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WhereScape RED 10.6.0.0 Release Update

WhereScape is pleased to announce that WhereScape RED 10.6.0.0 is now available.

This release of RED is compatible with WhereScape 3D 9.0 versions and up.

Note: Before upgrading, review the [Important Messages when Upgrading](#) for more information.

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New Features and Improvements in RED 10.6.0.0

WhereScape presents RED 10.6, a new version of RED. The features implemented in this version are focused on providing an extensible framework for building authentication workflows and providing extended encrypted connection parameters to suit a wider variety of authentication flows.

Extensible Authentication

In this release of RED we have added a new feature enabling Extensible Authentication for Connections in RED. This feature combines connection resilience, authentication scripts and extended RED Profile attributes to create a framework for connecting to systems which require complicated client side authentication workflows not provided directly by their respective ODBC drivers and/or tools.

This feature enables working with authentication workflows such as oAuth 2.0 but also allows a way to pop-out to additional authentication UI's such as for entry of Time-based One-Time Passwords for multi-factor authentication.

This feature is enabled through the following new functionalities of RED for ODBC/Database and Extensible Source Connections:

New Advanced Connect Parameters on Connections

Two new groups under Advanced Connect Parameters have been added to Connections, all of these session-level fields are in-memory only and can be persisted to your RED Profile between sessions.

Advanced Connect Parameters	
Session User Id	
Session Password	
Connection String	
Auth Configuration	
Auth Configuration JSON	{ }
Auth Script Command	
Auth Expires After	0
Auth Tokens	
Token 1	
Token 2	
Token 3	

Auth Configuration

- Auth Configuration JSON - Arbitrary JSON storage of any required authentication attributes for this connection.
- Auth Script Command - When specified this command will be triggered during RED's authentication process to this connection.
- Auth Expires After - Duration in mins after which RED will reconnect at the next opportunity.

Auth Tokens

- Token (1,2,3) - Three new encrypted fields which can be used in connection strings using the token format \$AUTHTKN_[1|2|3]\$ for expansion at runtime. Display names can be adjusted via the RED Profile to suit a particular authentication type.

Scripted Authentication

[Scripted Authentication](#) can be enabled for a connection by providing a command line to run in the 'Auth Script Command' field. This command will be triggered by RED when it needs to authenticate with this connection for the first time and then again whenever the 'Auth Expires After' minutes has been exceeded.

When RED executes the 'Auth Script Command' this is the typical workflow:

1. RED UI
 - a. Save the current RED Profile to disk and provide access to this Profile file and the connection name requiring authentication via environment variables.
 - b. Run the 'Auth Script Command'
2. Authentication Script
 - a. Reads the RED Profile and retrieves any required Connection details from it.
 - b. Perform the required authentication workflow for the connection.
 - c. Updates the RED Profile on disk with refreshed Auth Tokens and other Auth Configuration values as required.
3. RED UI
 - a. Merges the updated RED Profile file back into memory.
 - b. Completes the authentication process for the connection.
 - c. Resets the internal expiry for the connection based on 'Auth Expires After' mins.

Authentication Environment Variables for All Scripts

The Extensible Authentication feature also enables the following new environment variables in RED Scripts, both via Azkaban and RED UI:

- WSL_[META|SRC|TGT]_AUTHCFG - contains the complete JSON structure in the 'Auth Configuration JSON' field.
- WSL_[META|SRC|TGT]_AUTHTKN_[1|2|3] - Sets of three decrypted Token values from the 'Auth Tokens' fields.

The RED Scheduler Profile table has been updated to incorporate these new fields in order to provide these values to Azkaban jobs, these can be maintained via the Scheduler Profile Maintenance script. Scripted Authentication is not supported for Azkaban in this version.

Other Improvements

Performance Improvements

- This release adds new indexes to the RED Metadata to enhance metadata query performance throughout the product.
- Improved the performance of opening object properties on large repositories.

Scheduler Improvements

- Improved publishing of Jobs via Application deployment

Detailed Changes in RED 10.6.0.0

The following changes have been implemented since 10.5.0.0

Improvements

- RED-12352 Updated the `wsl_scheduler_profile_maintenance` script to support the new authentication fields added in 10.6.0.0
- RED-12343 Added Scripted Authentication support to RED UI enabling extensible authentication methods for RED ODBC, Database and Extensible Source Connections
- RED-12320 Improved performance of opening object properties on large repositories.
- RED-12302 Added support to the RED Scheduler Plugin to support the new authentication tokens and connection string expansion added in RED 10.6.0.0, additional fields have been added to `redadmin.ws_scheduler_profile` to securely store these tokens.
- RED-12092 Improved performance of the RED Metadata by adding indexes to support the common metadata join patterns throughout the product.

Fixes

- RED-12361 Fixed an issue where creating deployment applications via the command line was broken in 10.5.0.0
- RED-12347 Fixed a 3D export to RED issue where Named Targets; SQL Server, Oracle and Teradata were unable to be resolved during deployment.
- RED-12328 Fixed a RED Metadata syntax issue which caused update failures during manual alterations of Index Objects in RED, affecting PostgreSQL versions 15+
- RED-12322 Deleting jobs via application deployment will now trigger the scheduler integration script to remove the job from Azkaban.
- RED-12314 The new 'execute-script' method of `scheduler-util.jar` is now thread safe when running in multi-threaded jobs.
- RED-12309 The RED feature in Azkaban to execute a kill script in case of a job being manually aborted now inherits the JRE from the parent process, avoiding the need to have java on the system path.
- RED-12308 Resolved a RED Scheduler Plugin issue where replacements of Extended Properties via the token format `$WSL_EXP_<property_name>$` were not working

- RED-12295 Fixed an issue where Application Deployment of Jobs was not setting the credentials for the Scheduler REST API, causing publishing of deployed jobs to fail.

Important Messages When Upgrading

When Upgrading from previous versions of RED, the RED metadata, Azkaban metadata or both may need upgrading. For RED the requirement to upgrade is enforced at login when there is an application version mismatch, but it is best practice to validate and upgrade the metadata after every RED application upgrade. Refer to the [Upgrading WhereScape RED](#) section of the RED User Guide for more details.

If there are important updates to the Azkaban metadata these will be indicated in the important upgrade messages that follow. Refer to the [Upgrading Azkaban](#) section of the RED User Guide for more details.

Important Messages when upgrading to 10.6.0.0

Upgrades are cumulative, therefore you should read all upgrade messages for each version between your current RED version and this version of RED.

Upgrading RED

RED 10.6.0.0

- This version adds new RED Metadata indexes to improve query performance, these indexes will be applied automatically when missing during upgrades.

RED 10.3.0.0 through to 10.5.0.0

- There are no important messages for upgrading RED to these versions, but please consider the cumulative upgrade messages below when upgrading.

RED 10.2.0.0

10.2 has potentially breaking changes for upgraded repositories; therefore, upgrades should be tested thoroughly before upgrading production environments:

- All ODBC, Database, Extensible Source Connection and Scheduler Configuration credentials have moved to the RED Profile, therefore each user of RED should generate their own local profile file (see the [user guide](#) for details) to continue using RED.
- For new installs, from RED 10.2+, you will find the wsl_scheduler_profile_maintenance host script under your Host Script's in your RED metadata repository (see the [user guide](#) for details). For upgraded repositories you will need to load this script into RED manually from
`<RED_Installation_Directory>\Administrator\Scripts\wsl_scheduler_profile_maintenance.ps1`
- All Azkaban components require upgrading and the encrypted Scheduler profile records added to redadmin.wsl_scheduler_profile (see the [user guide](#) for details) in order for jobs to run.
- Post upgrade it is encouraged to remove all credentials from the metadata since these should now reside in the in-memory session level credentials only. Run the following update on the metadata to achieve this:

Remove credentials after upgrade

-- Remove credentials from Database, ODBC and Extensible Source connections

```
UPDATE red.ws_dbc_connect
```

```
SET dc_extract_userid="", dc_extract_pwd="", dc_admin_userid="", dc_admin_pwd=""
```

```
WHERE dc_type IN ('D','O','Z');
```

-- Remove credentials from Scheduler Configuration

```
UPDATE red.ws_wrk_external_scheduler
```

```
SET wes_dashboard_userid="", wes_dashboard_pwd="", wes_restapi_userid="", wes_restapi_pwd=";
```

RED 10.1.0.0

10.1 has potentially breaking changes for upgraded repositories; therefore, upgrades should be tested thoroughly before upgrading production environments. The potential issues after the upgrade are the following:

- Default Routine Template settings might be lost. For object types other than Load and Export these settings have been moved from target connections to the Object Subtypes. During the metadata upgrade process, the first target-enabled connection found is used to populate the new settings under Object Subtypes. If you have multiple target-enabled connections in your repository, the optimal connection may not be used for the settings transfer. Ensure to check the Object Subtypes maintenance wizard after an upgrade to this version and set any missing/incorrect default routine templates as required. Note: this configuration can be exported from test to production once resolved in test.
- [TABLEOWNER] an \$OBJECT\$ token expansion no longer expands empty schemas to an additional '.' in table names. This means from this release onwards you must specify the actual schema name in target location settings when schema is required on your platform. Ensure to check your target location settings for target connections before upgrading and populate the schema field, if required.

Upgrading Azkaban

Upgrading Azkaban is currently a manual process, please refer to the RED User guide for detailed [upgrade instructions](#).

Azkaban 10.6.0.0

- RED 10.6.0.0 added functionality to enable the new Extensible Authentication fields. The Azkaban Web Server and each Azkaban Executor will need to be upgraded to work with this release.

Azkaban 10.5.0.0

- RED 10.5.0.0 added functionality to remove interactive scheduler jobs after execution. The Azkaban Web Server, each Azkaban Executor and the scheduler integration script wsl_scheduler_publish will need to be upgraded to take advantage of this feature.

Azkaban 10.4.0.0

- RED 10.4.0.0 improves logging from metadata connection resilience so that the actual reason given by the driver is logged when reconnecting. Additionally, improvements have been made to the RED Job Plugin. The Azkaban Web Server and each Azkaban Executor will need to be upgraded to take advantage of these features.
- RED 10.4.0.1 Minor improvements have been made to the RED Job Plugin. Each Azkaban Executor will need to be upgraded to take advantage of these optional fixes.
- RED 10.4.0.2 Minor improvements have been made to the RED Job Plugin. Each Azkaban Executor will need to be upgraded to take advantage of these optional fixes.
- RED 10.4.0.3 Minor improvements have been made to the RED Job Plugin. Each Azkaban Executor will need to be upgraded to take advantage of these optional fixes.

Azkaban 10.3.0.0

- RED 10.3 improves the metadata connection resilience in both the Azkaban Web Server component and RED Job Plugin. Each of the Azkaban metadata, Azkaban Web Server and Azkaban Executors will need to be upgraded to take advantage of these features.

Azkaban 10.2.0.0

- In RED 10.2 Advanced Connect is always enabled and therefore there are new `azkaban.local.properties` fields (and `response.xml` tags) required that support this feature. Any automated installation scripts will need to take into account these new fields. Each of the Azkaban metadata, Azkaban Web Server and Azkaban Executors will need to be upgraded to work with this release.

Azkaban Change history

Change history for Azkaban components requiring upgrades (changes are cumulative):

- 10.6.0.0: Added Extensible Authentication feature affecting the Profile metadata table and script execution.
- 10.5.0.0: Added functionality to remove interactive scheduler jobs after execution.
- 10.4.0.3: Scheduler-util.jar is now thread safe when using generic action processing scripts. Job and task log stats are now updated to RED so that warnings are correctly signalled in the UI.
- 10.4.0.2: Scheduler-util.jar has a new method that allows running RED script objects standalone.
- 10.4.0.1: Standalone Batch\Unix\Linux script support. Fixes for resolving references to Dim View objects.
- 10.4.0.0: Connection resilience logging improvements. Bug fixes for RED Job Plugin. Component upgrades.
- 10.3.0.0: Azkaban/RED metadata connection resilience improvements. Component upgrades.
- 10.2.0.0: New required fields for `azkaban.local.properties` and installer `response.xml` for Advanced Connect. Stand-alone script execution enhancements.
- 10.1.0.1: Log4j components upgraded to log4j2 to resolve logging issues.

- 10.1.0.0: Improvements when cancelling running jobs. Component upgrades.
- 10.0.1.0: Added procedure support and long host names fix.
- 10.0.0.0: First release.

Upgrading Scheduler Integration Scripts

The default scheduler integration scripts are often improved, occasionally these improvements are required to work with a new release. Please refer to the change history below and refer to the RED user guide for detailed [upgrade instructions](#).

Integration Scripts Change History

Change history for integration scripts requiring manual upgrade (changes are cumulative), upgrades are optional unless marked as required:

- 10.6.0.0:
 - wsl_scheduler_profile_maintenance - Required upgrade - Added support for new Extensible Authentication fields.
- 10.5.0.0:
 - wsl_scheduler_publish - Added functionality to remove interactive scheduler jobs after execution.
- 10.4.0.0:
 - wsl_scheduler_publish - Fallback to script run directory when WSL_WORKDIR is not set. Cleanse API URL by removing trailing '/' before using it.
 - wsl_scheduler_lookup - Cleanse API URL by removing trailing '/' before using it.
 - wsl_scheduler_profile_maintenance - Added special row for WSL_SCHEDULER_API entry, improved connection ordering in UI.
- 10.3.0.0: No changes
- 10.2.0.0:
 - wsl_scheduler_publish - Required upgrade - Advanced Connect feature added.
 - wsl_scheduler_lookup - Added version header and removed unused parameters.
 - wsl_scheduler_dashboard - Added version header and removed unused parameters.
 - wsl_scheduler_profile_maintenance - New script for maintaining the scheduler profile.
- 10.0.0.3: wsl_scheduler_publish - Support for republishing when existing job not found. Improved logging.
- 10.0.0.2: wsl_scheduler_publish - Added support for disabled tasks.
- 10.0.0.0: First release.

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