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Chapter 1

Overview

The Thunderstone Parametric Search Appliance is a web walking and indexing device that allows a web site administrator to provide a high quality retrieval interface to collections of HTML and other documents. It is an application of Texis and is written in Texis's Web Script language named Vortex.

It consists primarily of the Texis binary program and two Vortex scripts that are run by the Texis CGI program on the Parametric Search Appliance and are accessed from a web browser.

One script provides the administrative interface, another provides the site walker and indexer, and the third provides the search function that end users see.

1.1 Features

Here are some of its features:

- One or more web sites may be indexed into a single database.
- Multiple databases may be maintained.
- It supports cookies.
- There is support for meta data.
- It supports proxy servers.
- Robots.txt and meta robots are respected.
- It provides a totally customizable search interface.
- It provides a totally customizable site walker/indexer.
- A web site may be copied to the local file system.

There are many more features and options to tailor the Parametric Search Appliance's behavior to your needs.

1.2 Technical Support

Support for the Parametric Search Appliance is available via a searchable web message board. It is located at the following URL:

http://thunderstone.master.com/texis/master/search/msgboard.html

Anyone may read the discussions. To post a question or comment, you must create an account, which is free, and you must be logged in. Also, once you are signed up, you may "subscribe" to periodic email notifications of new postings to the board. You may select hourly, daily, or weekly notification of new postings.

If you subscribe to periodic notifications, and at some point in the future no longer wish to receive them, you may select "subscribe" again to enter the administrative area where you may delete your subscriptions.

Chapter 2

Installation

2.1 How to unpack and install the Parametric Search Appliance

For basic information about unpacking and installing the Parametric Search Appliance, refer to the Getting Started guide. This printed guide was shipped with the Parametric Search Appliance. In addition to the instructions it provides, it includes a sticker that lists important information unique to your Parametric Search Appliance. This information includes the original password and various network addresses.

Ensure that the Parametric Search Appliance is plugged into a UPS or other power conditioner.

Thunderstone is not responsible for damage caused due to environmental problems including, but not limited to, spikes, over/under voltage, outages, static discharge, excessive moisture or condensation, and extreme heat or cold.

Data loss may occur if the Parametric Search Appliance loses power without being shut down gracefully.

The Parametric Search Appliance is shipped with the network configuration specified when ordering. If no network configuration was specified then the Parametric Search Appliance is pre-configured to get its IP information automatically from DHCP. To change the network configuration if properly configured for your network, or to view the IP of the Parametric Search Appliance, you will need to use the console menu or front panel LCD.

2.1.1 Console Menu

To use the console menu you need to attach a keyboard and VGA monitor to the standard ports on the rear of the Parametric Search Appliance. You will see the following menu:

Thunderstone Search Appliance Summary on YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

Thunderstone phone: 216-820-2200 MAC Address : xx:xx:xx:xx:xx

Ethernet 2 : xxxxx : xxxxx

: xxx.xxx.xxx

Index Admin Page : http://xxx.xxx.xxx/texis/dowalk

System Admin Page : https://xxx.xxx.xxx:999

Thunderstone Appliance Setup and Information

- T) Thunderstone information
- N) Network and system information
- S) Setup network
- F) drop Firewall/NAT (Allow all network access)
- A) drop Admin restrictions (HTTPS, IP, Cipher requirements)
- I) dIagnostics
- R) Reboot system
- D) shutDown system
- H) Help
- L) Login (Thunderstone tech support only)

Enter your choice:

Choose an item by entering the letter on the left of the item.

• T) Thunderstone information

will display information about the Parametric Search Appliance software version, license information.

• N) Network and system information

will display information about the network and firewall settings.

• S) Setup network

will prompt for network info and change settings accordingly. Entering "q" for any prompt will abandon changes and return to the menu.

Use DHCP?(y/n/q)

Enter "y" to get IP information automatically from DHCP and not ask further questions. Enter "n" to specify the IP information manually.

- Enter IP address or q:

Enter the IP address in dotted-decimal form: nnn.nnn.nnn

- Enter net mask, blank, or q:

Enter the IP netmask in dotted-decimal form: nnn.nnn.nnn

- Enter gateway, blank, or q:

Enter the network gateway IP address in dotted-decimal form: nnn.nnn.nnn

- Primary nameserver, blank, or q:

Enter the IP of the primary nameserver in dotted-decimal form: nnn.nnn.nnn

- Secondary nameserver, blank, or q:

Leave blank for no secondary nameserver. Or enter the IP of the secondary nameserver in dotted-decimal form: nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn

- Enter hostname, blank, or q:

Enter the host name of the Parametric Search Appliance. Ideally this will match whatever your DNS has for the assigned IP. At the very least it should be a fully qualified name such as "app.mydomain.com" so that email notifications etc. can work. It should never be a single word like "mysearch" as that can delay the boot process.

- Enter DNS Domain Name, blank, or q:

Enter the domain to use on unqualified host names, such "mydomain.com". Or leave blank to prevent unqualified names from resolving.

• F) drop Firewall/NAT (Allow all network access)

will drop all firewall ant NAT rules that you may have setup using the webmin web interface. It will also permanently delete the firewall and NAT configs so they will not come back on upon boot. This is most useful when you've accidentally created a firewall configuration that locks you out of the admin interface.

• A) drop Admin restrictions (HTTPS,IP,Cipher requirements)

will remove all system-wide settings that restrict the web admin interface. This is useful if you've accidentally created a config that locks you out of the admin interface. This is permanent. Any desired restrictions will have to be re-added from the web interface.

• I) dIagnostics

will enter a sub-menu of network diagnostics as follows.

Thunderstone Appliance Diagnostics | YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

- P) Ping
- T) Traceroute
- L) Lookup hostname
- F) Fetch a URL
- S) System view
- R) RAID info
- M) Main menu

Enter your choice:

• Menu items:

P) Ping

will request a hostname or IP and send icmp packets to that host. It will run continuously until you press \hat{C} .

- T) Traceroute

will request a hostname or IP and trace the network route to that host.

- L) Lookup hostname

will request a hostname and, optionally, a name server IP and will lookup the IP for the given hostname on the configured, or given, DNS server.

- F) Fetch a URL

will request a URL and attempt to fetch that URL. It will print out all of the received HTTP/HTTPS headers but not the content. You may also enter a FILE URL of the form the appliance takes to test mounted fileservers. See **Network Filesystems & Shares** (3.3).

- S) System view

will give a self-updating view of the running system showing actively running processes, CPU and memory utilization. Press q to quit.

- R) RAID info

will display the status of the RAID disk array.

- M) Main menu

will return to the main menu.

• R) Reboot system

will stop and restart the Parametric Search Appliance.

• D) shutDown system

will cleanly stop and power down the Parametric Search Appliance.

• H) Help

will show a short help message.

• L) Login (Thunderstone tech support only)

will provide low-level system login for extended troubleshooting. This can only be used by Thunderstone technical support staff.

2.1.2 Front Panel LCD

Most machines, except SBE models, shipped since 2009 have a front panel LCD display and operation buttons. The display can show information about the Parametric Search Appliance's configuration and activity level. It can also be used to change configurations and shutdown or reboot the Parametric Search Appliance.

There are 4 arrows used to scroll through menus and select items. The "check" button is used like a keyboard's "enter" key to finish or confirm choices. The "X" button is used to cancel or back out of a choice.

In the top-right corner of the LCD display there is a heartbeat indicator that should pulse every second. The LCD backlight will dim after a period of inactivity. The LCD backlight will flash when there is a problem reported.

Browse information about the Parametric Search Appliance from the main menu using the up and down arrow buttons. Press the "check" button at any time to return to the main menu. Available information:

- Link Speed and Duplex
- IP Config Type (Static or DHCP)
- Primary Ethernet MAC Address
- Current IP

- Current Gateway IP
- License Serial Number
- License Maintenance Expiration Date
- Current Hits per Day
- Current Documents in Database
- Current Searches per Minute
- Number of Running Walks
- Number of Currently Connected Clients (web browsers)
- Current System Load Average for 1, 5, and 15 Minutes.
- Current Network Usage I/O Rates
- Current Memory Usage
- Current Swap Usage
- Current Disk Space Usage
- Current RAID Status
- Host and Domain Names
- Thunderstone Contact Information

From the main menu adjust configuration of the Parametric Search Appliance using the "check" button. Use up and down arrows to navigate through the choices. An asterisk, "*", will appear at the end of items that have been modified but not applied. At the end of the config list are the options to apply or trash(discard) the changes. Available configs:

• IP configuration method DHCP or Static. Press "check" or left or right arrow to change the value.

• IP Address

Only used if IP method is Static. Press "check" to change the IP. Use up and down arrows to change the digits of each number. Use the left and right arrows to move between digits. Use "X" to cancel your changes. Use "check" to keep your changes and move to the next config.

Netmask

Only used if IP method is Static. Edit the value as with IP Address.

Gateway

Only used if IP method is Static. Edit the value as with IP Address.

• DNS 1

Primary Nameserver. Only used if IP method is Static. Edit the value as with IP Address.

• DNS 2

Secondary Nameserver. Only used if IP method is Static. Edit the value as with IP Address.

• Admin PIN

Set this to non-zero to require this password for making changes via the LCD front panel. Press "check" to change the PIN. Use up and down arrows to change the digits of each position. Use the left and right arrows to move between digits. Use "X" to cancel your changes. Use "check" to keep your changes and move to the next config.

• Drop Firewall

Remove firewall restrictions etc. See same on console menu 2.1.1.

• Drop Restrct

Remove admin restrictions etc. See same on console menu 2.1.1.

• Sys

Shutdown or reboot the system. Use "check" or left and right arrows to select the value. Use up or down arrows to move to another config.

Apply Now

Press "check" to apply changes. Select "No" or "Yes" to confirm then press "check".

• Trash Changes

Press "check" to discard changes. Select "No" or "Yes" to confirm then press "check".

The LCD backlight and heartbeat are also configurable. From the main menu press "X" then "check" to escape to the "Options" menu. Use up and down arrows to select the item to adjust. Use "check" or left and right arrow buttons to cycle through choices. Changes to LCD settings are immediate. Press "X" twice to return to the main menu.

Under normal circumstances the LCD main menu will alternate between

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and

Up/Dn for info Check to config

If the display is not alternating or shows "Cli:0 Scr: 0" then the LCD menu is not functioning properly.

2.2 Customizing the Parametric Search Appliance's Appearance

You may make common changes to the Parametric Search Appliance's search appearance by using **Search Settings** from the administrative interface main menu. You may select color, font, size, results style and order, as well as setting boilerplate HTML to wrap around the search form and results.

Chapter 3

Operation

3.1 Running the Administrative Interface

The Parametric Search Appliance's administrative interface is a web application that you access using your web browser. Access it using http://YOURSERVER/texis/dowalk where YOURSERVER is the name (or IP address) of your Parametric Search Appliance.

When you run the administrative interface you will be asked for the login and password. By default there is one login name. It is admin in all lowercase. If no other accounts have been added, you will not have to enter the name. It will be filled in for you. Your login will be remembered in a cookie until you logout. This way, you don't need to enter the password every time you enter.

Note: If you share your computer with others, or it is available to people who should not be administering the Parametric Search Appliance, then you should logout when you are finished. This will help prevent unauthorized configuration.

The Parametric Search Appliance administrative interface uses JavaScript to enhance its functionality and make it easy to use, but the interface will also work well without JavaScript. No functionality of the Parametric Search Appliance will be lost if JavaScript is turned off in your browser (e.g. to prevent pop-ups on other sites). In this document, the user interface description assumes that JavaScript is enabled.

3.2 First Time Run: Quick Start

Step 1: Create an Account

A password was created by Thunderstone for the default administration account (admin), which you should now enter at the prompt. If for some reason this step did not happen, the first time you run the administrative interface you will be asked to create and enter a password. You should choose a password that is easy for you to remember but hard for someone else to guess, as this is an account that will control administrative access to the Parametric Search Appliance (additional accounts may be created later as needed). You will need to enter the same password twice (two input boxes will be provided) to help check for typing mistakes. Passwords are case sensitive. Once the password is created and Change is pressed,

you will automatically be logged in and taken to the Profiles page to create a profile.

Step 2: Create a Profile

A *profile* is a collection of data (URLs/documents) to be searched, plus the settings that control that search; a profile must be created and walked before searches can occur.

On the Profiles page, a profile may already have been created by Thunderstone if you requested it when ordering. If so, you may click on the profile name and proceed to the last step, searching. Otherwise, create a new profile.

Enter a name for the new profile, and choose a profile type. A Standard profile is just that — a standard profile for crawling — and is usually what you'll want to create, especially for the first profile. A Meta Search profile does not crawl data itself, but merely searches and aggregates results from one or more other profiles; see p. 141 for details. A Parametric profile is like a standard profile, but with parametric fields for enhanced search and facet capabilities customized to your data set; see p. 149 for details. After setting a profile name and type, hit the Create Profile button to create the profile.

If Parametric was chosen as the profile type, and entities have been defined (p. 168), a Select Entities page will appear, where entities to be used with the new profile may be chosen. It is not necessary to choose entities at profile creation, as they may be added or removed later as well (via **Data from Field** rules; see p. 171). However, selecting entities now allows the Parametric Search Appliance to automatically create Parametric Fields and **Data from Field** rules for them, simplifying profile setup.

If Parametric was chosen as the profile type, another page will appear, where Parametric Search fields may be defined for the profile. For example, if there is a <meta name> field in your data called Author, enter Author in the Name column, and select Text for its Type.

It is not necessary to define any fields just to get a profile up and running, and you can still search any <meta> field even without defining Parametric Search fields (though not as flexibly). Later, after you're comfortable with basic operations, you can read chapter 4 (p. 149) for details on Parametric Search fields, and define a new profile with more detailed fields if needed. Hit Create Profile when you are done defining fields. Up to 50 may be defined. the Parametric Search Appliance will automatically create generic **Data from Field** rules for the fields, to populate them; these may be altered later if needed.

A new profile will be created but a site walk/index will not be started yet. You are then presented with the main walk settings page. Use the Base URL setting to specify the starting point of your walk. This is often the homepage of a site, or the sitemap page.

Step 3: Walk the Profile

Once you're satisfied with the URL and extension settings, you may hit the GO or Update and GO button to begin a walk of your site. A walk will be started in the background and you will be taken to the Walk Status page. This page will show you the status of the walk in progress and indicate when the walk is complete. This page will automatically refresh every 10 seconds with the latest progress information until the walk is complete. When the walk is complete you will see a summary of errors.

Last Step: Search

Once the walk is complete, you may click Live Search on the menu at the top of the page. This will take you to the search that users will use. It is also the URL you can place on your web page(s) to send users to the search.

You now have a site index that you can use. There are many options to control the site walk as well as the search interface appearance. They are described in detail elsewhere in this manual. Use the All Walk Settings button on the administration script's menu to see all of the options. Click the question mark (?) next to an item to get help for that item.

3.3 Administrative Interface Overview

The Parametric Search Appliance's administrative menu has the structure given below. Each item is described on the pages that follow.

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Settings
 Basic Walk Settings
 All Walk Settings
 Search Settings
Tools
 List/Edit URLs
 Browse URLs by Folder
 List Duplicates
 Test Fetch
  Test Search
 Query Log
  Catalog Import
 Parametric Field Tools
 Replication Tools
 Results Cache
 SOAP Tools
  Integration Tools
 Best Bet Groups
Status
Search
Profiles
Dashboard
System
  Information
    System Information
    Document Usage Overview
    Log Viewer
    Test Network and Servers
    Task Monitor
 Modules
    Thesaurus
    Entities
    Client Certificates
    Static Content
    DBWalker
    Connectors
    Network Shares
  System Setup
    System Wide Settings
    Update Software
    RAID Array Management
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SSL/HTTPS Certificates
   Webmin System Management
 Backup/Restore Settings
   Backup Appliance Settings
   Restore Appliance Settings
  System Replication
    System Replication Queue
    System Replication Target Status
  Security
   Accounts & Groups
   Access Control Lists
 Advanced Tools
   Extra Downloads
   Upload Thunderstone Updates Manually
    Support Connection
   Repair Tools
      Check Version Upgrade Actions
      Re-output XSL files
      Re-schedule walks
Docs
```

Basic Walk Settings

This is the central area for configuring a walk. The most commonly used walk related options and their settings are presented and they may be changed here. The Basic Walk Settings are a subset of the All Walk Settings. Next to each option is a question mark (?) which, if clicked, takes you to help for that option. The options are documented individually later in this manual in section 3.4.

At the bottom of the page is a set of three buttons. Pressing any of the buttons affects all options on the entire page.

• Update

This button causes all changes on the form to be saved. No walk is started.

If the **Rewalk Schedule** has been changed, the new schedule will go into effect immediately.

If **Categories** have been changed, the walk database will be updated to reflect the new categories. The search interface will reflect the new categories.

If **Single Page**, **Page File**, or **Page URL** has been changed, the listed individual pages will be fetched into the live search database and made available for searching.

If the **Word Definition** or **Text Search Mode** is changed, the search index on the live database will be dropped and recreated. Searches might not work while the index is being rebuilt.

• GO or Update and GO

The GO button will change to Update and GO after you make a change to any setting on the form. The ultimate behavior for either is the same.

The current settings from the form will be saved as is done when you click Update. Then a new walk will be started. The new walk will be performed to either a temporary database or the live database, depending on the setting of Rewalk Type (Section 3.4.15). Then you will be shown the walk status page where you may monitor the progress of the walk.

Changes to Categories or Word Definition will not be reflected until the walk finishes.

• STOP

When a walk is in progress the GO button is replaced by the STOP button. This button terminates the running walk and abandon the work that it has done so far.

• Reset

This button reverts all settings on the page to what they were when the page was first loaded.

All Walk Settings

This is the central area for configuring a walk. This is similar to Basic Walk Settings except that all walk related options and their settings are enumerated and may be changed here. Please see section 3.5 for details on the individual settings.

Search Settings

This page contains all of the settings related to the search interface that end users see when performing searches.

All search options and their settings are enumerated and may be changed here. Next to each option is a question mark (?) which, if clicked, opens help for that option. The options are documented individually later in this manual in section 3.6.

At the bottom of the page is a set of buttons. Pressing any of the buttons affects all options on the entire page.

• Update Test

This button causes all changes on the form to be saved in the set of test settings, which can be tested via the Test Search link on the left side of the interface. It does **not** modify the Live Search settings. This allows you to "try out" settings before applying the changes to your live search users' interface.

• Update Live and Test

This button updates both the Live Search and Test Search settings. Use this either after testing out the settings via Update Test, or for small changes that you don't feel the need to test out and immediately want to make live.

• Copy Live to Test

If you try out changes via Test Search and you decide you don't want them, you can use Copy Live to Test to discard the test changes you've made and revert back to the current Live Search settings.

• Reset

This button reverts all settings on the page to what they were when the page was first loaded.

List/Edit URLs

On this page, you may list or delete all or selected URLs from the database. You should always list before you delete, so you know that you are deleting the correct ones. While listing URLs, you may display all known information about a given page. You may also create categories for selected sets of URLs from this interface.

If a walk is in progress, delete is disabled and you are given the choice of listing URLs from the live search database or the new database being built by the walk.

Select List or Delete from the drop down list. The default is always List for safety.

In the pattern box, enter the URL or pattern for URLs for which you want information. This may be an exact URL or a wildcard pattern, which lists all URLs matching the wildcard pattern. For a wildcard pattern, use asterisk (*) to match anything and question mark (?) to match any single character. You may enter up to 10 different URLs or patterns in the box to find them all at once. Put a space between patterns when entering multiples. Leaving the pattern box blank implies *, and this will cause every URL in the database to be listed. Deletion will be denied if the pattern is blank or *.

Select the order in which you wish to see the list:

Depth URLs encountered first in the walk will be listed first

URLs are ordered alphabetically

Newest first
Oldest first
URLs are ordered by modification date with newest ones first
URLs are ordered by modification date with oldest ones first
URLs are ordered by download size with largest ones first
URLs are ordered by download size with smallest ones first

Then Submit.

All matching URLs will be listed. Clicking on a listed URL opens a page of details about that URL. On that detail page, everything the database knows about that URL is presented. You can also see what pages refer to the selected page by clicking Parents and what pages the selected page refers to by clicking Children. The test link next to the URL can be used to do a live test fetch of the page to find out how the Parametric Search Appliance processes it. See Test Fetch 3.3.

If your pattern matches less than the entire database, you will be given a form from which you can create a category using the same pattern(s). Simply enter the name of the category to create and click Submit. The name is the name that users will see on the search form. This new category will also appear on the main settings page along with the other categories. It will also be immediately available to search users.

If the profile is a meta search, then the profile has no URLs of its own to list. The List/Edit URLs page will instead display links to the list/edit URL pages for each of its target profiles.

Live Search and New Walking Database

These options are presented on the List/Edit URLs page (see 3.3) if a walk is active. They allow you to choose which database to query. The "Live" database is the one from a previous successful walk that is

what search users see. The "New" database is the database currently being built by the new walk. It is not visible to search users.

Browse URLs by Folder

Browse URLs by Folder allows you to view the contents of the profile by folder. You can see the total number of items that exist within a given folder, regardless of which pages link to which other pages.

Clicking on a folder descends into that folder, listing its contents. Clicking on a file takes you to its List/Edit URLs page.

List Duplicates

This section allows you to list all the duplicates of a given page. The URL entered may be the URL that was kept in the walk, or any of the pages that were excluded as a duplicate of pages already in the walk.

If Keep Refs was used in the walk, then all the pages that linked to the duplicate pages will also be listed.

Test Fetch

This allows for testing Parametric Search Appliance fetching of URLs. Be sure to properly encode any entered URL, like space as \$20.

Several processing options are provided to control how much processing to do. Expand the Options link to show and edit these options. Note that most will only be set at the request of Thunderstone tech support. Some options may produce copious messages.

• Full Processing

Perform full processing on the fetched file as if it is being prepared for the search database (execute any relevant Primer URLs before-hand, apply rejection rules to its links, etc). Otherwise only perform the basic download of the page.

• Keep Download

Keep the raw encoded download and decoded data for display. Using this can make the test results page particularly large for large source documents like PDFs etc.

• No redirects

Do not follow redirects. This can be useful to get the full size, content etc. of a page in a redirect chain. When checked, **Max Redirects** (p. 96) is set to 0 for the fetch.

• Trace Settings

Defaults to, and overrides, the **Trace Settings** option (p. 93): a set of zero or more comma-separated "name=value" pairs to generate additional debug/trace messages.

A short summary will be shown followed by various statistics and other information about the page. Most of the information is collapsed (hidden) to reduce page clutter. Click the + next to an item to expand that

item for viewing. Click the – to collapse an item. Use the Collapse all and Expand all links to Collapse all items or expand all items respectively. Use Show empty fields to show all fields even if there was no data for them. That helps one determine that a value is actually missing as opposed to overlooked for display.

Large text fields will be shown in scrollable areas by default to avoid taking over the page. Click the + next to a scrolling area to let it fully expand onto the page. Click the - to confine and expanded field.

Test Search

This hyperlink opens the search interface. It forces the interface to use the search settings listed on the Search Settings page, whether they have been applied to the Live Settings or not. This allows you to test search settings without affecting end users until you are satisfied with the new settings.

This mode also places two extra hyperlinks at the top of the search pages. Back to Administration allows you to return to the Parametric Search Appliance administration interface.

Make this appearance live does that too, but it additionally makes the search settings you are testing "live", so that end users also see the search setting effects.

Query Log

The query log pages provide detailed and summary information about queries. Query logging must be turned on to generate information on the query log pages. If query logging has never been turned on for the current profile, there will be nothing to see. The query log is erased each time the database is rewalked.

The pages are as follows:

- Query Report
- Top Query Words
- Top Queries
- No Hits
- Best Bet Clicks

The query log lists the time that each search occurred, the IP address of the web user performing the search, the number of hits for the search, and the user's query. For result clicks, it displays the query instead of the number of hits and the actual URL instead of the query.

Selecting the Date/Time for a listed query will display a page with complete information about the search. This page includes everything from the summary list, and any non-default parameter settings from the search. A hyperlink is provided so that you may perform the same query as the user.

Note: If the search user is going through a proxy that provides the X-Forwarded-For HTTP header, that forwarded IP will be logged as the search user's IP and the proxy's IP address will be logged as a ForwardedBy value.

Catalog Import

Lets you upload and manage catalog data and import data into the profile. Please see the Catalog Module section for more info (5).

Parametric Field Tools

Parametric Tools lets you work with Parametric Fields of this profile.

Modify Parametric Fields

Modify Parametric Fields allows you add, remove, or rename Parametric Fields in your profile after the profile has been created.

These changes require migrating the data to a new structure, and can be performed immediately or as part of the next crawl. Parametric Field changes that have not yet been migrated can be viewed here, and can be canceled if desired.

List/Edit Enums

The List/Edit Enums page allows examination and editing of Parametric Search Enum fields. (See p. 151 for more on defining Enum fields.)

The List option shows every distinct value of a particular Enum field in the profile, in a table with several columns. The Source Text column is the actual crawled text value. The Display Text column is the text that will be displayed and used in searches; this defaults to the same as the Source Text, but can be edited (via download) if different text is desired. Enum Int is the internal integer value currently used to identify this Enum value in the database. New Enum Int is the new value for Enum Int that will be used at the next new crawl; if empty, no renumbering will occur.

This renumbering is occasionally needed due to the ad-hoc nature of Enum values' assignment. Instead of requiring a fixed, pre-set list of text values to be defined prior to a crawl – and thus being unable to accept new values encountered during a crawl – Enum fields can accumulate new text values dynamically during the crawl. The system will attempt to assign Enum Int integers such that their numerical order matches the alphabetical Source Text order; however, since the data is unlikely to be crawled in Source Text order, a complete alphabetical ordering may not always be possible. At the end of a crawl, this out-of-order situation is checked for, and if detected, a new set of New Enum Int values is generated, to be assigned at the next new crawl. (The renumbering is delayed until new crawl because the *entire* database must be renumbered, which is time consuming and cannot be done atomically.) This situation is similar to the reason a library's Dewey-Decimal book numbers may "bunch up", with a lot of subject terms very close together in a small decimal fraction span: many new subjects may have been added in between an existing pair of subject numbers. In the case of Enum fields however, instead of creating ever-lengthening fractional decimals, the entire set of integers may be renumbered, with proper spacing for new inserts.

The Download option will download the same data shown with the List option, but in Excel CSV format. This allows editing of the Display Text column if desired, i.e. to show a different or "clean" string to users for a particular value. The ordering of Enum values (for Group By Field- ordering, and relational operators search) may also be changed, by editing the New Enum Int column so that its ascending numeric order is the desired value order. (The column may be left empty or 0 if no change in the

integer is desired.) *Note:* The Source Text and Enum Int columns must *not* be changed, so that edited values (for Display Text or New Enum Int) can be properly identified.

The Upload option takes an Excel CSV file – previously downloaded via Download – and applies any edits that were made. Note that new New Enum Int values will only be applied at the next new walk, as the entire database must be renumbered as well.

Replication Tools

Replication Tools allows you to work with replicating data from this profile.

• View Replication Status

Replication Status shows you an overview of the contents of the replication queue. The data is presented grouped by host/profile, and the next items queued are detailed below.

• Send Profile Settings

Send Profile Settings is used when you want to send this profile's configuration to another Appliance, possibly with a different name. If the specified profile doesn't exist on the target machine, it will be created and given this profile's settings. If it already exists, it will have its settings set to this profile's values.

Enter a remote machine and profile name & hit Send Settings to queue up the Send Settings action in the replication queue, which you can view with the previous link.

• Send Profile Data

Send Profile Data allows you send all the current profile's data to an established replication target. This can be useful when adding a new target to existing sender profile, and you need to load the target with existing content but don't want to perform a full walk on the sender.

Select one of the machine/profile pairs listed, and hit Send Data to queue all this profile's content for replication. Please see the Replication Status page describe above to monitor the progress.

Results Cache

The Results Caching profile tool allows management of the results cache for the profile. If enabled (p. 130), the results cache can improve search response time by caching frequently used search results: if a later query is made with the same query string parameters, it may be found in the cache, thereby saving the time needed to run the query again.

On the Results Caching profile tool page, the status of the cache manager is reported (whether it is running, and what process ID). The cache manager runs in the background, deleting old entries and refreshing the cache if requested. The size of the cache table (if it exists) is also shown, both number of entries and size in bytes. Old entries are deleted as per the current Results Caching settings (p. 130).

Several actions can be performed on the cache, if results caching is enabled:

• Clear - Clears the results cache table. All previously cached results will be removed. This can also be used to free up disk space if needed.

- Start Refreshing Mark all entries for refresh. The cache manager will then start refreshing the cache in the background, starting with the highest-priority entries: queries will be re-executed to ensure the cache entries reflect the latest crawl data. This can increase load on the machine, as the cache manager will now be executing queries (though only serially, one at a time). Existing cache entries marked for refresh but not yet actually refreshed are still otherwise valid, i.e. they may still be used to resolve user searches.
- Stop Refreshing Mark all entries as not needing refresh. This will stop the cache manager from executing queries to refresh the cache, and thus may reduce machine load. The manager will still continue to run to expire old entries, etc.
- Import Import cache queries (without results data) from another profile, and mark for refresh. This will copy the results cache from another profile, but since each profile's crawl data is different, the actual search results will not be copied, as they would be invalid. Thus, the entries will not have search data (and cannot service requests), but will be marked for refresh by the cache manager. This option can be used to "prime the pump" when creating a new profile to replace an existing live profile as the default: the existing profile's queries can be copied over and refreshed. When the refresh is complete (indicated by "no entries marked for refresh"), the new profile can be made live, and will already have a largely up-to-date cache.

Caveats: As results caching currently only takes into account the query string to differentiate requests, it should not be enabled under results authorization or other scenarios that utilize additional data (such as cookies or request headers) for search requests. The results cache is stored in the same database as the profile crawl data, so it is deleted and started anew for each New type crawl – just as the crawl data its results are based on starts anew with New type crawls. If a Refresh crawl is done that significantly changes the crawl, the cache should probably be cleared to avoid stale or out-of-date results; alternatively, the **Max Cache Entry Age** setting might be decreased.

SOAP Tools

Soap Tools provides various WSDLs and references for working with Parametric Search Appliance via the SOAP API. Please see the SOAP API section for more details (6.22)

Integration Tools

This page provides tools for integrating the Appliance search interface into your own site. This is related to where you want your search interface to appear, which may be separate from the content that is being indexed.

The Javascript search dropin defines a block of static HTML that can be used to place a search interface for the current profile within any other HTML page.

Copy and paste the HTML code within the gray block into any HTML page, and javascript will place a full search interface within that page. Submitting searches or following links to further search results will stay within that page. Any look and feel customizations applied in the profile will still apply.

Search forms in your own page can use the ThunderstoneForm class, which cause their content to be updated with the search. For example, if a user types in a search for tset and clicks on the Spelling Suggestion test, this will allow the query box to be updated with the now-current query, test.

Note: The Javascript dropin does not support results authorization.

Best Bet Groups

The Best Bets are grouped together. This allows different groups to be shown in different places, and easily rotated in or out. For example, you might have one group of links that you have determined to be the most probable results for a user's query, and another group that includes links you want to promote.

The Group Name is how the group will be identified elsewhere in the administrative interface. This should be chosen to readily remind you of the purpose behind the group.

The Result Type indicates which fields will be shown on the results page. The title and description are entered by the administrator, rather than always being taken from the page.

Status

This page shows the status of the latest walk for the current profile. If a walk is in progress, it is the one reported.

During an active walk, it indicates a summary of how many pages are to be walked in the next hour, how many were walked in the last hour, and the total number of pages. There is a list of the most-recent URLs fetched, with number of errors and duplicates found, followed by a list of the next URLs to be walked. Below that is summary information about the walk itself, including walk start time, starting URLs, and some profile settings. The Walk Status page updates automatically every 10 seconds until the walk is complete or another page is selected. (After 10 minutes of user inactivity it will refresh once a minute to save traffic.)

When no walk is in progress, the report also includes a list of errors and duplicates encountered. If the last walk was abandoned, the report includes information about how far it went, as well as the report from the last complete walk.

Walk Status tabs

If more than one database is available for viewing, tabs will appear at the top of the Walk Status, allowing you to swap between database. This can be caused by a "New" crawl running (allowing you to switch between New Walk Database and Live Search Database), or if a "New" crawl failed and automatically reverted to the previous database (allowing you to switch between Live Search Database and Failed Walk Database).

If more than one walk has been performed, then an Archived Logs tab will be available. This lets you view log files from previous crawls for errors or other unexpected behavior. No database or searchable content from these old walks is retained, only the log files.

Old archived logs are automatically cleaned out if they become too numerous or consume too much space, with the oldest logs removed first.

While a walk is occurring, multiple buttons are available:

• Now button

During the walk the **Refresh display:** Now button may be selected to force a Walk Status display refresh before the 10 second automatic refresh. Note that this only affects the display, not the walk itself.

• Pause/Auto button

The **Refresh display:** Pause button pauses the Walk Status display (prevent the browser from refreshing the display every 10 seconds): this changes the button to Auto which will have the opposite effect (resume the auto-refresh). This is useful when examining the status page in detail, and avoiding being interrupted by the browser auto-refresh. Note that both buttons only affect the display, not the walk itself.

• STOP walk button

The Current run: STOP walk button on the Walk Status page stops the current walk. If the walk type is New, the walk will be abandoned (current live search is left intact and not updated). If the walk type is Refresh, the new pages are always live (since refresh uses one database), but the search indexes are not updated.

• Pause walk and Make live button

The Current run: Pause walk and Make live button pauses the current walk, updates its search indexes for speed, and makes the walk live (i.e. deletes the current live database and replaces it with the current walk). This can be useful if you ran out of disk space while indexing and subsequently freed up some space, or if a long running walk was stopped and you want to use the incomplete walk. If the walk was abandoned due to an error, make sure you resolve the problem before trying to make the new database live.

Search

This hyperlink opens the Parametric Search Appliance search interface as end users see it.

Profiles

This page presents a list of existing profiles. A profile contains the walk and search settings for a collection of pages. The profiles are listed in the order of creation by default; clicking on Name will re-order by profile name. You can click on a profile's name to see and/or change its settings and status or to start a walk.

You can click on Delete next to a profile to delete that profile. You will be asked whether you really want to delete the profile or not.

When a profile is deleted, all of its settings are lost and any walk database it has created is deleted. There is no way to get back any of these items after the profile is deleted. You should not delete a database that is being actively searched.

You may also create a new profile by entering a new name.

You can copy settings from an existing profile to your new profile by selecting its name from the drop down list. This allows you to set up another site similar to an existing one. It allows you to experiment with the walk settings for an existing site, without potentially harming the good walk that is being searched by your users.

Dashboard

The Dashboard gives an overall view of the Parametric Search Appliance's status.

- Total Document Usage Shows the total number of docs used across all profiles.
- Searches / minute Shows how many searches have occurred in the last minute.
- RAM Used Shows how much of the machine's RAM is currently in use, not including caches.
- Disk Used Shows how much of the data partition is in use, where profiles are stored. This is separate from the log partition.
- Maintenance Shows the maintenance status of this the Parametric Search Appliance. Lapsed maintenance can be renewed by contacting Thunderstone.
- Running tasks Shows any currently running background tasks, including walks.

Graphs:

- Load Average Graphs the recent Load Average, which is represents overall how "busy" the Parametric Search Appliance is. Higher numbers can lead to slower response times to searches.
- RAM Used Graphs the recent ram usage, not including caches.
- Network Activity Graphs the recent bytes sent and received per minute by the Parametric Search Appliance.
- Disk Activity Graphs the recent bytes read and written per second by the Parametric Search Appliance.

System

The System section contains various links for maintaining and editing operating-system and overall settings.

System Information

This page provides system information, such as network IP addresses, MAC address, kernel version, load, etc. It also allows killing of processes owned by the texis user, which includes walks.

Document Usage Overview

Document Usage Overview shows how much your combined profiles are using of your purchased license. The total number of results of all profiles are added together, and displayed in a doughnut chart to show which profiles are larger than others.

Log Viewer

This allows you to view, delete, rotate, and email the Parametric Search Appliance logs. It lists every file in the log partition and allows you to manipulate each log individually or many at once. Each item has a check box for selection for mass operations, the date and time of last addition, the size, a link to see the most recent bit of that log, and a list of processes currently using that log. Clicking a column header will sort the list by that column.

There may be multiple versions of each log. The version with no numeric extension (.1, .2, etc.) in the filename is the current log. Those with numeric extensions are older logs. Extension .1 is the most recent old log, .2 is the second most recent, etc.. Logs are automatically rotated once a month or once a day if they exceed 10MB. The need for rotation is checked once a day around 4am. To force a rotation check you can click the Rotate Logs button at the top of the manage logs page. If you see a log file with numeric extension that also has process numbers listed in the In Use By column you'll probably need to reboot the Parametric Search Appliance to free up that log file. That should be a rare occurrence, but has been known to happen.

The log listing is divided into sections. The first, unnamed, section is the system level logs. They contain information about the core operating system of the Parametric Search Appliance. That's where hardware, network, and similar events and problems are logged.

The Apache section contains the usage logs for the Apache web server which is used for HTTPS access to the Parametric Search Appliance, if enabled.

The texis section contains logs related to Texis, the relational database server that is a major technical component of the Parametric Search Appliance. These logs provide detailed information about operational events of Texis.

The webmin section contains usage logs for the Webmin system management interface.

At the bottom of the page is a form which allows you to perform actions on the selected log(s). You may View, Delete, Send, or Download any of the logs. For deleting you will be asked to confirm the deletion before it's carried out so it should be difficult to delete a log by accident. Deleting logs listed as in use may require rebooting to reclaim their disk space.

For viewing, sending, and downloading you can choose how many lines of the log(s) to see and whether to see the newest lines first (reverse chronological order) or natural order with the oldest lines first.

For sending the logs to Thunderstone technical support you should fill in your email address and a ticket number given to you by Thunderstone. Sending the logs via email assumes that your Parametric Search Appliance is configured to send mail to the Internet. It is by default in the simple case but if you have outbound SMTP blocked by your firewall or need to use a mail relay you'll need to configure sendmail using the Webmin interface. An alternative to having the Parametric Search Appliance email the log is to

instead download the log then attach that file to your email to Thunderstone tech support.

Test Network and Servers

This area provides the ability to test the network connectivity of the Parametric Search Appliance and find what web and file server documents look like to it. It is divided into two sections. The first section is for testing Parametric Search Appliance fetching and processing of urls. The second section is for testing the Parametric Search Appliance's general network connectivity.

• Test URL fetch

This is the same functionality as found in Test Fetch in a profile's Tools. Please see its documentation (p. 36) for more detail.

Test Network

There are several network tests available. As many as desired may be done together. Each will be executed in sequence one after the other and the results presented together on one page.

Find IP

Look up an IP address for a given host. Options (correspond to walk DNS Mode settings):

- * Internal Perform the lookup using internal parallelizing routines.
- * System Perform the lookup using standard system routines.

- Ping

Send ping packets to the given hostname or IP address to determine reachability and speed. Check Gateway to ping the configured gateway address. A handful of packets will be sent and statistics about each and a summary of response times and loss will be displayed. Note that not all machines respond to ping and some firewalls block ping. Page fetching may still work even if ping doesn't.

- Traceroute

Trace the network route to the given hostname or IP address to determine reachability and spot possible problem areas. It will display one line for each hop along the network route to the target machine. Asterisks (*) indicate a problem finding the next hop. *Note that some firewalls and routers block traceroute. Page fetching may still work even if traceroute doesn't.*

- Email

Send a small test email to the given email address. This will test the Parametric Search Appliance's email configuration as well as the recipient's ability to receive emails from the Parametric Search Appliance. If the recipient doesn't get the test email look in System \rightarrow Manage Logs \rightarrow maillog' to see if the message was handed off successfully. If it was handed off check the recipient's spam folder.

Task Monitor

Provides an interface to manage the Task Monitor, which is a background/daemon process that automatically handles various Parametric Search Appliance tasks, e.g. updating indexes during settings replication. The queue of pending tasks can be viewed and/or deleted (only if needed by tech support).

Thesaurus

This area allows you to upload one or more custom thesauruses (synonym lists) for use by search profiles. An uploaded thesaurus is compiled and kept on the Parametric Search Appliance. You can download the thesaurus later by clicking on it in the listing.

Each thesaurus may be used by zero or more profiles and should not be deleted if it is in use by a profile. Search options that affect the use of these thesauruses are Synonyms(3.6.68), Main Thesaurus(3.6.69), and Secondary Thesaurus(3.6.70).

See section 6.3 for further details.

Entities

This module allows you to upload dictionaries and patterns for entities. Entities can be used to extract information (such as names, places and people) embedded in document text, rather than specifically tagged as metadata. See p. 168 for details.

Client Certificates

This area allows you to upload one or more client certificates to use while authenticating with HTTPS servers. These are normally not needed unless the remote server requires a client certificate for authorization.

Adding a new certificate requires providing the certificate and key each in PEM format (with the BEGIN PRIVATE KEY/END PRIVATE KEY and BEGIN CERTIFICATE/END CERTIFICATE blocks, respectively).

Client certificates uploaded here can be chosen for use with the Client Certificates profile setting (3.5.66). The same client certificate can be used by multiple profiles.

Static Content

Static Content allows you to upload any files you'd like the Parametric Search Appliance to also host. This can be used to serve images, javascript, or CSS files that are referenced by your XSL-customized search interface.

Note that this is not meant for searchable content, which remains on the original website or file server. This is for images or files used by the search interface, rather than file contents searched by the Parametric Search Appliance.

Content will be available under the /custom/ directory, so if you upload companyLogo.png you can use in your custom search interface.

DBWalker

Configuration for the DBWalker module. Please see the DBWalker section (6.21) for more details.

Connectors

Google Connectors are 3rd party programs that allow you search data from large, complex data data sources (such as Microsoft Sharepoint). There are different connectors for different types of content - Sharepoint, Livelink, File Servers, etc. The connector is installed on a separate server, and the connector machine pulls content from the remote data source, and pushes it into the Parametric Search Appliance.

Manage Google Connectors allows you to specify the location of a Connector Manager that's been installed, using an address like http://otherServer:8080/connector-manager/. You can then instantiate any connectors installed on that Connector Manager, and configure them appropriately (varies by connect).

Connector Managers must be listed in the Appliance's Cluster Members to allow it to push in data. Adding a new Connector Manager automatically adds it to Cluster Members.

For more information on Google Connectors, and to download the Connector Manager and connector packages, please visit http://code.google.com/apis/searchappliance/documentation/connectors/

Parametric Fields

If you have Parametric Fields with names that match metadata fields in the google feed, they will be populated with the data. Some characters in meta names are not valid in Parametric Field names, so invalid characters (things besides letters, numbers, underscore, and dash) are replaced with underscore, and leading underscores are removed.

Here are some example meta names and the appropriate parametric field names they would be stored in:

```
Meta header \rightarrow Parametric field sharepoint:author \rightarrow sharepoint_author _Level \rightarrow Level CAML Query \rightarrow CAML_Query
```

Network Shares

Use this interface to mount remote file server(s) to the Parametric Search Appliance so that it may be indexed into one or more walk profiles.

All created mounts are permanent until manually removed. They will be remounted upon reboot of the Parametric Search Appliance.

To mount a remote filesystem or share select the type from the drop-down list and click Add.

Once a filesystem is mounted, it may be referenced in crawls (e.g. for **Base URL(s)**) with the URL syntax:

file://host/share/

with an optional subdirectory appended. Make sure the host used is exactly the same as specified in the **Network Shares** mount.

NFS filesystems - Unix/Linux/etc. servers

Server: Enter the hostname of the server. CaSe does not matter. (e.g.: nas1.mycompany.com)

Directory: Enter the full path of the directory to mount as it is exported from the server. (e.g.: /documents/internal)

Reliability: Select Hard or Soft. Hard will cause the Parametric Search Appliance to keep retrying the same file forever in the event of an error reaching the server. Soft will allow files to fail if the NFS server can not be reached.

NFS Version: The highest NFS version to use. Leave this at 3 unless you have problems with old NFS servers.

CIFS - Windows 2000+

Server: Enter the hostname of the server. CaSe does not matter. (e.g.: nas1.mycompany.com)

Share: Enter the name of the share as exported by the server. (e.g.: internal)

Login Name: Enter the login name for the account to use to access the files on this share. This should be a user that has permission to read all the files that need to be indexed.

Login Password: Enter the password for the selected login name.

Server IP: Rarely used. If the "Name" of the computer is different than its DNS name it may reject mount requests to the "wrong" name. In that case enter whatever name makes the server happy into the Server field and enter the machine's IP address into this field.

NOTE: When using Windows 2003 server you may need to change a setting on the server to allow mounting from the Parametric Search Appliance. If the share won't mount try setting control panel \rightarrow admin tools \rightarrow domain security policy \rightarrow security settings \rightarrow local policy \rightarrow security options \rightarrow Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (always) to disabled.

SMB - Windows The SMB - Windows mount is an older system, which has been replaced by CIFS - Windows 2000+. If your file server doesn't support CIFS or if you're having problems with CIFS, you can try using SMB instead, which takes the same options as CIFS.

Current mount list

Under the Add form is the list of currently mounts and their status. Each mount has a Remove link to unmount the filesystem and/or remove it from the list. The options for each mount may be clicked to examine or modify the options and remount the filesystem.

If an entry shows as "unmounted" there is a problem with the settings and it is not able to be mounted as is. If it was a transient problem with the server click the options then click "Save changes" without making any changes to retry the mount.

Under the options for each mount is also an example of the minimum Base URL you would enter into a profile to index the files on that filesystem.

The Technical Info link shows some internal details about the mounts that may be helpful to tech support if you have problems.

Note: This feature appeared in scripts version 5.4.11. Prior to that Webmin was the only way to manage remote mounts.

System Wide Settings

This area is for settings that affect the Parametric Search Appliance as a whole and/or may be shared by multiple walk profiles. Please see section 3.7 for documentation on the individual settings.

Update Software

This allows you to manually initiate a check for software updates. It provides a list of available updates, allows you to select which updates to download, and allows you to manually initiate the installation of the downloads.

Refer to Getting Software Updates (6.5) for the procedure to manually perform updates.

If your Parametric Search Appliance has a CD drive, it also allows you to install software updates from a CD.

RAID Array Management

Note: This area only applies to larger models (such as 3000) that include multiple hot-swap disks in a RAID-5 configuration.

Note: The pages in this area may load somewhat slowly as they collect information from the RAID controller.

Overview

Little to no maintenance of the RAID array is required. In the event of a disk failure the hot-spare will automatically take over and the array will be automatically rebuilt. The rebuild process takes several hours. After the array is rebuilt the failed disk will have to be manually removed (no shutdown required) and replaced with a same size or larger disk of the same type. After the disk is replaced it needs to be Added to the array.

Details

The RAID Status page displays a summary of the RAID's state. It's an abbreviated form of the information on the RAID Management page to provide a quick Good/Bad check.

The RAID Management page lists information about the overall RAID array as well as each of the hard disks in the system. Each item starts with a Status and is color-coded to indicate its state. Green is good, red is problem, blue is hot-spare disk, light blue is unused disk, yellow is verifying/testing.

The first line of the Storage table contains information about the overall array with the Use column set to Array. The remaining lines are individual disks, either Member, Spare, or None. Member disks are part of the RAID array. Spare disks are hot-spares that will take over for a failed member disk.

Each item in the Storage table has associated actions that may be taken.

Rebuild An array that is in a non-optimal state may be forced into a rebuild to become optimal again.

Verify Verifies the integrity of the parity information for the array. This is not generally needed as the array is automatically verified periodically as controlled by the hardware BIOS.

Fail Forces an individual disk into a failed state so that it may be replaced. This is not generally needed as failures will be automatically detected.

Remove This removes a hot-spare disk from the array. It then becomes an unassociated disk with a Use of None. All arrays should have a hot spare.

Add This adds an unassociated disk with a Use of None to the array as a hot-spare.

The first number in the Disk: Addr column (everything up to the :) is the disk number which corresponds to labels on the front panel of the Parametric Search Appliance.

Rebuild/Verify Rate

The Rebuild/Verify Rate is how aggressively the RAID will rebuild. A higher rate will rebuild a partially failed array more quickly so that it's in a non-fault-tolerant state for the shortest possible time. The downside of the higher rate is that operations that use the disk such as walks and searches will see slower performance.

Controller

This table shows various model and version information about the RAID controller.

Command

The Command input box should not be used except at the request of Thunderstone technical support. It is for issuing arbitrary commands to the RAID controller. Putting the wrong thing in this field could irrevocably damage the RAID array and render your machine completely unusable! If the "Ok to run this command" checkbox is not also checked anything in the command input will be ignore.

Perform

The Perform button at the bottom will perform all of the actions selected on the form. You must also set "Are you sure you want to perform these actions?" to "Yes" or the actions will not be performed.

Front panel

This provides a rough approximation to the physical front panel of the Parametric Search Appliance. It shows the drive arrangement to aid in locating the proper disk when performing maintenance.

SSL/HTTPS Certificates

This allows you to manage the server certificates provided by the Parametric Search Appliance when serving pages via HTTPS. The admin interface, including Webmin, and search will use the same certificate. By default the Parametric Search Appliance has a self-signed certificate. If you have multiple hosts you may need to regenerate the self-signed certificate before your browser will allow you to access the second host using HTTPS. If you want to use HTTPS for searches you'll want to obtain a secure certificate from a trusted authority so that end users don't get warnings in their browser.

If you're familiar with requesting and obtaining/creating secure certificates and have a key and certificate pair ready to install you can use the Enter a premade Private Key/Certificate pair option at the top of the Manage SSL/HTTPS Server Certificates page. You will be presented with 3 large input boxes where you can paste in your Private key, Certificate, and an optional Intermediate Certificate that may be provided by your certificate authority.

You can generate a self-signed certificate or a CSR that can be provided to a certificate authority to request a secure certificate by filling in the boxes on the Manage SSL/HTTPS Server Certificates page. If you just want a self-signed certificate to use for encryption but don't care about authoritativeness you can check Self sign and enter the number of days you want the certificate to be good for then click the Install Certificate button. If you selected Self sign then you're finished. Otherwise click the Generate CSR button to generate the CSR.

When generating a CSR you will be presented with a block of text beginning with ----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST---- and ending with ----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST----. You need to send everything between, and including, those lines to your certificate authority. The certificate authority may ask what type of server you're using or what format of certificate you need. Tell them you need an Apache compatible certificate.

After the certificate authority has confirmed your CSR they will provide a similar but different block of text bracketed with ----BEGIN CERTIFICATE---- and ----END CERTIFICATE----. Paste that entire block, including the BEGIN and END lines, into the New Certificate box. They may also provide an "Intermediate Certificate" that you would need to paste into the New Intermediate Certificate box. If they don't provide an Intermediate certificate leave the New Intermediate Certificate box empty.

Once you generate a CSR the certificate management page will only present the option of installing the new certificate(s) from that CSR. If you need to regenerate the CSR or want to abandon the old CSR for any reason click the 'Cancel CSR' button on the certificate form.

You can click Download Pending Key to download the private key of the pending CSR, although this is unnecessary when signing a CSR. This can be used if you want to cancel the CSR, but still have the private key around in case you do actually sign that CSR later, and want to upload it as a pre-made cert and key.

If you have set the Parametric Search Appliance to require HTTPS admin and manage to install a certificate that you can't use or somehow prevents HTTPS access you can re-enable HTTP admin by going to the physical console of the Parametric Search Appliance and selecting the drop Admin restrictions (HTTPS, IP, Cipher requirements) option.

Webmin System Management

This area has its own login and allows for control of various low-level system settings. The login is admin using the same password as the admin account in the normal interface. If the password gets out of sync somehow it may be reset by setting the admin password from the Accounts area (3.3).

- Network Configure the IP address, DNS servers, and routing.
- Firewall Restrict access by IP.
- Clock Synchronize the Parametric Search Appliance to your local time.
- Email delivery Configure how to send email for walk notifications etc.
- Shutdown Shut the system down cleanly and power off.

Backup Appliance Settings

This allows you to save all of the current profile and most of the system settings from the Parametric Search Appliance to an XML file on your local workstation. (Mounted filesystems and IP configurations are not currently saved.) This file can be used to aid in cloning Parametric Search Appliances for a cluster and as a backup in the event the machine needs to be restored from scratch.

"System-Wide Settings" includes things not specific to a profile - admin logins, system-wide settings, etc. You can choose to download the settings for all profiles, or for some combination of profiles.

"Internal Settings" includes things that aren't used when restoring, such as currently running Process IDs. This should only be included at the request of Thunderstone Support.

Click Download to save a copy of the current settings to your workstation.

Restore Appliance Settings

Use this option to restore settings that you've previously captured using Save Appliance settings. Missing profiles will be created, and existing profiles will have their settings set to the values contained in the backup.

System Replication Queue

Provides an interface to view and manage the queue for "non-profile" content when using System Replication Settings. Non-profile content is things that do not apply just one profile, such as System Wide Settings.

System Replication Target Status

Allows you to check the status of all the profiles on this sender machine against all System Replication targets at once, indicating which profiles are present and which aren't. It also allows you to create the missing profiles on the targets.

Accounts & Groups

This section provides information to maintain multiple login accounts for access to the Parametric Search Appliance administration. All users are listed on this page. You may add users, delete users, and change individual user passwords. The default user, called admin, may not be deleted.

The Accounts page also allows you to create multiple administrative users. There is no distinction among them after they are created. All users have full administrative permissions, and they may create and delete any user or change any user's password. This is a basic security mechanism meant to keep unauthorized persons from using the web based administrative interface. The purpose of supporting multiple administrative users is that you can create distinct passwords, which you can revoke in the future without needing to change a single global password that all administrators know.

Usernames may only contain letters, numbers, and underscores, they must begin with a letter, and they must be 20 characters or less. Names and passwords are case sensitive.

The passwords are one-way (forward) encrypted. This means that a forgotten password may not be discovered. The only way to deal with a forgotten password is to change the password.

User groups may be created on this page, by clicking the Add a Group link. Existing groups may be edited or deleted with the appropriate links. User groups are used to associate administrative users into similar-privilege groups for easier access control maintenance. See the User Groups section for more details (p. 143).

Access Control Lists

The Access Control page allows configuration of administrative users' access to administrative actions (creating profiles, starting walks etc.). In conjunction with user groups, access control can be used to restrict certain users to only certain actions, instead of allowing all users access to all administrative functions. See the Access Control section for more details (p. 143).

Extra Downloads

Provides links to auxiliary downloads for the Parametric Search Appliance. This includes example programs for interacting with the Parametric Search Appliance.

Upload Thunderstone Updates Manually

Allows you to upload software provided by Thunderstone, for situations where the Parametric Search Appliance isn't able to contact Thunderstone's update server.

Support Connection

Provides an interface to manage support connections to Thunderstone.

The appliance is able to establish a tech support connection to Thunderstone over the internet. This is especially useful for appliances that are not normally visible from the internet. The appliance establishes an encrypted outbound connection to Thunderstone's server (see below) that then allows Thunderstone tech support staff to access the appliance over the encrypted channel.

When starting a connection the user's email address or an existing Thunderstone support ticket number is requested so that the connection can be associated with an existing ticket or a new one created for the given email address. When creating a new ticket also provide a description of why, using the provided form.

Once established a support connection will stay on unless terminated by the appliance admin or Thunderstone. An established connection will be automatically reestablished after a reboot of the appliance.

For the support connection to work the appliance must be able to reach slot.thunderstone.com on port 443 and one of either port 20000 or 80. Note that support connections via port 80 are encrypted despite the common usage of port 80 for unencrypted HTTP.

Note that Thunderstone is not able to initiate a support connection. It must be initiated by an appliance administrator.

If the regular admin interface is not available for some reason the support connection may also be managed using the webmin interface at https://YOUR_APPLIANCE:999/.

Repair Tools

Provides internal verification (and any necessary fixes) of Appliance systems, including actions automatically taken at upgrades.

These are tools are meant to address situations that the Appliance should not normally find itself in Only use at the request of Tech Support.

Check Version Upgrade Actions

There are internal actions automatically performed when the Parametric Search Appliance upgrades between major versions, such as creating new database tables. If something unexpected went wrong in the upgrade process, this section lets you check for and re-apply the upgrade actions. This is usually not needed, and should only be done under the advice of Thunderstone Support.

Re-output XSL files

In the past, when a profile was restored from backup or made as a copy, it was possible for a profile's XSL files on disk to become out of sync with the profile's settings. This has been fixed, but customers that had restored profiles using old software may have profiles in this state.

This tool checks which profiles have XSL settings and files, and will re-write the profile's XSL data to disk if necessary. Not normally needed.

Re-schedule walks

In the past, when a profile was restored from backup, it was not actually scheduled with the profile's rewalk schedule setting. This has been fixed, but customers that had restored profiles using old software may still have profiles in this state.

The Re-schedule walks section confirms that all profiles' schedules match their rewalk schedule settings, and allows the re-application all profile's scheduled settings to the walk scheduler. Not normally needed.

Docs

This provides a hyperlink to the online version of this documentation. It also contains a link to download a PDF version of this documentation.

3.4 Basic Walk Settings

This page contains the settings that are used most commonly. They are available in Basic Walk Settings.

The settings on the Basic Walk Settings page are a subset of the settings on the All Settings page. Use the page that is most convenient for your current task.

3.4.1 Walk Summary

This is informational only. It contains summary information about the most recent walk and recategorizations. The information includes the date and time of the walk, whether the walk was successful, how many pages were indexed, and the number of duplicate pages.

3.4.2 Notes

This is a scratch pad area for the administrator of the profile. It in no way affects the walk or search.

3.4.3 Base URL(s)

Syntax: one or more URLs, one per line

This is the address where the web walker will start walking your site. If the whole site is to be searched, simply enter your web address, for example "http://www.example.com". If the search is to be limited, specify the address to start the search or create a page listing the URLs to search. The search will only return information from your web site - no off-site searching will be done. Directory URLs should include a final forward slash "/". Example - "http://www.example.com/mysite/". If you have a virtual domain that just redirects to another URL, enter the destination URL as your Base URL instead of your virtual domain name.

You may specify multiple base URLs to index multiple sites; the Parametric Search Appliance's idea of a "site" is a single host as identified by the hostname portion of a URL. Therefore http://www.example.com,http://www2.example.com,andhttp://example.com.would all be considered different sites.

In version 4.02.1046373961 Feb 27 2003 and later, the special "protocol" http-post or https-post may be used for a Base URL. This uses the POST method instead of the GET method to fetch the URL, using the query string as POST data (it must be URL-encoded). This can be used to start walking at a login page form that requires POST instead of GET. Note that the URL stored in the html table will have the -post and query string removed for security. During a Refresh walk, when a URL is about to be refreshed, the probable Base URL that led to it (i.e. the one with the longest prefix) will also be fetched. This helps ensure that login cookies are properly restored to allow the Parametric Search Appliance access during the refresh. Example:

"http-post://www.somehost.com/login.asp?user=bigbird&pass=open-sesame"

In version 5, a username and password may be given in the Base URL. Normally, if only one login is required to access the site to be walked, the username and password should be given in the Login Info walk setting. However, if several different logins are required, the additional logins can be specified as user:password@prefixed to the hostname in the Base URL. Note that the user/pass is for WWW Basic Authentication. If your site uses a custom or form-based login, use http-post instead. Example:

"http://MyName:MyPassword@www.myhost.com/login.asp"

See also URL file 3.5.7, URL URL 3.5.8, Single page 3.5.9, Page file 3.5.10, and Page URL 3.5.11 for more ways to specify URLs.

3.4.4 Robots

Syntax: select Yes or No buttons

robots.txt

With this set to Yes, the Parametric Search Appliance will initially get /robots.txt from any site being indexed and respect its directives for what prefixes to ignore. Turning this setting off is not generally recommended. Supported directives in robots.txt include User-agent:, Disallow:, Allow:, Sitemap:, and Crawl-delay:.

Any Sitemap: links in robots.txt will be crawled as well, subject to normal exclusion settings. Sitemaps not in robots.txt may be added via **Base URL(s)** (p. 56) or **URL URL** (p.64).

Meta

Respect the meta tag called robots. With this set to Yes the Parametric Search Appliance will process and respect the robot control information within each retrieved HTML page.

Placeholder

Whether to still put an (empty) entry – a placeholder – in the html search table for URLs that are excluded via <meta name="robots" > tags. Leaving a placeholder improves refresh crawls, as the URL can then have its own individual refresh time like any other stored URL. Without a placeholder, the URL would be fetched every time a link to it is found, because no knowledge that it has been recently fetched would be stored.

The downside to placeholders is that if the URL is also being searched in queries -i.e. Url is part of **Index Fields** – then the excluded URL might be found in results. Placeholders have empty text fields (e.g. no body, meta, etc.) to avoid matches on text, but the URL field must remain.

See also Robots.txt 6.6.

3.4.5 Allow Extensions

Syntax: one or more file extensions separated by space

A list of the URL path extensions that the walker will accept. The default list is empty, and indicates that all extensions are allowed. Include the "." in each listed extension. Case is always ignored. URLs with no extension are always allowed.

E.g. to accept MS-Word documents, add .doc to the list. Note that if the list is non-empty, any extensions not listed will not be walked.

A few other potentially useful extensions:

- .asp
- .cfm
- .jsp
- .shtml
- .jhtml
- .phtml

3.4.6 All Extensions

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Retrieve all files instead of only those listed in Allow Extensions. This turns off checking of URL extensions. All URLs will be retrieved regardless of the extension (including images and such files).

3.4.7 Exclude Extensions

Syntax: zero or more file extensions separated by space

A list of URL path extensions that the walker will reject. The default is empty, i.e. no extensions will be rejected. Include the "." in each extension. Case is always ignored.

3.4.8 Exclusions

Syntax: zero or more strings, each on a separate line

Excludes URLs containing any of the specified literal strings anywhere in the URL (hostname, path, or query).

See also Exclusion REX 3.5.19 and Exclusion prefix 3.5.20 for more ways to exclude URLs.

3.4.9 Walk Delay

Syntax: a decimal number from 0 to 10

Causes the Parametric Search Appliance to wait the specified number of seconds between page fetches. Normally set this to 0, and the Parametric Search Appliance will fetch and process pages as quickly as it can. Increase the **Walk Delay** if the web server cannot handle being hit rapidly. Increasing this value forces the walk to take at least the following number of seconds to complete: the **Walk Delay** number times the number of pages on the site.

Decimal numbers may be specified - 0.1 will cause it to walk no more than 10 pages per second, etc.

Note: Using a delay larger than 0 forces **Threads** (3.4.10) to 1 to avoid possible fetch timeouts. Thus a non-zero delay defeats the advantage of multiple threads. Also note that if **Robots robots.txt** is Y, then a Crawl-delay value in a site's robots.txt will override this setting.

3.4.10 Parallelism

Syntax: whole numbers from 1 up

Threads

This is the maximum number of simultaneous page fetching threads to allow against each site. Setting Threads higher than 5 is probably not very helpful, unless you have many "Single Pages" that are on various hosts.

Servers

This is the maximum number of different web servers to walk simultaneously. Setting this too high can stress your memory, cpu, and network.

3.4.11 Verbosity

Syntax: whole number from 0 through 4

Sets how much information the walker should provide about what it's doing. The default verbosity level is 2. The values are described in the following table.

Table 3.1: Verbosity Levels

Level	Description
0	Issue no messages except errors
1	Display starting point URLs
2	Display selected setting info
3	List URLs found in URL files
4	Indicate why URLs are rejected

The levels are cumulative. In other words, each level includes the previous levels.

Warning: at Verbosity 4, full Primer URLs will be printed to the Walk Status Log. If you use Primer URLs that contain credentials that you don't want other the Parametric Search Appliance administrators to see, you will need to restrict access to the Walk Status, in addition to the Primer URL, when using Verbosity 4.

3.4.12 Disable Walks

When set to Y, no walk will launch for this profile for any reason (manually run, schedule, etc). Note that even if set to N, walks may still be globally disabled if the System Wide Setting Disable All Walks is set.

This can be useful with profiles that should be dataload-only, or for profiles that want to guarantee their content won't change.

3.4.13 Catalog Auto-Import

The catalog module is available separately for the Parametric Search Appliance, please contact Thunderstone for details.

When set to Y, catalog files uploaded to the Parametric Search Appliance will automatically be imported. A file-to-profile mapping must already be created for files to auto-import (see "Importing Files", p. 162). Files that are auto-imported are deleted after they are processed.

Multiple files can be handled in the same import, as determined by the Auto-Import Delay setting.

3.4.14 Auto-Import Delay

The catalog module is available separately for the Parametric Search Appliance, please contact Thunderstone for details.

Syntax: seconds to wait

If Catalog Auto-Import=N, this setting has no effect.

When using Catalog Auto-Import, the import will wait for this many seconds of file inactivity before starting the actual import. This helps prevent the Parametric Search Appliance from improperly importing uploaded files while the user is still uploading more files that are part of the same single dataset.

For example, if the Parametric Search Appliance sees new files to process and the most recent file was placed 25 seconds ago, it will wait an additional 35 seconds before starting the import (assuming the default Auto-Import Delay of 60). If any new files appear in the meantime, it will wait an additional 60 seconds after THOSE files appeared before starting an import.

This value should be set larger than you ever expect it to take to upload a single file.

3.4.15 Rewalk Type

Syntax: select from drop down box

This determines how rewalks are performed.

New

The type New creates a new database and does a complete walk of everything, starting with the Base URLs. A New walk does not disturb the existing database.

Refresh

The default rewalk type Refresh updates the existing database, and only downloads files that have been modified or created since the last walk. Pages that are no longer present on the server are removed from the database.

Here are other considerations for using Refresh. Pages that were referenced but were missing in the initial walk (the walk prior to the Refresh), but were added after the initial walk, will be missed by Refresh if their parent page has not been modified. If you change your settings to be more inclusive (i.e. add extensions, ignore robots, add domains, etc.), you should do a New walk once, because a Refresh is not likely to find the newly allowed data, unless all of the pages leading to this data have been modified.

If more than 30%-50% of your site changes between walks you may be better off using a New walk instead of Refresh. Also, many dynamic content generators do not give modified dates which will cause every page to be rewalked. In that case you should use New instead of Refresh.

Refresh in version 5 vs. 4

In the Parametric Search Appliance version 4 and earlier, the refresh walk checked every page in the database to determine whether it needed updating. Since only changed pages need updating, and those are

typically a small percentage of the site, checking for changed pages is faster than doing a complete new walk. However, it is still time-consuming, because the web server must be accessed for every page on the site, and only the web server can inform the Parametric Search Appliance whether the page has changed.

In the Parametric Search Appliance version 5 and later, there is an improved refresh process. The walk is adapted to focus on the small but important group of changing pages. As each page is walked, a refresh period is calculated for that individual page. The calculation is based on whether the page has changed since the last time it was fetched, and how long ago that fetch was. This refresh information is used to determine when the page should be checked again. In this way, the walk prioritizes the walking of pages that change often or are new, and it delays the fetch of pages that seldom change.

Thus, when a walk (scheduled or manual) takes place, only the pages that need to be refreshed now are actually fetched – not the entire database. The result is a database that is updated by a process that consumes fewer server resources.

Rewalk Type Summary Table

The following table summarizes the trade-offs for the new and refresh rewalk types.

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
New	Guarantees most accurate representation	Uses more bandwidth and temporary disk
	of current site.	space.
	Does not disturb live search database.	Longer time before site changes are re-
		flected in live search.
Refresh	Faster.	Could get out of sync with actual site un-
	Uses less bandwidth and temporary disk	der rare circumstances. A lot of changed pages could substan-
	space. Site changes are reflected in live search	tially slow searches during the walk. Works
	much sooner.	best with If-Modified-Since sup-
		port on walked web server.

3.4.16 Rewalk Schedule

Syntax: select from drop down boxes

This performs a rewalk on the schedule specified. The rewalk action is the same as the one that can be started manually by clicking the GO button. The Frequency defines how often to automatically rewalk. The Hour defines which hour to start the rewalk for daily or weekly runs.

You can define multiple walk schedules for the same profile by clicking the Add More Schedules link. This gives you more granular control in setting schedules. For example, instead of choosing between once a day and once an hour, you can have a walk launch 3 times a day by making the 3 schedules

- Daily at 8AM
- Daily at 12PM

• Daily at 4PM

To remove a schedule, set its Frequency to -None-.

See also Notify 3.5.2. If you are using "On Change" see also Watch URL 3.5.1.

3.4.17 Action Buttons

These buttons tell the Parametric Search Appliance to do something now. Only the buttons applicable to the current status are displayed. The buttons are as follows:

- Update: Save the current settings for future use but don't begin a walk.
- GO: Begin a walk using the current settings.
- Update and GO: Save the current settings then begin a walk using those settings.
- STOP: Stop and abandon the walk that is currently running.

See the Walk Settings section (3.3) for details about the operation of these buttons.

3.5 Advanced Walk Settings

These are the advanced settings that are used less commonly than the settings available in Basic Settings. The advanced settings are available in All Walk Settings.

3.5.1 Watch URL

Syntax: an HTTP URL

The URL specified here will be refreshed every time that The Parametric Search Appliance starts a refresh walk. This can be used if you have a page that lists new documents that are added to the site as it will ensure that the links are found as soon as possible.

3.5.2 Notify

Syntax: an email address

If this is set, a summary report will be sent to the supplied email address when a scheduled rewalk or catalog import occurs.

3.5.3 Attach Logs

This selects the log files to attach to the walk notification. The log files and walk errors are for the period of the refresh walk, and are sent as tab separated files that can be opened with programs such as Excel for further processing.

If the query log is attached it will be cleared after being emailed. This is an alternative to separate query log rotation and emailing and is particularly useful when using mode new for rewalks and you don't want to lose the query log. See also Rotate Schedule (section 3.6.3).

3.5.4 Categories

Syntax: textual name and URL pattern pairs, additional input boxes will appear as you fill the ones provided

The Parametric Search Appliance can create searchable sub-categories that will appear in a drop down box on the Search page. Enter the name of the category on the left, and its corresponding URL pattern on the right. URL patterns may contain asterisk (*) to indicate "anything" and question mark (?) to indicate any single character. There may be more than one pattern for each category. Separate multiple patterns with space. The following table provides an example.

Table 3.2: Example Categories

Category	URL Pattern
Demonstrations	http://www.example.com/demos/*
Manuals	http://www.example.com/manual/*
Books	http://www.example.com/a1/* http://example.com/b3/*

This example would create a category named Demonstrations which would only search the URL http://www.example.com/demos/ and any files under this directory, thereby creating a more concise match to the user's search. The same is true for Manuals. However, the Books category would include pages from both the /al and /b3 directories. The user would now have the option to search within just these categories or the entire database. The pattern should *not* be a single page unless you want a category with just that single page in it (e.g. http://www.example.com/manual/index.html or http://www.example.com/manual/ would generally be incorrect). It should typically be a prefix for a directory that has multiple pages within it, followed by an asterisk (*).

For best search performance, categories that overlap one another -i.e. contain pages in common - should be listed most-commonly-searched first.

Note: **URL Patterns** will not be used to determine categories if any **Data From Field** rules set Category. Please see the **Data from Field** settings (p. 70) for more details.

3.5.5 Categories Type

Syntax: radio button choice

The Categories Type setting sets what type of categories are being used, and how to optimize category

searches. It set to one of:

• Auto-detect

Automatically detect what kind of category is being used on a per-category basis, and optimize searches accordingly. This lets non-overlapping categories (i.e. those whose pages do not occur in any other category) be searched fastest, while still supporting overlapping categories as fast as possible. This is the default mode.

• Overlapping

Assume that any category might overlap another. Category searches will be slower than with the other modes. This mode was used before the **Categories Type** setting existed. It can be set as a fallback if the cached overlap data is believed to be incorrect for some reason, e.g. category searches are wrong.

• Non-overlapping

Assume that no category overlaps another. All category searches will be as fast as the fastest Auto-detect mode search, but searches for overlapping categories may not show all results. This mode can be set to force higher-performance searches at the potential expense of accuracy.

For best search performance, categories that overlap one another – i.e. contain pages in common – should be listed most-commonly-searched first in the **Categories** setting list. Also, the CatnoLowest field should be selected as one of the **Compound Index Fields** (p. 82. These guidelines will allow the Auto-detect mode to optimize the most searches to the fastest possible speed.

3.5.6 DBWalker

Here you can select one more more database walking configurations to include in this profile. This can be done in addition to specifying any Base URLs (section 3.4.3). To select multiple configurations, hold Ctrl while clicking in the select box.

For more information on the database walker module, please see the **DBWalker** (6.21, pg. 200) of the manual.

3.5.7 URL File

Syntax: the full path to a file on the web server's disk

This allows you to specify a file containing a list of site URLs to walk. This is an additional way of specifying more Base URLs 3.4.3. This file will be reread each time a rewalk is started. In the file, the list of URLs can be one URL per line (preferred) or delimited by any number of spaces.

3.5.8 URL URL

Syntax: an HTTP URL to a plain text file (not HTML)

This allows you to specify the URL of a plain text file containing a list of site URLs to walk. This is an additional way of specifying more Base URLs 3.4.3. This URL will be refetched each time a rewalk is

started. In the file, the list of URLs can be one URL per line (preferred) or delimited by any number of spaces.

Warning: Due to the nature of Stay Under, a large number of URL URLs (1000+) in different directories will cause the walk to progress very slowly, as all URLs encountered will need to be checked against every one of those directories. In such a situation, we recommend turning off Stay Under and instead writing your own Required Prefix/Required REX expressions, which will be more efficient.

3.5.9 Single Page

Syntax: one or more URLs, one per line

Here you may specify URLs for individual pages to include in the index. These pages are fetched and stored in the database like others but the hyperlinks on them are not followed during a walk.

If you change this and click "Update" instead of "GO" the added pages will be fetched immediately and added to the existing database. Pages removed from the list will *not* be removed from the database until the next rewalk.

Note that since this setting is intended for "one-off" individual URLs, robots.txt will not be fetched for these pages.

3.5.10 Page File

Syntax: the full path to a file on the web server's disk

This may be used to specify a file containing URLs for individual pages.

If you change this and click "Update" instead of "GO" the added pages will be fetched immediately and added to the existing database. The file itself is not checked for changes, and pages removed from the file will NOT be removed from the database until the next rewalk. In the file, the list of URLs can be one URL per line (preferred) or delimited by any number of spaces.

See also Single page 3.5.9.

3.5.11 Page URL

Syntax: an HTTP URL to a plain text file (*not* HTML)

This may be used to specify the URL for a plain text file containing URLs for individual pages. In the file, the list of URLs can be one URL per line (preferred) or delimited by any number of spaces.

If you change this and click "Update" instead of "GO" the added pages will be fetched immediately and added to the existing database. The file itself is not checked for changes, and pages removed from the file will NOT be removed from the database until the next rewalk.

See also Single page 3.5.9.

3.5.12 Strip Queries

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Strip query strings from all URLs. Some URLs have query strings on the end indicated by a question mark (?). With this option set to Yes, all query strings are removed from URLs before they are processed or retrieved.

3.5.13 Keep Query Vars

Syntax: comma-separated list of query variable names

If set, the Parametric Search Appliance will remove all but the these query variables when walking URLs. This can be useful when you know only a few select query variables are important, and others may appear but are irrelevant.

All the named variables are not required to be present, they are simply the ones that will be let through.

For example, setting Keep Query Vars to id, type will turn the URL

```
http://www.example.com//page.aspx?state=A3N4&id=432&printit=Y into
```

http://www.example.com//page.aspx?id=432

3.5.14 Ignore Query Vars

Syntax: comma-separated list of query variable names

If set, the Parametric Search Appliance will remove these query variables when walking URLs. This can be useful when you can establish a few irrelevant query variables, but anything else would be significant.

URLs with these query variables do not cause any kind of error, they simply have the variables stripped out and continue processing normally.

For example, setting Ignore Query Vars to printit will turn the URL

```
http://www.example.com//page.aspx?state=A3N4&id=432&printit=Y into
```

http://www.example.com//page.aspx?state=A3N4&id=432

3.5.15 Ignore Case

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This tells the Parametric Search Appliance whether to ignore case in URLs or not. The case of protocols and hostnames is always ignored but the case of paths and filenames is respected normally (if **Ignore Case**

is N). Some web servers do not respect case, and the same file might thus be properly linked with differently-cased-paths URLs. In such cases **Ignore Case** Y will treat differently-cased-paths URLs as the same URL (but will preserve the case of the first variant found).

3.5.16 Extra Domains

Syntax: one or more domain names separated by space or line break

Allow walk to fetch pages from any host in the specified domain(s). Any URL (of any protocol) with a hostname ending in any of the specified domains will be accepted.

E.g. given **Base URLs** of http://www.example.com/ and **Extra Domains** othersite.com, the Parametric Search Appliance will walk all of www.example.com, as well as any URLs referring to any machine in othersite.com or its sub-domains (e.g. docs.othersite.com).

This option is not a "restricter" but an "enabler". All hosts specified will be walked and any others that match the given domain(s) will also be walked.

Note: This option does not *direct* the walk to web servers in the specified domains, like putting them in **Base URLs** would. It simply *allows* walking them -if a reference to them is encountered via walking the existing **Base URLs** etc. Thus if no links to **Extra Domains** are encountered, none will be walked.

3.5.17 Extra Networks

Syntax: one or more IP address prefixes separated by space or line break

Allow walk to fetch pages from any host within the network specified by the numeric IP address(es).

e.g.: Given a base URL of http://www.example.com/ and extra network 192.0.2 the Parametric Search Appliance will walk all of www.example.com and any URLs referring to any machine having an IP address prefix matching 192.0.2.

Note: This option does NOT direct the walk to completely index every web server in the specified network. It simply allows walking them if a reference to them is encountered.

Note: Using this option has the potential to slow the walk, because every URL's hostname must be looked up. If there are many different off-site hosts, or your DNS is slow, the walk may be slowed substantially.

3.5.18 Extra URLs REX

Syntax: zero or more regular expressions (REX), separated by space or line break

Restricts walks to fetch URLs only matching any of the specified regular expressions anywhere in the URL (hostname, path, or query) when the Base URL matches.

If a Base URL is matched by an Extra URLs REX, then the only URLs that match the Extra URLs REX will be walked on that host. If a Base URL does not match an Extra URLs REX, then it is walked as normal.

It is a rarely used setting, most commonly used in conjunction with a hostname to fetch matching URLs on

an additional host. Links still need to be found to those pages for them to be indexed.

For example, with the following Extra URLs REX:

```
>>=http://products\.example\.com=!supplierid+supplierid\=BigCo
```

(which matches a URL that begins with products.example.com and contains supplierid=BigCo), and using the following Base URLs:

```
http://products.example.com/listProducts.aspx?supplierid=BigCo
http://help.example.com/index.aspx
```

The Extra URLs REX matches the products.example.com URL, so only pages with supplier=BigCo will be walked, while all of help.example.com will be walked (following other inclusion/exclusion rules).

Available from version 4.3.9.

See also Extra Domains, p. 67.

3.5.19 Exclusion REX

Syntax: zero or more regular expressions (REX), each on a separate line

Excludes URLs matching any of the specified regular expressions anywhere in the URL (hostname, path, or query).

Table 3.3: Exclusion REX examples

REX	Matches
/scratch[0-9]/	a subdirectory named scratch followed by a single digit
[^\alnum]test[^\alnum]	the word test (but not retest or tester etc.)

See also Exclusions 3.4.8, Exclusion prefix 3.5.20 and Exclude by Field 3.5.22.

3.5.20 Exclusion Prefix

Syntax: zero or more URL prefixes, each on a separate line

Excludes URLs beginning with any of the specified prefixes. The entire URL (hostname, path, and query) is used for comparison.

Examples:

```
http://www.example.com/scratch0/
http://www.example.com/scratch1/
http://www.example.com/books/t
```

See also Exclusions 3.4.8, Exclusion REX 3.5.19 and Exclude by Field 3.5.22.

3.5.21 RSS Feeds

Syntax: select from options

RSS Feeds determines the behavior taken when a RSS or Atom feed is encountered during a walk, either by directly linking or an embedded <link rel="alternate">.

- Follow Links Only (*default*) Links listed in the feed are followed, but the text content feed itself is not indexed.
- Index Content and Follow Links Links listed in the feed are followed, and the feed itself is considered searchable content. The title and description of the feed are indexed, as well as the titles of the entries in the feed.

3.5.22 Exclude by Field

Syntax: Metamorph query, field to search, what to exclude

This provides more flexible control of what to exclude and how to exclude it. One exclusion per row of controls may be entered; new blank rows will be provided as rows are used. The Metamorph Query column is where a Metamorph query (i.e. a typical search on the Parametric Search Appliance) is entered: e.g. several keywords or a regular expression. The Field and Meta Field columns determine what the Metamorph Query searches: if Meta Field is non-blank, that named meta field is searched, otherwise the field selected in Field is searched. The Exclude column controls the action for pages that match the query: Pages and links indicates that both the matching page and its links are to be excluded; Pages only indicates that the matching page is to be excluded but its links are still followed – this is useful for excluding navigation-only pages; Links only indicates that the page is still included but its links are excluded.

See also Exclusions 3.4.8 and Exclusion REX 3.5.19.

3.5.23 Entity Source Fields

Syntax: checkboxes to choose fields

This setting controls which source fields to search for entities (p. 168) during the crawl. Any combination of the following fields may be selected:

- URL Decoded: The URL, with %-encodings decoded.
- Body: The formatted text body of the document.

The default is to search both URL Decoded and Body for entities.

3.5.24 Data from Field

Syntax: REX expression, Replace expression, field to search, where to store it

This provides alternate means of setting both the HTML fields (Modify Date, Title, Description) and any Parametric Fields. It allows getting page information from non-default places by searching and optionally replacing the data. New blank rows will be provided as rows are used. See below for examples.

REX Search - Allows you to specify a REX expression to narrow down what contents of the From Field will be used. Leave it empty to use the entire field.

Note that a REX Search MUST be specified for the following From field types:

- HTML
- HTML, raw output
- Text

You can specify they entire field for these by using . + as the REX Search.

Replace - Replace can be used to specify a subset of the value to be stored in the To field (or subset of the match, if you're using REX Search. It uses sandr replacement string syntax.

From Field - specifies what the source field is for the data.

- HTML the raw HTML source of the page. After matching, HTML tags are removed and HTML entities are resolved.
- HTML, raw output the raw HTML source of the page. Content is left as-is, with tags in place.
- Text the text of the page, after HTML rendering has been applied.
- Title the HTML title of the page
- All Meta the contents of all meta headers specified in the HTML page.
- Meta Field -> the contents of a specific meta field, specified in the next input box, **From Meta Field**.
- Keywords the contents of the keywords meta header.
- Description the contents of the description meta header.
- Mime Type the MIME type of the page. This may have been derived from the Content-Type header, a <META HTTP-EQUIV> tag, or the URL extension, depending on what is available.
- URL the URL of the page.
- URL Decoded the decoded version of the URL. Any %XX 'URL-safe' sequences in the URL are replaced with their real characters. E.g. Pre%20%2D%20Expense%20Report.doc is decoded into Pre Expense Report.doc.

- URL Protocol the URL's protocol, e.g. http.
- URL Host the host (without port number) from the URL.
- URL Host and Port the host (and port number if given) from the URL.
- URL Path the file path from the URL.
- URL Path Decoded the file path from the URL, URL-decoded.
- URL Anchor the anchor from the URL (if any), i.e. the part after the # (pound sign). May not be available if already stripped.
- URL Query the query string from the URL (if any), i.e. the part after the ? (question mark).
- URL Query Var -> the value of the URL query-string variable named in **From Meta Field**, URL-decoded.

From Meta Field - If Meta Field -> or URL Query Var -> is given as the **From Field**, this field is used to specify which meta field's or query var's contents to use as data. Leave blank otherwise.

Entering text in this field will force the use of Meta Field ->, if From Field is set to anything besides Meta Field or URL Query Var.

To Field - specifies where information should be stored.

- Modified Date, Title, Description, Keywords, Depth, and Body Override the standard fields extracted from the content.
- Authorization URL Populates the URL used when checking this result for Results Authorization. Please see the Allow Authorization URL section (3.6.61) for more details.
- Category To populate the category via Data From Field, all the possible category names must be entered in the Category setting. Using one or more Data From Field rules to set Category will cause the Appliance to ignore the Categories' URL Patterns and instead set category membership based on these Data From Field rules.
 - Note: due to the way categories are stored, if categories are added, reordered, or removed after content has been walked, then a New walk will need to be performed to update the content's categories. Renaming categories does not need a rewalk.
- Subfetch This causes the Parametric Search Appliance to take the value(s) it finds and performs a fetch as URL(s). The URL can be absolute, or relative to the current URL.
 - Nothing is changed by the subfetch, but any further Data From Field rules will use that fetched document(s) as the source of its content. Please see the Subfetch example below for a situation where this could be used.
- Parametric Fields If this profile has any Parametric Fields, they will be available as a target To Field.

Append - If set to Y, then the Data From Field content will be appended to the field's existing data instead of overwriting it. Date-type targets, such as Modify Date, do not support Append.

Data From Field Example - Using Description for Title

If there's a site that uses the same HTML title for every page but has a nice description, you can use the following settings to store the description in the title field (in addition to the description field).

REX Search - (Empty)
Replace - (Empty)
From Field - Description
From Meta Field - (Empty)
To Field - Title

Data From Field Example - using PublishDate for Modified Date

If you're walking a site of articles that specify a PublishDate meta field for every page, you can use that field's value instead of the normal Modified Date.

REX Search - (Empty)
Replace - (Empty)
From Field - Meta Field ->
From Meta Field - PublishDate
To Field - Modified Date

Data From Field Example - grabbing Price from meta

If the site your walking defines a meta header on each page containing a price, it's possible to store that numeric data in a Parametric Field for searching. Assuming you've already defined a Parametric Field called Price, the following settings would save that meta field in the Parametric Field.

REX Search - (Empty)
Replace - (Empty)
From Field - Meta Field ->
From Meta Field - Price
To Field - Price

Data From Field Example - grabbing Price from Text

The target site might not be organized enough to stick the Price value in a meta header. If every page contains text in the format Price: \$19.95, Data From Field can key in on that.

```
REX Search - Price:=\space+\$\P=[0-9\.]+
Replace - (Empty)
From Field - Text
From Meta Field - (Empty)
To Field - Price
```

Notice that we use the field Text as the source, not HTML. By operating on the formatted text instead of the

raw HTML source, it allows proper operation even if the HTML source uses things like Price:

Price:

\$19.95</br/>
/td>.

Data From Field Example - Subfetch to use PDF contents for a Web Page

Subfetches allow you to use content from other URLs to populate the current URL's record. We may have a site about articles, where each article has a web page describing the article, and a link to a PDF of the actual article. We'd like searches that match article contents to take us to the web page, not the article PDF itself.

If the web page has a meta header called "pdfLink" with a URL to the article PDF, we can use the body of the PDF as a replacement for the web page's body with two **Data from Field** rules like this:

REX Search - (Empty)
Replace - (Empty)
From Field - Meta Field ->
From Meta Field - pdfLink
To Field - Subfetch
REX Search - . +
Replace - (Empty)
From Field - Text
From Meta Field - (Empty)
To Field - Body

The Subfetch **Data from Field** rule fetches the URL specified in the pdfLink header. While this grabs the PDF, it doesn't change anything on its own. We then pull from the PDF's text output, and use that as the Body of the current web page.

3.5.25 Required REX

Syntax: zero or more REX expressions, each on a separate line

If specified, *all* URLs walked by the Parametric Search Appliance must match at least one of these expressions. Opposite of Exclusion REX.

3.5.26 Required Prefix

Syntax: zero or more URL prefixes, separated by whitespace

If specified, all URLs walked by the Parametric Search Appliance must match at least one of these prefixes.

3.5.27 Max Page Size

Syntax: a whole number from 1 up

Sets retrieved page size limit to the specified number of bytes. Pages larger than the limit will be truncated - not discarded.

Note: PDF files tend to be very large for the amount of text contained within them. Truncated PDF files are not processable due to their design. Make sure this setting is large enough to handle the largest PDF file you want to index.

3.5.28 Max Pages

Syntax: a whole number from -1 up

Limits the number of pages retrieved in a run to the specified number. Use -1 for no limit.

3.5.29 Max Bytes

Syntax: a whole number from -1 up

Limits the number of bytes retrieved in a walk to the specified number. Use -1 for no limit. The actual limit is rounded up to include the size of the last page so that it does not get truncated.

3.5.30 Max Depth

Syntax: a whole number from -1 up

Limits the depth of page retrieval to the specified number. Use -1 for no limit. Depth is determined by counting how many links were traversed to reach a particular page. The base URLs are all at depth 0. URLs referred to by the base URL are depth 1, and so on.

3.5.31 Max URL Size

Syntax: an integer from 1 through 2033

Limits the size of URLs walked. URLs longer than this will be skipped. Should not exceed 2033. The default is 1024.

3.5.32 Max Requests

Syntax: an integer greater than 0

This gives the maximum number of server requests (page fetches) to make on a single server connection (i.e. Keep-Alive requests), if the server and protocol support multiple requests. Multiple requests per connection increases walk speed, and is needed for Windows/NTLM-protected pages. The default is 100.

3.5.33 Max Connection Lifetime

Syntax: an integer greater than 0

This gives the maximum lifetime (in seconds) for a connection to a server. Multiple requests per connection may be made (if the server and protocol support it) until the connection is this old. The default is 600 (i.e. ten minutes).

3.5.34 Page Timeout

Syntax: a whole number from 1 up

Causes the Parametric Search Appliance to timeout after the specified number of seconds during each page fetch. This includes the time to lookup the IP address of the host, make the connection to the server, and download a single page. A timeout does not cause the entire process to quit. That page is just skipped and considered unavailable.

3.5.35 Meta Tags

Syntax: zero or more meta tag names, each on a separate line

This option tells the Parametric Search Appliance to look for the specified meta data in fetched documents and store it in the database. Then, this data is included in text searches. The meta tags "Description" and "Keywords" do not need to be specified here because they will be indexed by default. See below.

3.5.36 Standard Meta

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This option indicates whether to automatically extract the standard meta tags "Description" and "Keywords" from HTML documents. If "Yes", description and keywords meta data will be extracted and stored in their own fields within the database, unlike other meta data which will be collected and placed together into a single meta field in the database. These meta tags will be included in the search with a higher precedence than other meta tags.

3.5.37 All Meta

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Extract all <meta name> data from HTML documents, and all meta data from anytotx plugin-processed documents, and place into the meta field for searching. This eliminates the need to know the name of all possible meta tags, but it also opens the possibility of recording all manner of nonsensical meta data.

3.5.38 Storage Charset

Syntax: standard IANA character set (charset) name

This sets the charset for storing page text in the database during walks. Pages will be translated to this charset when inserted. If a page cannot be translated, it is stored and labeled with its source charset (if known). If left empty (the default) it is UTF-8. This charset should be a superset of US-ASCII (same 7-bit sequences), and translatable by the Parametric Search Appliance from all walked pages' source charsets.

Note that this is *not* necessarily the charset that search results will be displayed in: see Display Charset under Search Settings. This setting is the default value for Display Charset; see notes under Display Charset.

3.5.39 Source Default Charset

Syntax: a standard IANA character set (charset) name

If the source charset for a walked URL is not labeled and cannot be determined, assume it is this character set. Default is ISO-8859-1. This should only be changed if a large number of walk pages are in an unlabeled different charset, e.g. a Windows charset.

3.5.40 XML UTF-8

Syntax: select Y or N button

Whether to attempt to clean up UTF-8 data for XML output: remove sequences and characters that are invalid for XML. Should be Y if XML output (e.g. **Results Style** set to XSL Stylesheet) is used (and **Storage Charset** should be empty). This helps avoid browser errors with XML pages. *Note:* if XML output is *not* being used, this should be set to N, as certain characters that are HTML-safe but not XML-safe will be removed if enabled.

3.5.41 Keep HTML

Syntax: select Yes or No buttons

Specifies whether to include the named type of text in the database.

ALT text

ALT text from IMG or AREA tags.

<STRIKE>

Text between <STRIKE> and </STRIKE> tags.

Text between and tags.

<FORM>

Text of form elements, such as <input> tags, <select> boxes, and <textarea> elements.

3.5.42 Keep Links

Syntax: select Yes or No buttons

Specifies whether to follow the named type of links when walking.

Stylesheet

If Y, links from <LINK HREF=... REL=stylesheet> tags will be indexed as searchable content. Note that non-stylesheet <LINK> tags will still be followed regardless of this setting.

The default is N.

Script

If Y, Javascript links from <script src=...> tags will be indexed as searchable content.

The default is N.

<FORM>

If Y, links from <FORM ACTION=...> tags will be indexed as searchable content. Without the rest of the form properly filled out, such links can often produce nuisance error pages from database-driven sites.

The default is N.

3.5.43 Remove Common

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This causes common leading and trailing text from pages to be removed from the database. This is good for eliminating navigation menus and other static boilerplate text at the beginning and/or end of each page.

3.5.44 Ignore Tags

Syntax: one or more pairs of strings, more input boxes are added as you fill string pairs

All data between the specified begin and end will be stripped from the HTML before the text is extracted. These are simple strings, not patterns or REX's and the case is ignored. This is useful for excluding boilerplate or otherwise unwanted portions of HTML documents.

3.5.45 Keep Tags

Syntax: one or more pairs of strings, more input boxes will be added as you fill string pairs

All data NOT between the specified begin and end will be stripped from the HTML before the text is extracted. These are simple strings, not patterns or REX expressions, and the case is ignored. This is useful

for extracting prime interest areas of HTML pages without the surrounding boilerplate.

3.5.46 Ignore Characters

Syntax: List of characters

List characters here which should be removed from the text and query. These can be punctuation that is optional. Examples are optional characters in part numbers, phone numbers, etc. Take care to avoid removing important characters, which you may want to delimit words. E.g. with the setting "-@", the text "part 123-45@6" would be stored (and searchable as) "part 123456" instead. Space is ignored in the setting value, and case is ignored when matching characters.

3.5.47 Plugin Split

A group of settings that control whether and how to split anytotx plugin output into multiple sub-URLs in the table. Non-text files, such as PDFs, that anytotx processes are often very large or composed of sub-files. The **Plugin Split** setting allows these files to be split up for finer-grain searching. Split files will cause more than one URL to be entered in the html table (and thus also in potential search results) for the original URL. Such subsequent URLs will have an anchor appended to distinguish them from each other; usually this is the sub-file name, but it may be generic e.g. "#part5" if there are no sub-files. *Note:* adjusting any of these settings can affect the ability of Refresh-type rewalks to complete successfully (New walks operate as usual). *Note:* **Data from Field** and other crawl processing is not currently performed on **Plugin Split** URLs.

Depth

The **Depth** setting controls at what depth to split anytotx output. Each time a multi-file archive is unpacked by anytotx, the depth increases. (Note that the depth does not increase with any subdir(s) that may be created by each unpacking.) **Depth** 0 (the default) means split at the top level (i.e. do not split). **Depth** 1 would therefore insert each file of a ZIP file as a separate URL in the table. Files deeper than the **Depth** setting are left merged; e.g. another ZIP file contained within a ZIP file would have its files' text remain merged at **Depth** 1.

Bytes

The **Bytes** setting controls how many bytes each part will be after the file has been split. The default of 0 indicates do not split. This is useful for large monolithic files that have no detectable sub-file or page structure. If both **Pages** and **Bytes** are set, the first limit reached is used for each part.

AtPage

The **AtPage** setting controls whether to force the **Bytes**-controlled splitting to occur at a page boundary (a Ctrl-L). Checking this may make each part arbitrarily larger than the **Bytes** setting, because a part may extend to the next page break. With this setting unchecked, a part may be up to 50% larger than the **Bytes** setting, because the page-break check will only go that far over the limit.

Pages

The **Pages** setting controls how many pages to group in a part. The default of 0 does not split at all. If both

Pages and **Bytes** are set, the first limit reached is used for each part. For example, setting **Pages** to 10 and **Bytes** to 100000 would break at 10 pages or 100KB, whichever comes first. This is useful to catch page-bounded documents like PDFs, and simultaneously avoid generating huge text for non-paged documents.

3.5.48 Language Analysis

If **Enable** is set to Y, pages walked are processed through the Language Analysis Module (LAM), obtained and installed separately. This module helps support searching in languages such as Chinese, Japanese and Korean, where there is often no whitespace to delineate one "word" (logogram, or group of characters) from another, making searching difficult. The Language Analysis Module inserts spaces between words in the text of such pages, enabling ordinary non-wildcard searches to match better. At search time, users' queries are also passed through the module, so that they can match the processed pages' text.

Language

A two-letter ISO 639 language code "hint" for the LAM. If all or a majority of the walked data is a single language, entering that language's code here will help the LAM process data better. The default is empty (no hint). Added in Texis version 6.00.1294975881 20110113.

Preserve 7-bit

Whether to preserve the separation of all-7-bit tokens. Sometimes the LAM will separate alphanumeric tokens that are not language words, e.g. part numbers, causing search problems. Setting this to Y will attempt to preserve the separation (or lack thereof) of all-7-bit tokens in the walked text.

3.5.49 CJK Mode

Syntax: select Yes or No

CJK Mode modifies the walk and the search for better handling many Chinese, Japanese, and Korean queries.

At index time, multi-byte UTF-8 characters are indexed as individual words. At search time, multi-byte UTF-8 characters in the query are separated by spaces, and quotes surround the sequence to make it a phrase.

This allows the query to match where spacing may cause it to otherwise not match.

3.5.50 Unknown File Formats

Syntax: select Exclude or Include

Unknown File Formats controls how files in an unknown format (e.g. binary content not identified as PDF, Word, text, etc.) are handled. If set to Exclude (the default), such unknown formats' data will be ignored; this avoids bloating the crawl database and query autocomplete dictionary with garbage binary content.

If set to Include, the data will be included. This might help find words in otherwise-unsearchable binary

files, but is unlikely to succeed: since the file format is unrecognized, all that can be done is a simple strings-like scan for ASCII words in the file. If the file does not store words in an ASCII format, only garbage binary content will be returned.

Note that unlabeled plain-text files – i.e. those not identified by MIME type nor by file extension ".txt" – will generally be identified by a natural language scan (if running Texis 7.01 or later), and properly passed as-is. This setting only applies to files that fail that test, i.e. are unlikely to be plain text. Added in Appliance 9 / Webinator 7.

3.5.51 PDF Title Action

Syntax: select option

Controls how titles are handled for PDF files.

- Automatic (default) Use the internal title if one is set, otherwise generate a title.
- Always Generate Always generate a title for the PDF, ignoring any title set in the document.
- Never Generate Always use the internal title from the PDF. If there isn't one, the title is left empty.

Binary files like Word documents can have titles set internally. They're usually unset, and if they are set, it's likely to a good title that should be used.

PDF files often differ from this. Many PDF converters set the PDF's title to the original filename that the PDF came from. This results in a PDF with a title like expenseReport.doc, which shows up as the link text in the search result. Users click on what appears to be a Word document, only to arrive at a PDF document.

Setting PDF Title Action to Always Generate tells the Parametric Search Appliance to ignore any internally set title for PDF files, and always generate one based on the content.

3.5.52 Word Definition

Syntax: one or more regular expressions (REX), each on a separate line

Sets the word matching expression(s). Each line is a regular expression defining what is considered a word within the textual content of the retrieved documents during the index process. The default expressions index normal words and some special items such as domain names.

You may supply multiple expressions, one per line, if you can't define your idea of all possible words in one expression.

For example, >>\alpha=\alnum{1,20} will index "words" beginning with an alphabetic character followed by 1 to 20 alphabetic or numeric characters.

If **Word Definition** is changed, the **Language Characters** setting (p. 126) should generally be updated to reflect any new characters added.

Changing the word definition with Update instead of Update and GO will cause the existing search index on the data to be dropped and rebuilt. The database will not be searchable during the time that the index is being rebuilt; this may take several minutes or more for large profiles.

3.5.53 Text Search Mode

Syntax: select from options or enter custom mode

(Note: In earlier releases this setting was known as Character Match Mode.)

Sets the character-matching mode for text (keyword) searches. This controls aspects like case-sensitivity, ignoring accents, etc. The selectable values are:

- Loose Ignore case, ignore diacritics (accents), expand ligatures, ignore width differences. **Storage Charset** should be empty or UTF-8, though ISO-8859-1 may sometimes work. With this mode, not only will a lower-case "e" match an upper-case "E" and vice-versa (ignore case), but "e" will match "é" (Unicode U+00E9), "oe" will match "œ" (U+0153), and full-width will match half-width characters (for ASCII and katakana).
- Strict Ignore case only. "e" will match "E", but not "é". **Storage Charset** should be empty or UTF-8, though ISO-8859-1 may sometimes work.
- Strict ISO-8859-1 Ignore case only, and assume **Storage Charset** is ISO-8859-1. For back-compatibility. Available only for **Text Search Mode**.
- Exact Match characters exactly, respecting case, diacritics, width etc. Available only for **Attribute Compare Mode**.
- Custom -> Use the custom mode entered in the **Custom Mode** box. This is a comma-separated list composed from the following tokens; consult Thunderstone tech support for advice:
 - iso-8859-1 Assume text is ISO-8859-1 encoded. Should only be used if **Storage Charset** is also ISO-8859-1. If this flag is not set, text is assumed to be UTF-8, though occasional ISO-8859-1 characters will usually be able to match their UTF-8 equivalents.
 - ignorediacritics Ignore diacritic marks (accents, umlauts, etc.). E.g. "e" will match "é" (U+00E9) and vice-versa.
 - expandligatures Expand ligature characters. E.g. "oe" will match "œ" (U+0153) and vice-versa. Note that with this flag off, certain ligatures may still be expanded if necessary for case-folding with ignorecase.
 - ignorewidth Ignore half-/full-width differences, e.g. for ASCII and katakana characters.
 - ignorecase Ignore case differences, e.g. "e" matches "E" and vice-versa; this is the default. The alternative is respectcase.
 - respectcase Case-sensitive search, e.g. "e" does *not* match "E". The alternative is ignorecase.
 - unicodemulti Use Unicode case-compare tables, with multi-character expansions where needed (e.g. for ligatures). The alternative is ctype or unicodemono.

- unicodemono Use Unicode case-compare tables, but do not expand characters. The alternative is ctype or unicodemulti.
- ctype Use the operating system's ctype.h case-compare tables. Only codepoints U+0001 through U+00FF (i.e. single-byte or ISO-8859-1 range) are supported, though the actual encoding may be ISO-8859-1 or UTF-8 depending on the iso-8859-1 flag. The alternative is unicodemulti or unicodemono.

Note: Changing the **Text Search Mode** setting will cause text search indexes to be rebuilt, which may take several minutes or more for large profiles.

3.5.54 Attribute Compare Mode

Syntax: select from options or enter custom mode

Sets the character-matching mode for attribute comparison searches, e.g. equals, less-than, order-by, IN. This controls aspects like case-sensitivity, ignoring accents, etc. See **Text Search Mode** (p. 81) for details on what the setting values mean. The default is Exact. Note that searches on Enum fields are unaffected by this setting, as the Enum type is defined to be case-insensitive.

Note: Changing the **Attribute Compare Mode** setting will cause **Extra Indexes** (if any) to be rebuilt. This may take a few minutes on large profiles, and may prevent walks from proceeding until the indexes finish.

3.5.55 Index Fields

Syntax: list of fields ordered by desired weight

These fields will be searched by the user's text query. Fields listed higher will be weighted higher in search results, according to the **Position in Text** search setting. Parametric Search Text, Set, Date, Integer or Number fields may be selected, if they are to be searched by the user's text query (i.e. main keyword search, not infield: or Parametric SQL Query). (Note that non-text types like Integer are usually more usefully searched via infield: or Parametric SQL Query however.)

Note that changing these fields will cause indexes to be rebuilt, which may take several minutes or more for large-data profiles. The old setting will be used until the index rebuild is complete.

3.5.56 Compound Index Fields

Syntax: list of field(s) from select boxes, any order

These fields will be indexed along with **Index Fields**, but in the compound portion of the main search index. They are not searched by the text query, but are used to improve accuracy and performance for certain ancillary queries performed in *addition* to the main text search, such as when ordering results by last-modified date, or searching by Depth. The default values are Visited, Modified, Depth and Pop.

The selected fields may be in any order; they are used only when needed, unlike **Index Fields**, all of which are always searched by the user's text query. Note the following caveats:

Adding a field to **Compound Index Fields** will not help search performance if there is no main (text) query also, as the compound part of the index can only be used in conjunction with a text query.

Only a fixed-size amount of data can be stored in each row of each of the **Compound Index Fields**, so only fixed-size fields such as dates, integers, numbers, etc. should be chosen. If text data is used, all values for the field in the database should be small (a few characters) for best performance.

Parametric Search Set fields are not permitted in **Compound Index Fields**.

See the Parametric Search Indexes section (p. 158) for more details on if and when to add Parametric Search fields to the Compound Index Fields. Note that as this is the same overall index as **Index Fields**, changing any of these fields will cause indexes to be rebuilt, which may take several minutes or more for large-data profiles. The old setting(s) will be used until the index rebuild is complete.

3.5.57 Extra Indexes

Syntax: select-box for index type and table, text box to enter index name and fields

Extra Indexes may be created to improve search performance and accuracy in situations where the main text index (**Index Fields**) and/or its **Compound Index Fields** are not sufficient. See the Parametric Search Indexes section (p. 158) for more information on if and when to create any **Extra Indexes** for Parametric Search fields.

Note that creating an extra index on a large-data profile may take several minutes or more. If the index **Type** is not Metamorph nor Metamorph Inverted, creating the index may also impede walks or other database modifications. Non-Metamorph/Metamorph Inverted indexes should therefore be created *before* the profile is walked or populated with data to avoid this issue, if possible. **Extra Indexes** should only be created when the profile is not actively walking, to minimize load and potential walk impediments.

3.5.58 Spell-check Dictionaries

Syntax: select-box choice

This setting controls what dictionaries to create for spell checking. The default (Create all) is to create all needed dictionaries. However, this can consume significant time and memory for some large-data profiles, so to conserve system resources, only the multi-word-occurrence dictionary may be created (Create multi-word only). This may reduce spell-check suggestions at search time however. To further conserve system resources, no dictionaries at all may be created (None). This will disable spell checking at search time.

3.5.59 Primer Type

"Primer URLs" are URLs that are fetched before actually starting a walk. They are not stored in the search database, but instead are used to "prime" the Parametric Search Appliance with any necessary credentials (e.g. login cookies) for accessing the rest of the site. By default, the Base URL is used, in case any session/ASP cookies are needed.

The **Primer Type** setting specifies which (if any) urls are used to prime the profile:

- None No primer URL is used. The Base URLs are walked as normal.
- Base URL the Base URLs are used to prime the walk. This differs from None in that the base URLs are submitted once and the results discarded, and then submitted again for walking.
 - This is useful in situations where the **Base URL** contains login information, and the page returns "thank you for logging in" with no other content until the page is requested again.
- Custom (default) The URLs listed in Custom Primer URLs (if any) are used, as described below.

For directly-supported authentication schemes – HTTP Basic, NTLM, Negotiate, CAS, or file authentication – the **Login Info** setting should be used instead.

3.5.60 Primer URLs

Syntax: URL, optional variables, optional bad-login query, optional URL query

When the **Primer Type** setting is set to Custom, the **Primer URLs** setting values take effect. There are two ways to use a custom primer URL - submitting the form directly, and filling out the form.

Submitting the Form Directly: Custom Primer URL

If a form-based login must be filled out before accessing a site, the **Custom Primer URL** can be set to the <FORM ACTION> URL of the login (fully-qualified), with any form variables (e.g. user/pass) filled out in the query string. If the <FORM METHOD> must be POST instead of GET, the URL protocol may be changed to the pseudo-protocol "http-post". E.g.:

http-post://login.acme.com/checkLogin.asp?User=Admin&Pass=open-sesame

would be submitted using the POST method, with the given query-string variables sent as the content. Note that the query-string variables and values should be URL-encoded.

Filling Out the Form: Custom Primer Variables

Sometimes submitting the form directly is not sufficient. Forms on web pages can contain dynamic hidden variables, such as a viewstate for session tracking. This means the form must be opened, filled out, and submitted, instead of simply submitting a pre-defined action URL.

This is achievable with the **Custom Primer Variables** setting. Instead of setting **Custom Primer URL** to the action of the login form, you set it to the URL of the page that contains the form. **Custom Primer Variables** is a URL-encoded list of name/value pairs to set on the **Custom Primer URL** page.

When **Custom Primer Variables** is set, the **Custom Primer URL** is fetched, and then the variables specified in **Custom Primer Variables** are used on the form, and then *that* form is submitted.

For example, let's say there's a pleaseLogin.asp page that submits to checkLogin.asp, and the form contains a dynamic state that has to be included or checkLogin.asp will reject the login. If you set **Custom Primer URL** to

http://login.acme.com/pleaseLogin.asp

and set Custom Primer Variables to

User=Admin&Pass=open%26close

The pleaseLogin.asp page will be fetched, the form field User will be set to Admin and Pass will be set to open&close (note the URL-encoding), and then the form on the pleaseLogin.asp page will be submitted, going to checkLogin.asp.

This means that if the form on pleaseLogin.asp contains

```
<input type="hidden" name="sessionstate" value="abc123xyz"/>
```

then that hidden variable will be submitted along with the rest of the form.

Note: After version 8.0.4 (2012-07-13) the Parametric Search Appliance will set the HTTP(S) Referer header for each primer URL to the URL of the previously used primer. So authentication systems that require Referers will work. If the first primer URL also requires a Referer add a primer URL before that so it picks up that as the Referer. This does not affect the use of Referer in the main walk.

Checking for Bad Logins: Bad Login MM Query

Sometimes, the primer URL login may fail, e.g. bad login. However, since the only error indication may be a "Login failure"-type message and not a true HTTP error code, the Parametric Search Appliance may not be able to detect this and might continue walking useless (permission-denied or "Please log in first") pages.

To help detect such a primer URL failure, a **Bad Login MM Query** may be entered. If non-empty, this is a Metamorph query to run against the HTML returned from the associated primer URL. If it matches, the primer URL is considered a failure, and the walk is stopped for that particular site (other Base URLs will continue).

Multiple Primers: Base URL MM Query

If multiple custom primer URLs are being used, you can control which ones are used for which Base URLs via Base URL MM Query.

By default, primer URLs are only used on Base URLs that have a matching protocol and hostname. If **Base URL MM Query** is non-empty, then this Metamorph query will be run against the Base URL being walked. The associated primer URL will only be fetched if it matches.

Following additional links with the !FOLLOW_LINK token

The primer system automatically follows the HTTP redirects 301 Moved Permanently and 302 Found. Sometimes login systems produce additional links that must be followed to get the login cookie, but aren't true HTTP redirects. Examples could be javascript that sets document.location or a page that simply says "click here to continue".

The special Custom Primer URL token ! FOLLOW_LINK can be used instead of a URL to follow the first link generated by the previous primer's fetch. This can be added multiple times to follow multiple links.

3.5.61 Unprimer URLs

Syntax: URL, optional variables, optional bad-login query, optional URL query

"Unprimer URLs" are URLs that are fetched before finishing a walk on a site. They mirror the Primer URL (p. 84) settings and can be used for sites that require a logoff, or otherwise should be notified the crawl has finished.

Submitting the Form Directly: Custom Unprimer URL

If a form-based logout should be filled out before leaving a site, the **Custom Unprimer URL** can be set to the <FORM ACTION> URL of the login (fully-qualified), with any form variables (e.g. user/pass) filled out in the query string. If the <FORM METHOD> must be POST instead of GET, the URL protocol may be changed to the pseudo-protocol "http-post". E.g.:

http-post://login.acme.com/Logout.asp?User=Admin

would be submitted using the POST method, with the given query-string variables sent as the content. Note that the query-string variables and values should be URL-encoded.

Filling Out the Form: Custom Unprimer Variables

Sometimes submitting the form directly is not sufficient. Forms on web pages can contain dynamic hidden variables, such as a viewstate for session tracking. This means the form must be opened, filled out, and submitted, instead of simply submitting a pre-defined action URL.

This is achievable with the **Custom Unprimer Variables** setting. Instead of setting **Custom Unprimer URL** to the action of the form, you set it to the URL of the page that contains the form. **Custom Unprimer Variables** is a URL-encoded list of name/value pairs to set on the **Custom Unprimer URL** page.

When **Custom Unprimer Variables** is set, the **Custom Unprimer URL** is fetched, and then the variables specified in **Custom Unprimer Variables** are used on the form, and then *that* form is submitted.

the Parametric Search Appliance will set the HTTP(S) Referer header for each unprimer URL to the URL of the previously URL so systems that require Referers will work. If the first unprimer URL also

requires a Referer add an unprimer URL before that so it picks up that as the Referer. This does not affect the use of Referer in the main walk.

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Sometimes, the unprimer URL login may fail, e.g. bad login. However, since the only error indication may be a "Login failure"-type message and not a true HTTP error code, the Parametric Search Appliance may not be able to detect this and might continue walking useless (permission-denied or "Please log in first") pages.

To help detect such a unprimer URL failure, a **Bad Login MM Query** may be entered. If non-empty, this is a Metamorph query to run against the HTML returned from the associated unprimer URL. If it matches, the unprimer URL is considered a failure, and the walk is stopped for that particular site (other Base URLs will continue).

Multiple Unprimers: Base URL MM Query

If multiple custom unprimer URLs are being used, you can control which ones are used for which Base URLs via Base URL MM Query.

By default, unprimer URLs are only used on Base URLs that have a matching protocol and hostname. If **Base URL MM Query** is non-empty, then this Metamorph query will be run against the Base URL being walked. The associated unprimer URL will only be fetched if it matches.

Following additional links with the !FOLLOW_LINK token

The primer system automatically follows the HTTP redirects 301 Moved Permanently and 302 Found. Sometimes login systems produce additional links that must be followed to get the login cookie, but aren't true HTTP redirects. Examples could be javascript that sets document.location or a page that simply says "click here to continue".

The special Custom Unprimer URL token ! FOLLOW_LINK can be used instead of a URL to follow the first link generated by the previous primer's fetch. This can be added multiple times to follow multiple links.

3.5.62 Login Info

Syntax: name and password

Specify a username and password for sites that require a login to view certain pages. These are used with HTTP Basic, file, Windows NTLM, Negotiate, CAS, and FTP authentication. Other authentication schemes are not supported currently, though many web-based schemes – e.g. a login form – may be accessible with a custom **Primer URL** (p. 84). Without proper login, protected pages will either result in a error and be skipped, or a "Please login"-type message will show on the crawled page.

If this is a Windows domain account, enter both the domain and user name in the Username field, separated by a backslash (\), i.e. MY_DOMAIN\myuser.

Note: The search interface displays hit context and has an option to view the entire text of the page. This allows search users to view "protected" pages without entering a password.

3.5.63 Proxy Auto-Config URL

Syntax: the full URL to a proxy auto-config (PAC) script

This specifies the URL to a PAC script. The script is fetched once at the start of a crawl, and then run for each URL crawled, to determine the proxy (or direct fetch) to use for that URL. This setting overrides **Proxy**.

A proxy auto-config script can be used to dynamically configure the proxy to use on a URL-by-URL basis, instead of using one proxy for all URLs. The script can also return multiple proxies to use; e.g. a primary, and fallback(s) to use if the primary is unreachable. See the website findproxyforurl.com for more information on PAC scripts.

In Windows Control Panel, the Internet Options \rightarrow Connections tab \rightarrow LAN settings \rightarrow Use automatic configuration script address value is equivalent to the Parametric Search Appliance's **Proxy Auto-Config URL** setting.

3.5.64 Proxy

Syntax: the full URL to a web proxy server

This specifies the URL (not just hostname) of a proxy web server through which to pass page fetch requests. Only host and (optional) port are used from the given URL. If empty, no proxy is used: pages are fetched directly. Note that **Proxy Auto-Config URL** overrides this.

In Windows Control Panel, the Internet Options \rightarrow Connections tab \rightarrow LAN settings \rightarrow Use a proxy server for your LAN host/port value is equivalent to the Parametric Search Appliance's **Proxy** setting.

3.5.65 Proxy Login Info

Sets the user name and password to authenticate to proxy servers, using the Proxy-Authenticate header and Basic Authentication. Used if the Proxy URL is filled in. Added in version 4.01.1031600000 Sep 9 2002.

3.5.66 Client Certificate

Chooses which client certificate (if any) to use when authenticating with HTTPS servers. These are normally not needed unless the remote server requires a client certificate for authorization.

Certificates are managed in the Client Certificates section (3.3).

3.5.67 Cookie Source Path

File path to a Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer format cookie file to read at start up. This allows persistent cookies saved by a browser to be read by the Parametric Search Appliance, so it can inherit the browser's state. This is not recommended with the Parametric Search Appliance as it would require exporting a filesystem with your cookie file and mounting it to the Parametric Search Appliance. Then every walk would be dependent on that machine being online and the cookie file being present.

3.5.68 Cookie Jar

Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer format cookie data to load at start up. An inline alternative to Cookie Source Path. This allows persistent cookies saved by a browser to be read by the Parametric Search Appliance, so it can inherit the browser's state. To easily walk a site that requires a custom login (i.e. not HTTP Basic authentication), and that uses persistent cookies, just login normally using a browser. Then, copy that browser's cookie data into the Cookie Jar setting. Then, the Parametric Search Appliance will automatically inherit the browser's permissions. Added after version 8.0.4 2012-07-13.

3.5.69 Strict Cookie Paths

If set to Y, the Path attribute (if present) of any received cookie must be a prefix of the URL setting it, or the cookie will be discarded, as per RFC 2965 3.3.2. This helps prevent one application from altering the cookie(s) of another application on the same server; such isolation may be desired if the applications should be protected from each other. However, typically such cross-path altering is acceptable – e.g. some login systems depend on it – so this setting defaults to N, which also aligns with typical browser behavior. Only available with products using Texis version 6.00.1342215000 201210713 and later; earlier versions effectively behave as if this setting were always Y.

3.5.70 Off-Site Pages

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Allow retrieval of individual off-site pages. By default the Parametric Search Appliance will not retrieve pages that are not on the same host as the base URL(s). Using this option, pages not on the same machine will be retrieved, but none of the pages that they reference will be walked.

All other discarding rules don't involve the site except for Stay Under still apply (Extensions, Exclude Prefix, Required Rex, etc).

3.5.71 Off-Site Components

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This option also allows off-site resources embedded within on-site pages to be fetched for processing. This includes javascript sources, embedded frames, and redirects.

3.5.72 Stay Under

Syntax: select Yes or No button

When this flag is Yes, walks will stay under the directory specified in the base URL(s). When this is No, if a hyperlink to another location on the same site is encountered, the will follow the link. In neither case will the walk go to other sites unless they are in the list of walk URLs or allowed domains or networks.

3.5.73 Prevent Duplicates

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This option enables extra checking for duplicate documents. Documents with the same content are only be stored once, even if their URLs are different. This is accomplished by hashing the textual content of the page and not storing any page with a hash code that is already in the database.

3.5.74 Respect Canonical URLs

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This option enables respecting when pages indicate that there's a canonical version of themselves, expressed with link rel="canonical">.

If Y (the default), then if a page has a link rel="canonical"> that is different from the fetched URL, the original page will NOT be indexed and the canonical URL will instead be added to the index.

Note that if the canonical URL is not be allowed due to walking rules (matches exclusions, off-site, etc), then the canonical behavior does not apply and the original, non-canonical URL will be indexed.

3.5.75 Duplicate Check Fields

Syntax: checkboxes to choose fields

These are the fields which will be checked for duplicate prevention (if Prevent Duplicates is enabled). The concatenation of these fields is hashed for each incoming document, and if the hash is the same as an existing document, the incoming document will be discarded as a duplicate.

By default, only Body is checked, as the body is the majority of search content for a document, and thus another document that has an identical body should be considered a duplicate even if it has a slightly different title or description.

However, sometimes errors in processing (e.g. anytotx) can cause the bodies of large numbers of documents to become empty and thus be considered duplicates of each other and removed. In this case it may be desirable to either turn off Prevent Duplicates or check more fields in Duplicate Check Fields.

Note: Changing Duplicate Check Fields after a walk has completed (i.e. before a later Refresh type walk) may cause new documents to not be removed as duplicates as expected, since the pre-existing

documents' hashes are now for a different set of fields. This will not cause errors or corruption; it just might leave some newly-duplicate documents in the database.

3.5.76 Store Refs

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Controls whether URLs referenced by retrieved pages are added to the refs table. This can save some time during the walk, as well as, disk space if it's turned off. But turning it off prevents the "Show Parents" option in the search from working. It also reduces the detail available from walk error reports.

3.5.77 Inline Iframes

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This indicates whether to treat iframes as a part of the page they are on or as separate stand alone pages. Selecting Yes will make them part of the page. Selecting no will make them separate.

3.5.78 Max Components

Syntax: a whole number from 0 up

This indicates the maximum number of page components (frames, iframes, and javascript src) to fetch while processing a page. Pages with more components than this are discarded. If this is set to 0, the frames of framed documents are treated as independent, stand-alone pages.

3.5.79 Execute JavaScript

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Execute JavaScript that is contained on fetched pages and that might alter or generate the page content and URLs.

3.5.80 Fetch JavaScript

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Fetch JavaScript that resides at a separate URL instead of being inline on the page (e.g. <SCRIPT SRC> tags).

3.5.81 JavaScript String Links

Syntax: select appropriate checkboxes

Sets which additional sources of potential JavaScript links to check. Some JavaScript links may not be found when scripts on a walked page are executed, so the internal list of all JavaScript string objects is scanned for potential URLs according to the checked boxes. Menu will look for common JavaScript menu navigation system links; Protocol will look for strings that look like valid fully-qualified Web links; File will look for probable file strings.

Note that any of these sources may potentially find incorrect links, especially the File type. Checking File is generally used only as a last-ditch effort to find some JavaScript links.

3.5.82 Debug JavaScript

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Print additional debugging messages for JavaScript errors.

3.5.83 JavaScript Memory

Syntax: numeric memory size e.g. 20MB

Alters the max amount of memory allowed for running JavaScript. The default (if the setting is empty) is 20MB. Increasing the limit may help if error messages such as "JavaScript exceeded scriptmem limit" are encountered. Note that the Maximum Process Size limit setting may also need to be increased if this is increased.

3.5.84 JavaScript Timeout

Syntax: integer

Max time, in seconds, to allow for running JavaScript. The default (if the setting is empty) is 5 seconds. Large or complex JavaScript pages may require more time, e.g. if "JavaScript exceeded scripttimeout" messages are received.

3.5.85 AJAX Crawlable URLs

Syntax: select Yes or No button

When enabled (the default), support the Google AJAX crawling scheme. This allows AJAX URLs (which are usually not crawlable) to be crawled, if the site being crawled also supports the scheme.

AJAX URLs which contain anchors/fragments (#someFragment) are not normally crawlable because anchors are never sent in HTTP requests, and the client-side JavaScript support in the Parametric Search Appliance does not include AJAX so the anchor is not processed by the crawler either. Thus AJAX anchor links look like duplicates and are never fetched, or if fetched, do not return the anchor-specified content.

With the Google AJAX crawling scheme, crawlers temporarily rewrite certain links with conforming anchors – those that begin with an exclamation point – by placing the anchor into the query string. Since

query strings *are* sent in HTTP requests, the server sees the anchor, and can return the appropriate content. Moreover, the returned content can be static so that the crawler can index it.

Specifically, URLs of the form:

```
http://example.com/path#!fragment
http://example.com/path?query=present#!fragment
will be requested from the server as (respectively):
http://example.com/path?_escaped_fragment_=fragment
```

http://example.com/path?query=present&_escaped_fragment_=fragment
This temporary rewrite is only used for the crawler fetch: search results still return the original

AJAX-anchor version of the link, so that browsers can still take advantage of the AJAX features of the site.

Note that this scheme requires web site support: the site must respond to any URL with the _escaped_fragment_query parameter with the appropriate, full, static HTML content that corresponds to the AJAX anchor state of the same value.

3.5.86 Trace Settings

Syntax: text

Debug/trace settings and values, as a comma-separated list of "param=value" tuples. These are generally only set at the request of Thunderstone tech support, as they can cause copious tracing messages to appear as crawl "errors", some of which may reveal authentication or other sensitive information. Supported settings and values are subject to possible change in future releases.

3.5.87 Protocols

Select which protocols to allow to be fetched. If a protocol is not enabled, but the Base URL uses it, it will be automatically enabled for the walk. The protocols currently supported are http, https, ftp, gopher and file.

3.5.88 HTTP Version

What HTTP version to use for requests. HTTP/1.1 enables compression (gzip, chunked, compress, deflate Content-Encoding) and is the default for products using Texis version 6 and later. HTTP/1.0 was the default for previous versions. HTTP/0.9 is of limited/no use.

3.5.89 SSL Client Protocols

Which SSL protocols to allow for client HTTPS/SSL connections when walking or performing results authorization, i.e. for connections from the Parametric Search Appliance to remote https://URLs. The default is to leave SSLv2 and SSLv3 disabled, as these are known to be vulnerable to attacks.

Sometimes a crawler's connection fails at (or soon after) the SSL negotiation, possibly with the error message "Missing HTTP response line in reply from...". This may be due to settings on the remote server that disallow certain SSL protocols – yet those protocols were enabled under SSL Client **Protocols** (e.g. for legacy reasons). In such cases, disabling various SSL protocols may enable the connection to succeed.

Note: To change the *server*-side SSL protocols accepted by the Parametric Search Appliance – e.g. for admin, search, Dataload etc. – see **HTTPS/SSL Protocols** under System Wide Settings.

3.5.90 SSL Client Ciphers

Which SSL ciphers to allow for client HTTPS/SSL connections when walking or performing results authorization, i.e. for connections from the Parametric Search Appliance to remote https://URLs. The default (if empty) is the OpenSSL default list for the current OpenSSL client (Texis) library. Some SSL ciphers may be known to be vulnerable, and administrators may wish to disable them via this setting.

Modifying – specifically, shortening – the cipher list is also a way to connect to long-handshake-intolerant HTTPS servers. These servers cannot handle an SSL ClientHello message longer than 255 bytes, and time out when receiving one (e.g. with Timeout completing SSL handshake . . . errors). The default OpenSSL cipher list may cause the ClientHello message to exceed 255 bytes, triggering this intolerance in such servers. By setting a shorter cipher list, the ClientHello message can be shortened and the connection established. Disabling SNI via SSL Use SNI (p. 94) is another way to shorten the ClientHello message.

Note: To change the *server*-side SSL ciphers accepted by the Parametric Search Appliance – e.g. for admin, search, Dataload etc. – see **HTTPS/SSL Ciphers** under System Wide Settings.

3.5.91 SSL Use SNI

Whether to use SNI (Server Name Indication) when crawling with SSL/HTTPS. SNI enables a single-IP HTTPS server to serve the correct certificate when serving multiple hosts, and is thus required by many multi-homed name-based virtual host HTTPS servers. Disabling SNI may be useful in some circumstances to connect to long-handshake-intolerant HTTPS servers that otherwise timeout, by reducing the size of the SSL ClientHello message. Default is Y. Shortening the cipher list via **SSL Client Ciphers** (p. 94) is another way to work around long-handshake-intolerant servers.

3.5.92 Authentication Schemes

Select which authentication schemes to allow for password-protected URLs. The settable schemes are Basic, NTLMv1, NTLMv2, Negotiate, CAS (Central Authentication Service),

or File (for file: // URLs). NTLMv2 requires Texis version 5.01.1213917000 20080619 or later. Note that the scheme(s) actually *accepted* for a given URL are determined by the server; if none of the server-offered schemes are enabled by this setting, then the protected URL cannot be walked. This setting can be used to disable less-secure or undesired schemes, such as Basic or NTLMv1 authentication. FTP

authentication is always allowed. Note that Negotiate authentication is only supported when the Parametric Search Appliance is running on Linux 2.6 or later.

3.5.93 Embedded Security

Select the security for embedded objects on a page (e.g. frames, scripts). Any fetches any required object. Non-decreasing will fetch a required object if its security (https://vs.non-https://in the URL) is not less than the main page, i.e. an https://object on an http://page will be fetched, but not vice-versa. Non-increasing is the opposite. Same protocol requires that the protocol of the object be the same as the main page.

3.5.94 Entropy Source

Selects standard (default) or alternate entropy source. Entropy is used to initialize the SSL/https plugin. The standard sources should be sufficient; the alternate source is only needed if the prngd daemon (some Unix platforms) is required but cannot be successfully run. *Note:* Setting the source to Alternate will decrease SSL/https security.

3.5.95 Multiple Fetches

Syntax: select Y or N

Multiple Fetches allows a page to be fetched multiple times, and can potentially slow down a walk. It should only be used in specific situations in conjunction with Off-Site Pages.

For example, Consider the situation of walking two sites, a.com and b.com with Off-Site Pages enabled. A link from a page on a.com to b.com/page.htm is considered off-site, so it will be walked but its links won't. Then, when b.com starts its walk, b.com/page.htm won't be processed because it has already been done, causing b.com/page.htm's links to not be included.

Multiple Fetches allows the 2nd encounter of b.com/page.htm to be processed again, which will allow its links to be properly processed.

3.5.96 Follow Cross-Site Links

Syntax: select Y or N

When walking multiple hosts, setting Follow Cross-Site Links to Y will allow links from one host to another to be respected, as opposed to only starting from each host's Base URLs.

If you have a lot of Base URLs that have lots of duplicate links to each other that would've been found on-site anyway, setting Follow Cross-Site Links to N can improve walk performance.

3.5.97 Max Redirects

Syntax: a whole number from 0 up or -1

This indicates the maximum number of redirects that are followed when attempting to retrieve a page. If set to -1 then redirects will not be followed when attempting to retrieve the page, but will be treated as a link.

3.5.98 Empty Form Redirects

Syntax: select Y or N

Some walked pages implement a redirect by having a HTML form that points to the target, and uses JavaScript to submit the form.

If Empty Form Redirects is set to Y and a page doesn't have any content, the Parametric Search Appliance will treat any HTML <form> targets on the page as a redirect.

3.5.99 Execute Walked Dataload

Syntax: select Y or N

The Dataload system (section 6.20.3, p. 193) allows administrators to load arbitrary content into the Parametric Search Appliance by POSTing XML files.

If Execute Walked Dataload is set to Y, then valid dataload XML files that are encountered during the crawl will be fully processed as if they were uploaded to the appliance.

Dataload and replication are supported in the full Texis product, but not Webinator-only.

3.5.100 Index Name

Syntax: one or more filenames separated by space

Set the filename assumed for directory URLs. The default is "index.html" and "index.htm". This filename will be removed from stored URLs to prevent redundant fetches of the page. So the URLs "http://www.example.com/fun/" and "http://www.example.com/fun/index.html" will be considered the same and only be fetched once (as http://www.example.com/fun/).

Note that Index Name filenames are not stripped from canonical URLs within pages (as specified via < ref = "canonical"/>

3.5.101 DNS Mode

Syntax: choose from drop down list

This controls how the Parametric Search Appliance looks up IP addresses for hostnames. "Internal" uses Texis's own internal parallelizing name lookup routines. "System" uses the standard system routines.

You should use "Internal" unless it causes compatibility problems.

3.5.102 User Agent

Syntax: full user-agent string

Set the User-Agent (browser type) to report to web servers. Normally the Parametric Search Appliance reports itself as "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; T-H-U-N-D-E-R-S-T-O-N-E)". Modify this setting to report as a different user agent. If you want to emulate a particular browser, you can access your site with that browser, then check the site's transfer log to see what user agent string was logged (typically the last double-quoted entry on the line).

3.5.103 Robots.txt Agents

Syntax: one or more user-agent strings, one per line

This is a list of user agents to respect when checking robots.txt on a site. The robots.txt group with the User-agent string that is a case-insensitive substring of the earliest agent listed in **Robots.txt Agents** will be used; i.e. the **Robots.txt Agents** should be listed highest-priority first. If multiple robots.txt groups match the same agent, the group with the longest substring-matching User-agent is used. If no agents match, and a group for agent "*" is present, it is used. The default value for this setting is "thunderstonesa".

For example, changing this setting to MyBot and Googlebot and given this robots.txt file:

User-agent: Google

Disallow: /some/google/dir

User-agent: MyBot

Disallow: /some/other/dir

then the Parametric Search Appliance will not crawl /some/other/dir, but will still crawl /some/google/dir: while both agents substring-match, and Google is a longer substring, MyBot is listed first in **Robots.txt Agents** and is thus higher priority.

Given this robots.txt with the same setting:

User-agent: Google

Disallow: /some/google/dir

User-agent: Googlebot
Disallow: /some/bot/dir

then the Parametric Search Appliance would not crawl /some/bot/dir, because while both agents substring-match Googlebot, Googlebot is the longer match.

3.5.104 Mime Types

Syntax: one or more acceptable MIME types, each on a separate line

These are the Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) types that the Parametric Search Appliance informs the web server are acceptable. MIME types have the syntax type/subtype. Either type or subtype may be * to mean "any". By default all MIME types are allowed (*/*).

3.5.105 Custom Headers

Syntax: one or more Name/Value pairs

These are extra headers to send to the webserver when fetching pages. Sometimes a server application will not work right when optional HTTP headers are not present. This allows setting them as needed in such situations.

Header names should not have any spaces or the trailing colon (:).

3.5.106 Respect Expires Header

Syntax: choose from drop down list

For Refresh-type walks, this controls how the Expires header is used. Set to No the Expires header will be ignored. Set to Limited the Expires header will be used, but limited by the **Minimum Refresh Time** and **Maximum Refresh Time**. Set to Yes the Expires header will be treated as definitive.

Invalid and out of range headers will be ignored, with the exception of "0".

3.5.107 Cache Content

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Cache Content allows the Appliance to store a copy of the content as it walks. In the search interface, a View Cached link will appear by results, which allows users to download the contents directly from the Appliance rather than using to the original location.

Matches in the content will be highlighted in cached pages that are HTML documents. The highlighting uses the **Context Highlighting** setting on the search settings page to style the highlights.

In addition caching content can be useful in situations where the original location is unavailable, either because a server is down or the user does not have access to the file server from a remote location.

The choices for **Cache Content** are:

- None (*default*) No extra storage of the original content occurs, the Appliance only maintains the plain text representation of the results for searching (as it always has).
- Results Only While walking, the Appliance maintains a copy of the original content. Selecting

View Cached from a search result will present that cached copy. Links and references from web pages are left unmodified, pointing back to the original site.

• Site Mirror - While walking, the Appliance maintains a copy of the original content, and also collects and stores auxiliary content used by web pages (images, CSS stylesheets, etc) that isn't normally necessary for the Appliance walks.

When search users select View Cached, links and references on cached web pages are rewritten to point back to the Appliance, utilizing the cached versions of these resources. This allows a full cached view of a site to operate when the original site becomes unavailable, instead of presenting a cached web page with lots of broken images and links.

Note that some complex, dynamic web sites might not be able to be fully mirrored.

Note: Cache Content is a completely separate feature from the similarly named Results Caching.

- **Results Caching** saves an entire page of results after a search is performed, so additional searches for the same terms can use that cache instead of performing the search again. This is invisible to search users.
- This feature, **Cache Content**, saves additional information while walking so that users can download an original copy of the result directly from the Appliance instead of the original location. This is done through a View Cached link on the search interface.

Please see 3.6.109 for more information on **Results Caching**.

3.5.108 Default Refresh Time

Syntax: choose from drop down list

For Refresh-type walks, this is the default time period to initially try refreshing a URL; typically set to 1 minute. Note that the actual refresh period is dynamically computed for each URL based on how often it changes.

3.5.109 Minimum Refresh Time

Syntax: choose from drop down list

For Refresh-type walks, this is the minimum time period to try refreshing a URL. The actual refresh period is dynamically computed for each URL based on how often it changes, and will not be less than this value. This prevents too much time being spent refreshing a very dynamic page (i.e. constantly refreshing it and loading the web server). Typically set to 1 minute.

3.5.110 Maximum Refresh Time

Syntax: choose from drop down list

For Refresh-type walks, this is the maximum time period to try refreshing a URL. The actual refresh period is dynamically computed for each URL based on how often it changes, and will not be greater than this value. This ensures that all URLs – even relatively static ones – are eventually checked for changes.

3.5.111 Maximum Process Size

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Upper limit to memory size of walker processes. If a walker process exceeds this limit, it is re-started (at the same point it left off) by the dispatcher, at most once. If the same child repeatedly exceeds this limit, the walk may stop until it is re-started via schedule or manually. Note that this is a soft, not hard limit: the process may exceed it briefly, yet will exit gracefully and not crash if so.

3.5.112 Maximum Load Average

Syntax: number, or -1 for no limit

Maximum Load Average helps prevent the Parametric Search Appliance from becoming overloaded. If the load goes above the specified Maximum Load Average, the walk will pause itself until the load decreases.

You can see the current load of the appliance at any time by going to $System \rightarrow System$ Information, next to Load. The 3 numbers represent the average load during the last 1, 5, and 15 minutes.

3.5.113 Replication Settings

Syntax: List of hosts and profiles

A list of hosts and profiles to send walk data updates to. The hosts must have the sending server listed as a cluster member under the system-wide settings.

3.5.114 Send Data

Syntax: select Y or N

Send Data will cause this profile to send changes in searchable content to be sent to this replication target. This includes adding or changing content, and refresh walks removing URLs that are no longer present.

This does not include starting a new database for a "New" walk. If URLs are present in a previous walk and not present in the next "New" walk, this will not remove the URLs from the replication target. This requires Send Settings, as described below.

3.5.115 Send Settings

Syntax: select Y or N

Send Settings causes this profile to send any settings changes to this replication target. This includes starting "New" walks, which will cause the replication target to start from a fresh database like the replication sender does.

3.5.116 Batch Rows

Syntax: number

Defines the number of items the replication sender will attempt to accumulate in a single batch. This should not need changed.

3.5.117 Batch Size

Syntax: number (in bytes)

Defines the threshold for size for a sending a batch of replication items. When collecting items to replicate, once the size of the items is over this threshold, the batch will be sent off to the targets. This should not need changed.

3.5.118 Batch Idle

Syntax: number (in seconds)

Defines the idle timeout for sending a batch of replication items. When collecting a batch, if no new items appear for this many seconds, the replication batch will be sent to the targets. This should not need changed.

3.5.119 Log Replication

Writes information for this profile's replication queue processor to replication.log.

If both the System-wide Log All Replication and this profile's Log Replication are set, logging for this profile will be the more verbose of the two.

See also "Replication" 6.20.

3.6 Search Settings

This group of options applies to the standard search and provides a convenient way to make common changes to the search behavior and appearance.

See also "Customizing the Parametric Search Appliance's Appearance" 2.2.

3.6.1 Notes

This is the same setting as **Notes** under Walk Settings: a scratch pad area for the administrator of the profile. It in no way affects the walk or search.

3.6.2 Query Logging

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This indicates whether the search should log user queries. If Yes, users' queries are logged to the querylog table of the database. The contents of this table may be viewed from the Query Log menu of the Administrative Interface.

Note: The query log table gets erased during every new walk. You will only be able to view queries that have occurred since the latest new walk. Refresh walks do not cause the table to be erased.

3.6.3 Rotate Schedule

Syntax: The day of week (or daily) and the time of day to rotate

This selects when to rotate query logs on this profile. During a rotate action, the log table data is optionally e-mailed to someone, and then the data is erased from the log table.

See also Attach Logs (section 3.5.3).

3.6.4 Email

Syntax: A valid e-mail address

When the query log is rotated (according to the schedule set), an e-mail message with an attached file (containing the previous log data) is sent to this address. Multiple addresses may be specified, separated by commas.

3.6.5 Result Order

Syntax: select Relevance, Date, or URL button

This determines the default ordering of search results.

- Rank search results are ordered by rank (or relevance) by default.
- Date search results are ordered by date descending (newest first) by default.
- URL search results ordered by their URLs alphabetically by default.

Search users may select the alternate ordering from this default in the Advanced search form.

3.6.6 Results Style

Syntax: choose from drop down list

This controls the style used for displaying individual results to user queries. There are various styles from which to choose. The arrangement and amount of information varies in every style. In the administrative interface you may click the question mark (?) next to **Results Style** to see a sample of each of the available styles.

3.6.7 Allow RSS

Syntax: select Yes or No button

If Allow RSS is set to Y, then each search result page will include a reference to an RSS feed for that search, which users will be able to monitor.

Setting Allow RSS to N will both remove the reference from search result pages, and disallow the viewing of RSS feeds.

3.6.8 Format XSL Output

Syntax: select Yes or No button

If set to Y, then extra line breaks are added in to the output of the server-side XSL stylesheet processing. This has the following effects:

- It makes the HTML output more readable by humans, changing it from one extremely long line to a well formatted document.
- It adds a small amount of size to the document (usually between 1-4%)
- Adding line breaks at certain locations can sometimes trigger odd rendering bugs in Internet Explorer (adding spaces where there shouldn't be spaces).

3.6.9 XSL Engine

Syntax: Choose Internal (recommended) or Legacy

the Parametric Search Appliance recently changed its XSL processing from an external tool to an internal library. All processing should use the new Internal engine.

This switch shouldn't cause any issues, but in case there are quirks, the XSL Engine setting allows profiles to change back to the old Legacy engine until any issues with the Internal engine are ironed out.

This feature will be deprecated in the future, and the Legacy engine completely removed.

3.6.10 XSL File

Syntax: Browse local disk for a XSL file

This allows the use of a customized XSL file to format the output of a search. A default XSL style sheet is included with the Parametric Search Appliance (/xsl/default.xsl). The **XSL File** option is used only if the **Results Style** is set to XSL Stylesheet. The links below this option display the current XSL stylesheets, which may be downloaded for editing and then re-uploaded with this option.

3.6.11 Abstract Style

Syntax: choose from drop down list

This setting controls the short description or abstract that is generated for each search result. Choosing Query uses a snippet that matches the query. Beginning uses the start of the document's content. Top uses the top of the current page. Description uses the value of the Description meta tag.

3.6.12 Abstract Length

Syntax: enter number in text box

This determines the length in bytes of the document abstract.

3.6.13 Max Title Length

Syntax: enter number in text box

This determines the maximum length in bytes of the document title shown in the results. If the title is over this length, it will be truncated and ended with ellipses.

Title length may be expanded up to 10 characters over this setting in order to avoid cutting off in the middle of a word.

Set to -1 to always use the full title.

3.6.14 Max URL Display Length

Syntax: enter number in text box

This determines the maximum length in bytes of the matching URL shown in the results. If the title is over this length, it will be truncated after the hostname with ellipses and ended with as much of the path and filename as it can.

Note that this does not affect the URL that is actually linked to - that URL is always the full, proper URL. This setting only affects the displayed URL.

Set to -1 to always use the full URL.

3.6.15 Results per Page

Syntax: a whole number

This controls the default number of results (hits) listed on each results page. When there are more than this many results to a user's query the user will have to hit "next" to see more results.

This number may be overridden by the search user with the rpp URL/query parameter – up to a maximum of **Max User Results per Page** – to allow the search user to customize the number of results per page.

3.6.16 Max User Results per Page

Syntax: a whole number, or -1 to disable

Search users are able to customize how many results per page they see – which defaults to **Results per Page** – by supplying the URL/query parameter rpp. The **Max User Results per Page** setting places an upper bound on how large rpp may be set to. This prevents someone from requesting 1000000 results on a page and bogging down the search system.

If **Max User Results per Page** is set to -1, then all rpp parameters are ignored, i.e. the user may not override **Results per Page**.

3.6.17 Page Links Shown

Syntax: a whole number, defaults to 10

This specifies the number of page links to include in the summary of the results.

For example, if we are on page 22 of 5,000 total results, by default direct links will be shown to pages 18 through 27 (for a total of 10 links). If Page Links Shown is set to 20, it will show links 13 through 32, for a total of 20 page links.

3.6.18 Results per Site

Syntax: an integer select box and Yes/No button

The **Max** setting controls the maximum results per site per page to display. For large profiles with many pages (and thus results) per site, setting Results per Site can increase the results variety shown on a single page, by replacing some same-site results with lesser-ranked but different-site results from subsequent pages.

When results are limited to N per site, no more than N results for any given site will be shown on any given page. Results past N for a site are suppressed, and results from new sites (that are not past N yet) added, until the page is full. Once the page is complete, the results are reordered: the second and later results from a site are moved up under the first result from that site, indented, and followed by a More results for site link. The next page's results will be obtained by the same process, resuming at the point in raw results left off by the previous page. Note that a given site may appear on subsequent pages (if there are more results for it), but its results that were suppressed for the previous page will not be shown (because

they are visible via the previous page's More results for site link). Also, since there are now two degrees of navigation through the results – standard pagination, plus the More results for site links – not all of the total results counted may be shown via pagination: the rest are shown via More results for site.

Note also that setting Results per Site to other than Unlimited can increase search time, as potentially much more than one page of raw results must be obtained and suppressed, and results must be regrouped.

The **Allow override** button controls whether the search user can override the profile's Results per Site limit on the Advanced Search form. This can be set to N to prevent the potential delay of grouping by site, or Y to allow the user to set a custom value. For profiles that are Meta Search back-ends, if the front-end Meta Search is using Results per Site, all the back-ends should have **Allow override** set to Y so that the front-end's value can be used, for consistency.

3.6.19 Allow site: syntax

Syntax: a Yes/No button

This controls whether to allow the site: host.domain query syntax in a search, to limit results to a single domain.

For example, to search for the words panda bear but only on the site www.example.com, enable the syntax and use the query:

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panda bear site:www.example.com
```

No space may appear before or after the colon, nor in the domain. A site: clause may only be used in conjunction with other results-producing query parameters, e.g. keywords.

A site: clause will override any value in the **From this domain** box on the Advanced Search form, which uses a separate variable (sq). For profiles that are Meta Search back-ends, if the front-end Meta Search is using Results per Site, all the back-ends should have **Allow site: syntax** set to Y so that the front-end's value can be passed via the site: syntax.

Note that a site: query requires post-processing, which may reduce query performance. For this reason, **Allow Post-Processing** must be enabled as well for such queries.

3.6.20 Allow link: syntax

Syntax: a Yes/No button

This controls whether to allow the link: URL query syntax in a search, to find results that link to the given URL. No space may appear before or after the colon, nor in the URL (unless URL-encoded).

For example, the query:

link:http://www.example.com/dir/page.html

will list all results that link to http://www.example.com/dir/page.html.

Combining a link: clause with any other clause in the query (e.g. keywords) may reduce search performance, due to possible post-processing. For this reason, **Allow Post-Processing** might need to be enabled as well for such queries.

3.6.21 Parametric Search Options

Syntax: a set of checkboxes

The Parametric Search Options control various search-time aspects of Parametric Search fields. The name and type of the fields defined at profile creation are listed, with three checkboxes for each field:

Searchable

Whether the field is permitted to be searched via the infield: syntax. Searching fields that are not properly indexed may cause a performance penalty at search time, or less accurate result counts. The proper index depends on the query combination; see the Parametric Search Indexes section, p. 158.

• Sortable

Whether the field is permitted to be sorted via the order query-string variable, which can be set to an optional comma-separated list of one or more Parametric fields to sort by. Each field specified in the order variable may have an optional -a or -d suffix to indicate ascending (default) or descending order. E.g. Price-a, Quantity would sort results by Price ascending, then by Quantity ascending. In version 17.1 and later, the values rank (relevance), date, size, visited or depth may also be given for one or more of the fields.

Output

Whether the field should be output in XML mode (as a child element of each <Result> element). Some fields may be considered internal/private, unneeded in the output, or too large, and thus should not be checked for Output.

3.6.22 Parametric Search Query

Syntax: text box for SQL clause, radiobutton Y/N

The Parametric Search Query setting has two fields. The SQL Query Clause is the SQL clause to be executed at search time (in addition to the normal text query). See p. 155 for details on the syntax and usage of this field.

The Allow Override setting is a yes/no radiobutton that controls whether to allow the search user to override the SQL Query Clause at search time. Since the clause is in SQL, which users are generally not familiar with, this should be left set to N unless the users are known to have sufficient Texis SQL expertise. The infield: syntax (p. 152) is usually sufficient instead for search-user-generated queries.

One potential reason to allow SQL override is if the clause is pre-canned but one of several possibilities, i.e. it is chosen by the user from a select box from a custom form, instead of being typed in by hand. Another reason to allow override is for quick testing by the admin when setting up a profile. However, regardless of

the form variable type, allowing SQL override has the potential to allow syntactically incorrect and/or resource-intensive queries to run (though syntax restrictions prevent any non-SELECT clauses).

3.6.23 Group By

Syntax: several select boxes and radiobuttons

The **Group By** options control how and when to show an additional set of group-by (clustered or faceted) results for Parametric Search fields. Up to 50 fields may be selected. For each field selected, the search results' summary will contain an additional set of results: a list of distinct values of that field from the results that match the query, with a count of results for that value and a link to search for that value.

The **Order By** field determines how to order the **Group By** results: by count or field, ascending or descending.

The **Max** field determines the maximum number of **Group By** results to show. The default (if empty) is the same as **Results per Page**. In a meta search, if target profiles have different **Max** values for the same-name **Field**, an arbitrary target profile's **Max** is chosen and used.

The **Length** field determines the maximum length to use for any of the **Group By** results. Results longer than the value specified here will be truncated. If empty, it defaults to 14 characters.

The **Bin Separators** field allows the **Group By** to be binned, i.e. have a group for each of a set of ranges of values, rather than a group for each distinct value. This may be useful for generating e.g. price-range groupings. If non-empty, the **Bin Separators** value is a comma-separated ascending list of values that define the lower and upper bounds of adjacent bins. Results are then grouped into these bins instead of distinct values. For example, a value of 50,100,250 would group into four bins: values less than 50, values greater than or equal to 50 but less than 100, values greater than or equal to 100 but less than 250, and values greater than or equal to 250. Note that there will be one more bin than the number of separators defined, since the separators define the bounds. Also note that a bin includes its lower bound (if present) but not its upper bound (if present).

The **Bin Display Names** field sets the displayed names for each of the bins defined by **Bin Separators**. If non-empty, its value is a comma-separated list of values, one per bin. (Note that since there is one more bin than separators, there should be one more **Bin Display Names** value than **Bin Separators** values.) If a value is empty, a name will automatically be generated for the bin, based on the lower and upper bounds; e.g. "Under 50", "50 - 100", "250 and up". A literal comma may be included in the bin name by escaping it with a backslash, i.e. "\,".

Group Bys should be set in descending priority order, i.e. highest priority first. Not all **Group By**s set may actually be performed during a search, depending on which are already used in infield queries, and the value of **Max Group Bys**. If fewer **Group By**s are performed than are set, the highest priority **Group By**s are the ones performed; the remainder will have links in the results to expand them if the user chooses to.

See p. 157 for more details on using **Group By**.

3.6.24 Max Group Bys

Syntax: empty, or an integer

The maximum number of **Group By**s to perform during a search; the default (if empty) is to perform all **Group By**s set (that are not already used in an exact-match infield query). Reducing the number of **Group By**s performed (i.e. by reducing **Max Group Bys**) can improve search performance and reduce search load; unperformed (but set) **Group By**s will have links in the output for the user to choose to expand them.

See p. 157 for more details on using **Group By**.

3.6.25 Max Docs to Group By

Syntax: empty, or an integer

The maximum number of result documents to process for **Group By** results. Decreasing this can speed up **Group By** results and reduce search load, at the cost of estimated **Group By** result counts, and possibly truncated **Group By** results. The max (and default) is empty for no limit (i.e. process all result documents).

See p. 157 for more details.

3.6.26 Results Width

Syntax: a whole number or a percentage valid for an HTML <TABLE> WIDTH

This controls the width of the <TABLE>s used in the search results. This may be a number indicating a fixed width or a number from 1 to 100 followed by a percent sign(%). This tells the user's web browser how wide to make the table.

3.6.27 Box Color

Syntax: a color name or number valid for HTML color specification

This controls the color of the "gray" informational boxes at the top and bottom of search results pages.

3.6.28 Show File Icons

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Show file type icons on individual results. These icons appear for non-html types (office files, PDF, images, etc). The exact positioning or usage of the icons can be customized using the XSL Stylesheet (see XSL File setting 3.6.10).

3.6.29 Show Thunderstone logo on results

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This controls the display of the Thunderstone logo on the search results page. The logo is displayed on the first and last page of a search.

3.6.30 Show Advanced Search

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This controls whether or not the Advanced Search button is displayed on the search form. If set to No then the button will be hidden, otherwise it will be displayed.

3.6.31 Query Autocomplete

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Query Autocomplete (also known as "typeahead") lets the Parametric Search Appliance suggest full words from the user's partially typed queries as they're being typed. If the user has typed ense, query autocomplete may suggest ensemble, enseignement, etc.

Like Spell Check, the list of words used for Query Autocomplete comes from the current profile's content, so the only suggestions made will be words that occur somewhere in the content.

Query Autocomplete is ordered with a priority system, where words that occur more often are ranked higher, and words that occur in titles are ranked much higher.

3.6.32 Max Completions

Syntax: a whole number

This controls the maximum number of completions that will be shown to the user when using Query Autocomplete functionality.

3.6.33 Results Highlighting

Syntax: select None, Classes, Inline or Bold

The user's query will be highlighted in various parts of the search results (Title, Abstract, etc.) with the selected method:

- None or N No highlighting will be done in search results.
- Classes or Y Terms will be highlighted with tags that refer to classes that are defined in a separate CSS file, /common/search.css by default. Each term in the query is tagged with a

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different class, which are each highlighted a different color in the default search.css. All these rules can be overridden with your own CSS on the results page.

- Inline Terms will be highlighted with tags that directly specify a fixed CSS style. This is not customizable, but is self-contained and does not depend on a separate stylesheet or file. Same visual result as Classes with the default CSS.
- Bold Terms will be highlighted with tags.

The default is Bold.

3.6.34 Context Highlighting

Syntax: select None, Classes, Inline or Bold

The user's query will be highlighted in the context view (Match Info page) as well as the cached content view with the selected method. Same choices as for **Results Highlighting**. The default is Classes.

3.6.35 PDF Query Highlighting

Syntax: select Yes or No button

When making links to PDFs in search results, the Parametric Search Appliance will add extra info to the link which will cause the user's query to be highlighted by the PDF viewer. Changing this setting to "N" will remove that extra information from the link, and no longer highlight the user's query in the PDF document.

3.6.36 PDF Highlighting Format

Syntax: select "Acrobat 7+" or "Legacy"

Controls the format used to provide query highlighting information for PDF links.

- Acrobat 7+: Uses the search parameter as defined in the PDF Open Parameter specification. Supported by Adobe Acrobat 7 (January 2005) and all later versions.
- Legacy: Uses the xml Highlight File Format syntax, which has been deprecated by Adobe. It was disabled by default in Acrobat Reader 9 (July 2008), and completely removed from Acrobat Reader X (Nov 2010) and all later versions.

This is a temporary setting is for compatibility, and will be removed in a future version of the Parametric Search Appliance (forcing Acrobat 7+ behavior).

3.6.37 Font

Syntax: a font name valid for HTML specification

This specifies the font to use throughout the search interface.

3.6.38 Display Charset

Syntax: a standard IANA charset name

This sets the charset used to display search results in. The default if empty is the charset for Storage Charset under All Walk Settings. This charset should be a superset of US-ASCII (same 7-bit sequences), compatible with Top HTML, and translatable by the Parametric Search Appliance from Storage Charset.

A <META HTTP-EQUIV=Content-Type> tag in Top HTML will be updated automatically to reflect this charset. This update can be disabled by putting 2 or more spaces between META and HTTP-EQUIV in Top HTML.

Note that if the Display Charset differs from the Storage Charset, search results must be converted on-the-fly, potentially degrading performance slightly. Thus, if Display Charset is ever changed, it is recommended that Storage Charset be changed as well, and after the next rewalk (when all the database data is now in the new Storage Charset), Display Charset be change back to default (empty, which will still display in the new Storage Charset).

3.6.39 Top HTML and Bottom HTML

Syntax: HTML

This is static HTML to place at the beginning and ending of every search page respectively. It is useful for setting styles and displaying navigation menus and otherwise making the search pages look like the rest of your site.

The <!-- THUNDERSTONE_HEADERS --> placeholder is replaced at search time with custom information necessary for search. If you customize your Top HTML, make sure <!-- THUNDERSTONE_HEADERS --> is somewhere in the Top HTML's <head> section.

Top and Bottom HTML when placed together should be exactly what is required to create a complete and valid HTML page. You can use your favorite HTML editor to create a page with a placeholder for the search form and results. Then cut and paste the section of HTML before the placeholder into the Top HTML and the section of HTML after the placeholder into the Bottom HTML.

If \$query occurs within these fields, it will be replaced by the user's query.

3.6.40 Enable Sherlock

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This informs the search to include comment tags in the results page to allow Sherlock to process the list.

Sherlock is a metasearch tool for Macintosh computers.

3.6.41 Top Best Bet Title

Syntax: text

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This is the title text of best bets displayed above the search results. Common choices are "Best Bets" and "Suggested Links". See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.42 Right Best Bet Title

Syntax: text

The title text of best bets displayed to the right of search results. Common choices are "Best Bets" and "Suggested Links". See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.43 Top Best Bet Group

Syntax: choose group from drop-down list

This controls which group of best bets will be shown above the results. The group must already be created. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.44 Right Best Bet Group

Syntax: choose group from drop-down list

This controls which group of best bets will be shown to the right of the results. The group must already be created. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.45 Top Best Bet Box Color

Syntax: valid HTML color

This controls the color to be used for the background of the top best bet box. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.46 Right Best Bet Box Color

Syntax: valid HTML color

This controls the color to be used for the background of the right-side best bet box. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.47 Top Best Bet Border Style

Syntax: select from drop-down list

This controls the style of the top best bet box border. You can choose to have no border, a border around all the best bets, or an individual border around each result. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.48 Right Best Bet Border Style

Syntax: select from drop-down list

This controls the style of the right-side best bet border. You can choose to have no border, a border around all the best bets, or an individual border around each result. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.49 Right Best Bet Box Width

Syntax: enter number in text box

This controls the width of the best bet boxes shown to the right of the regular search results. See Using Best Bets 6.17 for more details.

3.6.50 Authorization Method

The Authorization Method setting controls what Results Authorization method(s) are used by the Parametric Search Appliance when verifying user access to search result URLs. See the Results Authorization section (p. 140) for details. The possible settings are:

- None: No access verification; return all search results to all users. This is the default. It is also the setting that should be used for a Meta Search profile, even if one or more of its back-end profiles does use Results Authorization: the request and response for credentials will automatically be passed back and forth from front-end Meta Search to back-end profiles, which will handle the authorization (not the front-end).
- Forward login cookies: The Parametric Search Appliance will forward login cookies from the user to the result URL. This is for custom HTML-form-based single-sign-on systems (e.g. CAS).
- Basic/NTLM/file prompt via form: The Parametric Search Appliance will prompt the user for their credentials with a form, then send them to the result URL via HTTP Basic, NTLM or Windows/SMB file authentication.

3.6.51 Login Cookies

For the Forward login cookies Results Authorization method, one or more cookies must be named in the Login Cookies setting. No values are given, as they will be obtained automatically on a per-search basis from the user.

When a user conducts a search, if the named cookies are seen from the user's browser, the user is assumed to be logged in, and the cookies are forwarded to the results URLs for authorization. If the named cookies are not seen, the user is assumed not to have logged in yet, and is redirected to Login URL instead.

For example, for CAS single-sign-on authentication systems, the cookie named is the ticket-granting cookie, typically CASTGC.

3.6.52 Login URL

For the Forward login cookies Results Authorization method, if none of the Login Cookies are seen at search time, the user is assumed not to have logged in yet, and will be redirected to this URL instead. The Login URL should be the URL to the site's form-based login page.

After logging in, the site's login page can be configured to re-redirect the user back to their original search if desired. The special token "%REFERER%", if used in the Login URL, will be replaced with the URL back to the user's search. Thus, it could be assigned to a query-string variable in the Login URL so that the login page can redirect back to the search. E.g. with this value for the Login URL:

http://login.acme.com/login.asp?searchurl=%REFERER%

the Parametric Search Appliance would redirect the user to http://login.acme.com/login.asp, with the searchurl variable set to the Parametric Search Appliance search page (with query). The login.asp code could be modified to redirect the user back to the searchurl query variable after login.

3.6.53 Basic/NTLM/file Cookie Type

For the Basic/NTLM/file - prompt via form Results Authorization method, this setting controls what cookie type to use for the Parametric Search Appliance's copy of the user's credentials.

With Basic/NTLM/file - prompt via form set, when a user conducts a search for the first time, a form is presented (from the Parametric Search Appliance) asking for a user and password. The user/pass is sent back to the user as a cookie from the Parametric Search Appliance for use in future searches without having to re-prompt. The user/pass is also simultaneously used to validate search results via HTTP Basic/NTLM or Windows/SMB file access.

The Basic/NTLM/file Cookie Type setting controls whether this cookie from the Parametric Search Appliance should be Persistent (retained long-term – a year – so the user does not have to log in at each new session) or Session (discarded after browser closure for security).

Note that the cookie for Basic/NTLM/file Cookie Type is distinct from the Login Cookies; they are used for different access methods. The former originates from the Parametric Search Appliance and is only ever sent to/from the user and the Parametric Search Appliance: non-cookie-based access methods are then used from the Parametric Search Appliance to the result URLs for actual authentication. Login Cookies, however, originate from a third-party form-based login system, and pass from the login server to the user to the Parametric Search Appliance to the result URLs.

3.6.54 Login Verification URL

For the Basic/NTLM/file - prompt via form Results Authorization method, the user is directly prompted for a login by the Parametric Search Appliance. Since authentication is handled by another server, when search results are denied access, the Parametric Search Appliance cannot know if the denial is URL-based (lack of access by the user), or login-based (mistyped/wrong password).

To differentiate the two and give users a chance to correct mistyped passwords, a Login Verification URL may be set. This should be a URL that *all* users have access to, but that is still protected (i.e. anonymous users are denied). It should be an actual file (not a directory), preferably small (a few KB), and permanent (not likely to move, be renamed or have perms changed).

If Login Verification URL is set, the Parametric Search Appliance will verify a user's prompted-for login by accessing this page. Since all users have access to it, a denial is assumed to mean the login was incorrect, and the user will be re-prompted for their credentials. Without a Login Verification URL set, a mistyped password will result in no search results, but the user will not know if they do not have access to the results, or they merely mistyped their password.

Login Verification URL can also be useful with the Forward Login Cookies Results Authorization method, when used in conjunction with an Authorization Target of Login Verification URL Only, as described below.

3.6.55 Authorization Target

When using Results Authorization, individual results will be checked to ensure the search user has access to them. This can be wasteful if you know your entire results use the same permissions, e.g. if a user can access one thing, they can access everything.

You can set Authorization Target to Login Verification URL Only, and if the Login Verification URL check is successful, the Parametric Search Appliance will assume all the individual results are allowed and skip authorizing them individually.

3.6.56 Unauthorized Result Query

For all Authorization Method types of Results Authorization, it is assumed a protocol-level denial will be issued when the Parametric Search Appliance accesses URL(s) that a user does not have access too. E.g. for HTTP URLs, a 401 Unauthorized message should be issued.

However, some servers may only issue a human-readable denial message, but otherwise return an ok (e.g. HTTP 200) protocol message. For such results the Parametric Search Appliance will assume the user has access, and will erroneously return the result.

To remedy this, Unauthorized Result Query may be set to a query that will match only denied pages (e.g. "Access Denied"). The Field/Type box should be set to the query type (substring vs. REX) and field (raw HTML vs. formatted text) for the search. The Query field is set to the actual substring or REX query.

Note that this setting imposes an extra search load, as each search result must be verified with a full-page GET instead of a HEAD, as well as queried against. Thus, Unauthorized Result Query should only be set if absolutely necessary.

3.6.57 Username Fixup

Username Fixup allows you to make modifications to the Results Authorization username provided, such as adding or removing a domain. This allows multiple back-ends with slightly different authentication schemes to be searched simultaneously in a Meta Search.

- Search the search expression to match on the incoming username. Unless you're stripping off a domain, this should be left blank to match everything.
- Replace the replacement string used to modify what was matched in the search. Please see examples below, or the **Replacement Strings** of the Vortex manual on our website for the exact syntax.

For example, suppose you have a wiki and a file server. They use the same authentication back-ends, but the wiki takes the format username and the file server takes the format DOMAIN\username. If you create a profile for each of them and set the Username Fixup Replace value for the file server to DOMAIN\\\1, then you can meta-search both with username and each will get the format it needs.

Examples

- Changing username to MYDOMAIN\username
 - Search (Empty)
 - Replace MYDOMAIN\\\1
- Changing MYDOMAIN\username to username
 - Search >>=!\\+\\=.+
 - Replace \4
- Changing MYDOMAIN\username to OTHERDOMAIN\username
 - Search >>=!\\+
 - Replace OTHERDOMAIN

3.6.58 Max Docs to Auth-Check

This setting is the maximum number of raw (pre-auth-check) search result URLs to examine for authorized results, during results authorization. Decreasing this limit can speed up searches and reduce origin server load, at the cost of possibly truncated displayed results. E.g. noisy queries that match many overall documents on the server, but few of which are authorized for the search user, may use a lot of server resources, so reducing this limit may reduce that load.

The maximum value is -1 or blank (the default), for no limit: i.e. continue until all results are checked, or Successful Auth Result Limit or Total Auth Timeout is reached.

3.6.59 Successful Auth Result Limit

This setting is the maximum number of authorized (displayable, post-auth-check) results to try to establish, during results authorization. Increasing this limit makes it more likely to get an exact hit count for a search (instead of a single page), at the expense of more search time and more origin server load.

The minimum (and default if empty) is the same as the Results per Page setting (p. 105), which produces a page of results the fastest. The maximum is -1 for no limit, i.e. continue until all results are checked, or Max Docs to Auth-Check or Total Auth Timeout is reached.

3.6.60 Total Auth Timeout

This setting is the maximum total time in seconds to spend searching and authorizing results, during Results Authorization. The maximum setting value is -1 for no limit, i.e. let Search Timeout (p. 124) cancel the search if reached. Any other negative value is relative to Search Timeout. Thus the default (if empty) of -5 means stop searching 5 seconds before Search Timeout, so that there are a few seconds left to send the results to the user.

3.6.61 Allow Authorization URL

If enabled, the Authorization URL field of each document is used for Results Authorization instead of the document URL. (If the Authorization URL field of a document is empty, or this setting is disabled, the document URL is used.) Enabling this can speed up searches under certain circumstances.

Sometimes an entire group of documents share the same authorization. For example, on some systems the contents of a directory always have the same authorization as the directory itself. In other words, every user's permissions on the files in any directory is the same as their permissions on the directory itself. If this is the case, then Results Authorization can authorize all results in the directory just by authorizing the directory itself, once. This reduction in calls speeds up searches.

For this optimization to be effective, the Authorization URL field in the database must be populated (see **Data from Field**, p. 70). For example, on systems where the contents of a directory always have the same authorization as the directory itself, Authorization URL should be set to the parent dir of each URL. The more files there are (on average) in a given directory, the more effective this optimization will be. Additionally, the **Authorization Caching** setting should be set to Session, so that the one-time directory authorization can be reused for each result inside the directory. (Otherwise Results Authorization must repeat the directory authorization for every result in the directory, as normal.)

The Authorization URL field may also be used on systems that do not meet the group-authorization criteria (many docs sharing the same authorization) detailed above. An environment may exist where the walked/result URL is simply not the same URL that should be used for Results Authorization. For example, the walk/result URLs may be file://URLs, yet the authorization should take place with http://URLs of the same host and path. In such a case, the Authorization URL field could be populated with the http://variant to tell Results Authorization to use those URLs. In this instance, the field is being used to properly authorize URLs, and will not necessarily speed up searches (because the Authorization URLs are unique and not shared across groups).

3.6.62 Authorization Caching

Whether and how to cache Results Authorization traffic. The default of None does no caching. When set to Session, Results Authorization traffic is cached for the duration of the session, i.e. that search alone. Normally caching is of little benefit, because authorization URLs are typically the same as result URLs, and the latter are typically unique in a given search; thus caching will not help. However, if the Authorization URL field is populated, and Allow Authorization URL is enabled, enabling caching may speed up Results Authorization searches. See Allow Authorization URL (p. 118) for details.

3.6.63 Debug Results Authorization

Enabling this setting causes copious debugging information to be logged. It should only be enabled at the request of Tech Support for diagnosing Results Authorization problems.

3.6.64 Show Authorization Info

Enabling this causes details about the Results Authorization process to be displayed on the search results page - which URL are being attempted, what the outcome is, how long it takes, etc. This can assist in troubleshooting why results aren't displaying when expected.

- None (default) No information is displayed.
- Admin Users Only information is displayed only if the browser is currently logged in to the admin interface. This allows admins to troubleshoot Results Authorization without exposing information to all users.
- All Users information is displayed for all search users.

WARNING - The information shown includes info about URLs that search users don't have access to (explaining how/why they failed). The Parametric Search Appliance acknowledging the existence of these URLs when they're unauthorized could be considered a security breach in some scenarios.

It is recommended to only set it to Admin Users Only when troubleshooting, and then set it back to None when no longer needed.

3.6.65 Enable Spell Check

Syntax: select Yes or No button

This turns on the spell check option. With this option on, any search which produces no results displays a list of alternate-spelling queries, which will produce more results. If a query produces one result, the Parametric Search Appliance suggests other words similar in spelling to the words you entered. The suggestions are based on the actual walk database, so unusual spellings or terminology used on your site are picked up by the spell-checker. The number of suggestions varies, depending on the Suggest Time Limit and Number of Suggestions options. The default is on.

3.6.66 Suggest Time Limit

Syntax: choose from drop-down list

This controls the number of seconds the Parametric Search Appliance allows for spelling suggestions to be made. See also Enable Spell Check 3.6.65 for more information.

3.6.67 Number of Suggestions

Syntax: choose from drop-down list

This controls the number of spelling suggestions offered. See also Enable Spell Check 3.6.65 for more information.

3.6.68 Synonyms

Syntax: choose from drop-down list

This allows you to select a level of equivalence matching. You can limit results to specific matches, or you can allow synonyms and phrases. The values are described as follows:

Disabled: no phrase recognition and no synonyms (equivalences). Only searches for the the actual terms in a query. This is regardless of ~ usage.

Phrase recognition only: recognize query word groups that are known phrases and search for them as phrases.

Phrases & Allow synonyms: phrase recognition plus allows the tilde () operator to match synonyms on specific query terms

Phrases & Use synonyms by default: phrase recognition and matching synonyms on all query terms (tilde to turn off on specific terms).

See also Using the Thesaurus (section 6.3).

3.6.69 Main Thesaurus

Syntax: the symbolic name for the primary thesaurus

Here you can select a main thesaurus. A drop-down list allows you to select one of the thesauruses that was defined in System, Custom Thesaurus.

See also Using the Thesaurus (section 6.3).

3.6.70 Secondary Thesaurus

Syntax: the symbolic name for the secondary thesaurus

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Here you can select a secondary thesaurus. A drop-down list allows you to select one of the thesauruses that

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See also Using the Thesaurus (section 6.3).

was defined in mSystem, Custom Thesaurus.

3.6.71 Translate Boolean

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. If on, Boolean keywords and, or, and not in the search query will be translated into set logic.

The Parametric Search Appliance uses set logic internally, and this setting translates basic boolean statements into proper set logic automatically. This is a limited translation, and does not support nesting of statements

For more information on the Parametric Search Appliance's use of set logic, please see the **Using Set Logic to Weight Search Items** of the Texis manual on our website.

3.6.72 Quotes for Literal

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Normally (when this setting is off, the default), double quotes around a group of search terms just makes the group a phrase: the terms must be found in the same order and adjacency as in the query. However, thesaurus lookups, word form processing (e.g. plurals), etc. are still performed on the phrase.

If **Quotes for Literal** is on, double-quoted terms will not only be phrases, but also searched for as is, without thesaurus lookups, word form processing, or other characters that would otherwise have a special query meaning.

3.6.73 Allow the @ Operator

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. If on, allow use of the @ (intersections) operator in queries. Queries with few or no intersections (e.g. @0) may be slower, as they can generate a copious number of results.

3.6.74 Allow Linear

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. If on, an all-linear query —one without any indexable "anchor" words— is allowed. A query like "/money #million", where all the terms use unindexable pattern matchers (REX, NPM or XPM) is an example. Such a query requires a linear search of the entire table, and this can be very slow for a table of significant size.

If allinear is off, all queries must have at least one term that can be resolved with the Metamorph index, and a Metamorph index must exist on the field. Under such circumstances, other unindexable terms in the query can generally be resolved quickly, if the "anchor" term limits the linear search to a tiny fraction of the table. The error message "Query would require linear search" may be generated by linear queries if this is off.

3.6.75 Allow "NOT" Logic

Syntax: select Yes or No button

On by default. If on, allows "NOT" logic (e.g. the - operator) in a query.

3.6.76 Allow Post-Processing

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. If on, post-processing of queries is allowed when needed after an index lookup, e.g. to resolve unindexable terms like REX expressions, or only partially indexable terms. If off, some queries are faster, but they may not be as accurate if they aren't completely resolved. The error message "Query would require post-processing" may be generated by such queries if this is off.

3.6.77 Allow Wildcards

Syntax: select Yes or No button

On by default. If on, wildcards are allowed in queries. Wildcards can slow searches somewhat because potentially many words must be looked for.

3.6.78 Allow Leading Wildcards

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. If on, leading wildcards ("*word") are allowed in queries. **Allow Wildcards** must also be enabled. Note that leading-wildcard terms are significantly slower to search for than trailing-wildcard terms such as "word*".

3.6.79 Single-Word Wildcards

Syntax: select Yes or No button

On by default. If on, wildcard searches will span only one word in the text – instead of up to 80 characters across words – and will suffix-match. E.g. the query "con*tion" will match "condition" but not "consider my position" nor "conditionally".

3.6.80 Allow WITHIN Operators

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. If on, "within" operators (w/) are allowed. These generally require a post-process to resolve, and therefore they can slow searches. If off, the error message "'delimiters' not allowed in query" will be generated if the within operator is used in a query.

3.6.81 Require All Words

Syntax: select Yes or No button

By default, all words a user searches for must be in the result for it to match. If Require All Words is changed to N, a result will be shown if *any* of the query terms are in the result.

Results that match multiple words will be ranked higher than results that match fewer.

3.6.82 Resolve Phrase Noise Words

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. This indicates whether to exactly resolve the noise words in phrases. If on, a phrase such as "state of the art" will only match those exact words; however, this may require post-processing to resolve (potentially slower). If off, any word is permitted in place of the noise words, and no post-processing is needed; this is faster but potentially less accurate.

3.6.83 Phrase Word Processing

Syntax: select box

This setting controls how suffix/wildcard processing – as determined by the **Word Forms** setting – is applied to phrases. Single-word terms always have suffix/wildcard processing applied; however phrases – multi-word terms bound by hyphens or in double-quotes – are only processed if this setting allows it.

There are two choices:

- Last word only: Only process the last word in the phrase; this is the default. For example, with this value set (and **Word Forms** set to Any word forms) the query ""vacuum cleaner" would match "vacuum cleaner" as well as "vacuum cleaners".
- None: Do no processing on phrase words. With this value set, the query ""vacuum cleaner" would only match "vacuum cleaner", regardless of **Word Forms**.

Note that a *single* word term is not a phrase – even if double-quoted – and thus **Phrase Word Processing** does not apply to it.

3.6.84 Keep Noise Words

Syntax: select Y or N button

Off (N) by default. This indicates whether to keep noise words ("the", "and", "who" etc.) in the query during query processing and search for them, or remove them from the query and ignore them. Searching for noise words can increase query time, as they occur frequently, and generally does not improve the results much due to their ubiquitous frequency; thus they are ignored by default.

3.6.85 Noise List

Syntax: whitespace separated list of noise (stop) words

A list of words to be ignored in queries (if **Keep Noise Words** is N). If empty the default list will be used, which is:

a about after again ago all almost also always am am an and another any anybody anyhow anyone anything anyway are are as at away back be became because been before being between but by came can cannot come could did do does does doing done down each each else even ever every everyone everything for from front get getting go goes going gone got gotten had has has have have having he her here him his how i if in into is is isn't it just last least left less let like make many may maybe me mine more most much my my myself never no none not now of off on one onto or our ourselves out over per put putting same saw see seen shall shall she she should should so some somebody someone something stand such sure take than that the their their them them then there these they this this those through till to too two unless until up upon us us very was was we went were what what's whatever when where whether which while who who whoever whom whose whose why will will with within without won't would wouldn't yet you your

3.6.86 Search Timeout

Syntax: integer number of seconds

This is the maximum overall time to spend searching and sending results. Exceeding this limit, whether due to server load, network slowness, etc. will result in a "Timeout" message to the user. This helps prevent heavy load from overwhelming the server. The default (if empty) is 30 seconds. The maximum is -1 for no limit, which is strongly discouraged.

3.6.87 Show Error Messages

Syntax: select box

Show Error Messages determines the disposition of error messages during searches. It may be set to one of the following values:

- None Suppress all errors
- In HTML comments

 Show errors in HTML comments (for HTML results styles) so that they are not normally visible to
 the user, but can be viewed via View Source in a browser. In XML results styles, errors will be
 suppressed.
- In HTML comments & query errors visible Show errors in HTML comments (for HTML results styles), but show query-related errors (e.g. "Your query was all noise words.") visibly (in gray boxes).

The default is In HTML comments & query errors visible. Note that in admin (test search) mode, all errors are always shown visibly, for admin perusal.

3.6.88 Debug SQL Level

Syntax: integer/hex number or empty/0 to disable

Setting Debug SQL Level to a non-empty/non-zero value (typically 3) enables extra debug messages for certain SQL statements. Generally only set at the request of tech support for diagnosing problems.

3.6.89 Debug Metamorph Level

Syntax: integer/hex number or empty/0 to disable

This enables extra debug messages for certain Metamorph statements. Generally only set at the request of tech support for diagnosing problems. Note that this setting can generate copious amounts of messages.

3.6.90 Fast Result Counts

Syntax: select Yes or No button

Off by default. Some complex queries involving categories or proximities closer than page can take more time to determine exact result hit counts. In some cases it may cause timeouts. Enabling this option will determine hit counts much faster, and using less CPU, in these cases at the expense of accuracy. The hit counts for complex queries will generally be overestimated (it will say there are more results than there really are).

3.6.91 Proximity

Syntax: choose from drop-down list

Proximity gives the ability to locate results with greater precision. The Parametric Search Appliance input form gives you several options to control the search proximity:

line All query terms must occur on the same line

sentence Query items must all reside within the same sentence

paragraph Within the same paragraph or text block

page All items must occur within same HTML document (the default)

A bar-graph display will be shown any time a ranking search was performed (e.g. all searches except Show Parents).

3.6.92 Language Characters

Syntax: list or range of characters, as inside REX []

The **Language Characters** setting controls what characters constitute a language query. Query terms composed entirely of these characters are considered language terms, and have **Word Forms** processing applied. Additionally, during linear/post-process searches (e.g. hit highlighting on the Match Info page), potential matches of language or wildcard query terms will be expanded to include all adjacent characters that are part of this setting, and the match rejected if it does not match the query term (this prevents the query term pond from matching the text term correspondence, for example).

The syntax is a list of characters (no separation), and/or a range of characters; the same as a REX character class (without the brackets). The default is \alpha\'\x80-\xFF, i.e. alphabetic, hi-bit (for UTF-8) and apostrophe (for contractions). For best results, all characters that could match part of a **Word Definition** expression (p. 80) should usually also be listed in **Language Characters**.

3.6.93 Word Forms

Syntax: choose from drop-down list

The Word forms options give you control over how many variations of your query terms are sought in your search as follows:

Exact match: Only exact matches are allowed. (the default)

Plurals & possessives: Plural and possessive forms are found. (s, es, 's)

Any word forms: As many word forms as can be derived are located.

Custom: use the three custom settings below to determine word forms.

3.6.94 Custom Suffix List

Syntax: Space-separated list of suffixes

When using the Word Forms Custom, this is the space-separated list of suffixes to use. All of these will be repeatedly stripped off of words, as long as the word is longer than the Custom Suffix Min Length.

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An example setting could be s es ' a e i y. For the word smith's, the sand ' would be stripped, causing it to match smith, smiths, etc.

3.6.95 Custom Suffix Default Removal

Syntax: Y or N

When using the Word Forms Custom, this controls whether to remove a trailing vowel, or one of a trailing double consonant pair, after normal suffix processing is finished. This will not apply if it would take the word below the minimum word length.

For example, if ing is in the suffix list and Default Removalis Y, then the word running will have the ing stripped, and then the 2nd n will be removed via Default Removal, producing run.

Default Removal is set to Y when using Any Word Forms, but not with Plurals & Possessives.

3.6.96 Custom Suffix Min Length

Syntax: Number

When using the Word Forms Custom, the Parametric Search Appliance will not try to strip additional suffixes from any word shorter than this length. For example, if min length is 3 or more, the es on yes will not be treated as a suffix.

Min Length is set to 3 when using Plurals & Possessives, and 5 for All Word Forms.

3.6.97 Word Ordering

Syntax: choose from drop-down list

Controls how important word order is for results ranking: results with terms in the same order as the query are considered better. For example, if searching for "bear arms", then the hit "arm bears", while matching both terms, is probably not as good as an in-order match. The default weight is Medium (500).

3.6.98 Word Proximity

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how important proximity of terms is for results ranking. The closer the hit's terms are grouped together, the better the rank. The default weight is 500.

3.6.99 Database Frequency

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how important frequency in the table is for results ranking. The more a term occurs in the table being searched, the *worse* its rank. Terms that occur in many documents are usually less relevant than rare terms. For example, in a web-walk database the word "HTML" is likely to occur in most documents: it thus has little use in finding a specific document. The default weight is 500.

3.6.100 Document Frequency

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how important frequency in document is for results ranking. The more occurrences of a term in a document, the better its rank, up to a point. The default weight is 500.

3.6.101 Position in Text

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how important closeness to document start is for results ranking. Hits closer to the top of the document are considered better. The default weight is 500.

3.6.102 Depth in Site

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how important being close to a Base URL is for results ranking. The more times the walk had to click on links to get to the page, the lower weight it will have. The default weight is off, i.e. do not factor in depth-in-site for results ranking.

3.6.103 Ranked Rows

Syntax: number

The maximum number of rows that can be scrolled to when returning ranked results. This can be set to 0 for all matching rows, or to any other number. The lower the number the better the performance, however users won't be able to scroll through as many results. The default is 200.

3.6.104 XML Export Variables

Syntax: names separated by newlines

XML Export Variables is a list of variables, one per line, that are to be displayed and propagated through XML search results. This can be used to propagate HTTP headers from the client's request, or for including arbitrary extra information.

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You can specify the header name in all caps, with underscores for spaces, and with a HTTP_prefix. For example, to include "User Agent", specify HTTP_USER_AGENT.

• Arbitrary variables

You can specify any named variable, and values passed in to the search query will be propagated in the XML output.

For example, if you use cbtGroup and HTTP_USER_AGENT, and the search URL includes ...&cbtGroup=user&cbtGroup=backup&..., then the following block will appear in the XML output:

```
<exportVar>
     <variable name="HTTP_USER_AGENT">Mozilla/5.0 ....</variable>
     <variable name="cbtGroup">user</variable>
          <variable name="cbtGroup">backup</variable>
</exportVar>
```

3.6.105 File URL Format

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how file URLs are formatted. The Max Compatibility setting will format them as file:////server/share which both Internet Explorer and Mozilla-based browsers such as Firefox and SeaMonkey support, while the Internet Explorer only setting will format them as file://server/share.

Note that for Mozilla-based browsers you will also need to enable permission for HTML pages to open files by creating a user.js in your profiles directory (where prefs.js is) that contains (note: lines wrapped to fit the printed page):

where HOSTNAME is the name or IP address of the search results as seen in the browser address bar.

3.6.106 Redirect Format

Syntax: choose from drop down list

Controls how redirects are presented when doing Query Logging, as some combination of HTTP 302 redirects and HTML meta-refresh redirects.

The Max Compatibility setting is recommended, which works around known bugs in Internet Explorer by not using a 302 redirect when Internet Explorer is requesting file:// URLs.

3.6.107 Phishing Protection

Phishing Protection prevents the Parametric Search Appliance from being used as a tool in a phishing attack.

The Parametric Search Appliance has a redirect page as part of its Query Logging functionality, where it will provide a redirect to the URL specified. It would be possible for an attacker to specify a URL that, at first glance, looks like a link from the Parametric Search Appliance, which the user may trust. After the redirect, it actually ends up somewhere else.

If Phishing Protection is enabled, the redirect page will make sure that any URL specified is actually in the profile's walk database before issuing the redirect to it.

3.6.108 Decode Displayed URLs

Decode Displayed URLs will cause the URL that is displayed in search results to be URL-decoded, which includes replacing sequences with their proper characters.

This can be useful when URLs have words separated with spaces, which are replaced with \$20 to be a valid URL. Decode Displayed URLs allows you to display the decoded version, making the files easier for search users to read.

"this%20is%20a%0file.txt" becomes "this is a file.txt".

3.6.109 Results Caching

The **Results Caching** option can be used to enable a search results cache mechanism, which can speed up response time for frequently-used queries. When enabled, the HTML or XML results of searches are stored in a per-profile cache, and if a later search is made with the same query string parameters, the cache result may be returned, avoiding the need for a full search. Setting **Enabled** to Y enables results caching.

Setting **Allow Override** to Y allows users to control whether a search uses and/or updates the cache, by specifying a value for the rescache query string variable:

- n Do not search or refresh the cache; i.e. search as if caching were disabled.
- refresh Do not search the cache, but update it if rules allow.
- norefresh Search the cache, but do not update it.
- y Search and update the cache normally.

Both **Enabled** and **Allow Override** are considered "appearance" options, i.e. they will not take effect for Live Search unless Update Live and Test is used. See the Results Caching section of Profile Tools (p. 39) for more details on when to use results caching, its caveats and management.

Note: Results Caching is a completely separate feature from the similarly named Cache Content.

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• Cache Content saves additional information while walking so that users can download an original copy of the result directly from the Appliance instead of the original location. This is done through a View Cached link on the search interface.

• This feature, Results Caching, saves an entire page of results after a search is performed, so additional searches for the same terms can use that cache instead of performing the search again. This is invisible to search users.

Please see 3.5.107 for more information on Cache Content.

3.6.110 Max Cache Entry Age

This sets the maximum age, in seconds, for a results cache entry. Entries older than this will not be used for results, and will be purged by the results cache manager. The default (if empty) is 21600 seconds, i.e. six hours.

3.6.111 Max Cache Size

This sets the maximum size, in bytes, of the results cache. This is not a hard limit, but when the cache grows larger than this, the results cache manager will start to remove old/low-priority entries. The default (if empty) is 100000000 (one hundred million bytes).

3.6.112 Min Search Time

This sets the minimum search time, in seconds, that a query must take in order to be considered for results caching. Queries that are faster than this are not cached, because they are considered fast enough to save the space. The value may be an integer or floating-point (decimal) number; the default (if empty) is 2.0.

3.6.113 Visible

This controls whether this profile is visible to other Parametric Search Appliances (or even the same one) for use in a meta search. Any profile that is to be used as a part of a meta search must have the Visible flag set to Y.

If a profile has Visible set to N and is used as a back-end for meta search, it will return the error Profile not Visible.

3.7 System Wide Settings

This area is for settings that affect the Parametric Search Appliance as a whole and/or may be shared by multiple walk profiles.

3.7.1 Admin Theme

Selects a color theme to use for the Parametric Search Appliance's administrative interface. This doesn't affect walking or the search interface in any way.

It can be useful to provide a means of quick visual differentiation between multiple Parametric Search Appliances.

3.7.2 Admin Logo

This allows you to specify a custom logo to use in the upper-right hand corner of all the administrative interface pages.

This setting specifies full URL path that will be used in the src attribute of the image.

3.7.3 Home Page

By default when the Parametric Search Appliance is directly accessed, as in http://hostname_or_ip it will present a page that allows selection of the admin or search interface. This option allows you to replace that page with any HTML you devise. The HTML you upload should refer to images and such using fully qualified URLs because they can not be uploaded to the Parametric Search Appliance for use in relative URLs.

Checking Default will revert the Parametric Search Appliance home page to its factory behavior.

3.7.4 Enter At Search, Default Profile

By default users accessing the Parametric Search Appliance using no particular URL will be given a choice of admin or search. Enabling this option removes that choice and enters at the search for the profile named in the Default Profile setting.

3.7.5 Favicon.ico

The Parametric Search Appliance comes with no favicon.ico file. If you wish users' browsers to display your company's favicon when they are accessing the Parametric Search Appliance you'll need to upload

that icon. If you no longer wish to have a favicon check Delete.

3.7.6 Robots.txt

The Parametric Search Appliance comes with no robots.txt file. If you want to control how web walking robots visit your search pages you can upload a robots.txt file. This robots.txt file will apply to all pages returned bythe Parametric Search Appliance including admin, documentation, and searches whether accessed by HTTP or HTTPS. See http://www.robotstxt.org for the syntax of robots.txt files.

If you no longer wish to have a robots.txt check Delete.

Note: You may also control robots for searches on a profile by profile basis by using meta robots within the top HTML of the search settings or the custom XSL if you're using an XSL style sheet for search results. See http://www.robotstxt.org for the syntax of the meta robots tag.

3.7.7 Cluster Members

This field defines the machine(s) and/or network(s) that constitute a cluster of Parametric Search Appliances. You can specify multiple addresses with a network prefix and wildcard (like 10.10.10.1), netmask (like 10.10.1.0:255.255.255.0), or address/prefixlen (like 10.10.1.0/24) format. All machines matching these IPs will be allowed full access to the Parametric Search Appliance internals without verification. This allows for replication and dataload.

If the request is forwarded such that a X-Forwarded-For header is included (like a load balancer), all IPs through the forwarding chain must be allowed by Cluster Members.

3.7.8 API Logging

Allows you to record the XML requests & responses of all dataload and SOAP admin API calls to api.log in the logs directory. This can be useful when troubleshooting why dataload requests aren't storing properly.

Dataload and replication are supported in the full Texis product, but not Webinator-only.

3.7.9 Task Monitor Logging

Controls the verbosity of logging for the Task Monitor. Messages are logged to taskmonitor.log in the logs directory.

3.7.10 Google Connector Logging

Controls the verbosity of logging for the processing of Google Connectors. Messages are logged to gcon.log in the logs directory. This includes Google Feed pushes, and full connector actions.

3.7.11 Disable All Walks

When this setting is on, no walks will launch for any profiles for any reason (manual, schedule, etc). Setting to Y will stop ALL profiles from walking, overriding any individual profile's Disable Walks setting.

This can be useful with machines that should be dataload-only, or for machines that want to guarantee their content won't change.

3.7.12 Update Software

This allows you to configure the system to perform updates automatically. There are three steps to performing an upgrade, and you can select how many steps are performed automatically. The steps are described as follows:

- Don't check for updates automatically-the Parametric Search Appliance will not perform any actions on its own.
- Check for updates but don't download or install-the Parametric Search Appliance will discovers whether software that is newer than what is installed is available.
- Download updates but don't install the Parametric Search Appliance will download software updates and hold them for you to peruse and install.
- Install updates automatically the Parametric Search Appliance automatically applies software updates as they're made available.

3.7.13 HTTP Proxy Server

If you need a HTTP proxy to access the internet while checking for updates, you can specify the server here. If you don't need a proxy, leave blank.

3.7.14 Proxy Username

If the HTTP proxy used when checking for updates requires credentials, enter your username here.

If you're not using a proxy or it doesn't require credentials, leave blank.

3.7.15 Proxy Password

If the HTTP proxy used when checking for updates requires credentials, enter your password here.

If you're not using a proxy or it doesn't require credentials, leave blank.

3.7.16 System Replication Settings

"Targets" defines machines that will receive system replication from the Appliance. This includes the creation and deletion of profiles, all profile settings changes, and all profile data. This also includes system-wide settings, thesauruses, and client certificates.

System replication targets must have Allow Receiving enabled, as described below.

3.7.17 Allow Receiving

the Appliance can only be a receiver of System Replication (described above) if this Appliance has Allow Receiving set to Y. The sender must also be listed in this Appliance's Cluster Members, as described above.

3.7.18 Log All Replication

Writes information for each replication queue processor to replication.log. This forces logging for all profiles, and also for non-profile, System data replication.

If both "Log All Replication" and a profile's "Log Replication" are set, logging for that profile will be the more verbose of the two.

3.7.19 Enable HTTPS Server

This enables the Parametric Search Appliance's HTTPS web server, allowing web based admin and searches to be accessed via HTTPS in addition to or instead of HTTP. Turn this on to enable encrypted communications. Then access the admin interface using https in the URL instead of http. (Note: this

setting was formerly called **Enable HTTPS Admin**.)

3.7.20 Require HTTPS for Direct Admin

Set this option to Y so that direct access to the admin interface is only permitted via HTTPS and not HTTP. "Direct" means the immediate, direct connection to the Parametric Search Appliance from the web browser (or proxy, if any); security of the earlier hops of proxy-forwarded connections is checked by **Require HTTPS for Proxy Admin**.

If you use this you must also turn on **Enable HTTPS Server**.

For safety, Require HTTPS for Direct Admin can only be enabled while accessing the admin interface via HTTPS.

If you have set this option Y and accidentally configure it such that you can not access the Parametric Search Appliance, you can re-enable HTTP admin by going to the physical console of the Parametric Search Appliance and selecting the

drop Admin restrictions (HTTPS, IP, Cipher requirements) option.

(Note: this setting was formerly called **Require HTTPS Admin**.)

3.7.21 Require HTTPS for Proxy Admin

Set this option to Y so that proxy-forwarded access to the admin interface is only permitted via HTTPS and not HTTP. Forwarded connections are those hop(s) in the connection chain that are forwarded from the client to a proxy (that then accesses the Parametric Search Appliance directly); for control of direct connections to the Parametric Search Appliance admin (or the direct last-hop from a proxy to the Parametric Search Appliance), see **Require HTTPS for Direct Admin**.

Forwarded connections are checked by examining the X-Forward-Proto header value of connections to the admin interface: if all tokens are https, the forwarded connection is considered secure/HTTPS, otherwise insecure/HTTP. If no X-Forwarded-Proto header is present, the connection is not considered forwarded and this setting does not apply. Note that for this setting to be effective, the network must be secured such that *all* devices with direct access to the Parametric Search Appliance can be trusted to set (or clear) the X-Forwarded-Proto header properly, as the header is easily forged.

For safety, **Require HTTPS for Proxy Admin** cannot be enabled if you're currently accessing the Parametric Search Appliance via an insecure proxies.

If you have set this option Y and accidentally configure it such that you can not access the Parametric Search Appliance, you can re-enable HTTP admin by going to the physical console of the Parametric Search Appliance and selecting the

drop Admin restrictions (HTTPS, IP, Cipher requirements) option.

3.7.22 Admin Access IPs

This controls what IP addresses are allowed to access the admin interface. You may specify one or more individual IP addresses or networks. Networks may be specified with either glob, address:netmask, or address/prefixlen syntaxes. Place each entry on a line by itself. Blank means no IP restriction, the admin interface may be accessed from any IP (with proper credentials).

Example. If you have a local class C network of 10.10.1.0 as well as one public IP such as 198.49.220.1 you want to have admin access you would use

```
10.10.1.*
198.49.220.1

or

10.10.1.0/24
198.49.220.1

or

10.10.1.0:255.255.255.0
198.49.220.1
```

If the request is forwarded such that a X-Forwarded-For header is included (like a load balancer), all IPs through the forwarding chain must be allowed by Admin Access IPs.

For safety, The Parametric Search Appliance will only accept new Admin Access IPs values that allow the IP address it's currently being accessed from.

3.7.23 HTTPS/SSL Protocols

Which protocols to allow for HTTPS/SSL connections to the Parametric Search Appliance server from remote clients. Note: webmin will only use the first one checked unless all are checked. SSLv2 and SSLv3 are disabled by default, due to known vulnerabilities.

For client SSL protocols during walks, see SSL Client Protocols under All Walk Settings.

3.7.24 HTTPS/SSL Ciphers

Which ciphers to allow in HTTPS/SSL connections to the Parametric Search Appliance server from remote clients. This uses the openssl ciphers command-line format. e.g. turn off low security ciphers with DEFAULT: !LOW.

3.7.25 Honor Cipher Order

Whether to honor the cipher ordering specified in **HTTPS/SSL Ciphers** when clients connect to the Parametric Search Appliance. When set to Y, this allows weaker ciphers to be included in **HTTPS/SSL Ciphers** for back-compatibility with older clients, while still forcing newer clients to use stronger (earlier-specified) supported ones. Y may mitigate the BEAST SSL vulnerability.

If set to N, the client is instead allowed to negotiate a cipher that is potentially weaker than others it supports; this may be needed for some older clients.

Note that this setting may not be available on some older Appliances (Gen1; ca. pre-2009).

3.7.26 Enable FTP server

The FTP server is part of the catalog module, available separately for the Parametric Search Appliance. Please contact Thunderstone for details.

This enables the Parametric Search Appliance's FTP server, allowing FTP clients to upload catalog files directory to the appliance instead of using the GUI web interface. Please see the catalog module's **FTP Access** (p. 163) for more details.

3.7.27 Enable SNMP service

This enables the SNMP server on the Parametric Search Appliance. With this enabled you can use SNMP monitoring tools to monitor the condition of the Parametric Search Appliance.

A few items of particular interest might be

What	OID (Object Identifier)
Disk space	.1.3.6.1.4.1.2021.9
System load	.1.3.6.1.4.1.2021.10
Critical processes	.1.3.6.1.4.1.2021.2
RAID information	.1.3.6.1.4.1.8072.1.3.2

3.7.28 SNMP Community Name

This is the community name used to access the SNMP information. We suggest using something unique to your organization rather than "public".

3.7.29 SNMP Location Value

This is pretty much anything you want. It has no significance except as a designator for you to identify where or what the Parametric Search Appliance is.

3.7.30 SNMP Contact Value

This is pretty much anything you want. It would normally contain some contact information for the admins of the Parametric Search Appliance.

3.7.31 SNMP Access IPs

This controls what IP addresses are allowed to access the SNMP interface. You may specify one or more individual IP addresses or networks. Networks may be specified with either address:netmask or address/prefixlen syntaxes. Place each entry on a line by itself. Blank means no IP restriction, the SNMP interface may be accessed from any IP.

Example. If you have a local class C network of 10.10.1.0 as well as one public IP such as 198.49.220.1 you want to have SNMP access you would use

```
10.10.1.0/24
198.49.220.1
or
10.10.1.0:255.255.255.0
198.49.220.1
```

3.7.32 Administration Interface Options

These settings allow you to tweak the appearance of the pages when you're working with the Administration Interface. Note that this is the title of the Parametric Search Appliance *administration* pages,

such as All Walk Settings, List/Edit URLs, System, etc., not the titles of the actual *search* pages, which are controlled in each profile's Search Settings.

3.7.33 <title> order

By default, the title of administration pages show \$profile-\$section, where profile is the current profile, and section is the section of the profile being viewed. This setting allows you to swap those to so it shows section first.

3.7.34 <title> max profile length

If the name of the current profile is longer than this number, it will be truncated by ellipses when it displays in the title. This can ensure you will always be able to see both the profile and the section in your page titles.

-1 (default) means don't truncate, and 0 removes the profile form page titles.

3.8 Results Authorization

Results Authorization allows restriction of search results to authorized users only, on a per-URL basis. Only users with access to a given URL will ever see that URL in a result list, instead of all users seeing all matches (and potentially being denied access to results already shown).

Access to a URL, as well as the namespace of users, is determined by the URL's origin server, not the Parametric Search Appliance, so no reconfiguration of users or access is needed – the pre-existing server access controls are just forwarded by the Parametric Search Appliance. And since access is determined on a per-result, not per-search, basis, a single profile can serve a multitude of users with any combination of whole/partial access to the underlying data.

Results Authorization works at search time (late binding) by accessing each potential search result URL with the user's credentials. Only URLs authorized to that user are then shown in search results. The authentication method(s) used will depend on the existing system(s) already used by the indexed URLs. Various schemes are supported:

- None: No access verification; return all search results to all users. This is the default.
- Cookie-based: Custom HTML-form-based single-sign-on systems (e.g. CAS). Users first login on a web server (not a Windows workstation login), which then sends an access cookie to the user's browser. This cookie is automatically returned to the server when accessing future pages, and grants the user access.
- Basic: HTTP Basic authentication, for web servers.
- NTLM: Windows NTLM authentication, for web servers.
- SMB/Windows: SMB for Windows file servers (for Thunderstone products that support file://walking).

For cookie-based systems, the Parametric Search Appliance will merely forward the cookies the user has already received from the site login page. For all others (Basic/NTLM/SMB), the Parametric Search Appliance must prompt for the user and password directly, as they are needed to verify result URLs. In the latter case, credentials will then be stored in a cookie by the Parametric Search Appliance so that future searches do not need to re-prompt for a login. Note that NFS-mounted file servers are not currently supported by Results Authorization, due to limitations of NFS.

3.8.1 Results Authorization Walk Settings

The Parametric Search Appliance itself needs read access to the entire set of URLs in order to build a search index. Therefore, before walking a protected data set for Results Authorization, it may be necessary to fill out the Login Info setting (p. 87) under All Walk Settings with a full-access admin type account, so that the Parametric Search Appliance can walk the data.

Or it may be necessary to fill out a Primer URL (p. 84) containing login info to submit to a site's login form, so that the Parametric Search Appliance can obtain the login cookies needed for access to the rest of the site.

3.8.2 Results Authorization Search Settings

After a successful walk, Results Authorization is configured with the Results Authorization Options group on the Search Settings page. The primary setting is Authorization Method (p. 114), which is determined by the authentication system(s) in use by the indexed URLs. If cookie-based, this is set to Forward login cookies; for all other systems, it is set to Basic/NTLM/file - Prompt via form. Most of the remaining settings depend on which method was selected; see the Authorization Method setting (p. 114) for details.

There are also a few resource/tuning settings, such as Max Docs to Auth-Check, Successful Auth Result Limit, Total Auth Timeout, and Debug Results Authorization, which are not required, but merely fine-tune the results.

3.9 Meta Search - Search multiple profiles as one

Meta search allows you to search multiple profiles simultaneously and merge and display the results as if it was one big profile. The meta search can search and combine profiles from multiple Parametric Search Appliances.

3.9.1 Profile Creation

When creating a profile, change the Standard select box to Meta Search instead.

3.9.2 Meta Search Walk Settings

Walk Settings is somewhat of a misnomer for a meta search profile since it doesn't do any walking of its own. On this page you list the host(s) and profile(s) to search and merge when this profile is accessed.

For each profile you want included in the search you list the profile's name in the Profile Name column and the host name or IP of the machine where that profile resides in the Host IP or Name column. You may use DNS resolvable names or IP addresses in the host column. IP addresses are slightly more efficient because they don't require DNS lookup. But names are more flexible. Only the DNS, not a bunch of profile settings, has to change when machines get replaced or renumbered.

The Display Name column is used to provide a user friendly name for this profile that will be displayed if the user is allowed to choose which profiles to search.

The Bias allows you to apply a ranking bias to your metasearch targets. You can add or remove rank to results from a given target by increasing or decreasing the bias for that target. Setting bias to 3 will cause results from that target to have 3% higher rank than it normally would (76% would become 79%, etc.).

The Status column shows the status of the remote profile once a host/profile has been entered and Update has been pressed. If the target is searchable, OK is displayed. Otherwise, text explaining the error is displayed. Refreshing the page re-queries the target profiles.

If User Selection is set to Y then the user will be presented with a list of Display Names and can choose which ones to search. Leaving them all unchecked will cause them all to be searched.

The Meta Mode setting controls whether profiles on the same host will be searched serially or in parallel. "Sameness" of host is determined by the Host IP or Name setting, so using different names or a name and an IP address will allow you to mix serial and parallel.

The Results Merge Method setting controls how target profiles' results are merged and sorted by the meta profile. Two methods are available:

- Requested order
 - The results will be sorted as requested, i.e. as specified by the order query-string variable (or if that is unset, the meta search Result Order search setting). This is the default. Thus, results from different target profiles may or may not be mixed together (depending on how they sort by order).
- Target profile order

 The results will be sorted by their Profiles setting order first, then by requested (order variable) order. This will result in *all* results of the first target profile being shown first, then all results of the next target profile, etc.

Note that in both cases, the *target* profiles still individually sort their results according to requested order. The Results Merge Method setting only affects how those top results are then merged and sorted by the *meta* profile.

Max Backend Data Size provides a sanity limit on the information collected from metasearch backends. You can usually leave this untouched, but it may need increased if you're getting Max Page Size Exceeded errors in your metasearch results. This can be caused by having an exceptionally large number of results per page (thousands), or very large Parametric Fields.

3.9.3 Search Settings

The appearance options control the appearance of the meta search results pages. Currently the Results Authorization and query options of the meta profile do not apply: use the target profiles' options instead.

When using best bets the meta search profile must have the same group names as the backend profiles. Any best bets from the backends that have group names that are not defined in the meta profile will not be shown.

Query logging of the meta search and the backends are independent of each other. The meta search will respect its own query logging setting as will each of the backend profiles. So it is possible to have multiple logs for the same query if both the meta search and the backend have query logging turned on.

3.10 Access Control

Access Control allows different administrative users to be given different levels of access to the Parametric Search Appliance; normally, with access control off (the default) all users have access to all administrative functions. Access Control can only be enabled or disabled by the admin user.

3.10.1 User Groups

User groups allow easier access control maintenance, as users with similar permissions can be administered together once rather than separately several times. The special group Everyone always exists and cannot be edited; it always contains all users as a convenience.

User groups may contain other groups as well as users, allowing complex hierarchies to be created if needed. Permissions for a user are affected by all groups a user is directly or indirectly a member of. For example, if user Amy is in group Programmers, and group Programmers is in group IT, then Amy is also indirectly a member of IT, and her permissions are affected by those granted to not only herself and Programmers but IT as well.

3.10.2 Object hierarchy

Each administrative action that can be access-controlled (e.g. editing walk settings, creating accounts) can be thought of as an object. Some actions are broader than others and can be thought of as a superset, e.g. editing *all* profiles is a superset of editing a *specific* profile. Thus, access control objects are arranged in a tree-like hierarchy, where each object has a parent object, and can inherit permissions from it. This makes setting privileges on a logical group of objects (e.g. all profiles) easier, as only one object may need to be changed (the parent). Also, when new child members (e.g. new profiles) are created, they will inherit the same privileges automatically. The access control object hierarchy in the Parametric Search Appliance is as

```
follows:
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```
Global root object
Users/
                        User accounts
   admin
                            admin user
                            other users
Groups/
                        User groups
Profiles/
                        Profiles
   default
                           default profile
                           other profiles
   . . .
                        Profile settings
Settings/
Maintenance/
                        System page
   Info/
   Updates/
   Logs/
   Settings/
      System Wide
      ACLs
      Thesaurus
      Save, Restore
      Mounts
   System/
      RAID
```

Note that these "files" do not really exist: the objects are merely symbols representing actions that can be access-controlled.

3.10.3 Access Control Lists

An object may have an Access Control List (ACL) associated with it. ACLs determine what rights (Read/Write/Delete/Change perms) users have on objects. Each object's ACL contains one or more Access Control Entries (ACEs). An ACE identifies a trustee (a user or group), a set of rights, and whether those rights are allowed or denied the trustee on that object. In addition to the ACL explicitly set on an object, rights may be inherited from parent objects' ACLs, as mentioned above.

3.10.4 Determining Effective Rights

The effective rights a specific user has on an object – what the user can actually do with the object – are determined by examining ACEs in a specific order. The first ACE that matches both the user and the desired access right determines whether the user has that right on the object. An ACE matches the user if it specifies the user or any group the user is directly or indirectly a member of. An ACE matches the desired right if the right is listed in the ACE.

ACEs are examined in the following order¹:

¹In versions 5.3.0 and earlier, deny ACEs were always required to be before allow ACEs for an object.

- 1. ACEs explicitly set on the object
- 2. ACEs explicitly set on the object's parent
- 3. ACEs explicitly set on the object's further ancestors, nearest ancestor first

At each object, ACEs are checked in ACL order (the order displayed for an object on the Access Control page). Order can be changed among multiple ACEs on the same object by using the up arrow and down arrow buttons next to the ACEs.

If no matching ACE is found after all levels are examined (back to the root or Global ACE), access is allowed by default (this is for back-compatibility with non-ACL mode).

3.10.5 Required Rights for Admin Actions

Certain ACL rights are required for certain administrative actions to be performed. In order to maximize rights-configuration flexibility, some actions require rights on multiple objects. For example, editing settings on a profile requires rights not only on the profile, but also on the setting itself. Note in the object hierarchy (p. 144) that profiles and settings are two "sibling" branches, rather than settings being replicated as descendants of every profile. Thus, profiles and settings can be thought of as a two-dimensional grid for permissions, and a user's rights can be tailored across that grid: access to one setting across all profiles, access to all settings on one profile only, etc.

The rights needed for specific actions are listed below. If a user does not have all of the required rights for an action, either a red Access denied message will be displayed, or (if access still granted to other parts) the affected object may simply not appear (read access denied), or may appear grayed out (write access denied). For more information and some example permission schemes, see the Using Access Control section, p. 190.

Walk and Search Settings

For settings under Basic, All Walk, and Search Settings, a user must have read access to the profile as well as read access to the specific setting in order to see the setting. Write access to the profile, and write and delete access to the setting, is needed in order to modify a setting. (Delete is needed to clear a setting, which may not be apparent from the form.) Note that some settings are grouped on a line, such as the Robots setting: permissions can be granted to the group as a whole (Robots), or only specific settings in the group (Robots - robots.txtorRobots - Meta). If a user has no read access to a setting, it will not be displayed on the page. If a user has no write access to a setting, it will be disabled (grayed out and not modifiable).

Starting and stopping a walk

Write access to the profile and write access to the Walk now setting is required to start a walk. Write access to the profile and write access to the Stop walk setting is required to stop a walk.

Best Bets

Write access to the profile and write access to the Best Bet Groups setting is needed to modify the Best Bet Groups for a profile, or to modify Best Bet words for a specific URL (under List/Edit URLs). Note that this is distinct from editing Best Bet search settings (e.g. Top Best Bet Title), which only affect search, not the walk itself.

List/Edit URLs

Write access to the profile and write access to the List/Edit URLs setting is needed to modify URLs in the database, including using the Update Soon link. Read access to both is needed to view URLs.

List Duplicates

Read access to the profile and read access to the List Duplicates setting is needed read the error table and list the duplicates of a URL.

Walk Status

Read access to the profile and read access to the Walk status setting is needed to view Walk Status.

Query Log

Read access to the profile and read access to the Query log setting is needed to view the Query Log.

Profiles

Read access to the profile and read access to the desired setting(s) are needed to view the given setting. Write access to both is needed to modify a setting. Delete access to the profile is needed to delete the profile. Write access to All Profiles (the parent of profiles) is needed to create a new profile.

Accounts

Write access to All Users is needed to create a new user. Write access to the user is needed to change the password for a user. Delete access to the user is needed to delete a user.

User Groups

Write access to All Groups is needed to create a new group. Write access to the group, as well as write access to each member being added or removed, is needed to add or remove members to or from a group

(except where the group is only indirectly being modified due to a member itself being deleted). Delete access to the group is needed to delete a group.

Access Control

Change-perms access to an object is needed in order to create, edit or delete an ACE on the object.

Maintenance

The following Maintenance objects control access to various system resources:

• Info: Read access is needed to access the System \rightarrow Information \rightarrow System Information menu and its links, and the Dashboard.

Read access to Maintenance/Info/TestNetwork is needed to access the **System** \rightarrow Information \rightarrow Test Network and Servers page. (Alternatively, it can also be accessed with profile and Settings/TestFetch read access, since the **Test Page Fetches** form may use profile settings and the page is also reachable via **Tools** \rightarrow Test Fetch. However this will not grant access to the **Test Network** form.)

- Kill: Write access is needed to kill processes.
- Updates: Write access is needed to install or update the software, or to apply a license via the GUI.
- ullet Logs: Read access is needed to read logs via the System o Information o Log Viewer menu. Write access is needed to rotate/delete logs manually.
- Settings: Read and/or write access is needed to view and/or modify System → System Setup → System Wide Settings settings. (Additionally, read/write access is needed on the individual settings, via Settings ACEs.)

A Maintenance/Settings ACE is also needed for certain system settings/actions not on the System Wide Settings page. These include SSL certificates, Backup/Restore Settings, System Replication Target Status, and creating missing replication profiles.

The *exception* is Enable or Disable Access Control Lists: these can *only* and *always* be performed by the admin user, *regardless* of ACLs (e.g. for emergency reset). **Note:** giving a user write perms on Settings, directly or indirectly, can allow them to override anything on the system, e.g. via externally-modified save and restore settings. Also, note that a user with physical access to the machine could overwrite settings, e.g. re-install the software.

Various objects under Maintenance/Settings, such as Thesaurus, Mounts etc. control other specific system actions.

• System: Read access to System/Raid is needed to view info under the System → System Setup → RAID Array Management menu. Write access is needed to modify RAID settings.

3.11 Running the Search Interface

See section 6.1, p. 165.

Chapter 4

Parametric Search Features

Parametric Search expands the capabilities of a profile by allowing more advanced searches on attributes other than plain text or keywords, such as numeric, date and even geographic data. Users can thus not only search for text that matches their requirements, but also price, date, quantity, location etc. – almost anything you can assign an attribute to. This allows search customization to your unique requirements and data set.

Setting up a parametric search involves several steps: defining fields at profile creation, populating the fields with data, determining search queries, and creating indexes for performance.

4.1 Defining Parametric Search Fields

In order to provide more powerful search capabilities, Parametric Search fields are integrated directly into the underlying database schema. This means that they must be defined at the time the profile is created. On the Profiles page, use the New Profile Name form at the bottom to start creating a new profile as usual (a Standard type), perhaps as a copy of an existing profile. Any Parametric Search fields defined in the existing profile will be copied to the new profile along with the other settings.

The next page will prompt for Parametric Search fields to be defined for this profile. Every document in the profile will have a value for each of these fields, which can be searched, sorted and output in results, alongside the standard fields (e.g. URL, body text, depth etc.). Typically one field is created for each distinct attribute that might be searched for. Three rows are provided initially on the form for three fields, but more rows (up to 50) for more fields may be added by hitting Add More Fields.

4.1.1 Field Names

Enter a name for each Parametric Search field in the Name column. Field names must start with a letter, followed by alphanumerics or underscores, with a maximum length of 30. Field names are case-sensitive, though for clarity two fields may not have the same case-insensitive name. Reserved SQL keywords and internal table columns are also not permitted. To check whether your requested name is valid (without committing to creating it yet), just press Add More Fields, which in addition to expanding the form, also validates it: any errors will be printed in red next to the corresponding field.

Each field will be pre-configured to accept data from the same-name meta data document field (i.e. HTML <META NAME> field; case-insensitive). This is for convenience in loading data, and can easily be changed later. However, it may be useful to keep in mind when naming fields, as naming them directly after the <META> fields they will be loaded from may save config time later.

4.1.2 Field Types

Each Parametric Search field must also have a specific type. Choose a type from the Type column, based on the data that you wish to populate the field and how it will be searched. The available types are:

• Date

A date and time (local time zone unless otherwise noted). Various formats are accepted for input, including (optional parts in square brackets):

- YYYY-MM-DDHH:MM:SS
- -Month DD[,][[YY]YY][HH:MM[:SS]]
- -DD Month [[YY]YY] [HH:MM[:SS]]
- Weekday [HH:MM[:SS]]
- -YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ
- start of Month[[YY]YY]
- end of Month[[YY]YY]

Most formats also support an optional timezone specifier at the end; one of GMT, EST, EDT, CST, CDT, MST, MDT, PST, PDT. When output (e.g. in XML), the format of Date fields is $YYYY-MM-DD\ HH:MM:SS$ (in local time).

• Integer

A signed 32-bit integer value. Decimal or hexadecimal (with 0x prefix) is accepted for input; decimal is always output.

• Number

A double-precision floating-point (i.e. fractional) number, e.g. 123.456 or -4.789e+109.

• Text

A text value. These may be searched with exact-match (equals) as well as free-form keyword search (ala main text search). While there is no pre-set size limit to Text fields, if they are to be searched with an operator other than text search (i.e. exact-match equals), the value sizes should be kept to a minimum for index performance.

• Set

A set of zero or more unique text strings. These may be searched with exact-match (equals), which is true if the given value is a member of the set, or free-form keyword search (ala main text search). Added in version 5.01.1226018000 20081106.

• Enum

A short, case-insensitive text identifier; one of a limited set of possible values for the entire profile. For example, a color, car model or pizza topping, where there are only a finite number of distinct colors, models or toppings in the whole profile's data. Enum values are stored internally as integers, enabling increased search performance in some situations when indexed as a Compound Index Field. There is a slight performance decrease at walk time however, due to management of the integer/string mapping table. Thus an Enum field is typically only used instead of a Text field in situations where there are a limited number of distinct values, and search performance in conjunction with a keyword query is important. They can be searched for with exact-match (equals); relational (less-then/greater-than) operators are also supported, but as the internal integer ordering is used, results may not always match the expected string/alphabetical order. See p. 38 for more on the Enum type.

• GMLPoint

A geographic point, specified as a space- or comma-separated latitude/longitude pair (in that order). Each is given in decimal degrees (e.g. 80.75 for 80 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds). Negative numbers represent south latitudes and west longitudes; alternatively, an N or S suffix (for latitudes) or E or W suffix (for longitudes) may be given. Since both latitude and longitude are stored together for faster searching, the resolution accuracy for a GMLPoint field is 32 seconds or 0.008888 degrees (about half a mile).

When all Parametric Search field names and types have been entered, hit Create Profile to create the profile with those fields. The next step is configuring how to populate them with data.

4.2 Populating Parametric Search Fields

Parametric Search fields are populated in one of two ways: at walk time from meta data or text in the main document, or "pushed" from XML via the DataLoad API. The method chosen will usually be the same as the method already used for populating the standard profile data (i.e. body text, title etc.).

4.2.1 Populating from Meta Data or Text

Parametric Search fields may be populated at walk time via the Data from Field settings on the All Walk Settings page. Each Parametric Search field was pre-configured at profile creation to accept data from the same-name meta data field, as a convenience. Alternatively, the field may be populated from other sources, such as the raw HTML, formatted text, URL, etc. Review the Data from Field settings and change as needed; see p. 70. Make sure that every Parametric Search field is accounted for with a To Field, so that it will be populated at walk time. Changing the Rewalk Type to New may also be needed to ensure that newly-changed Data from Field settings take effect.

4.2.2 Populating from XML

When populating Parametric Search fields via the DataLoad API (p. 193), the fields are added as children of the <Item> XML element, one element per field. Each element is named after its field, with the XML

namespace prefix u to prevent collisions with standard fields (see p. 195 for full XML). The field value is sent in the content of the element. Set-type fields are populated with multiple XML elements, one per set member.

For example, an Integer field Quantity and a GMLPoint field Location may be given as:

```
<u:Quantity>57</u:Quantity>
<u:Location>47.4500 -122.3000</u:Location>
```

4.3 Parametric Search Queries

Once Parametric Search fields have been defined and populated, the final step is deciding what type of searches will be used with the data. These queries will in turn determine what extra indexes (if any) should be created to optimize those searches.

There are two syntaxes for querying Parametric Search fields: the infield: syntax, and the Parametric Search Query SQL syntax. Which method to use depends on the complexity of the desired search, as well as how sophisticated the search audience is. The infield: syntax is best suited to ad-hoc searches that should be flexible enough for any field, but simple enough to require only one or two arguments. The SQL query syntax is best for complex queries that require multiple fields or arguments, nested clauses, advanced operators, or should be "pre-canned" for the search user.

4.3.1 Using the infield: Syntax

The infield: syntax can be used to query Parametric Search fields directly in the main text search box, along with a normal text query. The basic syntax is:

```
infield:[enc:]FieldOpValue
```

where Field is a Parametric Search field to be queried, Op is one of the operators defined below, and Value is the value to match for the operator. The Field must be enabled for infield: searching by checking the Searchable box for it under Parametric Search Options (p. 107) on the Search Settings page.

If enc: is given immediately after the infield: tag, then the Value is assumed to be URL-encoded. This enables values with quotes, spaces or other special characters to be represented.

Some variants of the syntax have additional operators and values. Note that there are no spaces, to ensure that all parts are parsed together (and not as part of a surrounding ordinary text search).

Operators

The following infield: operators are available:

• Empty (no operator)
Supported types: All

Specifying no operator (and hence no value) after the field tests for "existence" of the field. For Text fields, the query will match non-empty values. For Integer and Numeric fields, the query will match non-zero values. For Set fields, the query will match non-empty (more than zero members) sets. For GMLPoint fields, the query will match valid (set) values.

- Example: infield:LastName

This will match where LastName is non-empty.

- Example: infield:Price

This will match where Price is non-zero.

• Equality: (=, ! =)

Supported types: All except GMLPoint

Equality operators can be used to test if contents are equal to (or not equal to) a given value. For Set fields, they check for membership (or non-membership) of the value in the set.

- Example: infield:LastName=Smith

This will match where LastName is set to Smith.

- Example: infield:dataType=12

This will match where dataTypeis set to 12.

- Example: infield:colorSet=red

This will match any result that contained the color red among its set of color values, regardless of which other colors are present.

- Example: infield:colorSet!=black

This will match any result that does not contain black in its set of colors.

• Comparison: (<, <=, >=, >)

Supported types: Text, Integer, Numeric, Date

Any of the relational operators may be used to search a field relative to a given value. Note that Text fields are related alphanumerically, which may cause confusion when searching for numeric data in them. E.g. a Text value of 67 is actually greater than 100. To avoid this issue, use an Integer or Numeric field when numeric data is searched for.

- Example: infield:Price>100

This will match if the Price value is greater than 100.

- Example: infield:LastName>=Smith

This will match any record whose LastName is Smith, or occurs alphabetically after Smith.

- Example: infield:PublishDate<2008-01-01

This will match any record whose PublishDate is before 2008.

• Range: : (colon)

Supported types: All except Set and Enum

A range of values may be searched for with the : operator. Two values are specified, separated by . . (two periods). The query will match fields whose value is greater than or equal to the first value, and less than or equal to the second value. (Specifying a second value smaller than the first value is not currently supported.) One of the values may be left empty to make the range open-ended on that side.

- Example: infield:Quantity:50..75
 This will match Quantity values from 50 to 75, inclusive.
- Example: infield:Quantity:..60
 This will match Quantity values less than or equal to 60.

For GMLPoint fields, the range syntax operates differently. Each value is a comma-separated latitude/longitude pair (standard GMLPoint syntax, p. 151). Both values are required; together the pair defines a rectangular box, with due-north-south/east-west sides, with the values as diagonally-opposite corners. The query will match all points that lie inside or on the box.

- Example: infield:Location: 42.4N,88.15W..41.4N,87.15W

 This will match Location points that are in a one-square-degree box around Chicago, IL.
- ContainedIn: ((parentheses, must be closed)

Supported types: All except Date and GMLPoint

A set of specific values may be given in a comma-separated list in parentheses. The query will match if the result's field is any one of the specified values. For Set values, the query will match if any of the given values is in the result's set.

- Example: infield:LastName(Smith, Johnson)

 This will match results whose LastName is either Smith or Johnson.
- Example: infield:ColorSet(red, green, blue)
 This will match if the any of the result's ColorSet values are red, green or blue.
- TextSearch: ~ (tilde)

Supported types: Text

The \sim operator text-searches the field. The Value is a Metamorph query for the field, i.e. the same syntax as the main text keyword search. The query is true if the Metamorph query matches. For non-trivial Metamorph queries you'll need to use the "enc" option to infield; see below.

- Example: infield:Subject~climbing
 This will match if the Subject field contains the word "climbing" (even if other words are present).
- Example: infield:enc:Subject~mountain%20climbing
 This will match if the Subject field contains the both words "mountain" and "climbing" anywhere in any order.
- Example: infield:enc:Subject~%22mountain%20climbing%22
 This will match if the Subject field contains the phrase "mountain climbing".
- Match: % (percent)
 Supported types: Text

The % operator exact-character-matches the field, with optional wildcards. The Value is a SQL MATCHES query for the field: the value must match the field character-for-character, case-sensitively, for the result to match.

An asterisk (*) character in the value is a wildcard, and matches any number of (i.e. zero or more) characters. A question mark (?) character in the value matches exactly one character. Added in scripts version 6.3.13. Note: In version 6 of the Parametric Search Appliance, the wildcard operators were percent and underscore, respectively.

- Example: infield:Color%p??k
 This will match if the Color field is exactly equal to "pink", or "pork".
- Example: infield:Color*por*
 This will match if the Color field is exactly equal to "pork", "portability", etc.

Combined with Text Search

Since the infield: operator is used in the main text search box, it may be combined (space-separated) with ordinary text searches. For example, the query:

```
Acme widgets infield: Gauge: 24...32
```

would search the standard text fields for Acme widgets, and search the Gauge field for values from 24 to 32 inclusive.

Alternate Variable infq

In addition to specifying infield: queries in-line with the main text search, they may alternatively be given with the infq form variable. This variable may be specified multiple times, with one query per value. For example, the "With this field" box on the Advanced Search form fills in the infq variable. Note that since each query is a separate value, and is separate from the main text query (different variable), the infield: prefix is not needed syntactically, and is not specified.

4.3.2 Using Parametric Search SQL Syntax

Another method of querying Parametric Search fields is by specifying a SQL Query Clause under the Parametric Search Query search setting group. This allows a full SQL clause to be added to the search, for more complex queries than the infield: syntax can support. The majority of Texis SQL syntax is supported. Multiple fields can be searched, with advanced operators and nested logic if needed.

Because of the potential complexity of SQL clauses, and to minimize the input needed from the user, the SQL Query Clause is generally specified by the admin in the profile (with Allow override set to N), instead of by the user on the search form. The user merely needs to supply the actual query values at search time. This also saves the search user from having to know or type any special query syntax.

Embedded Parameters

To aid this query/value separation, the Parametric Search SQL clause refers to search *parameters* instead of literal values. These parameters are specified as variables, and start with the prefix \$qp. The Advanced

Search form will automatically provide a text box at search time, for each parameter referenced in the SQL clause. The text box will be labeled after the name of the parameter (without the \$qp prefix). Of course, a custom search form to fill in the same variables can also be created and hosted on another site, as with any profile.

For example, to search the field Price for values less than or equal to 50, using the infield: syntax the search user would have had to type this into the main text search box:

```
infield:Price<=50
```

for every search. But using SQL instead, the admin could set the SQL Query Clause setting just once to this:

```
Price <= $qpMaxPrice
```

and on the Advanced Search form, a box labeled "MaxPrice" will be provided for the search user, to fill out a form variable named <code>qpMaxPrice</code>. If we enter 50 in that box, the search will return results where the <code>Price</code> field is less than or equal to 50.

Parameters Optional

The SQL Query Clause has the additional feature that parameters are optional: if a given \$qp... parameter is not provided a value at search time, or is given an empty value, then that part of the SQL clause is automatically dropped. This allows the SQL Query Clause to be made as complex as needed for the most-specific possible query, yet automatically "fall back" to a simpler version (or none at all) if certain parts are not needed.

For example, a profile with the fields Color, Price and Quantity might have its SQL Query Clause set to:

```
Color = $qpDesiredColor and Price <= $qpMaxPrice and
  (Quantity >= $qpMin and Quantity <= $qpMax)</pre>
```

This will search all three fields, if all of the \$qp... parameters are provided. However, if say only qpMaxPrice and qpMin were provided non-empty values at search time, the equivalent search clause actually used would effectively be just:

```
Price <= $qpMaxPrice and (Quantity >= $qpMin)
```

This feature allows tremendous flexibility in users' searches. One search form can now handle a full spectrum of queries – from complex drill-down queries with many parameters to simple text searches – without reconfiguration by the admin or "knob-turning" by the search user. The profile will simply search for the fields filled in, no more no less.

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4.4 Group By

Another way to utilize Parametric Search fields involves not searching for them directly, but using them to organize the results after the search. For example, a certain field may have been defined to indicate a sub-classification – category, style, region, etc. – that is shared by other documents or URLs. It may then be useful when searching to produce not only the standard summary of "N results" overall, but how may results matched in *each* category, with links to "drill down" further into a category. The **Group By** search settings can provide such clustered results or faceted navigation.

A Field may be selected to group search results by. After every search, the search results' summary will then be expanded to include a list of each distinct value of the Field found in the results, together with a count of results for that value. Each value also contains a link, which will continue the search but for that Field value only, enabling the user to "drill down" into that category/style/region/etc.

The order of results for a given **Group By** is determined by the "Order by" search setting: either by count or field value, ascending or descending. E.g. Count Descending will sort the highest-result-count Field value first; this is useful to show "popular" values first. Field Ascending will sort by the Field value itself; this may be useful when the Field values themselves are more significant than number of results in each.

By default, the number of results for a given **Group By** is limited to the Results per Page value. This can be changed by entering a value in the Max field. For example, a data set with only a few distinct Style values might have Max set to 3, to only show the top 3 Styles.

Up to 50 **Group By** fields may be specified, e.g. if there are other attributes to be grouped by. For example, a data set might be grouped by both Region and Price. Each additional **Group By** field may increase search time somewhat however.

To speed up searches when there are a large number of **Group By** fields set, or simply to "unclutter" the output, **Max Group Bys** may be set. This is the maximum number of **Group Bys** to actually perform; it defaults (if empty) to all **Group Bys** set (that are not in an exact-match infield query, i.e. not already drilled-down into). Only the top Max **Group Bys** group-bys are performed; the rest are still listed in the output, but collapsed, with links to expand them if the user desires. For example, for an automobile search, **Group Bys** might be set on Vehicle Type, Make, Model, Year, Price Range, Color, Mileage and Warranty. Expanding all of those attributes for every search might produce too much output for the user. By setting **Max Group Bys** to 3, only the top 3 **Group Bys** will be performed: the rest will have links for the user to expand. Thus, the output is less cluttered (and faster), yet the user can still expand and drill down on any of the attributes. As the user drills down on specific items in an expanded **Group By**, it is no longer shown (because all results are that item), and other **Group Bys** (lower priority) are now expanded.

Setting a **Group By** field will produce extra elements in the XML output version; see the section on XML Elements in Search Results p. 180 for details.

Another way to speed up searches with large numbers of results and **Group By** fields, is to set **Max Docs to Group By**. This is the maximum number of search result documents to pass to **Group By**; the default (i.e. if empty) is to pass all search results. For example, if a query generates a 500,000 document result set, all 500,000 documents must be grouped, which may take some time. If **Max Docs to Group By** is set to 100,000, then only the first 100,000 documents are grouped, and the counts scaled up to an estimate for the entire 500,000 document result set. This saves search time, at the expense of less accurate **Group By**

counts, and potentially missing groups (e.g. groups that do not occur at all in the first 100,000 documents).

Note that if another query returns *fewer* than **Max Docs to Group By** results, then *all* the results are passed to **Group By**, and the counts are accurate and complete. **Max Docs to Group By** thus serves as a threshold to balance timely searches against accurate counts, and only kicks in on "noisy" queries above the threshold. When it takes effect, the countisestimate attribute of the XML element <GroupByResults> is set to Y in the XML output (if selected), to indicate that counts are estimated.

4.5 Parametric Search Indexes

After Parametric Search queries — infield:, SQL, or **Group By** — have been set or decided upon, performance issues should be considered. This primarily involves the creation of additional indexes, via the Index Fields, Compound Index Fields, and Extra Indexes settings (on the All Walk Settings page). An *index* in this context means a SQL index that speeds up certain types of queries on the walk data; it does not refer to walking the profile itself.

Due to the wide variety of query possibilities, the standard search index that is created for text keyword searches may not always be the most efficient for Parametric Search queries. Sometimes either the main search index should be modified, or an entirely new index created. Whether to create a new index, modify an existing one, or neither, depends on the nature of the queries to be executed, the types of indexes possible, and the specific search data.

4.5.1 Index Types

There are several types of indexes that can be created by the Texis SQL engine – the underlying technology that powers the Parametric Search Appliance. Each is best suited to different types of queries.

• Metamorph Inverted

A Metamorph Inverted index handles text searches; the main text search uses one for example. It is often created on several fields that are searched together as one (e.g. Title, Meta, Body) – called a *virtual field*. A Metamorph Inverted index can also handle some secondary queries on separate fields that are ANDed after the text search – called *compound fields*.

Metamorph

A Metamorph index is a smaller version of a Metamorph Inverted index. It is of benefit when text searches are to be done, but no phrases will be searched for, nor is relevance ranking needed. In these situations the smaller size of a Metamorph index may improve search speed.

Regular

A Regular index handles relational operators (equals, greater-than, less-than etc.), as well as order-by queries. It is usually created on one field, but can be created on several (i.e. compound fields).

• Unique

A Unique index is the same as a Regular index, except that it enforces uniqueness across its fields: no document may be added that has the same value (for all fields in the index) as an existing document.

• Inverted

An Inverted index speeds up access to its indexed values if they are ANDed after another query. Its use is largely superseded by Metamorph Inverted index compound fields.

4.5.2 Determining the Best Index Type

Which index type to use – if any – depends on the Parametric Search query being optimized, and potentially the other queries being searched with it as well. While the following are general guidelines for creating indexes, keep in mind that special circumstances or complex queries may be beyond the scope of these directions. Consult Thunderstone tech support for additional guidance if needed.

Searching as a Main Text Field

If it is desired that a Text Parametric Search field should be searched in conjunction with the standard text fields (i.e. Title, Meta, Body) during a text search, then it must be added to the standard search index's text fields. Update the Index Fields setting (p. 82) on the All Walk Settings page, and add the desired field. Only the fields specified in Index Fields will be searched by the main text query.

For example, if there is an Author field defined that contains the name of the author of each document, and it is desired that a text search also check that field in addition to Title, Meta, Body etc., then add Author to the Index Fields setting.

Main Text Query with Separate Parametric Search

For a main text query that will include a separate Parametric Search query, the Compound Index Fields setting (p. 82) may need to be updated. These fields are part of the standard Metamorph Inverted search index, but can help with secondary queries after the main text search, as well as improving Fast Result Counts.

For example, the following query searches both document text as well as a Parametric Search field:

backyard gardening infield:Price<24

The text search is "backyard gardening", which will search the Index Fields. Since a separate search for "Price less than 24" is also being done, Price should be added to Compound Index Fields.

Note that Compound Index Fields can *only* improve performance in conjunction with a separate text search. If there is no main text search (i.e. the query infield:Price<24 alone), this part of the index cannot be used, and a separate index may need to be created (see below).

It is not always necessary to add every possible field that might be searched to the Compound Index Fields. Adding too many can actually decrease search performance, as more fields require more RAM. A search against a field that is not in Compound Index Fields can still be performed; it may just be slower, and may not return as accurate a result count under Fast Result Counts.

Order-by a Parametric Search Field

If a Parametric Search field is to be specified in the order form variable to sort results by that field – even if the field is not being directly searched – that field might benefit from indexing. If there is a main text search, then the order-by field should be in the Compound Index Fields. Otherwise (no text search), the order-by field should be left unindexed.

Parametric Search without Main Text Query

If a Parametric Search field is to be searched without any main text search at all (e.g. the query infield:Price<24 alone), then a separate index should be created via the Extra Indexes setting. The index should be created on the html table; the type of index depends on the operator being used. For text searches (infield: ~ operator or Parametric Search Query LIKE operator), the index should be Metamorph Inverted. For relational operators (equals, less-than, greater-than etc.) and geographic searches, the index type should be Regular.

4.6 Meta Search of Parametric Profiles

Parametric Search profiles can also be utilized as target profiles in a meta search. Since meta search profiles do not "own" any data natively — only their target profiles do — they do not have native Parametric Search fields that can be manipulated under Search Settings. However, Parametric and infield: queries are still passed back by meta search profiles to their target profiles, and returned **Group By** etc. results are collated by the meta profile. Thus, the *target* profiles' Parametric Search options should be manipulated instead to manage a meta search profile's Parametric output.

Parametric Search field names, types and search options should typically be kept the same amongst all target profiles, in order to maximize consistency of the meta search results. Certain Parametric Search features may currently be unavailable or not completely supported in meta search profiles.

Chapter 5

Catalog Module

5.1 Overview

The catalog module is available separately for the Parametric Search Appliance, please contact Thunderstone for details.

The Catalog module provides a method of uploading and managing data for an e-commerce or catalog site, where the data often consists of numerous small documents (e.g. product or item pages) that are already grouped together in one (or more) external databases or spreadsheets. The Catalog modules allows an entire group of such items to be uploaded from a single file at once, rather than generating and/or walking separate pages for each item. It is typically used in conjunction with Parametric Search, with a field created for each attribute of the item (SKU, price, color, size, etc.).

5.2 Primary Key

When creating a profile with the Catalog module installed, a primary key must be selected. The primary key is the one column that must be unique for each item/document, so that each item is positively identified for update imports. Usually that key is the URL, as is typical for traditional web site walks. However, for some catalog situations, multiple items might be associated with one URL, e.g. a product and its accessories might be listed on the same URL on the site. In these cases, another column (perhaps a SKU) can be assigned as primary key to distinguish items. During import, the Parametric Search Appliance may append the primary key value to the URL (as a pound-sign anchor value) in order to make the final URL unique (which is required for database purposes).

5.3 Upload/Import Catalog Data

The Upload/Import Catalog Data profile tool allows uploading of catalog data files and their importation into the profile.

5.3.1 Uploading a Data File

A new file can be uploaded by selecting it with the file dialog, then pressing the Upload button. Uploading a data file merely places it in the profile's dataspace directory. It does not modify the search database until the file is explicitly imported in a later step.

The currently supported data formats are tab-separated (TSV) or comma-separated (CSV) values in a text file, one item per line: each item will become a separate document in the profile. The first line of the file must contain names for each of the columns. These names do not have to correspond exactly to the existing profile field names, nor does every profile field need to be represented in the file. However, using the same name for the file column and its corresponding profile field will facilitate import, as same-name file/profile field pairs are associated automatically. The profile field set as primary key for the profile must be represented by a column in the file (though it also does not have to be the same name as the profile field).

5.3.2 Importing Files

Once one or more files have been uploaded, they are available for import into the profile. Choose the file(s) to import by checking them. Several files may be selected/de-selected at once by checking/unchecking the topmost checkbox (to the left of the file **Size** header).

If more than one file is selected, all of them *must* have exactly the same format – same number of columns, names and order – in order to be imported together, as the same file-to-profile mapping will be used for the entire selection. It is best to select one file to import first, establish its mapping criteria, import it, then go back and select a group to import once the mapping has been tested.

Press Import Files once the file(s) have been selected for import, and the file-to-profile mapping page is presented. This form controls which **Profile Field** will be associated (**Set To**) which file field. Every profile field must either be assigned from a file field, or set to --Empty-- to set it empty. The mappings chosen on this form will be remembered, to save time at the next import. Once all **Profile Field**s have been assigned, press Begin Import to start the import process. If any errors are found (e.g. unassigned profile fields), they will be reported and the form re-presented.

Update vs. Replace

The import process follows the currently-set **Rewalk Type** (p. 60) mode. Thus, if the rewalk type is set to New, the import will start with a new (empty) database, import the file(s) into it, and use it to replace the existing search database upon completion. If the rewalk type is Refresh, the import will preserve the existing database, updating items when primary keys match, and adding new items when primary keys are new/distinct from the database. As a reminder of which action will be taken, a description is given at the top of the file-to-profile mapping form, e.g. "About to start replacing entire database with primary key . . ." for a New type import.

When the rewalk type is Refresh, an additional **Set To** option is available for each profile field:
---Unchanged---. If this value is selected, the profile field will not be modified during the update. This can be used to update only certain fields during an import, without having to create a data file that specifies all the other fields as well. For example, a profile with SKU, Price, Color and Size fields (with primary key SKU) can have just its Price field updated, via a data file that need only contain SKU and Price

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columns (and rewalk type set to Refresh). All other columns (Color, Size etc.) will remain unmodified. Note: When an import is run that has any fields **Set To** ---Unchanged---, then any item in the imported file(s) that does *not* already occur in the database will be considered an import error: new rows cannot be inserted because some of the profile fields are undefined.

Import Process

Once started, the import process runs in the background and reports status just like a normal walk, on the Walk Status page. Each file imported is reported in the status, so that progress of a large multi-file import can be tracked more directly. The import may be stopped, or paused and made live, via the STOP walk or Pause walk and live buttons. Documents added, updated or deleted from the search database by the import process are also added to the replication queue for replication to other profiles, if the profile is so configured (p. 192).

5.4 Deleting Files

Uploaded file(s) may be deleted at any time; typically this is done after a successful import to save space. Select the file(s) via checkboxes, and press Delete Files. If a file is uploaded with the same name as an existing file, it will be saved with a new unique name (derivative), rather than overwriting the existing file. Such duplicate files may be deleted like any other.

5.5 FTP Access

Catalog files can be uploaded via an FTP server on the Parametric Search Appliance. This, along with Catalog Auto-Import (p. 59) enables automated updating of the content.

The FTP server can be enabled via the Enable FTP Server setting (p.138). A valid login for the Parametric Search Appliance can be used to log into the FTP server (see Accounts & Groups, p. 53).

On the FTP server, you'll see the following folder structure:

profiles/profileName/catalogData

Where *profileName* is the name of the profile you're working with. Files can be uploaded to this catalogData folder inside the profile directory, and they will be available for that profile's catalog imports.

Chapter 6

Procedures and Examples

6.1 Searching your Index

Search the pages you have indexed by entering the following URL into your Web browser:

```
http://www.example.com/texis/search/
```

The above is a virtual path comprised of 2 parts. ".../texis" is the Texis Web Script interpreter and "/search" is the path to the search script relative to your installation's ScriptRoot (/usr/local/morph3/texis/scripts).

The URL given above will search the live database specified in the default profile called "default". If that profile is not found it will try to search the default walk database.

You may specify an alternate profile by including its name in the URL.

```
.../search/?pr=MYPROFILE
```

Where MYPROFILE is the name of the profile you wish to use. The search will use the live database specified by that profile.

You may also specify a database to search instead of a profile.

```
.../search/?db=DATABASE
```

Where DATABASE is the name of the database you wish to use. This would generally be the live database for a given profile which may be found as the first item listed on the administrative interface's Walk Settings page. Databases used this way must exist under the texis subdirectory of the installation directory. What you specify for DATABASE is only the portion of the path and name under the texis directory. For example, to search the database

/usr/local/morph3/texis/myprofile/db2 you would use:

```
.../search/?db=myprofile/db2
```

When using a database instead of a profile, the look and feel settings will be those that were live when the walk of that database was performed. The profile will not be consulted for more recent changes. A benefit of not consulting the profile, however, is some increased search speed, which may be useful on a very heavily searched system. A disadvantage of specifying the database is that it will no longer be correct if a new walk is performed.

To get help on constructing queries click on the Advanced button of the search form. On the advanced search form you will find hyperlinks into the search help, which is also included in this manual in section 8.

To place the search form onto your existing web page(s) call up the Live Search from the administrative interface main menu (or the URL you determined from the above). This will bring up the search form. Use your web browser's view page source option (MSIE: TopMenu \rightarrow View \rightarrow Source) to get the source of the page. Cut everything between and including the <FORM> and </FORM> tags. That form may then be pasted into the web page(s) of your choice. You may also rearrange the look of the form as long as the variables are still present. If you have categories there will be a cq select list in the form. You may leave this out if you always want to search everything. Or you may make it a hidden variable with a fixed value if you always want to search the same section.

6.2 Similarity Searching

The search script has a feature called "Find Similar" which allows a user to click on a search result record to find more pages within the database similar to that one. This feature may also be accessed from any web page by placing the appropriate URL on it. You may search for pages in your database that are similar to any other web page whether it's in the database or not. The URL for finding similar pages has the form shown below.

If the profile to be searched is "default" the pr=default& portion may be omitted:

```
ref=http://example.com/somepage.html
```

If the profile to be searched is anything other than "default" that must be specified instead of default:

```
pr=myprofile&ref=http://example.com/somepage.html
```

If the page to be located is the page the URL is on the ref=URL portion may be omitted:

```
/texis/search/similar.html
or
/texis/search/similar.html?pr=myprofile
```

The similar function will lookup the desired URL in the database or, if it's not in the database, fetch it from the webserver. It will then search the database looking for indexed pages similar to the specified page.

You could place a URL like this on all of your pages so users could, with one click, find all pages on your site similar in content to the one they were reading.

6.3 Using the Thesaurus Feature

You can create a thesaurus to either replace or add to the default thesaurus. The creation procedure is the same for either usage. Note that a thesaurus is not limited to synonyms. It can contain anything you wish to associate with a particular word: i.e., identities, generalities, or specifics of the word entry, plus associated phrases, acronyms, or spelling variations. The Parametric Search Appliance maintains a collection of thesauruses that you upload. For each profile you may select which, if any, thesaurus to use.

Here are the steps to use the thesaurus feature.

• Create a thesaurus file. Use the syntax described in the document "User Equivalence File Format" at the following URL: http://docs.thunderstone.com/site/texisman/∼

→user_equivalence_file_format.html

That document refers to the thesaurus as an "equivalence file".

- Upload your thesaurus to the Parametric Search Appliance. At the main menu click System, Modules, Thesaurus. Existing custom thesauruses can be downloaded by clicking on their name.
- In the Name field, enter a symbolic name that will be listed as an option in search settings. This name does not have to be related to the filename on disk in any way The name can contain letters, numbers, dash, or underscore.
- In the Permutations field, choose a value. This value controls how many variations of your defined terms to create during indexing of your uploaded source file. Here is an example of the effect of the various values.

Assume a thesaurus entry of: car, ford, chevy, toyota

Permutation None: Just the terms as you entered them. Query "car" would find "car", "ford", "chevy", and "toyota". Query "ford" would only find "ford".

Permutations Single: The terms you entered and the reverse. Same as above plus a query for any of "ford", "chevy", or "toyota" would find "car".

Permutations Full: Equate every term with every other in each entry. Same as above plus a query for "ford" would find "chevy" and "toyota".

- In the New File field, enter (or browse to) the file on your disk to upload. Click Save Changes to upload and index the file. When indexing is completed, you will receive a report about the indexing. If Show results of indexing is checked, you will also get a summary of the indexed words.
- After your thesaurus is installed on the Parametric Search Appliance you can go to Search Settings for a profile to activate the thesaurus. There are three related options: Synonyms, Main thesaurus, and Secondary Thesaurus.
- Set Synonyms using the following information. Synonyms indicates how you want to apply a thesaurus (either yours or the default) to queries.

Disabled: no phrase recognition and no synonyms (equivalences)

Phrase recognition only: recognize query word groups that are known phrases and search for them as phrases

Phrases & Allow synonyms: phrase recognition plus allowing the tilde () operator to match synonyms on specific query terms

Phrases & Use synonyms by default: phrase recognition and matching synonyms on all query terms (tilde to turn off on specific terms).

- Set the Main Thesaurus and Secondary Thesaurus fields by using the following information. If you want to use only your thesaurus and not the default one, select yours for the Main Thesaurus option and leave verb'Secondary Thesaurus' set to none. If you want the default in addition to your own, leave Main Thesaurus set to Built-In and set Secondary Thesaurus to yours. The names listed in these options are the symbolic names (Name field) you gave your thesauruses when uploading them.
- Click Update to apply these settings. There is no need to check Apply Appearance, and these settings are applied to both Test Search and Live Search.

6.4 Entity Recognition

With entity recognition, the Parametric Search Appliance can identify and extract document information that is not tagged as metadata, and thus may normally be unavailable for use by Group By or other features beyond keyword search. For example, cities, states or other proper names may be embedded in document text, instead of specifically set as <meta> tags. An entity can be defined to match such data, populate a parametric field (p. 149) and thus enable a Group By facet.

An entity is composed of dictionary terms and/or regular expression patterns to search for, plus optional settings. These values are uploaded in an XML or text file to the Parametric Search Appliance, defining an entity. Once defined, entities may then be used with **Data from Field** (p. 70) to populate parametric fields during crawls.

The first step in creating an entity is creating an XML file with its terms, patterns and settings. (Alternatively, a plain text file may be created; see p. 170.)

6.4.1 Entity XML Elements

The XML schema for entities is below. Optional elements are shown in square brackets; elements that may repeat are followed by ellipses. The syntax is largely compatible with the Google Search Appliance's Entity

Recognition XML format, but see p. 172 for differences.

The root element is <instances>, which contains one or more entities, each defined in an <instance> element. Each <instance> has the following children:

- <name> (required) The name of the entity. Like Parametric Fields, an entity name must be composed solely of 1 to 29 alphanumerics or underscores (with the first character alphabetic), and the name must not be a SQL keyword.
- <case_sensitive> (optional) Whether <term>s match case-sensitively or not; a Y or N value. The default if unspecified is N.
- <apply_case> (optional) How to transform the case of text matches, before storing the entity. One of the following values:

```
as_is - Leave text as-is; no transformation
lowercase - Lower-case the match
uppercase - Upper-case the match
titlecase - Title-case the match: capitalize the first letter of each word
titlecase_first_word - Title-case just the first word
```

The default if unspecified is as_is. Note that only matches stored from *document text* are affected: <term> matches when <store_term_or_name> is name or term_tag, and <pattern> matches when <store_regex_or_name> is name, are not modified. This allows mixed-case <term> values - e.g. McDuff - to retain their custom-specified case when stored, while still canonicalizing the possibly-variant cases of <pattern> matches in text, when both are specified for the same entity.

• <store_term_or_name> (optional) - What to store as the entity for <term> matches. One of the following values:

- term Store the text matched; this is the default if unspecified. Useful if knowing which
 term > matched is significant; e.g. when looking for a list of cities, and search results will be
 Grouped By city.
- name Store the entity <name> value. Useful when just the existence of the entity matters, i.e. all the terms are synonymous. (E.g. an entity named Water with terms water, H2O and dihydrogen monoxide, and any occurrence should be stored as Water.)
- term_tag Store the <term> value. Useful if the specific term matters, and it should be saved with the same case as in the <term>, not the text. E.g. if a custom-case <term> like McDuff is set, it may match Mcduff, MCDUFF etc. in the text the McDuff case variant is stored.
- <store_regex_or_name> (optional) What to store as the entity for <pattern> matches. One of the following values:
 - regex Store the text matched; this is the default if unspecified.
 - name Store the entity <name> value. Useful if just the existence of the entity matters; e.g. the <pattern>s are looking for credit-card or phone numbers, and the exact digits do not matter, just the fact that the document contains a credit-card or phone number.
 - regex_tagged_as_first_group Store the text matched by the first parenthetical capture group of the <pattern>. For example, the pattern "Mr\. (\w+)" could be used with regex_tagged_as_first_group to store just the last name found, without the "Mr." title. Note that REX syntax uses the \P and \F operators to indicate what part of the expression to store, and does not support capture groups; thus regex_tagged_as_first_group is not valid for REX <pattern>s.
- <pattern> (optional; zero or more occurrences) A regular expression (regex) to match entities in document text. The default syntax is that of Google's RE2 library. REX syntax may also be used, by preceding the expression with \<rex\>. To store just part of the text matched, use a parenthetical capture group in the expression and set <store_regex_or_name> to regex_tagged_as_first_group; or use a REX expression with the \P and \F operators.

 Note: On some platforms, RE2 syntax is not supported, and REX syntax *must* be used. These platforms will give the error message "REX: RE2 not supported on this platform" when uploading an entity file containing RE2 <pattern>s.
- <term> (optional; zero or more occurrences) A term to find as an entity in document text. The term is searched for exactly, as a phrase (no quotes needed). It is matched case-insensitively, unless <case_sensitive> is set to Y.

Note that more than one entity may be defined in a file, since the <instance> element defining an entity may occur repeatedly.

6.4.2 Plain Text Entity Dictionary

Alternatively, an entity may be specified as a plain-text file of terms, one per line. Any patterns and settings may be given after the file is uploaded, by downloading it in XML format, adding the appropriate elements, and re-uploading the XML.

6.4.3 Adding or Editing an Entity

Once an XML (p. 168) or text file has been created to define the entity (or entities, if XML), it may be added to the Parametric Search Appliance with the following steps:

- 1. Go to System \rightarrow Modules \rightarrow Entities.
- 2. Choose the link to Add entities (or Add or edit entities).
- 3. On the Add Entities form, set the Dictionary field to the XML or text file you created for the entity.
- 4. If a text file was chosen, also enter the Name for the entity. For XML files, leave Name blank: the name is specified in the XML.
- 5. Hit Add Entities to upload the entity.

Any of the entities in the file that are the same name as an existing entity will replace them, allowing existing entities to be edited.

6.4.4 Viewing or Deleting an Entity

Existing entities may be viewed on the Entities page, by clicking on the XML or Text link for a chosen entity. The XML link will show the complete entity — all terms, patterns and settings — while the Text link will merely show the terms. To download an entity, right-click the appropriate XML or Text link and choose Save link as... or the equivalent browser option. All entities may be viewed or downloaded in one XML file via the View all entities link.

Entities may be deleted by clicking the appropriate Delete...link.

6.4.5 Using Entities

Once defined (p. 171), entities may be used in profiles. Entity data is stored in a profile's Parametric Fields (p. 149) via **Data from Field** rules (p. 70).

The easiest way to use entities is by adding them at profile creation (p. 30): entities are simply chosen from the available list. Appropriate Parametric Fields and **Data from Field** rules are then automatically created.

To use entities on an existing profile, ensure appropriate Parametric Fields exist for the desired entities, using Tools → Parametric Field Tools if necessary. Since an entity may be found multiple times in a document, a Set type field is usually appropriate. Then create **Data from Field** rules to copy each entity to a desired Parametric Field: choose the desired entity in **From Field**, and the target Parametric Field in **To Field**.

Crawling with Entities

Once entities have been defined (p. 171) and rules added to the profile, (re-)crawl it to find entities. The **Entity Source Fields** setting (p. 69) may be altered to change what source data is checked for entities: the default is the decoded URL and the formatted body text.

6.4.6 Entity Syntax Differences with Google Search Appliance

The XML entity schema is largely compatible with that of the Google Search Appliance, to facilitate migration. However, there are some differences:

- The <case_sensitive> element was added. On the Google Search Appliance, case sensitivity would be set via the Case sensitive GUI element.
- The <apply_case> element was added. On the Google Search Appliance, this would be set via the Store entities as GUI element, under the Adjustments tab.
- REX syntax is also supported for <pattern>s.
- RE2 syntax is not supported for <pattern>s on some older platforms. These platforms will give the error message "REX: RE2 not supported on this platform" when uploading an entity file containing RE2 <pattern>s.
- regex_tagged_as_first_group is not supported for REX expressions, as the \P and \F operators can be used in the <pattern> to indicate what to store.
- Composite entities are not currently supported. Thus there is also no Transient setting either.

6.5 Getting Software Updates

You can obtain software updates manually or automatically. For information about getting them automatically, refer to Update Software in System Wide Settings (3.7.12).

Use the following procedure to manually obtain software updates from Thunderstone. You are able to select which updates you want, if any.

Note: if you need to use a proxy to access the internet, please see the Software Update Settings (3.7.12) in System Wide Settings.

- At main menu, click System, System Setup, then Update Software.
- A list of available updates is presented. Check the boxes for updates that you want to download from Thunderstone, and click Yes. The updates are downloaded to the Parametric Search Appliance, but they are not installed yet.
- The selected packages are listed for verification. Click Yes to install the updates.
- When the installation is completed, a message indicates that updates are completed.

6.6 Page Exclusion, Robots.txt, and Meta-robots

On the first access to a site the file /robots.txt will be retrieved, if it exists. Settings there will be respected. Any encountered URL that is disallowed by robots.txt will be discarded. Meta robots is also respected for each page retrieved. See http://www.robotstxt.org/wc/exclusion.html for the robots.txt and meta robots standards.

If there are any HTML trees that you don't want indexed you may want to setup a robots.txt file, meta robots within the HTML pages, or use the various exclusion options to the Parametric Search Appliance. For example: if you had a "text only" version of your web server that duplicated the content of your normal server you would not want to index it. (On the other hand if most of your meaningful text is contained in graphics, Java, or JavaScript you may want to walk the text tree instead of the normal one, since graphics and Java are not searchable.)

Suppose your "text only" pages were all under a directory called /text. The simplest way to prevent traversal of that tree would be to use the exclusion or exclusion prefix.

The exclusion would look something like this:

```
/text/
```

The exclusion prefix would look something like this:

```
http://www.example.com/text/
```

That will prevent retrieval of any pages under the /text tree. This does not prevent other Web robots from retrieving the /text tree. To setup a permanent global exclusion list you need to create a file called robots.txt in your document root directory. The format of that file is as follows:

```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /text
```

Where * is the name of the robot to block. * means any robot not specifically named (all robots in this case since no others are named). Or you could specify the name of the robot. For the Parametric Search Appliance it would be ThunderstoneSA. You may specify several "Disallow"s for any given robot (see below). The "Disallow"s are simple path prefixes. They may not contain wildcards.

You may also specify different "Disallow" sets for different robots. Simply insert a blank line and add another "User-agent" line followed by its "Disallow" lines.

Here's a larger example:

User-agent: *
Disallow: /text
Disallow: /junk

User-agent: ThunderstoneSA

Disallow: /text

Disallow: /thunderstonesa

User-agent: Scooter
Disallow: /text
Disallow: /junk
Disallow: /big

The Scooter robot will be blocked from accessing any pages under the /text, /junk, and /big trees. The Parametric Search Appliance will be blocked from accessing any pages under /text and /thunderstonesa. All other robots will be blocked from accessing pages under /text and /junk.

Use of robots.txt is not enforced in any way. Robots may or may not use it. The Parametric Search Appliance will, by default, always look for it and use it if present. This may be disabled by turning off robots.txt under the Robots setting. When using robots.txt you may still use "Exclusions" for manual exclusion.

Meta robots provides another method of controlling robots such as the Parametric Search Appliance. Any HTML may contain a meta tag in the source of the form.

```
<meta name="robots" content="WHAT-TO-DO">
```

WHAT-TO-DO may contain any of the following keywords. Multiple keywords may be used by placing a comma(,) between them.

Table 6.1: Meta-Robots Flags

Keyword	Meaning
INDEX	Index the text of this page
NOINDEX	Don't index the text of this page
FOLLOW	Follow hyperlinks on this page
NOFOLLOW	Don't follow hyperlinks on this page
ALL	Synonym for INDEX, FOLLOW
NONE	Synonym for NOINDEX, NOFOLLOW

Like robots.txt this is not enforced in any way. Robots may or may not use it. The Parametric Search Appliance always indexes and follows hyperlinks by default so it only looks for NOINDEX and/or NOFOLLOW and/or NONE.

6.7 Indexing Other Sites

You may index a site other than your own by specifying its URL just as you would for your own site.

http://www.anothersite.com

Please be kind when indexing other sites. Many are low bandwidth or heavily used already and won't appreciate being hit hard.

6.8 Indexing Individual Pages

To add an individual HTML page to the database, but not go after any of its references, add it to the Single Page list box.

6.9 Reindexing on a Schedule

It is often desirable to reindex a given site on a regular basis because of continuously changing content. You may specify a Rewalk Schedule to handle this for you.

It is also useful to perform a single rewalk at a later time or date to avoid overloading a web server during heavy use periods.

6.10 Checking for Web Server Errors

When you start a walk you will be sent to the walk status page. You may also reach that page at any time by selecting Walk Status from the menu. This page will show you the summary status of the running walk. When the walk completes you will see a summary of the walk as well as a list of any errors encountered. Following the error list is a list of duplicate pages encountered.

You may also view document linkage and info and errors from the List/Edit URLs page (3.3) from the menu.

6.11 Removing Pages from the Database

Use the List/Edit URLs menu (3.3) to find and delete specific URLs from the the database. You may delete individual pages or many pages at once using wildcards.

6.12 Erasing the Entire Database

If you decide to wipe out your existing database and its settings to start over go to "Profiles" and click "Delete" next to the profile you wish to delete. This will completely remove the selected walk database and all options related to it.

6.13 Using Multiple Databases

Once you have a live searchable database you may want to build a separate one to contain different kinds of pages or to experiment with, without destroying your live database. Use the Profiles menu to create a new profile and database. You create the new profile with default settings or with a copy of the settings from another profile.

6.14 Integrating Search with your Site

There are four main techniques to integrate the Parametric Search Appliance with your site. The techniques are categorized as follows:

- Link to the Appliance
- Embed a search box
- Request XML search results
- Invoke the search SOAP API

The first two are simple to implement. They involve only static HTML content, and can be used in situations where no dynamic scripting is available.

The latter two are more powerful and can be used in dynamically generated web sites. You'll create a "search page" for your site (search.php, search.aspx, etc) which accepts a query from the search user. Your search page makes a search query (HTTP request) to the Parametric Search Appliance, and receives result data. Your search page then displays the data in whatever manner you wish to the search user.

The advantage of the latter two methods is your site controls all interaction with the search user, making it easy for your search results page to "inherit" the look and feel of your site. They never contact the Parametric Search Appliance directly.

6.14.1 Link to the Appliance

When you want to make a HTML link to your profile's search interface, select the appropriate profile in the admin interface and click Search in the menu bar.

The address of that search page can be used in a link to search that profile, such as:

```
<a href="searchAddress">Search</a>
```

Where searchAddress is the URL of the search page.

6.14.2 Embed a search box

It's possible to have a small search box on your pages where the user can type a query and submit searches. The search box submits to the Appliance and users will have the search results served by the Appliance, although the look and feel of the search results page can be customized to look like your site.

To acquire the HTML needed for an embedded search box:

- In the admin interface, click Profiles in the menu bar and select the profile you'd like to use in the search box.
- Click Search in the menu bar. This opens the search form.
- Use your web browser's "View Page Source" option (View → Source in the menu, or Ctrl+U) to open a window that contains the HTML source code of the page.
- Copy everything between and including the <form> and </form>.
- Paste the form into your web page(s).
- Add the Appliance's hostname to the beginning of the form's action attribute. For example, if your Appliance is search.example.com, and the existing attribute looked like:

```
<form action="/texis/...
You'd change it to:
<form action="http://search.example.com/texis...</pre>
```

6.14.3 Request XML search results

Your own dynamic php/asp.net/etc pages can issue a query to the Appliance, and receive back XML results.

Issuing a Query Programmatically

Here is an example URL for a simple XML search:

```
http://HOSTNAME/texis/search/main.xml?pr=profile&query=query
```

Where *HOSTNAME* is the IP/hostname of your Parametric Search Appliance, *profile* is the profile to search, and *query* is the user's query.

Search Parameters

The possible parameters that can be used in the query string are:

Queries:

- cq Category query: cq=1 for first category, cq=2 for second, etc. Can be provided multiple times or as a CSV to include results in any of those categories.
- cqall Setting to Y requires results to be in all cq categories, instead of any one of them
- dq Maximum Depth query
- mtq Mime Type query (e.g. mtq=text/*)
- query Main search query
- sq Site query (e.g. sq=docs.company.com)
- tq Title-only query
- uq URL query (e.g. uq=https://www.example.com/dir/*)

Search control:

- dateSource What date to use, id or Modified (see below)
- mdgt Modified Date Greater Than: Only results with a modified date less than this will be returned.
- mdlt Modified Date Less Than: Only results with a modified date less than this will be returned.
- pr Specifies the Parametric Search Appliance profile
- prox Proximity: Only return results with the query words in the same line, sentence, paragraph, or page (default)
- order Controls the sort order. Values are r (relevance), dd (newest first), or da (oldest first). In version 17.1 and later, rank may be given as an alias for r (relevance), date for dd (newest first), and size, visited or depth may also be given. For Parametric appliances, may also be a list of Parametric Fields (and/or any of the above values, if version 17.1 or later) to sort by; see the Sortable checkbox for Parametric Search Options, p. 107.
- rpp Results Per Page (see also Max User Results Per Page search setting, p. 105)
- sr Results Per Site
- sufs Word forms (suffixes). Values are 0 (Exact match), 1 (Plurals & Possessives), 2 (Any word forms), or 3 (Custom)

Rank Knobs: controls the influence of ranking parameters. Each can be set to an integer value, from off (0) to Maximum(1000). Medium (500) is the default.

- rorder Word order: Favors results with query terms in the same order as the query
- rprox Rank Proximity: Favors results with query terms close together
- rdfreq Database Frequency: Favors results with query terms more rare across the entire profile
- rwfreq Document Frequency: Favors results with query terms repeated more often
- rlead Position In Text: Favors results with query terms earlier in the document
- rdepth Depth In Site: Results more shallow depth (fewer clicks from the Base URL) are better

Parametric Fields and related:

• gb - restrict the Group Bys performed to one or more named fields. The Group Bys must still be configured in the admin interface (see p. 157), but the gb parameter allows you to further restrict Group Bys to fewer than would be performed otherwise.

See also **Parametric Search Queries** (p. 152) for information on searching parametric fields, and specifying parametric search details.

dateSource: id vs modified

The dateSource parameter allows you to determine which date associated with the URL gets used for display, sorting, etc.

- Modified (default) The time the content was last modified
- id The time that Parametric Search Appliance last updated its record of the content

If a collection of files that were modified a year ago were picked up by the Parametric Search Appliance walk last night, then the Modified date would be a year ago, but the id date would be last night.

id is the default dateSource when requesting an RSS feed of a search.

Other Variables

- dropXSL When **Results Style** (p. 103) is set to XSL Stylesheet, or the search request URL is search/main.xml (note the .xml extension), the dropXSL query variable controls how the XSL is applied. It may have one of the following values:
 - html Apply the XSL style sheet server-side and serve the resulting HTML
 - no Do not apply XSL, nor give an XSL reference. Browsers will display the raw XML. Can be useful for debugging/analyzing XML results.
 - yes Do not apply the XSL, but give an XSL reference so that browsers will fetch and apply the XSL client-side.

If not given, dropXSL is set based on the search/main.ext file extension in the URL: no if .xml was given, html otherwise.

XML Elements in Search Results

Search results can be sent as XML from the Parametric Search Appliance to the host server. This section describes the XML elements.

<ThunderstoneResults> Overall container for the search results

- <XmlOutputVersion> Defines the version of this xml output
- <ResultsFromCache> Set to Y if this is from results caching
- <Query> Main text search string
- <TitleQuery> Query applied only to titles
- <UrlQuery> Query applied to URL
- <DepthQuery> Maximum Depth
- <MimeTypeQuery> Query applied to Mime Type
- <CategoryQuery> Numeric index for a category to use. 1 is the first category, etc.
- <RequireAllCategories > Set to Y if results must be in ALL specified CategoryQuery instead of "one or more."
- <ResultsPerSiteQuery> Max results per site
- <TextQuery> Text part of main search query, sans infield: prefix. Suitable for concatenation with "infield:" and re-insertion in a new query
- <TextQueryHighlight> TextQuery with query highlighting (if enabled)
- <PreviousRefine> Additional refine queries
- <SiteQuery> Site query (from site: host in the query, or dedicated sq query string variable)
- <LinkQuery> Link query (from link: URL in the query)
- <InFieldQueriesAllowed> Set to Y if infield: queries are allowed
- <InFieldQuery> Infield queries that were executed

Attributes:

- @field name of the field
- @isInternalField Set to Y for internal (non-Parametric) fields
- @operator operator used in the query

Child elements:

- <Query> Full query, sans infield: prefix
- <Value> query's value alone

- <ValueDisplay> Alternate value for displaying
- <Tooltip> Alternate value for the tooltip
- <ModifiedDateLessThan> Only return results with Modified date earlier than this
- <ModifiedDateGreaterThan> Only return results with Modified date greater than this
- <UrlRoot> URL root of the search script, for making links
- <Profile > Profile used
- <dropXSL> Whether to apply or drop the XSL stylesheet
- <AdvancedSearch> Set to 1 if the advanced form should be displayed
- <Proximity > Proximity used for the search. Possible values:
 - line Must occur on the same line
 - sentence Must occur within the same sentence
 - paragraph Must occur within the same paragraph
 - page must occur within same HTML document (default)
- <Suffixes> Suffix processing for the search. Possible values:
 - 0 Exact Match only
 - 1 Plurals and Possessives
 - 2 All Word Forms
 - 3 Custom
- <Thesaurus > Set to 1 if the Thesaurus was used for synonyms
- <Order> Ordering of the search. Possible values:
 - r relevance
 - dd newest first
 - da oldest first
- <RankOrder> Favors results with query terms in the same order as the query
- <RankProximity> Favors results with query terms close together
- <RankDatabaseFrequency> Favors results with query terms more rare across the entire profile
- <RankDocumentFrequency> Favors results with query terms repeated more often
- <RankPosition> Favors results with query terms earlier in the document
- <RankDepth> Favors results fewer links away from the starting point
- <mode> Set to admin if this is a Test Search

- <opts> Internal use only
- <authUser> User that was authenticated via the Proxy Module
- <metasearchTarget> Indicates what backend metasearch targets are available, one element for each target. Currently selected targets will have a selected="selected" attribute
- <Adminurl> URL to the admin interface
- <MakeLiveUrl> URL to make this Look and Feel live
- <RssUrl> URL to RSS version of this search
- <OpensearchUrl> URL to the OpenSearch version of this search
- <OpensearchTitle> Suggested title for this OpenSearch
- <QueryAutocomplete > Set to Y if Query Autocomplete is enabled
- <LogoutUrl> URL for a 'Logout' link
- <ParametricQuery> Parametric SQL Query used
 - <UserQueryAllowed> Allow Override value (default N)
 - <Query> SQL Query Clause used (only shown if UserQueryAllow=Y
 - <Param> A parameter name and value for the Parametric SQL Query
- <Category> Categories available for search
 - <CatVisible> Set to Y if the category should be selectable in the list of categories
 - <CatSel> Set to Y if this category is currently selected
 - <CatVal > Numeric ID for this category
 - <CatName > Display name for this category
- <TopBestBets> List of "Best Bets" links
 - <BBTitle> Title for this section of Best Bets
 - <BestBet> Individual Best Bet records
 - * <BBResultNum> Ordered number for this Best Bet
 - * <BBPriority> Priority for this Best Bet, as assigned in the admin interface
 - * <BBLink> URL for this Best Bet
 - * <BBLinkDisplay> URL that displays for this Best Bet. Long Urls are intelligently truncated for display
 - * <BBResult> URL for this individual Best Bet, as assigned in the admin interface
 - * <BBDescription> Description for this individual Best Bet, as assigned in the admin interface
 - * <BBGroupname> Name of the Best Bet group this Best Bet belongs to
 - * <BBGroupid> id of the Best Bet group this Best Bet belongs to

- * <BBKeywords > Keywords that trigger this Best Bet record to display. This is all keywords for this individual record, not just the one that triggered this activation
- <ProfileInfo> Encloses some profile summary info
 - <Profile > Profile to which this ProfileInforefers to
 - <ResultDecl> Declarations of User Fields that will be in Result elements, each has a
 name and type attribute
 - <ExitIsEarly> Set to Y if search aborted
 - <ExitReason> Set to ok if search finished normally, otherwise token indicating reason (see ExitReason table below)
 - <RedirectUrl> Only used when results Authorization Method is set to
 Forward login cookies. If present, specifies a (Referer-modified) version of Login
 URL (the search setting, not XML element). Its value is an external (not Parametric Search
 Appliance) URL to redirect the user to, which will prompt the user to log in and obtain the
 authentication cookies needed for a Results Authorization search.
 - <LoginUrl> Only used when results Authorization Method is set to
 Basic/NTLM/file prompt via form. If present, specifies a local (Parametric Search Appliance) <form action> URL to submit the rauser/rapass variables to, which contain user credentials needed for a Results Authorization search.
- <Summary> Encloses search results summary, only present if a search was actually performed
 - <Profile> Profile that this Summary element applies to
 - <Start> First result item to list
 - <End> Last result item to list
 - <TotalNum> Total number of result items found, before Results Authorization
 - <TotalIsEstimate > Set to Y if TotalNum is an estimate
 - <TotalIsShort > Set to Y if TotalNum is known to be short (e.g. early exit)
 - <UserResultsNum> Total number of result items found, after Results Authorization
 - <UserResultsIsEstimate > Set to Y if UserResultsNum is an estimate
 - <UserResultsIsShort> Set to Y if UserResultsNum is an estimate
 - <ResultsAuthorization> Set to Y if Results Authorization was used
 - <Total> Readable text for total number of results, after Results Authorization
 - <GroupBySite> Set to Y if Results per Site was used with this query.
 - <CurOrder> Text that describes the order by which results are listed
 - <OrderLink> URL that provides an alternative sorting order results list
 - <OrderType> Text that describes OrderLink
 - <GroupByResults> Contains information about how the results may be grouped by a parametric field.

Attributes:

* @countIsEstimate - Set to Y if counts are estimated

- * @orderBy Indicates group ordering. Possible values:
 - · CountDesc Count Descending
 - · CountAsc Count Ascending
 - · FieldDesc Field Descending
 - · FieldAsc Field Ascending
- * @maxResults Max groups

Child elements:

- * <Field> Name of the parametric field
- * <Group> Information about the individual groups
 - · <Value> Value> Value of the parametric field that this group represents
 - · <ValueDisplay> Displayable value of this group's field
 - · <Tooltip> Alternate value for the tooltip
 - · <Count> Number of results that match this value
 - · <UrlResults> URL to restrict the search to this value
- <GroupByCollapsed> Info for each collapsed (not expanded) Group By
 - * <Field> Name of the parametric field
 - * <UrlResults> URL to expand this Group By
- <NewSkip> (Metasearch only) Skip value to use for any further request. Only needed with the SOAP API
- <Pre>- <Pre>viousLink> URL to the previous page of results
- <FirstPage> Set to 1 if this is the first page of results
- <Pages> Contains data on pages of results
 - * <PageLink> URL to a certain page of results
 - * <PageNumber > Page number a page of results
- <NextLink> URL to the next page of results
- <LastPage> Set to 1 if this is the last page of results
- <Credit > Text to introduce the credit image
- < CreditImage > URL of the credit image
- <Result> Contains data about a given result
 - <Profile > Profile for this Result
 - <BackendProfile> Profiles used by metasearch backends
 - <Num> Number of this result item
 - <Skip> Internal use: raw skip(s) for result. Valid for Meta Search back-ends
 - <Id> Identifier for this result
 - <ResultTitle> Title of this result
 - <Url> URL of this result
 - <ClickUrl> URL for this result item, as should be clicked by the user. Use Url if not
 present. Only sent if Query Logging is enabled, in which case it contains redirect for logging the
 click-through

- <UrlPDFHi> URL to highlight this PDF in Acrobat Reader, only used with Legacy highlighting
- <UrlDisplay> Displayed URL for this result
- <UrlCached> URL to retrieve the cached version of this result
- <RawRank> Raw relevance rank value for this result (0-1000)
- <ScaledRank> Raw rank scaled up for a more-like-this search (0-1000)
- <PercentRank > ScaledRank as a percentage (0-100)
- <DocSize> Size (bytes) of this result
- <MimeType> MimeType for this result
- <MimeTypeIcon> Icon file to use for this MimeType
- <Depth> Number of links walked from Base URL(s) to this URL
- <UrlSimilar> URL to search for pages similar to this result
- <Urlinfo> URL for context of answers within a matching document
- <UrlParents> URL of pages that link to this search result
- <Modified> Date and time this result was last modified
- <Visited> Date and time this result was walked
- <Abstract> Brief text surrounding the matched word or phrase
- <Charset> Character set of the formatted text of the page (typically Storage Charset unless conversion failure)
- <SiteName > Name of the site for this result item
- <UrlMoreResultsFromSite> URL for more results from this site
- In addition, any Parametric Fields that have been selected for Output will be sent as child elements of Result, one per field. Each element is named after the field, with a u: XML namespace prefix since they are custom fields. The value of the field will be the content of the element.

For example, an Integer field Quantity and a GMLPoint field Location may be given as:

```
<u:Quantity>57</u:Quantity>
<u:Location>47.4500 -122.3000</u:Location>
```

- <RightBestBets> List of right "Best Bets" links, see TopBestBets
- <Spelling > Spelling suggestions
 - <SuggestWord> An individual spelling suggestion
 - * <SpellPhrase> Label for the suggestions
 - * <SpellLink> URL to search for the suggestion
 - * <SpellWord> Suggestion content
 - * <SpellCount > Number of results for this suggestion
- <exportVar> Additional exported variables

Table 6.2: XML <ExitReason> Tokens

Token	Description
ok	Normal exit
ResAuth-ExternalLoginRequired	Need Login Cookies: redirect to <redirecturl></redirecturl>
ResAuth-CredentialsRequired	Need user/pass: send rauser/rapass to <loginurl></loginurl>
ResAuth-LoginIncorrect	User/pass incorrect; re-send to <loginurl></loginurl>
ResAuth-SuccessLimit	Successful Auth Result Limit reached
ResAuth-Timeout	Results Authorization timeout
ResAuth-MaxDocsCheck	Max Docs to Auth-Check exceeded
ResAuth-SmbError	SMB error
ResAuth-NoSmb	SMB unavailable/could not be run

• <QueryMessage> Messages to show to the user

• <Message> Additional diagnostic messages

Match Info output is similar to search results, except it contains a ContextResult element instead of Result elements. ContextResult contains:

<ContextResult> Container for the "Match Info" for this result

- <Url> URL of this result
- <ClickUrl> URL for this result item, as should be clicked by the user. Use Url if not present.

 Only sent if Query Logging is enabled, in which case it contains redirect for logging the click-through
- <url>
 <url>
 UrlDisplay
 Displayed URL for this result
- <Depth> Number of links walked from Base URL(s) to this URL, with a full text label
- <Size> Size (bytes) of this result
- <MimeType > MimeType for this result
- <MimeTypeIcon> Icon file to use for this MimeType
- <Modified> Date and time this result was last modified
- <Visited> Date and time this result was walked
- <RecordCategory> Categories that would match this result
- <Title> Title of this result
- <Description > Description of the result
- <Keywords > Keywords of the result
- <Meta> Extracted metadata of the result
- <Body> Body text the result
- In addition, any Parametric Fields that have been selected for Output will be sent as child elements of Result, one per field. Each element is named after the field, with a u: XML namespace prefix since they are custom fields. The value of the field will be the content of the element.

For example, an Integer field Quantity and a GMLPoint field Location may be given as:

```
<u:Quantity>57</u:Quantity>
<u:Location>47.4500 -122.3000</u:Location>
```

Invoking Query Autocomplete

Query Autocomplete can be used in your own custom front end using Javascript similar to that used by the normal search interface. If you want to invoke it arbitrarily, you can request URLs of the form:

```
http://HOSTNAME/texis/search/autocomplete.json?pr=profile&term=term
```

Where *HOSTNAME* is the IP/hostname of your Parametric Search Appliance, *profile* is the profile to search, and *term* is the user's partially typed term.

Autocomplete returns a JSON array in the OpenSearch format (http://www.opensearch.org/Specifications/OpenSearch/Extensions/Suggestions). Getting completions for term=sea would return something like:

```
["sea",["seattle","sears","search"]]
```

Autocomplete also supports JSON-P, so adding &callback=updateList to the URL would return:

```
updateList({term: "sea", completions: ["seattle", "sears", "search"]})
```

Alternatively, you can request autocomplete.xml instead of .json to get an XML document back:

```
<Completions>
  <Term>sea</Term>
  <Completion score="16">seattle</Completion>
  <Completion score="5">sears</Completion>
  <Completion score="1">search</Completion>
</Completions>
```

6.14.4 Invoke the search SOAP API

Instead of making a HTTP request and parsing the XML response, it's possible for pages to invoke the search SOAP API. This allows interactions with the Appliance to appear as local function calls, automatically handling all the details of HTTP requests and XML parsing.

See the **SOAP API** (p. 207) for details on setting up and using the SOAP API.

6.15 Search Result RSS Feeds

Search result RSS feeds can help you monitor a certain search query, and let you know when new results appear for the query.

All search result pages have an RSS link embedded in them. Recent versions of modern browsers, such as Internet Explorer and Firefox, have built-in features that notify you when an RSS feed you're subscribed to changes.

- IE 7 and 8 http://www.microsoft.com/windows/IE/ie7/tour/rss/
- Firefox http://kb.mozillazine.org/Live_Bookmarks_-_Firefox
- Opera http://www.opera.com/mail/rss/

6.16 OpenSearch Support

The search interface also has an embedded Open Search description. This means that modern browsers can use the Quick Search box (to the right of the address bar) to perform searches on the Parametric Search Appliance.

- Bring up the search interface for the profile of your choice
- Hit the "down" arrow next to the Quick Search box
- Choose "Add Search Provider..." to add the Parametric Search Appliance to the list of available searches.

Internet Explorer users can find more detailed instructions at

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc848862.aspx

Adding strictSpec=Y to the Open Search Description URL will cause the Parametric Search Appliance to truncate various fields as required by the specification. In practice, this isn't necessary as browsers handle longer names.

6.17 Using Best Bets

The Parametric Search Appliance allows you to create links that will appear either at the top or to the right of the search results (or anywhere else, if using an XSL stylesheet) when specific keywords are searched for. They can be used for suggested links, or to promote specific URLs so they stand out from the main results. The Best Bet links are arranged into groups, which allow you to enable or disable a group of results easily.

6.17.1 Quick Creation

The easiest way to create Best Bets is to directly add keywords to URLs. This skips the group and display settings, which can be customized later (and are detailed below).

From the "List/Edit URLs" page, enter the desired URL and click on the URL to get the details on that URL. There is a form on the page that allows keywords to be added to that URL. You can define a priority, title, description, and keywords for the URL (as detailed in the list below, under **Fully Customized**).

The group will be listed as (Create New). This will create a default group and automatically set it to display, instantly using the Best Bet you just created. The created group (default) can then be used to create any number of other keyword-URL associations.

You can go to the "Search Settings" page to customize how the Best Bets are displayed, as detailed below.

6.17.2 Fully Customized

Best Bets can also be created fully customized. The first step is to define a group. This is done from the "Bestbet Groups" page under "Tools". You can name the group, and decide which information will be displayed about the group.

After creating a group, you can use, the "Manage BestBets" link to add Best Bets to the group. You can also browse "List/Edit URLs" page enter the URL you want, and click on the URL to get the details on that URL. The fields on the form are:

- Url The URL to link to with this Best Bet. Only used when adding Best Bets directly to the group, rather than going through "List/Edit URLs'.
- **Priority** (*optional*) An integer priority for this Best Bet. If multiple Best Bets match a given user query, they are shown in descending numerical **Priority** order. If there is only one Best Bet set per URL, or the order does not matter, a **Priority** need not be set.
- Title- The title that will be displayed for the Best Bet on the search results page.
- **Keywords** A space-separated list of keywords that will be searched against to trigger this Best Bet. A Best Bet is displayed when the user query matches the **Keywords**, just as if they were document text.
- **Group-** Which Best Bet Group this Best Bet will be created in. A Best Bet will only have a chance to match if its group is set to display as either **Top Best Bets** or **Right Best Bets**on the Search Settings page.
 - If no groups currently exist, (create new) will be displayed, and a group will be created for you if you enter keywords and a title for this Best Bet.
 - Only used when adding BestBets through **List/Edit Urls**, rather than adding to a Best Bet group directly.
- **Description** (*optional*) The description to display for this Best Bet. The Best Bet Group for this Best Bet might be set to not display the description, so it's optional.

The title and description can contain HTML code. Be careful that it does not disrupt the rest of the page layout. You can create multiple entries for the same URL. Each time you save a new set of blank boxes will be shown.

Once the Best Bets are created you can go to the "Search Settings" page to set up how they are displayed. For the top and right placements you can define which group is shown there, what title if any to display above the links, and the color, size and style of the boxes around the Best Bets.

As with any of the Search Settings these will apply to the "Test Search" first, and then when you apply the settings be copied to the "Live Search", allowing you to test the settings and make sure they are appropriate before going live.

6.18 Using Access Control

The concepts and actions of access control in the Parametric Search Appliance are discussed in detail in the Access Control section, p. 143. The following are some general tips on how to setup and maintain access control rights.

6.18.1 Initial Lockdown

Since the default mode for Access Control when created is to allow all rights to all users for back-compatibility, it is recommended that perms be "locked down" first, and only granted as needed. The admin user, having the irrevocable ability to reset ACLs, should remain a "superuser" with all access, and other accounts turned into lesser-permission users. Lockdown should happen in this order:

- 1. Allow superuser: The admin user should have an Allow entry for all rights to the top-level Global object¹.
- 2. Deny everyone: The group Everyone should have a Deny entry for all rights to the top-level Global object.

With these perms, users other than admin – including new users and profiles created in the future – will not be able to see or modify administrative settings. They can be granted perms as needed later, for example, the Read right could be removed from the Global deny ACE so that they can read but not modify any admin action/setting.

6.18.2 Example: User with Complete Control on One Profile

To configure a user that has complete access to just one specific profile (but no other profiles, nor the rest of administration such as creating accounts etc.), set up the lockdown settings above, then:

- 1. Create a Profile ACE on the specific profile, for that user, read and write access, and type Allow.
- 2. Create a Setting ACE for All Settings, for that user, read, write and delete access, type Allow.

The user will now be able to modify any setting on that profile, as well as start/stop walks on it, but will not be able to edit other profiles.

6.18.3 Example: User with Look and Feel Control on All Profiles

To configure a user that has the ability to change the Top and Bottom HTML on *any* profile, but cannot edit walk settings, nor start nor stop a walk, etc., set up the lockdown settings above, then:

- 1. Create a Profile ACE on All Profiles, for that user, read and write access, and type Allow.
- 2. Create a Setting ACE for Top HTML, for that user, read, write and delete access, type Allow.
- 3. Create a Setting ACE for Bottom HTML, for that user, read, write and delete access, type Allow.

The user will now be able to change the top and bottom HTML for any profile.

6.19 Indexing File Servers

The Thunderstone Parametric Search Appliance can index Windows and Unix file servers in addition to web servers. To do so you will first need to mount the file server to the Parametric Search Appliance, and then

¹In version 5.3.0 and earlier, the admin user should instead be explicitly granted all rights to each of the second-level objects (All Users, All Groups, All Profiles, All Settings, and Maintenance).

configure the walk. To mount the file server you need to go to the System page and select Network Filesystems & Shares3.3.

After you have mounted your server to the Parametric Search Appliance the interface will give you the Base URL to use in your profile. You may use that URL or anything underneath it.

6.20 Replication

6.20.1 Replication Overview

In replication, a server profile sends walk data to another server profile. The two profiles can be on different machines or they can be on the same one. If the profiles are on different machines, the sending and receiving profiles can have the same or different names. If the profiles are on the same machine, use different profile names.

Here is an example that illustrates the replication process. In this example, the Sender profile has been set up as the sender profile and Receiver is the receiver profile. After Sender performs a walk, it sends the walk data to Receiver. The Receiver profile accepts the data as-is, without regard to its own profile settings. Only the profile that performed the walk may send the walk data, so in this example Receiver cannot replicate (the data it received from Sender) to another profile.

To avoid undesired overwriting of replication walk data, you should not allow the receiver profile to perform walks.

Before the receiver will accept replication data, the sender(s) need to be granted permission to send the data. This permission is managed in a cluster member list.

A good use of replication is to set up multiple machines to replicate to a single receiving profile. For example, machines A, B, and C each have a different profile, and they each replicate their walk data to a profile on machine D, which is the receiver. Another use of replication is to send walk data from multiple profiles on a machine to a single receiver profile that is on the same machine. This provides a means of combining walk data into a single profile. Another use of replication is to replicate data from one sender to multiple receivers. This way multiple machines hold the same walk data.

6.20.2 Procedure

The procedure in this section is an example of setting up replication on a single machine. It can be adapted to multiple machine configurations by changing the Replication Settings.

Set up the Sender Profile

- Choose an existing, walkable profile to be the sender. Or go to the Profiles menu item and create one, filling in all fields for a normal walk. We'll assume this profile is called Sender.
- Go to the All Walk Settings menu item for the Sender profile.
- Scroll down to Replication Settings.

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• Enter the information for the receiver. In this example, Host IP or Name is localhost because we'll be sending data to the same machine, and Profile Name is Receiver. The page now includes the location of the receiver profile.

- Click Update and Go button.
- ullet After a moment, the Walk Status page opens. Notice that there are N items in the replication queue. The number N is similar to the number of pages that were walked. The items remain in the queue, because they cannot be sent until the receiver profile is created (below). Normally, when a receiver profile is present, the contents of the queue are automatically sent to the receiver.

Create the Receiver Profile

- Create a new profile called Receiver via the Profiles menu item. (This matches the receiving profile name we entered on the Sender profile.)
- At main menu click System, then under System Settings heading, click System Wide Settings.
- At the Cluster Members field, enter the IP address for each server that will send walk data to this machine. Use a separate line for each entry. In this example, there is one sending IP address, and it is 127.0.0.1 (use IP numbers, not the word localhost). To enable an entire subnet to send data, use an IP prefix and wildcard, e.g. 10.10.*.
- Click Update button.
- At main menu, click Profiles.
- When Profiles page opens, click Sender. A Walk Settings page opens for the Sender profile.
- Click Walk Status button. The Walk Status page for the Sender profile opens.
- There are still N items in the replication queue.
- Click the replication queue link.
- The items in the replication queue are sent to the Receiver profile. On the Walk Status page, there are now 0 items in the replication queue, which indicates the items were sent.
- On main menu, click Profiles, click Receiver, click Walk Status and observe that there is a list of pages recently walked. These pages were not walked by Receiver, instead they were obtained from Sender, which performed the walk.

6.20.3 DataLoad API

The replication system can also be used to load data directly onto the Parametric Search Appliance from an outside source, instead of "pulling" it from a URL or its links. This can be used for data that is not permanently stored at its URL (e.g. generated data), and therefore cannot be fetched for indexing; it can

instead be pushed to the Parametric Search Appliance for indexing. This feature requires version 5.4.19 or later of the texisScripts package (see System / Update Software).

Before loading data onto the Parametric Search Appliance, it must be configured to accept data from the IP address(es) that will be sending to it. This procedure is the same as for replication; see the Cluster Members setting, p. 193.

Submission Format

Data is submitted to the Parametric Search Appliance with an HTTP POST request sent to a similar URL as the admin interface (e.g. http://.../dowalk), but with /recvdata.xml appended. E.g.:

http://www.example.com/texis/dowalk/recvdata.xml

The following POST variables must be set in the request. Be sure to URL-encode the values:

- profile

 Set to the name of the receiving profile.
- data
 Set to an XML document containing the data, and what to do with it (insert/delete/etc.). See below for details.

Specifying all fields manually

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Below is an example data document where all fields are specified. Be sure to HTML-encode values.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ThunderstoneReplication</pre>
     xmlns:dt="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:datatypes"
      xmlns:u="http://www.thunderstone.com/ParametricSearch/1.0/">
 <Item>
    <Type>I</Type>
   <Size>150369</Size>
    <Visited>2005-10-25 15:25:18</Visited>
   <Dlsecs>0</Dlsecs>
    <Depth>0</Depth>
    <Url>http://www.example.com/dir/page.html</Url>
   <Title>Sprocket Specifications</Title>
    <Body>...</Body>
    <Keywords>sprockets, gears, hubs</Keywords>
    <Description>Sprocket details/Description>
    <Meta></Meta>
    <Category>Mechanical</Category>
    <Modified>2005-10-25 11:21:07</Modified>
    <NextCheck>2005-10-25 16:25:18
    <Views>0</Views>
    <Clicks>0</Clicks>
    <CTR>0.000000</CTR>
    <Pop>0</Pop>
   <MimeType>text/html</MimeType>
    <Charset>UTF-8</Charset>
    <Refs dt:dt="bin.base64">...</Refs>
    <Errors dt:dt="bin.base64">...</Errors>
    <RawData dt:dt="bin.base64"></RawData>
 </Item>
</ThunderstoneReplication>
```

Any element whose text data might not be XML-safe (e.g. binary chars in the <Body>) should be base64-encoded, and the attribute dt:dt="bin.base64" set in the tag. E.g. the <Refs> and <Errors> elements' text data are always base64-encoded. Note that the XML namespace prefix dt should also then be set to urn:schemas-microsoft-com:datatypes in the root <ThunderstoneReplication> element.

The elements are:

- <Type> The action to take with this data. Text value may be one of:
 - I Insert the data (overwrite previous data for URL if any)
 - D Delete the URL
 - DP Delete the URL as a pattern (e.g. http://www.example.com/dir/*)

- UI Update search indexes (call after a batch of inserts/deletes)
- <Size> The integer size of the original document.
- <Visited> When the document was fetched, in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format.
- <Dlsecs> Number of seconds taken to download the document.
- <Depth > Depth of URL from a Base URL, e.g. 0 is a Base URL, 1 is one click away, etc.
- <Url> The URL of the document.
- <Title> The title of the document.
- <Body> The formatted body of the document.
- <Keywords > Any keywords for the document.
- <Description> The description of the document.
- <Meta> Any meta data for the document.
- <Category> The category the document is in, if any. Must be a category name from the profile's Categories.
- <Modified> The Last-Modified date of the document, in YYYY-MM-DD HH: MM: SS format.
- <NextCheck> When the document should be refreshed, in YYYY-MM-DD HH: MM: SS format.
- <Views> Number of views of the document: how many times it has been shown in search results.
- <Clicks> Number of clicks of the document: how many times it has been clicked on in search results.
- <CTR> Click-through-ratio: floating-point number ratio of clicks to views.
- <Pop> Document popularity: number of references (links) to it.
- <MimeType> The MIME type of the content served at the URL, or provided in RawData.
- <Charset> Character set of <Body> data. Should correspond with Storage Charset profile setting (p. 76). If a charset other than the Storage Charset is used, it should be a standard IANA charset that the Parametric Search Appliance can convert to the Storage Charset.
- <Refs> Optional element with references (child links) of the document.
- <Errors> Optional element with errors of the document.

Uploading a binary file

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If you have a binary file, such as a PDF or an Office document, you can send it with the dataload API and let the Parametric Search Appliance extract the text from it.

The elements are:

- <Type> The action to take with this data. Text value may be one of:
 - I Insert the data (overwrite previous data for URL if any)
- <Url> The URL of the document.
- <RawData> element with the base64 encoding of raw document. It must include the dt:dt="bin.base64" attribute.

Combining the two: binary files with custom fields

It is possible to specify both a <RawData> document, and fields such as <Title>, <Description>, etc. The binary document will be processed, and any other fields provided will override the values that came from the document.

This can be useful in situations where you have a Content Management System (CMS) that contains metadata about a document that doesn't actually *occur* anywhere in the document. You can do a custom dataload that pushes in the document, and the custom Title/Description/etc.

Parametric Fields

Each profile-specific Parametric Search field is optionally sent in a single element named after the field, with the XML namespace prefix u. The value of the field is the content of the XML element. Note that the u XML namespace prefix should be declared in the root <ThunderstoneReplication> node, as shown earlier.

Set-type Parametric Search fields should use multiple <value> children to indicate multiple values.

For example, an Integer field Quantity, a GMLPoint field Location, and a Set field Color may be given as:

Other Details

The optional <Refs> element lists the links (references) from the given document, for parent-child linking. Its text value is a base64-encoded XML document with the following format when decoded:

Each <Url> should be the same as the <Url> in the above <Item> block. The <Ref> is a single link from the page. Only one <Ref> may be listed per <result>; additional links should be sent with additional <result> elements.

The optional <Errors> element contains any errors to be logged for the document. Note that this may be empty or not present if no errors are to be logged. Its text value is a base64-encoded XML document with the following format when decoded:

As with the <Refs> element, the <Url> must correspond with the original <Item> <Url>, and multiple errors must be listed in separate <result> elements.

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Reply Format

The response to a DataLoad request is an XML document:

The elements are:

- <rid> The replication id. Ignored.
- <Type> The action type specified in the request.
- <DP> The number of URLs deleted by a <Type>DP</Type> action. Element is not present for other <Type>.
- <Status> Result code:
 - OK Success
 - FAIL_UNKNOWNTYPE The <Type> was not recognized
 - NODATA No parsable data in request
 - Not Allowed Sender is not a Cluster Member
 - No Profile No profile set in request POST
 - FAIL Failed, unknown reason
- <Info> Optional additional message; e.g. Not found if a non-existent URL is deleted
- <Rows> How many request <Item>s were processed.
- <Version > Version and release date of the software.

Once data has been successfully loaded onto the Parametric Search Appliance, if the profile has any receiver profiles defined under Replication Settings, the data will also be queued for replication to those receivers.

Dataload SOAP API

There is a SOAP API available for dataload, allowing you to use a SOAP library to communicate with the Parametric Search Appliance. For an overview of SOAP, Please see the **SOAP API** (p. 207).

The WSDLs for the dataload API can be found on the Profile Tools page. Providing these WSDLs to whatever tool your language uses, such as Visual Studio's wsdl.exe program, should generate the necessary wrapper class.

The parameters are defined within the WSDL itself, and are generally the same as mentioned above in the **Submission Format** and **Reply Format**s, with a few exceptions:

- The entire transactions are wrapped by SOAP envelops and the top-level elements are called dataload and dataloadResponse instead of ThunderstoneReplicationResult, respectively.
- The dataload element contains a profile element in addition to all the Items.

C# Example Project

A C# example project is available that demonstrates using both the search and dataload SOAP interfaces. In the System — Advanced Tools section of the administration interface, choose Extra Downloads, and then Thunderstone Soap Example. Instructions are listed on that page and within the zip itself for how to use the project.

6.21 DBWalker

6.21.1 Overview

The Texis DBWalker module provides a walkable HTML interface to a remote database. If there is a database server somewhere which has a JDBC driver, DBWalker can serve up that database via HTML, which can then be walked by the Parametric Search Appliance or viewed by users. DBWalker can be configured to print all records on a single page, or to provide an "index" page which creates links to individual pages, each of which shows a single record of the table.

DBWalker is different from the normal idea of an "import" in multiple ways:

- DBWalker does not do any actual "importing" at all it simply enables a way to view parts of a database through a website. It's still up to the Parametric Search Appliance to walk the given website and index its content.
- The idea of 'import' implies a one-time action. Because DBWalker provides a HTML interface, it can be used to keep up to date with changes to the remote database. If a single record in the remote database changes, then DBWalker's HTML interface will be different, and a refresh walk by the Parametric Search Appliance will see this and change its internal index accordingly.

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JDBC connections are cached across HTTP requests. The first time a request for a configuration is received, it establishes a JDBC connection and keeps it for 5 minutes. If another request for the same configuration is received, it will re-use the same connection. This greatly enhances the Parametric Search Appliance's walking speed, and keeps from bogging down the remote database with unnecessary connect/disconnect activity. JDBC connections are closed after 5 minutes of inactivity.

6.21.2 Configuration Overview

DBWalker uses multiple individual configurations for the different databases and tables it needs to talk to. Each configuration describes a single group of settings for a single table in a single database. It is possible to have multiple configurations use the same table and databases – for example, you can have one configuration list the entire contents of a table, while another configuration limits the data to a certain range.

Each configuration specifies which database to talk to with a type ("PostgreSQL", "Oracle", etc., which determines what JDBC driver to use), a JDBC connection string (which specifies things like host, port, and database), a username, and a password. The configuration must also specify which table is to be read, and can optionally specify which columns to read (defaults to all), any filter for the data (by way of a WHERE clause), and a key field.

If no key field is specified, then DBWalker won't know how to uniquely identify rows, so it will print all the data on a single HTML page. If a key field is specified, then DBWalker will create an index page, which lists only the key field column. Each row's key field is listed as a link back to DBWalker, which will give a page displaying all of the selected fields of only that record. This allows more fine-grained indexing and searching in large tables.

6.21.3 DBWalker Output Overview

The DBWalker's internal libraries produce XML output. This is transformed into HTML via a XSL stylesheet, which is changeable on a per-configuration basis. When a request is received that ends in .xml, DBWalker will return an XML document with a reference to an XSL stylesheet on the DBWalker server (which modern browsers will automatically fetch and apply).

However, if a request is received with the extension .html, DBWalker will apply the stylesheet server-side before the client ever sees it, and hand the resulting HTML to the client. This is useful for clients that do not apply XSL transformations to XML documents (like the Parametric Search Appliance).

6.21.4 DBWalker Authentication Overview

There are two ways to do authentication with the remote database. Authentication information can be stored in the config file, or it can be provided dynamically.

If a username and password are provided in the configuration, then that user/pass will be used for every request for that config. This has the advantage that users never have to input a username/password, but also has the security disadvantage that anyone who opens the website can see the data. Depending on the contents of the database, this may or may not be significant.

The other option is to not include a username or password in the configuration. When DBWalker is invoked by in this situation, it will prompt for a username/password (via Basic authentication). If the remote database accepts the credentials, the page is displayed. For the Parametric Search Appliance to walk these pages, it will have to know a valid username/password for the pages. This is supplied in the **Login Info** of **All Walk Settings** ((87).

This integrates well with Results Authorization. if the Parametric Search Appliance's search is set to use Authorized Search Results with "Prompt via Form", the credentials will automatically be verified with DBWalker.

To summarize a few key points:

- If you include a username and password in the DBWalker config, anyone will be able to see the results, including searches with Results Authorization in use: any user's login will work since the correct user/pass is "built in" to the DBWalker config.
- If no user/pass is included in the config, then users will have to supply their own username/password, and the config can be used properly with Results Authorization.
- If no user/pass is included in the config, be sure to put a valid username/password in theLogin Info (pg. 87) section of any profile that uses it so the Parametric Search Appliance is able to index the content. If the Parametric Search Appliance can't see the results, then no searches will find it!

6.21.5 Obtaining DBWalker

DBWalker is obtained through the System \rightarrow Update Software menu. The j2re update must be installed prior to the DBWalker update. Please see the **Getting Software Updates** (pg. 172) for details on installing software updates.

6.21.6 Managing DBWalker

• At main menu, click System, then DBWalker Settings / Status under Manage Modules.

The main DBWalker Administration interface is divided into 3 sections:

• DBWalker Status

This shows whether the DBWalker is currently enabled, and if so what the process ID is. A button is provided to enable or disable the DBWalker, whichever is applicable.

A link is also provided to the DBWalker Global Options page.

• DBWalker Configurations

This section lists all the configurations available for DBWalker. It shows the configuration name, what type of database it uses, its table, and its JDBC connection string. If the DBWalker server is currently running, the name of each configuration will be a link to that configuration's DBWalker page.

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Here you have the option to edit or delete any configuration, and to create new ones with the "Create New Configuration..." button at the bottom. Please see the

Managing DBWalker Configurations section below for more information on managing configurations.

• DBWalker Stylesheets

This section allows you to manage the XSL stylesheets that DBWalker uses. You can add, delete, or modify, or view stylesheets here. Please see the **Managing DBWalker Stylesheets** (pg. 206) below for more information on stylesheets and how to manage them.

6.21.7 DBWalker Global Options

The DBWalker Global Options page lists settings that affect all configurations, usually involving the DBWalker environment.

These are considered "advanced" settings and should only need to be changed if advised to by Thunderstone Support.

• LogLevel

This affects how much information is written to DBWalker.log. Each level includes all levels above it.

- SEVERE Errors that cause the DBWalker to fail, giving it no chance to continue. These
 include errors reading the server config file, server socket errors, errors setting up the JDBC
 classloader, etc.
- WARNING errors that cause an individual request to fail, but allow the server to continue on servicing other requests. These include individual connection socket errors, individual configuration errors errors, unexpected SQL errors, etc.
- INFO This is the default logging level. Logs errors that are probably caused by malformed clients, or other things that we think an admin should know about. Includes clients giving malformed HTTP headers, requesting nonexistent configs, server startup/shutdown notification, etc.
- CONFIG reports all information being read from configuration files.
- FINE More fine-tuned book-keeping without going into details about individual classes/methods. Includes worker/socket assignment, worker pool manipulation, cache manipulation, enter/exit of JDBC methods.
- FINER reports run/stop/resume of individual threads, more details of worker processing of socket.
- FINEST Kitchen sink and then some. This will cause the log to fill very quickly with superfluous information during normal operation, and is advised not to be used unless requested by Thunderstone Support.

The default value of INFO is fine for normal operation.

• Max JVM Memory

This allows you to increase the maximum amount of memory, in megabytes, that the JVM will allow itself to allocate. If you are working with very large tables and getting OutOfMemoryException errors, them you may need to increase this. The default value is 64Mb.

Note that this value is not the amount of memory that will be immediately allocated by the JVM - it will only allocate as much as it needs. This simply provides an upper limit on how much memory will be used.

• Accept Debug Connections

When working with Thunderstone Software, this can assist in the troubleshooting of DBWalker problems. There's no reason to set this unless Thunderstone Support tells you to.

6.21.8 Managing DBWalker Configurations

Choosing to either edit a configuration or create a new one takes you to a listing page where you can change the facets of a configuration.

• General Information

The General Information section contains things that don't pertain directly to the remote database itself.

- Configuration Name
 - If you're creating a new configuration, you will be asked to enter a name. It is used when specifying which group of settings you want to use when DBWalker is invoked, but has no bearing beyond that. Names may contain letters, numbers, dashes, and underscores (no spaces).
- Stylesheet
 Specifies which XSL stylesheet to use. You can only use stylesheets that you've already uploaded. Please see the Managing DBWalker Stylesheets (pg. 206) for more information.
- Max Rows per Page
 Sets a maximum number of rows to use on a single index page. If there are more rows than is allowed on a single page, next and back links are used as necessary to see the rest of the links.
 This is because if a table contains 10 million rows, just generating the index page can take huge amounts of time. DBWalker can be told to only deal with 100 rows at a time, keeping it from getting bogged down.
- Appliance Link

If you are using an internal interface to access the Parametric Search Appliance's administrator interface, this can allow you to force the DBWalker to be walked through an interface that will be visible to external users. Usually the default for this will be fine.

If administrators are accessing the Parametric Search Appliance through an internal-only interface, let's say internalonly.example.com, then the DBWalker will get walked as http://internalonly.example.com/texis.... This will work fine for the walk itself, but when external users use search, they will see results referencing internalonly.example.com, which they won't be able to access.

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By setting Appliance Link to something like www.example.com/texis (or whatever external users will be able to see), then the DBWalker will get walked with the proper links.

• Database Information

The database information section collects information about how to connect to your remote database.

- Type

This determines which JDBC driver will be loaded. DBWalker comes with support for Oracle (11g and 12c), Microsoft SQL Server, Sybase, PostgreSQL, MySQL, and Texis. The Oracle (dedicated) type is used to connect to an Oracle database through dedicated mode instead of the default shared mode. There is a slight performance disadvantage to this, and should only be used when the ordinary Oracle type does not work. Alternatively, you can select [jdbcConnect] as the type, which lets you manually enter the JDBC Connection String. The Host, Port, and DB/Service values are all contained in the JDBC connection string, so the Connect String field replaces all 3 of them.

- Host / Connect String The contents of this field depend on what Type you have selected.

Database Type	field contents
Oracle, Sybase, PostgreSQL, MySQL, or	the hostname of the machine you're con-
MS SQL Server	necting to, or its IP address.
Texis	the hostname and full path to the
	JDBC script on the remote server, i.e.
	host.example.com/texis/jdbc.
[jdbcConnect]	the full JDBC connection string.

If the type is [jdbcConnect], then this field is Connect String, which lets you specify the full JDBC connection string. This is useful if you already know the JDBC connection string for your remote DB and don't want to have to break it down into hostname, port, etc. The exact formatting of this string differs for each remote database type.

- Port The port number that the remote database is listening to.

Oracle, Sybase, PostgreSQL, MySQL, or	the port to use, or leave blank for the de-
MS SQL Server	fault.
Texis	unused, already specified as part of the
	Host field.
[jdbcConnect]	unused, already specified as part of the
	Connect String field.

- DB/Service The contents of this field is dependent on your database type.

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Sybase, MS SQL Server, PostgreSQL, or	the name of the database you want to con-	
MySQL	nect to.	
Oracle	the name of the service to connect to.	
Texis	the full path to the remote database,	
	i.e. C:\morph3\texis\testdb\or	
	/var/db/testdb.	
[jdbcConnect]	unused, already specified as part of the	
	Connect String field.	

- Username

The username to give to the remote database. If this is left blank, username/password will be asked from the user when a request is made. Please see the "DBWalker Authentication Overview" section (pg. 201) for more information.

If connecting to a Microsoft SQL Server database, it's possible to enter DOMAIN\user as the username to use domain authentication, where DOMAIN is the domain that the server belongs to.

- Password

The password to give to the remote database. If this is left blank, username/password will be asked from the user when a request is made. Please see the "DBWalker Authentication Overview" section (pg. 201) for more information.

• Table Information

The table information section collects information about the table that you want to access.

- Table

the name of the SQL table you want to retrieve data from.

- Fields

An optional list of fields to retrieve from the table. By default, all fields are retrieved. This is specified as a comma-separated list, as you would use in the beginning of a SQL query.

- Where clause

Allows you to limit the data returned by DBWalker. It is not limited to using the fields specified in the fields section. The where clause should not contain the SQL keyword WHERE, just the conditional clause. For example, if your table has an id and a name, you could set Fields to name and Where clause to id>100 to only get names of records where the id is greater than 100.

- Key Field

Specifies the "key" field of the database. This field should be able to uniquely identify each record in the table, allowing DBWalker to create a list of links to each record from a single index page. If no key field is specified, the entire contents of the table will be displayed.

6.21.9 Managing DBWalker Stylesheets

XSL Stylesheets allow you to customize the way the DBWalker results are presented via HTML. They are applied either server-side or client-side, as detailed in the DBWalker Output Overview section (pg. 201) above.

Here you can edit or delete stylesheets, or upload new ones. If the DBWalker server is running, you can view any stylesheet by clicking that stylesheet's name.

• Uploading XSL Stylesheets

Beneath the list of current stylesheets is the $Upload\ Stylesheet$. Here you can browse to a .xsl file and upload it to the Parametric Search Appliance.

If the file already exists, the Overwrite existing box must be checked when you upload, to make sure you acknowledge the old file will be overwritten.

• Editing XSL Stylesheets

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There are two methods for edit XSL stylesheets. The simplest way is to click on the "Edit" button next to a stylesheet. This provides a page with a large text area that contains the contents of the stylesheet. Make your changes and click "Save" to save the changes.

If you're doing heavy development to a stylesheet, you'll probably find working in a text area very limiting. Alternatively you can download the stylesheet (by clicking on its name on the main DBWalker page), make the changes you want locally with your preferred XSL editor, and re-upload the file. If further tweaks are necessary, simply change the file and re-upload it as much as necessary.

6.21.10 Adding Configurations to Profiles

To get the contents of a DBWalker config searchable, you add it to one or more profiles, where it will be walked with the rest of the profile.

On the All Walk Settings page (pg. 62), there is a multi-select box listing all of DBWalker's configurations. Simply select all the configurations you would like to be included in that profile, and they will be walked.

6.22 SOAP API

6.22.1 SOAP Overview

The Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) is a W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) recommendation that essentially allows for Remote Procedure Call (RPC) functionality over HTTP, via XML. (This is a simplification of the 120-page SOAP spec, but it suits our purposes). SOAP web services provides a systematic, defined way of communicating function requests and responses over a network transport.

SOAP interfaces are described by another W3C recommendation, WSDL documents - Web Services Definition Language. WSDL documents are the prototypes for SOAP functions. They define what parameters are expected to the functions, what formats are/aren't allowed, what will be returned, etc. Given the WSDL of a SOAP web service, programs can generate the client code that interacts with the services (as is demonstrated in the C# example project later).

Specifically for the Parametric Search Appliance, the SOAP interface provides, when using a language that has a SOAP API, a way to invoke a search and on the Parametric Search Appliance and insert data as if it were a local function call.

6.22.2 SOAP API vs. XML Output

The SOAP interface provides functionality very similar to the "XML output" search interface. So why use one as opposed to the other?

Use SOAP if the language you are writing has a SOAP interface available for you. Many languages and environments (including Visual Studio) provide SOAP tools, where you provide the WSDL to the webservice, and it will generate "wrapper" classes for you, allowing you to interact with the Parametric Search Appliance as if it were simply a local function.

If whatever development environment you're using doesn't have a real SOAP interface, then use the XML API instead of the SOAP API. All the added information/rules of SOAP that make it easy for programs to exchange data will instead make it more cumbersome to use manually.

6.22.3 Getting the WSDL

The WSDLs can be found on the Soap Tools page for the profile. It links to the Dataload WSDLs and a search WSDLs, which lets you choose either a WSDL for this profile, or for all profiles (as explained below).

6.22.4 Global vs. per-profile WSDLs

When viewing search WSDLs, you have the option of requesting a WSDL specific to a single profile, or a global All Profiles WSDL, which can be used for any profile.

If you do not make use of Parametric Fields, then there will be no difference between per-profile and global WSDLs.

Both per-profile and global WSDLs refer to the same search interface. The same SOAP response is generated for both WSDLs. The only difference is in how specific the WSDLs are - per-profile WSDLs specify which Parametric Fields occur in the results, but the global WSDL must use <xsd:any> as a catch-all, as the Parametric Fields may change from one profile to another.

Which you use is a trade-off that you must decide on.

• per-profile WSDLs

- Advantage Parametric Fields for the profile are "hard-coded" in the WSDL itself, so a SOAP client consuming the WSDL can make better use of the Parametric Fields.
 For example, if your profile has Parametric Fields called price and location, then a per-profile WSDL will specify that each result contains <pri>price
 and <location
 elements.
 WSDL tools can do things like declare response.price and response.location variables.
- Disadvantage Because the per-profile WSDL is specific to that profile's Parametric Fields, a
 different WSDL must be used for every profile you want to interact with. If you're interacting
 with many different profiles (or it often changes), an global WSDL may be better suited.

• Global WSDLs

- Advantage The All Profiles wsdl can be used for any profile. This is better if your application needs to query multiple profiles, or if you don't work with Parametric Fields.
- Disadvantage Parametric Fields are represented in the All Profiles WSDL with
 <xsd:any>, which allows it to not declare which Parametric Fields will occur in the XML (as it may change from one profile to another).
 - This means that programs consuming the WSDL cannot know which Parametric Fields will be returned, and will instead do things like offer an array of Parametric Field XML elements that you must manually loop over to find the ones you want.

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6.22.5 Configuring the SOAP Interface

The WSDL for the Parametric Search Appliance is accessible in the following URL path from the Parametric Search Appliance:

/texis/ThunderstoneSearchService/describe.wsdl

This link is also available from the Tools \rightarrow SOAP Tools menu page in the admin interface.

Dataload SOAP API

The Dataload SOAP API takes the same parameters as the normal dataload API, please see the Submission Format (p. 194) and Reply Format (p. 199) sections, with a few exceptions:

- The entire transactions are wrapped by SOAP envelopes and the top-level elements are called dataload and dataloadResponse instead of ThunderstoneReplicationResult, respectively.
- The dataload element contains a profile element in addition to all the Items.

6.22.6 C# example project

A C# example project is available that demonstrates using the search SOAP interface. In the System \rightarrow Advanced Tools of the administration interface, choose Extra Downloads, and then Thunderstone Soap Example. Instructions are listed on that page and within the zip itself for how to use the project.

6.22.7 SOAP Links for Languages

This section contains links for recommendations of SOAP implementations in other languages. Thunderstone makes no guarantees to the completeness or quality of these projects, we simply provide links for convenience.

- ASP.NET the same C# API code can be compiled into a .NET assembly and used from an ASP.NET page. Please see the Windows Communication Foundation documentation for more details.
 - http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd456779.aspx
- Perl SOAP::Lite for Perl is a collection of Perl modules which provides a simple and lightweight SOAP interface.
 - http://www.soaplite.com/
- Python The Web Services for Python Project provides libraries implementing the various protocols used when writing web services including SOAP, WSDL, and other related protocols.

- http://pywebsvcs.sourceforge.net/
- Java The Java API for XML Messaging (JAXM) provides a framework for sending and receiving SOAP messages.
 - http://java.sun.com/webservices/jaxm/
- C++ Apache Axis C++ can be used as a client for SOAP servers.
 - http://axis.apache.org/axis/cpp/clientuser-guide.html

6.22.8 SOAP API search Reference

Three of the functions for searching (search, which performs a normal search, moreLikeThis, which finds similar pages, and showParents, which shows which pages link to a page) take similar parameters:

- jump number of user-visible results to skip. 0 would return the first page of results, 10 the second page, etc. (assuming 10 results per page).
- order specifies how the results should be ordered. Possible values are: r sort by relevance (default) dd newest pages first da oldest pages first

RankKnobs structure

There's an optional "rankKnobs" parameter for many of the functions that can specify how things should be ranked (each function notes whether it accepts rankKnobs). All of these can be set from 0-1000, where the higher the value, the more heavily that aspect is weighed; 500 is the default. These parameters correspond directly to the "Ranking Factors" settings on the Advanced Search page.

RankKnobs has the following parameters:

- order importance of the words being in the proper order
- proximity importance that the words are close together
- dbFreg importance of the frequency of a word in the database
- docFreq importance of the frequency of a word within the document
- leadBias importance of closeness to the start of the document

search

This performs a normal search based on the query/queries provided.

Parameters:

• profile - Required. Specifies which profile you're working with.

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• query - Required. The Metamorph query to search for.

The following parameters can be provided to further refine the search:

• urlQuery - Used for URL Prefix queries. Corresponds to the default search interface's uq query-string variable (p. 178).

- depthQuery the maximum depth that would be allowed. Supplying a value of 3 would only return pages that are no more than 3 clicks away from a Base URL. Corresponds to the default interface's dq variable.
- categoryQuery numeric index for a category to use. 1 is the first category, etc. Corresponds to the default interface's cq variable.
- proximity specifies a required proximity for the words in the query. Corresponds to the default interface's prox variable. Possible values are:
 - page words must occur on the same page (default)
 - paragraph words must occur in the same paragraph
 - sentence words must occur in the same sentence.
 - line words must occur on the same line.
- authUser Username to use for Results Authorization, when using the Basic/NTLM/file prompt via form authorization method.
- authPass Password to use for Results Authorization, when using the Basic/NTLM/file prompt via form authorization method.
- groupBy restrict the Group Bys performed to one or more named fields. The Group Bys must still be configured in the admin interface (see p. 157), but the <groupBy> parameter allows you to further restrict Group Bys to fewer than would be performed otherwise.

The search function may also use the rankKnobs structure (section 6.22.8, p. 210).

Parametric Search

In addition to using the infield: syntax in the query, embedded parameters for the Parametric Search Query may also be provided. Param elements with name attributes are used to accomplish this.

For example, To set the embedded parameter qpMaxPrice to 20, use:

```
<Param name="qpMaxPrice">20</Param>
```

Please see Parametric Search Query (p. 155) for more info.

Response

The SOAP output of the function is described in the XML Elements in Search Results section (6.14.3, p. 180).

moreLikeThis

moreLikeThis returns results that are similar to a result already found.

Parameters:

- profile Required. Specifies which profile you're working with.
- id Required. the id of a single URL, returned from a previous function.

The moreLikeThis function may also use the <rankKnobs> structure, as described in section 6.22.8, p. 210.

The output of the function is described in the XML Elements in the Search Results section (6.14.3, p. 180).

matchInfo

matchInfo gives information about the result, such as description, keywords, and the body text.

Parameters:

- profile Required. Specifies which profile you're working with.
- id Required. the id of a single URL, returned from a previous function.
- query Providing the query will allow the Parametric Search Appliance to highlight the query in the match info response.

The output of the function is described in the XML Elements in the Search Results section (6.14.3, p. 180).

showParents

showParents lists all the pages that link to a previous retrieved search results.

Parameters:

- profile Required. Specifies which profile you're working with.
- id Required. the id of a single URL, returned from a previous function.

The output of the function is described in the XML Elements in the Search Results section (6.14.3, p. 180).

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getCompletions

getCompletions retrieves potential completions for a partially typed query. It can be used by a custom client to implement autocomplete as the user is typing.

Parameters:

- profile Required. Specifies which profile you're working with.
- term Required. The partially typed term to get completions for.

Output: Zero or more Completion elements are returned. Their text content is a potential completion, and each completion has attributes:

- profile the profile this completion came from.
- score the score for this completion. Completions are ranked according to score, which can be derived from occurrences in the content, queries, and search user clicks.

6.22.9 SOAP API dataload reference

The dataload SOAP API is very simple. There's only one function, which is for loading data into the Parametric Search Appliance.

dataload

Parameters:

The SOAP input for dataload is described in the *Submission Format* section of the Dataload documentation (6.20.3, p. 194).

Returns: The SOAP output for dataload is described in the *Reply Format* section of the Dataload documentation (6.20.3, p. 199)

The dataload SOAP API is essentially a wrapper around the dataload XML API. It allows you to pass in multiple Item objects to the function.

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login

Parameters:

- username the user being logged in
- password the password for the user

Returns:

• authToken - an authentication token for use in further requests

login logs you in to the appliance, supplying you with an authentication token that will be included in all further requests to show that you're logged in. All other Admin SOAP API calls require an authToken for use. It's sent in further requests via a SOAP Header.

listProfiles

Parameters:

• none

Returns:

• ProfileName - an array of profile names requests

Returns a list of all profiles that currently exist on the appliance. If no profiles exist, a successful response with no ProfileNames is returned.

getProfileStatus

Parameters:

• Profile - name of the profile

Returns:

• IsRunning - whether or not the walk is currently running, set to true or false.

Returns information about the profile, currently just whether or not the profile is running.

addProfile

Parameters:

- Profile name of the new profile
- Type (optional) the type of profile, standard or metasearch. Defaults to standard.
- CopyOf (optional) name of the profile to copy
- ParametricField (optional) an array of parametric fields to use in the profile

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• PrimaryKey (optional) - name of the primary key field. Only used if Catalog Module is installed, defaults to Url if not provided.

• Dataspace - unused in the Parametric Search Appliance

Returns:

• Success - will be set to ok, indicating the profile was created successfully.

Adds a new profile to the Parametric Search Appliance. If there's any problem (already exists, invalid profile name, etc.), a SOAP Fault will be thrown.

deleteProfile

Parameters:

• Profile - name of the profile to be deleted

Returns:

• Success - will be set to ok, indicating the profile was deleted successfully.

Deletes a profile from the Parametric Search Appliance. If the profile didn't exist, the call will still succeed.

getSettings

Parameters:

- Profile name of the profile. To get System Wide Settings, use ! SYSTEM
- Name (optional) array of setting names to get. If no Name is provided, all settings are returned.
- TestOrLive (optional) whether to return the test settings, or live settings. Returns live settings by default.

Returns:

• Setting - an array of name/value pairs for the requested settings. A TestOrLive attribute on the settings indicate whether this applies to test, live, or both.

Gets a list of settings for the requested profile. You can request one or more specific settings by passing in Name parameters, or get all settings by not supplying a Name.

Some settings have test and live versions. You can request which version you'd like (defaults to live), and the returned settings indicate whether they apply to test or live. "Both" indicates that setting doesn't have different test and live versions.

setSettings

Parameters:

- Profile name of the profile. To set System Wide Settings, use ! SYSTEM
- TestOrLive (optional) whether this should apply to test settings, live settings, or both. Defaults to both.
- Setting multiple name/value pairs of settings that you'd like to set

Returns:

• Success - set to ok, indicating the settings were set properly.

Applies an array of settings for the given profile.

If there is any problem (such as an invalid setting name) in any one of the settings, a SOAP Fault is returned, and NONE of the settings are applied. This allows you to tweak the problem settings, and re-submit the entire batch again, without having them "partially applied" in between.

pauseWalk

Parameters:

• Profile - name of the profile

Returns:

• Success - will be set to ok, indicating the profile will be paused

If a walk is running on this profile, this will pause the walk, build its indexes, and make the search live. It's the same effect as clicking "Pause walk and Live" on the Walk Status page.

stopWalk

Parameters:

• Profile - name of the profile

Returns:

• Success - will be set to ok, indicating the profile will be stopped

If a walk is running on this profile, this will stop and abandon the walk, leaving the existing search live. It's the same effect as clicking "STOP walk" on the Walk Status page.

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startWalk

Parameters:

• Profile - name of the profile

Returns:

• Success - will be set to ok, indicating the walk was started successfully.

Starts a walk on this profile, the same effect as clicking "GO" in Basic Walk Settings.

getTask

Parameters:

• Id - id of the task to get

Returns:

- TaskInfo a structure of information about the task
 - Id id for the task, can be used in further requests
 - Pid Process ID of the task, may be -1 if task hasn't started
 - Profile Profile for the task, or ! SYSTEM for system-wide tasks
 - Action the task's main action, defines its behavior (dispatch, updateindex, etc)
 - Status the task's current status, possible values are:
 - * queued task is waiting to be run by the task monitor
 - * starting task has been launched and is starting up
 - * running task is running
 - * finished task completed successfully, see Detail may contain more information about its exit
 - * incomplete task exited before completing everything it could, Detail explains the reason for early exit (user canceling a walk, etc)
 - * died task ended abruptly and did not unregister itself, or the process was killed by another program.
 - Db notes which of the internal databases the task is operating on for the profile. May be !NONE for system wide tasks, or !UNKNOWN if the task is still starting and hasn't set a database yet.
 - DbRole currently unused
 - ParentType defines the type of parent recorded for launching this task. See ParentData below for values and their meaning.

- ParentData Additional information about the process that launched this task, its content depends on the ParentType:
 - * If ParentType=task, then ParentData contains the id of the task that launched this task.
 - * If ParentType=web, then ParentData contains the name of the Appliance function that was invoked through the web to launch this task.
 - * If ParentType=cli, then ParentData contains the name of the Appliance function that was invoked through the command line to launch this task.
 - * If ParentType=unknown, then ParentData is the process id that launched this task.
- Args The arguments that were used to launched this task, can occur multiple times for multiple arguments.
- Started The dateTime this task was started. It will not be present for tasks that are queued
 or are still starting.
- Updated The dateTime this task last updated its information. Most tasks should update
 regularly, although may go long periods of time without updating during long operations.
- NextRun currently unused
- Schedule currently unused
- Description (optional) Additional information on what the task was launched to do. Some actions don't need a description (like updateindex), but others can provide additional information (walk lists its Base URL, etc).
- Detail For running tasks, Detail may contain additional information about what the task is currently doing (building indexes, etc).
 - For finished tasks, Detail may contain additional information about the reason the task exited. ProgressInfo Some tasks provide additional progress information, such as walks or replication senders.
 - * Attempted the number of items attempted (pages attempted to be fetched, items sent for replication, etc).
 - * Saved the number of successful items
 - * Errors the number of items that encountered an error
 - * Bytes the number of bytes transferred or processed
 - * TodoCurrent the number of items to do at the current depth
 - * TodoNext the number of items to do at the next depth
 - * LoadAttempted1Min the average items per minute attempted, weighted towards the last minute
 - * LoadSaved1Min the average items per minute saved, weighted towards the last minute
 - * LoadAttempted15Min the average items per minute attempted, weighted towards the last 15 minutes
 - * LoadSaved15Min the average items per minute saved, weighted towards the last 15 minutes
 - * LoadAttempted1Hour the average items per minute attempted, weighted towards the last hour
 - * LoadSaved1Hour the average items per minute saved, weighted towards the last hour

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getTask retrieves information about a specific task that is running or has been run. The id likely comes from a previous getTasks call, where checking again can be done more efficiently by giving the id exactly rather than the same criteria to getTasks.

getTasks

Parameters:

- Profile the name of the profile to get tasks for, or ! SYSTEM for system-wide tasks, or ! ALL for all tasks.
- Scope (optional) defines what tasks to get. Possible values are:
 - running return only running tasks. This is the default when using !SYSTEM or !ALL for Profile.
 - recent return tasks since the most recent crawl or import. This is the default for individual profiles.
 - ! ALL all tasks, running and finished.
- Db (optional) which profile database to retrieve tasks for. Possible values are:
 - live the profile database currently being used for search.
 - other if a New walk is running, this retrieves tasks for the walking database, not the live search database.

The Db parameter is unused with Profile values of !SYSTEM and !ALL.

• Max (optional) - the maximum number of tasks to return, defaults to -1 (unlimited).

Returns:

• TaskInfo - an array of structures of information about the task, see getTask for details.

getTasks retrieves information about tasks that are running or have been run. This can be used to keep tabs on what is running on a machine, or to tell when a specific profile has all of its tasks completed.

getThesauruses

Parameters:

none

Returns:

• Thesaurus - an array of Thesaurus information

- Name name of the thesaurus
- Permutations what permutations apply to this thesaurus
- NumProfileUsing the number of profiles that are currently using this thesaurus

Returns information about all thesauruses that exist in the Parametric Search Appliance.

setThesaurus

Parameters:

- Name name of the thesaurus. If this thesaurus already exists, it will be replaced.
- Permutations what permutations apply to this thesaurus. Possible values are Full, Single, or None. Defaults to Single.
- Verbose (*optional*) If set to Y, verbose output of processing the thesaurus content will be included in the response.
- Content the text content that should be used for the thesaurus. See the Thesaurus section for details on the format (6.3, p. 167).

Returns:

• Output - output of the thesaurus processing operation. Any errors will be listed in the text.

Creates or updates a thesaurus in the Parametric Search Appliance. Once created, a thesaurus can be used in a profile by setting its SSc_eqprefix or SSc_ueqprefix to this thesaurus' Name.

deleteThesaurus

Parameters:

• Name - name of the thesaurus to delete

Returns:

• Output - output of the thesaurus deletion operation. Any errors will be listed in the text.

Deletes the thesaurus Name. Any profiles using this thesaurus will have their setting properly cleared.

6.23 Thunderstone ISAPI Proxy Module

6.23.1 Overview

The Thunderstone ISAPI Proxy Module is an IIS add-on that allows you to proxy requests through another machine.

Users' search requests are not made directly to the Parametric Search Appliance, but to the Proxy Module, which then passes the request along to the Parametric Search Appliance.

The Proxy Module also has an optional AuthProxy, which allows the use of automatic Active Directory credentials when authenticating the Parametric Search Appliance search results. Internet Explorer will be configured to automatically pass along the authentication information, allowing for Single Sign On. The Parametric Search Appliance communicates with the Proxy Module to authorize the results.

6.23.2 Requirements

- Windows Server doesn't come with IIS enabled by default, make sure the Web Server (IIS)\Web Server role has been added.
- IIS's web server role doesn't include ISAPI Extensions by default. Add the feature Web Server (IIS)/Web Server/∼→

 ←Application Development/ISAPI Extensions to the role.

For the Proxy Module with the authProxy:

The Proxy Module with authProxy machine will need to be added to Internet Explorer's Local Internet zone, so if you have a server already listed there, you may want to use it.

This must be a separate machine from the Parametric Search Appliance, and the machine the Proxy Module is installed on must be a member of the Active Directory domain.

Ensure that the machine that the authProxy is being installed on is a secure machine. Because the Proxy Module is dealing with authorization functionality, a user with Administrative privileges could potentially tamper with operations.

6.23.3 Installing the Proxy Module

Before installing the proxy module the only thing you need to know is:

• The full hostname of the Parametric Search Appliance machine (e.g. thunderstone.example.com) that the Proxy Module will be communicating with.

You can download the installer that contains the Proxy Module and authProxy from the Parametric Search Appliance machine. In the System \rightarrow Advanced Tools of the administration interface, choose Extra Downloads, then Thunderstone Proxy Module, and finally click the

Download setupProxyModule.msi link for the installer. Once downloaded, the installer must be run on the Windows machine that you wish to make the proxy.

When installing you will be asked for a few items:

- Destination Location This is where the actual DLL for the proxy module and its supporting files are placed.
- Target The full hostname of the Parametric Search Appliance machine that this Proxy Module should connect to.

6.23.4 Post-Install Setup

If you're using the authProxy, there are some configuration steps that must be manually performed, as they occur on machines other than the Proxy Module's machine. Please perform these before attempting to use the Proxy Module with authProxy.

Grant "Trust for Delegation" to the proxy machine

The machine that runs the Proxy Module & authProxy must be marked as trusted for delegation by the Active Directory domain controller. This is necessary for the proxy to automatically "pass along" the users' authentication to the searched web sites.

- On the domain controller, go to Start Programs Administrative Tools Active Directory Users and Computers.
- Choose Computers on the left.
- Locate the computer that is running the Proxy Module, right-click on it, and choose Properties.
- Check Trust computer for delegation. A message box warning you that "this is a security-sensitive operation and it should not be done indiscriminately" will pop up. Click OK.
- Click OK to close the machine's properties, and close the Active Directory Users and Computers window.

Configuring Internet Explorer for Passing Credentials

The Proxy Module & authProxy machine must be listed in Internet Explorer's Local Internet security zone for all computers using it in order to function properly. If it is not in the Local Internet, then credentials will not be automatically provided. Even if the credentials are entered manually, the Proxy Module cannot authenticate with results when not listed in Internet Explorer's Local Internet.

If the Proxy Module machine is already in the Local Internet settings, you may skip this step.

The following steps adds the Proxy Module machine to Internet Explorer's Local Internet:

- Start Internet Explorer.
- Choose Tools from the menu, and select Internet Options.
- Choose the Security tab.
- Choose Local Internet from the list of zones.
- Click the Sites button to edit the local internet.
- Click Advanced to manually add a site.
- *Uncheck* Require server verification (https:) for all sites in this zone
- Enter the full hostname of your proxying machine, for example proxyMachine.example.com.
- Click Add to add the site to the Trusted Sites.
- Click Close to close the Advanced window.
- Click OK to close the Local Intranet window.
- Click OK to close the Internet Options window.

Internet Explorer is now configured to pass credentials to the proxy machine. This is a per-user configuration, and will need to be configured for any user that is authenticating via the Proxy Module.

Configuring the Parametric Search Appliance

There are three things that must be done in the Parametric Search Appliance to configure it to accept authentication information from the authProxy, one of them global and two on a per-profile basis.

Add the Proxy Machine to Cluster Members

The IP address of the machine that the authProxy is installed on must be added to the list of Cluster Members to tell the Parametric Search Appliance to trust the proxy machine.

Go to System \rightarrow System Setup \rightarrow System Wide Settings, and enter the proxy machine's IP address in the Cluster Members field on a new line.

Make the Target Profiles Visible

The profiles that you want to search with the authProxy must be set Visible, which enables the profile for things like meta searching and the proxy module.

• Select the profile in the Profiles page.

- Choose Search Settings on the left.
- Set the Visible setting to Y.
- Click Update at the bottom.

Enable Results Authorization for the Target Profile

Also, Results Authorization must be enabled for the target profile, if it's not already enabled.

- Select the profile in the Profiles page.
- Choose Search Settings on the left.
- Set the radio button for Authorization Method to Basic/NTLM/file (occurs beneath Login Cookies and Login URL).
- Click Update at the bottom.

6.23.5 Manually Configuring the Proxy Module

This section describes how to manually configure IIS for use of the Thunderstone Proxy Module. The will be described in more detail in the next section. This is **not** necessary for normal operations - these actions are normally performed automatically by InstallShield upon installation. These steps are only necessary if IIS's configuration gets wiped out and needs to be redone.

The Thunderstone Proxy Module is an ISAPI Extension, two if using the authProxy. They are assigned as Global Application Maps to Virtual Directories in IIS. All requests to the directories are not be served from the file system that the application points to, but instead go through the Proxy Module dlls.

One application is required per extension: texis, which gets assigned proxyModule.dll, and authProxy, which gets assigned authProxy.dll.

If using the authProxy, texis must have anonymous access disabled and Integrated Authentication enabled, while authProxy must have anonymous access allowed (which is allowed by default).

These are the steps that must be done if you are manually setting up IIS for using the Proxy Module. **Note** that these are done automatically by the installer and do *not* need to be manually done under normal circumstances.

- Add the ThunderstonePool application pool
 - Open the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
 - Select Application Pools on the left
 - Right-click in the blank space and choose Add Application Pool...
 - Name it ThunderstonePool, and click OK
 - Right-click on the new ThunderstonePool and choose Advanced Settings...

- In the Process Model section, change Identity to LocalSystem.
- Click OK to close the Identity dialog, and then OK to close the Advanced Settings dialog.

• Add the texis application

- Open the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
- Right click on the web site you want to use and select Add Application...
- In the Alias box, enter texis.
- In the Application pool box, select ThunderstonePool.
- In the Physical Path box, browse to the INSTALLDIR/etc/ISAPI-virtualdir folder.
- Click OK to complete the wizard and return to the IIS Manager window.
- Apply proxyModule.dll as a Wildcard Application Map
 - In IIS Manager, click the newly created texis application, and double-click Handler Mappings in the center list.
 - Choose Add Wildcard Script Map on the right.
 - For the name, enter Thunderstone Proxy Module.
 - Set the executable to INSTALLDIR/etc/proxyModule.dll.
 - When you hit OK to close that window, you'll be prompted with Do you want to allow this ISAPI Extension? Choose Yes.
 - In IIS8, an additional step is required:
 - * Right click on the new handler mapping, choose Edit...
 - * Click the Request Restrictions button that wasn't present before.
 - * Uncheck Invoke handler only if request is mapped to: box and click OK, and accept allowing the extension again.

• Allow Double Escaping

- For IIS 7:
 - * Click Start, type Notepad in the Start Search box, right-click Notepad in the Programs list, and then click Run as administrator. If you are prompted for an administrator password or for a confirmation, type your password, or click Continue.
 - * On the File menu, click Open, type %windir%\System32\inetsrv\config\applicationHost.config in the File name box, and then click Open.
 - * In the ApplicationHost.config file, locate the requestFiltering XML element.
 - * Change the value of the allowDoubleEscaping property to true. To do this, use code that resembles the following example code.
 - <requestFiltering allowDoubleEscaping="true">
 - * On the File menu, click Save.

- * Exit Notepad.
- For IIS 8:
 - * In IIS Manager, click the machine name, then double-click Request Filtering in the center list
 - * Click Edit Feature Settings... on the right
 - * Check Allow Double Escaping on
 - * Click OK
- Configure texis for authentication

Only necessary if using the authProxy.

- Select the texis application on the left
- Double click on Authentication
- Right click on Anonymous Access and choose Disable
- Right click on Windows Authentication and choose Enable
 - * If Windows Authentication isn't listed, you'll need to install the Windows Authentication role service for the IIS role.
- Add the common application
 - Right click on the web site and select Add Application...
 - In the Alias box, enter common.
 - In the Application pool box, select ThunderstonePool.
 - In the Physical Path box, browse to the INSTALLDIR/etc/ISAPI-common folder.
 - Click OK to complete the wizard and return to the IIS Manager window.
- Apply proxyModule.dll as a Wildcard Application Map
 - In IIS Manager, click the newly created common application, and double-click Handler Mappings in the center list.
 - Choose Add Wildcard Script Map on the right.
 - For the name, enter Thunderstone common Proxy Module.
 - Set the executable to INSTALLDIR/etc/proxyModule.dll, in whatever location you chose for proxyModule.dll during the install.
 - Hit OK to close that window
 - In IIS8, an additional step is required:
 - * Right click on the new handler mapping, choose Edit...
 - * Click the Request Restrictions button that wasn't present before.
 - * Uncheck Invoke handler only if request is mapped to: box and click OK, and accept allowing the extension again.
- Add the authProxy application

Only necessary if using the authProxy.

- Right click on the web site and select Add Application...
- In the Alias box, enter authProxy.
- In the Application pool box, select ThunderstonePool.
- In the Physical Path box, browse to the INSTALLDIR/etc/ISAPI-authproxy folder.
- Click OK to complete the wizard and return to the IIS Manager window.
- Apply authProxy.dll as a Wildcard Application Map

Only necessary if using the authProxy.

- In IIS Manager, click the newly created authProxy application, and double-click Handler Mappings in the center list.
- Choose Add Wildcard Script Map on the right.
- For the name, enter Thunderstone Auth Proxy Module.
- Set the executable to INSTALLDIR/etc/authProxy.dll, in whatever location you chose for the Proxy Module during the install.
- When you hit OK to close that window, you'll be prompted with Do you want to allow this ISAPI Extension? Choose Yes.
- In IIS8, an additional step is required:
 - * Right click on the new handler mapping, choose Edit...
 - * Click the Request Restrictions button that wasn't present before.
 - * Uncheck Invoke handler only if request is mapped to: box and click OK, and accept allowing the extension again.

IIS is now set up properly to use the Proxy Module. Note that if using the authProxy, changes still need to be made to the network and the Parametric Search Appliance, as detailed in the **Post-Install Setup** and **Configuring the Parametric Search Appliance** sections, on pages 222 and 223, respectively.

6.23.6 Troubleshooting the Proxy Module Authentication

This section details some troubleshooting steps you can go through if Proxy Module Authentication isn't working.

Review Installation Steps

There are a number of steps that must be manually performed after the Proxy Module install (due to them being done on different machines or as different accounts). Please ensure the following steps have been performed:

- Grant "Trust for Delegation" to the proxy machine (p. 222)
- Configuring Internet Explorer for Passing Credentials (p. 222)
- Configuring the Parametric Search Appliance (p. 223)

Machine names and SPNs

A Service Principle Name (SPN) is the name by which a client uniquely identifies an instance of a service. By default your IIS machine has SPNs for its hostname, such as myServer, and its Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN), such as myServer.branch.example.com.

If the proxy machine is accessed by a name other than either of these, such as myServer.example.com, otherName.company.com, or its IP address, then Active Directory authentication will not work. Your choices are:

- Access the machine using either its host name or FQDN.
- Register an additional SPN for the proxy machine on the domain controller. Use the HOST/ service class for the additional names.

SPNs can be viewed and changed with the setspn.exe tool, which Microsoft provides as part of the operating system. More information is available at

https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/929650

DelegConfig Diagnostic Tool

For general Active Directory troubleshooting, Thunderstone has found the DelegConfig tool to be handy. It's an ASP.NET application used to help troubleshoot and configure IIS and Active Directory to allow Kerberos and delegating Active Directory credentials. At the time of this writing, it is available at:

http://www.iis.net/downloads/default.aspx?tabid=34&g=6&i=1434

Thunderstone did not create DelegConfig, and does not make any guarantees to its accuracy or availability.

Launch IE as a different user

When testing multiple user accounts, you can Right-Click on an Internet Explorer shortcut, select Run As..., and enter another user's credentials to launch Internet Explorer as that user. This way you can try out IE as them without needing to go through the full login process.

- Note that the user you run IE as must have logged in at least once in order to properly configure IE, otherwise the Add to Local Internet dialog will not function properly.
- If there is no Run As... option, create a new shortcut to Internet Explorer and use that the IE icon on that's on the desktop by default is not a normal shortcut.
- You **cannot** test another user by entering their credentials within the browser when accessing the proxy machine. Credentials MUST be passed to the proxy machine automatically by IE by having the proxy machine in IE's Local Internet settings.

If credentials are entered manually in IE when accessing the proxy machine (even the credentials of the current user), then IE will use NTLM to authenticate with the proxy machine instead of Active Directory, which prevents proper delegation from occurring.

Chapter 7

Reference

7.1 Supported File Formats

- Adobe Acrobat .pdf (Versions 1-10)
- Ami Professional .sam (Versions 1.0-3.1)
- ASCII varies (Any plain text format. MIME type text/plain)
- Atom feeds .atom, .xml
- Autocad . dwg (2.5-2006 (Appliance Only))
- Bzip2 .bz2 (Decompress and process supported sub-files)
- CCMail (All versions)
- Compress . Z (Decompress and process supported sub-files)
- CTOS DEF
- DG CEOWrite(3.0)
- dBase .dbf (All versions)
- DCIMARC
- DEC WPS-Plus .wpl (through 4.1)
- Enable .wpf (1.0 through 2.15)
- FoxPro .dbf (dBase workalike)
- FrameWork (III 1.0, 1.1, IV)
- GIF .gif (textual meta data only)
- Gzip .gz (Decompress and process supported sub-files)

- FrameWork (III 1.0, 1.1, IV)
- Harris Typesetter
- HTML pages .htm .html .php .asp .cfm etc. (All versions)
- IBM Writing Assistant .iwa, .wrt (All versions)
- Interleaf (5.2, 6.0)
- JPEG images-.jpg, .jpeg
- Legacy .leg (1.x, 2.0)
- Lotus 1-2-3 .wks .wk1 .wk2 .wk3 .wk4 (Versions 1A, 2.0 through 5.0)
- MacWrite II .mcw .mw (1.0, 1.1)
- MacWrite Pro . mcw . mw (1.0)
- MS Excel Spreadsheets .xls .xlsx
- MS Help files .hlp (only on Windows with "helpdeco")
- MS Internet Explorer Save-as Files .mht
- MS CHM files . chm (only on Windows with "hh")
- MS Office
- MS Outlook emails .msg .eml (All versions)
- MS Powerpoint presentation .ppt .pptx (through 2007)
- MS Transport Neutral Encoding Format .tnef (All versions)
- MS Word Documents .doc .docx
- MS Write .wri (3.x)
- OfficePower . op6 . op7 (6.0, 7.0)
- OfficeWriter . ow4 . ow5 . ow6 (4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 6.1)
- Open Document .odt .ods etc.
- PeachText 5000 .pea (Version 2.12)
- PFS: First Choice .pfs (1.0-3.0)
- PFS: Write .pfs (Version C)
- Plain text .txt (All versions)
- PostScript .ps (All versions)

- Professional Write .pw (1.0, 2.1, 2.2)
- Professional Write Plus .pw .pwp (1.0)
- Q&A for DOS .qa .qw .dtf (2.0)
- Q&A Write for Windows .dtf (3.0)
- Rapidfile Memo Writer . mmo (1.0, 1.2)
- Rar .rar (Decompress and process supported sub-files)
- RFC882 Mail (All versions)
- RSS Feeds .rss .xml
- SGML files .sgml (All versions)
- Shockwave/Flash . swf (All versions)
- Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) .tif .tiff (Meta data only)
- Tar . tar (Extract and process supported sub-files)
- Total Word . tw (1.2, 1.3)
- Uniplex onGo (v7)
- Usenet News
- Vines Mail
- Volkswriter . vw . vw3 (3.0, 4.0)
- Wang WITA .iwp (through 2.6)
- Wiziword .doc (All versions)
- Wordpad document .rtf (All versions)
- Word Perfect .wpd (4.1 through 6.1, +Mail Merge)
- Word Perfect Mac (1.0 through 3.1)
- Wordstar .ws .wsd (3.3 through 7.0)
- Wordstar 2000 .ws2 (3.0, 3.5)
- WriteNow .wn (3.0)
- XML .xml (Applies XSL if present, otherwise treats as HTML)
- XyWrite .xy .xy3 .xy4 (III, III Plus, IV)
- XyWrite for Windows .xyw (4.0)
- Zip .zip (Decompress and process supported sub-files)

7.2 Database and File Usage

The Parametric Search Appliance maintains a database that contains text from HTML pages, links to other pages, and a list of categories.

When the Parametric Search Appliance walker runs it creates a new database, under your specified data directory, to hold the new walk. It then dispatches a separate process for each web site it needs to visit and another to handle all of the "Single Pages". Each of these retrieves all of the pages in its base list and stores the text of the HTML page to the html table and the hyperlinks to the refs table. All of the desirable URLs from the page that have not been seen before are placed into an internal "todo" list. After all of the base URLs are processed the process repeats with the internal todo list. When there's nothing left in the todo list processing is complete.

Once all of the walking is complete the indices needed for searching are created on the data. Then the new database is flagged as the "live" one and the old database is deleted. Therefore your disk must have sufficient space for 2 complete databases plus temporary space used during the indexing step.

The databases are called db1 and db2. The Parametric Search Appliance alternates between using these two names.

Note that the above applies to a walk type of New. During a walk type of Refresh only one database, the "live" one, is used.

The Parametric Search Appliance also maintains a file containing the detailed report for each walk. This file has the same name as the database with .long appended to the end. Also, a single file called summary is maintained with short summary information about the state of the database.

Given a data directory named . . . /default there may also be the following:

- .../default/dbl an actual walk database
- .../default/db2 an actual walk database
- .../default/db1.long detailed walk report. Displayed when viewing Walk Status
- .../default/db2.long detailed walk report. Displayed when viewing Walk Status
- .../default/summary summary walk report. Displayed as Walk summary when viewing Walk Settings

Each setting has a record in the options table of the default database. See section 7.4 (p. 235) for the list of fields in the table. At each complete rewalk the current options settings are copied into an options table in the walk database. These options are not changed as settings are modified and are not otherwise used unless a search is performed setting the database with db instead of setting the profile with pr.

7.3 Walk Database Tables and Fields

Table 7.1: Fields in html table

Field	Description
id	Unique record id
Hash	Document hash for duplicate content detection
Size	Size of retrieved raw document (i.e. HTML)
Visited	The date the page was modified (or fetched if modified not set)
Dlsecs	The number of seconds needed to fetch the page
Depth	The number of URLs traversed to reach the page
Url	The URL of the real HTML page
Title	The title of the page
Body	The formatted textual content of the page, in Storage Charset (UTF-8)
Keywords	The keywords meta data from the page
Description	The description meta data from the page
Meta	Other meta data from the page, separated by newlines
Catno	List of categories to which the URL belongs
CatnoLowest	Lowest Catno value
Modified	The date the page was modified
NextCheck	The date the page should next be refreshed
Views	The number of times this URL has been viewed (shown in results)
Clicks	The number of times this URL has been clicked (in results)
CTR	Click-through ratio
Pop	Popularity (number of pages linking to this page)
MimeType	MIME type of original page
Charset	Character set of page as stored (usually Storage Charset)

Table 7.2: Fields in refs table

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Field	Description	
Url	The URL of the HTML page	
Ref	The URL of a reference (link) on the HTML page	

Table 7.3: Fields in categories table

Field	Description
Catno	The number for the category
OverlapsLower	Y if some member(s) also in a lower category
Url	The URL pattern for the category
Category	The name of the category

Table 7.4: Fields in error table

Field	Description
Url	The URL of an HTML page that could not be retrieved
Reason	The reason it could not be retrieved
id	Unique record id (includes timestamp info).

Table 7.5: Fields in querylog table (if query logging enabled)

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Field	Description	
id	Contains the date and time of the query (unique record id)	
Client	The hostname of the web client that performed the query	
Query	The user's query as entered	

7.4 Options Table Fields

These are the options table fields (maintained in the default database):

Table 7.6: Fields in options table

Field	Description
id	Unique id for the record
Profile	The name of the profile that the record belongs to
Name	The name of the setting
Type	The data type of the setting (always String)
String	The value of the setting
Int	Unused
Float	Unused
Strlist	Unused

7.5 Customizing the Search

You may make common changes to the Parametric Search Appliance's search appearance by using Search Settings from the administrative interface main menu.

7.6 Customizing the Walker

You may make many changes to the Parametric Search Appliance's walk behavior by using Walk Settings from the administrative interface main menu.

Chapter 8

Search Interface Help

8.1 Forming a Query

The Parametric Search Appliance's search can be as simple or as complex as you need it to be. Usually you will just need to enter a few words that best describe that which you are trying to locate. To perform more complicated searches you might use any combination of logic operators, special pattern matchers, concept expansion, or proximity operations.

Example: nature conservation organization

8.1.1 Query Rules of Thumb

- If you get too many junk or nonsense results, try:
 - Add some more words to your query.
 - Decrease the range of the Proximity control.
 - Change the Word Forms control to Exact.
 - Look at the Match Info and see why they are showing up.
 - Use the Exclusion Operator (-) to remove unwanted terms.
 - If you are searching for a phrase, hyphenate the words together.
- If you don't get any results, or just too few:
 - Remove some more words to your query.
 - Examine your spelling.
 - Increase the scope of the Proximity control.
 - It just might not be there?

8.1.2 Overview of Query Abilities

The Parametric Search Appliance is based on Texis and as such it shares its text query abilities with all of Thunderstone's products. Throughout our documentation you will see references to Metamorph or Texis. This is because all of our products share a common text query language. This document provides only a brief overview of this language.

If you'd like to know more see the online manual at http://docs.thunderstone.com/site/texisman/link_mmq.html.

8.1.3 Controlling Proximity

Mastering the usage of proximity gives the ability to locate results with greater precision. The Parametric Search Appliance input form gives you several options to control the search proximity:

line All query terms must occur on the same line

sentence Query items should all reside within the same sentence

paragraph Within the same paragraph or text block

page All items must occur within same HTML document (the default)

A bar-graph display will be shown any time a ranking search was performed (e.g. all searches except Show Parents).

8.1.4 Ranking Factors

The ranking algorithm takes into consideration relative word ordering, word proximity, database frequency, document frequency, and position in text. The relative importance of these factors in computing the quality of a hit can be altered under RANKING FACTORS on the Options page.

8.1.5 Keywords Phrases and Wild-cards

To locate words, just type them in as you would in a word processor. Letter cases will be ignored.

The wild-card character * (asterisk) may be used to match just the prefix of a word or to ignore the middle of something.

If the item you wish to locate is more complicated than the simple * wild-card can accomplish, try using the regular expression matcher (http://www.thunderstone.com/texis/site/pages/regexp.html).

To locate a number of adjacent words in a specific order, surround them with " (double quotation) characters. Putting a – (hyphen) between words will also force order and one word proximity.

* see Word Forms (8.2, p. 241)

Table 8.1: Query examples

Query	Locates
john	john, John
"john public"	John Public
web-browser	Web browser, web-browser
John*Public	John Q. Public, John Public
456*a*def	1-456-789-ABCDEF
activate	activate, activation, activated, *

8.1.6 Applying Search Logic

Texis and Metamorph use set logic for text queries. Set logic is easier to use and provides more abilities than boolean. The examples below make reference to single keywords, but keep in mind that each keyword can represent an entire list of things or any of the special pattern matchers.

Sets (or lists) of things are specified by placing the elements within parenthesis, separated by commas. Example: (bob,joe,sam,sue). In the examples below, you could replace any of the keywords with a list like this.

The default behavior of the search is to locate an intersection (or 'AND') of every element within a query. This means that the query: "microsoft bob interface" is the equivalent to the boolean query: "microsoft AND bob AND interface".

- (without) The (minus) is the most commonly used logic symbol. It means the results *must exclude* references to that item.
- + (**mandatory**) The + (plus) symbol in front of a search item means that the results *must include* that item. This is generally used in conjunction with the permutation operation.
- **@N (permute)** The @ followed by a number indicates how many intersections to locate of the terms in your query. This may be confusing at first, but it is very powerful.

Table 8.2: Search Logic Examples

Query	Finds
bob sam joe	Bob with Sam and Joe
bob sam -joe	Bob with Sam without Joe
bob sam joe @1	Bob with Sam, or Bob with Joe, or Joe with Sam
A B C D @1	AB or AC or AD or BC or BD or CD
+A B C D @1	ABC or ABD or ACD
A B C -D @1	(AB or AC or BC) without D

The plus(+) and minus(-) operators must be attached to the term to which they apply. There must be a space between the operator and any preceding term.

8.1.7 Natural Language Query

You may enter a query in the form of a sentence or question. The software will automatically identify the important words and phrases within your query and remove the "noise words".

Example: What is the state of the art in text retrieval?

The software will search for: state of the art AND text AND retrieval

8.1.8 Using the Special Pattern Matchers

These pattern matchers are used to locate hard-to-find items within text:

- Regular expression matching for complex patterns http://www.thunderstone.com/texis/site/pages/regexp.html
- Approximate pattern matching for fuzzy searches http://www.thunderstone.com/texis/site/pages/xpm.html
- Numeric pattern matching for finding quantities http://www.thunderstone.com/texis/site/pages/npm.html

If improperly used these pattern matchers can slow queries. Therefore they require other keyword(s) in the query and are disabled entirely under Page proximity. For more details see the Vortex manual on Query Protection (http://docs.thunderstone.com/site/vortexman/link_qprot.html).

Table 9	ર 3∙	Pattern	Matcher	Evamnl	PC

Query	Matcher	Finds
ronald %regan	Approx	Ronald Raygun, Ronald Re-an, Ronald 8eagan
%75MYPARTNO9045d/6a	Approx	Anything within 75% of looking like MYPARTNO9045d/6a
/19[789][0-9]	RegEXpr	1970-1999
/[1-9]{3}\-=[0-9]{4}	RegEXpr	Phone numbers: 555-1212, 820-2200
#87	Numeric	four score and seven, 87
#>0<1	Numeric	Fractions like 9/16, 55%, 0.123, 15 nanoseconds

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Word	president
EXACT	president
PLURAL	(above) + presidents president's
ANY	(above) + presidential presidency preside presides presiding presided
Word	tight
EXACT	tight
PLURAL	(above) + tights
ANY	(above) + tightly tightening tightened tighter tightest
Word	program
EXACT	program
PLURAL	(above) + programs program's
ANY	(above) + programming programmatic programmed programmer programmable

Table 8.4: Word Form Examples

8.1.9 Invoking Thesaurus Expansion

The Parametric Search Appliance has a vocabulary of over 250,000 word and phrase associations. Each entry is generally classifiable by either its meaning or part of speech.

Depending on the administrator's Synonyms setting for this profile, synonyms may already be included for each term in your query. If not, synonyms may be included for individual terms within your query by preceding them with a \sim (tilde) character.

8.2 Using Word Forms

The Word forms options give you control over how many variations of your query terms will be sought in your search.

Exact match: Only exact matches will be allowed. (the default)

Plurals & possessives: Plural and possessive forms will be found. (s, es, 's)

Any word forms: As many word forms as can be derived will be located.

Custom: Uses the Custom Suffix List, Custom Suffix Default Removal, and Custom Suffix Min Length settings to create your own custom behavior.

We call this morpheme processing, and it is generally smarter than a traditional "stemming" algorithm. It doesn't just rip the end off a word, it actually checks to see if it could be a valid form of the search term. More information is available at

http://docs.thunderstone.com/site/texisman/link_ling.html.

Notes: Thesaurus terms are also treated in the same manner. Words smaller than 4-5 characters will not be morpheme processed.

8.3 Controlling Proximity

These options give you control over the region in which a match must be found.

line: match terms must be located within the same line.

sentence: all terms within the same sentence.

paragraph: match terms must be located within the same paragraph.

page: (default) all terms within the same document.

In all cases the best possible matches for your query are located and ordered by decreasing quality. A bar graph is produced to indicate the quality of each result.

8.4 Interpreting Search Results

Note: The look and feel described here is for the standard search interface. The interface may have been customized by the web site administrator.

When a query is submitted it will come back with another query form and up to 10 matching documents. If there are more than 10 results, a link at the top and bottom of the list will allow you to view the next 10 in sequence.

The input form at the top allows you to further tailor your query to home-in on the desired results, or to submit a completely new query without having to navigate back to the original input form.

Show Parents

Each result in the set will have a format similar to the following:

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1: THE DOCUMENT TITLE (hyperlink to original) 84******

This is the document abstract. It consists Size: 11K of the text around the first hit within the Depth: 3 matching document... Find Similar http://www.thesite.com/thepage.html Match Info
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The components of each result are:

- Result number
- Document title (Clicking on this will take you to the original document)
- Abstract (The first few hundred characters of the document)
- Match quality graph. 84%******(Only shown if relevance ranking was used)
- Size (*How big is the original document*)
- Depth (*How many clicks from the top of the site*)

- Find Similar (Find other documents similar to this one)
- Match Info (View the matches and other information about the document)
- Show Parents (*List pages that link to this one*)

8.4.1 Viewing Match Info

The Match Info link will show you the context of your results within the matching document. Matching words will be shown as hyperlinks. Clicking on any match term will take you to the next matching term. A summary at the top of the in-context view shows information about the document, including the time it was last modified.

8.4.2 Finding Similar Documents

The Find Similar link will find documents that are similar to the corresponding result. It does this by reading the original document to ascertain its main subject matter, and then conducting a relevance ranked search for those subjects.

Result documents are ordered from best to worst match. The bar graph display will indicate the overall quality of the match.

Note: The document you click on may not be ranked as the best match. This is because other documents may contain more information about the overall subject matter than the original.

8.4.3 Showing Document Parents

Often it is difficult to navigate using a search engine because there is no *back-link* present on the matching document. The Show Parents link solves this.

This link will show other documents that contain hyperlinks to the one you click on. In other words, it is an automated back button.

Appendix A

Third-Party Software

The Parametric Search Appliance may contain and utilize the following third-party software to enhance its functionality, depending on the version purchased. Note that your usage and rights to such third-party software may be governed by the appropriate licenses originating with that software, in addition to your License Agreement with Thunderstone - EPI for Thunderstone software.

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A.2 Aspell

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A.10.1 Oracle JDBC driver

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lib/gssapi/mechglue/g_accept_sec_context.c

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lib/gssapi/mechglue/g canon name.c

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   lib/gssapi/mechglue/g_context_time.c
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