

Persistent UNITE for GitHub

User Guide Version 2.0.2



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Revision history

Changes to this document are summarized in the following table in chronological order.

Version	Date	Short description	
2.0.2	31 August 2020	Includes the following details:	
		 Add a GitHub branch in Global Configuration (GC) stream 	
		 Add a GitHub tag in GC stream 	
		 Replace a GitHub branch in GC stream 	
		 Replace a GitHub tag in GC stream 	
		Create a tag from the branch	
		Create a branch from the tag	



Overview

Persistent UNITE™ for GitHub integrates GitHub with the Global Configuration (GC) application in the IBM Engineering Lifecycle Management (ELM) solution. This solution was previously known as the Internet of Things Continuous Engineering Solution (CE) and the Rational solution for Collaborative Lifecycle Management (CLM). For more information about name change, see Renaming the IBM Continuous Engineering Portfolio.

When you work in an integrated environment, it is important to understand the terminology used by the applications. GitHub and ELM use slightly different terms for the same elements.

In GitHub, a *branch* is an independent line of development in a project. In ELM, it is called as *stream*. You can add branches in GC streams.

A *tag* in GitHub is a development branch that does not change. It is a pointer to the specific commit. In ELM, it is called as *baseline*. In ELM, you can add tags to GC streams. It helps you to find them easily in a search or to group them in a way that makes sense for your team.

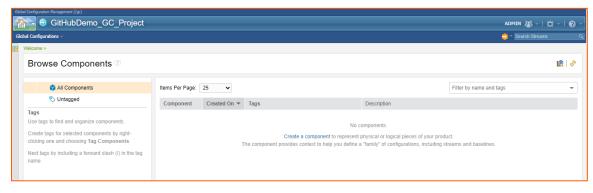


Prerequisites

- Persistent UNITE for GitHub version 2.0.2 must be installed and configured.
 See 'Persistent UNITE for GitHub Installation and Configuration Guide' version 2.0.2 for the details.
- A project area is created in the Global Configuration Management (GCM) application.
 See <u>Creating GCM project area</u> for the details.
- A component is created in GCM project area by following these steps:
 Also, you can see <u>Creating GCM components</u> for the details.
 - 1. Open the GCM project area and click **Browse and create components**.

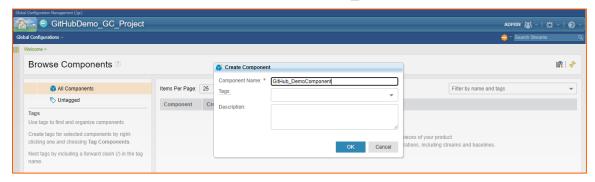


2. Click Create a component.





3. Enter the Component Name. For example, GitHub DemoComponent.



4. Click **OK**. The component is created.



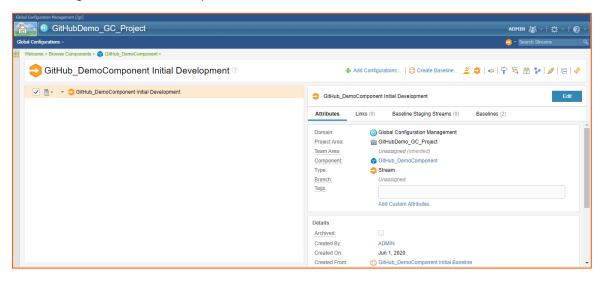
5. From the list of components, click the newly created component to see the details.



Adding a branch from GitHub server to a GC stream

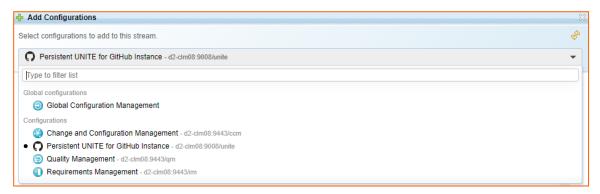
- 1. Open the GC stream in GCM application.
- 2. Select the GC stream and click **Add Configurations**.

Add Configurations window opens.



3. Select Persistent UNITE for GitHub Instance from Configurations list.

It is the connector instance name that is assigned during connector instance configuration.



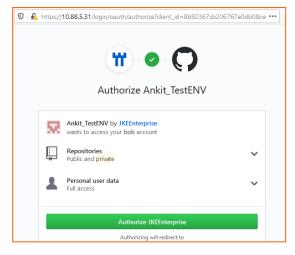


4. If you see the following page, enter **Username or email address** and **Password** of your GitHub account and click **Sign in**.

Note: If you added an artifact to GC stream previously, the login page does not show and it logs in automatically.



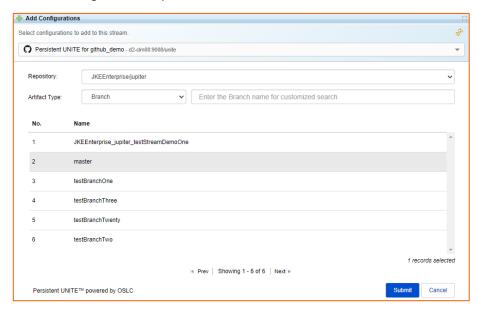
5. If you are logging in for the first time, an authorization page is shown. Authorize the access to go to Add Configurations page.





- 6. In Add Configurations page, select the following fields from the lists:
 - Repository
 - Artifact Type Select Branch.

The following table is updated with the relevant records.

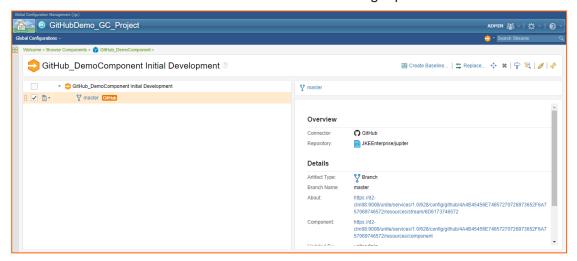


7. Select the branch and click **Submit**.

Note: Alternatively, you can search the branch name in search text box.

The added branch is reflected as a stream and listed under the GC stream.

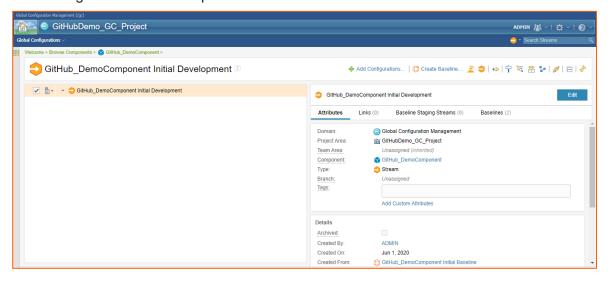
8. Select the branch to see **Overview** and **Details** in the right pane.





Adding a tag from GitHub server to a GC stream

- 1. Open the GC stream in GCM application.
- Select the GC stream and click Add Configurations.Add Configurations window opens.



Select Persistent UNITE for GitHub Instance from Configurations list.It is the connector instance name that is assigned during connector instance configuration.



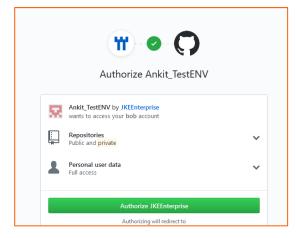


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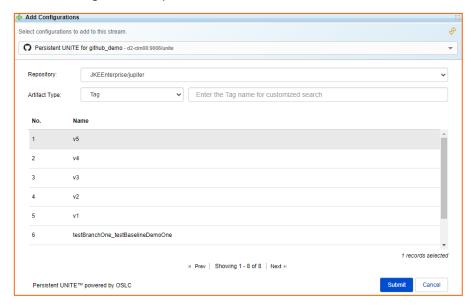
5. If you are logging in for the first time, an authorization page is shown. Authorize the access to go to Add Configurations page.





- 6. In Add Configurations page, select following fields from the lists:
 - Repository
 - Artifact Type Select Tag.

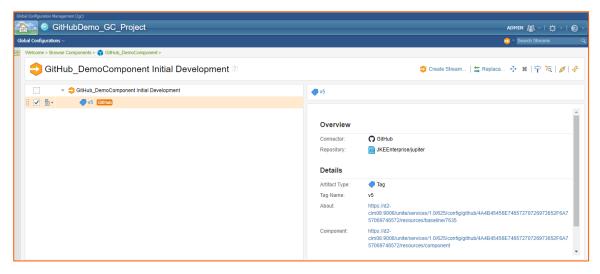
The following table is updated with the relevant records.



7. Select the tag and click **Submit**.

Note: Alternatively, you can search the tag name in search text box.

The added tag is reflected as a baseline and listed under the GC stream.



8. Select the tag to see **Overview** and **Details** in the right pane.



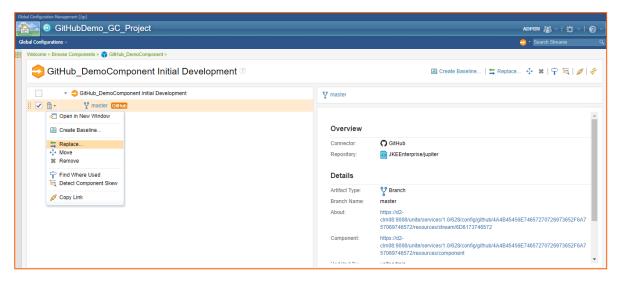
Replacing a branch from GitHub server in a GC stream

1. Open the GC stream that includes the branch to be replaced.

Note: A branch in GitHub is represented as a stream in GCM application.

2. Select the branch and go to **Options** > **Replace**.

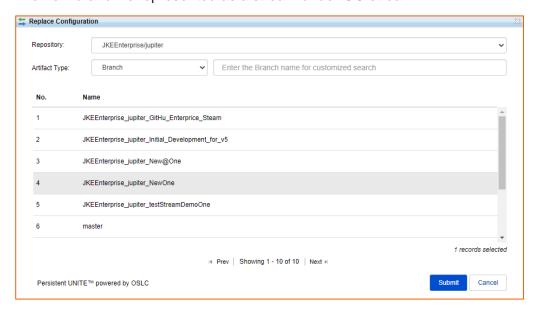
Replace Configuration page opens.



3. Select the new branch to replace the existing branch and click **Submit**.

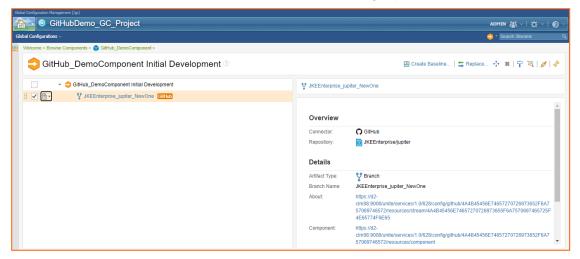
The existing branch is replaced.

The new branch is represented as a stream under GC stream.





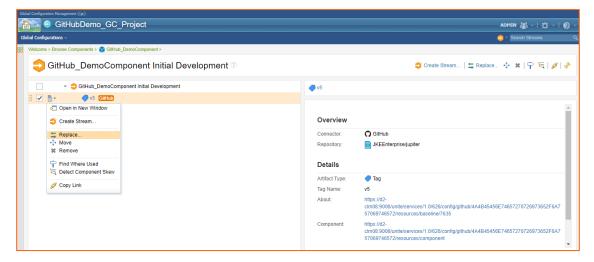
4. Select the branch to see **Overview** and **Details** in the right pane.





Replacing a tag from GitHub server in a GC stream

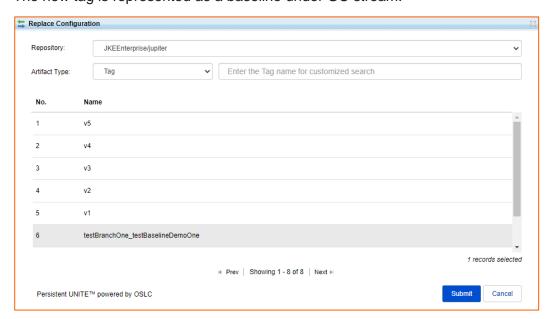
- 1. Open the GC stream that includes the tag to be replaced.
 - **Note**: A tag in GitHub is represented as a baseline in GCM application.
- 2. Select the tag and click **Options** > **Replace**.
 - Replace Configuration page opens.



3. Select the new tag to replace the existing tag and click **Submit**.

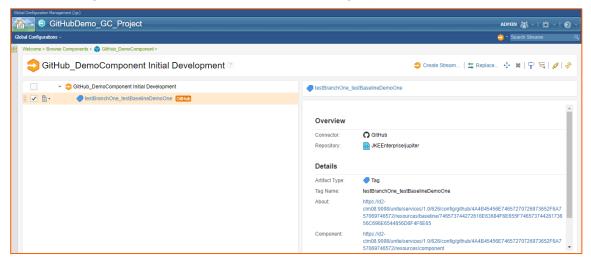
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4. Select the tag to see Overview and Details in the right pane.

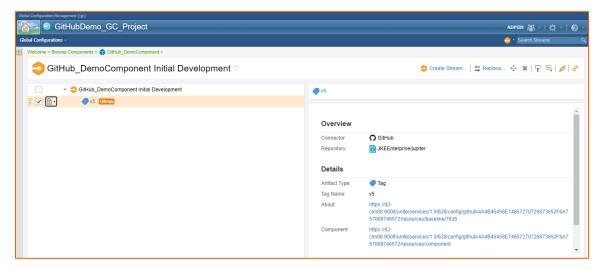




Creating a branch from a tag

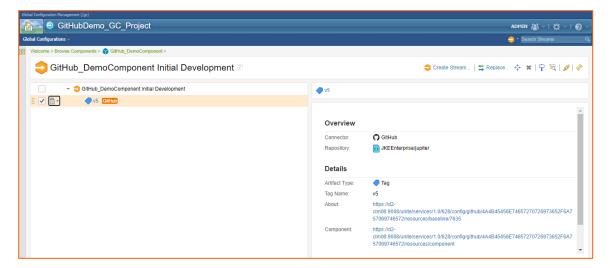
- 1. Open the GC stream in GCM application.
- 2. Select the required baseline to create the stream from.

Note: A tag in GitHub is represented as a baseline and a branch in GitHub is represented as a stream in GCM application.

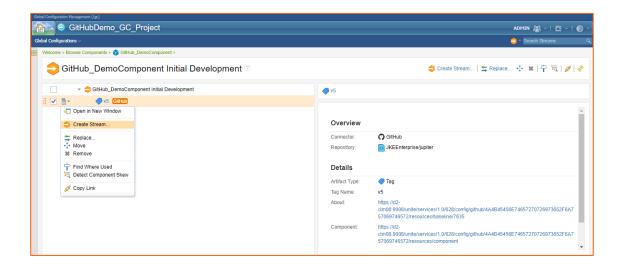


3. Click Create Stream or Options > Create Stream.

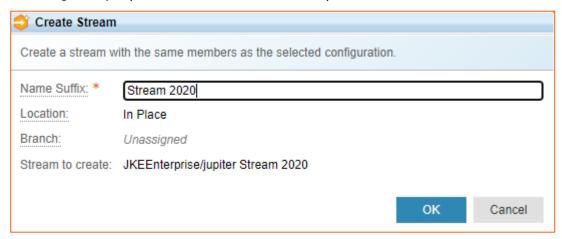
Create Stream window opens.



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4. Name Suffix populates the auto-generated information (for example, Initial Development). Update the Name Suffix with a preferred name.



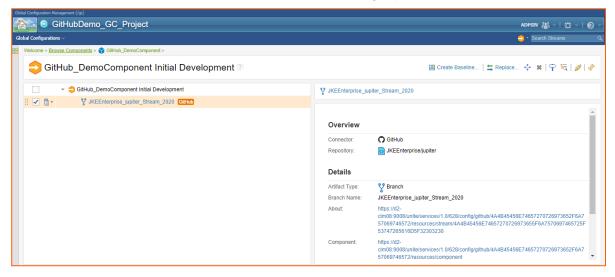
5. Click **OK**. The stream is created.

The new stream is represented as a branch in GitHub.

Note: It takes some time to create the stream. Progress is shown when the stream creation is in progress.

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6. Select the branch to see Overview and Details in the right pane.



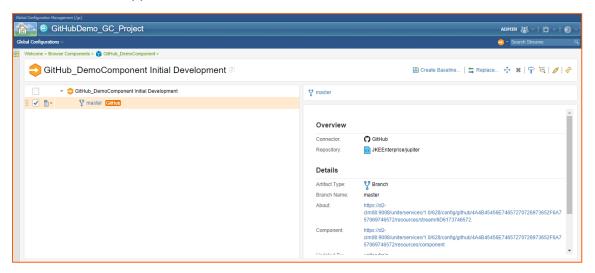
- 7. Click **About** link to go to the new GitHub branch from the GCM application.
- 8. Click **Component** link to go to the GitHub repository from the GCM application.



Creating a tag from a branch

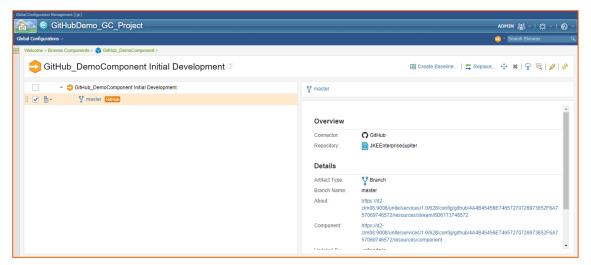
- 1. Open the GC stream in GCM application.
- 2. Select the required stream to create the baseline from.

Note: A branch in GitHub is represented as a stream and a tag in GitHub is represented as a baseline in GCM application.

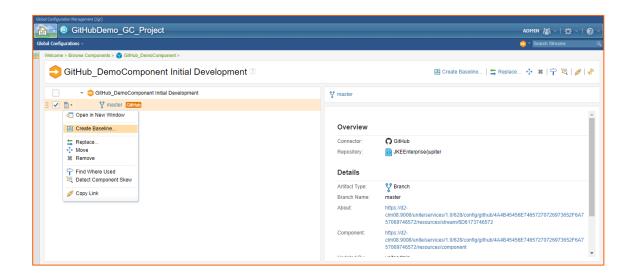


3. Click **Create Baseline** or go to **Options** > **Create Baseline**.

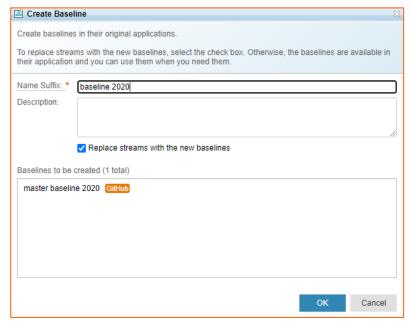
Create Baseline window opens.







4. Name Suffix populates the auto-generated information (for example, 20200811-1454). Update the Name Suffix with a preferred name.



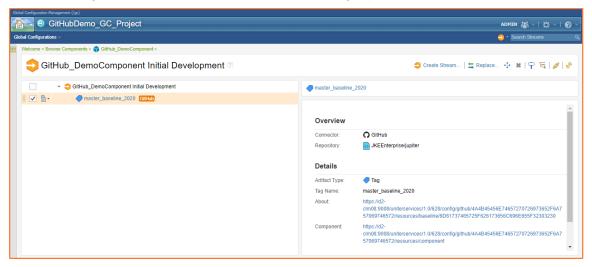
5. Click **OK**. The baseline is created.

The new baseline is represented as a tag in GitHub.

Note: It takes some time to create the stream. Progress is shown when the stream creation is in progress.

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6. Select the tag to see Overview and Details in the right pane.



- 7. Click **About** link to go to the new GitHub tag from the GCM application.
- 8. Click **Component** link to go to the GitHub repository from the GCM application.



Known issues and workarounds

Branch or tag name convention

Issue: You cannot start the branch or tag name with the term <code>GitHub</code>. Also, GitHub does not allow the special characters when you create the branch and tag. *Persistent UNITE for GitHub* replaces "(" or ")" characters with a space (" ") and replaces space (" ") or "/" character with an underscore character ("_").

Persistent UNITE for GitHub does not allow multiple GitHub accounts for the ELM user

Issue: The ELM user must use only one GitHub account to log in to GitHub server through *Persistent UNITE for GitHub* connector.

Workaround: If the ELM user needs to use more than one GitHub account, the user must log out of the ELM application. Also, delete the internet browser cache storage before the user logs in with another GitHub account.



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