



pubsubplus-connector-file

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Preface

Solace PubSub+ File Connector replicates files from Source to Sink

Getting Started

Assuming you're using the default `application.yml` within this package, following one of the below quick start guides will result in a connector that will connect to the PubSub+ broker and File using default credentials, with 2 workflows enabled, workflow 0 and workflow 1. Where:

- Workflow 0 is consuming messages from the Solace PubSub+ queue, `Solace/Queue/0`, and publishing them to the File producer destination, `producer-destination`.
- Workflow 1 is consuming messages from the File consumer destination, `consumer-destination`, and publishing them to the Solace PubSub+ topic, `Solace/Topic/1`.

A workflow is the configuration of a flow of messages from a source to a target. The connector supports up to 20 concurrent workflows per instance.



The connector will not provision queues which do not exist.

Prerequisites

- [Solace PubSub+ Event Broker](#)
- File

When setting up file connector the following need to be configured on Solace Broker

1. A queue for Sink Connector to consume file events sent by Source Connector.
2. A LVQ to store the checkpoint data of Source Connector.
3. A queue to store the heartbeat events sent by Source/Sink Connector.
4. A queue to store the command center events sent by Source/Sink Connector.

The subscriptions for the above queues are mentioned in [Configuring Connection Details](#) and [Configuration](#) section

Quick Start common steps

These are the steps that are required to run all quick-start examples:

1. Update the provided `samples/config/application.yml` with the values for your deployment.

Quick Start: Running the connector via command line

Run:

```
java -jar pubsubplus-connector-file-1.0.0.jar --spring.config.additional-location
=file:samples/config/
```



By default, this command will detect any Spring Boot config files as per [Spring Boot's default locations](#).

For more info, see [Configure Locations to Find Spring Property Files](#).

Quick Start: Running the connector via **start.sh** script

For convenience purposes, connector may be also started through the shell script using following syntax:

```
./bin/start.sh [-l FOLDER] [-p PROFILE] [-c FOLDER] [-j FILE] [-o OPTIONS] [-b]
```

In case of invalid parameters:

```
./bin/start.sh -l dummy_folder -c dummy_folder -j dummy_file.jar
```

the script shows you all errors at once:

```
pubsubplus-connector-file
```

```
Connector startup failed:
```

```
Following folder doesn't exists on your filesystem: 'dummy_folder'
Following folder doesn't exists on your filesystem: 'dummy_folder'
Following file doesn't exists on your filesystem: 'dummy_file.jar'
```

In case of missing parameters, script will run with predefined values, which are the following:

Parameter	Default Value	Description
-l, --libs	./libs	Directory containing required and optional dependency jars. Such as Micrometer metrics export dependencies (if configured). If not specified, it will use the current ./libs/ folder.
-p, --profile	empty, no profile is used	Profile to be used with connector's configuration. The configuration file named 'application-<profile>.yml' will be used. Default value is set to use no profile.

Parameter	Default Value	Description
<code>-c, --config</code>	<code>current folder</code>	Path to the folder containing the configuration files to be applied during connector startup for chosen profile. By default it is set to the current folder.
<code>-j, --jar</code>	<code>pubsubplus-connector-file-1.0.0.jar</code>	Path to specified JAR file to start connector. If not specified, the default jar file is used from the current folder.
<code>-o, --options</code>	<code>no default values</code>	Specifies JVM options used on Connector start.
<code>-b, --background</code>	<code>N/A</code>	Runs Connector in the background. No logs will be displayed and Connector continues running in detached mode
<code>-h, --help</code>	<code>N/A</code>	Prints some help information and exits

Script also provides some help information from command line:

```
pubsubplus-connector-file
```

```
Usage: start.sh [-l FOLDER] [-p PROFILE] [-c FOLDER] [-j FILE] [-o OPTIONS] [-b]
```

To start connector use following parameters:

<code>-l --libs</code>	Directory containing required and optional dependency jars. Such as Micrometer metrics export dependencies (if configured). If not specified, it will use the current './libs/' folder
<code>-p --profile</code>	Profile to be used with connector's configuration. The configuration file named 'application-<profile>.yaml' will be used. Default value is empty, no profile is used.
<code>-c --config</code>	Path to the folder containing the configuration files to be applied during connector startup for chosen profile. By default it is set to the current folder.
<code>-j --jar</code>	Path to specified JAR file to start connector. if not specified, the default jar file is used,

from the current folder

- o | --options Specifies JVM options used on Connector start.
example: '-Xms64M -Xmx1G'
- b | --background Runs the Connector in the background. No logs will be
displayed and Connector continues running in detached
mode.
- h | --help Print this help page and exit

Quick Start: Running the connector as a Container

A sample docker compose file has been packaged for your convenience:

1. Change to the `docker` directory:

```
cd samples/docker
```

This directory contains both the `docker-compose.yml` file as well as a `.env` file that contains environment secrets required for the container's health-check.

2. Run the connector:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

This sample docker compose file will:

- Expose the connector's `8090` web port to `8090` on the host.
- Connect to PubSub+ and File exposed on the host using default ports.
- Mount the `samples/config` directory.
- Mount the previously defined `libs` directory.
- Create a `healthcheck` user with read-only permissions.
 - The default username and password for this user can be found within the `.env` file.
 - This will override any users you have defined in your `application.yml`. See [here](#) for more info.
- Uses the connector's management health endpoint as the container's healthcheck.

For more info about how to use and configure this container, see [the connector's container documentation](#).

Enabling Workflows

The provided `application.yml` enables workflow 0 and 1. To enable additional workflows, define the following properties in the `application.yml`, where `<workflow-id>` is a value between `[0-19]`:

```
spring:
  cloud:
    stream:
      bindings: # Workflow bindings
        input-<workflow-id>:
          destination: <input-destination> # Queue name
          binder: (solace|file) # Input system
        output-<workflow-id>:
          destination: <output-destination> # Topic name
          binder: (solace|file) # Output system

  solace:
    connector:
      workflows:
        <workflow-id>:
          enabled: true
```



The connector only supports workflows in the directions of:

- `solace` → `file`
- `file` → `solace`

For more info about Spring Cloud Stream and the Solace PubSub+ binder:

- [Spring Cloud Stream Reference Guide](#)
- [Spring Cloud Stream Binder for Solace PubSub+](#)

Configuring Connection Details

Solace PubSub+ Connection Details

The Spring Cloud Stream Binder for Solace PubSub+ uses [Spring Boot Auto-Configuration for the Solace Java API](#) to configure its session.

In the `application.yml`, this typically would be configured as follows:

```
solace:
  java:
    host: tcp://localhost:55555
    msg-vpn: default
    client-username: default
    client-password: default
```

For more info and options to configure the PubSub+ session, see [Spring Boot Auto-Configuration for the Solace Java API](#).

Preventing Message Loss when Publishing to Topic-to-Queue Mappings

If the connector is publishing to a topic that is subscribed to by a queue, messages may be lost if they are rejected (e.g. if queue ingress is shutdown).

To prevent message loss, configure `reject-msg-to-sender-on-discard` with the `including-when-shutdown` flag.

Connecting to Multiple Systems

To connect to multiple systems of a same type, use the [multiple binder syntax](#).

For instance:

```
spring:
  cloud:
    stream:
      binders:

        # 1st solace binder in this example
        solace1:
          type: solace
          environment:
            solace:
              java:
                host: tcp://localhost:55555

        # 2nd solace binder in this example
```

```

solace2:
  type: solace
  environment:
    solace:
      java:
        host: tcp://other-host:55555

# The only file binder
file1:
  type: file
  # Add `environment` property map here if you need to customize this binder.
  # But for this example, we'll assume that defaults are used.

# Required for internal use
undefined:
  type: undefined
bindings:
  input-0:
    destination: <input-destination>
    binder: file1
  output-0:
    destination: <output-destination>
    binder: solace1 # Reference 1st solace binder
  input-1:
    destination: <input-destination>
    binder: file1
  output-1:
    destination: <output-destination>
    binder: solace2 # Reference 2nd solace binder

```

Defines two binders of type `solace` and one binder of type `file` which are then referenced within bindings.

Note that each binder is configured independently under `spring.cloud.stream.binders.<binder-name>.environment`.



When connecting to multiple systems, all binder configuration must be specified using the multiple binder syntax for all binders.

Do not use single-binder configuration (e.g. `solace.java.*` at the root of your `application.yml`) while using the multiple binder syntax.

include:../snippets/attributes/common.adoc

File Source Connection Details

The Spring Cloud Stream Binder for File uses the following configuration to configure Source Connector

```

spring:
  cloud:
    stream:
      bindings:
        input-0:
          destination: # Absolute file path of source and sink file/directory. In
            general for Static, Directory replication we need to configure source and sink paths
            in a separate config file since multiple files and directories are supported, provide
            the absolute location of config file(Create a file with extension .cfg and add your
            path as per format at the end. Each line represents a source and sink path). In case
            of dynamic file we can configure the source and sink path without the need for
            separate config file since only one dynamic file is supported for replication.
            # Format to configure file location(absolute-source-file-path|absolute-sink-
            filepath). This format applies for Static, Directory and Dynamic files.
          binder: file
        output-0:
          destination: # configure solace topic - File events are published to this
            topic. This topic should be added as subscription to Sink Connector queue
          binder: solace

```

include::..././snippets/attributes/common.adoc

File Sink Connection Details

The Spring Cloud Stream Binder for File uses the following configuration to configure Sink Connector

```

spring:
  cloud:
    stream:
      bindings:
        output-0:
          destination: # Absolute base destination path of Sink file or directory.
            This value is used when dest_file_name_type property is set to 1, 4 or 5
          binder: file
        input-0:
          destination: # configure sink connector queue where file events sent by
            source connector are spooled
          binder: solace

```

User-configured Header Transforms

Generally, the consumed message's headers are propagated through the connector to the output message. If you want to transform the headers, then you may do so as follows:

```
# <workflow-id> : The workflow ID ([0-19])
# <header> : The key for the outbound header
# <expression> : A SpEL expression which has "headers" as parameters
```

```
solace.connector.workflows.<workflow-id>.transform-headers.expressions.<header>=<expression>
```

Example 1: To create a new header, `new_header`, for workflow `0` that is derived from the headers `foo` & `bar`:

```
solace.connector.workflows.0.transform-headers.expressions.new_header
="T(String).format('%s/abc/%s', headers.foo, headers.bar)"
```

Example 2: To remove the header, `delete_me`, for workflow `0`, set the header transform expression to `null`:

```
solace.connector.workflows.0.transform-headers.expressions.delete_me="null"
```

For more info about Spring Expression Language (SpEL) expressions:

- [Spring Expression Language \(SpEL\)](#)

User-configured Payload Transforms

Message payloads going through a workflow can be transformed using a Spring Expression Language (SpEL) expression as follows:

```
# <workflow-id> : The workflow ID ([0-19])
# <expression> : A SpEL expression

solace.connector.workflows.<workflow-id>.transform-payloads.expressions[0].transform
=<expression>
```

A SpEL expression may reference:

- `payload`: to access the message payload
- `headers.<header_name>`: to access a message header value
- Registered functions



While the syntax uses an array of expressions, only a single transform expression is supported in this release. Multiple transform expressions may be supported in future versions.

Registered Functions

[Registered functions](#) are built-in and can be called directly from SpEL expressions. To call a registered function, use the `#` character followed by the function name. The following table describes available registered functions:

Registered Function Signature	Description
<code>boolean isPayloadBytes(Object obj)</code>	<p>Returns whether the object <code>obj</code> is an instanceof <code>byte[]</code> or not.</p> <p>Sample usage of this function within a SpEL expression: <code>"#isPayloadBytes(payload) ? true : false"</code></p>

Example 1: To normalize `byte[]` and `String` payloads as upper-cased `String` payloads or leave payloads unchanged when of different types.

```
solace.connector.workflows.0.transform-payloads.expressions[0].transform
="#isPayloadBytes(payload) ? new String(payload).toUpperCase() : payload instanceof
T(String) ? payload.toUpperCase() : payload"
```

Example 2: To convert `String` payloads to `byte[]` payloads using a charset retrieved from a message header or leave payloads unchanged when of different types.

```
solace.connector.workflows.0.transform-payloads.expressions[0].transform="payload  
instanceof T(String) ?  
payload.getBytes(T(java.nio.charset.Charset).forName(headers.charset)) : payload"
```

For more info about Spring Expression Language (SpEL) expressions:

- [Spring Expression Language \(SpEL\)](#)

Message Headers

Solace and file headers can be created or manipulated using the [User-configured Header Transforms](#) feature described above.

Solace Headers

Solace headers exposed to the connector are documented within the [Spring Cloud Stream Binder for Solace PubSub+](#) documentation.

Reserved Message Headers

The following are reserved header spaces:

- `solace_`
- `scst_`
- Any headers defined by the core Spring messaging framework. See [Spring Integration: Message Headers](#) for more info.

Any headers with these prefixes, that are not defined by the connector or any technology used by the connector, may not be backwards compatible in a future version of the connector.

Management and Monitoring Connector

Monitoring Connector's States

The Connector provides an ability to monitor its internal states through exposed endpoints provided by [Spring Boot Actuator](#).

Actuator shares information through the endpoints reachable over HTTP(s). What endpoints are available is configured in the connector configuration file:

```
management:
  metrics:
    export:
      simple:
        enabled: true
  endpoints:
    web:
      exposure:
        include:
          "health,metrics,loggers,logfile,channels,env,workflows,leaderelection,bindings"
```

The above example configuration enables metrics collection through the configuration parameter of `management.metrics.export.simple.enabled` set to `true` and then shares them through the HTTP(s) endpoint together with other sections configured for the current Connector.

The set of endpoints exposed through the HTTP(s) endpoint. Exposed endpoints are available in the connector UI and are also available to the PubSub+ Connector Manager. The operator may choose to not expose all or some of these endpoints. Endpoints not exposed will not be available in the connector web UI nor the PubSub+ Connector Manager.



The simple metrics registry is only to be used for testing. It is not a production-ready means of collecting metrics. In production, use a dedicated monitoring system (e.g. Datadog, Prometheus, etc) to collect metrics.

The Actuator endpoint now contains information about Connector's internal states shared over the following HTTP(s) endpoint:

```
GET: /actuator/
```

Here is the example of the data shared with the configuration above:

```
{
  "_links": {
    "self": {
      "href": "/actuator",
      "templated": false
    }
  }
}
```

```

},
"workflows": {
  "href": "/actuator/workflows",
  "templated": false
},
"workflows-workflowId": {
  "href": "/actuator/workflows/{workflowId}",
  "templated": true
},
"leaderelection": {
  "href": "/actuator/leaderelection",
  "templated": false
},
"health-path": {
  "href": "/actuator/health/{*path}",
  "templated": true
},
"health": {
  "href": "/actuator/health",
  "templated": false
},
"metrics": {
  "href": "/actuator/metrics",
  "templated": false
},
"metrics-requiredMetricName": {
  "href": "/actuator/metrics/{requiredMetricName}",
  "templated": true
}
}
}

```

Health

The connector reports its health status via the [Spring Boot Actuator health endpoint](#).

To configure the information returned by the `health` endpoint, configure the following properties: `management.endpoint.health.show-details` and `management.endpoint.health.show-components`. Refer to [Spring Boot documentation](#) for details.

Health for the workflow, Solace binder, and file binder components are exposed when `management.endpoint.health.show-components` is enabled. For example:

```
management:
  endpoint:
    health:
      show-components: always
      show-details: always
```

This would always show the full detail of the health check including the workflows and binders. The default value is `never`.

Workflow Health

A `workflows` health indicator is provided to show the health status for each of a connector's workflows. This health indicator has the following form:

```
{
  "status": "(UP|DOWN)",
  "components": {
    "<workflow-id>": {
      "status": "(UP|DOWN)",
      "details": {
        "error": "<error message>"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Health Status	Description
UP	Status indicating that the workflow is functioning as expected.
DOWN	Status indicating that the workflow is unhealthy. User intervention may be required.

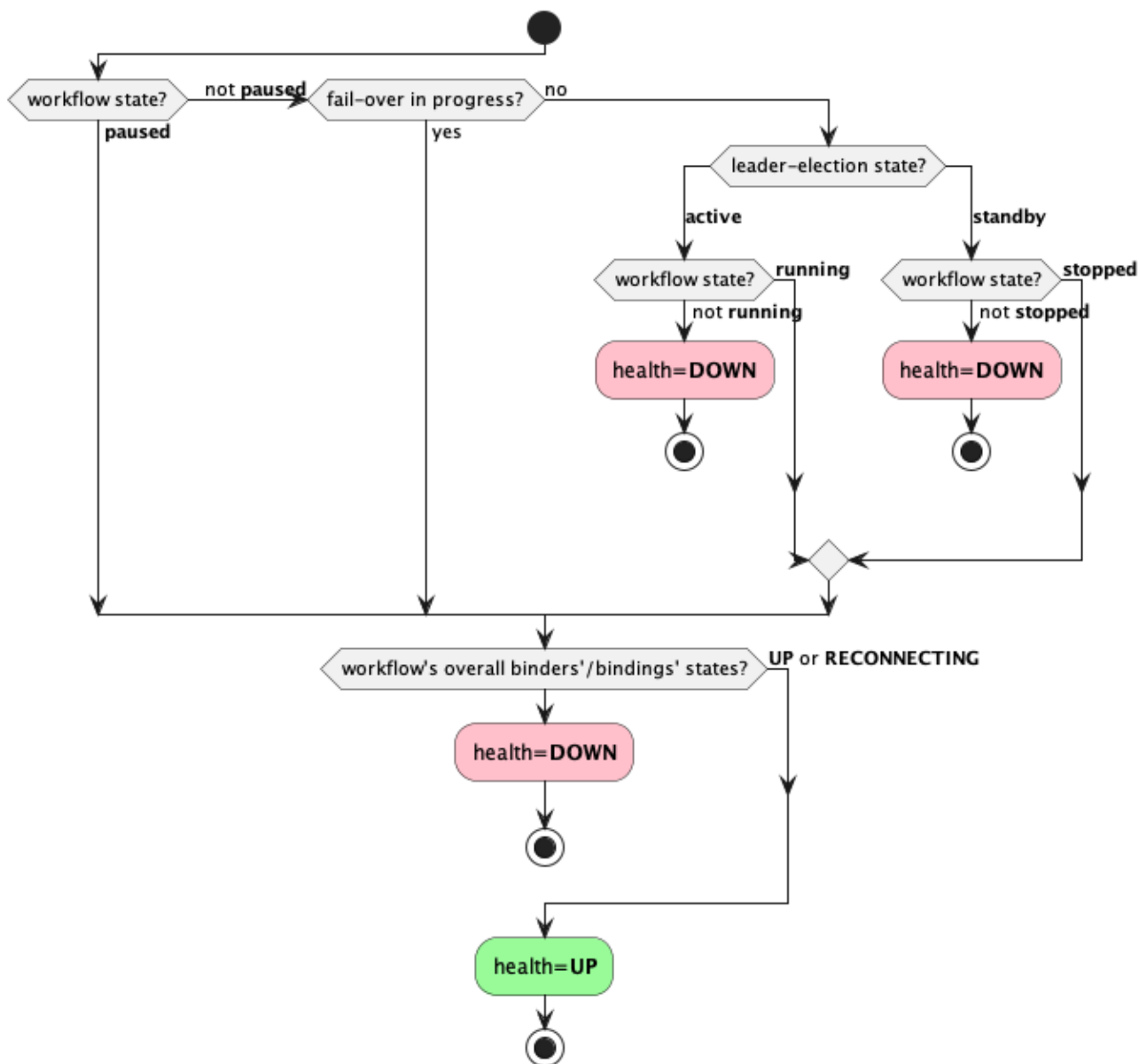


Figure 1. Workflow Health Resolution Diagram

This health indicator is enabled default. To disable it, add this to your configuration:

```
management.health.workflows.enabled=false
```

Solace Binder Health

For details, see the [Solace binder](#) documentation.

Leader Election

The connector has 3 leader election modes:

Leader Election Mode	Description
Standalone (Default)	A single instance of a connector without any leader election capabilities.
Active-Active	A participant in a cluster of connector instances where all instances are active.
Active-Standby	A participant in a cluster of connector instances where only one instance is active (i.e. the leader), and the others are standby.

Operators can configure the leader election mode by setting:

```
solace.connector.management.leader-election.mode
=(standalone|active_active|active_standby)
```

Leader Election Modes: Standalone / Active-Active

All enabled workflows are started during connector startup and the connector is considered as always active.

Leader Election Mode: Active-Standby

If the connector is in active-standby mode, then a PubSub+ management session and management queue must be configured as follows:

```
solace.connector.leader-election.mode=active_standby

# Management session
# Exact same interface as solace.java.*
solace.connector.management.session.host=<management-host>
solace.connector.management.session.msgVpn=<management-vpn>
solace.connector.management.session.client-username=<client-username>
solace.connector.management.session.client-password=<client-password>
solace.connector.management.session.<other-property-name>=<value>

# Management queue name accessible by the management session
# Must have exclusive access type
solace.connector.management.queue=<management-queue-name>
```

To determine if the connector is **active** or **standby**, it will create a flow to the management queue. If this flow is active, then the connector's state is **active** and will start its enabled workflows. Otherwise, if this flow is inactive, then the connector's state is **standby** and will stop its enabled workflows.

At a macro level for a cluster of connectors, fail-over only happens when there are infrastructure failures (e.g. JVM goes down or networking failures to the management queue).

If a workflow fails to be started/stopped during fail-over, it will retry up to some maximum defined by the config option, `solace.connector.management.leader-election.fail-over.max-attempts`.

During fail-over, the connector will attempt to start/stop all enabled workflows. Once an attempt has been made to start/stop each workflow, then the connector has transitioned to active/standby mode regardless of the status of the workflows.

Leader Election Management Endpoint

A custom `leaderelection` management endpoint was provided using [Spring Actuator](#).

Navigate to the connector's `leaderelection` management endpoint to view its leader election status.

Endpoint	Operation	Payloads
<code>/leaderelection</code>	Read (HTTP <code>GET</code>)	Request: None. Response: <pre>{ "state": "(active standby)", "mode": "(standalone active_active active_standby)" }</pre>

Workflow Management

Workflow Management Endpoint

A custom `workflows` management endpoint using `Spring Actuator` was provided to manage workflows.

To enable the `workflows` management endpoint:

```
management:
  endpoints:
    web:
      exposure:
        include: 'workflows'
```

Once the `workflows` management endpoint is enabled, the following operations can be performed:

Endpoint	Operation	Payloads
<code>/workflows</code>	Read (HTTP <code>GET</code>)	Request: None. Response: Same payload as the <code>/workflows/{workflowId}</code> read operation, but as a list of all workflows.
<code>/workflows/{workflowId}</code>	Read (HTTP <code>GET</code>)	Request: None. Response: <pre>{ "id": "<workflowId>", "enabled": (true false), "state": "(running stopped paused unknown)", "inputBindings": ["<input-binding>"], "outputBindings": ["<output-binding>"] }</pre>

Endpoint	Operation	Payloads
/workflows/{workflowId}	Write (HTTP POST)	Request: <pre>{ "state": "STARTED STOPPED PAUSED RESUMED" }</pre> Response: None.



Only workflows with Solace PubSub+ consumers (where the **solace** binder is defined in the **input-#**) support pause/resume.



Some features require for the connector to manage workflow lifecycles. There's no guarantee that workflow states will persist when write operations are used to change workflow states while such features are in use.

For example: When the connector is configured in the active-standby leader election mode, workflows will automatically transition from **running** to **stopped** when the connector fails over from **active** to **standby**. Vice versa for a fail-over in the opposite direction.

Workflow States

A workflow's state is defined as the aggregate states of its bindings (see the [bindings management endpoint](#)) as follows:

Workflow State	Condition
running	All bindings have state="running" .
stopped	All bindings have state="stopped" .
paused	All consumer bindings and all pausable producer bindings have state="paused" .
unknown	None of the other states. Represents an inconsistent aggregate binding state.

For more info about binding states, see [Spring Cloud Stream: Binding visualization and control](#).

Metrics

This connector uses [Spring Boot Metrics](#) which leverages Micrometer to manage its metrics.

Connector Meters

In addition to the meters already provided by the Spring framework, this connector introduces the following custom meters:

Name	Type	Tags	Description	Notes
<code>solace.connector.process</code>	Timer	type: channel name: <bindingName> result: (success failure) exception: (none exception simple class name)	Processing time	This meter is a rename of <code>spring.integration.send</code> whose <code>name</code> tag matches a binding name.
<code>solace.connector.error.process</code>	Timer	type: channel name: <bindingNames> result: (success failure) exception: (none exception simple class name)	Error processing time	This meter is a rename of <code>spring.integration.send</code> whose <code>name</code> tag matches an input binding's error channel name (<code><destination>.<group>.errors</code>). Meters might be merged under the same <code>name</code> tag (delimited by <code> </code>) if multiple bindings have the same error channel name (i.e. bindings have matching <code>destination</code> and/or <code>group</code>). Though a reminder that setting a binding's <code>group</code> is not supported.
<code>solace.connector.message.size.payload</code>	DistributionSummary Base Units: bytes	name: <bindingName>	Message payload size	

Name	Type	Tags	Description	Notes
<code>solace.connector.message.size.total</code>	DistributionSummary Base Units: bytes	name: <bindingName>	Total message size	
<code>solace.connector.publish.ack</code>	Counter Base Units: acknowledgments	name: <bindingName> result: (success failure) exception: (none exception simple class name)	Publish acknowledgment count	



The `solace.connector.process` meter with `result=failure` is not a reliable measure of tracking the number of failed messages. It only tells you how many times a step processed a message, how long it took to process that message, and if that step completed successfully.

Instead, it's recommended to use a combination of `solace.connector.error.process` and `solace.connector.publish.ack` to track failed messages.

Add a Monitoring System

By default, this connector only includes JMX as its supported monitoring system.

To add additional monitoring systems, add the system's `micrometer-registry-<system>` jar and its dependency jars to [the connector's classpath](#). The included systems can then be individually enabled/disabled by setting `management.metrics.export.<system>.enabled=true` in the `application.yml`.

Security

Securing Endpoints

Exposed Management Web Endpoints

By default, this connector only enables the `health` and `leaderelection` management endpoints. Where for the `health` endpoint, only the root status is returned by default (i.e. no health details).

To enable other management endpoints, see [Spring Actuator Endpoints](#).

Authentication & Authorization

For this release, the connector only supports basic HTTP authentication.

By default, no users will be created unless the operator configures it in their config. Configuration parameters responsible for security are:

```
solace:
  connector:
    security:
      enabled: true
      users:
        - name: user1
          password: pass
        - name: admin1
          password: admin
      roles:
        - admin
```

In the above example, we have created 2 users:

- **user1**: Has access to perform GET (Read) requests.
- **admin1**: Has access to perform GET and POST (Read & Write) requests.

To fully disable security and permit anyone to access the connector's web endpoints, operators can configure the parameter `solace.connector.security.enabled` switched to `false`.



While these properties could be defined in an `application.yml` file, we recommend that you use environment variables to set secret values.

Here is an example of how to define users using environment variables:

```
# Create user with no role (i.e. read-only)
SOLACE_CONNECTOR_SECURITY_USERS_0_NAME=user1
SOLACE_CONNECTOR_SECURITY_USERS_0_PASSWORD=pass
```

```
# Create user with admin role
SOLACE_CONNECTOR_SECURITY_USERS_1_NAME=admin1
SOLACE_CONNECTOR_SECURITY_USERS_1_PASSWORD=admin
SOLACE_CONNECTOR_SECURITY_USERS_1_ROLES_0=admin
```

In the above example, we have created 2 users:

- **user1**: Has access to perform GET (Read) requests.
- **admin1**: Has access to perform GET and POST (Read & Write) requests.



`solace.connector.security.users` is a list. When users are defined in multiple sources (different `application.yml` files, environment variables, etc), then overriding works by replacing the entire list. Meaning that you must pick one place to defined your users and define all of them there. Whether it be in a **single** application properties file or all of them in the environment variables.

See [Spring Boot - Merging Complex Types](#) for more info.

CSRF Protection

Spring Boot enables CSRF protection by default on all management endpoints (see [Spring Cross Site Request Forgery Protection](#)). Though this connector disables CSRF protection for all POST requests on actuator endpoints so that users with write permissions (those with the `admin` role) can perform POST requests.

To fully disable CSRF protection, set the following config option:

```
solace.connector.security.csrf-enabled=false
```

TLS

TLS is disabled by default.

To configure TLS, see [Spring Boot - Configure SSL](#) and [TLS Setup in Spring](#).

Consuming Object Messages

For the connector to process object messages, it needs access to the classes which define the object payloads.

Assuming that your payload classes are in their own project(s) and are packaged into their own jar(s), place these jar(s) and their dependencies (if any) onto [the connector's classpath](#).



It is recommended that these jars only contain the relevant payload classes to prevent any oddities.

In the jar(s), your class files must be archived in the same directory/classpath as the application that publishes them.



e.g. If the source application is publishing a message with payload type, `MySerializablePayload`, defined under classpath `com.sample.payload`, then when packaging the payload jar for the connector, the `MySerializablePayload` class must still be accessible under the `com.sample.payload` classpath.

Typically, build tools such as Maven or Gradle will handle this when packaging jars.

Adding External Libraries

The connector jar uses the `loader.path` property as the recommended mechanism for adding external libraries to the connector's classpath.

See [Spring Boot - PropertiesLauncher Features](#) for more info.

To add libraries to the connector's container image, see [the connector's container documentation](#).

Configuration

Providing Configuration

See [Spring Boot: Externalized Configuration](#) for info about how the connector will detect configuration properties.

Converting Canonical Spring Property Names to Environment Variables

See the [Spring documentation](#) for how to provide configuration options as environment variables.

Spring Profiles

If multiple config files will exist within the same config folder for use in different environments (dev, prod, etc), then use Spring profiles.

This will allow you to define different application property files under the same directory using the file name format, `application-{profile}.yaml`.

eg:

- `application.yaml`
 - Properties in non-specific files always applies. It's properties are overridden by those defined in profile-specific files.
- `application-dev.yaml`
 - Defines properties specific to the `dev` environment.
- `application-prod.yaml`
 - Defines properties specific to the `prod` environment.

Individual profiles can then be enabled by setting the `spring.profiles.active` property.

See [Spring Boot: Profile-Specific Files](#) for more info as well as an example.

Configure Locations to Find Spring Property Files

By default, the connector will detect any Spring property files as per [Spring Boot's default locations](#).

- If you want to add additional locations, add `--spring.config.additional-location=file:<custom-config-dir>` (similar to the example command in [Quick Start: Running the connector via command line](#)).
- If you want to exclusively use the locations that you've defined and ignore Spring Boot's default locations, add `--spring.config.location=optional:classpath:/,optional:classpath:/config/,file:<custom-config-dir>`.

See [Spring Boot documentation](#) for more info.



If config files for multiple, different, connectors will exist within the same config folder for use in different environments (e.g. dev, prod, etc), then consider using [Spring Boot Profiles](#) instead of child directories to do this.

i.e.:

- Do this:
 - `config/application-prod.yml`
 - `config/application-dev.yml`
- Instead of this:
 - `config/prod/application.yml`
 - `config/dev/application.yml`

Child directories are intended to be used for merging configuration from multiple sources of config properties. For more information and an example of when you might want to use multiple child directories to compose your application's configuration, please see the [Spring Boot documentation](#).

Spring Configuration Options

This connector packages a lot of libraries to customize functionality. Here are some references to get started:

- [Spring Cloud Stream](#)
- [Spring Cloud Stream Binder for Solace PubSub+](#)
- [Spring Logging](#)
- [Spring Actuator Endpoints](#)
- [Spring Metrics](#)

Connector Configuration Options

These configuration options are all prefixed by `solace.connector.:`

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>management.leader-election.fail-over.max-attempts</code>	<code>int</code>	<code>> 0</code>	<code>3</code>	The maximum number of attempts to perform a fail-over.
<code>management.leader-election.fail-over.back-off-initial-interval</code>	<code>long</code>	<code>> 0</code>	<code>1000</code>	The initial interval (milliseconds) to back-off when retrying a fail-over.

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>management.leader-election.fail-over.back-off-max-interval</code>	long	<code>> 0</code>	<code>10000</code>	The maximum interval (milliseconds) to back-off when retrying a fail-over.
<code>management.leader-election.fail-over.back-off-multiplier</code>	double	<code>>= 1.0</code>	<code>2.0</code>	The multiplier to apply to the back-off interval between each retry of a fail-over.
<code>management.leader-election.mode</code>	enum	<code>(standalone active_active active_standby)</code>	<code>standalone</code>	<p>The connector's leader election mode.</p> <p>standalone: A single instance of a connector without any leader election capabilities.</p> <p>active_active: A participant in a cluster of connector instances where all instances are active.</p> <p>active_standby: A participant in a cluster of connector instances where only one instance is active (i.e. the leader), and the others are standby.</p>
<code>management.queue</code>	string	<code>any</code>	<code>null</code>	The management queue name.
<code>management.session.*</code>		See Spring Boot Auto-Configuration for the Solace Java API		<p>Defines the management session. This has the same interface as that used by <code>solace.java.*</code>.</p> <p>See Spring Boot Auto-Configuration for the Solace Java API for more info.</p>
<code>security.enabled</code>	boolean	<code>(true false)</code>	<code>true</code>	If <code>true</code> , security is enabled. Otherwise, anyone has access to the connector's endpoints.

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>security.csrf-enabled</code>	boolean	(true false)	true	If true , CSRF protection is enabled. Makes sense only if <code>solace.connector.security.enabled</code> is true .
<code>security.users[<index>].name</code>	string	any	null	The name of this user.
<code>security.users[<index>].password</code>	string	any	null	The password of this user.
<code>security.users[<index>].roles</code>	list<string>	admin	empty list (i.e. read-only)	The list of roles which this user has. Has read-only access if no roles are given.

Workflow Configuration Options

These configuration options are defined under the prefix, `solace.connector.workflows.<workflow-id>`. (if they support per-workflow config), and the default prefix, `solace.connector.default.workflow`. (if they support default workflow config).

Config Option	Applicable Scopes	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>enabled</code>	Per-Workflow	boolean	(true false)	false	If true , the workflow is enabled.
<code>transform-headers.expressions</code>	Per-Workflow Default	Map<string, string>	Key: A header name. Value: A SpEL string which accepts <code>headers</code> as parameter s.	empty map	A mapping of header names to header value SpEL expressions. The SpEL context contains the <code>headers</code> parameter which can be used to read the input message's headers.

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File Source Configuration Options

These configuration options are all prefixed by `file.segmenter.:`

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>scheduler.restart_time_sec</code>	int	any	0	<p>This property enables segmenter to run at periodic intervals. This is needed when you want to replicate your modified files periodically under a directory. Integer value representing number of seconds to wait and start the next replication. Set to Zero if scheduler is not required(Recommended for Dynamic file, since connector first replication runs till EOD is reached). Following is scheduler behaviour w.r.t eod_time_sec</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> restart_time_sec: 10 and eod_time_sec: 104400(5 A.M converted to number of seconds$24 \times 5 \times 3600$, source connector will stop at 5 A.M restart_time_sec: 10 and eod_time_sec: -1 , source connector will keep on running restart_time_sec: 10 and eod_time_sec: 0 , source connector will exit at midnight restart_time_sec: 0 and eod_time_sec: -1 , source connector will exit after first replication
<code>general.adapter_id</code>	string	any	empty	Unique ID for the connector instance

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>general.file_type</code>	int	1,2,3,4	empty	Type of file (1 → static 2 → Dynamic 3 → Directory first level 4 → Directory recursive)
<code>general.copy_file_mode_permissions</code>	int	0,1	0	When set to 1, this property copies the file permissions in source and sends to sink. Set to 0 if file mode permissions need not be copied
<code>general.max_file_transfer_size</code>	int	any	999000	Set this value to limit the file size in a replication. Connector will consider the files for replication until the limit is reached
<code>general.max_files_allowed</code>	int	any	99999	Set this value to limit the number of files in a replication. Connector will consider the files for replication until the limit is reached
<code>general.max_bandwidth_limit</code>	int	any	100000000	Set this value to limit the bandwidth used by connector. Connector calculates the number of bytes sent per second with bandwidth limit and enters cool down mode once limit is reached. It will resume replication once it has enough buffer to replicate messages.

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>general.clear_state_on_eod</code>	int	0, 1	1	Connector preserves the last successful file state in backup file, so that it resumes from checkpoint on next restart. If this property is set to 1 connector will clear the file state in backup file when End of Day configured time is reached. Set to 0 if file state in backup file need not be cleared
<code>general.eod_time_sec</code>	int	-1, 0, any number > 0	0	Connector will exit once configured EOD is elapsed. For example if connector need to be exited every day at 5 A.M EOD should be configured to 104400. The formula to calculate EOD is (24 Hours + (number of hours(24 hour format) when connector should exit))*3600. In our example (24+5)*3600 = 104400. Set this to 0 is connector need to exit at midnight every day and -1 to disable this check
<code>sftp_settings.enabled</code>	int	0, 1	0	Set this value to 0 to disable and 1 to enable SFTP source location. Default 0, means the file will be searched for on the local source machine and 1 means the files will be pulled from a remote location on the sftp server
<code>sftp_settings.ip</code>	string	any	empty	SFTP Server IP
<code>sftp_settings.port</code>	int	any	22	SFTP server port number
<code>sftp_settings.user</code>	string	any	empty	SFTP user username
<code>sftp_settings.password</code>	string	any	empty	SFTP user password

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
directory_wildcard.wildcard_type	int	0, 1, 2	0	Set this property to apply regular expression on files. 0 → disabled 1 → whitelist files or directory 2 → blacklist files or directory
directory_wildcard.config_path	string	any	empty	provide absolute file path location containing regular expression. The file should be in .cfg format
directory_replication.start_time	int	-1, 0, any number > 0	-1	<p>Set this property to filter files in directory based on modified time.</p> <p>-1 will consider the timestamp in checkpoint if available or will replicate all files again.</p> <p>0 will override the timestamp in checkpoint and will consider files modified since midnight.</p> <p>Any value(epoch time) other than 0 or -1 will consider files modified after the epoch time</p>
solace_out.lvq	string	any	empty	Provide the LVQ name configured on Solace broker. Connector will connect to this queue on start to fetch checkpoint information.

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>solace_out.destination</code>	string	any	empty	<p>LVQ topic - Connector will publish checkpoint information and the base topic will be same as output destination topic configured in connection details section. LVQ topic is built as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In case of Static or Directory replication connector will append /checkpoint to base topic(<output-destination-topic>) and will publish data. The LVQ created on Solace broker should have this subscription <output-destination-topic>/checkpoint 2. In case of Dynamic file connector will not append /checkpoint to base topic(<output-destination-topic>) and will publish data. The LVQ created on Solace broker should have this subscription <output-destination-topic>.
<code>command_center.enabled</code>	int	0,1	0	Set this value to 0 to disable sending events to command center and 1 to enable sending events to command center
<code>command_center.useOutputDestinationSolaceCredentials</code>	boolean	true, false	true	true → uses solace java credentials configured, false → If different Solace instance details need to be used, configure using below properties
<code>command_center.solace_ip</code>	string	any	empty	Full Solace Host address(tcp://host-name:55555)

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>command_center.solace_vpn</code>	string	any	empty	Solace VPN name
<code>command_center.solace_user</code>	string	any	empty	Solace client username
<code>command_center.solace_password</code>	string	any	empty	Solace client password
<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>	string	any	empty	<p>Base publish topic for command center event. Connector will append <code>adapter_id</code> in first row and event state(start, complete, error, warning) to the topic when publishing data.Ex(<<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/<<code>adapter_id</code>>/<<code>event_state</code>>). This following topic subscription need to be added to command center queue</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/start 2. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/complete 3. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/error 4. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/warning
<code>command_center.solace_messaging_mode</code>	string	DIRECT, PERSISTENT, NON-PERSISTENT	PERSISTENT	Set the message mode (DIRECT, PERSISTENT, NON-PERSISTENT)

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>command_center.heartbeat_enabled</code>	int	0, 1	0	Set this to 1 to enable sending heartbeats to command center(Command Center need to be enabled as well). 0 will disable sending heart beat events
<code>command_center.heartbeat_interval</code>	int	any	30	Integer value representing number of seconds to wait before sending heartbeat. This will work only if heartbeat is enabled.
<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic_heartbeat</code>	string	any	empty	<p>Base publish topic for heartbeat event. Connector will append adapter_id in first row and event state(heartbeat) to the topic when publishing data.Ex(<command_center.solace_base_publish_topic_heartbeat>/<adapter_id>/<event_state>). This following topic subscription need to be added to heartbeat queue</p> <p>1. <command_center.solace_base_publish_topic_heartbeat>/*/heartbeat</p>

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File Sink Configuration Options

These configuration options are all prefixed by `file.assembler.:`

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>general.adapter_id</code>	string	any	empty	Unique ID for the connector instance

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>general.auto_create_directory</code>	int	0 or 1	1	If the directory doesn't exist connector will create the directory. Set to zero to disable it
<code>general.dest_file_name_type</code>	int	1,2,3,4,5	3	<p>Set this property to define the sink file location. Sink file location can be determined as follows.</p> <p>Set to 1 Sink file location - output destination + fileID(this is generated by the source when reading file)</p> <p>Set to 2 Sink file location - Source file absolute path</p> <p>Set to 3 Sink file location - Sink file absolute path configured at Source(absolute-source-file-path absolute-sink-file-path)</p> <p>Set to 4 Sink file location - output destination + Source file absolute path</p> <p>Set to 5 Sink file location - output destination + Sink file absolute path set at the source(absolute-source-file-path absolute-sink-file-path)</p>
<code>general.state_backup_path</code>	string	any	empty	Absolute file location to store assembler checkpoint information. The file should end in .cfg format(Ex:<path>/sink_connector_state_backup.cfg. The file will be created by connector if it doesn't exist.

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>general.clear_state_on_eod</code>	int	0, 1	1	Connector preserves the last successful file state in backup file, so that it resumes from checkpoint on next restart. If this property is set to 1 connector will clear the file state in backup file when End of Day configured time is reached. Set to 0 if file state in backup file need not be cleared
<code>general.eod_time_sec</code>	int	-1, 0, any number > 0	0	Connector will exit once configured EOD is elapsed. For example if connector need to be exited every day at 5 A.M EOD should be configured to 104400. The formula to calculate EOD is (24 Hours + (number of hours(24 hour format) when connector should exit))*3600. In our example (24+5)*3600 = 104400. Set this to 0 is connector need to exit at midnight every day and -1 to disable this check
<code>file_owner_permissions.copy_source_file_mode_permissions</code>	int	0, 1	0	When configuring this section, connector need to be run as sudo user. 0 → Do not copy file permissions received from source file, 1 → copy file permissions received from source file

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
file_owner_permissions.copy_source_file_owner	int	0, 1, 2	0	When configuring this section, connector need to be run as sudo user. 0 → Do not copy file owner & group received from source file, 1 → copy file owner & group received from source file, 2 → ignore source file owner and group and set override_username and override_group as username and group
file_owner_permissions.override_username	string	any	empty	When set the owner name from source is ignored and configured user will be set as owner
file_owner_permissions.override_group	string	any	empty	When set the group name from source is ignored and configured group will be set as group
command_center.enabled	int	0,1	0	Set this value to 0 to disable sending events to command center and 1 to enable sending events to command center
command_center.useOutputDestinationSolaceCredentials	boolean	true, false	true	true → uses solace java credentials configured, false → If different Solace instance details need to be used, configure using below properties
command_center.solace_ip	string	any	empty	Full Solace Host address(tcp://host-name:55555)
command_center.solace_vpn	string	any	empty	Solace VPN name
command_center.solace_user	string	any	empty	Solace client username
command_center.solace_password	string	any	empty	Solace client password

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>	string	any	empty	<p>Base publish topic for command center event. Connector will append <code>adapter_id</code> in first row and event state(start, complete, error, warning) to the topic when publishing data.Ex(<<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/<<code>adapter_id</code>>/<event_state>). This following topic subscription need to be added to command center queue</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/start 2. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/complete 3. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/error 4. <<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic</code>>/*/warning
<code>command_center.solace_messaging_mode</code>	string	DIRECT, PERSISTENT, NON-PERSISTENT	PERSISTENT	Set the message mode (DIRECT, PERSISTENT, NON-PERSISTENT)
<code>command_center.heartbeat_enabled</code>	int	0, 1	0	Set this to 1 to enable sending heartbeats to command center(Command Center need to be enabled as well). 0 will disable sending heart beat events

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>command_center.heartbeat_interval</code>	int	any	30	Integer value representing number of seconds to wait before sending heartbeat. This will work only if heartbeat is enabled.
<code>command_center.solace_base_publish_topic_heartbeat</code>	string	any	empty	<p>Base publish topic for heartbeat event. Connector will append adapter_id in first row and event state(heartbeat) to the topic when publishing data.Ex(<command_center.solace_base_publish_topic_heartbeat>/<adapter_id>/<event_state>). This following topic subscription need to be added to heartbeat queue</p> <p>1. <command_center.solace_base_publish_topic_heartbeat>/*/heartbeat</p>

Command Center

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All the file replications can be monitored on Adapter Control Center dashboard. The connector publishes the health, replication state to Command Center which analyses and represents the data in graphical representation.

Command Center is a separate package that need to be deployed as separate instance. Command Center is built on ReactJS, NodeJS and uses postgres or oracle as databases. Command Center connect to the queue on configured Solace Instance to read and process file event state. Once processed the information is represented on Dashboard.

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