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# How to Implement Basic Delta Query Support in SAP **NetWeaver Gateway**

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# **Updates**

• 04.03.2014 -> Added a link to document that describes how to consume a service that desribes the OData Delta Query mechanism

# **Objectives**

In this how-to guide, you will learn how to implement Delta Token capabilities with SAP NetWeaver Gateway to enable offline functionality. This how-to guide assumes that you have already worked your way through the following how-to guides:

1. "How to Develop a Gateway Service using Code based Implementation" https://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-43030 and

2. "How to Develop Query Options for an OData Service Using Code-Based Implementation" http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-43000

These guides describe the basic implementation steps of the service that we are now going to enhance. The sample service uses demo data from the Enterprise Procurement Model, which is part of every SAP NetWeaver ABAP server as of 7.02.

After completing these steps, you will be able to:

• Enhance the GET\_ENTITYSET and GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA methods of an entity set to support the delta query functionality.

Also check out the following document How To Enable Delta Queries using Syclo Exchange Framework and SAP NetWeaver Gateway that explains how delta queries can leverage the Syclo Exchange Framework.

# **Business Example**

You want to build an application that shows a list of products. The application shall be able to retrieve only those products that have been newly created, changed or deleted after having retrieved a complete list of products as an initial load.

# Example of a consumer Application

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# Short Introduction to Delta Token Functionality

OData exposes collections of records as EntitySets. These EntitySets support various options like sorting, filtering or paging to minimize the amount of data that is sent accross the wire.

Paging is a very powerful option to reduce the size of the payload and improve performance. To use paging on client side, the OData request needs to specify the \$skip and \$top tokens. For server-driven paging you have to use the \$skiptoken. Some applications, however, prefer to use client side caching rather than paging. In such cases, SAP NetWeaver Gateway provides Delta Tokens that help to reduce resource consumption on the server and the wire when the same request is sent several times from the same client. The OData Delta Token enables clients to use caching when retrieving entity sets. Consequently, the client gets only the changed records after an initial retrieval of all records. Therefore, the initial request will return all records and a Delta Token. The subsequent request (with exactly the same query options) sends the Delta Token from the first request. The response will then contain only the changed records. If no records have been changed since the first request then the response will not contain any records at all.

You can implement Delta Token in several ways and these options can be grouped into two main approaches:

- The first approach, which is based on Syclo Exchange framework, calculates deltas at modification time: The ABAP system tracks relevant changes when they occur. At request time, the deltas are already prepared and thus available.
   On the one hand this approach requires more development. On the other hand it's more scalable and has an optimized overall performance.
- 2. The second approach is based on delta determination at request time where the system compares old and new state to find out which records have been changed/deleted. The implementation effort is rather small but it does not optimize the performance of the backend. That means, the more records you have in the full collection, the longer the response time of the request.

With both approaches, the payload of the response is reduced but as described only the first approach is also able to optimize the performance in the backend.

In this guide we will look at the basic implementation, using the Delta Request Log Component. The Delta Request Log Component is based on the second approach. Therefore the implementation effort is rather small but the performance of the backend is not optimized.

# Prerequisites

You have implemented an OData service as described in the two how-to guides mentioned above.

If you are using NetWeaver 7.02, then you need at least software component IW\_BEP Support Package 7 and software component IW\_FND Support Package 7.

If you are on NetWeaver 7.40, then you need at least software component SAP\_GWFND Support Package 4. You have to implement following SAP notes: 1926946, 1932247 and 1970229.

# Implementation Overview

In this how-to guide, you will create a new Entity Set Products\_DQ that shall support delta queries in the existing sample service that you have created earlier. You will redefine the methods GET\_ENTITYSET and GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA to support the delta query functionality by calling method /IWBEP/CL\_QUERY\_RESULT\_LOG-> CREATE\_UPDATE\_LOG\_ENTRY\_HASH.

#### Task 1: Create an additional Entity Set Products\_DQ

We will enhance the service you created earlier to support delta queries for product data. For this we create a new entity set called Products\_DQ where we implement the delta query specific coding while leaving the original Products Entity Set unchanged.

Task 2: Enhance method ZCL\_GW\_PRODUCT\_DPC\_EXT->PRODUCTS\_DQ\_GET\_ENTITYSET to support the delta query functionality

In this task you will enhance the existing GET\_ENTITYSET method of the newly created entity set Products\_DQ. Like the existing GET\_ENTITYSET method of the Products entity set it should retrieve the application data containing product entries.

First you need to create a local data provider facade which will be needed later by the Delta Token functionality. In the next step you will need to call method /IWBEP/CL\_QUERY\_RESULT\_LOG-> CREATE\_UPDATE\_LOG\_ENTRY\_HASH for the delta query functionality by passing the local table containing the product entries and the local data provider facade. The method is the central method for the Delta Token functionality. It calculates a hash value for each product and stores the hash values in some application tables, so the entries can be later checked for changes. The method will also return a delta token which you need to export.

Step 1: Get the data provider facade (you need to pass the facade later to the Delta Token method)

```
* get the data provider facade
TRY.

lo_dp_facade = /iwbep/if_mgw_conv_srv_runtime~get_dp_facade().

CATCH /iwbep/cx_mgw_tech_exception.

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx_mgw_tech_exception.
ENDTRY.
```

Step 2: Call method /IWBEP/CL\_QUERY\_RESULT\_LOG-> CREATE\_UPDATE\_LOG\_ENTRY\_HASH for the delta query functionality by passing local table et\_entityset containing the product entries

```
* call the delta token functionality
 TRY.
  CALL METHOD /iwbep/cl query result log=>create update log entry hash
      EXPORTING
        io tech request context = io tech request context
        ir_service_document_name = mr_service_document_name
        ir_service_version = mr_service_version
        it entityset = et entityset
      CHANGING
        ev delta token = lv delta token.
   CATCH /iwbep/cx_qrl_locked.
    RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx_qrl_locked.
   CATCH /iwbep/cx qrl delta unavailabl.
     RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx qrl delta unavailabl.
 ENDTRY.
```

Step 3: Export the delta token which was calculated by the method in step (2)

```
es response context-deltatoken = lv delta token.
```

Task 2: Re-define method ZCL\_GW\_PRODUCT\_DPC\_EXT->

#### /IWBEP/IF\_MGW\_APPL\_SRV\_RUNTIME~GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA to support the delta query functionality

In this task you will re-define method GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA. First, you need to retrieve the application data containing product entries, just like in GET\_ENTITYSET method.

Then you need to create a local data provider facade which will be needed later by the Delta Token functionality. In the next step you will need to call method /IWBEP/CL\_QUERY\_RESULT\_LOG-> CREATE\_UPDATE\_LOG\_ENTRY\_HASH for the delta query functionality by passing the local table containing the product entries and the local data provider facade.

It calculates a hash value for each product. Those hash values are then compared with the hash values of the prior call (related to the same delta token ID) to determine which values have changed in the meantime. The method will return a new delta token which you need to export. The method will also return any entries that were changed in the meantime (please store these in local table It\_product) and any entries that ware deleted (please store these in local table It\_deleted\_product).

- Step 1: Re-define method /IWBEP/IF\_MGW\_APPL\_SRV\_RUNTIME~GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA
- Step 2: Retrieve all relevant entries for this entity set (like in GET\_ENTITYSET above)
- Step 3: Get the data provider facade (you need to pass the facade later to the Delta Token method)

```
* get the data provider facade
TRY.
    lo_dp_facade = /iwbep/if_mgw_conv_srv_runtime~get_dp_facade().
CATCH /iwbep/cx_mgw_tech_exception.
    RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx_mgw_tech_exception.
ENDTRY.
```

#### Step 4: Call method /IWBEP/CL\_QUERY\_RESULT\_LOG-> CREATE\_UPDATE\_LOG\_ENTRY\_HASH

Call method /IWBEP/CL\_QUERY\_RESULT\_LOG-> CREATE\_UPDATE\_LOG\_ENTRY\_HASH for the delta query functionality by passing local table et\_entityset containing the product entries – just like in task 1, step 2 but this time take over the changed objects (and store them in local table lt\_product) as well as the deleted objects (and store them in local table lt\_deleted\_product):

```
ir_service_document_name = mr_service_document_name
ir_service_version = mr_service_version
it_entityset = lt_product

IMPORTING

    et_deleted_entityset = lt_deleted_product
    et_entityset = lt_product

CHANGING
    ev_delta_token = lv_delta_token.

CATCH /iwbep/cx_qrl_locked.

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx_qrl_locked.

CATCH /iwbep/cx_qrl_delta_unavailabl.

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx_qrl_delta_unavailabl.

ENDTRY.
```

#### Step 5: Export the delta token which was calculated by the method in step (4)

```
es_response_context-deltatoken = lv_delta_token.
```

#### Step 6: Export the deleted entity set

Export the deleted entity set – add deleted records (from table lt\_deleted\_product) to the deleted entries list er\_deleted\_entityset

### Step 7: Export the changed entity set – add changed records from It\_product to er\_entityset

# Implementation

# ZCL\_GW\_PRODUCT\_DPC\_EXT->PRODUCTS\_DQ\_GET\_ENTITYSET

The coding of the method:

```
DATA:
       lv delta token TYPE string,
       lo dp facade TYPE REF TO /iwbep/if mgw dp facade.
* retrieve all relevant entries for this entityset
 CALL FUNCTION 'BAPI EPM PRODUCT GET LIST'
   TABLES
     headerdata = et entityset
     return
            = lt return.
* get the data provider facade
 TRY.
     lo_dp_facade = /iwbep/if_mgw_conv_srv_runtime~get_dp_facade().
   CATCH /iwbep/cx_mgw_tech_exception.
     RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx mgw tech exception.
 ENDTRY.
* call the delta token functionality
 TRY.
     CALL METHOD /iwbep/cl query result log=>create update log entry hash
       EXPORTING
         io tech request context = io tech request context
         io dp facade
                                = lo dp facade
         ir_service_document_name = mr_service_document_name
         ir_service_version = mr_service_version
         it entityset
                               = et entityset
       CHANGING
         ev delta token
                                = lv delta token.
   CATCH /iwbep/cx_qrl_locked.
     RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx qrl locked.
   CATCH /iwbep/cx_qrl_delta_unavailabl.
     RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx qrl delta unavailabl.
 ENDTRY.
* export the delta token
 es response context-deltatoken = lv delta token.
```

# ZCL\_GW\_PRODUCT\_DPC\_EXT-> /IWBEP/IF\_MGW\_APPL\_SRV\_RUNTIME~GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA

TRY.

```
The coding of the method:
DATA:
        TYPE zcl gw_product_mpc=>tt_product,
        lt product
                 TYPE zcl_gw_product_mpc=>ts_product,
        ls product
       lt_deleted_product
                           TYPE zcl gw product mpc=>tt product,
                           TYPE zcl_gw_product mpc=>ts product,
        ls deleted product
        lv delta token
                           TYPE string,
        lo dp facade TYPE REF TO /iwbep/if mgw dp facade.
 FIELD-SYMBOLS:
        < lt deleted product> TYPE zcl gw product mpc=>tt product,
        <lt product>
                              TYPE zcl gw product mpc=>tt product.
  lv entity set name = io tech request context->get entity set name().
  IF lv entity set name = 'Products DQ'.
  retrieve all relevant entries for this entityset
   CALL FUNCTION 'BAPI EPM PRODUCT GET LIST'
     TABLES
       headerdata = lt product
       return
              = lt return.
   get the data provider facade
   TRY.
       lo_dp_facade = /iwbep/if_mgw_conv_srv_runtime~get_dp_facade().
     CATCH /iwbep/cx_mgw_tech_exception.
       RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx mgw tech exception.
   ENDTRY.
  call the delta token functionality
```

```
CALL METHOD /iwbep/cl query result log=>create update log entry hash
       EXPORTING
         io tech request_context = io_tech_request_context
         io dp facade
                        = lo dp facade
         ir service document name = mr service document name
         ir_service_version = mr_service_version
         it_entityset = lt_product
       IMPORTING
         et_deleted_entityset = lt_deleted_product
         et entityset = lt product
       CHANGING
         ev delta token = lv delta token.
   CATCH /iwbep/cx qrl locked.
     RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx qrl locked.
   CATCH /iwbep/cx qrl delta unavailabl.
     RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE /iwbep/cx_qrl_delta_unavailabl.
 ENDTRY.
 export the delta token
 es response context-deltatoken = lv delta token.
export the deleted entity set
 copy data to ref ( EXPORTING
                   is data = lt deleted product
                  CHANGING
                   cr data = er deleted entityset ).
export the changed entity set
 copy data to ref ( EXPORTING
                   is_data = lt_product
                  CHANGING
                   cr data = er entityset ).
ENDIF.
```

# Test the service

1. Start the Gateway Client by calling transaction / IWFND/GW\_CLIENT

- Enter the following URI to test your implementation: /sap/opu/odata/sap/ZGW\_PRODUCT\_SRV/Products\_DQ
- 3. You should get a response containing all products. Almost at the end of the XML document, you will get your delta token (of course in your response you will get a different ID)
  - k rel="delta" href="Products\_DQ?!deltatoken= '005056A2025C1EE2BFE687AFDC2FAAF4\_20130807073741'" />
- 4. Now enter the URI from above again, but this time add your delta token (copy and paste it from your response). You URI should look something like this (but will have a different ID):
  - /sap/opu/odata/sap/ZGW\_PRODUCT\_SRV/Products\_DQ?!deltatoken='005056A2025C1EE2BFE687AFDC2FAAF4\_20130807073741'
- 5. After you click on execute, you will notice that the response does not contain any products at all. This is because the Delta Token functionality returns only changed records and no products were changed in the meantime.
- 6. You could now change a product and execute exactly the same URI as in step (4). The response should contain exactly one product.

# Technical Restrictions

# Key Fields of Entity Type

There are strict restrictions regarding the key fields of Entity Types that are used with the basic delta query functionality:

- The maximum legth (output length) of a key field must not exceed 200 characters
- If several key fields were defined for one Entity Type then the combined legth (output length) of those key fields must not exceed 200 characters
- The key field type must have a fixed legth; therefore types of variable legth (e.g. type String) are not permitted

#### **JSON Format**

Currently the JSON format is not supported in combination with the delta query functionality.

### Expand System Query Option (\$expand)

Currently the Expand System Query Option (\$expand) is not supported in combination with the delta query functionality.

### **Paging**

Both the server-driven paging and the client-driven paging are not supported in combination with the delta query functionality. As a result, the following query options are not supported in combination with the delta query functionality:

- Skip Token System Query Option (\$skiptoken)
- Top System Query Option (\$top)
- Skip System Query Option (\$skip)

# **Further Notes**

# Clean-Up Report

The Delta Token functionality based on Delta Request Log Component uses two database tables to store hash values: /IWBEP/D\_QRL\_HDR and /IWBEP/D\_QRL\_ITM. Once this offline functionality is used productively the size of these tables will increase with each request. We offer are port that can be run to clean up outdated entries: /WBEP/R\_CLEAN\_UP\_QRL. We suggest that you schedule a job for this report so that it is executed periodically, for instance on a daily basis.

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Aliaksandr Shchurko January 6, 2014 at 9:36 am

Thanks!



Jibin Joy January 17, 2014 at 11:33 am

Thanks ....

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#### Derek Wichmann

January 20, 2014 at 9:54 pm

Thanks for the write up. I'm happy to see there is a low effort generic method for performing deltas. I have a couple questions regarding performance of this method:

- \*\* Regarding the modification time (syclo exchange tables) vs. request time delta calculation, can you provide actual numbers on the performance difference? Perhaps number of seconds required to perform calculation on X number of Products?
- \*\* I assume the cost to calculate the delta at request time (create\_update\_log\_entry\_hash) depends on the complexity of the business object.

  Can you tell me for how many records (say for this example, Product) this basic delta calculation is no longer performant?

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Andre Fischer | Blog Post Author March 4, 2014 at 3:31 pm

Check out the following document: Going Offline With Kapsel Now that describes the development of a consumer app.



#### Sreenivas Pachva

May 3, 2014 at 9:50 am

Hi Andre.

Nice Document and Thanks for sharing!!!!!!

Thanks

Pachva

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Former Member July 28, 2014 at 8:40 pm

Thanks Andre for informative blog,

As we are implementing entity set method.. can we use filter option along with Delta query. When i tired to GET data using filter option - I received the delta token but it was not working when I used delta token to fetch changed data..

Can we use filter option along with Deltatoken in URI

Regards,

Rajesh



Hi Rajesh,

Did you get any answer for your question?

If yes, please respond with the answer you got.

Best Regards,

C Vinish

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Former Member March 13, 2015 at 8:56 pm

Nice Blog...

Do anybody know when delta query functionality support JSON format?

Best Regards,

Jan

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Former Member April 29, 2015 at 3:24 am

We seriously need Delta Token support for JSON data, It doesn't make sense to keep it waiting for more than 2 years now.

We do a lot of data interchange and XML is causing us Huge performance problems.

Anybody has an update?

#### Thanks

### Pradeep Gudipati

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### Former Member April 30, 2015 at 8:13 am

We have same problem, our customers need performance...

I asked SAP on Webinar and somebody told me that is in roadmap with Odata v4, but without release date!

Actual Roadmap:

https://websmp207.sap-ag.de/~sapidb/011000358700000091542012D.pdf

Best Regards,

Jan

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### Former Member April 1, 2016 at 7:19 pm

Currently we have the same problem and we would need JSON support, our API is developed under JSON and delta token in XML is difficult to change now..

Any workaround in hybrid apps?



We have the same problem. For me that's the biggest drawback of SAP Gateway today, which shouldn't be left that way by SAP.

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Vishal VK January 25, 2018 at 2:50 am

We are also facing this issue.

Does delta query now support JSON format?

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Former Member April 1, 2015 at 11:49 am

Hi Andre,

Is it possible to use \$filter option with delta token URI.

Best Regards,

C Vinish

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Former Member April 2, 2015 at 9:46 am

Hello Vinish,

Yes it's possible, data are filtered correctly. Filter atribut and other Odata URL attributes are filled to get that use class attribut mr\_request\_details in method GET\_ENTITYSET\_DELTA. Like this see code:

```
FIELD-SYMBOLS <fls_request_data> TYPE /iwbep/if_mgw_core_srv_runtime=>ty_s_mgw_request_context.
ASSIGN me->mr_request_details->* TO <fls_request_data>.

IF sy-subrc EQ 0 AND <fls_request_data> IS ASSIGNED.

et_filter[] = <fls_request_data>-filter_select_options[].

et_key[] = <fls_request_data>-key_tab[].

MOVE-CORRESPONDING <fls_request_data>-paging TO es_paging.

et_navigation_path[] = <fls_request_data>-navigation_path[].

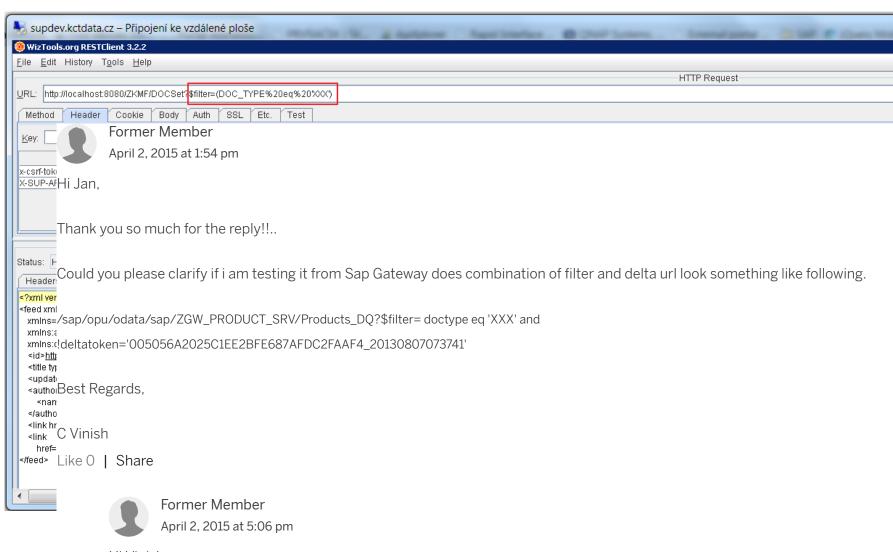
et_order[] = <fls_request_data>-order[].

ENDIF.
```

**Remark:** But we found bug that filter is missing in response url tag see screen when you comunicate throw SAP Mobile Platform. This error I reported to SAP month ago and SAP still fighting with fix that...

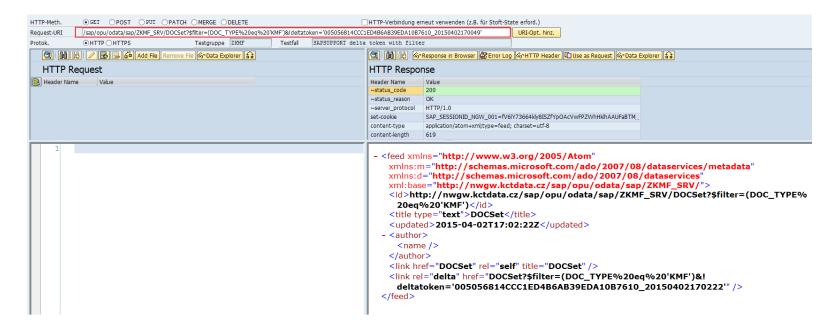
Best Regards,

Jan



Hi Vinish,

see URL in screenshot from transaction / IWFND/GW\_CLIENT



Best Regards,

Jan

Hello,

We have implemented Basic Delta Query Support in SAP NetWeaver Gateway, following the guidelines explained in http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-47043

But there is a problem with \$filter in a Delta Query scenario, as you can see below:

1st Request:

/sap/opu/odata/SAP/ZCONTRACTS\_SRV/HierarchySet()?\$filter=IvUserwin%20eq%20'MUNUEAL'&\$format=xml

In response:

<link rel="delta" href="HierarchySet()?</pre>

\$filter=IvUserwin%20eq%20'MUNUEAL'&\$format=xml?!deltatoken='005056A326E01EE586B29DDCF362D39E\_20150623104524'"/>

!deltatoken parameter is included, but with "?" operator, the correct one is "&"

If I manually change it with & it works ok.

Is there any known issue about it?

Product version:

SAP\_GWFND 740 0010 SAPK-74010INSAPGWFND SAP Gateway Foundation 7.40

Thank you,



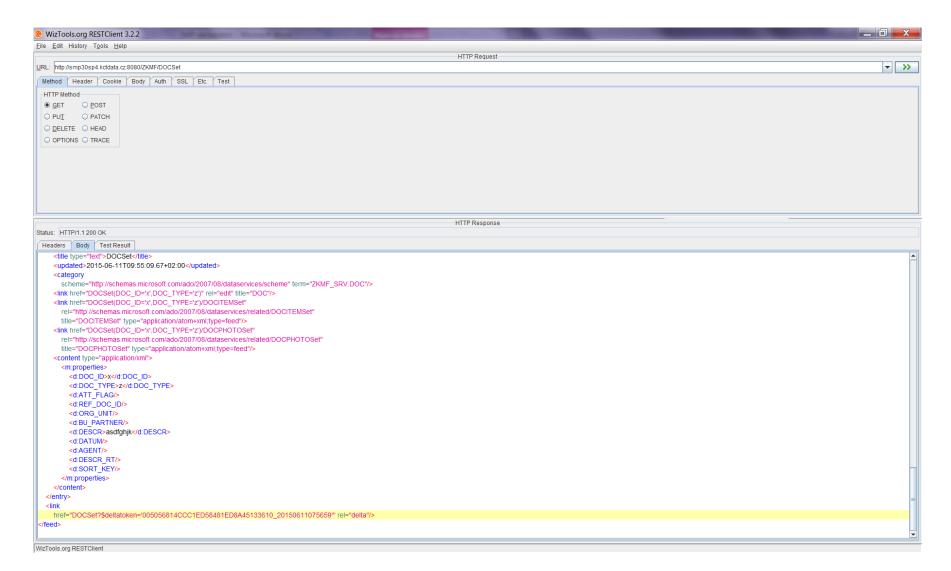
Hello Antoni,

I tried with previous version

SAP\_GWFND 740 0009 SAPK-74009INSAPGWFND SAP Gateway Foundation

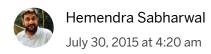
and it works delta token is separated by "&". Create OSS message and "fight" with SAP or downgrade Gateway.

Remark: btw I reported similar OSS message, when I communicate with Gateway by SMP 3.0 SP 7 PL 2 (3.0.7.2) and SAP replaces key word !deltatoken => \$deltatoken !!! \( \text{]} see attachment



Best Regards,

Jan



Very nice blog, thanks for sharing Andre Fischer,

But I am stuck. Could you please suggest how to implement "Delta Token" when the WCF service from Microsoft SQL server is exposed as OData service and consumed through Integration Gateway/SMP 3.0 SP05 in Android Native Application.

Thanks,

Warm Regards

Hemendra

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Hemendra Sabharwal

July 30, 2015 at 6:49 am

I guess by using CTP for WCF, as suggested in below blog:

http://blogs.msdn.com/b/odatateam/archive/2011/04/20/using-microsoft-wcf-data-services-reference-data-caching-extensions-ctp.aspx

Thanks,

Warm Regards

Hemendra



' Pavan ' Golesar November 17, 2015 at 6:51 am

Hi,

Nice Blog,

Would be trying soon.

Thanks □

--Pavan G

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Mike Doyle June 19, 2017 at 10:50 am

Thanks Andre for a great blog. Is JSON format now supported with delta queries? From what release?

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Andre Fischer | Blog Post Author June 19, 2017 at 11:04 am

Hi Mike,

it is planned to support delta queries with our implementation of OData V4.

For OData V2 delta queries were not part of the OData specification. Therefore we added support for the OData V2 protocol by using a custom query option "!deltatoken" rather than "\$deltatoken".

Here we only support ATOM/XML because only in ATOM/XML we were able to use the concept of tombstones.

Regards,

Andre

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#### vivek gaurav

August 31, 2017 at 12:34 pm

Thanks Andre for very good blog.

I implemented it for our gateway service and it is working fine with delta token. But when i am integrating gateway service with SMP for kapsel based offline app. I am facing problem while passing delta token. because refresh does take any other parameter. So that we can get delta data from backend.

Do you know any blog with respect to passing delta token from kapsel.

I raised SCN ticket as well:-

https://answers.sap.com/questions/289958/pass-delta-token-to-kapsel-based-offline-sevice.html

### Thanks in Advance

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Very Nice Blog...Simple and step by step explanation is really helpful

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