

PI Connector for UFL REST endpoint samples

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Sending data to the REST endpoint

This section provides information on sending data to the REST endpoint of the PI Connector for UFL. The following sections provide details on samples that include configuration files and scripts to send data files to the REST endpoint. The Connector also supports data input from files and serial ports which is not covered in this document.

Setup

1. PI Connector for UFL:
 - i. is installed and service started.
 - ii. is started (see admin GUI: <https://<server>:<port>/admin/ui>) where server is the host where the Connector is installed and port is the port selected on installation.
 - iii. is configured with a PI and AF data server.
2. Configure a PI Connector for UFL data source, specifying:
 - i. Data source name: User specified name. For example: values
 - ii. Config File: User created or as specified by the sample being used
 - iii. Data source type: REST
 - iv. Incoming timestamps: Utc (if using one of the samples).

Header and data format

1. Header format

The REST endpoint supports the HTTP PUT method with the following headers:

```
'content-type': text/html', 'Accept': 'text/plain'
```
2. Data format

Text format that can be parsed by the configured config. file.

Prerequisites to run samples

Each sample specifies required files and in general will include:

- PI Connector for UFL configuration file(s)
- Code files

Value sample

The following sample is based on data collection for an asset with rpm, temperature and vibration sensors. Each record sent to the Connector is formatted as follows:

devicename,timestamp (in UTC/GMT),rpm,temperature,vibration

For example:

00-00-00-b2-11-1a,2015-11-06T08:19:18Z,1533,86,2755

Python

Samples were created using Python 3.4.3

Module(s) required

requests

File(s) required

piuflgen.py - generate records

piuflput.py – send a file to the REST endpoint; Requires requests module.

Values.ini – PI Connector configuration file

Procedure

1. Review the setup section and configure a data source using the values.ini file
2. Generate some random data

```
python piuflgen.py values > values.csv
```

3. Send the data file to the PI Connector for UFL REST endpoint

Note: The URL for the REST endpoint is found in the Address field of the Data List Configuration for the configured data source

```
python piuflput.py URL datafile
```

Example

```
Python piuflput.py https://server:5460/connectordata/values values.csv
```