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What:	**Photon Configuration (PhotonServer.config)**
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Section	Setting	PhotonServer .config	Default	Description
<Instance …>	**Multiple instances are supported. Each instance has its own node in the config file. PhotonControl will currently only start "Instance1" but the .cmd files could be modified to start other instances.**			
	ConfigName			Optional "ConfigName" value from config file if present it will be logged.
	ReportOnJob		FALSE	It causes photon to determine if it is running inside a win32 job object (something that is used by process starting code to place limits on what the process can do) and if so reports on the limits that are currently imposed.
	LogFileLocation			Sets the path for logfiles. Default is the location where the server is started. Can be absolute or relative to the PhotonSocketServer.exe
	EnablePerformanceCounters		TRUE	Determines whether the server will enable its performance counters or not. The performance counter implementation creates a shared memory segment to allow the counter DLL to communicate with the server. To be able to create this shared memory segment requires that the user running the server has suitable privileges. If you wish to run the server without those privileges (and without publishing performance data) then you can set this value to "false".
	MaxMessageSize		512000	Determines the maximum number of bytes that a UDP, TCP or WebSockets message might have that is received or sent by the server. If the message exceeds the MaxMessageSize limit, the client will be disconnected from the server. MaxMessageSize can be overwritten in the appropriate listener.
	ShutdownTimeout		30000	When a Photon shutdown has not finished successfully after this timeout (in ms), the Photon process is forcibly killed.
	DisplayName			An optional display name for this instance, which is shown in Photon Control.
[TCP]				
	TCPBufferSize		4096	The size of buffer used during TCP data transfer. Note that this does not in any way restrict the message size. It's ideal to have the buffer size be slightly more than the average message size.
	TCPBufferAllocatorPoolSize		500	The number of buffers used for TCP data transfer that are kept in the pool for later reuse. This is a classic trade of speed vs resources. The pooled buffers are faster to allocate but take up memory all the time.
	StreamSocketAllocatorPoolSize		250	The number of TCP sockets that are kept in the pool for later reuse. This is a classic trade of speed vs resources. The pooled sockets are faster to allocate but take up memory all the time.
[UDP/ENET]				
	DatagramSocketAllocatorPoolSize		1000	The number of datagram sockets that are kept in the pool for later reuse. This is a classic trade of speed vs resources. The pooled sockets are faster to allocate but take up memory all the time.
	PingIntervalMilliseconds		1000	The Ping interval is how often a ping is sent from server to client when no data is flowing. Sending pings adds load to the server and so this can be tuned; a larger value leads to less load on the server. The ENet protocol usually uses a fixed value for this parameter. Defaults to the ENet standard value of 500ms.
	DataSendingDelayMilliseconds		5	The data sending delay is how long the server will wait to accumulate more data to send to the client in the same datagram. A larger value can lead to fewer datagrams being sent as more data can be put into a single datagram, however this also increases latency as the server waits longer before sending responses. If using the 'standard' ENet code then data is accumulated until a call to enet_host_flush() or enet_host_service().
	AckSendingDelayMilliseconds		5	The data sending delay is how long the server will wait before sending an ACK to the client. This allows it to potentially piggyback the ACK onto a data packet if a response packet is generated within the delay period. A larger value can lead to fewer datagrams being sent as an ACK can be put into the same datagram as a reply. This doesn't increase latency. If using the 'standard' ENet code then data is accumulated until a call to enet_host_flush() or enet_host_service().
	MinimumRetransmitTimeout		200	Enet retransmission times are calculated based on the accumulated RTT of the peer. This setting sets a minimum retransmission time. Peers with very low latency could want to retransmit before the value that this setting allows and will be delayed. This value allows you to reduce the speed at which data is retransmitted and reduce the load on the server. If you are sending reliable data and have low latency peers and require minimum latency then setting this value to anything but zero will likely increase latency and reduce the number of peers that you can support with given CPU resources.
	ENETBufferAllocatorPoolSize		5000	The number of buffers that are kept in the pool for later reuse. This is a classic trade of speed vs resources. The pooled buffers are faster to allocate but take up memory all the time.
	MinimumTimeout	5000	5000	The minimum amount of time before an Enet peer's lack of response causes a timeout disconnect. Note that the actual time is determined dynamically per peer based on the RTT history.
	MaximumTimeout	30000	30000	The maximum amount of time before an Enet peer's lack of response causes a timeout disconnect. Note that the actual time is determined dynamically per peer based on the RTT history.
	ValidateCRCifPresent		FALSE	If enabled: if the incoming datagram contains an optional CRC value, the checksum is validated. If the peer had been created with the CRC value present (indicated by a "CRC" flag in the UDP header that is set by the client library), all outbound datagrams that are sent to the client will contain the CRC value, too.
[Udp/Enet Throttling]				
	PerPeerMaxReliableDataInTransit	51200	16384	The maximum amount of reliable data that a peer can send and which the peer has not as yet received an ACK for. In bytes. Once this amount of data has been sent all future reliable data will be queued.
	PerPeerTransmitRateLimitKBSec	256	256	The maximum amount of data (reliable AND unreliable) that can be sent in a second (in KB). This can be used to limit the amount of data that a peer can send. When the limit is reached further reliable data is queued and unreliable data is dropped. The default, 12, is a purely arbitrary value that has no meaning and has NOT been carefully calculated to be in any way special.
	PerPeerTransmitRatePeriodMilliseconds		200	How often we check the transmit rate limit. By default we check every 250ms (i.e. 4 times per second) and we scale the PerPeerTransmitRateLimitKBSec by 4 for each check. A smaller value makes the data flow more consistent, a larger value makes the flow more jerky but uses less server resources.
	MaxQueuedDataPerPeer	512000	163840	The maximum amount of reliable data that a peer can queue. Reliable data is queued when either the PerPeerMaxReliableDataInTransit or the PerPeerTransmitRateLimitKBSec limits are exceeded. Once this limit is exceeded all future reliable sends will return an error code.
[DEBUGGING]				
	ProduceDumps		TRUE	Switch to enable or disable creation of "dump files" in case of a crash. Dump files are essential to find issues in the Photon Core.
	DumpType		Full	Defines the type of crash dumps to write. The types are "Full", "Maxi" and "Mini" and they include less information from first to last but also require less space on the harddisk.
	MaxDumpsToProduce		10	Configures how many dump files are written maximum. If the files are moved or deleted, new ones can be written.

<IOPool …>			This thread pool handles all I/O operations such as datagram sending and reception, tcp read completions, etc. This pool can also handle Enet protocol operations if ENetThreadPool\OnlyDispatchTimers is set to "true". Once inbound data has been deblocked into commands it is sent to the "Business Logic" thread pool for passing into the CLR and managed code.
	NumThreads	2	This value determines the number of threads used for socket I/O. A value of 4-8 tends to be good but you should profile your server to see what works best. Use the I/O thread performance counters to see when all I/O threads are busy when the server is under load. If set to 0 then the I/O Pool uses 2 x the number of CPU cores as the number of threads; whilst this works well for up to a dual core it isn't especially useful if the resulting number of threads is more than 8.
<ThreadPool …>			This is the "Business Logic" thread pool. It's used for all CLR operations.
	InitialThreads	4	This setting determines the number of threads that the thread pool starts with.
	MinThreads	4	This setting determines the minimum number of threads that the thread pool will contain.
	MaxThreads	4	This setting determines the maximum number of threads that the thread pool will contain. Note that if Initial, min and max are all the same then the pool is a static pool rather than a dynamic pool. Static pools are more efficient than dynamic pools as the work item dispatch process is optimised. Dynamic pools can grow and shrink as demand changes. If your work items are generally short lived and the pool rarely expands in general use then you can get a performance boost by setting the pool up as a static pool.
	MaxDormantThreads	4	This setting determines the maximum number of threads that can be 'dormant', i.e. not currently performing work. Once the number of dormant threads exceeds this amount some threads will be shut down.
	PoolMaintPeriod	5000	This setting determines how often the pool is maintained. The value is in milliseconds. A maintenance thread will wake up every X ms to check on and possibly shut down dormant threads.
	DispatchTimeout	100	This setting determines when a new thread may be started. If a work item is dispatched and this number of milliseconds passes before a worker thread picks up the item and begins processing it then a new thread may be started.
<ENetThreadPool …>			The Enet Thread Pool is one of three thread pools in the server. This is used for all Enet protocol operations (i.e. deblocking inbound datagrams, acking on and sending ACKs, dealing
	InitialThreads	2	See ThreadPool.
	MinThreads	2	See ThreadPool.
	MaxThreads	2	See ThreadPool.
	MaxDormantThreads	5	See ThreadPool.
	PoolMaintPeriod	5000	See ThreadPool.
	DispatchTimeout	100	See ThreadPool.
	OnlyDispatchTimers	FALSE	If set to true the only Enet timer operations use this pool. If set to false then all Enet operations (i.e. protocol level operations such as deblocking inbound data and processing ACKs etc) are dispatched to this pool.
<Runtime …>			Defines the Photon Runtime behavior.
	Assembly	PhotonHostRuntime, Culture=neutral	The details of the Photon Runtime assembly to use. Normal .Net assembly loading rules are used to locate the assembly. The assembly MUST be signed by the Exit Games Photon Runtime key and the PublicKeyToken part of the assembly name must NOT be specified as we add that on ourselves before we load the assembly.
	CLRVersion		By default, the latest DotNet runtime is used to host Photon Applications. Per instance, this setting allows to load a select version. Values are "v4.0" or "v2.0" or complete versions with build numbers. Example: CLRVersion = "2.0"
	EnableMDA	FALSE	Enables the managed debugging assistants. Configure these with a PhotonSocketServer.exe.mda.config file in the same directory as the exe.
	Type	PhotonHostRuntime .PhotonDomain Manager	The name of the type that is used as the Photon Runtime's domain manager. This type MUST be located in the assembly detailed by the Runtime value. MUST derive from PhotonHostRuntimeInterfaces.IPhotonDomainManager.
	UnhandledExceptionPolicy	Ignore	Ignore, ReloadAppDomain, TerminateProcess
	PerInstanceShadowCopyCaches	FALSE	Applications will create 'per-instance' shadow copy caches if shadow copies are enabled.
	OptimiseBroadcast	20	Uses an optimised path for configured TCP peers or more. Does not affect UDP/ENET.
<Applications …>			
	Default		A default application to use if no application is specified.
	PassUnknownAppsToDefaultApp	TRUE	If true when an unknown application name is supplied the default application is used. If false then this is a fatal error which will terminate a connection.
___<Application …>			
	Name		Arbitrary name for the application, used for dispatch.
	SharedDirectory	"Shared"	Used to contain 'shared' assemblies. WILL BE located under the Base Directory.
	BaseDirectory		This folder should contain a "bin" folder with all the application assemblies and config files, etc.
	Assembly		Details of the assembly to use. Normal .Net assembly loading rules are used to locate this assembly and it can contain a complete assembly specification string (including PublicKeyToken if required).
	Type		The name of the type that will be loaded as the application. MUST derive from PhotonHostRuntimeInterfaces.IPhotonApplication.
	EnableShadowCopy	FALSE	If enabled then the CLR will create copies of the assembly files in a private directory when they are loaded. This allows you to overwrite the originals, for update, say. The copies are used until the application domain that's using them is shut down.
	EnableAutoRestart	FALSE	If enabled the app will restart automatically if files changes occur. A new copy of the application is started; existing connections to the old copy are allowed to continue until all connections disconnect at which point the app domain is unloaded. The IPhotonApplicationControl.OnStopRequested() method is called when the unmanaged code wishes to 'kindly' unload an app domain, the app could inform the clients at this point.
	ForceAutoRestart	TRUE	FALSE	ForceAutoRestart, if set to "true", implies "EnableAutoRestart" but aborts all existing connections rather than waiting for them to disconnect.
	RestartDelayMilliseconds	1000	Restarts due to file changes can be delayed with this setting.
	WatchFiles	""	By default no "WatchFiles" entry means watch everything. Example: WatchFiles="dll;config;Lite.XML"
	ExcludeFiles	""	By default no "ExcludeFiles" entry means exclude nothing. Example:
	StartTimeoutMilliseconds	0	Photon shuts down if the Application does not start in the configured amount of time. 0 = no timeout is applied.
	StopTimeoutMilliseconds	0	Photon shuts down if the Application does not stop in the configured amount of time. 0 = no timeout is applied.

<TCPListeners …>					
____<TCPListener …>					
	IPAddress	0.0.0.0		The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port	4530	5051	The port to listen on.
	ListenBacklog		150	The size of the listen backlog queue. This affects the number of connections that can be established simultaneously; so, for example, if 151 clients attempt to connect at exactly the same time then the last one could be rejected. Note that each connection establishment attempt takes very little time and once the connection IS established the connection is not affected by the limit. So you can set the value to 10 and still have 10,000 concurrent active connections as long as no more than 10 attempt to connect at exactly the same time.
	RecvBufferSize		0	The size of the TCP recv buffer used by the TCP stack. This is also used to determine the TCP window size (which is used by the TCP stack for flow control). Defaults to zero which means "don't change" which causes the operating system's default value to be used.
	SendBufferSize		0	The size of the TCP send buffer used by the TCP stack. Defaults to zero which means "don't change" which causes the operating system's default value to be used.
	MaxPendingWrites		50	Flow control setting: configures the max amount of pending writes in buffers (see TCPBufferSize).
	MaxQueuedBuffers		200	Flow control setting:: configures the amount of buffers used to queue writes (see TCPBufferSize). More queueued buffers than pending writes means that we use less non-paged pool (a scarce resource) as only pending writes use non-paged pool.
	DisableNagle	TRUE	TRUE	Determines if Nagle's algorithm is in use on the connection. If set to true then Nagle is disabled and outbound TCP data will be sent as soon as it reaches the TCP stack. If set to false then Nagle is in operation and the TCP stack will attempt to colasce outbound data into fewer datagrams. Setting this setting to true might improve the latency of your TCP connections a little, at the expense of there being more datagrams sent.
	InactivityTimeout	5000	5000	A time, in ms, which is allowed between receiving data on a connection. If this time is exceeded then the connection is deemed to be inactive and is aborted. To ensure that this timer doesn't fire inappropriately you should make sure that there is an inbound TCP message on each connection more frequently than the value set here. Set to zero to disable the inactivity timer.
	DisconnectTimeout		120000	A time, in ms, which is allowed for the client to close the connection once the connection has been disconnected by the application.
	OverrideApplication			Can be used to override the application used for this connector. The application selection sent by clients will be ignored. The value can be the name of any setup application.
	DefaultApplication			Defines a default application for a Listener. This DefaultApplication is used, when a client tries to connect to a application that is not loaded. For this Listener, the DefaultApplication overrides the "Default" application set in the Applications node. The value can be the name of any setup application.
	PolicyApplication			Defines the application to be used in case policy requests are sent to this listener. (Bug of some flash clients)
	MaxInboundMessageSize			Determines the maximum number of bytes that a message might have which is **received** by the server through this Listener. If the message exceeds the MaxInboundMessageSize limit, the client will be disconnected from the server. Default is the configured value in MaxMessageSize.
	MaxOutboundMessageSize			Determines the maximum number of bytes that a message might have which is sent by the server through this Listener. If the message exceeds the MaxOutboundMessageSize limit, the client will be disconnected from the server. Default is the configured value in MaxMessageSize.
	CustomConnectMessageIsRequired		FALSE	If set to true, a custom prefix / suffix is required on each Connect message.
	CustomConnectMessagePrefix			Photon ignores the configured string if it sent as a prefix of a client's connect message.
	CustomConnectMessageSuffix			Photon ignores the configured string if it sent as a suffix of a client's connect message.
<UDPListeners …>	To define a list of UDP/Enet listeners.				
____<UDPListener …>					
	IPAddress	0.0.0.0		The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port	5055	5055	The port to listen on.
	ListenBacklog		500	See TCPListener.
	RecvBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	SendBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	OverrideApplication			See TCPListener.
	DefaultApplication			See TCPListener.
	MaxInboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	MaxOutboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
<WebSocketListeners …>					
____<WebSocketListener …>					
	IPAddress	0.0.0.0		The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port		5051	The port to listen on.
	ListenBacklog			See TCPListener.
	RecvBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	SendBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	DisableNagle	TRUE	TRUE	See TCPListener.
	InactivityTimeout	10000	10000	See TCPListener.
	OverrideApplication			See TCPListener.
	DefaultApplication			See TCPListener.
	MaxInboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	MaxOutboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	MaxPendingWrites			See TCPListener.
	MaxQueuedBuffers			See TCPListener.
	DisconnectTimeout			See TCPListener.
	[SSL]				
	Secure		FALSE	True defines a listener is secured by ssl.
	StoreName		MY	Name of store where certificate can be found.
	CertificateName		Photon	Name of certificate to be used.
	UseMachineStore		FALSE	Defines if Machinestore should be used.

<TCPFlashListeners ...>				
____<TCPFlashListener ...>	Deprecated use TCPPolicyListener instead.			
<TCPPolicyListeners ...>				
____<TCPPolicyListener ...>				
	Address			The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port		943	The port to listen on.
	Application			Defines the application for a Listener.
	ListenBacklog			See TCPListener.
	InactivityTimeout		1000	See TCPListener.
<TCPChunkListeners ...>	**{for internal use}**			
____<TCPChunkListener ...>				
	IPAddress			The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port		666	The port to listen on.
	Application			See TCPListener.
	ListenBacklog			See TCPListener.
	RecvBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	SendBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	DisableNagle			See TCPListener.
	PacketHeader			
	Separator		0A	
	Min		0	
	Max		1024	
	InactivityTimeout			See TCPListener.
<UDPChunkListeners ...>	**{for internal use}**			
____<UDPChunkListener ...>				
	IPAddress			The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port		6000	The port to listen on.
	Application			See UDPListener.
	ListenBacklog			See UDPListener.
	RecvBufferSize			See UDPListener.
	SendBufferSize			See UDPListener.
	PacketHeader			
	Min		0	
	Max		1024	
<ConfigServer ...>	If a <ConfigServer> node is present then you can configure a listener which presents a text menu based interface to telnet clients. The menu lets you stop, start and restart apps and also allows you to shut the server down.			
	IPAddress			The IP Address to listen on, e.g. 192.168.0.1 or 0.0.0.0 to listen on ALL interfaces.
	Port		5051	The port to listen on.
	ListenBacklog			See TCPListener.
<S2S ...>				
	PingFrequency		2500	The Ping frequency is how often a ping is sent out when no data is flowing.
	MaxInboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	MaxOutboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	RecvBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	SendBufferSize			See TCPListener.
	MaxPendingWrites			See TCPListener.
	MaxQueuedBuffers			See TCPListener.
	MaxPendingWritesMUX			same as MaxQueuedBuffers, but for MUX connections. Only applies if TuneFlowControlForMUX is not set.
	MaxQueuedBuffersMUX			same as MaxQueuedBuffers, but for MUX connections. Only applies if TuneFlowControlForMUX is not set.
	TuneFlowControlForMUX			MUX connections are configured with X * MaxPendingWrites and X * MaxQueuedBuffers
	DisableNagle		TRUE	See TCPListener.
<OutboundENet ...>				
	GenerateOutboundCRC		FALSE	If enabled, a 32bit CRC value is appended to each UDP header.
	MaxInboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	MaxOutboundMessageSize			See TCPListener.
	MTU		1200	Maximum transmition unit at UDP level. Defaults 1200 - same default the client sdk's have.
	MaxChannels		255	Maximum number of Channles the peer should support. Default is 255.