

# Using Specific Browser Extensions and Configurations During Recording and Playback

This topic explains how specific browser extensions and configurations can be applied to SOAtest's web scenario recording and playback.

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## Internet Explorer

No additional configuration is needed. Just complete the installation or configuration as usual (independent of SOAtest).

## Chrome

To use specific Chrome plugins or settings for web functional tests:

1. Launch Chrome with the following command line:  
`<Chrome_Installation_Directory> --user-data-dir="<SOAtest_Installation_Directory>\eclipse\plugins\com.parasoft.xtest.libs.web_<soatest_version>\root\browsers\chrome\userDataDir"`  
This tells Chrome to use SOAtest's user-data directory for web scenario recording and playback.
2. After the browser opens, install the extension and/or perform the configuration in the normal manner.

## Firefox

Before you can install extensions, you first need to open the appropriate SOAtest Firefox profile. There are two different ways to open this profile:

- Directly open the profile (using a command-line argument).
- Let SOAtest open the profile during playback.

## Directly Opening the SOAtest Firefox Profile

To directly open the SOAtest Firefox profile:

1. Close all instances of Firefox.
2. Start Firefox with the command line `<Firefox_Installation_Directory> -ProfileManager`
3. Click **Create Profile** to create a new profile.
4. Click through the wizard until you reach the step to choose a profile folder.
5. Click **Choose Folder** and select the folder `<SOAtest_Installation_Directory>/eclipse/plugins/com.parasoft.xtest.libs.web_<soatest_version>/root/browsers/ff`
6. Click **Finish**.
7. Select the new profile that you created and click **Start Firefox**.

You can now install Firefox extensions and configure settings in the normal manner.

## Letting SOAtest Open the Profile During Playback

*With this method, extensions must be installed and configured during playback—not during recording.*

When you play a web scenario in SOAtest, SOAtest will automatically open the appropriate Firefox profile. Once that profile opens, you can install Firefox extensions and configure settings in the normal manner.