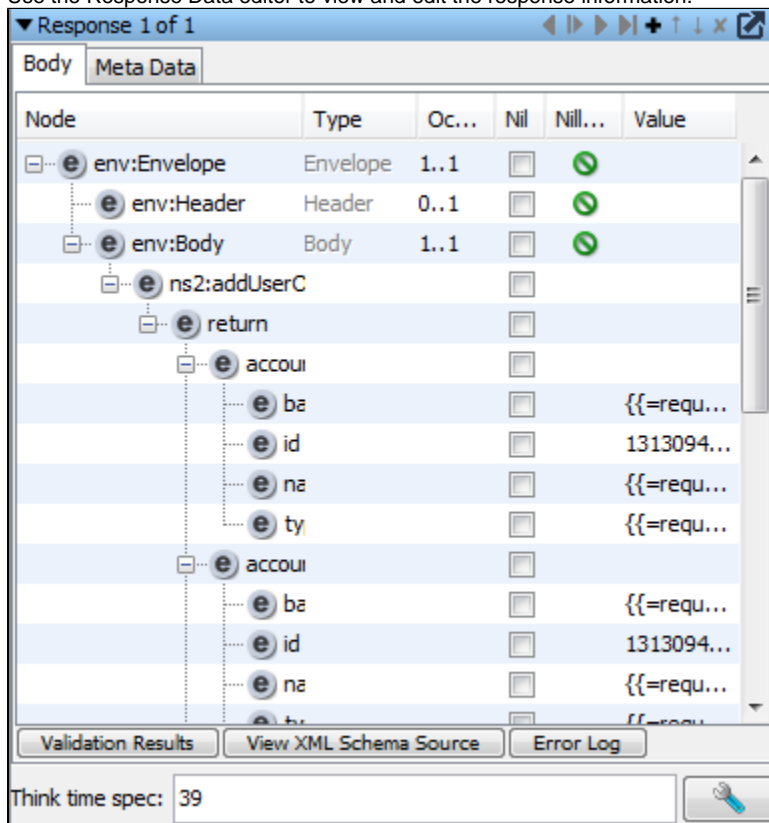
The Match Script editor toolbar lets you perform the following functions:

Button	Function
	Returns you to the last edit that was made
	Finds the next occurrence of the highlighted text

	Finds previous occurrence
	Finds next occurrence
	Toggles the highlight search
	Shifts the current line to the left four spaces
	Shifts the current line to the right four spaces
	Inserts comments slashes (//) at the cursor position
	Removes the comments slashes (//)

## Response Data Editor

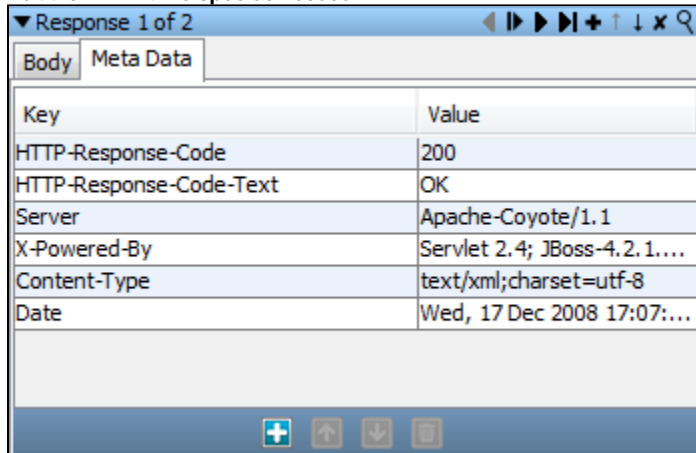
Use the Response Data editor to view and edit the response information.



Use the **Response Body** area to edit the expected response for a transaction. Use the toolbar to add, order, delete and chain through responses, as described in the [Match Script Editor Toolbar](#). Use the magnifying glass icon to enlarge this panel. Use the wrench icon as described in [Customizing the Response Editor](#).

You can use the buttons at the bottom of the panel to inspect the Validation Results, if any, view the XML schema source, and see the error log.

Edit the **Think time spec** as needed.

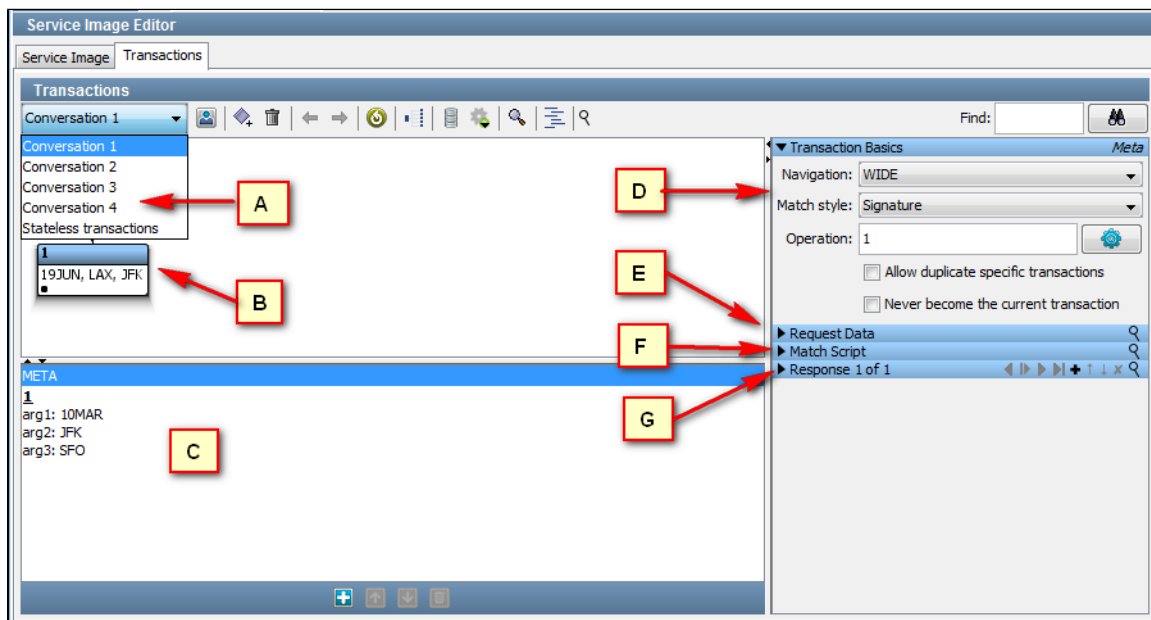


Key	Value
HTTP-Response-Code	200
HTTP-Response-Code-Text	OK
Server	Apache-Coyote/1.1
X-Powered-By	Servlet 2.4; JBoss-4.2.1...
Content-Type	text/xml; charset=utf-8
Date	Wed, 17 Dec 2008 17:07:...

Use the **Response Meta Data** area to add, edit, move, and delete key-value pairs.

## Service Image Editor Transactions Tab for Conversations

A stateful transaction (a transaction with conversations) is composed of the following components.



### Conversations tab components

**A:** The **Conversations** list shows all the conversations in the service image. Select a conversation to view and edit. A conversation consists of number of logical transactions.

**B:** The **Conversation Tree** editor displays the logical conversation selected in the Conversation list in either a graph node tree view or a standard tree view.

**C:** Use the **Transactions** list to view and edit specific transactions or the meta data for transactions inside a selected logical transaction. Use the toolbar at the bottom of the pane to add, move, or delete stateless transactions.

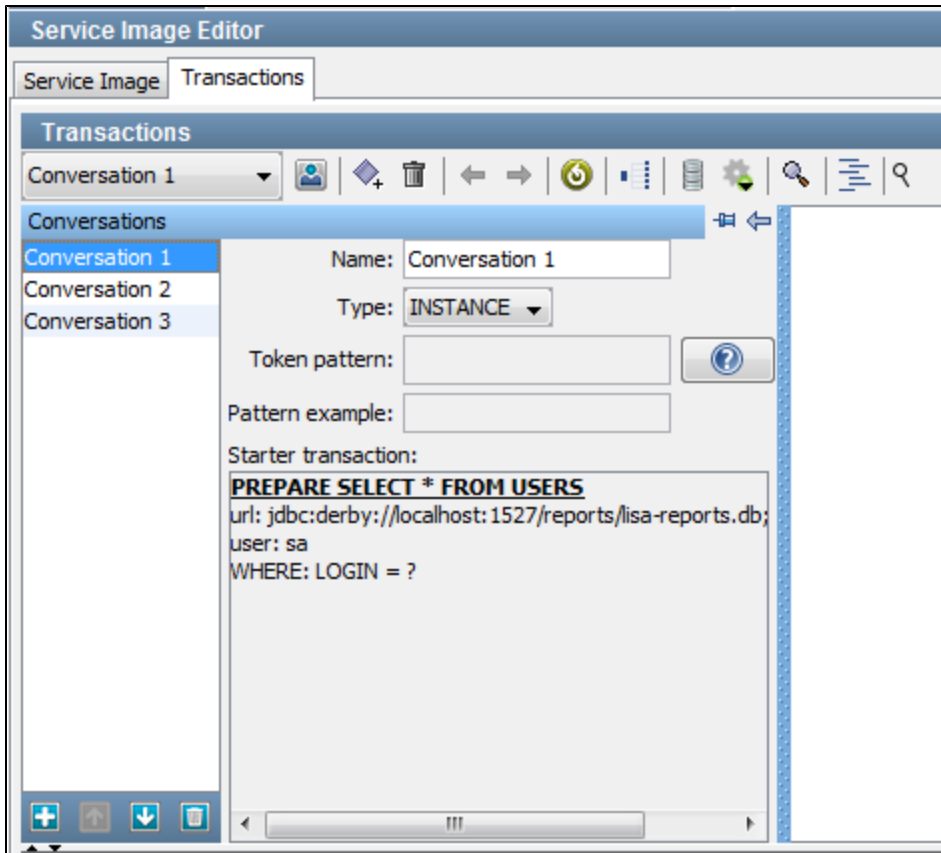
**D:** Use the **Transaction Basics** area to view and edit transaction requests and response data for either **Specific** or **Meta** transactions, selected from the **Transactions** area. The fields are dependent on the selected transport and data protocols. For more information about the Transaction Basics area and its tabs, see the [Service Image Editor Transactions Tab for Stateless Transactions](#).

**E:** Use the **Transaction Request Data** pane to enter the data for conversational requests during playback.

**F:** Use the **Match Script** editor to enter and edit a script to return actions based on specified matching conditions.

**G:** Use the **Transaction Response Data** pane to view and edit the response content, think time, and key-value pairs for the specific or meta transaction.

### Toggle Display Pane



You can see details about a conversation by clicking the Toggle Display button on the Transactions Tab toolbar. From this pane, you can display and edit the following values.

- **Type:** The type is either **INSTANCE** or **TOKEN**.
- **Token Pattern:** Required for token-based conversations. Clicking the question icon will give you examples of string generator patterns.
- **Pattern Example:** The example for the specified Token Pattern.
- **Starter Transaction:** The starter transaction for the conversation.



If you add or change several transactions, return to the **Basic Info** tab to click **Regenerate Magic Strings and Data Variables**. LISA creates the magic string and date variables for you. Existing magic strings and variables are not modified.

## Conversation Editor

Use the Conversation editor to view and edit recorded transactions or create transactions manually. You can view the navigation trees in two display modes:

[Graph View](#)

[Tree View](#)

When you switch between views, the selected node remains selected. In both views, you can perform these actions from the editor toolbar, right-click menus, or the view itself:

### The Conversation Editor Toolbar

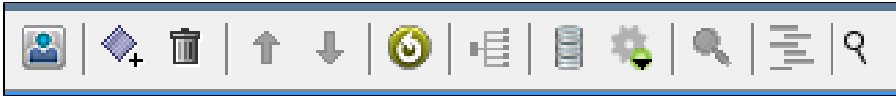
The Conversation Tree editor toolbar varies slightly, depending on the display.


#### Graph View Tools
















#### Tree View Tools







 If a tool is dimmed, it cannot be used with the selected transaction.

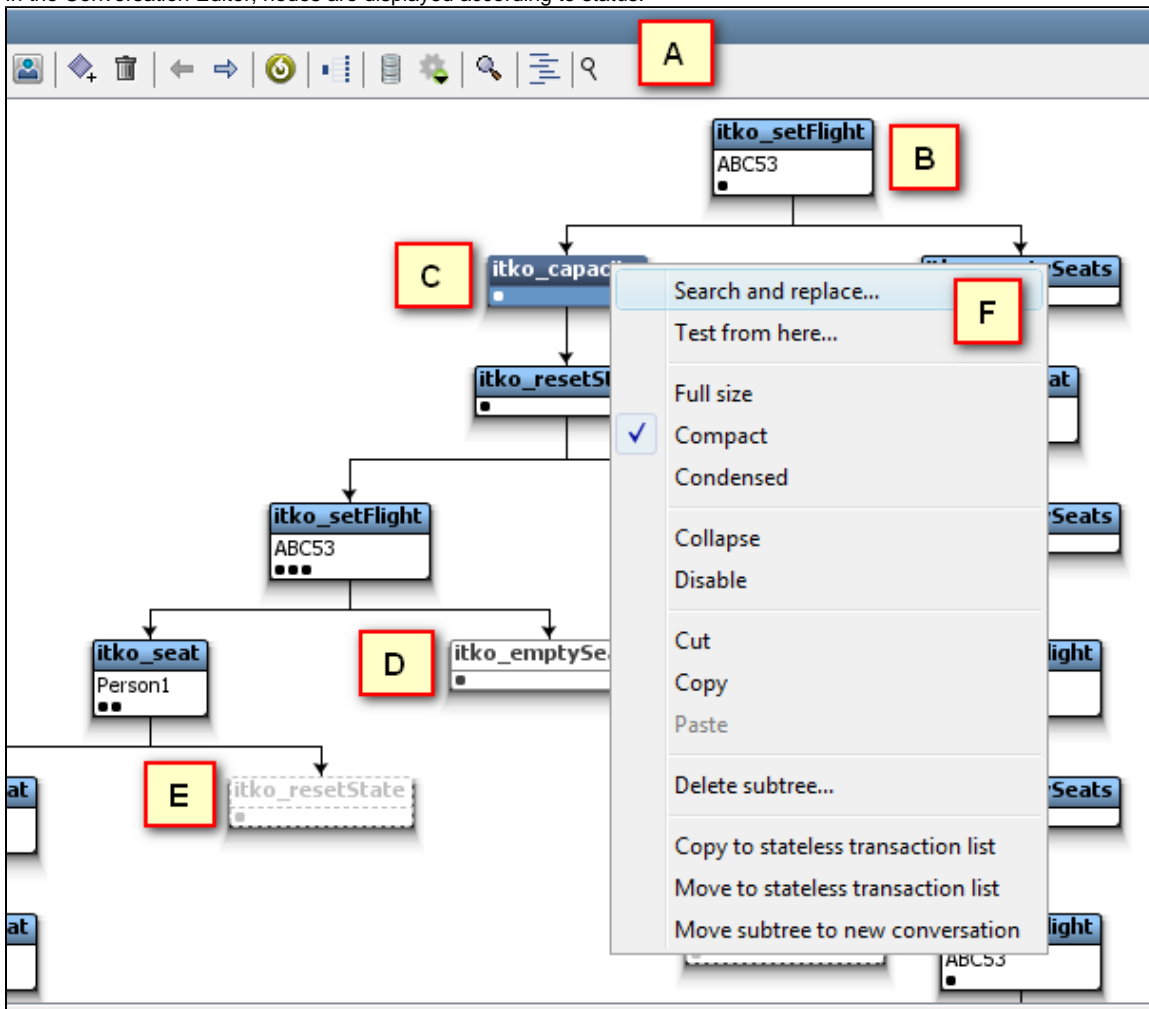
The Conversation Editor toolbar contains the following components:

Tool	Icon	Description
<b>Toggle Display</b>		Toggles the display of the panel for managing a list of conversations. You can specify name, type, token pattern, pattern example or starter transaction.
<b>Create New Transaction</b>		Adds a new transaction.
<b>Delete Selected Transaction</b>		Deletes a selected transaction.
<b>Up Arrow</b>		Tree View: moves the selected node earlier in the sibling list.
<b>Down Arrow</b>		Tree View: moves the selected node later in the sibling list.
<b>Right Arrow</b>		Graph View: moves the selected node earlier in the sibling list.
<b>Left Arrow</b>		Graph View: moves the selected node earlier in the sibling list.
<b>Regenerate</b>		Regenerates magic strings and date variables for all transactions.
<b>View Navigation</b>		Drops down a menu to select menu navigation highlights for stateful transactions (conversations). You can select <b>No navigation highlight</b> , <b>Highlight on transaction's tolerance</b> , <b>Highlight as if close</b> , <b>Highlight as if wide</b> , or <b>Highlight as if loose</b> .
<b>Toggle</b>		Toggles the display of transaction id's for debugging.
<b>Match</b>		Pulls a match description from the clipboard and highlights the relevant information in the SI.
<b>Zoom</b>		Drops down a zoom menu.
<b>Display</b>		Toggles the conversation display to a tree display.

<b>Display</b>		Toggles the conversation display to a graph display.
<b>Zoom panel</b>		Zooms this panel to its largest size.

## Conversation Editor Graph View

In the Conversation Editor, nodes are displayed according to status.



The Conversation Graph Editor components and node themes are described in the following diagram by the image callout letter:

**A:** Toolbar. For more information, see [Conversation Editor Toolbar](#).

**B:** Standard node appearance.

**C:** Selected node.

**D:** Collapsed node. Any children nodes are not displayed. Expand the node to view any children nodes.

**E:** Disabled node. This node and any children nodes (not displayed) are ignored during runtime.

**F:** Right-click menu. When you right-click a transaction, the menu provides these actions:

- Search and replace...
- Test from here...
- Full size/Compact/Condensed
- Collapse/Disable
- Disable/Enable
- Cut/Copy/Paste
- Delete subtree...
- Copy to stateless transaction list
- Move to stateless transaction list

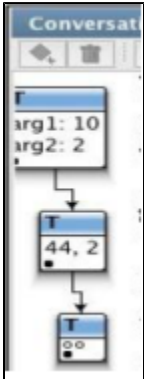
- Move subtree to new conversation

## Node Display Styles

You can display nodes in three styles:

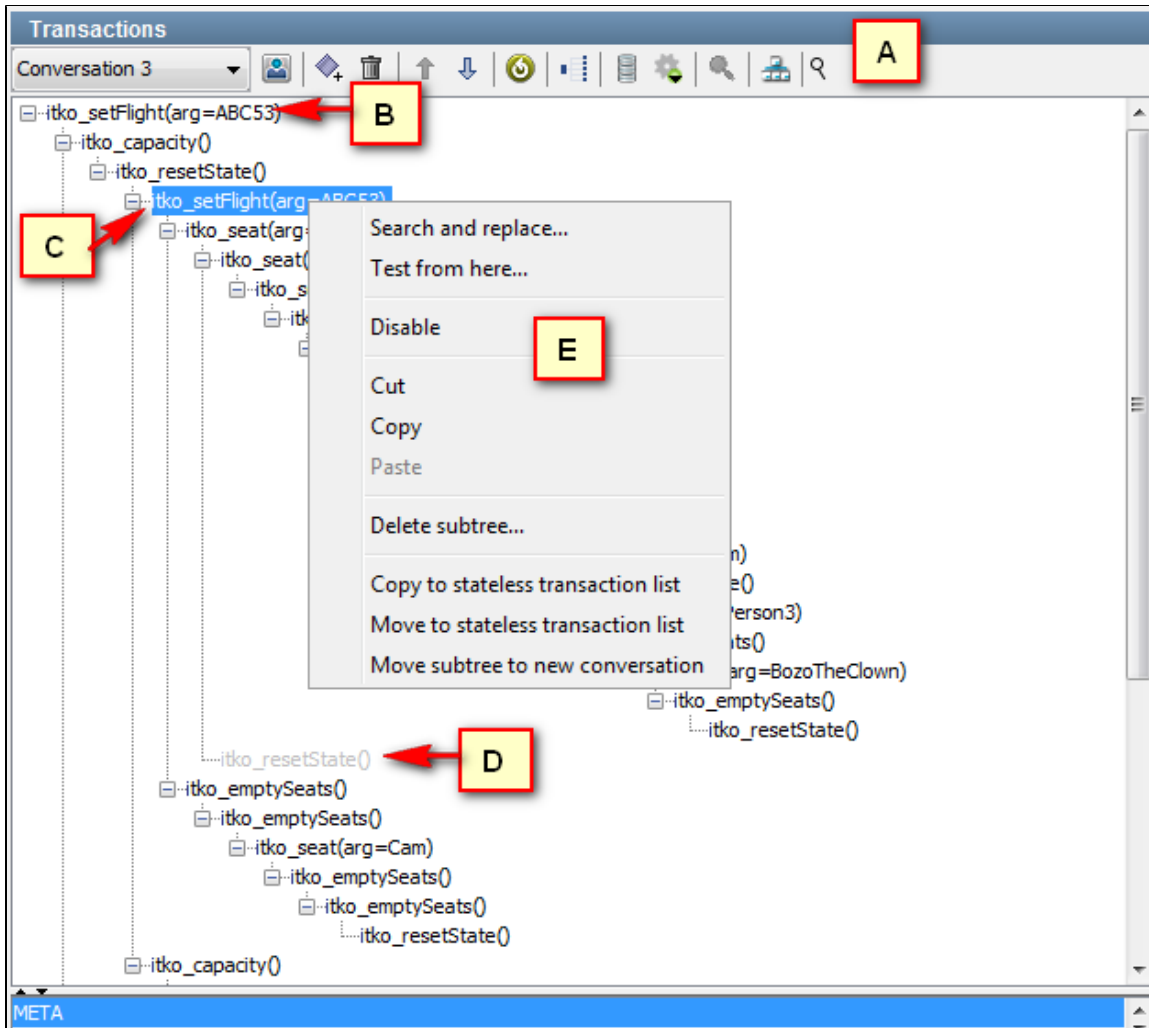
- Full size
- Compact (default)
- Condensed

In all three styles, the row of black dots at the bottom of each node shows how many specific transactions belong to the node. In the condensed style, the hollow dots show the number of arguments to the transaction's request. In the following illustration, the first node is displayed full size, the second is compact and the third one is condensed.



## Conversation Editor Tree View

The tree view displays the same information as the graph view in a compact fashion.



Nodes are displayed according to status. The Conversation Editor components and node themes are described in the following diagram by the image callout letter:

**A:** Toolbar. For more information, see [using the Conversation Tree Editor toolbar](#).

**B:** Standard node appearance.

**C:** Selected node.

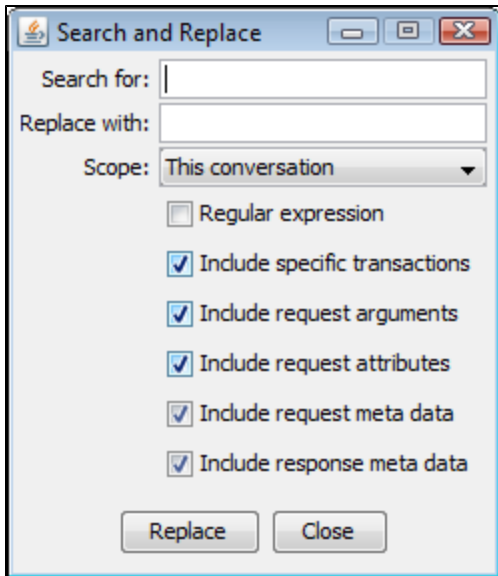
**D:** Disabled node. This node and any children nodes (not displayed) are ignored during runtime.

**E:** Right-click menu. When you right-click a transaction, the menu provides these actions:

- Search and replace...
- Test from here...
- Disable/Enable
- Cut/Copy/Paste
- Delete subtree...
- Copy to stateless transaction list
- Move to stateless transaction list
- Move subtree to new conversation

## The Search and Replace Action

From the right-click menu, you can select the Search and Replace action to change values in the conversation or the transaction.



**Scope** lets you specify whether the search and replace extends to this conversation (the default), this transaction, this transaction and children, or the entire service image. You can also use the check boxes to specify which pieces of the transactions to include.

## The Test from Here Action

Use the Conversation Editor to test for an expected response from a selected transaction in both graph and tree views.

### To test from a transaction

1. In the Conversation Tree editor, select and right-click a transaction.
2. From the menu, select **Test from here**.
3. In the Create Test Request window, enter the unique operation name and add argument key-value pairs, as needed.

**Create Test Request**

Previous:

Name:

Operation:

Arguments	
Key	Value
arg1	
arg2	

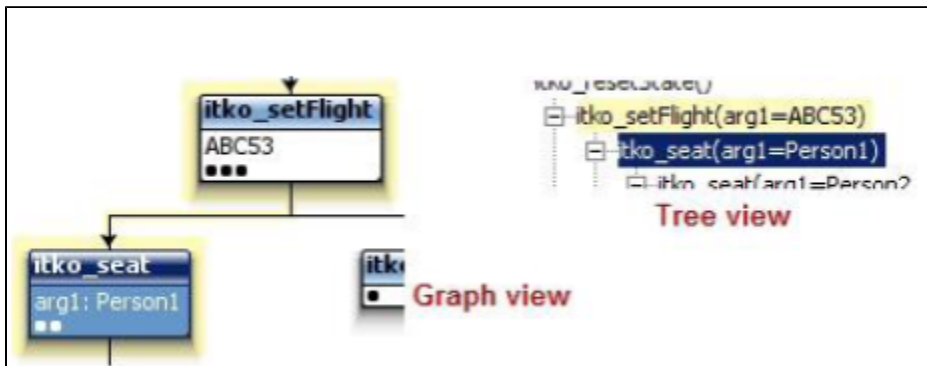
+ ↑ ↓ ✕

VSE runtime properties (testExec)	
Key	Value

+ ↑ ↓ ✕

Test Close

4. Click **Test**. The result is displayed in blue with the path in yellow.



If the test is not successful, the following error will appear: "No transaction matching the request follows the selected one in this conversation." Click OK to continue.

5. Click Close to close the window.

## Highlighting Navigation Possibilities

Use the Conversation Tree to view navigation possibilities in a conversation based on the selected navigation tolerance. Select a transaction and click the View Navigation button. The default menu selection is **No navigation highlight**, which means no transactions will be highlighted.

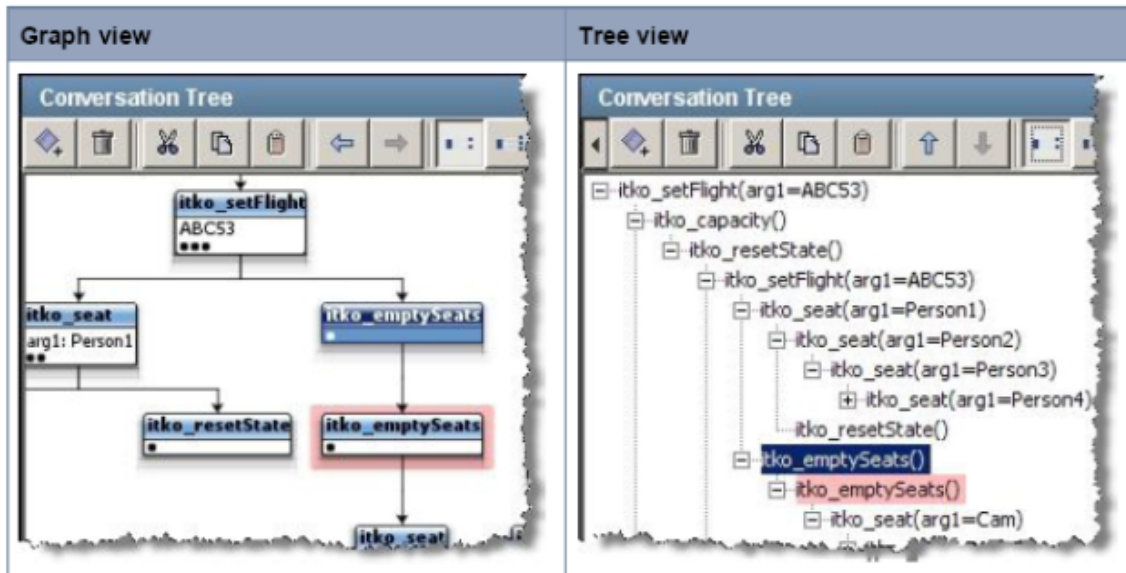
If you select a transaction and click the **Highlight on transaction's tolerance** option, the transaction and its associated transactions will be highlighted according to the selected transaction's defined navigation tolerance, whether Close, Wide, or Loose. The following section describes expected results for each tolerance level.



If you use the drop-down on the top right of the editor to change the navigation tolerance for the current transaction, that will override what is on the menu. To return the highlighting to the "correct" state in this case, you must reselect that navigation highlighting option.

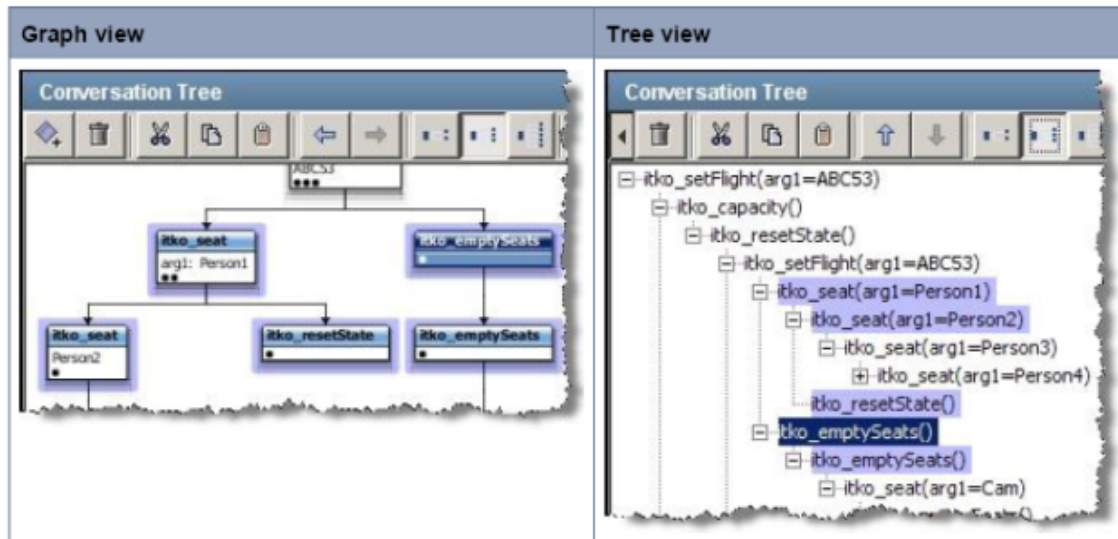
### Viewing Close Navigation

Select a transaction and click the **View Navigation** button. The transactions that are searched in the selected transaction's subtree are highlighted in red.



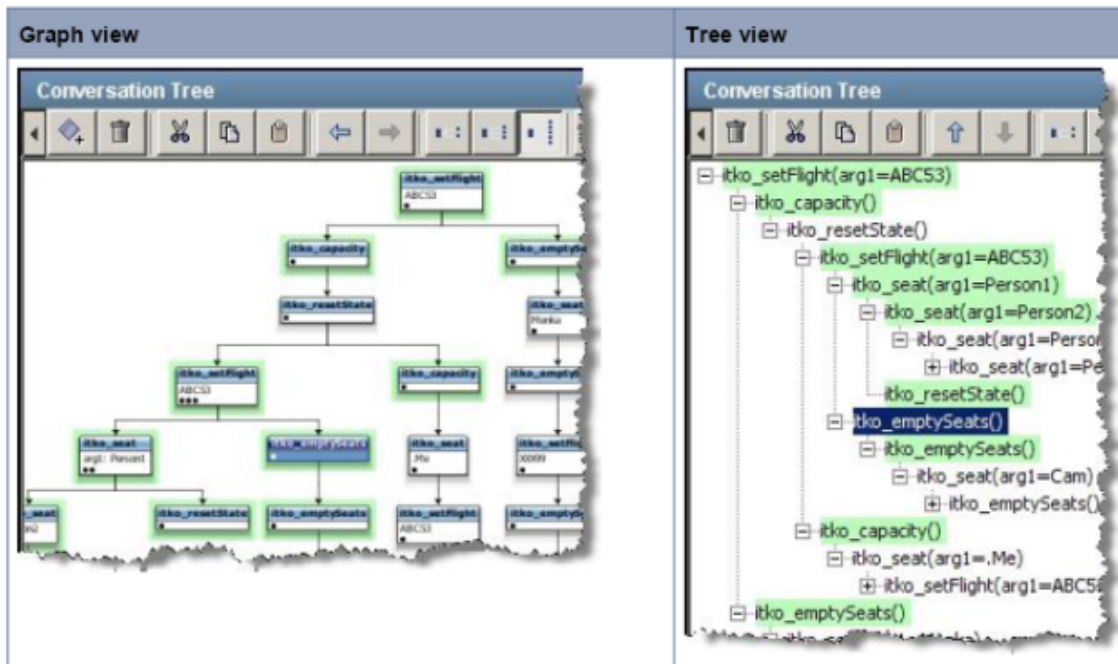
### Viewing Wide Navigation

Select a transaction and click the View Navigation button. The transactions that are searched in the selected transaction's subtree and sibling subtrees are highlighted in blue.



### Viewing Loose Navigation

Select a transaction and click the View Navigation button. The transactions that are searched in the selected transaction's subtree, sibling subtrees, and parent are highlighted in green. A full conversation restart is also possible.

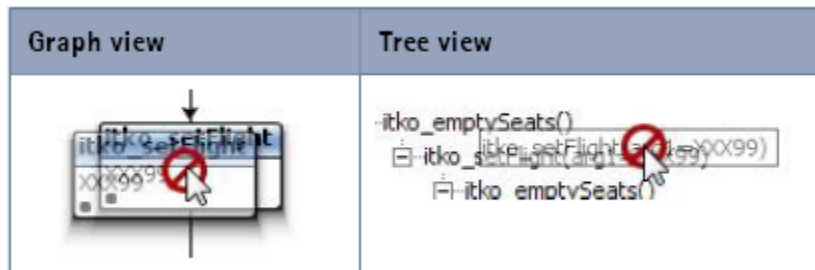


## Restructuring a Conversation

In some cases, you may want to restructure a conversation by dragging and dropping a transaction and its subtree, if it has one. You can perform this action in both the graph and tree views.

### To restructure a conversation tree

1. Click a transaction.



As you drag the transaction, it displays the universal symbol for "not possible."

2. Drag the transaction to the transaction that should be the new parent transaction. If it is possible to drop the transaction, then the "not possible" symbol disappears.



3. Drop the transaction. The transaction and any transactions in its subtree will be moved below the new parent.

## Editing a VSM



A Virtual Service Image recording creates a Virtual Service Model (VSM) with six steps or eight steps, depending on the option chosen (More Flexible or More Efficient). There may be situations when you would like to edit the VSM by editing generated steps or adding additional steps to it.

Also, the recorder cannot be used for message-based services, so for those services, you must create the VSM and service image manually. Feel free to skip this chapter if you do not need to edit a VSM or create it fresh without a recorder.

A VSM is a specialized LISA test case and therefore editing/creating a VSM is similar to a LISA test case. There are many types of steps that may be added to a VSM. It is also possible to add a step that does not appear in this menu; however, some of these other step types may make a VSM undeployable.

Access the menu of step types from the VSM editor by selecting Add a new step, then selecting Virtual Service Environment from the menu

This chapter explains the steps available to use in a Virtual Service Model.

The following topics are available.

- Virtual Service Router Step
- Virtual Service Tracker Step
- Virtual Conversational\_Stateless Response Selector Step
- Virtual HTTP\_S Listener step
- Virtual HTTP\_S Live Invocation Step
- Virtual HTTP\_S Responder Step
- Virtual JDBC Listener Step
- Virtual JDBC Responder Step
- Socket Server Emulator Step
- Messaging Virtualization Marker Step
- Compare Strings for Response Lookup Step
- Compare Strings for Next Step Lookup Step
- Virtual Java Listener Step
- Virtual Java Live Invocation Step
- Virtual Java Responder Step
- Virtual TCP\_IP Listener Step
- Virtual TCP\_IP Responder Step

## Virtual Service Router Step

This step is used to route a request from a VS listen step to the response selector step and/or the protocol-specific live invocation step. The decision is made based on the current execution mode for the running model.

Virtual Service Execution Router - Step2

Live invocation step:  If environment error: Abort the Test

When in dynamic mode, determine real mode using: ☐ Subprocess ☒ Script Test

```
// This script must return either an enum entry from Execut
// a string that is the name of an enum entry. The DYNAMIC
// not be returned. It will be executed for DYNAMIC execut
// only.
import com.itko.lisa.vse.ExecutionMode;

return ExecutionMode.EFFICIENT;
```

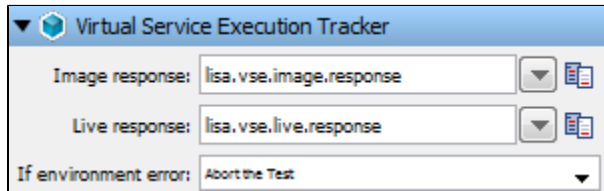
Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Live invocation step:** Select the step for live invocation from the list.
- **If environment error:** From the list, select action to take or the step to go to if the test fails because of an environment error. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **When in dynamic mode, determine real mode using:** Select **Subprocess** or **Script**.

Click the Test button to test your parameters for the step.

## Virtual Service Tracker Step

This step is used to track responses in a running virtual service and, optionally, validate against a live system. This allows for easier service model debugging and service model "healing".



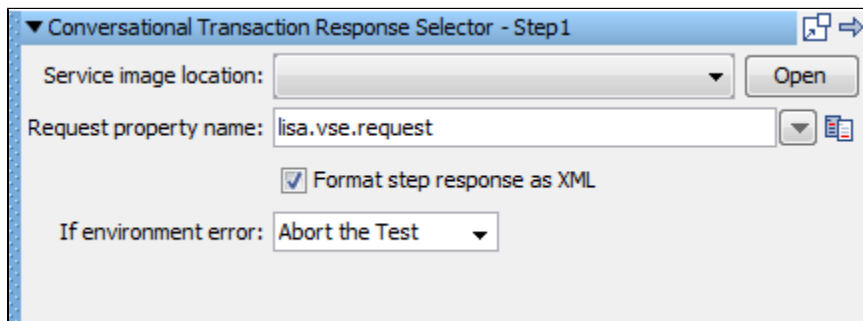
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Virtual Service Execution Tracker". It contains three fields: "Image response:" with a text box containing "lisa.vse.image.response" and a dropdown arrow; "Live response:" with a text box containing "lisa.vse.live.response" and a dropdown arrow; and "If environment error:" with a dropdown menu showing "Abort the Test".

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Image Response:** Select the Image response file.
- **Live Response:** Select the Live response file.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.

## Virtual Conversational\_Stateless Response Selector Step

This step is responsible for deciding on an appropriate virtual response for a given request, and can be seen as the main step in any VSM. It does that by looking at a service image that is set into it. It is possible that there can be more than one response for a request; therefore, the responses are always shown as a list. It is typically created by recording and virtualizing some form of service traffic.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Conversational Transaction Response Selector - Step1". It contains four fields: "Service image location:" with a dropdown arrow and an "Open" button; "Request property name:" with a text box containing "lisa.vse.request" and a dropdown arrow; a checked checkbox labeled "Format step response as XML"; and "If environment error:" with a dropdown menu showing "Abort the Test".

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Service Image Location:** Select from the drop-down list of service images available to associate with this step. When you have chosen a service image here, you can view or edit it by clicking the **Open** button and it will open in a new tab.
- **Request property name:** Set the property name to define the property to look in for the inbound request. This is usually the response of the previous step.
- **Format step response as XML:** By default the step response is formatted as XML. The VSE framework expects Respond steps to accept either a response object, a list of response objects, or an XML document that represents either.



If this field is not checked, the step produces a list of response objects, even if the list contains only one response.

- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.

## Virtual HTTP\_S Listener Step

The Virtual HTTP/S Listener Step step is used to simulate an HTTP server, including SSL support. It listens for incoming HTTP requests and converts them to a standard virtual request format.

▼ HTTP/S Protocol Request Listener - Step3

Listen port:    Bind address:    ☐ Bind only

☐ Use SSL to client SSL keystore file:

Keystore password:

Base path:

☒ Format step response as XML

If environment error:

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Listen port:** Enter the port on which LISA listens for the HTTP/S traffic.
- **Bind address:** Enter the local IP address on which connections can come in. By default with no bind address specified, the listen step accepts connections on the specified port regardless of the NIC (or IP address) it comes in on.
- **Bind only:** Select this check box to acquire the network resource and move to the next step. A second Listen step is required that does not use the **Bind only** option. This option enables the model to listen on a port (requests are queued until a listen step consumes them) and perform setup tasks before dropping into the wait/process/respond loop. For example, Step 1 of the model acquires the listening port (using Bind only) and Step 2 triggers external software that sends requests.
- **Use SSL to client:** Select this check box if you want to simulate a secure HTTP/S website. Then supply the SSL keystore information.
- **SSL keystore file:** Click **Select...** to browse to your SSL keystore file. The same keystore file must be available to the VSE server to which the VS model is deployed.
- **Keystore password:** Enter the keystore password, and click **Verify...**
- **Base path:** Identify the HTTP requested resource URIs that the listen step is to process. When the request comes in, the list of queue names is scanned for a name (base path) that starts the URI on the request. The queue name that matches is the one into which the request is placed and the listen step that is associated with the queue (by base path) processes the request.
- **Format step response as XML:** By default the step response is formatted as XML. The VSE framework expects Respond steps to accept either a response object, a list of response objects, or an XML document that represents either.



If this field is not selected, the step produces a list of response objects, even if the list contains only one response.

- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.

## Virtual HTTP\_S Live Invocation Step

This step is used to make a real HTTP call to real server within the context of a virtualized HTTP service. It is typically created by recording and virtualizing some form of HTTP traffic. It will perform the real request based on the current VSE request in use.

▼ HTTP/S Protocol Live Invocation - Step2

Target server:

Target port:

Replacement URI:

☐ Use SSL to target SSL keystore file:

Keystore password:

☒ Format step response as XML

If environment error:

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Target server:** Enter the name of the server to which the request is made.
- **Target port:** Enter the name of the port on which the request will be made.

- **Replacement URI:** Enter a new target path field to replace the full URI in a GET/POST request. You can provide the URI as a LISA property. This field can be blank, in which case the URI from the live request is used.
- **Use SSL to target:** Select this box if you want to simulate a secure HTTPS website. Then supply the SSL keystore information.
- **SSL keystore file:** Click Select to browse to your SSL keystore file. The same keystore file must be available to the VSE server to which the VS model is deployed.
- **Keystore password:** Enter the keystore password, and click Verify.
- **Format step response as XML:** This field, if selected, formats the response of the step as XML.
- **If environment error:** Select the action to take or the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.



The Live Invocation step for virtualized HTTP supports the `lisa.http.timeout.socket` and `lisa.http.timeout.connection` properties to control the client sockets used. There is also a property, `lisa.vse.http.live.invocation.max.idle.socket`, to control how long an idle client socket waits before being too old to use. This defaults to two minutes.

## Virtual HTTP\_S Responder Step

This step is used with the Virtual HTTP/S Listener step to transmit responses to HTTP requests produced by the listener. It takes a virtual response and uses it as the reply to the corresponding request using the HTTP/S protocol.

You can create this step by recording and virtualizing HTTP traffic.

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Responses list property name:** The name of the property to look in for the response to send.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Conversational Model Properties:** Enter a property and click Add. To delete a property, select it from the list and click Remove. The properties listed here are associated with the current conversation session, which allows their values to be available to downstream conversational requests.

## Virtual JDBC Listener Step

This step is used to control the simulation of JDBC database traffic. It manages the communication with the simulation driver that is embedded in the database client.

**JDBC Protocol Request Listener - Step5**

JDBC simulation driver host:

JDBC simulation driver port:

☒ Format step response as XML

If environment error:

**Installed and Initialized JDBC Drivers**

**Current SQL Activity**

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **JDBC simulation driver host:** Enter the host name or IP address of the database client where the simulation driver is running.
- **JDBC simulation driver port:** Enter the port number for the JDBC simulation driver. The default is **2999**.
- **Format step response as XML:** By default the step response is formatted as XML. The VSE framework expects Respond steps to accept either a response object, a list of response objects, or an XML document that represents either. If this field is cleared, the step produces a list of response objects, even if the list contains only one response.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Connect/Disconnect:** Click Connect to connect to the JDBC simulator. If connected, click Disconnect to end the connection. You can use this button to validate the connection information.
- **Installed and Initialized JDBC Drivers:** Displays the JDBC drivers installed and initialized in the database client.
- **Current SQL Activity:** Displays the current SQL activity within the database client.

## Virtual JDBC Responder Step

This step is used to send the result of a JDBC data call as selected by a conversational response selection step to the simulation driver that is embedded in the database client.

**JDBC Protocol Responder - Step1**

Responses list property name:

If environment error:

**Conversational Model Properties**

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Responses list property name:** The name of the property to look in for the response to send.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Conversational Model Properties:** Enter a property and click Add. To delete a property, select it from the list and click Remove. The properties listed here are associated with the current conversation session, which allows their values to be available to downstream conversational requests.

## Socket Server Emulator Step

This step can be used to simulate any text-based (typically HTTP) server socket. It supports listening, responding, and binding. The Socket Emulator step is very low-level, so if you use this step, it is your responsibility to verify that the block of text that gets sent in the respond step is fully HTTP compliant.



When the Socket Emulator step is used in response mode, the text to go out MUST end up as a valid HTTP response message.

Virtual Socket Service - Step2

Virtual HTTP/Socket Setup Info

Process mode: Full Process

Listen port: 8080 Bind address: Close immediately

Use SSL SSL keystore file: Select... Keystore password: Verify...

Base path: /

If environment error: Abort the Test Record terminator: Ensure proper HTTP response format

Listener status: Not running Test Clear Listener

Response to Send

```
<html>
 <head>Test</head>
 <body>
 <h1>Test</h1>
 </body>
</html>
```

Read Response From File...

Request Response

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Process mode:** From the list, select the process mode. The valid options are:
  - Full Process: The default.
  - Asynchronous setup: Acquires the network resource and moves to the next step.
  - Listen Only
  - Respond Only
- **Listen port:** Enter the port on which LISA listens for the HTTP or Socket traffic.
- **Bind address:** Enter the local IP address on which connections can come in. By default with no bind address specified, the listen step accepts connections on the specified port regardless of the NIC (or IP address) it comes in on.
- **Close immediately:** Check to use design-time testing of this step. This option instructs the step to do the configured work and then immediately clean up its network resources.
- **Use SSL:** Check this box if you want to simulate a secure HTTPS website. Then supply the SSL keystore information.
- **SSL keystore file:** Click **Select** to browse to your SSL keystore file. The same keystore file must be available to the VSE server to which the VS model is deployed.
- **Keystore password:** Enter the keystore password, and click **Verify**.
- **Base Path:** Identify the HTTP requested resource URIs that the listen step is to process. When the request comes in, the list of queue names is scanned for a name (base path) that starts the URI on the request. The queue name that matches is the one into which the request is placed and the listen step that is associated with the queue (by base path) processes the request.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Record terminator:** If the socket emulator is to simulate a record-based service, enter the character that marks the end of a record. If you leave this field blank, either line-oriented records or the HTTP protocol are simulated.
- **Ensure proper HTTP response format:** By default, this option is checked. When in a process mode that sends a response and the response is to be a valid HTTP response, this option helps ensure that the HTTP headers in the response text are correctly formatted and, if needed, that the **Content-Length:** HTTP response header is present and correct. This check box only verifies that the line separators are HTTP compliant and that the Content-Length header is present and accurate. However, for even this to totally work, the message must already be a well formed HTTP message.

- **Listener status:** Indicates whether the listener is running or not.
- **Test:** Click to test the listener setup.
- **Clear Listener:** Click to stop the test of the step.
- **Response tab:** The Response to Send includes the text for the response.
- **Read Response From File:** Click to browse the file system for a response.
- **Request tab:** **Last/Original** Request is used only during design time. It displays the last request the step received.

## Messaging Virtualization Marker Step

This step is used to designate that a message-based test case is designed for use in the Virtual Service Environment. If the test case is listening or responding through JMS, add this step to the VS model to verify that it can be deployed to the VSE.

## Compare Strings for Response Lookup Step

This step is used to look at an incoming request to a virtual service and determine the appropriate response in a completely stateless fashion, without referring to any service image. The stateful portions of VSE are not supported. You can match incoming requests using partial text match, regular expression, among others.

The step components are:

- **Text to match:** Enter the text against which criteria should be matched. This is typically a property reference, such as **LASTRESPONSE**.
- **Range to match:** Enter the start and end of the range.
- **If no match found:** From the list, select the step to go to if no match is found.
- **If environment error:** From the list, select response or the step to go to if the test fails because of an environment error. Default is **Abort the test**.
- **Store responses in a compressed form...:** Selected by default. This option compresses the responses in the test case file.
- **Case Response Entries:** Add, move, and delete entries.
- **Enabled:** Selected by default when you add an entry. Clear to ignore an entry.
- **Name:** Enter a unique name for the case response entry.
- **Delay Spec:** Enter the delay specification range. The default is **1000-10000**, which indicates to use a randomly selected delay time between 1000 and 10000 milliseconds. The syntax is the same format as Think Time specifications.
- **Criteria:** This area provides the string to compare against the **Text to match** field. To edit the criteria, in the **Case Response Entries** area select the appropriate row, and then select a different setting from the **Criteria** list.
- **Compare Type:** Select an option from the list:
  - Find in string (default)
  - Regular expression
  - Starts with
  - Ends with
  - Exactly equals
- **Response:** This area provides the response of this step if the entry matches the **Text to match** field. To edit the response, in the **Case Response Entries** area select the appropriate row, then select a different setting from the **Response** list.
- **Criteria:** Allows for the update of the criteria string for an entry.
- **Response:** Allows for the update of the step response for an entry.

## Compare Strings for Next Step Lookup Step

This step is used to look at an incoming request and determine the appropriate next step. You can match incoming requests using partial text match and regular expression, among others.

Each matching criterion specifies the name of the step to which to transfer if the match succeeds.

▼ Compare Strings for Next Step Lookup - Step2

Text to match:

Range to match: Start:  End:

If no match found:

If environment error:

**Next Step Entries**

Enabled	Name	Delay Spec	Criteria	Compare Type	Next Step
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Str-compare	1000-10000	Simpson	Find in string	end

Find:

**Criteria**

The step components are:

- **Text to match:** Enter the text against which criteria should be matched. This is typically a property reference, such as **LASTRESPONSE**.
- **Range to match:** Enter the start and end of the range.
- **If no match found:** From the list, select the step to go to if no match is found.
- **If environment error:** From the list, select an action to take or the step to go to if the test fails because of an environment error. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Next Step Entries:** Add, move, and delete entries.
- **Enabled:** Selected by default when you add an entry. Clear to ignore an entry.
- **Name:** Enter a unique name for the next step entry.
- **Delay Spec:** Enter the delay specification range. The default is **1000-10000**, which indicates to use a randomly selected delay time between 1000 and 10000 milliseconds. The syntax is the same format as Think Time specifications.
- **Criteria:** This area provides the string to compare against the Text to match field. To edit the criteria, in the **Next Step Entries** area select the appropriate row, and then select a different setting from the **Criteria** list.
- **Compare Type:** Select an option from the list:
  - Find in string (default)
  - Regular expression
  - Starts with
  - Ends with
  - Exactly equals
- **Next Step:** From the list, select the step to go to if the match is found.
- **Criteria:** Enables the update of the criteria string for an entry.

## Virtual Java Listener Step

The Virtual Java Listener Step is used to handle virtualized JVM calls, such as a call to an EJB or other remote system. It listens for method calls intercepted by the LISA agent, and converts them to a standard VSE request.



▼ Java Protocol Request Listener - Step1

If environment error: Abort the Test

**Agent Name:**

Add

Remove

**Classes to Virtualize**

Add

Remove

## Virtual Java Live Invocation Step

▼ Java Protocol Live Invocation - Step3

☒ Format step response as XML

If environment error: Abort the Test

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Format step response as XML:** By default the step response is formatted as XML. The VSE framework expects Respond steps to accept either a response object, a list of response objects, or an XML document that represents either.



If this field is not checked, the step produces a list of response objects, even if the list contains only one response.

- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.

## Virtual Java Responder Step

This step is used with the Virtual Java Listener Step to provide responses for virtualized JVM calls.

Java Protocol Responder - Step2

Responses list property name:

If environment error:

**Conversational Model Properties**

Property Name	Value

Add Remove

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Responses list property name:** The name of the property to look in for the response to send.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Conversational Model Properties:** Enter a property and click Add. To delete a property, select it from the list and click Remove. The properties listed here are associated with the current conversation session, which allows their values to be available to downstream conversational requests.

## Virtual TCP\_IP Listener Step

This step is used to simulate TCP/IP connections to a server application. It listens for incoming TCP/IP traffic and converts it to a standard VSE request.

TCP Protocol Request Listener - Step1

Listen port:


Bind address:

☒ Format step response as XML

If environment error:

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Listen port:** Enter the port on which LISA listens for the TCP/IP traffic.
- **Bind address:** Enter the local IP address on which connections can come in. By default with no bind address specified, the listen step accepts connections on the specified port regardless of the NIC (or IP address) it comes in on.
- **Format step response as XML:** By default the step response is formatted as XML. The VSE framework expects Respond steps to accept either a response object, a list of response objects, or an XML document that represents either.

 If this field is not checked, the step produces a list of response objects, even if the list contains only one response.

- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.

## Virtual TCP\_IP Responder Step

This step is used to TODO

▼ TCP Protocol Responder - Step2

Responses list property name:

If environment error:

**Conversational Model Properties**

Enter the data for the fields as described:

- **Responses list property name:** The name of the property to look in for the response to send.
- **If environment error:** Select the step to go to if an environment error occurs. The default is **Abort the test**.
- **Conversational Model Properties:** Enter a property and click Add. To delete a property, select it from the list and click Remove. The properties listed here are associated with the current conversation session, which allows their values to be available to downstream conversational requests.

## Desensitizing Data

In LISA Virtualize, desensitization means attempting to recognize sensitive data and substituting random, but validly formatted, values for that data during recording. You use data desensitization when you do not want to use real customer data as your test data.

There are three ways to activate data desensitization in LISA Virtualize: dynamic desensitization, static desensitization, and the Data Desensitizer Data Protocol.

### Dynamic Desensitization

Dynamic desensitization occurs at the transport layer. It is invoked by enabling the check box on the **Basics** tab of the Virtual Service Recorder.

Virtual Service Image Recorder

Please provide us with some basic information about what is to be recorded and select the appropriate protocol(s) involved. Some transport protocols do not allow for a data protocol.

**Basics** **Notes**

Write image to:

☒ Replace ☐ Merge into

Import traffic:

Transport protocol:

☒ Desensitize (transport layer)

☐ Treat all transactions as stateless

Default navigation:  Last:

Export to:

Model file:

VS Model style: ☐ More flexible ☒ More efficient

This desensitization program uses volatile filters that help ensure sensitive information is never written to disk during the recording phase. The

**desensitize.xml** file in the LISA home directory configures data desensitizers to recognize well known patterns such as credit card numbers and telephone numbers and replace the live data with realistic but unusable replacements. It uses REGEX pattern matching to recognize/find sensitive data. This file is parsed each time the recorder is started.

You can use LISA's built-in TestData string generation patterns as replacement data options. It provides 40,000 rows of test data for you to use, including replacement data for some common data types: names, addresses, telephone numbers, credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, and so forth.

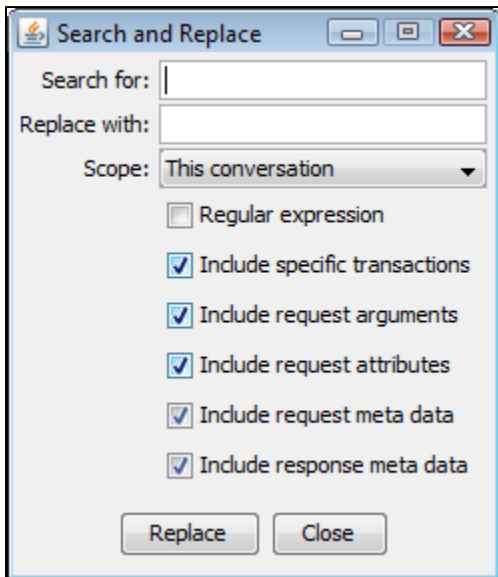
You can customize these preset patterns to create your own. We **highly recommend** using a regular expression toolkit such as RegxBuddy, which lets you paste in your recorded payload and interactively highlights Regex matches as you fine-tune the Regex.

Matches are processed in the order they exist in the file, so put your more specific matches first.

To avoid painful text escaping issues (especially with Regex) you **MUST** enclose <regex> and <replacement> child text in a CDATA element.

## Static Data Desensitization

Static data desensitization involves manually searching and replacing data in an existing service image. To access the Search and Replace menu, right-click on a node in the service image and select **Search and Replace**.



Specify a specific string that will be replaced with another, then indicate the scope of the change. Click **Replace** and the search/replace function will happen for the areas you selected.

## Data Desensitizer Data Protocol

There is a Data Desensitizer data protocol handler to allow the application of the desensitization rules in situations where another data protocol is required to "un-opaque" a request or response body (such as when an HTTP message body is gzipped). For information about this feature, see [Using Data Protocols](#).

## Doing the Virtualization

Virtualization is the process where LISA Virtualize responds to the client in the absence of the server. It uses the VSM and the service image. This chapter covers the virtualization process.

The following topics are available.

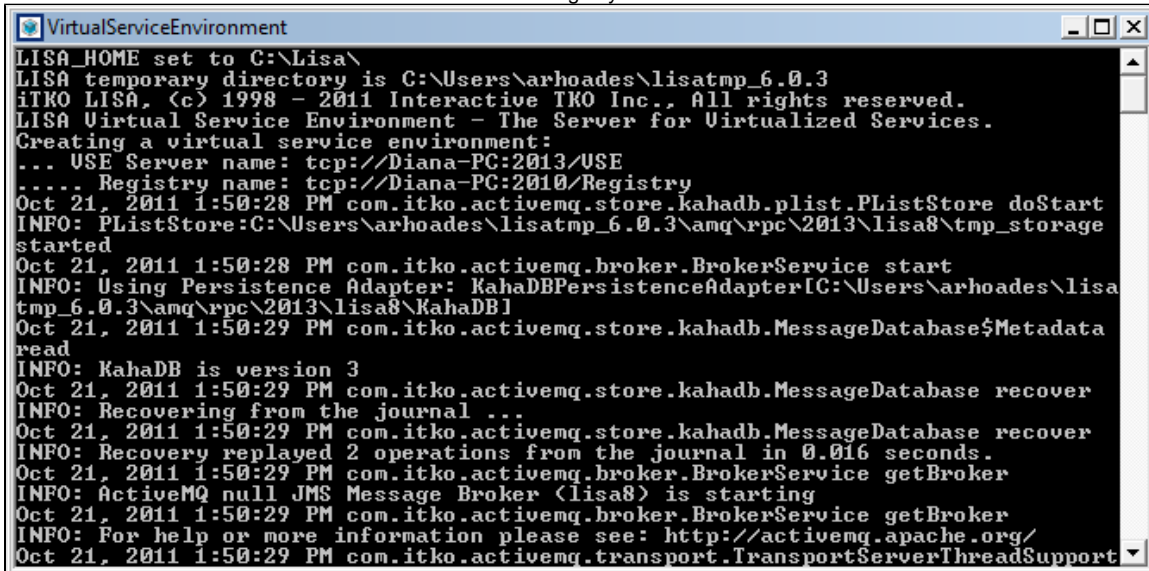
- [Preparing for Virtualization](#)
- [Deploying and Running a Virtual Service](#)
- [Running Live Requests Against LISA Virtualize](#)
- [Session Viewing and Model Healing](#)

## Preparing for Virtualization

## Starting Virtual Service Environment

The Virtual Service Environment (VSE) has to be started for virtualization to run. The VSE needs to register with the LISA registry.

1. From the Start menu, select Programs > LISA > VirtualServiceEnvironment, which launches a window that creates a Virtual Service Environment named **lisa.VSEServer** and connects to the registry instance.



```
VirtualServiceEnvironment
LISA_HOME set to C:\Lisa\
LISA temporary directory is C:\Users\arhoades\lisatmp_6.0.3
iTKO LISA, (c) 1998 - 2011 Interactive TKO Inc., All rights reserved.
LISA Virtual Service Environment - The Server for Virtualized Services.
Creating a virtual service environment:
... USE Server name: tcp://Diana-PC:2013/USE
.... Registry name: tcp://Diana-PC:2010/Registry
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:28 PM com.itko.activemq.store.kahadb.plist.PListStore doStart
INFO: PListStore:C:\Users\arhoades\lisatmp_6.0.3\amq\rpc\2013\lisa8\tmp_storage
started
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:28 PM com.itko.activemq.broker.BrokerService start
INFO: Using Persistence Adapter: KahaDBPersistenceAdapter[C:\Users\arhoades\lisa
tmp_6.0.3\amq\rpc\2013\lisa8\KahaDB]
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:29 PM com.itko.activemq.store.kahadb.MessageDatabase$Metadata
read
INFO: KahaDB is version 3
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:29 PM com.itko.activemq.store.kahadb.MessageDatabase recover
INFO: Recovering from the journal ...
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:29 PM com.itko.activemq.store.kahadb.MessageDatabase recover
INFO: Recovery replayed 2 operations from the journal in 0.016 seconds.
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:29 PM com.itko.activemq.broker.BrokerService getBroker
INFO: ActiveMQ null JMS Message Broker (lisa8) is starting
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:29 PM com.itko.activemq.broker.BrokerService getBroker
INFO: For help or more information please see: http://activemq.apache.org/
Oct 21, 2011 1:50:29 PM com.itko.activemq.transport.TransportServerThreadSupport
```

2. You can minimize the Virtual Service Environment window. Do not close the window. You can use the Windows system service if this option was chosen during the install process.

You can also start a named virtual service environment from a command prompt by entering **[LISA\_HOME]\bin\VirtualServiceEnvironment.exe -n VSEName -m RegistryName**, where **VSEName** is the name of the VSE and **RegistryName** is the name of an existing registry.

## Running Multiple Virtual Service Environments


If you want to run multiple VSE servers on one computer, add **-p port** command line option while running **VirtualServiceEnvironment.exe**, where **port** is the port number, which will be different for different VSE instances.

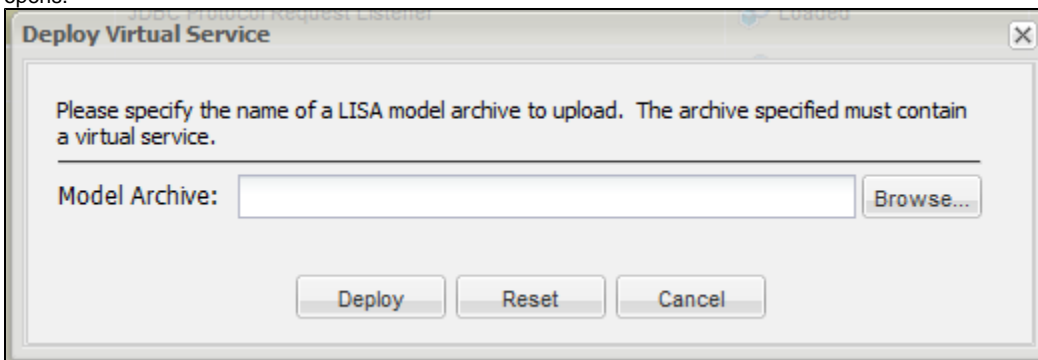
The **maxvirtualservices** in your license limits the number of virtual services you can run.

## Using VSE Manager to Set up the VSE

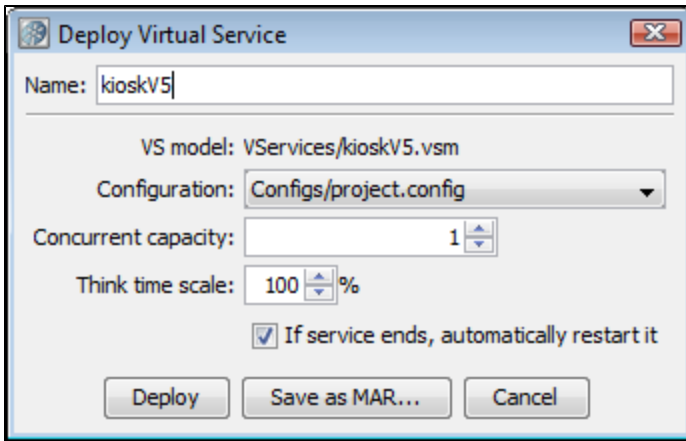
VSE Manager lets you make changes to your virtual service environments. You can find VSE Manager command information at [VSE Manager Commands](#).

## Deploying and Running a Virtual Service

1. From the Server Console, click the Deploy a new virtual service to the environment  icon. The Deploy Virtual Service window opens.



2. In this window, enter the name of a model archive (MAR) to upload. The MAR must contain a virtual service. When you click the Deploy button, the service will load into the VSE Console and be available to run. Alternatively, you can go to the project panel in LISA Workstation and right-click a virtual service model (vsm) to see the **Deploy Virtual Service** window.



**Deploy Virtual Service**

Name:

VS model: VServices/kioskV5.vsm

Configuration:

Concurrent capacity:

Think time scale:  %

☒ If service ends, automatically restart it

3. Modify the fields as needed:

- **Name:** The name of the virtual service referenced by the vsm you selected is automatically populated in this field.
- **VS model:** The virtual service model you selected.
- **Configuration:** This field is optional, but you can select an alternate configuration file here.
- **Concurrent capacity:** Enter a number to indicate the load capacity. The default is 1, but it can be increased to provide additional capacity. **Capacity** is how many virtual users (instances) can execute with the virtual service model at one time. **Capacity** here indicates how many threads there are to service requests for this service model.
- **Think time scale:** Enter the think time percentage with respect to the recorded think time. To double the think time, use 200. To halve the think time, use 50. The default is 100.



A step subtracts its own processing time from the think time to have consistent pacing of test executions.

- **If service ends, automatically restart it:** Keeps the service running even after an emulation session has reached its end point. Selected by default.

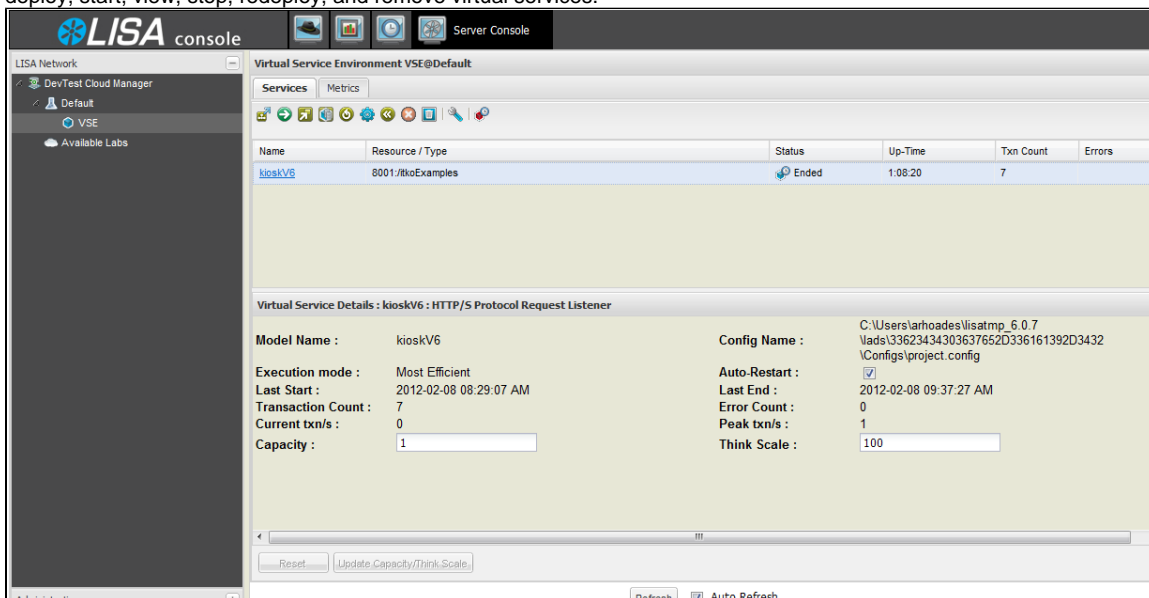
Click **Deploy**. The virtual service status should be displayed in the VSE Console environment as loaded.

## Running Live Requests Against LISA Virtualize

After you deploy the virtual service, run live requests against LISA Virtualize. If possible, take down the live service and configure the client to talk to LISA Virtualize by configuring the gateway/proxy settings.

## Accessing the Server Console

From LISA Workstation, click the Server Console button to open the Virtual Service Environment VSE console. From this console, you can deploy, start, view, stop, redeploy, and remove virtual services.



**LISA console**

Virtual Service Environment VSE@Default

Services Metrics

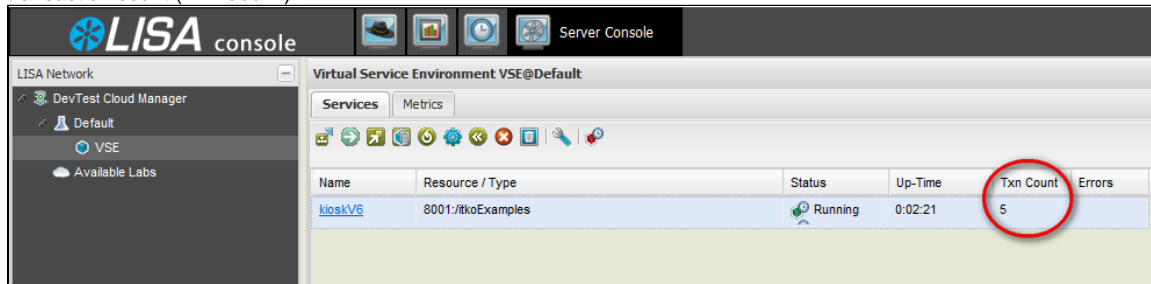
Name	Resource / Type	Status	Up-Time	Txn Count	Errors
kioskV6	8001/BioExamples	Ended	1:08:20	7	

Virtual Service Details : kioskV6 : HTTP/S Protocol Request Listener

Model Name :	kioskV6	Config Name :	C:\Users\larhoades\lisa\mp_6.0.7\lads\33623434303637652D336161392D3432\Configs\project.config
Execution mode :	Most Efficient	Auto-Restart :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Last Start :	2012-02-08 08:29:07 AM	Last End :	2012-02-08 09:37:27 AM
Transaction Count :	7	Error Count :	0
Current txn/s :	0	Peak txn/s :	1
Capacity :	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Think Scale :	<input type="text" value="100"/>

Administration  ☒ Auto Refresh

In the VSE Console, verify that the virtual service is deployed (**Status** is Running). Verify that the service received the requests by viewing the transaction count (**Txn count**).



#### If transactions are not recorded...

If a deployed VS model is not seeing any transactions, then the client is not configured properly. Reconfigure the client to point to the virtual model rather than the real system. If another service is using that port, either stop that service or change the port setting so there is no longer a conflict.

## Services Tab

The VSE Console Services Tab displays the following columns. You can sort on any column values either ascending or descending by clicking the down arrow to the right of the column name. Use this arrow also to select the columns you want to display on this screen.

- **Name:** The name of the virtual service model currently deployed
- **Type:** Indicates the type or protocol of the service
- **Status:** Shows the current state of the virtual service
- **Up-Time:** Indicates how much time has elapsed since the service was started
- **Txn Count:** A count of transactions recorded since service start
- **Errors:** A red dot indicates that errors have occurred while running the service

The **Virtual Service Details** panel at the bottom of the screen displays details about the service.

Virtual Service Details : kioskV6 : HTTP/S Protocol Request Listener

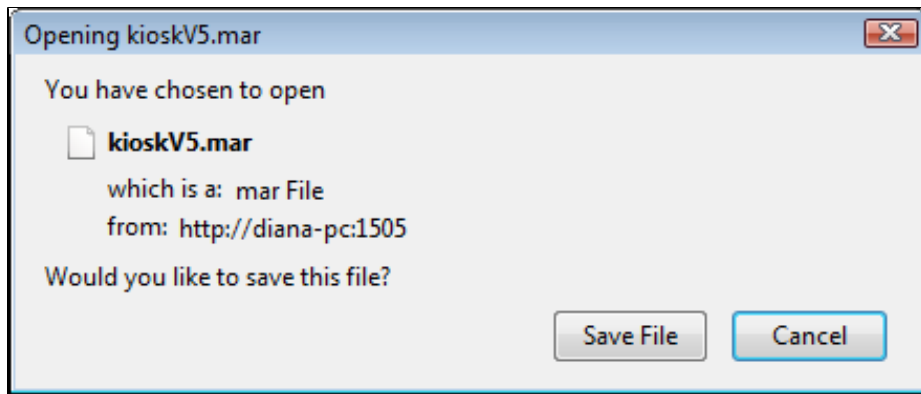
<b>Model Name:</b>	kioskV6	<b>Config Name:</b>	Configs/project.config
<b>Execution mode:</b>	Most Efficient	<b>Auto-Restart:</b>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<b>Last Start:</b>		<b>Last End:</b>	
<b>Transaction Count:</b>	0	<b>Error Count:</b>	0
<b>Current txn/s:</b>	0	<b>Peak txn/s:</b>	0
<b>Capacity:</b>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<b>Think Scale:</b>	<input type="text" value="100"/>

Reset
Update Capacity/Think Scale

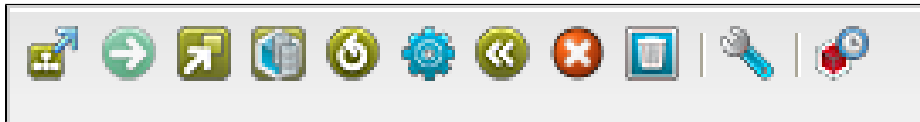
Refresh
☒ Auto Refresh

- **Model Name:** The name of the virtual service model currently deployed.
- **Execution Mode:** The mode of execution for this virtual service. See [Set the execution mode for the selected virtual service](#).
- **Last Start:** The date and time this service was last started.
- **Transaction Count:** A count of transactions recorded since service start.
- **Current txn/s:** The number of transactions currently executing.
- **Capacity:** How many virtual users (instances) can execute with the virtual service model at one time. Capacity indicates how many threads there are to service requests for this service model. You can update this field while the service is running.
- **Resource:** The port and file path of the deployed virtual service.
- **Config Name:** The name of the configuration file being used by this service.
- **Auto-Restart:** Whether the auto-restart option was chosen for this service. You can click on this field and toggle its value from **Yes** to **No** or from **No** to **Yes** while the service is running.
- **Last End:** The date and time this service was last stopped.
- **Error Count:** The number of errors received.
- **Peak txn/s:** The largest number of transactions run concurrently.
- **Think Scale:** The think time percentage with respect to the recorded think time.











If you click the name of the virtual service in the VSE Console, you can download the backing archive for the virtual service. The system will prompt you to save the MAR file associated with this virtual service.




## The VSE Console Toolbar



The VSE Console has its own toolbar, which is made up of the following buttons. Each of these buttons is also available by putting your cursor over a service and right-clicking.

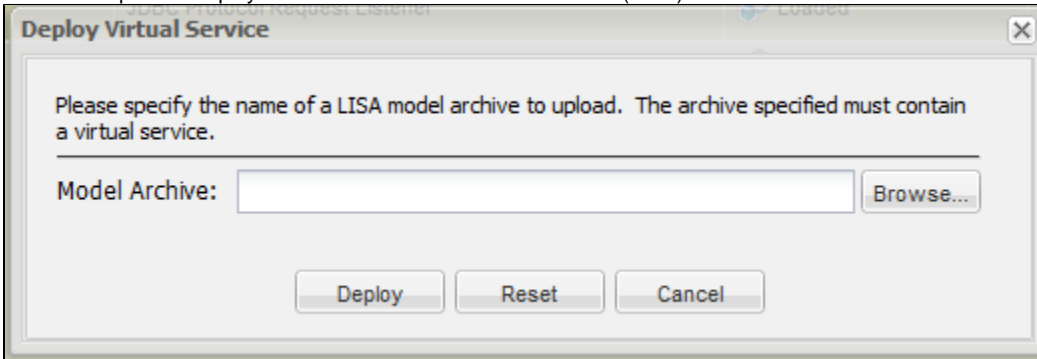
Button	Icon	Description
Deploy		Deploy a new virtual service to the environment
Start		Start the selected virtual service
Show		Show the inspection view for the selected virtual service
View		View session/tracking information for the selected virtual service
Redeploy		Redeploy the selected virtual service to the environment
Set		Set the execution mode for the selected virtual service
Reset		Reset the transaction and error counts for the selected virtual service
Stop		Stop the selected virtual service
Remove		Remove the selected virtual service from the environment
Configure		Configure tracking data cleanup



<b>Shut down</b>		Shut down the entire virtual service environment
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### Deploy a new virtual service to the environment

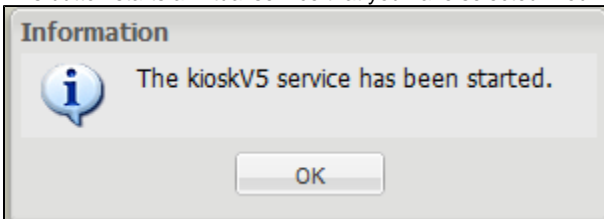
Select this option to deploy a virtual service from a model archive (MAR).




In this window, enter the name of a model archive (MAR) to upload. The MAR must contain a virtual service. When you click the Deploy button, the service will load into the VSE Console and be available to run.

### Start the selected virtual service

This button starts a virtual service that you have selected. You will see the following informational message.



### Show the inspection view for the highlighted virtual service

The **Show Inspection View**  button opens a tab for an inspector panel specifically tailored for virtual services. This panel has two tabs, **Matching** and **Request Event Details**.

### Matching Tab

On the **Matching** tab, recent requests processed by the virtual service are listed. When a request is selected, a description is shown of how the request was (or was not) matched. This is essentially the same information that is recorded in the `vse_matches.log` file. If any events were associated with the selected request, they are displayed at the right side of the panel.

Virtual Service Environment VSE@Default
Services Metrics **kioskV5 Inspector**

Recent Requests

Live Request

2011-08-10 08:07:16,405  
[deleteToken](#)  
token: -8588995a:2557022286c:-5257

2011-08-10 08:07:13,441  
[getNewToken](#)  
username: admin  
password: admin

2011-08-10 08:07:01,911  
[getNewToken](#)

Refresh

What Happened

**Service Image:** VServices/Images/si-kioskV5.vsi  
**Session:** -8588995a:2557022286c:-5257 (new: [2] Conversation 1)  
  
**Match Type:** Meta (in conversation)  
**VSE responded from:**  
**[3] [getNewToken](#)**  
**username:** demo1  
**password:** pass

Events

Timestamp	Event	Short Info

Matching Request Event Details

Refresh ☒ Auto Refresh

## Request Event Details Tab

The **Request Event Details** tab shows the list of inbound requests that caused the virtual service to error out. When a request is selected, the list of VSM steps that were executed is shown, with steps containing error events selected. Select a step to see the events that occurred during processing for that step (very similar to the ITR).

Virtual Service Environment VSE@Default

Services Metrics **kioskV5 Inspector** ✕

**Errored Requests**

Request

2011-08-12 13:41:36,985  
[deleteToken](#)  
 token: -4655d680:656078c197c:-6627

2011-08-12 13:41:35,225  
[getNewToken](#)  
 username: itko

Refresh

**Steps Executed**

Name

HTTP/S Listen

Prepare Request

VS Image Response Selection

Prepare Response

HTTP/S Respond

**Events -- Prepare Request**

Timestamp	Event	Short Info
2011-08-12 13:41:36,978	Property set	lisa.vse.request
2011-08-12 13:41:36,978	Step response	Prepare Request
2011-08-12 13:41:36,978	Assertion fired	Prepare Request [If being efficient]

Matching **Request Event Details**

Refresh ☒ Auto Refresh

### View session/tracking information for the selected virtual service

Virtual Service Environment VSE

Services Metrics **nvpair Session Data** ✕

**Session Information**

Session ID	Created On	Modified On	Txn Count	Client ID	Most Recent Request
Stateless	14:31:07	14:31:07	1	127.0.0.1:6	GET /vse-protocol-examples/

**Response Information**

Update

Request Response

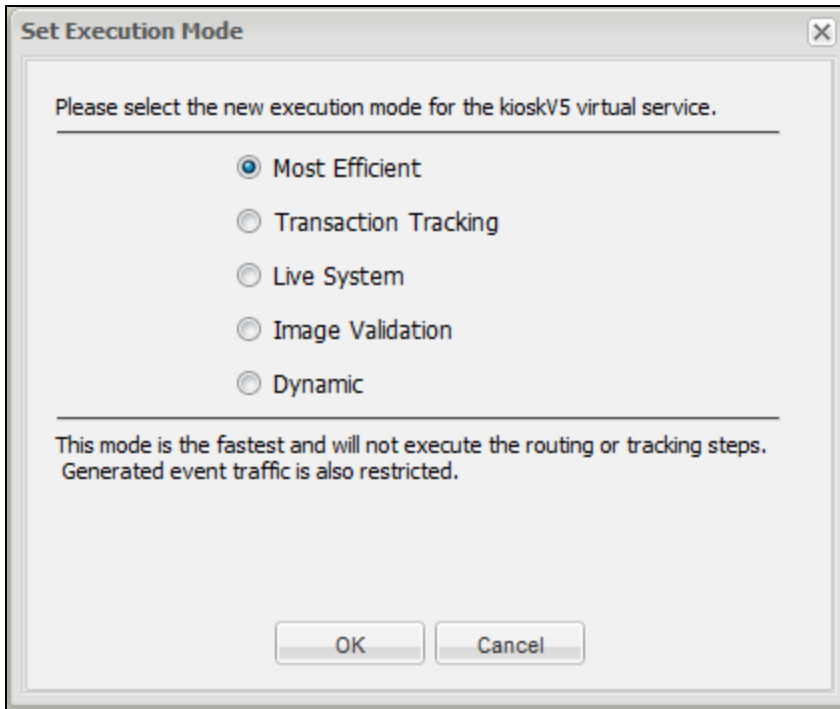
This option lets you see session tracking information for the virtual service. For more information, see [Session Viewing and Model Healing](#).

### Redeploy the selected virtual service to the environment

If you edit the service image or the VSM, save the changes and redeploy the modified service image in the VSE Console by clicking Redeploy.

### Set the execution mode for the selected virtual service

This option lets you set one of five execution modes for the virtual service. The number of execution modes available for a virtual service depends on the assertions on execution mode that exist in that model. For example, if a model does not have an assertion on execution mode for validating, the Image Validation option will not appear in this window as a selection.



Available execution modes are:

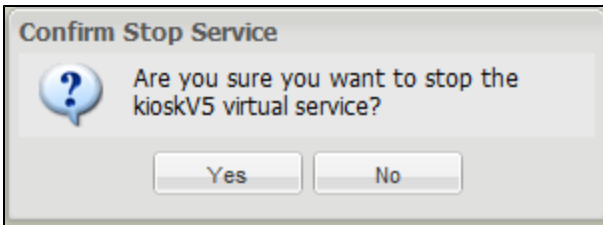
Mode	Definition
Most Efficient	The fastest mode; it does not execute the routing or tracking steps. It also restricts generated event tracking.
Transaction Tracking	This model fires more events than Most Efficient and remembers transaction flow through sessions. This transactional information is used to help determine why a particular response was chosen for a given request. This will not perform as well as Most Efficient.
Live System	This mode will use the Live Invocation step of the model to determine a response to the current request. Instead of using the Virtual Service's response, it accesses the live service to get the response. The target system of the live invocation will control performance. This mode is also known as pass through, and is only available for Web Services.
Image Validation	This mode uses both the VSE and the live system to derive a response to the current request. The responses are compared and appropriate history remembered. It allows a live comparison between the responses provided by VSE and a corresponding live system and, where differences exist, patch or heal the VSE service image to keep in sync with the live system. This mode is also known as live healing mode. It is the least efficient of all the modes, and is only available for Web Services.
Dynamic	This mode enables the model to determine on a per-request basis which of the other modes to use. Performance is, therefore, unpredictable. This mode is only available for Web Services.

### Reset the transaction and error counts for the selected virtual service

This option makes both the transaction count and error count zero for the selected virtual service.

### Stop the selected virtual service

Click this button to stop the selected virtual service. You will get a confirmation message before the service stops.



### Remove the selected virtual service from the environment

Click this button to remove the selected virtual service from the console display. You will get a confirmation message before the service is removed.

### Configure tracking data cleanup

Clicking this button will open a Configure Tracking Data Cleanup window:

A window titled "Configure Tracking Data Cleanup" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains two rows of input fields. The first row is labeled "Scan for data to delete every:" and has a text input with "1" and a dropdown menu with "hours" selected. The second row is labeled "Delete data older than:" and has a text input with "8" and a dropdown menu with "hours" selected. Below these fields is a note: "Note that these numbers will reset to their default or properties file values when the virtual environment server is stopped and restarted." At the bottom are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

You can enter values here that will remain in effect until the service is stopped and restarted, at which time the values will reset according to their defaults or the values set in a properties file.

Value	Description
Scan for data to delete every	Amount of time, in milliseconds/seconds/minutes/hours/days/weeks, to scan for tracking data that can be deleted
Delete data older than	Age of data, in milliseconds/seconds/minutes/hours/days/weeks, to delete

### Shut down the entire virtual service environment

Click this button to shut down the complete VSE environment. If you reply affirmatively to the shutdown confirmation message, your Virtual Service Environment that you started from the command line will be shut down and the corresponding window will be closed.

## Session Viewing and Model Healing

This feature lets a LISA Virtualize user actually see what is going on with current (or recent) sessions on a VSE server and to track down why the particular response for a given request was given. It also enables a live comparison between the responses provided by VSE and a corresponding live system and, where differences exist, patch or heal the VSE service image to keep in sync with the live system. The latter activity is referred as model healing.

Session Viewing is only available for virtual services that are run with an Execution Mode of Transaction Tracking or Image Validation. Model Healing is only available for virtual services that are run in Image Validation mode.

### Viewing/Healing Panel

Session viewing and model healing are accomplished using a panel that is accessible from either the VSE dashboard or while editing a virtual service model.

Virtual Service Environment VSE@Default

Services Metrics kioskV5 Inspector **kioskV5 Session Data**

**Session Information**

Session ID	Created On	Modified On
Stateless	8:25:13	8:28:23
-92ac754b:4289c860a61:-2d54	8:28:21	8:28:21
-10c3833c:4474830fb53:-3878	8:25:10	8:25:10

**Response Information**

8:50:16 getNewToken(username=lisa\_simpson, password=golisa)


Update

**Request** **Response**

Virtual	Live
[3] getNewToken	getNewToken
username demo1	username lisa_simpson
password pass	password golisa

Refresh Update

Refresh ☒ Auto Refresh

From the VSE Console Services tab, select a service and click the **Session/Tracking Information**  icon to view the session tracking for selected virtual service.

When you click the icon, the session panel opens and shows the recorded session and transactions. If a deployed virtual service does not have any recorded transactions, the session panel opens without any session information.

The session panel is divided into two panes: Session Information and Response Information.

## Session Information

This pane lists all the sessions for the selected virtual service in tabular format. You can click the arrow at the right of each column heading to select to reorder the table or to select or clear the columns that are shown.

- **Session Status:** A gray ball indicates a session recorded in Transaction Tracking mode, or a session that has been healed using model healing. A red ball indicates a session recorded in Image Validation mode that is a candidate for healing. A green ball indicates a session recorded in Image Validation mode where the live and VSE responses match.
- **Session ID:** The unique Id for each session.
- **Created On:** Timestamp of first transaction in that particular session.
- **Modified On:** Timestamp of most recent transaction.
- **Txn Count:** Number of transaction in that the session.
- **Client ID:** Protocol-specific; for HTTP, the endpoint of the client that submitted the transaction.
- **Most Recent Request:** The most recent request that came through on that session.

## Response Information

The Response Information pane shows the list of transactions for the selected session. When you put your cursor over the colored ball in the first column of this pane, a tooltip indicates the match for that transaction. If you click on any specific transaction, on the bottom of the pane you will find the request and response tab that compares request/response between the VSE system and the live system.

In the Response Information pane, transactions are represented using green, yellow and red balls.

- **Green ball:** Signature match on meta transaction.
- **Yellow ball:** Signature match on meta transaction; the image navigation is successful, but the response body differs between VSE and the live system.
- **Red ball:** Conversational transaction diverged between the live system and VSE image.

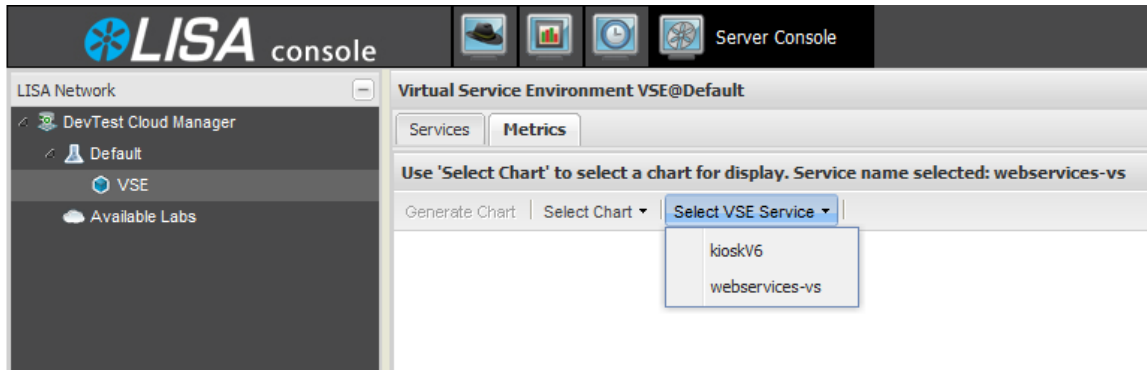
The **Update** buttons are used to update the service image with live session/stateless transaction. This process is referred to as model healing. A

session marked with a red colored ball indicates a disparity between the VSE image and live system. You use model healing to remove the disparity for the VSM to work correctly. When you click on the button, the session marked with a red ball will change to a gray ball, as this is now tracked.

- The Response Information **Update** button updates the service image for the selected transaction.
- The Session Information **Update** button lets you select multiple sessions displayed in the Service Information pane and update them all at once.

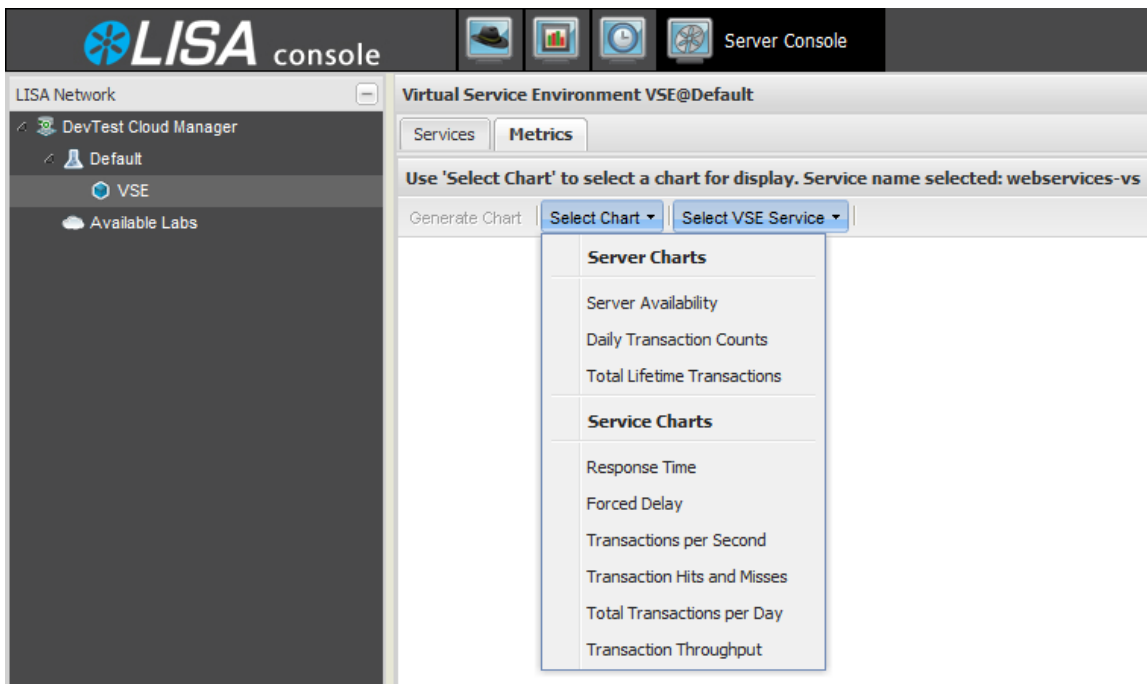
## Viewing VSE Metrics

Selecting the Metrics tab from the LISA Console gives you the following metrics window.



### To view VSE metrics for a service

1. Click Select VSE Service to show a list of all active services.
2. Select the service you want to display. The service you selected will be displayed.
3. Click Select Chart to see the available charts for the selected service.
4. After you have selected a chart, click Generate Chart to see the chart.



## Server Chart Metrics

Server chart metrics are metrics that apply to all activity on this virtual server, or VSE.



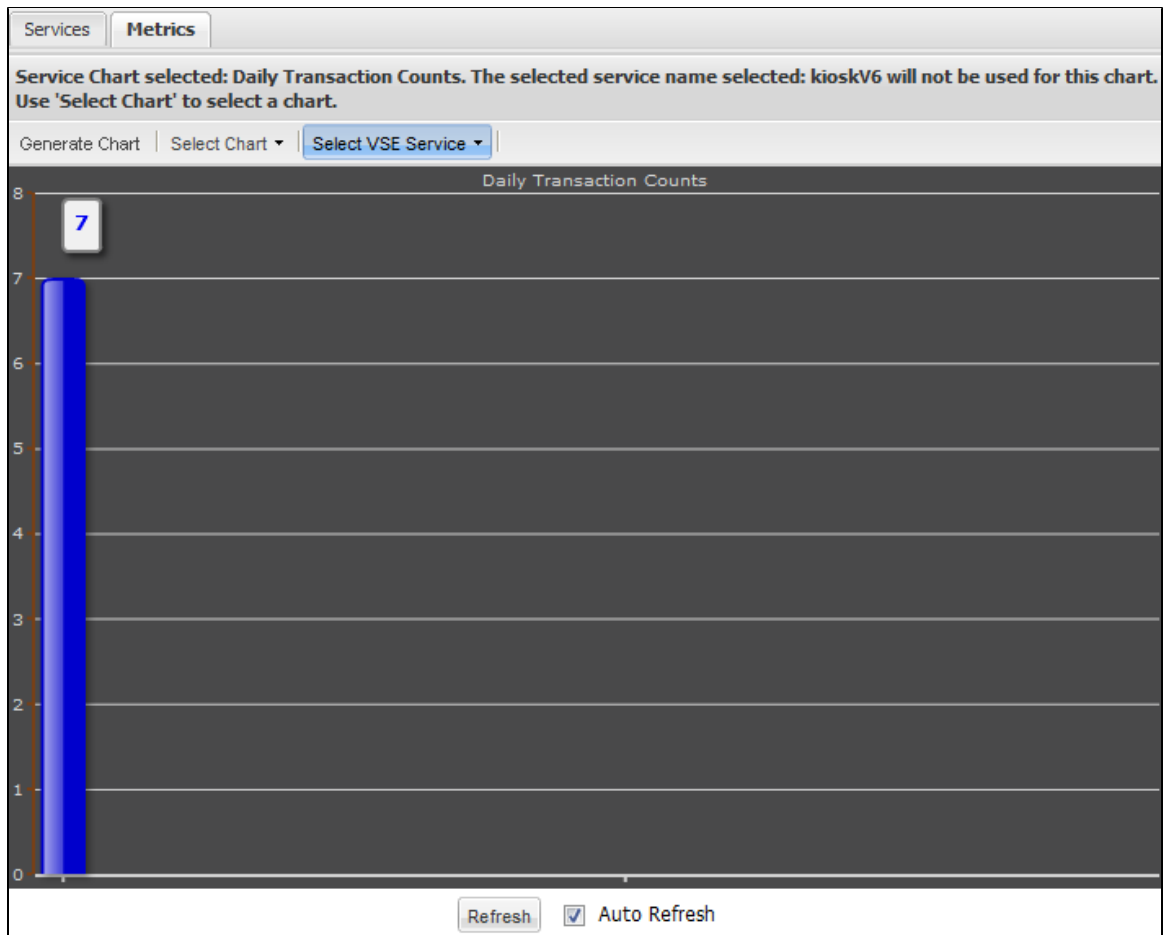
If you select a server chart, the panel header will indicate that the selected virtual service will not be used for this chart, as these charts apply to the entire server, not just the selected service.

## Server Availability

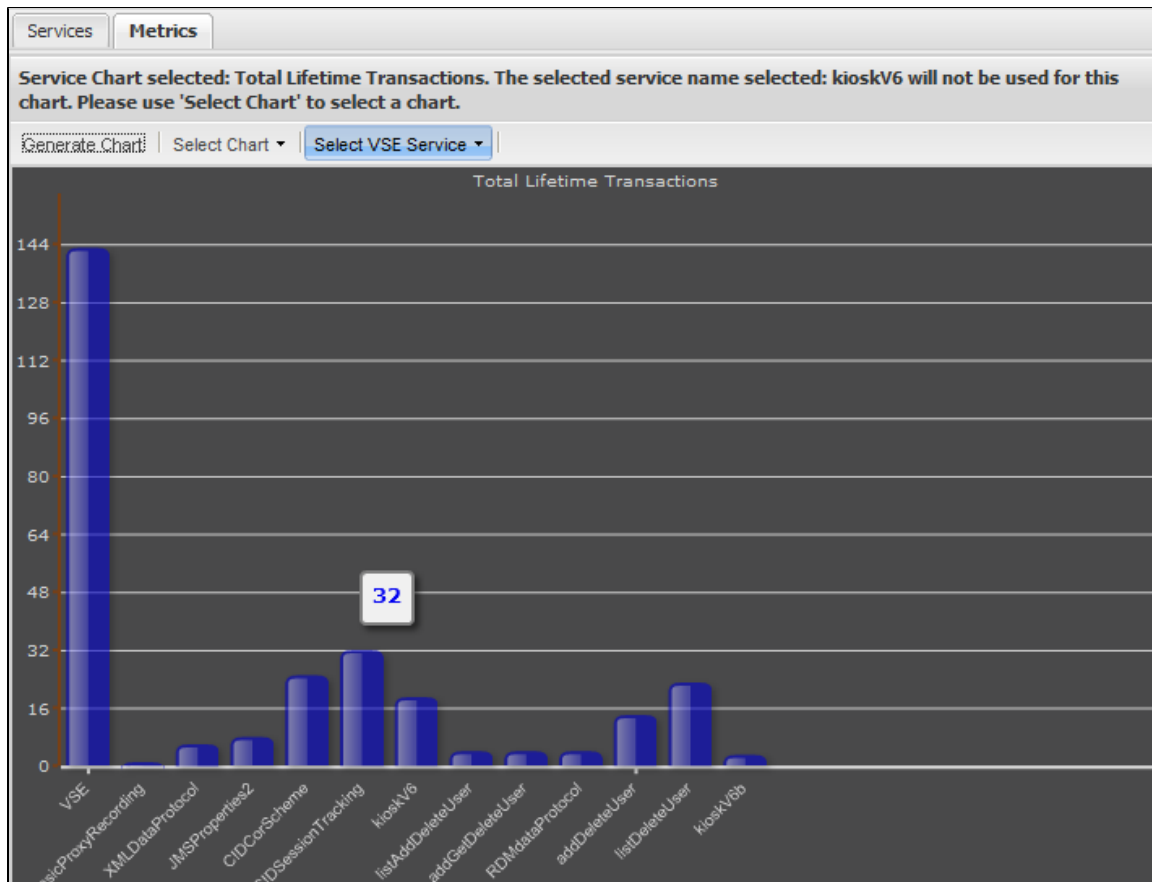


## Daily Transaction Counts





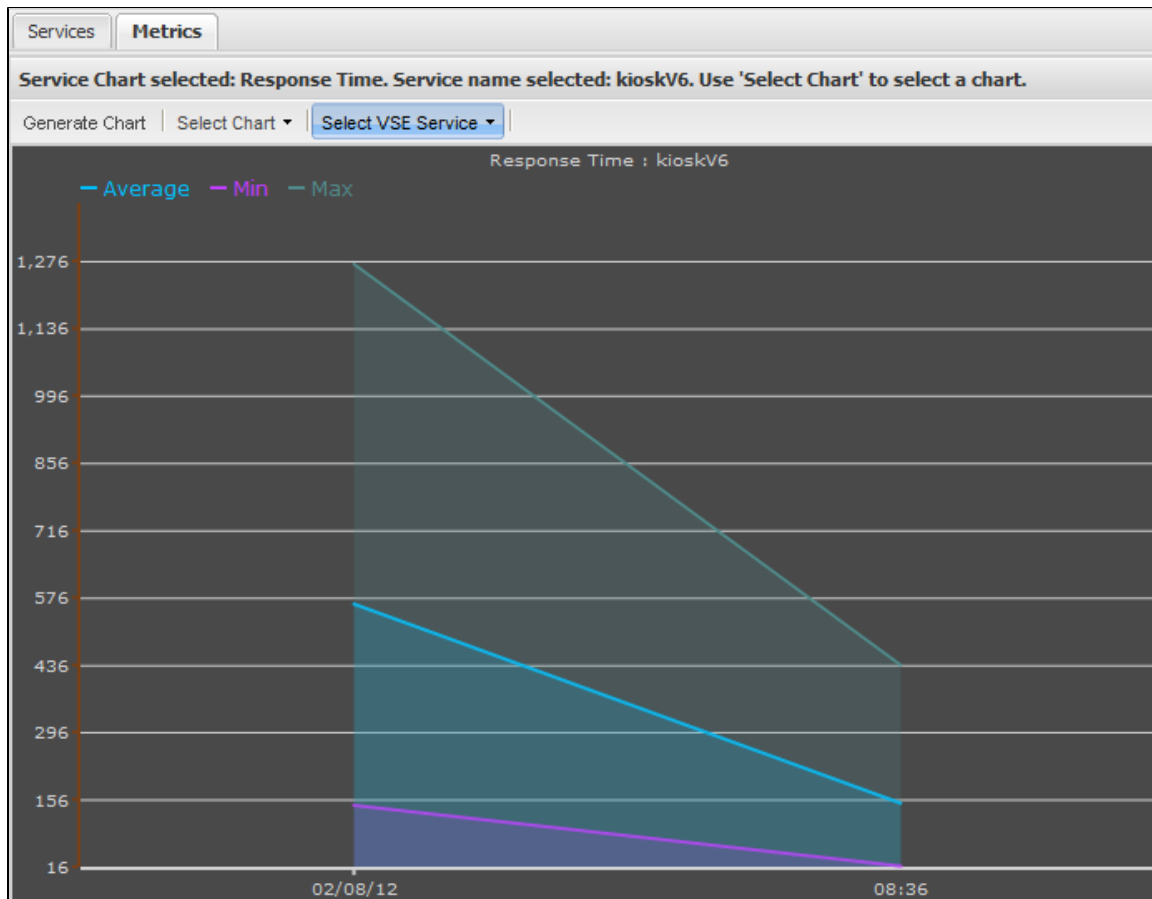
Total Lifetime Transactions



## Service Chart Metrics

Service chart metrics are metrics that are applicable to each virtual service. On the right pane, there is a list of virtual services that have been deployed in this environment. You can select one of them, then select a chart from the list.

## Response Time



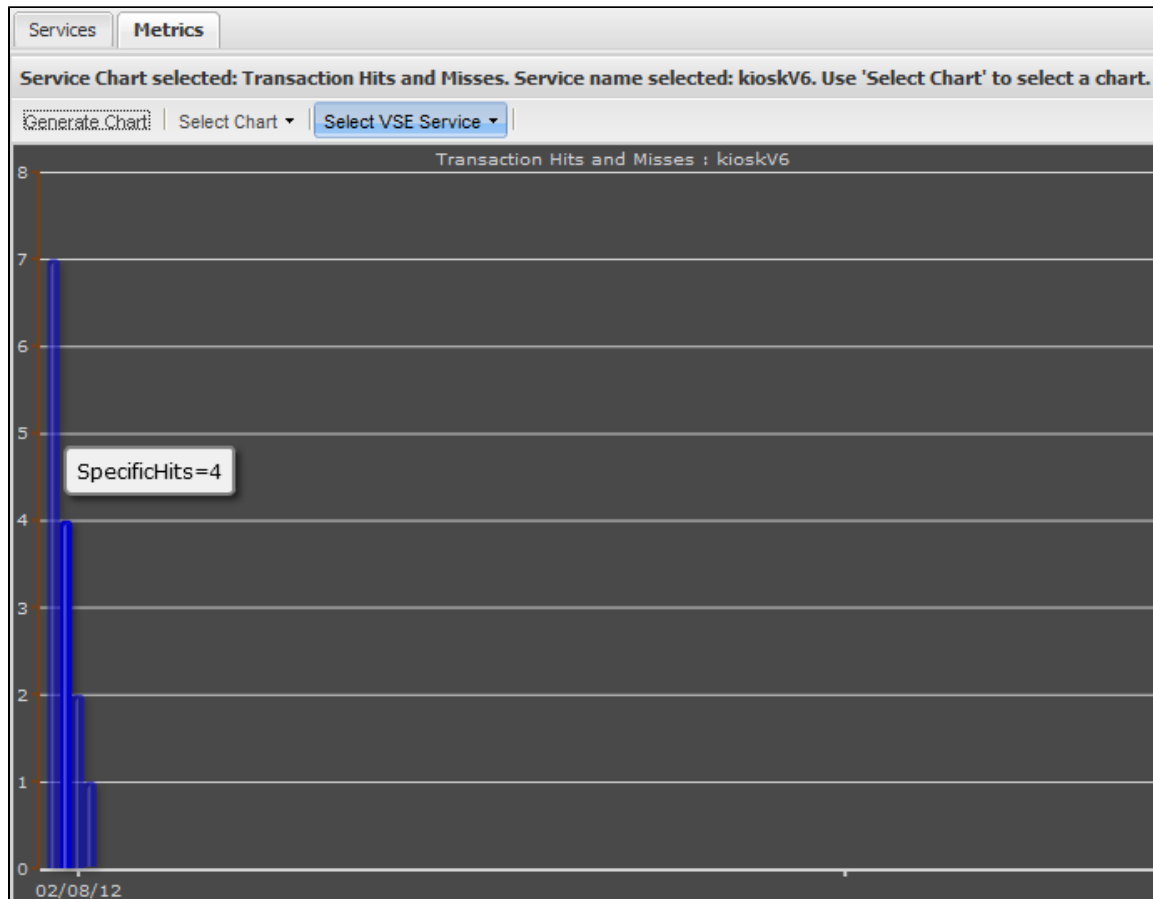
Forced Delay



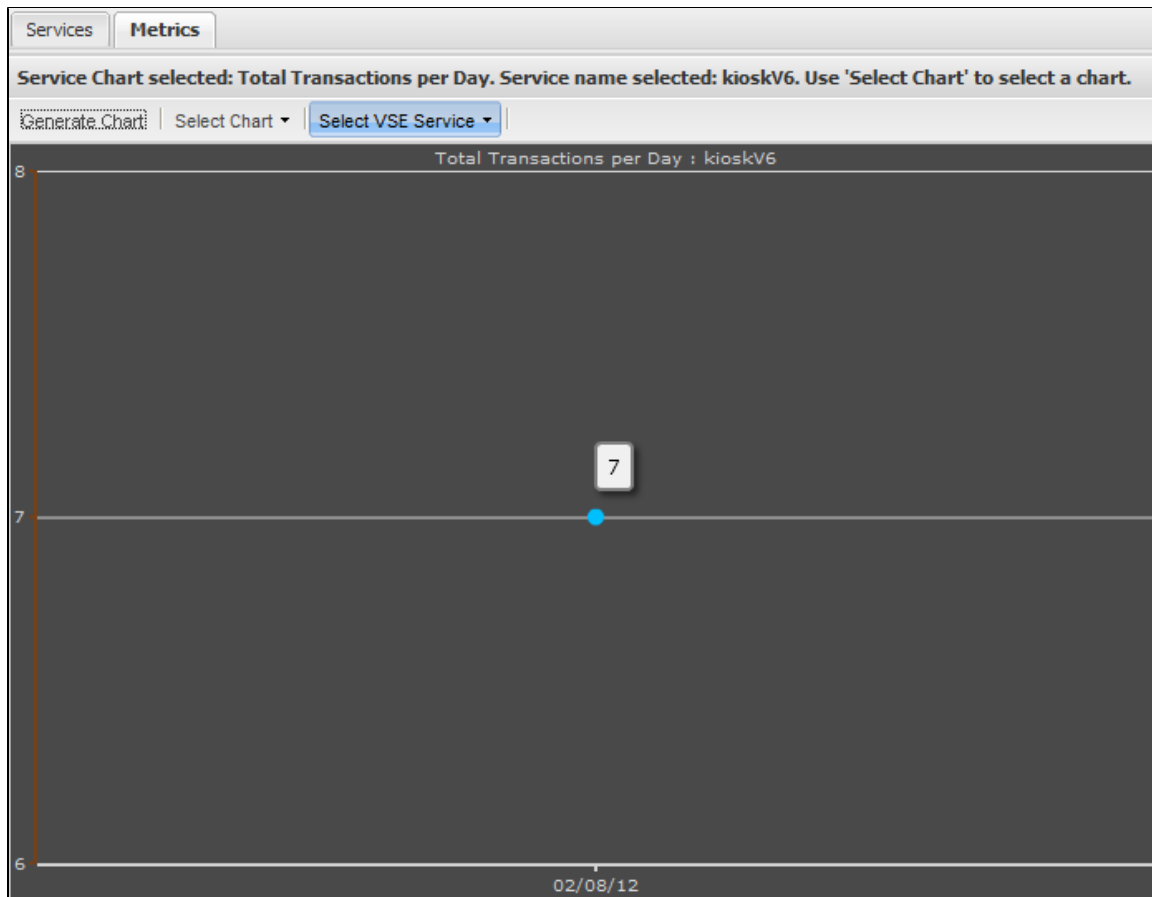
## Transactions Per Second



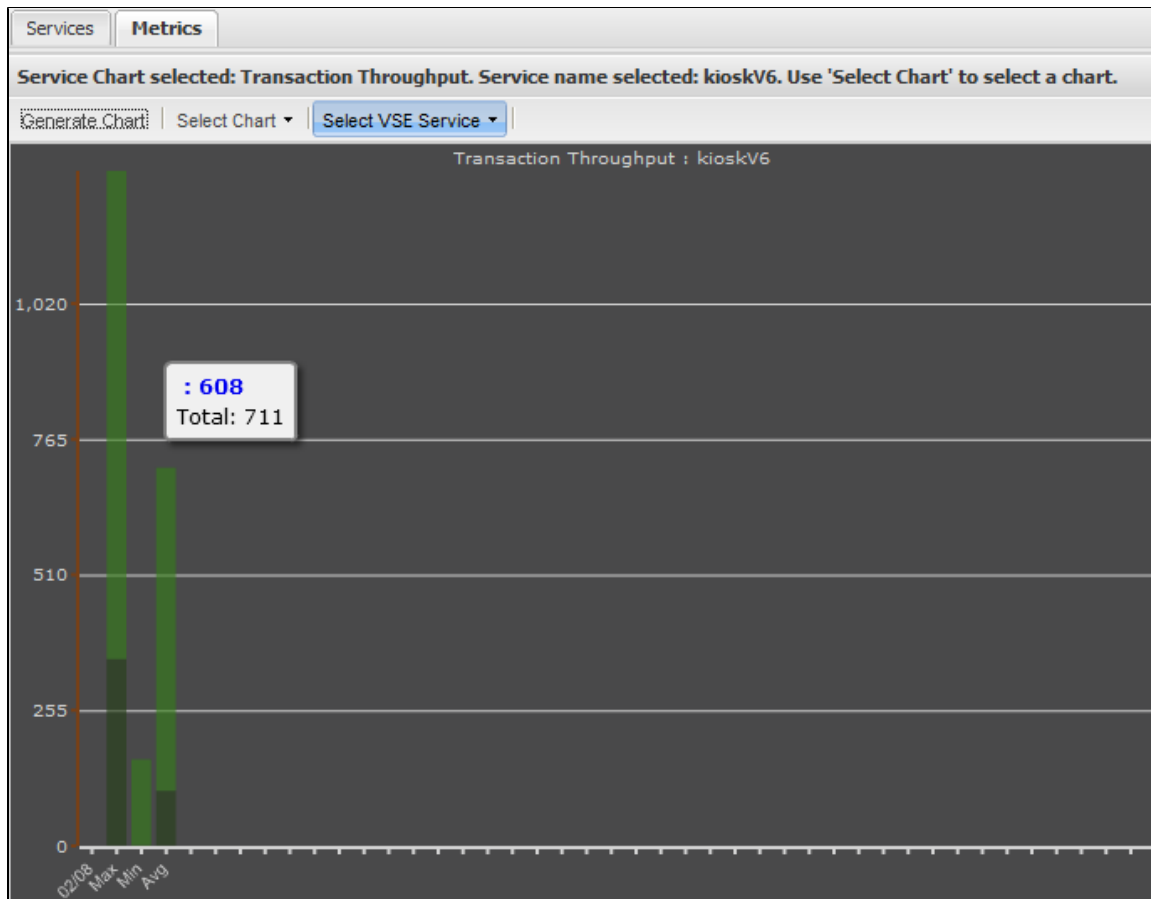
## Transaction Hits and Misses



## Total Transactions per Day



Transaction Throughput



## VSE Manager Commands

This command line tool can be used for managing virtual service environments. It is recommended that you use the newer, more functional command line tool for LISA 6.0 implementations. For information about the new tool, see [Service Manager Commands](#).

VSE Manager is included as a tool under the bin/ directory in LISA Server.

For example, the command to deploy a VSE service looks like this:

```
LISA_HOME/bin/VSEManager.exe --deploy "service name" --model "LISA_PROJ_ROOT/VServices/service.vsm" --config "
LISA_PROJ_ROOT/Configs/project.config"
```

And the command to undeploy that VSE service:

```
LISA_HOME/bin/VSEManager.exe --remove "service name"
```

Run VSE Manager by itself on the command line to get a complete listing of the available options.

### JavaScript

In some installations VSE Manager may not be available as a tool under bin/. The same outcome can be achieved by using a JavaScript step:

## Deploying a VSE Service

```
arguments = new String[] {
 "--deploy",
 "service name",
 "--model",
 "LISA_PROJ_ROOT/VServices/service.vsm",
 "--config",
```

```
"LISA_PROJ_ROOT/Configs/project.config"
};

com.itko.lisa.coordinator.VSEManager.main(arguments);
```

## Recalling a Deployed VSE Service

```
arguments = new String[] {
 "--remove",
 "service name"
};

com.itko.lisa.coordinator.VSEManager.main(arguments);
```

## Syntax:

**VSEManager options command [ ... command]**

where "options" may be one or more of the following:

**--registry <name>**

Used to set the name of the LISA Registry to work through

**--vse <name>**

Used to set the name of the virtual service environment to work with

**--username <name>**

Used to set the id of the user to authenticate with when ACL is in use

**--password <name>**

Used to set the password for the user to authenticate with when ACL is in use

and where "command" may be one or more of the following:

**--status [ <vs-name> | all ]**

Used to print out the status of one or all virtual services in the current environment

**--deploy <archive-file>**

Used to deploy a new virtual service to the current environment. The [archive file](#) must have a virtual service model as its primary asset.

**--redploy <archive-file>**

Used to redeploy an existing virtual service to the current environment

**--update <vs-name> capacity <capacity>] [--thinkscale <scale>]**

**[--auto-restart [on|off]**

Used to update the capacity, think scale, auto-restart setting, or any combination thereof for the named virtual service.

**--remove <vs-name>**

Used to remove the named virtual service from the current environment.

**--start <vs-name>**

Used to start the named virtual service in the current environment.

**--set-exec-mode <vs-name> --mode <exec-mode>**

Used to set the execution mode for the named virtual service in the current environment. **exec-mode** must be one of the following: **DYNAMIC**, **VALIDATION**, **LIVE**, **TRACK**, or **EFFICIENT**.

**--stop <vs-name>**

Used to stop the named virtual service in the current environment.

**--stopvse**

Used to stop the current virtual service environment.

**--help**

Displays this text.

**--version**



Print the version number.

## Service Manager Commands

This command line tool is used for monitoring, resetting, and stopping LISA services. The commands apply to any LISA Registry, Simulator, Coordinator, and the VSE server. The Service Manager is included as a tool under the bin/ directory in LISA Server.

For detailed information, see [Service Manager](#).

## ServicelImageManager Commands

LISA Virtualize has a **ServicelImageManager** command line tool that can be used to either import transactions (raw or session) into a new or existing service image or to combine two or more service images together. The **ServicelImageManager** is located in the LISA\_HOME\bin directory.

Recording can be controlled in one of three ways: interactive, timed, or disconnected. For all three styles, the "--vrs=" and "--si-file=" arguments are required. Optionally, for the interactive and disconnected styles, "--go" can be specified to skip waiting for a start signal and begin recording immediately. This argument can be specified for timed recordings but has the same effect if (and requires that) the "--start" argument is not specified.

The interactive style is used when only the "--record" argument is specified. When the recorder is ready, it will wait for Enter to be pressed on the console before actually beginning the recording process, and then wait for Enter again to stop it.

The timed style is used when the "--record" and "--stop=" (and, optionally, the "--start=") arguments are specified.

The disconnected style is used when the "--record" and "--port=" arguments are specified. This sets up a listener that the "--signal" argument will use to pass control signals to the recorder.

After a recorder has been initiated with the disconnected style, this tool, in a separate process, can be used to control it by sending start and stop signals over the port. This requires specifying only the "--signal=" and "--port=" arguments.

To import, specify the raw or session traffic transaction file to import after the **--import** argument. Use the transport, request, and response data protocols and navigation tolerances to control how the import takes place. To use the "--vrs=" argument with the protocol or tolerance arguments, you must specify it before the others, as the "--vrs=" argument will reset things to their initial state. Use the **--si-file** argument to specify the name of the file containing the service image to import into. You must specify at least these arguments:

**--import=**, **--si-file=**, and either **--vrs=** or **--transport=**

and can additionally specify these arguments:

**--request-data=**, **--response-data=**, **--non-leaf=**, or **--leaf=**,

To combine, specify the target service image after the **--combine** argument. The file name defined by "--combine=" is the target VSI and other files listed are the sources. Use the **--favor** argument to control how like transactions are combined and list the file names of the source images to combine into the target image. You must specify at least this argument:

**--combine=**

and can additionally specify this argument:

**--favor=**

Source files for the combine operation are simply listed.

Any arguments whose values contain spaces (such as the names of protocols) must be enclosed in quotes. For example,

**"--import=my file.xml"**  
**-i"my file.xml"**

The supported arguments are:

Short Command	Long Command	Description
-h	--help	Displays help text.
-d	--record	Records transactions into a service image file.

-v recording-session-file	--vrs=recording-session-file	Specifies the recording session file that contains all the configuration information for the recording or import operation.
-G	--go	Specifies that for interactive or disconnected styles, the wait for a start signal will be bypassed.
-S time-spec	--start=time-spec	Indicates that the recorder should start recording after the specified amount of time.
-E time-spec	--stop=time-spec	Indicates that the recorder should stop recording after the specified amount of time. This amount is relative to the time at which the recorder started recording, and is specified in milliseconds.
-P port-number	--port=port-number	Specifies the port to be used for recorder control. When used with "--record," it notes the port the recorder should listen on for control. When used with "--signal=," it notes the port the start/stop signal should be sent to.
-g start stop	--signal=start stop	Specifies the signal to send to a recorder in a different process. This requires the "--port=" argument also.
-i raw/traffic-file	--import=raw/traffic-file	Imports the specified raw or session traffic XML document into a service image file.
-t protocol	--transport=protocol	Specifies the transport protocol to use during an import operation. Valid protocols are: <b>HTTP/S</b> <b>IBM MQ Series</b> <b>Standard JMS</b> <b>Java</b> <b>TCP</b> <b>JDBC</b>  <b>DRDA</b>
-r protocol	--request-data=protocol	Specifies the request-side data protocol to use during an import operation. Valid protocols are: <b>Web Services (SOAP)</b> <b>Web Services (SOAP Headers)</b> <b>Web Services Bridge</b> <b>WS-Security Request</b> <b>Request Data Manager</b>  <b>Request Data Copier</b> <b>Auto Hash Transaction Discovery</b> <b>Generic XML Payload Parser</b> <b>Data Desensitizer</b> <b>Copybook Data Protocol</b> <b>Delimited Text Data Protocol</b> <b>Scriptable Data Protocol</b>  <b>CICS Request Data Access</b>  <b>DRDA Data Protocol</b>
-R protocol	--response-data=protocol	Specifies the response-side data protocol to use during an import operation. Valid protocols are: <b>WS-Security Response</b> <b>Data Desensitizer</b> <b>Copybook Data Protocol</b> <b>Delimited Text Data Protocol</b> <b>Scriptable Data Protocol</b>  <b>DRDA Data Protocol</b>
-n tolerance	--non-leaf=tolerance	Specifies the default navigation tolerance to assume for any non-leaf conversation nodes created. It must be one of CLOSE, WIDE, or LOOSE. If this is not specified, it defaults to WIDE.

-l tolerance	--leaf=tolerance	Specifies the default navigation tolerance to assume for any leaf conversation nodes created. It must be one of CLOSE, WIDE, or LOOSE. If this is not specified, it defaults to LOOSE.
-o config	--config=config-file	In Recording mode, specifies a configuration file to use.
-s vsi-file	--si-file=vsi-file	Specifies the name of the service image file to import transactions into. If this file does not already exist, it will be created. Otherwise, the imported transactions will be merged into the existing service image.
-m vsm_file	--vsm_file=vsm-file	Specifies the name of the virtual service model file to create during a recording.
-c target-vsi-file	--combine=target-vsi-file	Combine one or more service image files into the named service image file. Unless the "favor" argument is specified, the source service images will be favored.
-f source ! target	--favor=source ! target	Specifies how to combine like transactions when combining service images. Specifying "source" will cause like transactions (and other data) to update the target side from the source side. Specifying "target" will cause like transactions (and other data) to leave the target side unchanged.
Not applicable	--version	Print the version number.

## VirtualServiceEnvironment Commands

The VirtualServiceEnvironment executable is located in the [LISA\_HOME]\bin directory and is used to manage the LISA Virtualize application.

### Syntax:

The default VSE name is the value of the system property **lisa.vseName**.

#### VirtualServiceEnvironment [ arguments ]

where "arguments" may be one or more of the following:

##### --help, -h

Displays help text.

##### --name=name, -n

Defines the service name for the environment server. The default is the system property **lisa.vseName**. The default for the property is **VSEServer**.

##### --registry=registry-spec, -m

The registry to connect to. For example, **tcp://localhost:2010/registry1**.

##### --labName=lab-name, -l

Specifies the name of the lab to use. The default is **Default**.

##### --force, -f

Forces this server into the LISA registry, replacing any object already registered by the environment's service name.

##### --standalone, -s

Causes a LISA registry to be started in the same process as the VSE server. No effort is made to check if one already exists; it is just started. If the "-m" parameter is specified, it is pass on (as "-n" to the started registry. When using a VSE server in standalone mode it is important to note that the registry will be listening on the VSE port (2013 by default) rather than the default registry port of 2010.

##### --port=port-number, -P

Specifies the service port that the VSE will publish to. It is the same as specifying the port as part of the "--name" argument.



As of LISA 6.0.4, the `--username` and `--password` options are obsolete.

**`--username=username, -u`**

The LISA security user name.

**`--password=password, -p`**

The LISA security password.

**`--version`**

Print the version number.