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For installation information, see "Installing Apama" (installing_apama.pdf in the downloaded package). Adobe Acrobat Reader version 8.0 or greater is required to view the included PDF documentation.

1. Release Notes for 5.3.0.0

a. ADBC

For example:

select * from table where field = ""
Would not match rows where the field was null for such databases.

To ensure the desired results are returned when running queries against databases that store empty strings as null, we recommend queries to be written to check for NULL instead of empty string literals.

However, despite this limitation in the underlying database, the supplied ODBC driver for Oracle includes special logic to allow queries to use empty strings (though this does not apply to the supplied JDBC driver, or to most other 3rd party Oracle drivers).

PAM-21466 : Bundled Oracle JDBC driver can incorrectly report Oracle Advanced Security errors (since 5.2.0.0)

Even when Oracle Advanced Security is not turned on for the server, the following error can occur during connect:

[Oracle JDBC Driver] The connect attempt failed because the server requires Oracle Advanced Security. To enable the driver to use OAS, please use the "dataIntegrityLevel" and/or "encryptionLevel" connect options.

To work around the issue, set the connection URL option "randomNumberGenerationOptions" to one of the following values:

- "1" The driver uses Secure Random Numbers for handshake. The driver generates Secure Random numbers before the start of handshake, thus preventing this issue to occur due to the amount of time the connection needs to be made.
- "2" The driver uses random numbers instead of secure random numbers for handshake. This is less secure but provides a faster connection to occur.

DataDirect recommends setting this to the value of "1" and then re-testing. If the issue still occurs, then please try the value of "2".

MS SQL Server and MySQL - No support. Database does not support NaN values. DB2 - Full support for ODBC. Not supported for JDBC. Oracle - Full support for JDBC. Partial support for ODBC: only storing of NaN values is supported by ADBC, retrieval is not supported.

b. Adapters

PAM-15644 : Unicode variable names in mapping rules cannot be resolved (since 5.0)

Mapping in Web Services Client adapter and Correlator-integrated messaging

Mapping in Web Services Client adapter and Correlator-integrated messaging adapter for JMS does not support internationalization for variable names. That is, only English characters are allowed in complex mapping template variable names.

PAM-15643: Soap Body Binding parameter in the mapping page for web service does not work for fault messages (since 5.0)

Soap Body Binding parameter for Web Services Client adapter will not work when the web service has returned a SOAP fault in the response SOAP envelope. In this case, the output mapping rule that contains the Soap Body Binding parameter will not be able to execute successfully and

"javax.el.PropertyNotFoundException" will be logged.

PAM-15641: Web Service fails for a WSDL having Soapheader with namespace

other than target namespace (since 5.0)

Mapping does not provide namespace support for soap.header expressions. This causes the Web Service to fail for WSDLs that try to use SoapHeader with namespaces other than the WSDL's target namespace. The error is logged as "No mapping found for Soap message header".

c. Apama Studio

PAM-21494 : Behavior change in event mapping (since 5.3.0.0)

Behaviour of escaping in mapping literal expression in Correlator-JMS and WebServices Adapter has been changed.

Previously literal expressions in mapping were evaluated as it is without any escaping. Now "\" is used as escape character. Now double quotes - " is escaped as \", single quotes - ' is escaped as \' and \ is escaped as \\. Quotes only need to be escaped if a string value is enclosed in the same type of quote.

So literal expression "a quote \' is string" was previously getting evaluated to "a quote \' is string" but it is now getting evaluated to "a quote ' is string".

PAM-21618: Pre-existing JDBC/ODBC projects do not start after ant export (since 5.3.0.0)

Existing JDBC Adapter projects (5.2 and older) will require manual updating when used with Apama 5.3 and older to address a problem with Ant Export project referencing incorrect location for the adapters folder. To perform this update, you need to follow the steps below:

- In the Project Explorer, right-click the project and select Properties
- Navigate to Apama->MonitorScript Build Path and select the Bundles tab
- Select the "JDBC Adapter:\ADBC-JDBC.bnd [Adapter catalog] node
- Click on the Update button.
- A "Bundle instance" warning box will be shown to ask you for whether to back up existing files. Choose Yes.
- Your instance file should be updated to address this Ant Export issue.

PAM-21378 : Creating duplicate launch config doesn't honor previous launch values (since 5.2.0.0)

Duplicating the Apama launch configuration whose mode is set as 'shared' will not duplicate the deploy configuration. When the "Duplicate" action of launch configuration dialog is invoked on selecting an Apama launch configuration which is in 'shared mode' an error dialog pops out saying that deploy configuration doesn't exist and it then reverts to default settings. To complete the

duplication of launch, go to the folder where the launch configuration exists and copy the contents of its deploy file at the same location and name as launch. Paste the contents to the new deploy file (which shares the name of the new launch configuration) and save the file. This extra manual step will complete the 'Duplicate' action.

PAM-15706 : Adapter Mapper UI Treat as XML : Using a large schema freezes UI (since 5.0)

When using the Studio Adapter mapper UI, selecting a large schema for "treat as XML" feature can take a long time to process and cause the UI to hang.

PAM-13191 : Adapter configuration editors fall back to using generic adapter editor if XInclude elements are used (since 5.0)

______ The ADBC adapter configuration editor falls back to using the generic configuration editor when the IAF configuration file uses XInclude elements in the transport and Java sections. By default, ADBC configuration files do not use XInclude elements.

PAM-7143 : Convert project from native codepage to UTF-8 invalidates I18N chars in monitorscripts (since 5.0)

______ Changing the file encoding to and from UTF-8 might cause file corruption in comments and string literals. The workaround for this is to ensure that the desired encoding is set before adding content to the file.

PAM-14320 : Checkboxes displayed at Preferences > Apama > Scenarios page, when Apama is launched in Japanese language (since 4.3.4)

Apama Studio will select the correct user interface font when run on a system that uses non-English characters by default. However, non-English characters may not be displayed correctly on English-language installations even if more appropriate fonts are installed on the system. In this case, the font selection can be overridden by specifying the following Java system property:

-DPlastic.controlFont=""

This option can be specified in the <apama installation>\studio\eclipse\eclipse.ini file.

PAM-14206 : Apama Windows 7+ virtual store cache issue (since 4.3)

______ Upgrading on Windows 7 and 2008 R2 and higher Windows versions might cause Apama

Studio to fail when launched. This occurs when Virtual Store is enabled in Windows. Virtual Store is enabled by default on these platforms. The workaround is to start Apama Studio using the "-clean" option. For example: "C:\Program Files\SoftwareAG\Apama 5.1\studio\eclipse\eclipse.exe" -clean

This only needs to be done once.

PAM-7123 : Renaming a block in Apama Studio (since 4.2)

Block renaming in Apama Studio is not fully supported. If you rename a block in Apama Studio, you must manually edit the blocks .bdf file to synchronize between the filename and the block metadata.

d. Correlator

PAM-22407 : Queries do not support debugging (since 5.3.0.0)

It is not possible to debug Apama Queries; you cannot set a breakpoint in a .qry file and using debugging can affect when a query starts processing events. It is not recommended to use debugging in production systems.

PAM-22442 : getSourceTime action on events is reserved (since 5.3.0.0)

Event types should not define a getSourceTime() action as that is reserved for future use.

PAM-22402 : Race in use of &TIME events with Queries (since 5.3.0.0)

When using external clocking to test query execution of queries that use the wait operator at the end of the pattern, avoid using &TIME ticks with gaps between &TIME ticks larger than the smallest input "within" duration. If large gaps are used, then the query runtime may expire events before a wait operator has had a chance to fire. This results in unreliable results, where queries sometimes fire against the pattern and sometimes do not. Write your event files to have a number of &TIME events incrementing time by some amount less than the "within" duration of any query input window.

PAM-21747 : Apama queries do not appropriately map line numbers when reporting exceptions (since 5.3.0.0)

While compile-time errors are reported with the correct line number for Apama queries, runtime exceptions are not. If a runtime exception is thrown, then the stack trace of the exception (whether uncaught and reported by the correlator, or inspected by a catch statement in EPL) will show some details of the queries runtime system, and the line numbers will not correspond to lines in the query source file.

PAM-21414 : BigMemory default consistency changed to eventual (since 5.3.0.0)

In 5.3, the default consistency mode for BigMemory configurations is now EVENTUAL (the BigMemory default) rather than STRONG, and synchronousWrites has been disabled. Existing configurations will not be updated automatically, and users are still able to enable STRONG consistency if needed, but due to its superior performance EVENTUAL is recommended when using Apama with the latest BigMemory release.

PAM-21516: Universal Messaging channel subscriptions can throw an exception during creation (since 5.2.0.0)

Occasionally, when a UM session fails over from one broker to another while a channel is being subscribed to or emitted to which has not been recently used, the correlator or IAF may throw an exception instead of re-trying if the session loses its connection to the broker. This may result in the subscribe or emit throwing an exception, which may terminate the EPL monitor if not caught.

 ${\tt PAM-20290}: {\tt Crash\ dialog\ window\ disabled\ by\ default\ for\ correlator\ processes\ (since\ 5.2.0.0)}$

The popup crash dialog is now disabled by default. This can be re-enabled setting the AP_ENABLE_GPFAULTERRORBOX environment variable.

PAM-15684 : 32-bit Correlator Java support on 64-bit Windows (since 5.0.1)

Attempting to start a 32-bit correlator with Java support on a 64-bit Windows machine with a large amount of free memory (> 4gigabytes) may result in an error message stating 'Could not reserve enough space for object heap'. This is due to the system trying to allocate an invalid amount of memory to a 32-bit JVM. The correlator therefore needs to be started with an additional command line parameter:

-J -Xmx256m

Where you can modify the '256m' to be your choice of heap size (in the example, it's 256 megabytes).

This can be set either on the command line, or in Apama Studio by adding the above to the Extra command line arguments field in the Correlator Configuration dialog.

PAM-14543: Windows correlator cannot handle command line option for JMS config file path that has il8n chars (since 5.0.1)

Starting the correlator with a JMS configuration directory path that contains non-ASCII characters will fail to work under some circumstances. Be sure to use only ASCII characters for the path to the configuration directory.

PAM-7910 : Time going backwards/virtual machines (since 5.0)

The correlator requires that the system's clock never goes backwards and flows reasonably evenly (less than 1 second of jitter). However, some virtual machine environments can exhibit considerable jitter. The behaviour of EPL timers is undefined in this case, and in extreme cases, time jumping may trigger timeouts on communication channels, resulting in components being disconnected from clients. We recommend the use of NTP on UNIX.

e. Correlator plug-ins

PAM-22345: Correlator-JMS Throughput with HornetQ 2.4 is reduced (since 5.3.0.0)

Throughput of JMS message receiving is significantly reduced using the 2.4 version of HornetQ that is supported by the 5.3.0 Apama release, compared to the 2.3 HornetQ supported in previous releases. This is caused by the HornetQ library taking a lot longer to acknowledge large batches of messages than it used to. The recommended workaround is to edit the maxBatchSize property of JMSReceiverSettings (see documentation for details), to a low value such as 30.

PAM-22167 : Correlator-JMS does not work with WebSphere AppServer 8.5.5.0 out of the box (since 5.3.0.0)

The client libraries for WebSphere Application Server (WAS) 8.5.5.0 do not work with Oracle JRE 8, which is used by Apama's correlator. IBM has not yet released an update for JMS client libraries that work with Oracle JRE 8. There are two workarounds to obtain a new set of ORB jars that are compatible with Oracle

- Install the Linux version of standalone IBM SDK, Java Technology Edition, Version 7. Get the ibmorb.jar and ibmorbapi.jar from the "IBM_JAVA7/jre/lib" directory. These ORB jars can be used on both Linux and Windows platform.
- Use the IBM installation manager on the machine where WAS is installed to install "IBM WebSphere SDK Java Technology Edition v7". Get the ibmorb.jar and ibmorbapi.jar from the "WAS_INSTALL_DIR/java_1.7/jre/lib" directory.

Once new ORB jars are obtained, do one of the following:

- Copy the jars to the "WAS_INSTALL_DIR/java_1.7/jre/lib" directory on the machine that is running the correlator.
- Update the classpath that the correlator uses for WAS to point to the correct location of new ORB files.

f. Dashboards

JRE 8:

PAM-21690: New HTML5 trend chart does not export to pdf (since 5.3.0.0)

Export to PDF does not show the trend chart if webChartFlag (html5) property is checked in the dashboard builder. If export feature is required, use a regular trend object by disabling the webChartFlag property in the dashboard builder.

PAM-21512: Dashboard client is showing exception in log when dashboard server is stopped (since 5.2.0.0)

The following error message will be logged to the dashboard client log file(s) when shutting down the connected dashboard server process(es):

ERROR [GmsClientReceiverThread-<host>:<port>] - error receiving message:
java.net.SocketException: Connection reseterror receiving message:

java.net.SocketException: Connection reset (<host>:<port>)

This message merely indicates the disconnection between the dashboard components and the server. Despite being logged as ERROR, these messages are informational only.

PAM-20497 : Applet and WebStart deployments display warning when using JRE 1.7 40+ (since 5.1)

The following warnings are displayed when launching WebStart (JNLP) or applet deployments from a web browser unless the deployments are signed with a trusted certificate. Users will need to select the checkbox stating: "I accept the risk and want to run this application" and click "Run" despite the warnings.

Warnings:

Running applications by UNKNOWN publishers will be blocked in a future release because it is potentially unsafe and a security risk.

This application will be blocked in a future Java security update because the JAR file manifest does not contain the Permissions attribute. Please contact the Publisher for more information.

PAM-15606 : JRE 1.7 plug-in may hang browsers (since 5.1)

When using JRE 1.7 plug-in to view dashboard applet, the plug-in starts a modal warning box without window. This hangs the browser and the Java process. To work around this error, go to Control Panel->Java Control Panel->Advanced Tab. Expand the "Mixed code (sandboxed vs. trusted) security verification" node and check "Enabled - hide warning and run with protections" option. Re-start the browser after changing this setting.

PAM-13819: Dashboard user names cannot exceed 1000 characters (since 4.3)

In web deployments, the user name is passed as an encrypted parameter in URLs. The length of encrypted usernames is greater than unencrypted usernames. Given limits on the length of URLs in browser GET requests the effective limit on the length of usernames in dashboards is approximately 1000 characters.

PAM-12975: Panels deployments can save header when disconnected from webserver (since 4.3)

If panels ini is used for display server dashboard, then an invalid http

If panels.ini is used for display server dashboard, then an invalid http session (for example, re-start tomcat) will result in a sessionExpired page inside the main frame of the dashboard. Clicking on the login link on that page to re-login will *not* clear the previously displaying tabs/trees. Refresh the web browser or re-visit the dashboard URL to fix the problem.

 ${\tt PAM-12699}$: Filters containing quotes are broken when running with enhanced query mode (since 4.3)

Attachments where the filter value is a string containing a quote do not work

in enhanced query mode. In enhanced query mode, attachment filters are turned into SQL WHERE clauses. When using enhanced query mode and having the need to filter by values containing quotes you need to escape each quote with a quote. Double quotes do not need to be escaped.

PAM-12520: Dashboard SQL attachments cannot filter on IEEE specials values such as NaN (since 4.3)

Dashboard Apama SQL attachments do not support filtering by NaN, Infinity, or -Infinity. For example the following queries are not supported:

SELECT "value" FROM "default.specialVals" WHERE "value" != 'NaN' SELECT "value" FROM "default.specialVals" WHERE "value" != '-Infinity'

PAM-11830: Improperly defined JDBC connection causes CPU spike in SQL server when using Dashboard Builder (since 4.2.2)

Dashboards using the SQL datasource with invalid JDBC connection parameters can sometimes cause high CPU usage due to numerous failed JDBC connection attempts to the SQL Server. This issue can occur if an invalid JDBC password is specified and the Dashboard Builder SQL option "Get Tables and Columns" is enabled.

PAM-11716 : Custom window title from Dashboard Builder options is not supported (since 4.2.2)

Setting window titles in the Dashboard Builder using "Custom Window Title" in Tools->Options->General tab is not supported. Window titles can be set on the command line used to invoke the dashboard viewer.

PAM-11551: Apama commands in display server with large amounts of string data may fail (since 4.2)

Executing Apama commands in display server deployments with large amounts of string data may fail if the resulting HTTP GET request exceeds the maximum allowed string length.

PAM-10722: Dashboard deployment wizard does not re-sign already signed jars (since 4.2)

The dashboard deployment utility in Apama Studio will not re-sign jar files that are already signed. If you add jar files to your dashboard deployment that

are already signed you may see errors when accessing the deployed dashboards. When using the dashboard deployment utility you can sign all jars, or none of them (in this case they would all need to be signed already), or (if you have a mix of signed and unsigned jars) sign with the same certificate that was used for the jars that have already been signed. If you'd like the deployment utility to sign jars that have been previously signed, you will have to first remove their signatures.

PAM-5474: Display server dashboards clearing edited text field on update (since 3.0.2)

Input controls when displayed via the dashboard server may clear any edits when the display is updated. This makes it very difficult to use input forms with

the display is updated. This makes it very difficult to use input forms with the display server. The problem occurs with input controls that are attached to either an Apama scenario, DataView, or dashboard function. When creating input forms in dashboards that will be deployed via the display server you can follow one of the following techniques:

- Do not attach the value property of input controls to Apama scenarios, DataViews, or functions. This is fine if the current value of the attachment does not need to be displayed in the control.
- Attach the value property of input controls to variables set as the result of a drilldown. This will allow the initial value to be set to the value of the variable. The deficiency here is that if the value changes externally it is not reflected in the control unless a new drilldown is performed.

q. Installer

PAM-21483: Installer does not automatically stop the Apama 5.1 Sentinel Agent Windows service if running (since 5.2.0.0)

It is possible to install Apama 5.2 side-by-side with the earlier 5.1 release on the same machine. On Windows, the 5.2 installer does not currently attempt to stop any 5.1 services (such as Sentinel Agent) that may be running on the machine. Because the 5.1 services try to use the same ports as the 5.2 services,

the 5.2 services might fail to start and there might be problems later on with

the 5.1 services after a machine restart. Therefore, users who wish to run 5.1 a 5.2 side by side are recommended to manually disable the 5.1 services using the Windows Services Control Panel applet before beginning installation of 5.2.

PAM-12536 : UNIX silent mode installer requires X server to be running (since 4.3)

When doing an install of the product using silent mode on UNIX, if your environment has a DISPLAY variable defined but no valid X server running, the installer will abort. To avoid this, start an X server or temporarily unset the DISPLAY variable.

PAM-7998: Uninstaller hangs if any files referenced in the post_uninstall script are in use (since 4.0)

Be sure to close all Apama processes and command prompts before attempting to uninstall the product. There is a known issue that can cause the uninstall process to hang if files are in use when the uninstaller tries to delete them.

 ${\tt PAM-7847}$: Configuring Apama Studio for multiple users sharing a workspace on Windows (since 4.0)

The default location of the apama-work directory may not be suitable if multiple users share a single PC. This is because the default apama-work directory is "C:\Documents and Settings\[USER]\apama-work". Therefore, all users will share the apama-work directory of the user who installed Apama. If you plan to share a single installation, it is recommended that you set the apama-work directory to C:\Documents and Settings\All Users.

h. Other

PAM-16211 : .NET client performance improvements (since 5.3.0.0)

Several performance improvements have been made to the Parse() and Text (formatting) implementation of the .NET event parser. This has resulted in a small change of behaviour in Event.FieldsMap, which previously returned a SortedDictionary with a deterministic key iteration order (based on the natural ordering of the keys) but now returns an unordered dictionary with non-deterministic iteration order. For rare cases where deterministic ordering is required, users should wrap the FieldsMap result in a new SortedDictionary instance before iterating over it.

PAM-16229 : DataView implementation should not have its own log level implementation (since 5.2.0.0)

The EPL LogLevel implementation has been removed from the DataView EPL files.

PAM-20481 : Issues running python on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 64-bit

(since 5.1)

The Apama platform is compatible with the openssl shipped on Red Hat platforms. SUSE systems have a different layout of files and so by default some errors may appear while trying to run python or pysys from an Apama install. The following work around will fix the issue.

As the root user, run the following commands:

ln -sf /usr/lib64/libssl.so.0.9.8 /usr/lib64/libssl.so.6

ln -sf /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.0.9.8 /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.6

As an alternative to creating links using the root account, the user installing Apama can create links in the \$APAMA_HOME/lib directory by navigating to the \$APAMA_HOME/lib directory and running the following commands:

ln -sf /usr/lib64/libssl.so.0.9.8 libssl.so.6

ln -sf /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.0.9.8 libcrypto.so.6

PAM-15919 : Ant macro javaOpt now disallows spaces and quotes (since 5.0.1)

The behaviour of the "javaOpt" parameter in the Apama ant macros "start-correlator" and "run-correlator" has been clarified and changed such that javaOpt is now interpreted as a list of separate JVM arguments delimited by spaces, and not as a single argument. Consequently, it is no longer possible to use javaOpt to specify a single JVM argument that contains spaces. Such options should be specified by using extraArgs with appropriate quoting, for example:

extraArgs="... --javaopt "-Dmyproperty=c:/foo bar" ...".

The extraArgs option is the only way to specify arguments that contain spaces and avoid potential confusion. Attempts to specify a javaOpt value that contains quote characters now results in an explicit build failure when start-correlator or run-correlator is invoked.

PAM-13659: Increased virtual memory usage of correlator and other executables on RHEL6 (since 5.0.1)

With regard to Redhat Enterprise Linux 6 virtual memory usage, RHEL6's glibc is built with a different memory allocator configuration. This affects the virtual memory usage of all processes (including non-Software AG), in particular heavily multi-threaded processes such as the correlator.

The virtual memory usage does not reflect the actual memory in use; it is a measure of the address space that the process has reserved for potential use. On 64-bit Linux platforms, having many GB of virtual address space used will not have an adverse effect on other processes, and can improve scalability of multi- threaded programs. If ulimit is used to restrict virtual memory usage, then any such limit should take this behaviour into account, especially if migrating to RHEL6.

For more details, see the RHEL6 documentation:

http://docs.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/6/html/Release_Notes/compiler.html#id1722962

And a discussion of the impact of this allocator behaviour: http://sourceware.org/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=11261

The environment variable MALLOC_ARENA_MAX can be set to 2 to reduce virtual memory usage, but this is not recommended, and should not be necessary.

2. Customer Reported Defects Fixed in 5.3.0.0 and higher

a. Correlator

PAM-21516 : Correlator or IAF process sometimes log Exceptions and unload monitors when using Universal Messaging integration during a cluster failover (5.2.0.1)

A defect, where a channel that is being looked up on a UM broker (as it has not been recently sent-to or subscribed-to) during failover of UM brokers could result in silently killing a monitor, has been fixed; the correlator will now re-try channel look-ups during failover until it can contact a UM broker.

b. Apama Studio

event list.

PAM-21016: Ability to select multiple EDA events for mapping in both send and receive (since 5.2.0.0)

Multiple EDA events for mapping can now be selected in both send and receive.

c. Dashboards

PAM-22032: Dashboard processes are unable to use shipped JDBC drivers (5.2.0.2)

The issue affecting the JDBC jars, shipped with Apama, which previously prevented them from being used by Dashboard processes, has been resolved.

PAM-22142: Dashboard class cast exception may be raised when using enhancedQuery option (since 5.3.0.0)

When --enhancedQuery option is used, the following ClassCastException may be found in dashboard log files:

java.lang.ClassCastException: java.lang.Integer cannot be cast to java.lang.Long at com.apama.sl.data.scenario.ScenarioCurrentTable.setCellValue(ScenarioCurrentT at com.apama.sl.data.scenario.ScenarioCurrentTable.getSqlResultsTable(ScenarioCu

This issue has been fixed in this release.

d. Documentation

PAM-16310: Add description on how OOB event component name is created (since 5.2.0.0)

A section has been added to the documentation describing how OOB event component names are created.

e. Installer

PAM-15601 : Exceptions in log file (Apama_ia_output.txt) after installing Apama on UNIX (since 5.2.0.0)

'java.lang.IllegalThreadStateException: process hasn't exited' would happen at the start of installation when the installer tried to execute java code to determine the user (root user/other users). This issue has been fixed.

f. Other

PAM-13336: Deadlocks caused by cyclical lock orderings between EngineClientBean, EventService and ScenarioService layers (since 5.2.0.0)

Several changes have been made to the internals of the EngineClient,

EventService and ScenarioService layers to make it easier to use event and property change listeners safely without risking thread deadlock situations.

The main behavioural change is that the EngineClient and EventService layers now fire all property change listeners asynchronously, meaning that listeners will be executed on a dedicated thread shortly after the change that caused them to fire; this does represent a slight change in behaviour that application authors should be aware of. There is a new EngineClient.flushListeners() method which blocks until pending property change listeners have all completed. Event listeners continue to behave as before, i.e. asynchronous in the EventService layer and configurable in the addConsumer() method call in the EngineClient layer. Any application that needs to call back into the EngineClient from within an event listener, or that needs to acquire application-defined locks from within that listener that might also be held when calling other EngineClient methods from outside the listener should be careful to ensure that an asynchronous consumer is being used (or alternatively, just switch to using the EventService instead). Also note that synchronizing on the EngineClient or EventService objects will no longer affect the internal behaviour of those classes as it did in 5.1 (this behaviour was not documented or officially supported, but some customers may have made use of it); also note that synchronizing on the ScenarioService object may affect behaviour but is not officially supported.

3. Other Defects Fixed in 5.3.0.0

a. ADBC

PAM-21911 : ADBC transport reversed counts for TrEvRx and TrEvTx in log (since 5.3.0.0)

The ADBC adapter status log line previously had its events received (TrEvRx) and events transmitted (TrEvTx) reversed, this has been corrected.

b. Correlator Plug-ins

 was "Caught exception (%s) while executing plugin method %s", but from 5.3 onwards this has been simplified to "%s (in plugin method %s)".

c. Other

PAM-13580: Simplify how to cleanly remove event .NET consumers/suppliers (since 5.3.0.0)

For users of the low-level EngineManagement layer in the .NET API, the rules for safely disposing of the EngineManagement, EventSupplier and EventConsumer have been changed to be more simple, more robust and better documented. Instead of calling various Disconnect() methods, all objects should be cleaned up by calling the Dispose() method, with any EventSupplier objects disposed before EventConsumer and EngineManagement objects.

An INFO-level warning will now be written to the client logger (if enabled) during finalization of the objects if Dispose was not called. The Api.DisconnectFromEngine and EventSupplier.Disconnect methods have been deprecated. For C# developers, the simplest way to ensure objects are disposed correctly is usually to construct them in a 'using' clause (see C# language documentation for more information).

PAM-21566: Subscriber element in "Configuring adapters to use UM" incorrectly written as optional (5.3.0.0)

The IAF Configuration for UM requires that the <subscriber> element is present in the <universal-messaging> element. This was previously incorrectly marked as optional.

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