

WELCOME TO RATIONAL ROBOT



Use the sample PowerBuilder applet with this *Try it!* to discover how easy it is to test the controls in your PowerBuilder applications. In minutes, you'll understand the power behind Rational Robot's Object Testing® as you record tests for these and other PowerBuilder controls:

- ▶ TreeViews and Tabs
- ▶ DataWindows
- ▶ Hidden DataWindows
- ▶ DropDownDataWindows
- ▶ DataStores
- ▶ ActiveX controls

If you're using PowerBuilder™ 5.0 or later to develop Windows NT® 4.0, Windows 2000, Windows® 98, or Windows® 95 applications, you need Rational® Robot — the leader in automated testing of client/server applications.

Robot lets you plan, develop, and execute tests for your Windows applications. Thanks to Robot's cross-Windows technology, tests created for one platform run smoothly on the others.

As you use the testing tips in this card on the PowerBuilder sample applet, you'll quickly discover how easy it is to record tests using Robot.

To find out more about Robot, be sure to take a look at the tutorial in *Getting Started with Rational Robot* and the online Help.

▶ ▶ ▶ Find out how Rational puts quality to the test. ▶ ▶ ▶

Test these controls in the sample applet

These three windows make up the **Rational Robot: Try it! with PowerBuilder** applet. Each window contains numerous controls to test. Read on to find out how. ▶ ▶ ▶

The screenshot shows two windows from the Rational Robot applet. The left window, titled "Rational Robot: Try it! with PowerBuilder 6.0", features a menu bar (Menu), a large "PowerBuilder!" image (Image), and a rich text editor (RichEdit) containing a welcome message and a list of controls: TreeViews and Tabs, DataWindows, Hidden DataWindows, DropDownDataWindows, DataStores, and ActiveX controls. At the bottom are "Exit" and "Next >>>" buttons. The right window, titled "Rational Robot: Try it! with PowerBuilder 6.0 - Sample Controls", has tabs for "Common and Data Controls" and "DataWindows". It displays a TreeView on the left with a hierarchical list of items like "Star Distribution Co.", "Widget Division", "Gizmo Division", etc. On the right, a "DataWindow with DropDownDataWindow and Computed Field" is shown, containing a dropdown menu for "Customer Name" (set to "Kurtis Components, Inc."), a date field for "Order Date" (31-Jul-96), a quantity field for "Order Quantity" (30), a price field for "Price per unit" (\$7.00), and a computed field for "Total Order Value" (\$210.00).

The screenshot shows a window titled "Rational Robot: Try it! with PowerBuilder 6.0 - Sample Controls" with the "DataWindows" tab selected. It displays a "DataWindow" containing a table with customer information and a "DataWindow Graph" showing a bar chart of product costs and prices.

ID	Customer Name	Address	City	State	Zipcode	Telephone
1	ABC Manufacturing, Inc.	23 Broadway	Dayton	OH	44234	216 888 1234
2	Acme Metal Working Corp	809 East Greenway	Concord	NH	08834	503 742 2934
3	AT Woodworking Ltd.	542 Great Avenue	Needham	MA	02165	617 444 8439
4	Barrymore Company	8431 Main Street	New York	NY	10015	212 763 9000

The graph below the table shows "Dollars" on the y-axis (0 to 25) and "Product" on the x-axis. The products are Corporate Training, Gizmo, Gizmo Deluxe, Mini Widget, and Network Services. For each product, there are two bars: a dark grey bar for "Cost Per Unit" and a light grey bar for "Price Per Unit".

Start the applications and log in to the repository

Before you begin to test, you'll install the PowerBuilder sample applet. When you install the applet, a sample repository is created automatically. A repository contains all the information about your testing project, including test documents, requirements, scripts, logs, defects, queries, and reports.

Then, you'll start the PowerBuilder sample applet and Rational Robot. You'll use Robot to record both your actions as you navigate through the sample applet and the verification points that you insert to test the contents of specific controls.

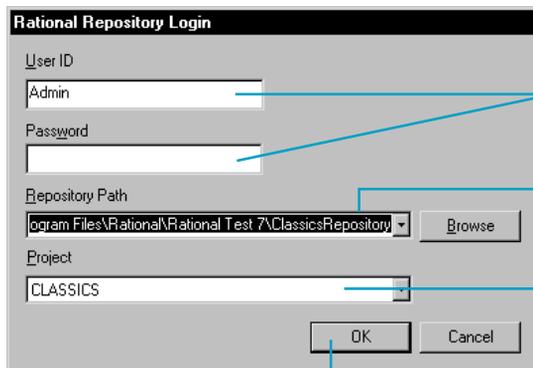
▶ ▶ ▶ *Try this:*

- 1 Click **Start** → **Programs** → *Rational product name* → **Rational Test** → **Setup Rational Test Samples**.

This installs the sample PowerBuilder applet and creates a sample repository called **ClassicsRepository** and a sample project called **Classics**.

- 2 Click **Start** → **Programs** → **Rational Test Samples** → **PowerBuilder**.

- 3 Click **Start** → **Programs** → *Rational product name* → **Rational Test** → **Rational Robot** to open the Rational Repository Login dialog box.



Type your **User ID** and **Password**. If you do not know these, see your administrator.

Select the sample repository, **ClassicsRepository**.

Select the project name **Classics**.

Click **OK** to log in.

▶ ▶ ▶ For more about Rational repositories, see the *Using the Rational Administrator* manual. ▶ ▶ ▶

Start recording and test a control's properties

When you record, you'll use Robot's **Object-Oriented Recording**^a to test controls, independent of their positions in the GUI. If controls change locations or their text changes, Robot will still find them on playback because Robot identifies controls by their PowerBuilder object names.

Robot offers many verification points for use during recording. (See the list on the last page.) One of the most powerful — **Object Properties** — lets you capture the properties of controls, even hidden ones such as DataWindows and DataStores. Robot's easy-to-use **Object Testing**^a lets you inspect and verify all of a control's properties.

▶ ▶ ▶ Try this:



On the Robot toolbar, click to start recording. Type a name for the script, such as **PBtest**, and click **OK**.

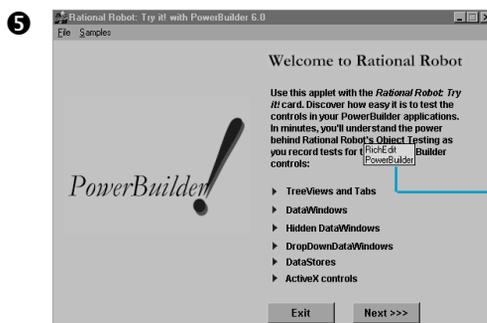


Click to display the **GUI Insert** toolbar.



For the first test, click the **Object Properties** button. A dialog box appears. Type a name, such as **Test1**, and click **OK**.

- 4 In the Select Object dialog box, click the left mouse button on the Object Finder tool and keep the mouse button depressed. The dialog box disappears.



Keeping the mouse button depressed, move the **Object Finder** tool around the window and look at the **TestTip** that describes each control. Point to the **RichEdit** text and release the left mouse button. Click **OK** in the **Select Object** dialog box.

Notice how Robot captures all of a control's properties. Scroll through the list of properties and click **OK** to complete the **Object Properties** test. Then go to the next page to try some more tests.

Test data in PowerBuilder controls

The **Object Data** verification point is another of Robot's comprehensive verification points. It lets you capture data from visible and hidden controls, including standard Windows controls, ActiveX controls, lists, menus, DataWindows, DropDownDataWindows, and DataStores.

▶ ▶ ▶ Try this:

1 Click **Next** to display the **Common and Data Controls** tab.

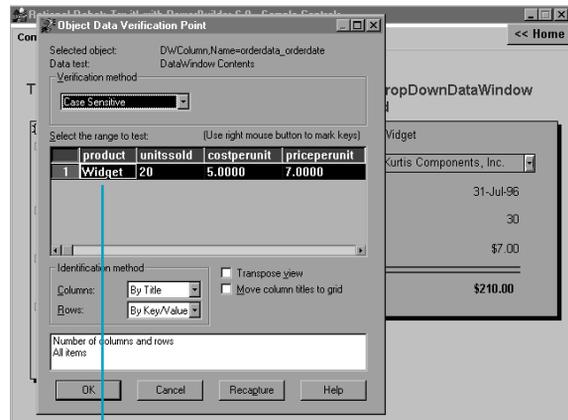
2 Insert an Object Data verification point.



3 Type the name **Test2** and click **OK**.

4 Use the left mouse button to drag the Object Finder tool onto the **DWColumn** to the right of the **Order Date** and release the mouse button.

5 Click **OK** twice to complete the test.



The captured data includes all of the data in the record. You can select the data to test, and you can change verification and identification methods.

▶ ▶ ▶ Try this:

1 Click the **DataWindows** tab.

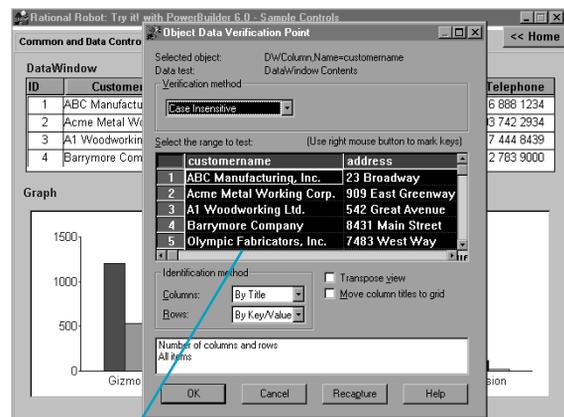
2 Insert an Object Data verification point.



3 Type the name **Test3** and click **OK**.

4 Drag the Object Finder tool onto a name in the **Customer Name** column and release the mouse button.

5 Click **OK** twice to complete the test.



The captured data includes data not displayed onscreen in the DataWindow.

Test a computed field and a DataWindow graph

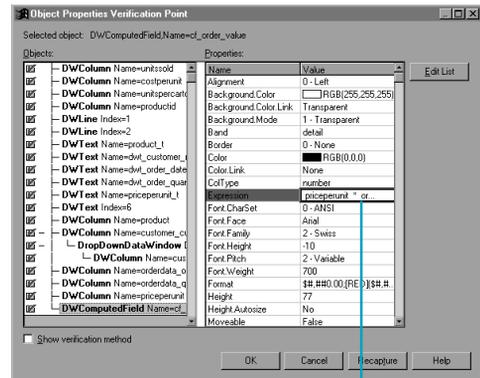
To test a computed field in the sample applet, you'll use the **Object Properties** verification point, and to test the data in the DataWindow Graph you'll use the **Object Data** verification point. The Object Properties verification point lets you capture the properties of *any* control in an application, and the Object Data verification point lets you capture the data in many databound controls. And, if for some reason, an object data test does not exist for an object, you can create your own data test. For instructions, see the *Using Rational Robot* manual.

▶ ▶ ▶ Try this:

- 1 Click the **Common and Data Controls** tab.
- 2 Insert an Object Properties verification point.



- 3 Type the name **Test4** and click **OK**.
- 4 Drag the Object Finder tool onto the **DataWindow** and release the mouse button. Click **OK** to capture the 21 objects it contains.
- 5 Click **DWComputedField**, the last object in the Objects List, to display its properties.
- 6 Under the **Value** column, double-click the **Expression** value **priceperunit...** to display the computed field's expression, and click **OK**.
- 7 Click **OK** to complete the test.



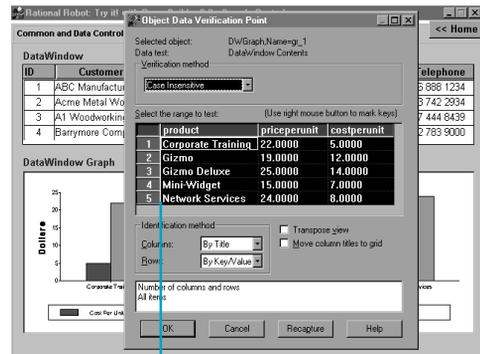
The Object Properties test captures the expression for the computed field.

▶ ▶ ▶ Try this:

- 1 Click the **DataWindows** tab.
- 2 Insert an Object Data verification point.



- 3 Type the name **Test5** and click **OK**.
- 4 Drag the Object Finder tool onto the **DataWindow Graph** and release the mouse button.
- 5 Click **OK** to capture all the data represented in the graph.
- 6 Click **OK** to complete the test.



The test captures all of the data represented in the graph.

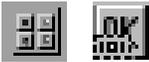
Test nonvisual controls

Many PowerBuilder applications have hidden controls that you can't test manually because you can't see them. Fortunately, Rational Robot sees all, letting you test any hidden or nonvisual control that resides in the application or on the desktop. Here's an easy way to display and test these controls.

▶ ▶ ▶ **Try this:**

1 Click the **Common and Data Controls** tab.

2 Insert an Object Properties verification point.



3 Type the name **Test6** and click **OK**.

4 Click the **Browse** button to display the Object List.

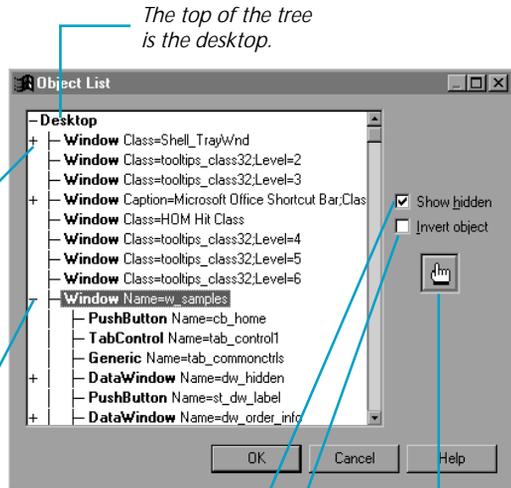
Top-level objects that contain other objects are preceded by a plus sign.

Double-click top-level objects to expand them.

When selected, shows hidden objects in the list.

When selected, select an object in the list and see its colors invert in the applet.

When clicked, returns to selection with the Object Finder tool.



The top of the tree is the desktop.

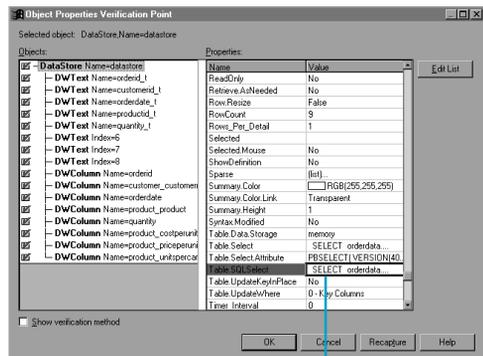
5 Make sure the **Show hidden** option is selected.

6 Scroll down through the objects until you see **DataStore** — a hidden data control.

7 Select **DataStore** and click **OK** to display its properties.

8 Scroll till you see **Table.SQLSelect** under the **Name** column. Double-click **SELECT orderdata...** to display the entire SQL statement and click **OK**.

9 Click **OK** to complete the test.



Notice that an SQL statement is the value of one of the properties. Double-click to see the entire statement.

What's next

You've just tested some of the controls in the PowerBuilder sample applet. To record more tests, try a Menu verification point on the first window, an Alphanumeric verification point on text controls, and an Object Properties verification point on any of the controls you haven't tested.

When you're done, stop recording by pressing this button on the **GUI Record** toolbar: 

The value of verification points becomes even more apparent when you play them back. During playback, verification points identify changes or unintentional errors in an application as it evolves. This lets you correct any errors *before* you deliver the application to customers.

For playback instructions, see the *Using Rational Robot* manual. Before you play back the scripts recorded against the sample applet, return to the first window in the applet by clicking **Home**. If any verification points fail on playback, just double-click the failure in the Rational LogViewer to see why.

To play back a script, press this button on the Robot toolbar: 

For valuable information about testing PowerBuilder applications, see the *Testing PowerBuilder Applications* chapter in the *Using Rational Robot* manual.

Rational Robot verification points

Use these verification points to ensure delivery of high-quality applications to your customers.

	Object Properties — Captures and tests properties of visible and hidden controls.		Menu — Captures and tests text, shortcut keys, and the state of menus in as many as five levels of submenus.
	Object Data — Captures and tests data from visible and hidden controls.		Window Image — Captures a window as a bitmap image.
	Alphanumeric — Captures and tests alphanumeric data in objects that contain text.		Region Image — Captures a specific region of the screen as a bitmap image.
	Clipboard — Captures and tests alphanumeric data copied to the Clipboard.		Window Existence — Verifies the existence and status of a specific window or dialog box.
	Web Site Scan — Checks the contents of a Web site with every revision and provides a report on defects.		Web Site Compare — Captures a baseline of a Web site and compares it to the Web site at another point in time.

▶ ▶ ▶ For more about verification points, see the *Using Rational Robot* manual. ▶ ▶ ▶