Doing Push Integration Anywhere with the Force.com Streaming API



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Overview



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Streaming API

Receive a live stream of data changes based on an SOQL query that you define.



Key Concepts in the Streaming API

"Topics" based on SOQL queries

Client(s) subscribe to "topics"

Poll, not push

No guaranteed delivery, ordering



When Do You Use It?



Replace custom polling-based solutions

Build event-driven systems behind the corporate firewall

Scale data events to multiple recipients



Bayeux Protocol and CometD

Bayeux is a protocol for async messaging
CometD is event bus, implementing Bayeux
Uses long polling, WebSockets in 3.0
Salesforce uses CometD 2.0

Implements: connect, disconnect, handshake, subscribe, unsubscribe



How Does It Differ from Outbound Messaging?

Outbound Messaging

Push-based

One subscriber

XML payloads

Based on record, field changes

Retry on failure

Streaming API

Looks like push, actually polling-based

Many subscribers

JSON payloads

Based on SOQL query

No retries*



Authenticating Streaming API Users







Can use SOAP session ID

Can use OAuth token

User, object, field security applies



What Are PushTopics? - About

Record relates to CometD channel

Notifications generated on record match

Developer controls record match criteria

Can deactivate or delete PushTopics



What Are PushTopics? - Writing Queries

One entity per query

Fields specified make up body of notification

Changes take effect immediately

Support for standard and custom objects

Basic subset of SOQL available



What Are PushTopics? - Notification Rules

NotifyFor OperationCreate

NotifyFor OperationDelete NotifyFor OperationUndelete

NotifyFor OperationUpdate

NotifyForFields



Create PushTopic PushTopic pushTopic = new PushTopic(); pushTopic.Name = 'NewDonations'; pushTopic.Query = 'SELECT Id, Name, Amount_c, Add query Donation Date c FROM Voter Donation c'; pushTopic.ApiVersion = 35.0; Set "notify for" parameters pushTopic.NotifyForOperationCreate = true; pushTopic.NotifyForOperationUpdate = true; pushTopic.NotifyForOperationUndelete = true; pushTopic.NotifyForOperationDelete = true; pushTopic.NotifyForFields = 'Referenced'; Insert insert pushTopic;



Demo



Create PushTopic object

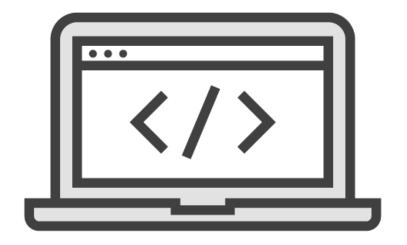
Set to NotifyForOperationUpdate

Set to listen on Referenced fields

Subscribe in Workbench



Creating Streaming Clients



Find client libraries

Connect to channel

Handle subscription messages

Consider timeout recovery options



Demo



Review Donation Streaming app

Update user credentials

Set client subscription

Test client with Force.com data changes



All About Generic Streaming







Send events through REST endpoint



Can target subset of subscribers



Demo



Create Generic Streaming channel
Define subscriber in client app
Send messages to REST endpoint
Observe output



Streaming API Limits

1,000 200K Maximum events per day 10 Maximum generic streaming events per day

Topics per organization

Subscribers per topic



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