

GSA Feed "connector" using Push SDK

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The Repository

Simple repository description

The GSA(Google search appliance) connector has two purposes, having a way to index the content of [GSA Feed](#) and to have an example of a connector that uses the Push API SDK.

The GSA feed gives the possibility to push documents with XML directly to the index.

Two types of XML documents can be given, the feed XML and the XML groups.

The latest version is available at : corp.coveo.com/dfs in \Softwares\Tools\GSAFeedPushConverter.zip

An overview of the repository item/document types

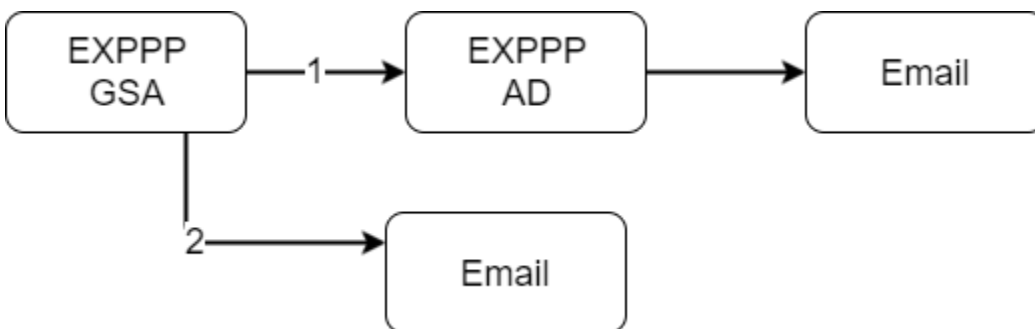
The feed XML is composed of two main items, the ACL and the records, both can be grouped in groups elements to simplify the usage. The ACL are either a sub-element of a record or they have an Url to link them with a document.

The records are the equivalent of our documents. They contain many elements such as "displayurl", last-modified and can also contain metadata.

An overview of the repository security model

The ACL can be a standalone element with an Url or a sub-element of a record. The ACL can have four inheritance type:

- Parent-overrides: We put the parent permissions in a higher level.
- Child-overrides: We put the parent permissions in a lower level.
- And-both-permit: We put the parent and the child the same level but in different sets.
- Leaf-node: The Acl should not have children, the parser will stop the inheritance if it hit a "leaf-node" as a parent.



The documents in the feed are all linked to two virtual groups, one for the denied users and one for the allowed users. The members of these groups are referred as mapping so they are linked to the cascaded security provider (Case one: to another EXPPP for Active Directory. Case two: to a cloud provider like the email provider).

Example of config of EXPPP

Available Documentation

The GSA PreDevelopment Analysis: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HXbPaFov8DZgQnzzheOhY8zVJ1HJ6iSF3h6w3MLm_zU/edit

Feeds Protocol Developer's Guide: web version: https://www.google.com/support/enterprise/static/gsa/docs/admin/72/gsa_doc_set/feedsguide/feedsguide.html#1074265

pdf version: https://static.googleusercontent.com/media/www.google.com/en/support/enterprise/static/gsa/docs/admin/72/gsa_doc_set/feedsguide/feedsguide.pdf

GSA Connectors Developer's Guide: <http://static.googleusercontent.com/media/www.google.com/en/us/support/enterprise/static/gsa/docs/admin/connectors/40/410/GSAConnectorsDeveloperGuide.pdf>

GSA feed samples: <https://support.google.com/gsa/answer/6069358>

GSA Help: <https://support.google.com/gsa#topic=2707703>

How to setup the repository

Currently, we do not have any GSA setup, so we need to use the examples from the GSA website. But, we can use the examples for the POC.

How it works

The POC is a simple console application that opens a web server on <http://localhost:19900/xmlfeed/>, the same URL config as the GSA.

We are currently using Postman to make the requests to the POC. The request needs to be a POST method and contain the "feedtype" and the "datasource" in parameters. The easiest way to send the feed is with XML files that contain the feed and send it as a binary body of the POST request.

Item Types

Name	Description	Sub Item Types
Record	The GSA version of the Coveo documents	They can have metadata and ACL
ACL	The permissions for the documents(sub-item of record or contain a link to the related resource.	

The complete DTD for the XML of GSA Feed:

Structure of XML Feed

What's New / Change Log

This table contains the new stuff/bug fixes. Each merged user story should have an entry here.

ChangeSet	Description	CES Version	Reviewed By	TP/Mantis	Unit Test
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Known Bugs / Limitations

Key	Summary	T	Created	Updated	Due	Assignee	Reporter	P	Status	Resolution
CT-2755	Productize the GSA offer		May 15, 2017	Jul 13, 2017		Unassigned	Matthieu Theriault		ON HOLD	

1 issue

Nice-to-Have Features (from a developer perspective)

TODO > Add some parameter