

# gRPC Function for IBM Resilient

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## About

**This Function provides a general purpose wrapper that allows you to call gRPC services from within IBM Resilient**

- Using gRPC you can efficiently connect services in and across data centers to help with your Incident Response
- This version supports **Unary RPCs** where the client sends a single request to the server and gets a single response back, just like a normal function call.
- See <https://grpc.io/> for more information on gRPC
- We recommend following the gRPC [helloworld](#) example [here](#) to help get this Integration up and running.

The screenshot shows the IBM Resilient interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Resilient' logo, 'Dashboards', 'Simulations', 'Incidents', and a 'Create' button. Below this is a 'Customization Settings' section with tabs for 'Layouts', 'Rules', 'Scripts', 'Workflows', 'Functions', 'Message Destinations', 'Phases & Tasks', 'Incident Types', 'Breach', and 'Artifacts'. The 'Workflows' tab is selected, showing 'Example: GRPC Communication Interface'. On the right, there's a metadata panel with 'Creator: Orchestration Engine', 'Last Modified: 04/11/2019 10:10', 'Last Modified By: Admin User', and 'Associated Rules: Example: Call gRPC Service'. The main area shows the workflow configuration: 'Name: Example: GRPC Communication Interface', 'API Name: example\_grpc\_communication\_interface', 'Description: An example workflow how showing to call a gRPC Service from an IBM Resilient Workflow', and 'Object Type: Artifact'. Below this is a visual workflow diagram with a start node, a 'GRPC' function node (labeled 'f(x)' and 'A general purpose wrapper to call a gRPC Service'), and an end node. A toolbar on the left contains various icons for workflow editing.

## Requirements

- Resilient Appliance  $\geq$  v31.0.0
- Integrations Server running resilient\_circuits  $\geq$  v30.0.0
- A knowledge of Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs) and [gRPC](#)

## Installation

- Download fn\_grpc\_interface.zip from our App Exchange
- Copy the .zip to your Integrations Server and SSH into it.
- **Unzip** the package:

```
$ unzip fn_grpc_interface-x.x.x.zip
```

- **Install** the package:

```
$ pip install fn_grpc_interface-x.x.x.tar.gz
```

- Import the **configurations** into your app.config file:

```
$ resilient-circuits config -u
```

- Import the fn-grpc-interface **customizations** into the Resilient Appliance:

```
$ resilient-circuits customize -y -l fn-grpc-interface
```

- Open the config file, scroll to the bottom and **edit your gRPC configurations**:

```
$ nano ~/.resilient/app.config
```

```
[fn_grpc_interface]
interface_dir=<<path to the parent directory of your Protocol Buffer (pb2) files>>
#<<package_name>>=<<communication_type>>, <<secure connection type>>,
<<certificate_path or google API token>>

# Note: to setup, in your interface_dir, create a sub-directory that has
# the same name as your package, and copy the interface buffer pb2 files
# into that directory.
# 'package_name' is a CSV list of length 3, where each possible value is described
# in the documentation
#
# If the package_name was 'helloworld', your app.config would look like:
# [fn_grpc_interface]
# interface_dir=/home/admin/integrations/grpc_interface_files
# helloworld=unary, None, None
```

Configuration Parameters	Description	Example
<code>interface_dir</code>	The parent directory containing the gRPC client (pb2) files. These files are auto-generated from your .proto file via the grpc-tools utility.	<code>interface_dir=/usr/local/grpc_clients/</code>

Configuration Parameters	Description	Example
<pre>&lt;&lt;package_name&gt;&gt;= &lt;&lt;communication_type&gt;&gt;, &lt;&lt;secure_connection_type&gt;&gt;, &lt;&lt;certificate_path or google_API_token&gt;&gt;</pre>	<p><b>package_name:</b> Define one <b>package_name</b> per line. Within the <b>interface_dir</b>, create a directory with the same name as <b>package_name</b> where the client Protocol Buffer files will reside.</p>	
	<p><b>communication_type:</b> Currently we only support Unary RPCs so this value must be - <b>unary</b>. For further information, refer to <a href="https://grpc.io/docs/guides/concepts.html">https://grpc.io/docs/guides/concepts.html</a></p>	helloworld=unary,None,None
	<p><b>secure_connection:</b> We currently support <b>SSL</b> or <b>TLS</b> secure connections. This value can be <b>SSL</b>, <b>TLS</b> or <b>None</b>. If <b>SSL/TLS</b>, ensure you provide a <b>certificate_path</b></p>	
	<p><b>certificate_path/google token:</b> If <b>secure_connection</b> is defined, specify either a path to the certificate file or the token provided by Google</p>	

- **Save** and **Close** the app.config file.
- To **uninstall** the package:

```
$ pip uninstall fn_grpc_interface
```

## Function Inputs

Input Name	Type	Required	Example	Info
grpc_channel	String	Yes	"localhost:50051"	The <b>host</b> and <b>port</b> of the gRPC Server
grpc_function	String	Yes	"helloworld:SayHello(HelloRequest)"	<<RPC .proto file name>>:<<RPC Service Definition Method>>(<<RPC Service Definition Parameter>>)
grpc_function_data	JSON String	Yes	'{ "name": "Joe Bloggs" }'	A JSON String of the Object to get passed as the <b>RPC Service Definition Parameter</b>

**NOTE:** the **grpc\_function** is derived from the your **.proto** file like the **helloworld.proto** example:

```

syntax = "proto3";

option java_multiple_files = true;
option java_package = "io.grpc.examples.helloworld";
option java_outer_classname = "HelloWorldProto";
option objc_class_prefix = "HLW";

package helloworld;

// The greeting service definition.
service Greeter {
  // Sends a greeting
  rpc SayHello (HelloRequest) returns (HelloReply) {}
}

// The request message containing the user's name.
message HelloRequest {
  string name = 1;
}

// The response message containing the greetings
message HelloReply {
  string message = 1;
}

```

## Function Output

- The gRPC Server Response is returned in **results.content**
- An attempt is made to convert the gRPC Server Response to a Python Dictionary
- Therefore **results.content** will either be a Python Dictionary or (JSON) String
- To see the full output of the Function, we recommend running **resilient-circuits** in **DEBUG** mode.
- To do this run:

```
$ resilient-circuits run --loglevel=DEBUG
```

## Pre-Process Script

This example passes the **artifact.value** as a gRPC Request Parameter

```

def dict_to_json_str(d):
    """Function that converts a dictionary into a JSON string.
    Supports types: basestring, unicode, bool, int and nested dicts.
    Does not support lists.
    If the value is None, it sets it to False."""

    json_entry = u'"{0}":{1}'
    json_entry_str = u'"{0}":"{1}"'
    entries = []

    for entry in d:
        key = entry
        value = d[entry]

        if value is None:
            value = False

```

```

    if isinstance(value, list):
        helper.fail('dict_to_json_str does not support Python Lists')

    if isinstance(value, basestring):
        value = value.replace(u'''', u'\\''')
        entries.append(json_entry_str.format(unicode(key), unicode(value)))

    elif isinstance(value, unicode):
        entries.append(json_entry_str.format(unicode(key), unicode(value)))

    elif isinstance(value, bool):
        value = 'true' if value == True else 'false'
        entries.append(json_entry_str.format(key, value))

    elif isinstance(value, int):
        entries.append(json_entry_str.format(unicode(key), value))

    elif isinstance(value, dict):
        entries.append(json_entry_str.format(key, dict_to_json_str(value)))

    else:
        helper.fail('dict_to_json_str does not support this type: {0}'.format(type(value)))

    return u'{0} {1} {2}'.format(u'{', ','.join(entries), u'}')

# Define Inputs

# The gRPC Channel to use
inputs.grpc_channel = "localhost:50051"

# The gRPC Function to call
inputs.grpc_function = "helloworld:SayHello(HelloRequest)"

# The gRPC Function Request Data
inputs.grpc_function_data = dict_to_json_str({"name": artifact.value})

```

## Post-Process Script

In this example we add a Note to the Incident containing the gRPC Server Response:

```

grpc_response_data = results['content']
grpc_channel = results['channel']

rich_text = helper.createRichText(u""""A gRPC Response has been received from <b>{0}</b>
<br>
                                <b>Response:</b> {1}""").format(grpc_channel,
grpc_response_data)

incident.addNote(rich_text)

```

## Rules

Rule Name	Object Type	Workflow Triggered
Example: Call gRPC Service	Artifact	Example: GRPC Communication Interface