

Uniform UI elements

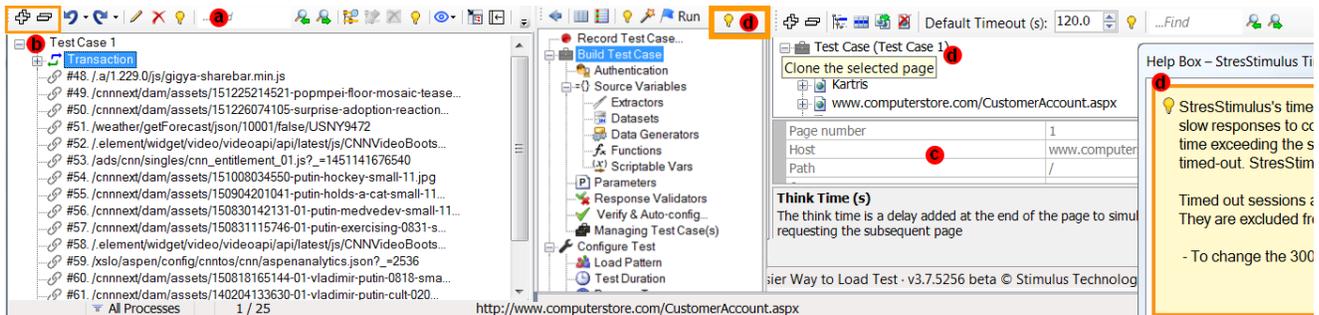
Typical functions, provided below, are implemented the same way across all UI areas. That helps to reduce learning time and increase the productivity of the testing process.

1. Uniform operations with objects. Objects, such as pages, requests, transactions, extractors, parameters, and validators, are displayed in the hierarchical treeviews which support five standard operations: **Create, Edit, Delete, Move, and Clone**. Operations with objects can be invoked either from the toolbar buttons or from the context menu when right-clicking on the object. Both of these options display uniformly designed icons. The icon examples are provided below. As an alternative to the **Move** button, you can drag and drop an object to a new location.

	Operation				
Object type	Create	Edit	Delete	Move	Clone
Request				Drag+Drop	
Page					
Extractor				Drag+Drop	
Validator				Drag+Drop	
Transactions					
Loops					

2. Uniform toolbar operations in an object and functional areas. The following commonly used controls are present in toolbars across all windows:

a. Searching content of display elements. The same **Find** control is placed in the rightmost position of every toolbar to search the content of every grid and tree view displaying objects of different types. The **Next** and **Previous** buttons allow search in both directions.



b. Expand / Collapse on every treeview. **Expand** and **Collapse** buttons are placed in the leftmost position on every toolbar above object treeviews.

c. Object trees coupled with property grids. Treeviews of every object type are coupled with a **property grid**, displaying every property, along with the help information explaining the property meaning and available options. The user can change the values of all non-read-only properties. A property grid is a uniform data entry mechanism for configuring most of the StresStimulus test parameters.

d. Help boxes/tooltips for all controls. Every StresStimulus control and window has tooltips/help **boxes** with brief instruction. Help boxes guide through the load testing process.

Tip: If you use help boxes infrequently, you can change their behavior to pop up on-click. To do so, check the box in the Main Menu -> StresStimulus Options.

3. Copy read-only content to the clipboard. Sometimes it is necessary to copy read-only values displayed in the UI into the clipboard. This information can be pasted while searching the object model or documentation for a specific value or content. It can save time and prevent typos since no retyping is necessary. In StresStimulus, a value of every object, metrics, and even message content from grids, treeviews, and message boxes can be selected and copied to the clipboard.