Sci Ed Software

Software for the Molecular Biologist

Web Share – Molecule Sharing

Installation Instructions - MacOS

SciEd Web Share is a companion to Clone Manager and is a locally hosted implementation of the Clone Share system used to facilitate molecule sharing across your network. It is installed on a central computer and runs as a web server using standard HTTP, or HTTPS, protocols to allow Clone Manager 11 clients to load, save and share molecules. The following steps outline how to install and configure the Web Share system on MacOS 12 Monterey. Older versions of MacOS may have slight differences. (Separate documents provide information on installing on Microsoft Windows and on setting up user accounts and access security.)

Requirements

- Computer to host a .Net Core web server application
- Internet connection for license activation
- The host computer must be online, and available, when users want to use molecules.
- The SciEd Web Share application is written to place minimal demands on the host computer. Any reasonably modern computer can run it as a shared resource.

Web Server Installation – MacOS

MacOS comes pre-installed with Apache2 as the web server. The following instructions assume you are using Apache2. If you want to use a different web server, then consult your user manual for the equivalent steps.

1. Install .Net Core runtime package

- a. Download from https://dotnet.microsoft.com/download/dotnet-core/3.1
 - Select ASP.Net Core Runtime MacOS x64 binary
- b. Prepare dotnet
 - Create folder for dotnet: e.g. /Users/Shared/DotNet31
 - Double click the downloaded file to expand
 - Copy the contents to the folder you created

2. Install SciEd Web Share

- a. Create a folder to install the SciEd Web Share code, e.g. /Users/Shared/SciEdWebShare
- b. Now copy the SciEd Web Share installation files into the created folder
 - Open the downloads section of our website (https://scied.com/dl_cshare.htm)
 - Download SciEdWebShare.zip
 - Double click to open the compressed file
 - Copy all of the included files and folders to your SciEd Web Share code folder.

3. Run SciEd Web Share as a service

- a. Create configuration file using the Terminal app
 - sudo nano /Library/LaunchDaemons/com.scied.SciEdWebShare.plist
 - Set entries as in the 'Service configuration' sample provided below
- b. Load service enter commands using Terminal app:
 - sudo chown root /Library/LaunchDaemons/com.scied.SciEdWebShare.plist
 - sudo launchctl load /Library/LaunchDaemons/com.scied.SciEdWebShare.plist

4. Configure Apache2 as a Reverse Proxy to redirect to SciEdWebShare

- i. Enable proxy support in apache web server (enter commands using Terminal app)
 - a. sudo nano /etc/apache2/httpd.conf
 - b. Enable the directives listed in the 'Apache2 configuration' sample provided below
- ii. Configure Virtual Host
 - a. In this example, we will use port 800 to access the SciEdWebShare server
 - b. sudo nano /etc/apache2/extra/httpd-vhosts.conf
 - c. Add the 'VirtualHost definition' provided in the sample below
- iii. Restart apache web server
 - a. sudo apachectl restart
 - b. Verify configuration
 - i. sudo apachectl configtest
 - 1. Should get response: Syntax OK
 - ii. sudo apachectl -S
 - 1. Should get a list that include entry for port 800

Web Server Configure

Now that you have installed the SciEd Web Share system as a web server, you need to configure it so that it best represents your needs. You can configure SciEd Web Share using any browser and this can be done remotely.

1. Configure SciEd Web Share web site

- a. Open a web browser to the URL that you assigned to the SciEd Web Share site Example: http://<server>:<port> (e.g. http://server1.university.edu:800)
 - Where server = the name of the web hosting server or its IP address
 - Where port = the port that you assigned when you created the SciEd Web Share site.
- b. Enter your license information
 - Enter the License ID and password for your license. These are typically sent to you in an email. If you do not already have assigned license keys, please contact us. At present each Clone Manager 11 registered user email address is eligible for one free license (limited time offer).
 - It is recommended that you also enter a short description of the installation location. This is not required, but is helpful if you subsequently need assistance in locating where you installed the license.

- Your web server must have internet access to enable license activation.
- When you get the message 'Activation successful' you can click the Close button to move to the next step.
- c. Enter the location where you want to store your SciEd Web Share data this is the folder that you created when you installed the Clone Share system (e.g. /Users/Shared/SciEdWebShareData).
 - If this location is not included in your routine server backup then you should ensure that your data will be backed up so that your data will not be lost in the event of a failure of your web server computer.
 - This location needs to be writable. If you receive an error message, you should enable write access to the folder by the server account that your web hosting service is running under. Please refer to the installation instructions for your operating system.
 - Click Submit to continue.
- d. Create a new administrator account to enable you to administer the SciEd Web Share server.
 - Enter the account name and password for the person who will be the primary administrator for the SciEd Web Share system.
 - This information will be used to enable them to logon to the web site, get current configuration status and make changes.
 - After configuration is complete, you can add other users and can optionally give them administrator privileges.
- e. Create a Clone Share Name for your user's molecule files
 - Names should be a short, but meaningful, description of the content of the share.
 - It is a good idea to plan to create several different Clone Share Names so that you can organize your molecules by function or usage. E.g.
 - Vectors commonly used vectors
 - References important molecules that are in general use
 - Project 1 molecules actively in use for the project
 - Under 'Share Names', click the 'Add' link
 - Enter the name of the Clone Share folder. To allow users to connect they will need the assigned URL for the Clone Share web site and the name of the Clone Share folder.
 - Select the default guest access permission
 - See below for guidance on setting permissions based on your access needs and security.
 - For the first folder, we recommend leaving the default 'Write' permission, which allows all users to read and write molecules stored in this folder.
 - Guest access permission can be changed later if needed.
- f. Review the status page and make any adjustments
 - If you would like to limit access to your Clone Share folders, you can select the 'User accounts' link and create specific accounts which you can use to set access permissions to your Clone Share folder(s). (Please refer to document Setting up User Accounts and Access Security for more information.)
 - If you would like to create more Share Names, click the Add button
 - If you would like to control who has access to a specific Clone Share folder, you can create a User account and then click Access permissions for the name of the folder. (Please refer to document Setting up User Accounts and Access Security for more information.)

2. Maintain SciEd Web Share web site

- a. Open a web browser to the URL that you assigned to the SciEd Web Share web site
- b. Enter your log in credentials
- c. On the Status page you can access the configuration settings for this SciEd Web Share web site.
 - Click the appropriate hyperlink to get access to the pages where you can make changes.
 - Each page will contain a description, current settings and a tip on how to make changes.
- d. When you have completed your changes, close the browser window to automatically log out.

3. Change user password

- a. If you are using account access permissions, your users can change their own password. (Please refer to document Setting up User Accounts and Access Security for more information.)
 - The user should open a web browser to the URL that you assigned to the SciEd Web Share web site
 - Click the 'Change' link and enter your user name and current password. Now enter your new password.
 - If the user has defined any Clone Share locations in Clone Manager 11 that use their account information, they will need to update their login password.
 - \circ $\,$ Open Clone Manager 11 and select menu File, Clone Share, Open.
 - Select each Clone Share that uses your account login. (you will likely see a failure icon because your login information is invalid)
 - \circ $\;$ Select the toolbar button to edit the Clone Share definition.
 - Enter your new account password.

4. Advanced configuration

- a. Rename a Clone Share: Stop the website, rename the folder and then restart the website. Note your users will need to re-enter their connection settings to reflect the new share name.
- b. Remove a Clone Share: Stop the website and move or delete the named folder, then restart the website. Note that the data contained in the Clone Share will no longer be available to your users.

Configure Clone Manager

Once Clone Share is installed and configured, you are ready to configure your Clone Manager client computers so that you can access the Clone Share data.

1. Install Clone Manager version 11 or newer if you have not already done so.

a. Download and run CM11Setup.msi from the downloads section of our website

(https://scied.com/dl_cm11.htm)

2. Run Clone Manager 11 and select menu option File, Clone Share, Open

(Additional information can be found in the document Clone Share User Instructions.)

- a. A dialog box will appear where you can define your first Clone Share
 - Select 'SciEd Web Share' as the connection share type

- You will need the URL and Share Name that was used to configure the server. The administrator of your SciEd Web Share site will provide you with this information.
- Enter the URL where your SciEd Web Share site is installed (e.g. https://university.edu:5433)
- Enter the name of the Clone Share, this is the folder that was created while configuring the server.
- Enter your username and password if your administrator has configured access accounts. Leave blank to use default guest access.
- Optionally give a display name for this share. This name will be displayed in your list of available shares and is your personal label for the share.
- When you click OK, you will see a tree display of available shares in the left panel and the content of the share in the right list panel. For a newly created Clone Share folder, the right panel will be empty until you save some molecules to this location.
- b. Subsequent openings of the Clone Share dialog will go directly to the display of available Clone Share folders and their content.
- c. Use the toolbar to manage your Clone Share Locations in the left panel. You can add, edit, remove or reorder your shares. Hover your mouse over a toolbar button to see a popup tooltip.
- d. Select a Clone Share in the left panel and see the files and folders in the right panel. Click to open a folder or load a molecule file.
- e. Power options are available by right clicking an item (write access permission is required to enable these options)
 - Left panel, right click on an item to add a new folder and enter the name of the folder. Folders enable you to organize molecules into logical groupings.
 - Right Panel, right click on item to rename, delete or move the item.
 - Rename a molecule only changes the label displayed for that molecule and is not editing the real name of the molecule.
 - Deleting a molecule will permanently remove the molecule from the Clone Share and no one will be able to load the molecule.
 - Deleting a folder will permanently delete the folder and all molecules contained in that folder and any sub folders.
 - Moving a folder or molecule will ask you to pick where it should be moved to.

Sample MacOS Files

Service configuration (/Library/LaunchDaemons/com.scied.SciEdWebShare.plist)

```
SciEd Web Share installed to: /Users/Shared/SciEdWebShare
DotNet installation folder:
                       /Users/Shared/DotNet31
Update the configuration file if you install to a different location.
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple Computer//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
    "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>Label</key>
    <string>com.scied.SciEdWebShare</string>
    <key>ServiceDescription</key>
    <string>Clone Manager molecule sharing</string>
    <key>ProgramArguments</key>
    <array>
      <string>/Users/Shared/DotNet31/dotnet</string>
      <string>/Users/Shared/SciEdWebShare/SciEdWebShare.dll</string>
    </array>
    <key>KeepAlive</key>
    <true/>
    <key>RunAtLoad</key>
    <false/>
    <key>WorkingDirectory</key>
    <string>/Users/Shared/SciEdWebShare</string>
</dict>
</plist>
```

Apache2 configuration (/etc/apache2/httpd.conf)

Use your editor to find and uncomment (remove '#' character at start of line):

```
LoadModule log_config_module libexec/apache2/mod_log_config.so
LoadModule vhost_alias_module libexec/apache2/mod_vhost_alias.so
Include /private/etc/apache2/extra/httpd-vhosts.conf
LoadModule xml2enc_module libexec/apache2/mod_xml2enc.so
LoadModule proxy_html_module libexec/apache2/mod_proxy_html.so
LoadModule proxy_module libexec/apache2/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_connect_module libexec/apache2/mod_proxy_connect.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module libexec/apache2/mod_proxy_http.so
```

VirtualHost Definition (/etc/apache2/extra/httpd-vhosts.conf)

Add the following definition before any other virtual host definitions. You may want to remove any example definitions that are not needed.

Note that this definition is using port 800 to access the SciEd Web Share service. Replace with the port you choose to use.

```
Listen *:800
<VirtualHost *:800>
            ProxyRequests Off
            ProxyPass "/" "http:// localhost:5000/"
            ProxyPassReverse "/" "http:// localhost:5000"
</VirtualHost>
```