

# Postal

## Push Notification Server

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Postal is a free and open source push notification server written in C.

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Many system operators will want to know what is going on with their system. Postal provides a mechanism for being notified about events happening within the system. This mechanism uses a PUBSUB channel via **Redis** to deliver

JSON formatted events. This feature requires that you configure Postal with `--enable-redis=yes`.

## 3.1 Configuration

Metrics delivery via **Redis** provides the following configuration options.

Option	Value	Description
enabled	<b>true</b> or <b>false</b>	If metric delivery is enabled.
host	<i>hostname</i>	The hostname of the Redis server.
port	<b>6379</b>	The port of the Redis server.
channel	<i>event:postal</i>	The Redis PUBSUB channel name.

Figure 1: Redis Configuration Options

The options should be stored in the **redis** group in **postal.conf**. See the example below.

```
[redis]
enabled = true
host = localhost
port = 6379
channel = events:postal
```

Figure 2: Redis Configuration Example

## 3.2 Events

The following sections describe the various types of events that you may receive.

### 3.2.1 Device Added

This event is published when Postal has received a request to add a new device.

```
{
  "Action": "device-added",
  "DeviceType": "gcm",
  "DeviceToken": "12341234-12341234",
  "User": "0000000000000111122223333"
}
```

### 3.2.2 Device Updated

This event is published when Postal has updated the information for a device. This could happen if an API request has been processed to change the attributes of the device.

```
{
  "Action": "device-updated",
  "DeviceType": "gcm",
  "DeviceToken": "12341234-12341234",
  "User": "0000000000000111122223333"
}
```

### 3.2.3 Device Removed

This event is published when Postal has been requested to remove a device. This could happen from an API request that specifically requests the removal of a device. This could also happen if push notifications have been disabled for a device. Additionally, with APS, this could happen if the feedback service has requested the removal of a device.

```
{
  "Action": "device-removed",
  "DeviceType": "gcm",
  "DeviceToken": "12341234-12341234",
  "User": "0000000000000111122223333"
}
```

### 3.2.4 Device Notified

This event is published when Postal has successfully delivered a notification to the gateway. This does not mean that the device has received the notification. The various gateways do not provide this information so that is not available.

```
{
  "Action": "device-notified",
  "DeviceType": "gcm",
  "DeviceToken": "12341234-12341234",
  "User": "0000000000000111122223333"
}
```