I am back to this. I have read about your use of $_SESSION superglobal to pass 'state'.
What is your advice on the best way to view the state info as each new script (page) is called?

I want to see what the $where contains that is being called for the new page.
The technique I am testing (with Eclipse) is to set a breakpoint just after the standard transactions controllers at the initSession().

There under $_SESSION >> 'pages', I see my new (child) page that is being called with a few items: task_id, task_array, pattern_id, 'mypage(link1)', but I am looking for the element that I selected in the parent, 'gid' = '1', but it is not there.