The configurable JMeter script needs accompanying csv files to run. Let’s say the URL of the WebApollo instance is <http://gmod-dev.nal.usda.gov:8080/cercap>. Then in *testdata* directory, we need a subdirectory called *cercap*, and under *cercap* there are two csv files: *usernames.csv* stores usernames and passwords to login the instance, and *operations.csv* stores scaffold names and operations posted to server. The format of *username.csv* is:

USERNAME1,PASSWORD1

USERNAME2,PASSWORD2

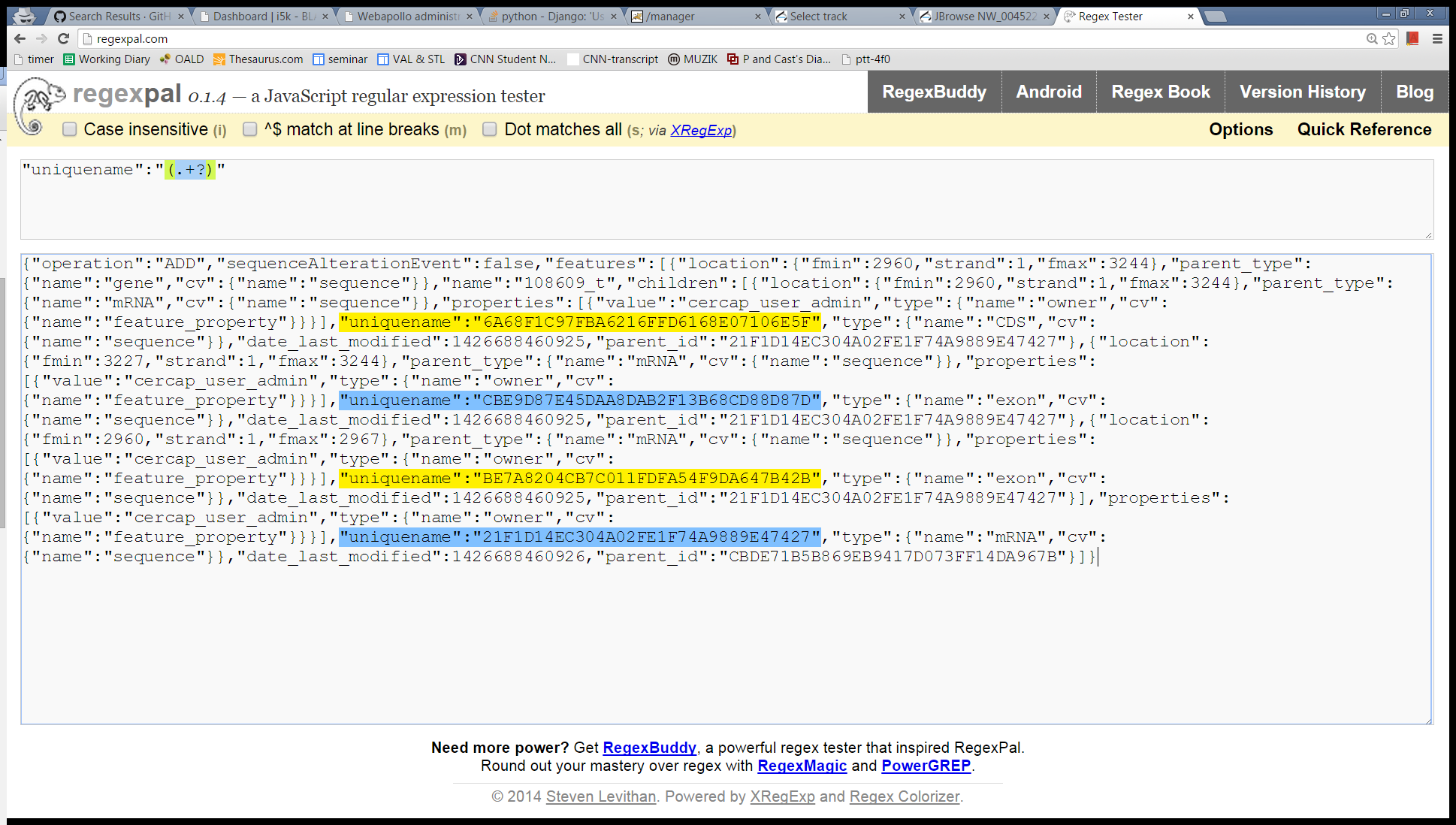
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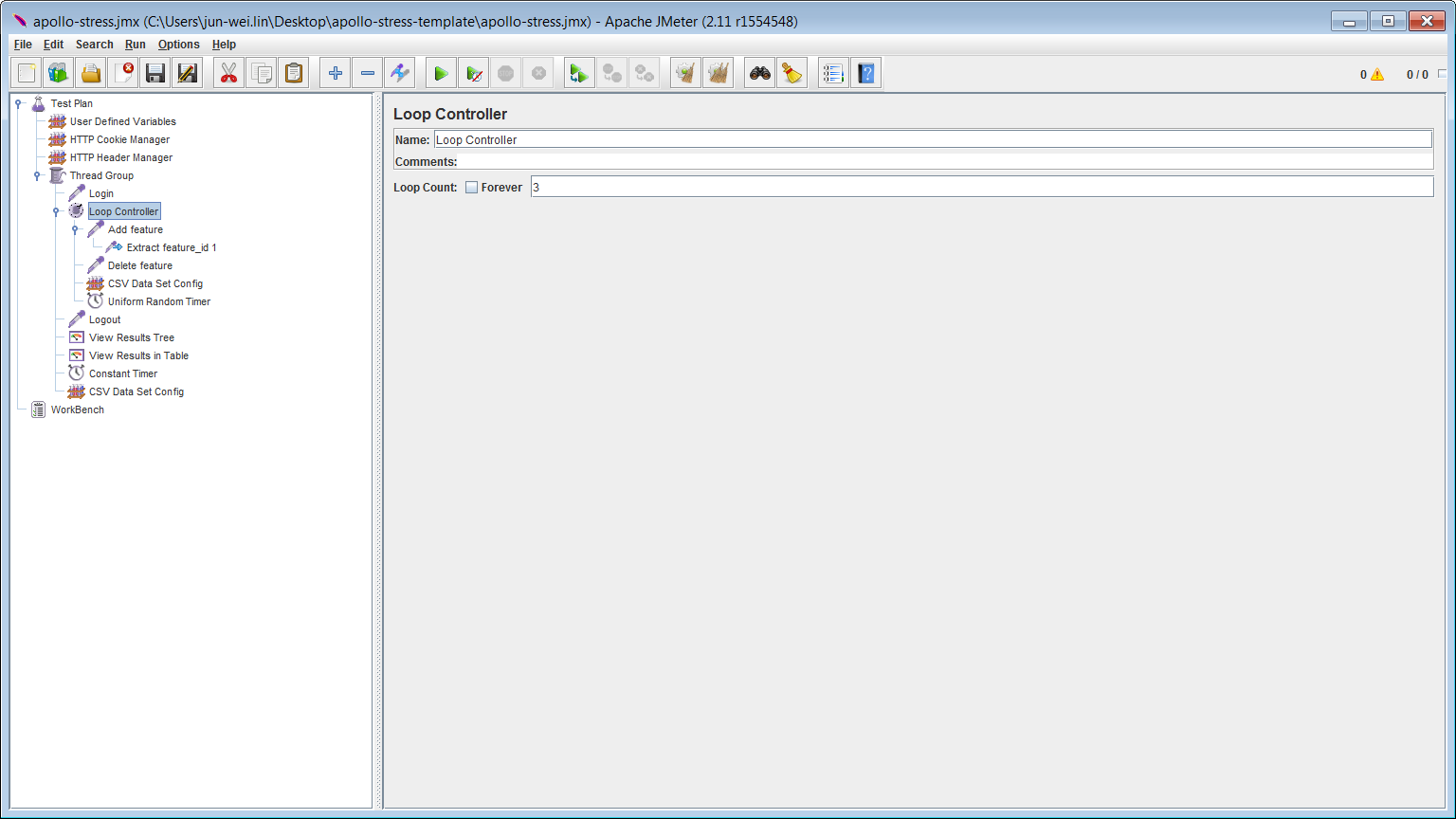
All username/password would be used sequentially to login the instance. The format of *operations.csv* is:

SCAFFOLD\_NAME1 DATA\_TO\_BE\_POSTED1  NUMBER\_TO\_MATCH1

SCAFFOLD\_NAME2 DATA\_TO\_BE\_POSTED2  NUMBER\_TO\_MATCH2

…

The columns are separated by tab. NUMBER\_TO\_MATCH is the number used for retrieving feature ID from the responded data by regular expression. For instance, the following is responded json data after adding a feature, and to delete the feature next, we need the 4th *uniquename* (*21F1D14EC304A02FE1F74A9889E47427*) here. So the NUMBER\_TO\_MATCH is 4. 

By default we have three operations for the jmx script to run, if you want more operations, just put them in *operations.csv*, and don’t forget adjusting the loop count here:

To run the jmx script with command in Windows:

[JMETER\_DIR]/bin/jmeter -t apollo-stress.jmx -Jusers=USER -Jloop=LOOP -Jorganism=ORGANISM -Jserver=SERVER

For example, the following command triggers 3 users on *cercap* instance performing a test 5 times. Each user in a test performs a cycle of 8 actions (login, add and then delete feature on three scaffolds, logout); each action had a random delay of 0 to 3 seconds.

[JMETER\_DIR]/bin/jmeter -t apollo-stress.jmx -Jusers=3 -Jloop=5 -Jorganism=cercap -Jserver=gmod-dev.nal.udsa.gov

We can conduct stress test by spawning processes running on different instances on a server.

p.s. plus -n argument can trigger JMeter in non-GUI mode and generate a log file.