

Publishing to AsyncAPI

You can convert events in CDS models to the [AsyncAPI specification](#), a widely adopted standard used to describe and document message-driven asynchronous APIs.

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Usage from CLI

Use the following command to convert all services in `srv/` and store the generated AsyncAPI documents in the `docs/` folder:

```
cds compile srv --service all -o docs --to asyncapi
```

sh

For each service that is available in the `srv/` files, an AsyncAPI document with the service name is generated in the output folder. If you want to generate one AsyncAPI document for all the services, you can use `--asyncapi:merged` flag:

```
cds compile srv --service all -o docs --to asyncapi --asyncapi:merged
```

sh

↳ Learn how to programmatically convert the CSN file into an AsyncAPI Document

Presets

Use presets to add configuration for the AsyncAPI export tooling.

.cdsrc.json

```
{  
  "export": {  
    "asyncapi": {  
      "application_namespace": "sap.example"  
      [ ... ]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Term	Preset Target	AsyncAPI field	Remarks
<i>merged.title</i>	Service	info.title	Mandatory when -- <i>asyncapi:merged</i> flag is given. <i>title</i> from here is used in the generated AsyncAPI document.
<i>merged.version</i>	Service	info.version	Mandatory when -- <i>asyncapi:merged</i> flag is given. <i>version</i> from here is used in the generated AsyncAPI document
<i>merged.description</i>	Service	info.description	Optional when -- <i>asyncapi:merged</i> flag is given. <i>description</i> from here is

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			used in the generated AsyncAPI document.
<i>merged.short_text</i>	Service	x-sap-shortText	Optional when -- asyncapi:merged flag is given. The value from here is used in the generated AsyncAPI document.
<i>application_namespace</i>	Document	x-sap-application-namespace	Mandatory
<i>event_spec_version</i>	Event	x-sap-event-spec-version	
<i>event_source</i>	Event	x-sap-event-source	
<i>event_source_params</i>	Event	x-sap-event-source-parameters	
<i>event_characteristics</i>	Event	x-sap-event-characteristics	

Annotations

Use annotations to add configuration for the AsyncAPI export tooling.

TIP

Annotations will take precedence over presets.

Term (<code>@AsyncAPI.</code>)	Annotation Target	AsyncAPI field	Remarks
<code>Title</code>	Service	info.title	Mandatory

Term (<code>@AsyncAPI.</code>)	Annotation Target	AsyncAPI field	Remarks
<code>SchemaVersion</code>	Service	info.version	Mandatory
<code>Description</code>	Service	info.description	
<code>StateInfo</code>	Service	x-sap-stateInfo	
<code>ShortText</code>	Service	x-sap-shortText	
<code>EventSpecVersion</code>	Event	x-sap-event-spec-version	
<code>EventSource</code>	Event	x-sap-event-source	
<code>EventSourceParams</code>	Event	x-sap-event-source-parameters	
<code>EventCharacteristics</code>	Event	x-sap-event-characteristics	
<code>EventStateInfo</code>	Event	x-sap-stateInfo	
<code>EventSchemaVersion</code>	Event	x-sap-event-version	
<code>EventType</code>	Event		Optional; The value from this annotation will be used to overwrite the default event type in the AsyncAPI document.

For example:

```

@AsyncAPI.Title      : 'CatalogService Events'                               cds
@AsyncAPI.SchemaVersion: '1.0.0'
@AsyncAPI.Description : 'Events emitted by the CatalogService.'

service CatalogService {
    @AsyncAPI.EventSpecVersion     : '2.0'
    @AsyncAPI.EventCharacteristics: {
        ! [state-transfer]: 'full-after-image'
    }
    @AsyncAPI.EventSchemaVersion   : '1.0.0'

```

```
    event SampleEntity.Changed.v1 : projection on CatalogService.SampleEntity;
}
```

Extensions

`@AsyncAPI.Extensions` can be used to provide arbitrary extensions. If a specific annotation exists for a given extension, it takes precedence over the definition using `@AsyncAPI.Extensions`. For example, if both `@AsyncAPI.ShortText` and `@AsyncAPI.Extensions: { ![sap-shortText]: 'baz' }` are provided, the value from `@AsyncAPI.ShortText` will override the one defined in `@AsyncAPI.Extensions`.

For example:

```
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@AsyncAPI.Extensions : {
  ! [foo-bar]           : 'baz',
  ! [sap-shortText]     : 'Service Base 1'
}

service CatalogService {
  @AsyncAPI.Extensions : {
    ! [sap-event-source] : '/{region}/sap.app.test'
  }
  event SampleEntity.Changed.v1 : projection on CatalogService.SampleEntity;
}
```



The `@AsyncAPI.Extensions` annotation can be applied at both the service level and the event level.

Since the AsyncAPI specification requires all extensions to be prefixed with `x-`, the compiler will automatically add this prefix. Therefore, do not include the `x-` prefix when specifying extensions in `@AsyncAPI.Extensions`.

Behavior with `--merged` flag

When the `--merged` CLI flag is used:

- Extensions defined via `@AsyncAPI.Extensions` on `services` are **ignored**.
- Extensions defined via `@AsyncAPI.Extensions` on `events` remain effective and are applied as expected.

Type Mapping

CDS Type to AsyncAPI Mapping

CDS Type	AsyncAPI Supported Types
<code>UUID</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "uuid" }</code>
<code>Boolean</code>	<code>{ "type": "boolean" }</code>
<code>Integer</code>	<code>{ "type": "integer" }</code>
<code>Integer64</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "int64" }</code>
<code>Decimal , {precision, scale}</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "decimal", "x-sap-precision": <precision>, "x-sap-scale": <scale> }</code>
<code>Decimal , without scale</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "decimal", "x-sap-precision": <precision> }</code>
<code>Decimal , without precision and scale</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "decimal" }</code>
<code>Double</code>	<code>{ "type": "number" }</code>
<code>Date</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "date" }</code>
<code>Time</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "partial-time" }</code>
<code>DateTime</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "date-time" }</code>
<code>Timestamp</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "format": "date-time" }</code>
<code>String , {maxLength}</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "maxLength": length }</code>
<code>Binary , {maxLength}</code>	<code>{ "type": "string", "maxLength": length }</code>
<code>LargeBinary</code>	<code>{ "type": "string" }</code>

CDS Type	AsyncAPI Supported Types
<i>LargeString</i>	{ "type": "string" }

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