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## New Features

- Scale up to ACT scales - A burst of 60 active queries on 60 nodes.
- Scalable bar graph display for query breakdown results.
- Support for client-side HTTPS proxies.
- Improved support for 'QUEUED' queries.

## Notes on Installation

### PM Cell's Database Bug

Fixed: Bug in the i2b2 PM Cell's database where an unneeded compound primary key limits the PM cell to only processing one authentication attempt per second.

To Fix:

```

bash-4.1$ psql
postgres=# \connect i2b2pm
i2b2pm=# \d+ pm_user_login
               Table "public.pm_user_login"
   Column   |          Type          | Modifiers | Storage | Description
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
 user_id    | character varying(50)  | not null | extended |
 attempt_cd | character varying(50)  | not null | extended |
 entry_date | timestamp without time zone | not null | plain    |
 changeby_char | character varying(50) |          | extended |
 status_cd  | character varying(50)  |          | extended |
Indexes:
    "pm_user_login_pkey" PRIMARY KEY, btree (entry_date, user_id)
Has OIDs: no

i2b2pm=# ALTER TABLE "pm_user_login" DROP CONSTRAINT "pm_user_login_pkey" ;
ALTER TABLE

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 status_cd  | character varying(50)  |          | extended |
Has OIDs: no

```

## Allow for More Status Types from the i2b2 CRC

Fixed: Changed the shrine\_query\_history database's QUERY\_RESULT table status column's type from an 'enum' to a 'text' field to accommodate more types from the i2b2 CRC. This will allow some results previously interpreted as errors to be interpreted as QUEUED. See [SHRINE-2715](#) for more information.

To Fix:

**For Mysql:**

```

mysql> use shrine_query_history;
mysql> alter table QUERY_RESULT change status status varchar(30) not null;

```

**For Oracle:**

```

-- To find the constraint name on the status column:
SELECT COLUMN_NAME,CONSTRAINT_NAME,TABLE_NAME FROM user_cons_columns WHERE TABLE_NAME = 'QUERY_RESULT';
-- To drop that constraint:
ALTER TABLE QUERY_RESULT DROP CONSTRAINT <constraint_name_for_status>;

```

**For MS SQL Server:**

```

USE shrine_query_history;

-- To find the constraint name on the status column:

SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS WHERE TABLE_NAME= 'QUERY_RESULT';

-- To drop that constraint:

ALTER TABLE QUERY_RESULT DROP CONSTRAINT <constraint_name_for_status>;

```

## Separate URL for DSA Email Links

Fixed: To support server-side proxied shrine nodes, the URL for reaching the DSA from an emailed link need not be the same as the one the QEP uses. See [SHRINE-2504](#) (Contributed by Erik Benton at OHSU ) for more information.

To Fix: Add the parameter 'externalStewardBaseUrl = email\_address' to the emailDataSteward section within the steward block in shrine.conf .

## Support for client-side HTTPS proxies

Added: Added Java system properties to support a client-side HTTPS proxy.

To Use: In /opt/shrine/tomcat/bin/setenv.sh , add values for [http.proxyHost](#) and [http.proxyPort](#) to the export CATALINA\_OPTS="" .

```
export CATALINA_OPTS="-Dhttp.proxyHost=yourProxyHost -Dhttp.proxyPort=yourProxyHostPort "
```

## Cleanup of context.xml

Fixed: The context.xml file in the past has gotten cluttered and was the source for many database-related issues when installing or configuring SHRINE. Our repo <https://repo.open.med.harvard.edu/nexus/content/groups/public/net/shrine/shrine-setup/> now contains a .zip file with many example files to help set up a node. One of those is an up-to-date context.xml . Adopting this as a base will clean up many mild database issues and provide enough connections to support scaling up to ACT. In particular, we recommend the qepAuditDB database should have a maxTotal of 512 connections.

## Full schemas for Oracle and MS SQL Server databases

Added: We have now added full schemas for the SHRINE database setups for both Oracle and MS SQL Server hosted on our Nexus repo: (<https://repo.open.med.harvard.edu/nexus/content/groups/public/net/shrine/shrine-setup/>)

## Cleanup of shrine.conf file

Fixed: Shrine's configuration now makes extensive use of default values. The configuration file you need to use is remarkably simpler. Create a backup copy of your current shrine.conf, then use qep-and-adapter-shrine.conf (or hub-and-qep-shrine.conf if you are setting up a hub) from <https://repo.open.med.harvard.edu/nexus/content/groups/public/net/shrine/shrine-setup/> as a starting point.

## Researchers can be PM Cell managers

Fixed: Researchers can have the PM Cell "manager" role and still be able to run queries.

## 'shouldQuerySelf' Parameter Deprecated

Fixed: If you run a shrine adapter on the same shrine node as the shrine hub, list it as a downstream node instead of using 'shouldQuerySelf = true'. shouldQuerySelf has serious concurrency bugs and will be removed in a future release.

## If you are not using port 6443

You will need to override a URL in shrine.conf to see progress and results from QUEUED queries in the SHRINE webclient:

```
shrine {
  queryEntryPoint {
    queuedQueryPollUrl = "https://$fqdn:6443/shrine/rest/i2b2/request" // Change to your port number if not 6443
  }
}
```

## SHRINE Proxy Security Fix

Fixed: A potential security vulnerability within the SHRINE proxy subsystem

To Fix: Please refer to the instructions here: [SHRINE 1.25.4 and Earlier Fix for shrine-proxy.war Exploit](#)

## ACT Scaling Notes

### Add Indexes to Database Tables

See the schemas in <https://repo.open.med.harvard.edu/nexus/content/groups/public/net/shrine/shrine-setup/> for many indexes to add to existing databases to improve performance.

### Supporting More Database Connections

MySQL out-of-the-box can only support 151 connections. Other database brands can have similar limits. We performed our scale-up tests on MySQL with a maximum of 4000 connections.

### Memory Handling for SHRINE

In `/opt/shrine/tomcat/bin/setenv.sh`, include standard server ergonomics and increase the memory available to at least 2 gigabytes with `export CATALINA_OPTS="-server -Xmx2G"`.

### Core Handling for the i2b2 CRC

While testing for scale-up, we discovered a critical, linear limit within the i2b2 CRC. The CRC can support about 15 concurrent queries per core. To support 60 concurrent queries (our goal load in ACT) the CRC needs 4 cores or more.

### More Connections and Database Tuning for the i2b2 CRC

While testing for scale-up, we also discovered limits related to the number of allowed connections into i2b2, and the number of connections out to various i2b2 databases.

We added database connection pools of up to 200 connections for i2b2's CRCBootstrapDS and QueryToolDemoDS database, and 300 connections for i2b2's PMBootstrapDS database.

Inside of `/opt/wildfly-10.0.0.Final/standalone/deployments/i2b2.war/WEB-INF/conf/axis2.xml` we adjusted the `transport.http.max_connections_per_host` from 2 to 400 for both HTTP and HTTPS connections.

## ACT Scaling on the Hub

### Increased the shrine User Thread Limit to 8192 or more

Increase the shrine user's thread limit from 1024 to 8192 via `> ulimit -u 8192`.

### Increased the Connections Available to shrineDB

In `context.xml`, increase the number of connections available to shrineDB to 1028.

## Fixed Missing Sequence in Oracle Schema

If the hub is using Oracle, add a new sequence for the HUB\_QUERY\_RESULT table's IDs, HUB\_QUERY\_RESULT\_ID. Find the .ddl in <https://repo.open.med.harvard.edu/nexus/content/groups/public/net/shrine/shrine-setup/>