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Like Watir For Monitoring



It may not be a free lunch, but it is a free record and playback tool. Webmetrics, which develops and markets Web performance tools and services, last month launched the GlobalWatch Script Recorder, which it says captures and displays user interactions with Web and rich Internet applications, saving them in a Watir script.

An acronym for Web Application Testing in Ruby, Watir scripts are human-readable and can be played back with IE7. The free tool can be useful for functional and regression testing, application design and specification, and for unit testing and bug fix verification. In beta at press time, download the tool at www.webmetrics.com/scriptrecorder.html.

If application or transactional performance data are required, scripts can be sent to Webmetrics for further analysis, presumably for a fee. I told you this was no free lunch.