



pubsubplus-connector-opcua

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Preface

OPCUA Connector

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 OPCUA 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 OPCUA producer destination, `producer-destination`.
- Workflow 1 is consuming messages from the OPCUA 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](#)
- OPCUA

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-opcua-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-opcua
```

```
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
<code>-l, --libs</code>	<code>./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 <code>./libs/</code> folder.
<code>-p, --profile</code>	<code>empty, no profile is used</code>	Profile to be used with connector's configuration. The configuration file named 'application- <code><profile></code> .yml' will be used. Default value is set to use no profile.
<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-opcua-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.

Parameter	Default Value	Description
<code>-o, --options</code>	no default values	Specifies JVM options used on Connector start.
<code>-b, --background</code>	N/A	Runs Connector in the background. No logs will be displayed and Connector continues running in detached mode
<code>-h, --help</code>	N/A	Prints some help information and exits

Script also provides some help information from command line:

```
pubsubplus-connector-opcua
```

```
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
<code>-o --options</code>	Specifies JVM options used on Connector start. example: '-Xms64M -Xmx1G'
<code>-b --background</code>	Runs the Connector in the background. No logs will be displayed and Connector continues running in detached mode.
<code>-h --help</code>	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 OPCUA 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|opcua) # Input system
        output-<workflow-id>:
          destination: <output-destination> # Topic name
          binder: (solace|opcua) # Output system

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



The connector only supports workflows in the directions of:

- `solace` → `opcua`
- `opcua` → `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 opcua binder
opcua1:
  type: opcua
  # 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: opcua1
  output-0:
    destination: <output-destination>
    binder: solace1 # Reference 1st solace binder
  input-1:
    destination: <input-destination>
    binder: opcua1
  output-1:
    destination: <output-destination>
    binder: solace2 # Reference 2nd solace binder

```

Defines two binders of type `solace` and one binder of type `opcua` 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.

OPCUA Server Connection Details

The Spring Cloud Stream Binder for OPCUA uses the following configuration to configure its session. The connector currently supports 1.03 OPCUA specifications.

Note: This connector is tested using a mock OPCUA server.

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

These configuration options are prefixed by `opcua.java`

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
<code>endpointUrl</code>	string	OPC UA Server url in the format <code>opc.tcp://<host>:<port>/<endpoint></code>	empty	OPCUA Server connection URL
<code>username</code>	string	any	empty	OPCUA Server username
<code>password</code>	string	any	empty	OPCUA Server password
<code>applicationName</code>	string	any	Solace OPC UA connector	Application Name for the connector instance
<code>applicationUri</code>	string	any	<code>urn:solace:opcua:connector</code>	Application URI for the connector instance
<code>sessionTimeout</code>	integer	positive integer value	120000	Requested session timeout value, in milliseconds.
<code>connectTimeout</code>	integer	positive integer value	5000	The timeout, in milliseconds, when opening a socket connection to a remote host.
<code>requestTimeout</code>	integer	positive integer value	5000	Maximum amount of time, in milliseconds, to wait for the response to a request.
<code>keepAliveInterval</code>	integer	positive integer value	5000	Interval, in milliseconds, between keep-alive requests.
<code>keepAliveTimeout</code>	integer	positive integer value	5000	Max duration, in milliseconds, to wait for a response to a keep-alive request.
<code>maxResponseMessageSize</code>	integer	positive integer value	0	The maximum allowable size of an OPC UA application layer message. 0 means no max size.

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
maxPendingPublishRequests	long	positive long value	4294967295L	The number of concurrent Publish Requests allowed to be pending at any given time.

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 opcua 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 opcua 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.

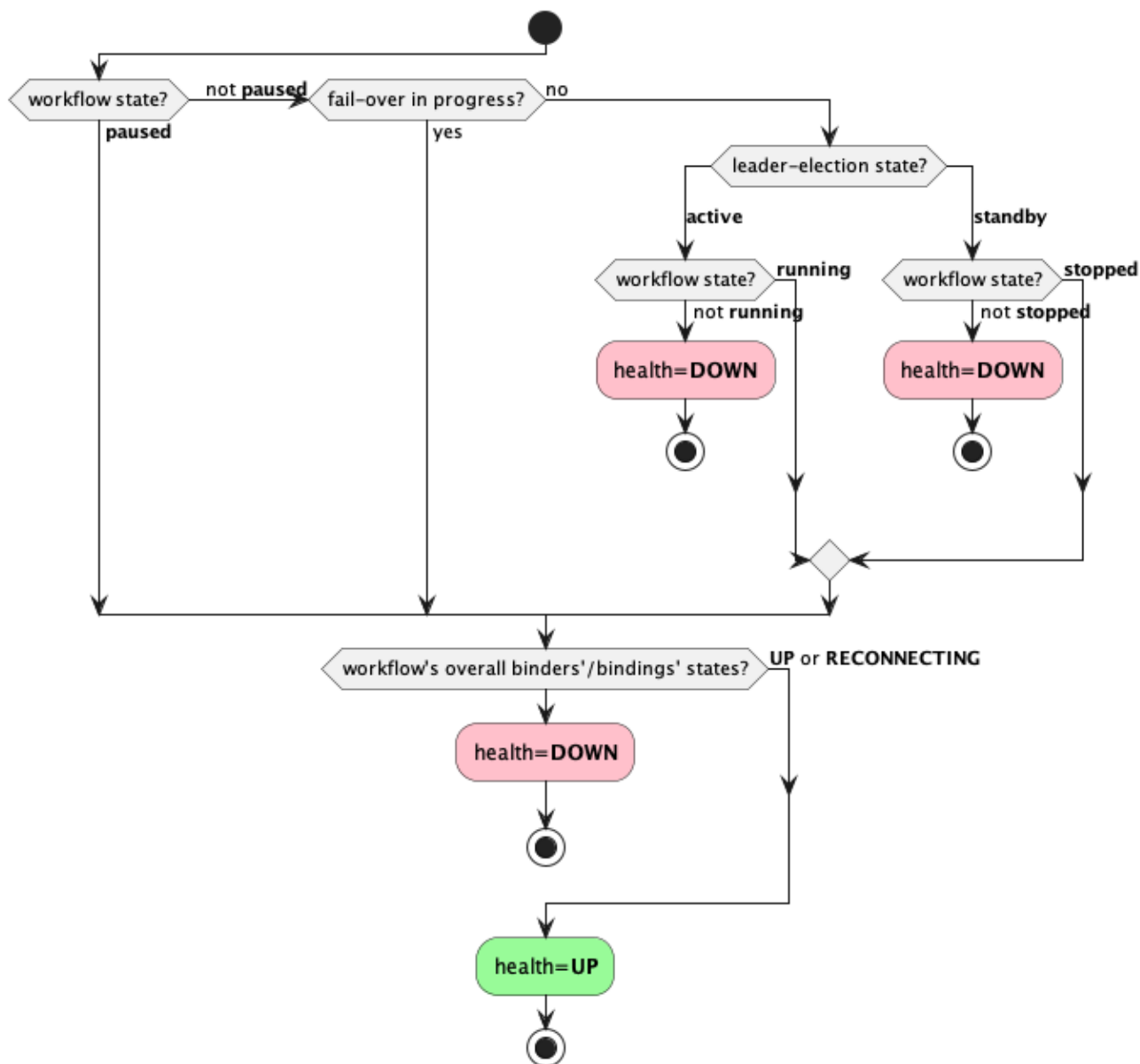


Figure 1. Workflow Health Resolution Diagram

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 define 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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OPC UA Consumer Configuration Options

These configuration options are all prefixed by `spring.cloud.stream.opcua.bindings.<binding-channel-name>.consumer.:`

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
publishingInterval	double	positive double value	1000.0	Interval at which notification messages are sent by subscription.
samplingInterval	double	positive double value	1000.0	The interval that defines the fastest rate at which the MonitoredItem(s) should be accessed and evaluated. This interval is defined in milliseconds.
queueSize	int	positive integer value	10	The requested size of the MonitoredItem queue
clientHandle	int	positive integer value	0	Client-supplied id of the MonitoredItem. This id is used in Notifications generated for the list Node. By default the connector generates unique client handle.
discardOldest	boolean	true or false	true	<p>A boolean parameter that specifies the discard policy when the queue is full and a new Notification is to be queued. It has the following values:</p> <p>TRUE - the oldest (first) Notification in the queue is discarded. The new Notification is added to the end of the queue.</p> <p>FALSE - the last Notification added to the queue gets replaced with the new Notification.</p>

Config Option	Type	Valid Values	Default Value	Description
enablePublishingMode	boolean	true or false	true	<p>A Boolean parameter with the following values:</p> <p>TRUE - publishing of NotificationMessages is enabled for the Subscription.</p> <p>FALSE - publishing of NotificationMessages is disabled for the Subscription.</p>
subscriptionType	string	DATA_SUBSCRIPTION	EVENT_SUBSCRIPTION	MANAGED_DATA_SUBSCRIPTION

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