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## Universal Messaging Client Development

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Client APIs are available for a wide range of languages at the enterprise level. APIs are also available for building applications for Web-based and mobile device scenarios.

We provide the client API documentation under the following main headings:

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- [“Web Client APIs” on page 238](#)
- [“Mobile Client APIs” on page 233](#)



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# 1 Enterprise APIs

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## Overview of the Enterprise Client APIs

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Our Universal Messaging Enterprise APIs allow developers to implement real-time publish/subscribe functionality into enterprise-class applications using a range of languages:

### ■ Java

The *Universal Messaging Java Client API* is our fully-featured enterprise-class client API:

- [“Enterprise Developer's Guide for Java” on page 17](#): developing Java applications/systems that will use Universal Messaging
- Java Client API : the entire Universal Messaging Java client API

### ■ C++

The *Universal Messaging C++ Client API* is our fully-featured enterprise-class client API for C++ developers:

- [“Enterprise Developer's Guide for C++” on page 110](#): developing C++ applications/systems that will use Universal Messaging
- C++ Client API : the entire Universal Messaging C++ client API

### ■ C# .NET

The *Universal Messaging C# Client API* is our fully-featured enterprise-class client API for C# developers:

- [“Enterprise Developer's Guide for C#” on page 154](#)
- C# Client API : the entire Universal Messaging C# .NET client API

### ■ Excel VBA

Our *VBA API* allows Microsoft Office applications such as Microsoft Excel to publish and subscribe to Universal Messaging channels, and to asynchronously receive events in realtime:

- [“Enterprise Developer's Guide for VBA” on page 216](#)

### ■ Python

The *Universal Messaging Python Client API* utilises the C++ API to provide an enterprise-class API for Python developers:

- [“Enterprise Developer's Guide for Python” on page 223](#)

See Universal Messaging's [“Language API Comparison Grid” on page 231](#) for an overview of basic differences between each API.

# Enterprise Developer's Guide for Java

This guide describes how to develop and deploy Enterprise-class Java applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

## General Features

### Creating a Session

To interact with a Universal Messaging Server, the first thing to do is create a Universal Messaging Session `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. The steps below describe session creation.

1. Create a `nSessionAttributes` object with the `RNAME` value of your choice

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
```

2. Call the `create` method on `nSessionFactory` to create your session

```
Session mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa)
```

Alternatively, if you require the use of a session reconnect handler (`nReconnectHandler`) to intercept the automatic reconnection attempts, pass an instance of that class too in the `create` method:

```
public class myReconnectHandler implements nReconnectHandler{
    //implement tasks associated with reconnection
}
myReconnectHandler rhandler=new myReconnectHandler();
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa, rhandler);
```

3. Initialise the session object to open the connection to the Universal Messaging Realm

```
mySession.init();
```

To enable the use of `DataGroups` and to create an `nDataStream`, you should pass an instance of `nDataStreamListener` to the `init` call.

```
public void SimpleStreamListener implements nDataStreamListener{
    //implement onMessage callback for nDataStreamListener callbacks
}
nDataStreamListener myListener = new SimpleStreamListener();
nDataStream myStream = mySession.init(myListener);
```

After initialising your Universal Messaging session, you will be connected to the Universal Messaging Realm. From that point, all functionality is subject to a Realm ACL check. If you call a method that requires a permission your credential does not have, you will receive an `nSecurityException`.

## Events

A Universal Messaging Event (`nConsumeEvent`) is the object that is published to a Universal Messaging channel or queue. It is stored by the server and then passed to consumers as and when required.

Events can contain simple byte array data, or more complex data structures such as an Event Dictionary (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 18](#)).

Each `nConsumeEvent` object has an `nEventAttributes` object associated with it which contains all available meta data associated with the event

### Constructing an Event

In this Java code snippet, we construct our Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`), and, in this example, pass a byte array data into the constructor:

```
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent( "String", "Hello World".getBytes() );
```

## Event Dictionaries

Universal Messaging Event Dictionaries (`nEventProperties`) provide an accessible and flexible way to store any number of message properties for delivery within an event (for related information, see [“Events” on page 18](#)).

Event Dictionaries are quite similar to a hash table, supporting primitive types, arrays, and nested dictionaries.

Universal Messaging filtering allows subscribers to receive only specific subsets of a channel's events by applying the server's advanced filtering capabilities to the contents of each event's dictionary.

Event dictionaries can facilitate the automated purging of data from channels through the use of Publish Keys.

### Constructing an Event

In this code snippet, we assume we want to publish an event containing the definition of a bond, say, with a name of "bond1":

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("bondname", "bond1");
props.put("price", 100.00);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent( "atag", props );
channel.publish(evt);
```

Note that in this example code, we also create a new Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`, see [“Events” on page 18](#)) to make use of our Event Dictionary (`nEventProperties`).

## Channel Joins

Joining a channel to another channel or queue allows you to set up content routing so that events published to the source channel will be passed on to the destination channel/

queue automatically. Joins also support the use of filters, thus enabling dynamic content routing.

Please note that while channels can be joined to both channels and queues, queues cannot be used as the source of a join.

Channels can be joined using the Enterprise Manager GUI or programmatically.

When creating a join there is one compulsory option and two optional ones. The compulsory option is the destination channel. The optional parameters are the maximum join hops and a filter to be applied to the join.

**Note:** For a description of the general principles involved in creating channel joins, see the section *Creating Channel Joins* in the *Administration Guide*. The description details the usage based on the Enterprise Manager, but the same general principles apply if you are using the API.

### Hop Count

Joins have an associated hop count, which can optionally be defined when the join is created. The hop count allows a limit to be put on the number of subsequent joins an event can pass through if published over this join. If a hop count is not defined for a join, it will default to 10.

The hop count is the number of *intermediate* stores between the source channel and the final destination. As an example, imagine we have 10 channels named "channel0" to "channel9" and all these channels are joined sequentially. When we publish to channel 0, if the join from channel0 to channel1 has a hop count of 5 then the event will be found on channel0 (the source channel), channels 1 to 5 (the intermediate channels) and channel6 (the endpoint).

### Loop Detection

Joins allow the possibility of defining a loop of joined channels. To prevent channels receiving multiple copies of the same event, Universal Messaging implements loop detection on incoming events. To illustrate this, imagine a simple example with two channels (channel0 and channel1) and we create a loop by joining channel0 to channel1 and channel1 to channel0. If we publish to channel0 the event will also be published to channel1 over the join. But channel1 is joined to channel0 too, so now the event would get published to channel0 again. Without loop detection, this cycle would repeat until the maximum hop count has been reached.

To prevent this, Universal Messaging detects when a message which has already been published to a channel or queue and will not publish it a second time.

### Multiple Path Delivery

Universal Messaging users can define multiple paths over different network protocols between the same places in Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging guarantees that the data always gets delivered once and once only.

## Creating Channel Joins

Channel joins can be created using the `nmakechanjoin` join sample application which is provided in the `bin` directory of the Universal Messaging installation. For further information on using this example please see the [Make Channel Join example page](#).

Universal Messaging joins are created as follows:

```
//Obtain a reference to the source channel
nChannel mySrcChannel = mySession.findChannel( nca );
//Obtain a reference to the destination channel
nChannel myDstChannel = mySession.findChannel( dest );
//create the join
mySrcChannel.joinChannel( myDstChannel, true, jhc, SELECTOR );
```

Channel joins can also be deleted. Please see the [Delete Channel Join example](#) for more information.

## Archive Joins

It is possible to archive messages from a given channel by using an archive join. To perform an archive join, the destination must be a queue in which the archived messages will be stored. An example of this can be seen below:

Since this is an archive join, all events matching the optional selector parameter (all events if no selector is specified) will be put into the archive queue, by design this includes all duplicate events published to the source.

```
nChannelAttributes archiveAtr = new nChannelAttributes();
archiveAtr.setName( rchanName );
nQueue archiveQueue = mySession.findQueue( archiveAtr );
mySrcChannel.joinChannelToArchive( archiveQueue );
```

## Inter-Cluster Joins

Inter-cluster joins are added and deleted in almost exactly the same way as normal joins. The only differences are that the two clusters must have an inter-cluster connection in place, and that since the clusters do not share a namespace, each channel must be retrieved from nodes in their respective clusters, rather than through the same node. For example :

```
nChannel cluster1chan1 = realmNode1.findChannel( channelattributes1 );
nChannel cluster2chan1 = realmNode4.findChannel( channelattributes2 );
cluster1chan1.joinChannel( cluster2chan1 );
```

Inter-Cluster joins can also be created through the Enterprise Manager.

## Interest Propagation

### Overview

Universal Messaging offers the ability to forward data received on one independent realm or cluster to many other independent realms or clusters, which may reside in geographically distinct locations. Traditionally this is done using the Join mechanism, which will forward all events from one channel to another.

There is an alternative mechanism, namely Interest Propagation. This mechanism expands upon the functionality provided by joins by providing the ability to forward events only when there are subscribers to a channel of the same name on the remote realm or cluster. Forwarding only events which have an active subscription reduces the number of events and bandwidth used on these links.

Realms and clusters keep track of interest on remote realms that they have a direct connection to. This means that beyond the initial setup of a channel, no further configuration is required.

### Managing Remote Interest

Managing interest on a remote realm is done programmatically using the Universal Messaging Administrative API. Each channel present on a realm or cluster can be linked to a pair of attributes `canSend` and `canReceive`.

Enabling the `canReceive` attribute on a channel of a realm or cluster will enable this realm or cluster to receive information on the given channel from other directly connected realms or clusters that have a channel of the same name. The realm or cluster notifies all connected realms when this attribute changes for a given channel.

Data is only forwarded from a realm or cluster to a remote realm or cluster if all of the following conditions are met:

- A channel with the same name exists on the remote realm or cluster, and
- the `canReceive` flag is enabled for the remote channel, and
- there is an active subscription present on the remote channel

Enabling the `canSend` attribute on a channel in a realm or cluster will enable this realm or cluster to begin forwarding data to other realms or clusters it is aware of. Data is forwarded to every realm which the source realm is aware of that has a channel with the same name and is able to receive the event (it has the `canReceive` flag enabled and has an interested subscriber).

### Sample Usage

All installations of Universal Messaging come with a sample application called `interestmanagerutility`. This is an application which takes a series of commands to manage the interest properties for a given set of realms.

## Google Protocol Buffers

### Overview

Google Protocol Buffers are a way of efficiently serializing structured data. They are language and platform neutral and have been designed to be easily extensible. The structure of your data is defined once, and then specific serialization and deserialization code is produced specifically to handle your data format efficiently.

Universal Messaging supports server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffers, and this, coupled with Google Protocol Buffer's space-efficient serialization can be used to reduce the amount of data delivered to a client. If server side filtering is not required, the

serialised protocol buffers could be loaded into a normal `nConsume Event` as the event data.

The structure of the data is defined in a `.proto` file, messages are constructed from a number of different types of fields and these fields can be required, optional or repeated. Protocol Buffers can also include other Protocol Buffers.

The serialization uses highly efficient encoding to make the serialized data as space efficient as possible, and the custom generated code for each data format allows for rapid serialization and deserialization.

### Using Google Protocol Buffers with Universal Messaging

Google supplies libraries for Protocol Buffers in Java, C++ and Python, and third party libraries provide support for many other languages including .NET, Perl, PHP etc. Universal Messaging's client APIs provide support for the construction of Google Protocol Buffer events through which the serialized messages can be passed.

These `nProtobufEvents` are integrated seamlessly in Universal Messaging, allowing for server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffer events, which can be sent on resources just like a normal Universal Messaging Event. The server side filtering of messages is achieved by providing the server with a description of the data structures (constructed at the `.proto` compile time, using the standard protobuf compiler and the `--descriptor_set_out` option). The default location the server looks in for descriptor files is `/plugins/ProtobufDescriptors` and this can be configured through the Enterprise Manager. The server will monitor this folder for changes, and the frequency of these updates can be configured through the Enterprise Manager. The server can then extract the key value pairs from the binary Protobuf message, and filter message delivery based on user requirements.

To create an `nProtobuf` event, simply build your protocol buffer as normal and pass it into the `nProtobuf` constructor along with the message type used (see the programmatic example below).

```
Example.Builder example = Example.newBuilder();
example.setEmail("example@email.com");
example.setName("Name");
example.setAddress1("Norton Foldgate");
example.setHouseNumber(1);
byte[] buffer = example.build().toByteArray();
nProtobufEvent evt = new nProtobufEvent(buffer, "example");
myChannel.publish(evt);
```

`nProtobuf` events are received by subscribers in the normal way.

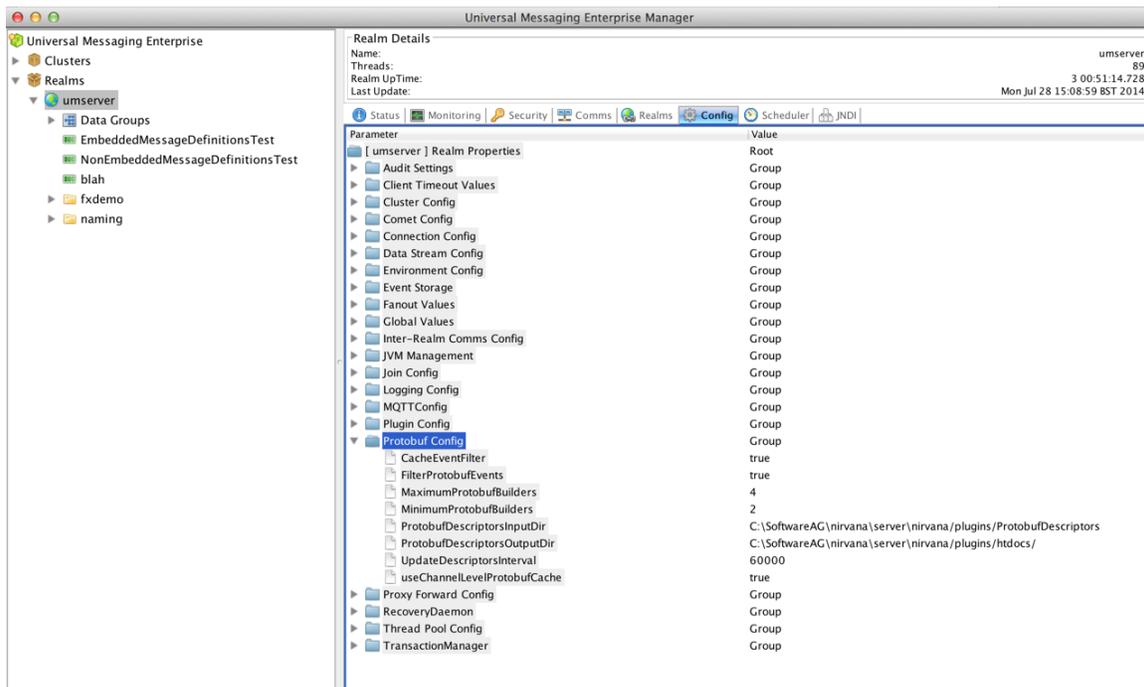
```
public void go(nConsumeEvent evt) {
    if (evt instanceof nProtobufEvent) {
        totalMsgs++;
        // Get the data of the message
        byte[] buffer = evt.getEventData();
        if (((nProtobufEvent) evt).getTypeName().equals("BidOffer")) {
            BidOffer bid = null;
            bid = BidOffer.parseFrom(buffer);
            //.....//
        }
    }
}
```

The Enterprise Manager can be used to view, edit and republish protocol buffer events, even if the Enterprise Manager is not running on the same machine as the server. The Enterprise Manager is able to parse the protocol buffer message and display the contents, rather than the binary data.

All descriptors will be automatically synced across the cluster if the channel is cluster-wide.

## Configuring Universal Messaging for use with Protocol Buffers

Protocol buffers have their own section in the Enterprise Manager Config panel.



These are explained via their tooltips.

UseChannelLevelProtobufCache indicates whether the descriptors are set against the channel, or put into a folder (see "Legacy Google Protobuf Support" below). UpdateDescriptorInterval, the maximum and minimum builder numbers, and the input and output directories only apply for the legacy option.

FilterProtobufEvents is set to true by default, and must be set to true to enable filtering of protobuf events.

If nested messages need to be filtered on, then GlobalValues -> ExtendedMessageSelectors, must be set to true. Again this is now enabled by default but will not be enabled in installs upgraded from older versions.

## Protobuf with the Enterprise Manager

When creating a channel via the Enterprise Manager, there is a protobuf descriptor section on the create dialogue. Clicking "Set..." here brings up a file dialogue where a descriptor file (generated when the protobuf is compiled, as described above) can be

selected. Multiple descriptor files can currently only be set programmatically, not via the Enterprise Manager.

Any channel with an associated descriptor can be snooped in the normal way. Enterprise Manager will use the descriptor to deserialize the message, and will show the contents of that message in the event details.

### Programmatic example

```
//Create a realm node (this is standard administration API connection)
    realm = new nRealmNode(new nSessionAttributes(testServer.getDefaultAdapter()));
    realm.waitForEntireNameSpace();
//Create a channel with the descriptors.
Path path =Paths.get("../..../changeManagement/test/protobuf/SAGTester.fds");
byte[] bytes = Files.readAllBytes(path);
    byte[][] descriptors = new byte[1][bytes.length];
    descriptors[0]=bytes;
    myAttribs.setProtobufDescriptorSets(descriptors);
myChannel = nsession.createChannel(myAttribs);
```

Then we can publish using the protobuf serialised as usual, along with the "name" of the protobuf message type.

```
nProtobufEvent pbe = new nProtobufEvent(tester.toByteArray(), "SAGTester");  
myChannel.publish(pbe);
```

You can then use Universal Messaging style message filters, as you would for normal events. e.g. "Name='test'".

### Updating the Google Protocol Buffer

The protocol buffer definition files associated with a store (i.e. a channel or a queue) can be updated without requiring the store to be deleted and re-created. Once updated, all filtering will be done with the new protobuf definitions.

The definitions can be updated either programmatically or via the Enterprise Manager.

#### Updating Buffer Definitions in Enterprise Manager

To update the protocol buffer definitions for a store, proceed as follows:

1. In the Enterprise Manager, select the store whose descriptors you wish to update, and right click on it.
2. Select "Update Protocol Buffers" from the dropdown menu.
3. On the file select page, select the file or files which contain the descriptors you wish to set on this store (multi-select is enabled for loading multiple file descriptor sets). Then click "Open".
4. The new protobuf definitions will now be applied to the store.

#### Updating Buffer Definitions Programmatically

Stores have a method `updateProtobufDescriptors(byte[][] descriptors)`. This takes an array of the descriptors to be applied to the channel. After calling this method, the new descriptors will be loaded and will be used for filtering on the channel from that point onwards. The code for performing this can be seen below.

```
nChannel myChannel = session.findChannel(channelAttributes);  
myChannel.updateProtobufDefinitions(descriptors2);
```

This API is available via the client API. The Admin API is not required in order to perform these operations.

### Legacy protocol Buffer support

These `nProtobufEvents` are integrated seamlessly in Universal Messaging, allowing for server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffer events, which can be sent on resources just like normal Universal Messaging events. The server side filtering of messages is achieved by providing the server with a description of the data structures (constructed at the .proto compile time, using the standard protobuf compiler and the `--descriptor_set_out` option). The default location the server looks in for descriptor files is `/plugins/ProtobufDescriptors` and this can be configured through the Enterprise Manager. The server will monitor this folder for changes, and the frequency of these updates can be configured through the Enterprise Manager. The server can then extract

the key value pairs from the binary Protobuf message and filter message delivery based on user requirements.

The Enterprise Manager can be used to view, edit and republish protocol buffer events, even if the Enterprise Manager is not running on the same machine as the server. To enable this, the server outputs a descriptor set to a configurable directory (by default the htdocs directory for the realm) and this can then be made available through a file plugin etc. The directory can be changed through the Enterprise Manager. The Enterprise Manager can then be configured to load this file using `-DProtobufDescSetURL` and then the contents of the protocol buffers can be parsed.

## Publish / Subscribe Using Channels/Topics

Publish / Subscribe is one of several messaging paradigms available in Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging Channels are a logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) or data (events).

Universal Messaging DataStreams and DataGroups provide an alternative style of Publish/Subscribe where user subscriptions can be managed remotely on behalf of clients (see [“Publish / Subscribe Using DataStreams and DataGroups” on page 38](#)).

Universal Messaging Channels equate to Topics if you are using the Universal Messaging Provider for JMS.

Under the publish / subscribe paradigm, each event is delivered to each subscriber once and only once per subscription, and is not typically removed from the channel as a result of the message being consumed by an individual client.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging pub / sub works in Java.

## Creating a Channel

Channels can be created programmatically as detailed below, or they can be created using the Universal Messaging enterprise manager.

In order to create a channel, first of all you must create an `nSession` object, which is your effectively the logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using an `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession' we can then begin creating the channel object. Channels have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the channel, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a channel to any subscribers wishing to consume them.

To create a channel, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setMaxEvents(0);
cattrib.setTTL(0);
cattrib.setType(nChannelAttributes.PERSISTENT_TYPE);
cattrib.setName("mychannel");
nChannel myChannel=mySession.createChannel(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging channel within the realm.

### Setting User and Group Permissions during Channel Creation

User and a group permissions can be created using the factory methods defined in the `nStorePermission` class.

For example, a user permission can be created with

```
nStorePermission.createForUser(<username>, <host>, <permission_mask>)
```

or

```
nStorePermission.createForUser(<subject>, <permission_mask>)
```

where `<username>` and `<host>` are String parameters, `<subject>` is a String in the format "`<username>@<host>`" and `<permission_mask>` is a long representing the mask for the corresponding user/group.

The permission mask must be generated using the `nStorePermissionGenerator` class. The utility provides methods for building channel permissions from an EnumSet. The following enumeration is defined:

- `nChannelStorePermission` - for all permissions that can be applied on a channel

Here is an example for generating the permission mask:

```
long channelPermission = nStorePermissionGenerator.getChannelPermissions
    (EnumSet.of(nChannelStorePermission.MANAGE, nChannelStorePermission.PUBLISH,
        nChannelStorePermission.PURGE));
```

The Client API contains the following method which is accessible from a session instance:

```
createChannel(nChannelAttributes attributes, long initialEid,
    Collection<nStorePermission> channelPermissions)
```

The method for creating multiple stores is overloaded and accepts collection with permissions that can be applied to the corresponding store. Here is an example:

```
create(nChannelAttributes[] attr, Collection<Collection<nStorePermission>> permissionsList)
```

The permissions for each store are also a collection, since multiple permissions can be applied on a single store during creation. If the create procedure fails for one of the stores, the others are created successfully. The reason for the failure can be found using the methods defined in the `nCreateResult` class which is used as a returned value for each store when multiple channels are requested to be created from the client.

If applying the requested permissions fails when attempting to create a single channel, an `nSecurityException` is thrown containing the name of the subject for which the operation has failed. For example, if the client tries to grant permissions for a group which

does not exist, the operation will fail and the channel will not be created. The client is authorized to grant permissions on store creation only for existing groups.

Here is a code sample illustrating the usage for creating a channel:

```
long userPermission = nStorePermissionGenerator.getChannelPermissions(
    EnumSet.of(nChannelStorePermission.MANAGE, nChannelStorePermission.PUBLISH));
long secondUserPermission = nStorePermissionGenerator.getChannelPermissions(
    EnumSet.of(nChannelStorePermission.PUBLISH, nChannelStorePermission.PURGE));
nStorePermission firstPermission = nStorePermission.createForUser(
    "user", "127.0.0.1", userPermission);
nStorePermission secondPermission = nStorePermission.createForUser(
    "username@127.0.0.1", secondUserPermission);
Collection<nStorePermission> channelPermissions =
    Arrays.asList(firstPermission, secondPermission);
nChannelAttributes channelAttributes = new nChannelAttributes("channelToCreate");
session.createChannel(channelAttributes, 0, channelPermissions);
```

## Finding a Channel

In order to find a channel programmatically you must create your `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then try to find the channel object. Channels have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the channel, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a channel to any subscribers wishing to consume them,

To find a channel previously created, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setName("mychannel");
nChannel myChannel=mySession.findChannel(cattrib);
```

This returns a reference to a Universal Messaging channel within the realm.

## Publishing events to a Channel

There are 2 types of publish available in Universal Messaging for channels:

- [“Reliable Publish” on page 29](#)
- [“Transactional Publish” on page 29](#)

*Reliable Publish* is simply a one way push to the Universal Messaging Server. This means that the server does not send a response to the client to indicate whether the event was successfully received by the server from the publish call.

*Transactional Publish* involves creating a transaction object to which events are published, and then committing the transaction. The server responds to the transaction commit call indicating if it was successful. There are also means for transactions to be checked for status after application crashes or disconnects.

### Reliable Publish

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server and the channel has been located, an event must be constructed prior to a publish call being made to the channel.

For reliable publish, there are a number of method prototypes on a channel that allow us to publish different types of events onto a channel. Here are examples of some of them. Further examples can be found in the API documentation.

```
// Publishing a simple byte array message
myChannel.publish(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", message.getBytes()));
//Publishing a dictionary (nEventProperties)
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("bondname", "bond1");
props.put("price", 100.00);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("atag", props, "data".getBytes());
myChannel.publish(evt);
// publishing an XML document
InputStream is = new FileInputStream(aFile);
DOMParser p = new DOMParser();
p.parse(new InputSource(is));
Document doc = p.getDocument();
myChannel.publish("XML", doc);
```

### Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides a means of verifying that the server received the events from the publisher, and therefore provides guaranteed delivery.

There are similar prototypes available to the developer for transactional publishing. Once the session is established and the channel located, we then need to construct the events for the transaction and publish these events to the transaction. Only when the transaction has been committed will the events become available to subscribers on the channel.

Below are some code snippets for transactional publishing:

```
//Publishing a single event in a transaction
nTransactionAttributes tattrib=new nTransactionAttributes(myChannel);
nTransaction myTransaction=nTransactionFactory.create(tattrib);
myTransaction.publish(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", message.getBytes()));
myTransaction.commit();
//Publishing multiple events in a transaction
Vector messages=new Vector();
messages.addElement(message1);
nTransactionAttributes tattrib=new nTransactionAttributes(myChannel);
nTransaction myTransaction=nTransactionFactory.create(tattrib);
myTransaction.publish(messages);
myTransaction.commit();
```

If during the transaction commit your Universal Messaging session becomes disconnected, and the commit call throws an exception, the state of the transaction may

be unclear. To verify that a transaction has been committed or aborted, a call can be made on the transaction that will determine if the events within the transaction were successfully received by the Universal Messaging Realm Server. This call can be made regardless of whether the connection was lost and a new connection was created.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to query the Universal Messaging Realm Server to see if the transaction was committed:

```
boolean committed = myTransaction.isCommitted(true);
```

## Sending XML Dom Objects

Universal Messaging provides inbuilt support for XML based messaging.

XML can be published as either a String or a DOM Document object.

A summary of the code needed to publish and consume XML data is provided below. For more information please see the Universal Messaging publish XML and consume XML examples.

### Publishing

The code to read an XML file and publish it as DOM Document is as follows:

```
//Create an input stream
InputStream is = new FileInputStream( aFile );
//Create a DOM Parser object
DOMParser p = new DOMParser();
//Parse from the input stream
p.parse( new InputSource( is ) );
//Get the XML Document
doc = p.getDocument();
//Publish the Dom Document
myChannel.publish( tag, doc )
```

### Subscribing

The code to consume XML is as follows:

```
//The nConsumEventListener Callback
void go( nConsumeEvent evt ) {
    //get the DOM Document from the Universal Messaging event
    Document doc = evt.getDocument();
    //pass it to the Universal Messaging xmlHelper class
    xmlHelper xh = new xmlHelper( doc );
    //output the XML to standard out
    xh.dumpDoc();
}
```

## Asynchronous Subscriber

Asynchronous channel subscribers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous subscribers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`.

The listener interface defines one method called 'go' which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

An example of such a simple listener is shown below:

```

public class mySubscriber implements nEventListener {
    public mySubscriber() throws Exception {
        // construct your session
        // and channel objects here
        // begin consuming events from the channel at event id 0
        // i.e. the beginning of the channel
        myChannel.addSubscriber(this , 0);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new mySubscriber();
    }
}

```

Asynchronous consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a subscriber is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperteis props =new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME","bond1");

```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the `addSubscriber` method shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Channel Iterator

Events can be synchronously consumed from a channel using a channel iterator object. The iterator will sequentially move through the channel and return events as and when the iterator `getNext()` method is called.

If you are using iterators so that you know when all events have been consumed from a channel please note that this can also be achieved using an asynchronous subscriber by calling the `nConsumeEvents.isEndOfChannel()` method.

An example of how to use a channel iterator is shown below:

```

public class myIterator {
    nChannelIterator iterator = null;
    public myIterator() throws Exception {
        // construct your session and channel objects
        // start the iterator at the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
        iterator = myChannel.createIterator(0);
    }
    public void start() {
        while (true) {
            nConsumeEvent event = iterator.getNext();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        myIterator itr = new myIterator();
    }
}

```

```
itr.start();
}
}
```

Synchronous consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a consumer is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props =new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME","bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'"
```

And pass this string into the `createIterator` method shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Batched Subscribe

If a client application needs to subscribe to multiple channels it is more efficient to batch these subscriptions into a single server call. This is achieved using the `subscribe` method of `nSession` rather than first finding the `nChannel` object and then calling the `subscribe` method of `nChannel`.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to two Universal Messaging channels in one server call:

```
public class myEventListener implements nEventListener {
    public void go(nConsumeEvent evt) {
        System.out.println("Received an event!");
    }
}
public void demo(){
    nSubscriptionAttributes[] arr = new nSubscriptionAttributes[2];
    arr[0] = new nSubscriptionAttributes("myChan1", "", 0, myLis1);
    arr[1] = new nSubscriptionAttributes("myChan2", "", 0, myLis2);
    arr = mySession.subscribe(arr);
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        if (!arr[i].wasSuccessful()) {
            handleSubscriptionFailure(arr[i]);
        }
        //subscription successful
    }
}
public void handleSubscriptionFailure(nSubscriptionAttributes subAtts){
    subAtts.getException().printStackTrace();
}
}
```

The `nSubscriptionAttributes` class is used to specify which channels to subscribe to. The second two parameters of the constructor represent the selector to use for the subscription and the event ID to subscribe from.

It is possible that the subscription may fail; for example, the channel may not exist or the user may not have the required privileges. In this situation, calling `wasSuccessful()` on the `nSubscriptionAttributes` will return false and `getException()` will return the exception that was thrown.

If the subscription is successful then the `nChannel` object can be obtained from the `nSubscriptionAttributes` as shown in the following code snippet:

```
nChannel chan = subAtts.getChannel();
```

## Batched Find

In client applications, it is quite common to have multiple Channels or Queues that one is trying to find. In these scenarios, the batched find call built into `nSession` is extremely useful.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to find 2 Universal Messaging Channels in one server call:

```
public void demo() {
    nChannelAttributes[] arr = new nChannelAttributes[2];
    nChannel[] channels = new nChannels[2];
    arr[0] = new nChannelAttributes("myChan1");
    arr[1] = new nChannelAttributes("myChan2");
    nFindResult[] results = mySession.find(arr);
    for (int i = 0; i < results.length; i++) {
        if (!results[i].wasSuccessful()) {
            handleSubscriptionFailure(results[i]);
        } else if (results[i].isChannel) {
            channels[i] = results[i].getChannel();
        }
    }
}

public void handleSubscriptionFailure(nFindResult result) {
    result.getException().printStackTrace();
}
```

To perform the same operation for Queues, simply use the example above and exchange `nChannel` for `nQueue`, and check each result returned to see if the `isQueue()` flag is set.

## Durable channel consumers and named objects

Universal Messaging provides the ability for both asynchronous and synchronous consumers to be durable. Durable consumers allow state to be kept at the server with regard to what events have been consumed by a specific consumer of data.

Universal Messaging supports durable consumers through use of Universal Messaging named objects as shown by the following example code (see [“Named Objects” on page 35](#)).

Named objects can also be managed via the enterprise manager.

### Asynchronous Durable Consumer

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, persistent and is used in conjunction with an asynchronous event consumer:

```
public class mySubscriber implements nEventListener {
    public mySubscriber() throws Exception {
        // construct your session
        // and channel objects here
        // create the named object and begin consuming events from the channel at event id 0
        // i.e. the beginning of the channel
    }
}
```

```

    nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique1", 0, true);
    myChannel.addSubscriber(this , nobj);
}
public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
    System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
}
public static void main(String[] args) {
    new mySubscriber();
}
}

```

### Synchronous Durable Consumer

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, persistent and is used in conjunction with a synchronous event consumer:

```

public class myIterator {
    nChannelIterator iterator = null;
    public myIterator() throws Exception {
        // construct your session
        // and channel objects here
        // start the iterator at the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
        nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique2", 0, true);
        iterator = myChannel.createIterator(0);
    }
    public void start() {
        while (true) {
            nConsumeEvent event = iterator.getNext();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        myIterator itr = new myIterator();
        itr.start();
    }
}

```

Both synchronous and asynchronous channel consumers allow message selectors to be used in conjunction with named objects. Please see the API documentation for more information.

There are also different ways in which events consumed by named consumers can be acknowledged. By specifying that 'auto acknowledge' is true when constructing either the synchronous or asynchronous consumers, then each event is acknowledged as consumed automatically. If 'auto acknowledge' is set to false, then each event consumed has to be acknowledged by calling the `ack()` method:

```

public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
    System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    event.ack();
}

```

### Priority

Two subscribers can hold a subscription to the same named object. One is given priority and will process events during normal operation. If, however, the subscriber with priority is disconnected for whatever reason, and is unable to process events, the second

subscriber to that named object will take over and continue to process events as they come in. This allows failover, with backup subscribers handling events if the subscriber with priority goes down.

To do this, we simply create the subscriber with a boolean specifying if this subscriber priority. Only one subscriber is allowed priority at any given time. An example of a named object specifying priority is shown below:

```
nNamedObject named = myChannel.createNamedObject(subname, startEid,  
    persistent, cluster, priority);
```

## Named Objects

Universal Messaging provides the ability for the server to maintain state for the last event that was consumed by a consumer on a channel. By providing a unique name, you can create a named object on a channel and even when your application is stopped, the next time you start your application, you will only consume available events from the last event id that the server stored as successfully consumed by that named object.

Named objects can be persistent, i.e. the last eid is written to disk, so that if the Universal Messaging Realm Server is restarted, the last eid consumed is retrievable for each named object on a channel.

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, and is persistent is shown below:

```
nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique1", 0, true);
```

## Event Fragmentation

Universal Messaging is capable of sending large messages. The maximum message size is given by the configuration parameter `MaxBufferSize`. For a description of this parameter, see the section Realm Configuration in the description of the Enterprise Manager in the *Universal Messaging Administration Guide*.

However, to get the best performance out of the system, it is important to consider how the data for such events is sent. In some cases, it might be better to compress or fragment the message rather than increasing `MaxBufferSize`.

If you want to send a large file, you could first compress the file before attaching it to an `nConsumeEvent` as a byte array. It takes time to compress data but as long as the data compresses well, you may find that by reducing the network utilization, your system operates more efficiently.

Another option is to fragment the data. To fragment the data you need to convert to a byte array as before, but split the byte array and send multiple `nConsumeEvent` requests rather than one. By doing this, the events are handled completely separately by the server, so there are some things to consider; for example, this approach will not work if you are using a queue with multiple consumers.

## The Merge Engine and Event Deltas

In order to streamline publish/subscribe applications it is possible to deliver only the portion of an event's data that has changed rather than the entire event. These event deltas minimise the amount of data sent from the publisher and ultimately delivered to the subscribers.

The publisher simply registers an event and can then publish changes to individual keys within the event. The subscriber will receive a full event on initial subscription, which contains the most up to date state of the event. After the initial message, only the key/value pairs which have changed since the last message will be sent to the client.

### Publisher - Registered Events

In order to publish event deltas the publisher uses the Registered Event facility available on a Universal Messaging Channel. Please note that the channel must have been created with the Merge Engine and it must have a single Publish Key. The publish key represents the primary key for the channel and the registered events. So for example if you are publishing currency rates you would setup a channel as such:

```
nChannelAttributes cattr
    = new nChannelAttributes("RatesChannel", 0, 0, nChannelAttributes.SIMPLE_TYPE);
//
// This next line tells the server to Merge incoming events based on the publish
// key name and the name of the registered event
//
    cattr.useMergeEngine(true);
//
// Now create the Publish Key (See publish Keys for a full description
//
    nChannelPublishKeys[] pks = new nChannelPublishKeys[1];
    pks[0] = new nChannelPublishKeys("ccy", 1);
    cattr.setPublishKeys(pks);
//
// Now create the channel
//
    myChannel = mySession.createChannel(cattr);
```

At this point the server will have a channel created with the ability to merge incoming events from Registered Events. The next step is to create the Registered events at the publisher.

```
nRegisteredEvent audEvent = myChannel.createRegisteredEvent("AUD");
nEventProperties props = audEvent.getProperties();
props.put("bid", 0.8999);
props.put("offer", 0.9999);
props.put("close", "0.8990");
audEvent.commitChanges();
```

You now have a `nRegisteredEvent` called `audEvent` which is bound to a `ccy` value of "AUD". We then set the properties relevant to the application, finally we call `commitChanges()`, this will send the event, as is, to the server. At this point if the bid was to change then that individual field can be published to the server as follows:

```
props.put("bid", 0.9999);
audEvent.commitChanges();
```

This code will send only the new "bid" change to the server. The server will modify the event internally so that any new client subscribing will receive all of the data, yet any existing subscribers will only receive the change.

### Subscriber - nEventListener

The subscriber implements nEventListener in the usual way and does not need to do anything different in order to receive either event deltas or snapshots containing the result of one or more merge operations. The standard nEventListener will receive a full event when the subscriptions is initiated. Thereafter it will receive only deltas. If at any time the user is disconnected then it will receive a fresh update of the full event on reconnection - followed by a resumption of delta delivery.

If you wish to differentiate between snapshot events and delta events then the nConsumeEvent attributes can be used as follows:

```
event.getAttributes().isDelta();
```

## Priority Messaging

In certain scenarios it may be desirable to deliver messages with differing levels of priority over the same channel or queue. Universal Messaging provides the ability to expedite messages based on a priority level. Messages with higher levels of priority are able to be delivered to clients ahead of lower priority messages. The priority is a numeric value in the range 0 (lowest priority) to 9 (highest priority).

Universal Messaging achieves this capability through a highly concurrent and scalable implementation of a priority queue. Where in a typical queue events are first in first out, in a priority queue the message with the highest priority is the first element to be removed from the queue. In Universal Messaging each client has its own priority queue for message delivery.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to set priority on a message:

```
nConsumeEvent evt;  
...  
evt.getAttributes().setPriority((byte) 9);
```

Priority Messaging allows for a high priority message to be delivered ahead of a backlog of lower priority messages. Ordering of delivery is done dynamically on a per client basis.

Priority messaging is enabled by default, there are no configuration options for this feature.

As Priority Messaging is done dynamically, events may not appear in strict order of priority. Higher priority events are expedited on a best effort basis, and the effects become more noticeable as load increases.

**Note:** If events are stored for replay at a later stage, for example for a durable subscriber who is currently not consuming events, higher priority events will be delivered earlier than lower priority events when the durable subscriber

starts consuming the events, even if the lower priority events were created much earlier .

## Publish / Subscribe Using DataStreams and DataGroups

Publish / Subscribe is one of several messaging paradigms supported by Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging DataGroups are lightweight structures designed to facilitate Publish/Subscribe . When using DataGroups, user subscriptions are managed remotely in a way that is transparent to subscribers. Universal Messaging Channels provide an alternative style of Publish/Subscribe where the subscribers manage their subscriptions directly.

There are two resources that are used when interacting with DataGroups: DataStreams and *DataGroups*.

### DataStreams

A Data Stream is a destination for published events. Publishers with appropriate permissions can write events directly to Data Streams. A Universal Messaging client session can optionally have a Data Stream, and receive events through it.

A Data Stream can be a member of one or more Data Groups.

### DataGroups

Any event written to a Data Group will be propagated to all Data Streams that are members of that Data Group.

Data Groups may also contain other Data Groups. Any event written to an upper level Data Group will be written to all contained Data Groups, and thus to all contained Data Streams.

Note that all Data Streams are automatically added to the realm server's Default Data Group. Writing an event to the Default Data Group, therefore, will ensure it is delivered to any client with a session configured to use a Data Stream.

This section demonstrates Universal Messaging pub / sub using DataGroups in Java, and provides example code snippets for all relevant concepts:

### DataStreamListener

If a `nSession` is created with a `nDataStreamListener` then it will receive asynchronous callbacks via the `onMessage` implementation of the `nDataStreamListener` interface. The `nDataStreamListener` will receive events when:

- An event is published directly to this particular `nDataStream`
- An event is published to any `nDataGroup` which contains this `nDataStream`
- An event is published to an `nDataGroup` which contains a nested `nDataGroup` containing this `nDataStream`

- An example of how to create a session with an `nDataStreamListener` interface is shown below:

```
public class DataGroupClient implements nDataStreamListener{
    nSession mySession;
    public DataGroupClient( String realmURLs){
        nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(realmURLs);
        mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this);
        mySession.init(this);
    }
    ///
    // nDataStreamListener Implementation
    ///
    //Callback received when event is available
    public void onMessage(nConsumeEvent event){
        //some code to process the message
    }
}
```

## Creating and Deleting DataGroups

### Creating Universal Messaging DataGroups

`nDataGroups` can be created programmatically as detailed below, or they can be created using the Universal Messaging enterprise manager.

In order to create a `nDataGroup`, first of all you must create an `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using an `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` object instance 'mySession', you can then create `DataGroups`. The create `DataGroup` methods will return the `nDataGroup` if it already exists.

The code snippets below demonstrate the creation of `nDataGroups`:

### Create a Single `nDataGroup`

```
nDataGroup myGroup = mySession.createDataGroups("myGroup");
```

### Create Multiple `nDataGroups`

```
String[] groups = {"myFirstGroup", "mySecondGroup"};
nDataGroup[] myGroups = mySession.createDataGroups(groups);
```

### Creating `DataGroups` with `DataGroupListeners` and `ConflationAttributes`

It is also possible to specify additional properties when creating `DataGroups`:

- `nDataGroupListener` - To specify a listener for `DataGroup` membership changes

- `nConflationAttributes` - To specify attributes which control event merging and delivery throttling for the `DataGroup`

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging `DataGroup` it is possible to publish events

### Deleting Universal Messaging DataGroups

There are various `deleteDataGroup` methods available on `nSession` which will delete `DataGroups`. It is possible to specify single `nDataGroups` or arrays of `nDataGroups`.

### Managing DataGroup Membership

`DataGroups` are extremely lightweight from both client and server perspectives; a back-end process, such as a Complex Event Processing engine, can simply create `DataGroups` and then add or remove users (or even entire nested `DataGroups`) based on bespoke business logic. A user who is removed from one `DataGroup` and added to another will continue to receive events without any interruption to service, or indeed explicit awareness that any `DataGroup` change has occurred.

This page details some of the typical operations that `DataGroup` management process would carry out. Please see our Java sample apps for more detailed examples of `DataGroup` management.

### Tracking Changes to DataGroup Membership (DataGroupListener)

The `nDataGroupListener` interface is used to provide asynchronous notifications when `nDataGroup` membership changes occur. Each time a user (`nDataStream`) or `nDataGroup` is added or removed from a `nDataGroup` a callback will be received.

```
public class datagroupListener implements nDataGroupListener {
    nSession mySession;
    public datagroupListener(nSession session){
        mySession = session;
        //add this class as a listener for all nDataGroups on this Universal Messaging
        // realm
        mySession.getDataGroups(this);
    }
    ///
    ///DataGroupListener Implementation
    ///
    public void addedGroup (nDataGroup to, nDataGroup group, int count){
        //Called when a group has been added to the 'to' data group.
        //count is the number of nDataStreams that will receive any events published
        //to this nDataGroup
    }
    public void addedStream (nDataGroup group, nDataStream stream, int count){
        //Called when a new stream has been added to the data group.
    }
    public void createdGroup (nDataGroup group){
        //Called when a group has been created.
    }
    public void deletedGroup (nDataGroup group){
        //Called when a group has been deleted.
    }
    public void deletedStream (nDataGroup group, nDataStream stream, int count,
        boolean serverRemoved){
```

```

        //Called when a stream has been deleted from the data group.
        //serverRemoved is true if the nDataStream was removed because of flow control
    }
    public void removedGroup (nDataGroup from, nDataGroup group, int count){
        //Called when a group has been removed from the 'from' data group.
    }
}

```

There are three ways in which the `nDataGroupListener` can be used:

### Listening to an individual DataGroup

Listeners can be added to individual `DataGroups` when they are created or at any time after creation. The code snippets illustrate both approaches:

```

mySession.createDataGroup(dataGroupName, datagroupListener);
myDataGroup.addListener(datagroupListener);

```

### Listening to the Default DataGroup

The Default `nDataGroup` is a `DataGroup` to which all `nDataStreams` are added by default. If you add a `DataGroupListener` to the default `DataGroup` then callbacks will be received when:

- a `nDataStream` is connected/disconnected
- a `nDataGroup` is created or deleted

### Listening to all DataGroups on a Universal Messaging Realm

The code snippet below will listen on all `nDataGroups` (including the default `DataGroup`).

```

mySession.getDataGroups(datagroupListener);

```

### Adding and Removing DataGroup Members

The `nDataGroup` class provides various methods for adding and removing `nDataStreams` and `nDataGroups`. Please see the `nDataGroup` API documentation for a full list of methods. Examples of some of these are provided below:

```

//Add a nDataStream (user) to a nDataGroup
public void addStreamToDataGroup(nDataGroup group, nDataStream user){
    group.add(user);
}
//Remove a nDataStream (user) from a nDataGroup
public void removeStreamFromDataGroup(nDataGroup group, nDataStream user){
    group.remove(user);
}
//Add a nDataGroup to a nDataGroup
public void addNestedDataGroup(nDataGroup parent, nDataGroup child){
    parent.add(child);
}
//Remove a nDataGroup from a nDataGroup
public void removeNestedDataGroup(nDataGroup parent, nDataGroup child){
    parent.remove(child);
}

```

## DataGroup Conflation Attributes

### Enabling Conflation on DataGroups

Universal Messaging DataGroups can be configured so that conflation (merging and throttling of events) occurs when messages are published. Conflation can be carried out in several ways and these are specified using a `nConflationAttributes` object. The `ConflationAttributes` object is passed in to the `DataGroup` when it is created initially.

The `nConflationAttributes` object has two properties `action` and `interval`. Both of these are passed into the constructor.

The `action` property specifies whether published events should replace previous events in the `DataGroup` or be merged with them. These properties are defined by static fields:

```
nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents
nConflationAttributes.sDropEvents
```

The `interval` property specifies the interval in milliseconds between event fanout to subscribers. An interval of zero implies events will be fanned out immediately.

### Creating a Conflation Attributes Object

```
//ConflationAttributes specifying merge events and no throttled delivery
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents, 0);
//ConflationAttributes specifying merge events and throttled delivery at 1 second intervals
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents, 1000);
//ConflationAttributes specifying drop events and throttled delivery at 1 second intervals
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sDropEvent, 1000);
```

### Create a Single nDataGroup with Conflation Attributes

```
public class datagroupListener implements nDataGroupListener {
    nSession mySession;
    nDataGroup myDataGroup;
    public datagroupListener(nSession session, nConflationAttributes confattribs,
        String dataGroupName){
        mySession = session;
        //create a DataGroup passing in this class as a nDataGroupListener and a
        //ConflationAttributes
        myDataGroup = mySession.createDataGroup(dataGroupName, this, confattribs)
    }
}
```

### Create Multiple nDataGroups with Conflation Attributes

```
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents, 1000);
String[] groups = {"myFirstGroup", "mySecondGroup"};
nDataGroup[] myGroups = mySession.createDataGroups(groups, confattribs);
```

## Publishing Events to Conflated DataGroups With A Merge Policy

At this point the server will have a `nDataGroup` created with the ability to merge incoming events from Registered Events. The next step is to create the Registered events at the publisher.

```
nRegisteredEvent audEvent = myDataGroup.createRegisteredEvent();
nEventProperties props = audEvent.getProperties();
props.put("bid", 0.8999);
props.put("offer", 0.9999);
props.put("close", "0.8990");
audEvent.commitChanges();
```

You now have a `nRegisteredEvent` called `audEvent` which is bound to the data group that could be called 'aud'. We then set the properties relevant to the application, finally we call `commitChanges()`, this will send the event, as is, to the server. At this point if the bid was to change then that individual field can be published to the server as follows:

```
props.put("bid", 0.9999);
audEvent.commitChanges();
```

This code will send only the new "bid" change to the server. The server will modify the event internally so that any new client subscribing will receive all of the data, yet any existing subscribers will only receive the change.

When a data group has been created with Merge conflation, all registered events published to that data group will have their `nEventProperties` merged into the snapshot event, before the delta event is delivered to the consumers.

When using Merge conflation with an interval (ie throttling), all updates will be merged into a conflated event (as well as the snapshot event) that will be delivered within the chosen interval. For example, consider the following with a merge conflated group and an interval set to 100ms (i.e. maximum of 10 events a second):

```
Scenario 1
t0      - Publish Message1, Bid=1.234      (This message will be immediately
                                             delivered, and merged into the snapshot)
t10     - Publish Message2, Offer=1.234    (This message will be held as a
                                             conflation event, and merged into the snapshot)
t20     - Publish Message3, Bid=1.345     (This message will be merged with the
                                             conflated event, and with the snapshot)
t100    - Interval hit                    (Conflated event containing Offer=1.234,Bid=1.345
                                             is delivered to consumers)
                                             Interval timer reset to +100ms, ie t200
t101    - Publish Message4, Offer=1.345    (This message will be held as a conflation event,
                                             and merged into the snapshot)

Where t0...tn is the time frame in milliseconds from now.
Scenario 2
t0      - Publish Message1, Bid=1.234      (This message will be immediately
                                             delivered, and merged into the snapshot)
t100    - Interval hit                    (Nothing is sent as there has been no update
                                             since t0)
t101    - Publish Message2, Offer=1.234    (This message will be immediately
                                             delivered, and merged into the snapshot)
                                             Interval timer reset to +100ms, ie t201
```

Meanwhile, if any new consumers are added to the Data Group, they will always consume the most up to date snapshot and then begin consuming any conflated updates after that.

## Publishing Events to Conflated DataGroups With A Drop Policy

If you have specified a "Drop" policy in your ConflationAttributes then events are published in the normal way rather than using `nRegisteredEvent`.

## Consuming Conflated Events from a DataGroup

The subscriber doesn't need to do anything different to receive events from a DataGroup with conflation enabled. If `nRegisteredEvents` are being delivered then the events will contain only the fields that have changed will be delivered. In all other circumstances an entire event is delivered to all consumers.

## DataGroups Event Publishing

You can get references to any DataGroup from the `nSession` object. There are various `writeDataGroup` methods available. These methods also support batching of multiple events to a single group or batching of writes to multiple DataGroups.

```
myDataGroup = mySession.getDataGroup("myGroup");
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
//You can add other types in a dictionary object
props.put("key0string"+x, "1"+x);
props.put("key1int", (int) 1);
props.put("key2long", (long) -11);
nConsumeEvent evt1 = new nConsumeEvent(props, buffer);
//Publish the event
mySession.writeDataGroup(evt1, myDataGroup);
```

## DataStream Event Publishing

You can get references to any `nDataStream` (user) from the `nSession` object if you call `getDefaultDataGroup()`. You can also access `nDataStreams` by implementing the `nDataGroupListener` interface. Please see DataGroup management for more information. This will deliver callbacks as users are connected/disconnected. There are various `writeDataStream` methods available. These methods also support batching of multiple events to a single group or batching of writes to multiple DataStreams.

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
//You can add other types in a dictionary object
props.put("key0string"+x, "1"+x);
props.put("key1int", (int) 1);
props.put("key2long", (long) -11);
nConsumeEvent evt1 = new nConsumeEvent(props, buffer);
//Publish the event
mySession.writeDataStream(evt1, myDataStream)
```

## Priority Messaging

In certain scenarios it may be desirable to deliver messages with differing levels of priority over the same datagroup. Universal Messaging provides the ability to expedite messages based on a priority level. Messages with higher levels of priority are able to be delivered to clients ahead of lower priority messages. The priority is a numeric value in the range 0 (lowest priority) to 9 (highest priority).

Universal Messaging achieves this capability through a highly concurrent and scalable implementation of a priority queue. Where in a typical queue events are first in first out, in a priority queue the message with the highest priority is the first element to be removed from the queue. In Universal Messaging each client has its own priority queue for message delivery.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to set priority on a message:

```
nConsumeEvent evt;  
...  
evt.getAttributes().setPriority((byte) 9);
```

Priority Messaging allows for a high priority message to be delivered ahead of a backlog of lower priority messages. Ordering of delivery is done dynamically on a per client basis.

Priority messaging is enabled by default, there are no configuration options for this feature.

As Priority Messaging is done dynamically, events may not appear in strict order of priority. Higher priority events are expedited on a best effort basis, and the effects become more noticeable as load increases.

**Note:** If events are stored for replay at a later stage, for example for a durable subscriber who is currently not consuming events, higher priority events will be delivered earlier than lower priority events when the durable subscriber starts consuming the events, even if the lower priority events were created much earlier .

## Message Queues

Message queues are one of several messaging paradigms supported by Universal Messaging.

Universal Messaging provides message queue functionality through the use of queue objects. Queues are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) or data (events).

Message queues differ from publish / subscribe channels in the way that events are delivered to consumers. Whilst queues may have multiple consumers, each event is typically only delivered to one consumer, and once consumed (popped) it is removed from the queue.

Universal Messaging also supports non destructive reads (peeks) from queues which enable consumers to see what events are on a queue without removing it from the queue. Any event which has been peeked will still be queued for popping in the normal way. The Universal Messaging enterprise manager also supports the ability to visually peek a queue using its snoop capability.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging message queues work in Java, and provide examples code snippets for all relevant concepts:

## Creating a Queue

In order to create a queue, first of all you must create your `nSession` object, which is your effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then begin creating the queue object. Queues have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the queue, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a queue to any consumers wishing to consume them.

To create a queue, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setChannelMode(nChannelAttributes.QUEUE_MODE);
cattrib.setMaxEvents(0);
cattrib.setTTL(0);
cattrib.setType(nChannelAttributes.PERSISTENT_TYPE);
cattrib.setName("myqueue");
nQueue myQueue=mySession.createQueue(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging queue within the realm.

## Setting User and Group Permissions during Queue Creation

User and a group permissions can be created using the factory methods defined in the `nStorePermission` class.

For example, a user permission can be created with

```
nStorePermission.createForUser(<username>, <host>, <permission_mask>)
```

or

```
nStorePermission.createForUser(<subject>, <permission_mask>)
```

where `<username>` and `<host>` are String parameters, `<subject>` is a String in the format "`<username>@<host>`" and `<permission_mask>` is a long representing the mask for the corresponding user/group.

The permission mask must be generated using the `nStorePermissionGenerator` class. The utility provides methods for building queue permissions from an EnumSet. The following enumeration is defined:

- `nQueueStorePermission` - for all permissions that can be applied on a queue

Here is an example for generating the permission mask:

```
long queuePermission = nStorePermissionGenerator.getQueuePermissions
    (EnumSet.of(nQueueStorePermission.MANAGE, nQueueStorePermission.PUSH));
```

The Client API contains the following method which is accessible from a session instance:

```
createQueue(nChannelAttributes attributes, Collection<nStorePermission> queuePermissions)
```

The method for creating multiple stores is overloaded and accepts collection with permissions that can be applied to the corresponding store. Here is an example:

```
create(nChannelAttributes[] attr, Collection<Collection<nStorePermission>> permissionsList)
```

The permissions for each store are also a collection, since multiple permissions can be applied on a single store during creation. If the create procedure fails for one of the stores, the others are created successfully. The reason for the failure can be found using the methods defined in the `nCreateResult` class which is used as a returned value for each store when multiple queues are requested to be created from the client.

If applying the requested permissions fails when attempting to create a single queue, an `nSecurityException` is thrown containing the name of the subject for which the operation has failed. For example, if the client tries to grant permissions for a group which does not exist, the operation will fail and the queue will not be created. The client is authorized to grant permissions on store creation only for existing groups.

Here is a code sample illustrating the usage for creating a queue:

```
long userPermission = nStorePermissionGenerator.getQueuePermissions(
    EnumSet.of(nQueueStorePermission.MANAGE, nQueueStorePermission.PUSH));
long groupPermissionMask = nStorePermissionGenerator.getQueuePermissions(
    EnumSet.of(nQueueStorePermission.PEEK, nQueueStorePermission.PURGE));
nStorePermission firstPermission = nStorePermission.createForUser(
    "user", "127.0.0.1", userPermission);
nStorePermission secondPermission = nStorePermission.createForUser(
    "secondUser", "10.0.34.71", secondUserPermission);
Collection<nStorePermission> queuePermissions =
    Arrays.asList(firstPermission, secondPermission);
nChannelAttributes channelAttributes = new nChannelAttributes("queueToCreate");
session.createQueue(channelAttributes, queuePermissions);
```

## Finding a Queue

In order to find a queue, first of all the queue must be created. This can be achieved through the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager, or programmatically. First of all you must create your `nSession` object, which is your effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then try to find the queue object. Queues have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the

Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the queue, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a queue to any consumers wishing to consume them,

To find a queue previously created, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setName("myqueue");
nQueue myQueue=mySession.findQueue(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging queue within the realm.

## Queue Publish

There are 2 types of publish available in Universal Messaging for queues:

Reliable publish is simply a one way push to the Universal Messaging Server. This means that the server does not send a response to the client to indicate whether the event was successfully received by the server from the publish call.

Transactional publish involves creating a transaction object to which events are published, and then committing the transaction. The server responds to the transaction commit call indicating if it was successful. There are also means for transactions to be checked for status after application crashes or disconnects.

### Reliable Publish

Once you have established a session and find a queue, you then need to construct an event and publish the event onto the queue.

For reliable publish, here is the example code for how to publish events to a queue. Further examples can be found in the API documentation.

```
// Publishing a simple byte array message
myQueue.push(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", message.getBytes()));
// publishing an XML document
InputStream is = new FileInputStream( aFile );
DOMParser p = new DOMParser();
p.parse( new InputSource( is ) );
Document doc = p.getDocument();
myQueue.push( "XML", doc );
```

### Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides us with a method of verifying that the server receives the events from the publisher, and provides guaranteed delivery.

There are similar prototypes available to the developer for transaction publishing. Once we have established our session and our queue, we then need to construct our events and our transaction and publish these events to the transaction. Then the transaction will be committed and the events available to consumers to the queue.

Below is a code snippet of how transactional publishing is achieved:

```
Vector messages=new Vector();
Messages.addElement(message1);
nTransactionAttributes tattrib=new nTransactionAttributes(myQueue);
nTransaction myTransaction=nTransactionFactory.create(tattrib);
```

```
myTransaction.publish(messages);
myTransaction.commit();
```

If during the transaction commit your Universal Messaging session becomes disconnected, and the commit call throws an exception, the state of the transaction may be unclear. To verify that a transaction has been committed or aborted, an call can be made on the transaction that will determine if the events within the transactional were successfully received by the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

```
boolean committed = myTransaction.isCommitted(true);
```

Which will query the Universal Messaging Realm Server to see if the transaction was committed.

## Asynchronous Queue Consuming

Asynchronous queue consumers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous consumers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`. The listener interface defines one method called 'go' which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

An example of an asynchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class myAsyncQueueReader implements nEventListener {
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public myAsyncQueueReader() throws Exception {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // begin consuming events from the queue
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        nQueueAsyncReader reader = myQueue.createAsyncReader(ctx);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            new myAsyncQueueReader();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

Asynchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a subscriber is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperteis props =new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME","bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Synchronous Queue Consuming

Synchronous queue consumers consume events by calling `pop()` on the Universal Messaging queue reader object. Each `pop` call made on the queue reader will synchronously retrieve the next event from the queue.

An example of a synchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class mySyncQueueReader {
    nQueueSyncReader reader = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public mySyncQueueReader() throws Exception {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // construct the queue reader
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue.createReader(ctx);
    }
    public void start() throws Exception {
        while (true) {
            // pop events from the queue
            nConsumeEvent event = reader.pop();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            mySyncQueueReader sqr = new mySyncQueueReader();
            sqr.start();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

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## Asynchronous Transactional Queue Consuming

Asynchronous transactional queue consumers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous consumers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`. The listener interface defines one method called `'go'` which when called will

pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a commit or rollback.

An example of a transactional asynchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class myAsyncTxQueueReader implements nEventListener {
    nQueueAsyncTransactionalReader reader = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public myAsyncTxQueueReader() throws Exception {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // begin consuming events from the queue
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue.createAsyncTransactionalReader(ctx);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
        reader.commit();
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            new myAsyncTxQueueReader();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional asynchronous reader and a standard asynchronous queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the commit has been called.

Developers can also call the `.rollback()` method on a transactional reader that will notify the server that any events delivered to the reader that have not been committed, will be rolled back and redelivered to other queue consumers. Transactional queue readers can also commit or rollback any specific event by passing the event id of the event into the commit or rollback calls. For example, if a reader consumes 10 events, with event id's 0 to 9, you can commit event 4, which will only commit events 0 to 4 and rollback events 5 to 9.

Asynchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a subscriber is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperteis props =new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME","bond1");
```

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```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Synchronous Transactional Queue Consuming

Synchronous queue consumers consume events by calling `pop()` on the Universal Messaging queue reader object. Each `pop` call made on the queue reader will synchronously retrieve the next event from the queue.

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a `commit` or `rollback`.

An example of a transactional synchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class mySyncTxQueueReader {
    nQueueSyncTransactionReader reader = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public mySyncTxQueueReader() throws Exception {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // construct the transactional queue reader
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue.createTransactionalReader(ctx);
    }
    public void start() throws Exception {
        while (true) {
            // pop events from the queue
            nConsumeEvent event = reader.pop();
            go(event);
            // commit each event consumed
            reader.commit(event.getEventID());
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            mySyncTxQueueReadersqr = new mySyncTxQueueReader();
            sqr.start();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional synchronous reader and a standard synchronous queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the `commit` has been called.

Developers can also call the `rollback()` method on a transactional reader that will notify the server that any events delivered to the reader that have not been committed, will be rolled back and redelivered to other queue consumers. Transactional queue readers can also commit or rollback any specific event by passing the event id of the event into the

commit or rollback calls. For example, if a reader consumes 10 events, with event id's 0 to 9, you can commit event 4, which will only commit events 0 to 4 and rollback events 5 to 9.

Synchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a consumer is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Queue Browsing / Peeking

Universal Messaging provides a mechanism for browsing (peeking) queues. Queue browsing is a non-destructive read of events from a queue. The queue reader used by the peek will return an array of events, the size of the array being dependent on how many events are in the queue, and the window size defined when your reader context is created. For more information, please see the Universal Messaging Client API documentation.

An example of a queue browser is shown below:

```
public class myQueueBrowser {
    nQueueReader reader = null;
    nQueuePeekContext ctx = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public myQueueBrowser() throws Exception {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // create the queue reader
        reader = myQueue.createReader(new
            nQueueReaderContext());
        ctx = nQueueReader.createContext(10);
    }
    public void start() throws Exception {
        boolean more = true;
        long eid = 0;
        while (more) {
            // browse (peek) the queue
            nConsumeEvent[] evts = reader.peek(ctx);
            for (int x=0; x < evts.length; x++) {
                go(evts[x]);
            }
            more = ctx.hasMore();
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        System.out.println("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            myQueueBrowser qbrowse = new myQueueBrowser();
            qbrowse.start();
        }
    }
}
```

```

        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}

```

Queue browsers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a browser is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");

```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueuePeekContext` object shown in the example code, then your browser will only receive messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Request Response

### Subscriber Based Publish

Universal Messaging can easily be used to issue request/response message exchanges. To accomplish this, the requester simply publishes an event to a request queue and then listens for a response to be issued on a response queue. The responder tags this response with the username of the requester, and this ensures that only the requester will see the response event.

### Requester

The requester publishes an event to a request queue and then listens for a response to be issued on a response queue. The response will be tagged with the tag of the requester. This tag is specified during the initial configuration of the session, as shown below:

```
mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this, "subscriber tag");
```

After setting this, the requester simply publishes an event to the request queue and listens for a reply on the response queue.

An example Java requester is available in the examples section.

### Responder

The responder listens to the request channel and responds to each request event. To ensure the message is only delivered to the correct recipient, the Subscriber Name must be set on the response event. The response event's data can contain the relevant information the user needs.

```

//Having received a request event req, and established a connection to
//a response queue respQueue.
System.out.println("Received request");
//Retrieve username of request sender.
String requester = req.getPublishUser();
//Construct reply message.
String text = "Response: " + new String(req.getEventData());

```

```
//Construct reply event
nEventProperties atr = new nEventProperties();
nConsumeEvent resp = new nConsumeEvent(atr, text.getBytes());
//Set recipient of the event to the requester's tag to reply.
resp.setSubscriberName(requester.getBytes());
respQueue.push(resp);
```

An example Java responder is available in the examples section.

## Event Fragmentation

Universal Messaging is capable of sending large messages. The maximum message size is given by the configuration parameter `MaxBufferSize`. For a description of this parameter, see the section *Realm Configuration* in the description of the *Enterprise Manager* in the *Universal Messaging Administration Guide*.

However, to get the best performance out of the system, it is important to consider how the data for such events is sent. In some cases, it might be better to compress or fragment the message rather than increasing `MaxBufferSize`.

If you want to send a large file, you could first compress the file before attaching it to an `nConsumeEvent` as a byte array. It takes time to compress data but as long as the data compresses well, you may find that by reducing the network utilization, your system operates more efficiently.

Another option is to fragment the data. To fragment the data you need to convert to a byte array as before, but split the byte array and send multiple `nConsumeEvent` requests rather than one. By doing this, the events are handled completely separately by the server, so there are some things to consider; for example, this approach will not work if you are using a queue with multiple consumers.

## Provider for JMS

Universal Messaging Enterprise Server includes support for JMS functionality such as topics and queues.

JMS topics correspond to channels in Universal Messaging `publish / subscribe`, and JMS queues correspond to Universal Messaging message queues.

The pluggable communications drivers enable JMS to be used on public, private and wireless networks transparently. JMS functionality can be delivered over normal TCP/IP based sockets, SSL enabled sockets, HTTP and HTTPS. When supporting JMS using HTTP or HTTPS, Universal Messaging can traverse proxy servers and network address translation devices, and it does not require any additional web server to perform.

JMS message selector support is offered via Universal Messaging's high performance server side message filtering engine. This ensures that only messages with content that your clients register an interest in are delivered over the network, thus conserving network bandwidth.

The Universal Messaging API for JMS allows you to configure round-robin connection factories. These factories allow clients to publish messages in a round-robin fashion, so that one message or transaction gets published to the first realm node or cluster, the next

message to the next realm node or cluster, and so on. These connection factories have the following limitations:

1. Event consumption is not supported through these factories, so for example message listeners cannot be registered and consumers cannot be created via the sessions created from these connection factories.
2. The sessions created through these connections factories do not support distributed (XA) transactions.

This guide describes the programmatic steps you can take in order to use Universal Messaging Provider for JMS. There is also a section that will help you discover how to perform administration of JMS objects in the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager section.

## JMSAdmin: Sample application for creating realm resources

Universal Messaging's Enterprise Manager tool supports JNDI using the same Universal Messaging Channel based context used by the JMSAdmin example.

The example (`jmsadmin.java`) source code demonstrates how to store Universal Messaging Provider for JMS components into a JNDI service provider. The default service provider for the example uses Universal Messaging's own Universal Messaging Context to store JMS objects references, however any JNDI context provider can be used, from LDAP through to NIS. The Universal Messaging context is discussed in more detail here. The Universal Messaging Context stores references in a channel called `/naming/defaultContext`.

JMSAdmin creates all required resources on a Universal Messaging realm. The command syntax is as follows:

```
Java com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.JMSAdmin
  -DRNAME [-DPRINCIPAL] [-DPASSWORD] -DCONTEXT_FACTORY
  -DPROVIDER_URL JMSAdmin bind | unbind | list | queueFactory |
  topicFactory |connectionFactory | queue | topic name / alias
```

where the `-D` parameters have the following meaning:

- `RNAME` is the realm name of the Universal Messaging server you wish to connect to. If no `RNAME` is provided the default `RNAME` of `nsp://localhost:9000` is used.

You can specify a cluster of realms by specifying a comma-separated list of connection URLs, for example `"nsp://localhost:9000,nsp://localhost:9010"`.

If you want to use a round-robin connection factory, you can specify several connection URLs, where each connection URL can point to a standalone realm or a cluster. In this case, each connection URL is bounded by a set of round brackets - "(" and ")".

Examples:

- `(UM1)(UM2)(UM3)(UM4)` - Indicates 4 standalone realms, namely UM1, UM2, UM3 and UM4, so 4 connections will be constructed here.

- (UM1,UM2)(UM3,UM4) - Indicates 2 clusters, one consisting of UM1 and UM2 and the other consisting of UM3 and UM4, so only 2 connections will be constructed here.
- (UM1)(UM2,UM3)(UM4) - Indicates one cluster consisting of UM2 and UM3, and two standalone realms, namely UM1 and UM4. A total of 3 connections will be constructed here

For the round-robin URL syntax, the following rules apply:

- Each set of brackets must contain at least one valid connection URL.
- There is no limit on the number of sets of brackets in the URL.
- Each set of bracket indicates a unique connection, and the realm names within each sets of brackets will be supplied unchanged to the underlying implementation.
- PRINCIPAL is the subject (if any) that your JNDI service provider requires.
- PASSWORD is the PRINCIPAL's password for the JNDI service provider used.
- CONTEXT\_FACTORY is the fully qualified class name of the provider's context factory implementation. The default CONTEXT\_FACTORY is com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.NirvanaContextFactory and is set automatically if no CONTEXT\_FACTORY parameter is provided.
- PROVIDER\_URL is the custom URL required by the context factory and provider implementation. If no PROVIDER\_URL parameter is passed, the default used is nsp://localhost:9000/.

As an example, assume we want to create a TOPIC called rates on a Universal Messaging realm running on our local machine. Typing:

```
Java com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.JMSAdmin bind topic rates
```

Will create an event in the /naming/defaultContext channel with the following information in the event properties of the event:

```
rates/RefAddr/0/Content=rates
rates/RefAddr/0/Type=Topic
rates/ClassName=javax.JMS.Topic
rates/FactoryName=com.pcbsys.nirvana.nJMS.TopicFactory
rates/RefAddr/0/Encoding=String
```

The topic rates will automatically be created on the Universal Messaging realm running on the PROVIDER\_URL value. Assuming you wish to reference your local realm as a TopicConnectionFactory named TopicConnectionFactory in JMS, use the following command:

```
Java com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.JMSAdmin bind topicFactory TopicConnectionFactory
```

This will publish an event to the /naming/defaultContext channel with the following information in the event dictionary:

```
TopicConnectionFactory/RefAddr/0/Type=TopicConnectionFactory
TopicConnectionFactory /FactoryName=com.pcbsys.nirvana.nJMS.TopicConnectionFactoryFactory
TopicConnectionFactory/RefAddr/0/Encoding=String
TopicConnectionFactory/ClassName=javax.JMS.TopicConnectionFactory
```

```
TopicConnectionFactory/RefAddr/0/Content=nsp\://127.0.0.1\:9000
TopicConnectionFactory/RefAddr/0/Encoding=String
```

Creating a queue can be achieved using the following command:

```
Java com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.JMSAdmin bind queue movie
```

Likewise, a JMS queue connection factory called `QueueConnectionFactory` can be bound into a name space using the following command

```
Java com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.JMSAdmin bind queueFactory QueueConnectionFactory
```

Having run both queue related commands, the `/naming/defaultContext` channel will contain 4 events, each one pertaining to the 4 objects that have been bound, namely `TopicConnectionFactory`, `QueueConnectionFactory`, `rates` and `movie`. The Universal Messaging Context used with your JMS application will now be able to look up these objects and use them within your application.

## JMS Client SSL Configuration

This section describes how to use SSL in your Universal Messaging Provider for JMS applications. Universal Messaging supports various wire protocols including SSL enabled sockets and HTTPS.

Once you have created an SSL enabled interface for your realm you need to ensure that your client application passes the required SSL properties either on the connection factory or via system properties used by your JSSE-enabled JVM. The Universal Messaging download contains some sample Java keystore files that will be used in this example.

The first such keystore is the client keystore, called `client.jks`, which can be found in your installation directory, under the `/server/Universal Messaging/bin` directory. The second is the truststore called `nirvanacacerts.jks`, which is also located in the `/server/Universal Messaging/bin` directory.

### Custom SSL Properties

Using the sample keystores, you can set custom SSL attributes on JMS as follows:

#### Setting the SSL Attributes on the JNDI Context

In your properties object the following properties will set SSL attributes on the JNDI Context.

```
env = new Properties();
env.setProperty("java.naming.factory.initial",
    "com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.NirvanaContextFactory");
env.setProperty("java.naming.provider.url", rname);
env.setProperty("nirvana.ssl.keystore.path",
    %INSTALLDIR%\client\Universal Messaging\bin\client.jks);
env.setProperty("nirvana.ssl.keystore.pass", password);
env.setProperty("nirvana.ssl.keystore.cert", certAlias);
    // Certificate alias for the client to use when connecting to an interface
    // with client validation enabled
env.setProperty("nirvana.ssl.truststore.path",
    %INSTALLDIR%\client\Universal Messaging\bin\nirvanacacerts.jks);
env.setProperty("nirvana.ssl.truststore.pass", password);
env.setProperty("nirvana.ssl.protocol", "TLS");
```

## Setting the SSL Attributes on the Connection Factory

- You can set the SSL attributes using the same Properties object like this:

```
connectionFactory.setProperties(env);
Connection con = connectionFactory.createConnection();
```

- You can set the SSL attributes using the available setters:

```
connectionFactory.setSSLStores(String keyStorePath, String keyStorePass,
    String trustStorePath, String trustStorePass);
connectionFactory.setSSLStores(String keyStorePath, String keyStorePass,
    String certificateAlias, String trustStorePath, String trustStorePass);
connectionFactory.setSSLProtocol(String protocol);
connectionFactory.setSSLEnabledCiphers(String[] enabledCiphers);
Connection con = connectionFactory.createConnection();
```

## Setting the SSL Attributes on the Connection

```
Connection con = connectionFactory.createConnection(keyStorePath, keyStorePass,
    keyStoreCert, trustStorePath, trustStorePass, cipherSuite, protocol)
```

## JSSE SSL System Properties

The following system properties are used by the jsse implementation in your JVM. You can specify the SSL properties by passing the following as part of the command line for your JMS application:

```
-Djavax.net.ssl.keyStore=%INSTALLDIR%\client\Universal Messaging\bin\client.jks
-Djavax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword=password
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStore=%INSTALLDIR%\client\Universal Messaging\bin\nirvanacacerts.jks
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword=password
```

where :

- `javax.net.ssl.keyStore` is the client keystore location
- `javax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword` is the password for the client keystore
- `javax.net.ssl.trustStore` is the CA keystore file location
- `javax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword` is password for the CA keystore

As well as the above system properties, if you are intending to use https, your JMS applications will require the following system property to be passed in the command line:

```
-Djava.protocol.handler.pkgs="com.sun.net.ssl.internal.www.protocol"
```

As well as the above, the RNAME used by the JMS application must correspond to the correct type of SSL interface, and the correct hostname and port that was configured earlier.

In JMS, the RNAME corresponds to a JNDI reference. The example JMSAdmin application can be used to create a sample file based JNDI context, where the RNAME is specified as the content of the TopicConnectionFactoryFactory reference. Once your SSL interface is created you can simply change this value in your JNDI context to be the RNAME you require your JMS applications to use.

## Application Server Integration (JBoss)

JMS provides extensions that allows JMS providers to be integrated into Application Servers. This section describes the steps involved in integrating Universal Messaging Provider for JMS with JBoss. All references to JBoss assume JBoss version 3.2.x or 4.0.x are being used.

This guide will provide the following information:

- [“Message Queue Configuration” on page 60](#)
- [“Server Session Pool Configuration” on page 60](#)
- [“Jboss Configuration & Service Deployment” on page 61](#)
- [“Universal Messaging Server Configuration” on page 61](#)
- [“Running Message Driven Beans” on page 62](#)

### Configuration Terms

Firstly, for the following sections, we will be referencing certain directories for the install. These are described below:

- `<jboss_home>` - the JBoss installation directory
- `<jboss_bin>` - the JBoss bin directory located under `<jboss_home>/bin`
- `<jboss_default>` - default server, under `<jboss_home>/server/default`
- `<jboss_default_lib>` - default server lib directory, under `<jboss_default>/lib`
- `<jboss_default_deploy>` - default server deploy directory, under `<jboss_default>/deploy`
- `<jboss_default_conf>` - default server configuration directory, usually `<jboss_default>/conf`

### Message Queue Configuration

JBoss provides its own JMS Message Queue service that we need to replace with Universal Messaging's own message queue service. This section will describe the steps needed to integrate Universal Messaging's Message service into JBoss.

To do this we need to change the references in the JBoss xml configuration files so that the Universal Messaging Message Queue service is used:

In the `<jboss_default_conf>/standardjboss.xml` file and replace the tags that say `DefaultJMSPProvider` with `Universal MessagingJMSPProvider`.

### Server Session Pool Configuration

JBoss provides its own server session pool objects that allow multiple JMS sessions to be pooled within the Message Queue Service. Universal Messaging also provides its own session pool objects. This section describes the steps necessary to integrate Universal Messaging's Server Session Pool into JBoss.

To do this we need to change the references in the JBoss xml configuration files so that Universal Messaging's Server Session Pools are used by the Message Queue Service:

In the `<jboss_default_conf>/standardjboss.xml` file and replace the tags that say `StdJMSPool` with `Universal MessagingJMSPool`.

### JBoss Configuration

This section describes the steps necessary to ensure the JBoss server is ready to begin using Universal Messaging as the Message Queue Service provider. Please complete the following steps:

1. Remove the `<jboss_default_deploy>/JMS` directory completely
2. Put the `nirvana-service.xml` file into the `<jboss_default_deploy>` directory (found in the `src/xml/jboss` directory of your install)
3. Put the Universal Messaging `nJMS.jar`, `nClient.jar` and `nJ2EE.jar` files into the `<jboss_default_lib>` directory from your `/lib` directory of the install
4. Modify the run script for JBoss to include the following `-D` parameter when the JBoss server is started:

```
-Dnirvana.provider.url=<your.Universal Messaging.rname> (e.g. nsp://localhost:9000, which is the default RNAME)
```

### Universal Messaging Realm Server Configuration

In order to configure the Universal Messaging Realm Server, please ensure you have either read the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager JNDI integration section or are familiar with the `jmsadmin` sample programs. These tools enable you to create the Universal Messaging JNDI objects necessary for the `jboss` server to successfully use Universal Messaging as the JMS message queue provider. In this example, we will use the `jmsadmin` example program, however should you choose to, you can also use the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager by following the steps found in the guide.

Please follow the steps below:

1. Start the Universal Messaging server
2. Open a Universal Messaging Client environment prompt
3. Type : `jmsadmin bind topicFactory TopicConnectionFactory` (followed by return)
4. Type : `jmsadmin bind queueFactory QueueConnectionFactory` (followed by return)
5. Type : `jmsadmin bind queue queue/DLQ` (followed by return)

This will set up the queue and topic factories used by the Universal Messaging Provider for JMS message service, as well as setting up the JBoss DLQ used for internal message processing.

Once these steps have been completed, you can then start the JBoss server which will now be using Universal Messaging Provider for JMS as the message queue provider

## Running Message Driven Beans

Message driven beans can be deployed within application servers to provide a run-frame for JMS services. Once you have created your message driven beans and they are deployed into the jboss server, you must ensure that all topics and queues used by the MDBs have been created using the jmsadmin tool, so that they can be referenced within the Universal Messaging JNDI context used by the Universal Messaging messaging service.

## JMS Message / Event Mapping

Universal Messaging provides interoperability between JMS and Non-JMS client APIs. The API for the Universal Messaging Provider for JMS shares the same event structures sent over the wire as other Universal Messaging Client APIs. The `nConsumeEvent` in the Universal Messaging client APIs is the basic structure of all events published and subscribed whether JMS or Non-JMS, Java or C#.

The JMS Message has a distinct structure: the header, the message properties and the body. In the Universal Messaging client API, the `nConsumeEvent` is the container for the JMS message structure. Any JMS message consumer on a topic or queue expects the `nConsumeEvent` to be in a predefined format with specific JMS header values, message properties and a message body. The JMS Header values are stored in the `nEventAttributes` of the `nConsumeEvent` and any message properties are stored in the `nEventProperties` objects for the same event. The message body is different for each of the JMS message types (bytes, map, stream, object, text) but it is always stored in the `byte[]` payload of the `nConsumeEvent`.

## Usability

Publishing a JMS Message using the API for the Universal Messaging Provider for JMS sends an `nConsumeEvent` to the server with the message body stored in the event payload, i.e. the event `byte[]`. Each JMS Header exists in the `nEventAttributes`, and any JMS message properties are stored in the `nEventProperties`. The Java, C++ and C# Client APIs use the same structure for `nConsumeEvent` and can therefore all consume JMS Message objects. As there is no equivalent JMS C# or C++ specification, these APIs will treat these messages as normal `nConsumeEvent` objects.

JMS provides a Map Message type, within Universal Messaging the map object is represented by an `nEventProperties`. When the message is published this map is serialised and stored in the event payload. In order to consume this message from C# you can convert the payload back to an `nEventProperties` using the `getPayloadAsDictionary()` method.

Publishing a non-JMS Message for consumption by JMS-based API clients also provides a level of interoperability. The API for JMS will interpret any `nConsumeEvent` objects published by any other non-JMS client API (Java, C#, Javascript, Mobile etc.) as `BytesMessage` objects and deliver them to the JMS consumers as such.

## JMS Message Type Conversion

JMS message types are exposed so that you can publish a native `nConsumeEvent` and have it received by JMS subscribers in the specified type instead of in the default `BytesMessage` type.

The JMS Message types are assigned integer values as shown below. The integer values can be used directly when setting the message type, or accessed via the following public static constants in `nEventAttributes`:

```
JMS_BASE_MESSAGE_TYPE = 0
JMS_MAP_MESSAGE_TYPE = 1
JMS_BYTES_MESSAGE_TYPE = 2
JMS_OBJECT_MESSAGE_TYPE = 3
JMS_STREAM_MESSAGE_TYPE = 4
JMS_TEXT_MESSAGE_TYPE = 5
```

You can set the message type on an `nConsumeEvent` in the following way (using the message type `JMS_OBJECT_MESSAGE_TYPE` as an example):

```
nEventAttributes eventAttributes = new nEventAttributes();
eventAttributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_OBJECT_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", bytes);
evt.setAttributes(eventAttributes);
```

The data portion of the `nConsumeEvent` will contain the message body and will need to be set according to the message type as described in the following sections:

### JMS\_BASE\_MESSAGE\_TYPE

Publisher:

```
nEventAttributes attributes = new nEventAttributes();
attributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_BASE_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", byteArray);
evt.setAttributes(attributes);
```

JMS Subscriber:

```
Message message = topicConsumer.receive(2000);
MessageImpl baseMessageImpl = (MessageImpl)message;
baseMessageImpl.getBuffer();
```

The buffer will be equal to the `byteArray` sent in the data payload of the `nConsumeEvent`.

### JMS\_BYTES\_MESSAGE\_TYPE

Publisher:

```
ByteArrayOutputStream out = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
DataOutputStream os = new DataOutputStream(out);
os.writeInt(32);
os.writeInt(1); //true
os.writeBoolean(true);
os.flush();
nEventAttributes attributes = new nEventAttributes();
attributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_BYTES_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", out.toByteArray());
evt.setAttributes(attributes);
```

**JMS Subscriber:**

```
Message message = topicConsumer.receive(2000);
BytesMessage bytemessage = (BytesMessage)message;
bytemessage.readInt(); //32
bytemessage.readInt(); //1
bytemessage.readBoolean(); //true
```

**JMS\_OBJECT\_MESSAGE\_TYPE****Publisher:**

```
ByteArrayOutputStream out = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
ObjectOutputStream os = new ObjectOutputStream(out);
os.writeObject(anyObjectThatIsSerializable);
nEventAttributes attributes = new nEventAttributes();
attributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_OBJECT_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", out.toByteArray());
evt.setAttributes(attributes);
```

**JMS Subscriber:**

```
Message message = topicConsumer.receive(2000);
ObjectMessage objectMessage = (ObjectMessage) message;
Object object = objectMessage.getObject();
```

The returned object will be the deserialization of the object sent in the data payload of the nConsumeEvent.

**JMS\_MAP\_MESSAGE\_TYPE****Publisher:**

No direct mapping can be made as Universal Messaging uses internal collections to construct the underlying map message. The publisher will not be able to send an nConsumeEvent with the data portion containing this as we do not expose the serialization of our internals. An option that is however available and can also be applied to other JMS Message types is the use of nEventProperties.

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();//populate with key/value properties
nEventAttributes attributes = new nEventAttributes();
attributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_MAP_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", null);
evt.setAttributes(attributes);
evt.setProperties(props);
```

**JMS Subscriber:**

```
Message message = topicConsumer.receive(2000);
MapMessage mapMessage = (MapMessage)message;
```

Users can then get data using the 'key' of any of the entries in nEventProperties set on the nConsumeEvent by invoking for example:

```
mapMessage.getObjectProperty("key"); //if the type is unknown
mapMessage.getIntProperty("key");
```

and various other built-in getter methods that return different types of properties.

## JMS\_STREAM\_MESSAGE\_TYPE

### Publisher:

```

ByteArrayOutputStream out = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
ObjectOutputStream os = new ObjectOutputStream(out);
Vector<Object> vector = new Vector<Object>();
vector.add(true);
vector.add(110110110);
vector.add(1.05f);
vector.add("abcdef");
os.writeObject(vector);
nEventAttributes attributes = new nEventAttributes();
attributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_STREAM_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", out.toByteArray());
evt.setAttributes(attributes);

```

### JMS Subscriber:

```

Message message = topicConsumer.receive(2000);
StreamMessage streamMessage = (StreamMessage)message;
streamMessage.readBoolean(); //true
streamMessage.readLong(); //110110110
streamMessage.readFloat(); //1.05f
streamMessage.readString(); //abcdef

```

## JMS\_TEXT\_MESSAGE\_TYPE

### Publisher:

```

String textMessage = "This will be in the text portion of the message";
ByteArrayOutputStream baos = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
baos.write(textMessage.getBytes(StandardCharsets.UTF_8));
nEventAttributes attributes = new nEventAttributes();
attributes.setMessageType(nEventAttributes.JMS_TEXT_MESSAGE_TYPE);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("Message", baos.toByteArray());
evt.setAttributes(attributes);

```

### JMS Subscriber:

```

Message message_received = topicConsumer.receive(2000);
TextMessage received = (TextMessage)message_received;
String text = received.getText();

```

This will return the same string sent in the data payload of the `nConsumeEvent`.

## Fanout Engine

The Universal Messaging Queue and Channel Fanout Engines are used to store and forward events based on the channel type. JMS uses topics and messages which are equivalent to Universal Messaging channels and events respectively.

Universal Messaging offers several channel types, each of which have different requirements when storing data. The available channel types are summarized in the section *Channel Attributes* in the Concepts guide.

The Fanout Engine for Universal Messaging Provider for JMS uses different criteria to determine storage of events. *No replay of messages* means that it is not necessary to store events if there is no *interest* on the channel or once they have been consumed regardless of the channel type. *Durable Subscribers* require the engine to store the events until the

subscriber becomes active and consumes the events. For more information, see [“Engine Differences” on page 66](#).

### Interest

The Fanout Engine for Universal Messaging Provider for JMS deals with events published to channels based on 'interest'. If there is no interest present on the channel then any events published can be immediately discarded due to *no replay of messages*. The channel is said to have no interest if there are no durable or active subscribers.

### Durable Subscribers

It is often the case that a subscriber needs to receive all events published to a channel including the events published when the subscriber is inactive. With a durable subscriber, any events published while the subscriber is inactive are stored until the subscriber reconnects and consumes the events missed.

### No replay of messages

When a JMS subscription is made to a channel, the subscription always begins from the last issued event ID. As no events can be consumed more than once, there is no need to store events once they are consumed. This improves the efficiency of the system because all events can be fanned out to subscribers and then dropped straight away (as long as there are no synchronous consumers or inactive durable subscriptions). This greatly reduces the overhead caused by I/O.

Only in the case of inactive durable subscribers or synchronous consumers are events stored. Once all durable subscribers or synchronous consumers have consumed an event, it is removed from storage as there is no need for it to be kept. Synchronous consumers require the events to be stored because they do not receive events fanned out to all consumers, instead they iterate through the events requesting each event in turn.

### Recovery

In the case that a subscriber loses connection to the server, the JMS engine will register a need to temporarily store events for a configurable period of time or until the client reconnects. The time period is defined by the TTL value of the event (if this is non zero) or the EventTimeout value stored in the realm configuration/ClientTimeoutValues under the config tab in the Enterprise Manager which is 60 seconds by default.

### Engine Differences

The tables below shows the storage differences between the JMS Engine and the Universal Messaging Queue and Channel Engines. The Universal Messaging engines store events based on the channel type whereas the JMS Engine only stores events when there are synchronous consumers or inactive durable subscribers. The channel type does however determine where the data is stored.



- Events to be stored on disk prior to delivery



- Events to be stored in memory prior to delivery

● - Events are not stored prior to delivery

On a Mixed channel, persistent storage to disk or to memory can be individually set on a per-event basis. When appropriate, events on Persistent channels will be stored to disk, and events on Reliable and Simple channels will be stored in memory. Transient channels do not store events prior to delivery.

### JMS Engine

Channel Type	Mixed	Persistent	Paged	Reliable	Off-Heap	Simple	Transient
Active Durable Subscribers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Active shared Durable Subscribers (see note 1)				●	●	●	●
Active regular Durable Subscribers, with auto-acknowledgement (see note 2)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Active regular Durable Subscribers, with client acknowledgement (see note 3)				●	●	●	●
One or more Synchronous Consumers or Inactive Durable Subscribers							●
No Durable Subscribers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
No Subscribers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

- Note:**
1. For a shared durable consumer, events will always be persisted in an internal queue for that specific subscriber, but not on the channel.
  2. For a regular durable consumer, using auto-acknowledgment, events will be passed on to the subscriber and not stored on the channel.
  3. For a regular durable consumer, using client acknowledgment, events will be stored on the channel. When the subscriber acknowledgment arrives, the event will be removed from the channel.

For further information on storage methods, see the section *Named Objects and Shared Named Objects* in the Concepts guide.

### Universal Messaging Channel Engine

Channel Type	Mixed	Persistent	Paged	Reliable	Off-Heap	Simple	Transient
Active Durable Subscribers							
One or more Synchronous Consumers or Inactive Durable Subscribers							
No Durable Subscribers							
No Subscribers							

### Universal Messaging Queue Engine

Queue Type	Mixed	Persistent	Paged	Reliable	Off-Heap	Simple	Transient
Active Consumers							
No Subscribers							

## Resource Adapter for JMS

For JBoss EAP 6.1, a Universal Messaging specific implementation of the generic resource adapter is included in the installation. This resource adapter supports both synchronous and asynchronous delivery modes. The .rar file is located in `/j2ee/umra.rar` under the product installation directory and contains the modified `genericra.jar`, the `nJMS.jar` and `nClient.jar`. A `README.txt` is included and outlines the changes made to the resource adapter. The `ra.xml` descriptor file is located in the `META-INF` directory.

### Configuring JBoss EAP 6.1 for Universal Messaging

A detailed explanation of the configuration process can be found in the document *Integration and Configuration of Software AG's Universal Messaging with JBOSS EAP 6.1* in the wiki pages of the Software AG Technical Community web site at "<http://techcommunity.softwareag.com/pwiki>".

## Basic Authentication

### Overview

The entire set of session creation methods of the Universal Messaging client and admin APIs for Java (`nsp/nsps/nhp/nhps`, native and JMS) have overloaded variants that accept `username/password` credentials which are then supplied to the Universal Messaging server.

The Universal Messaging server enables those credentials to be authenticated against pluggable Directory backends (ranging from LDAP to flat files) or by means of JAAS-based methods (based on user-configurable pluggable modules).

Note that authentication does not supplant the traditional Universal Messaging ACLs and is merely an additional security step performed before the relevant ACLs are evaluated and applied.

The Directory mode is sometimes called SASL+Directory as the credentials are exchanged via SASL, but the SASL capability is embedded in the proprietary Universal Messaging client-server protocol, and need not concern users or administrators.

The configuration is determined by a set of Java system properties on both the client and server side, the latter typically centralised in the `nserver.conf` or `Server_Common.conf` configuration file. `nserver.conf` is used if you start the realm server manually, e.g. from the command line. `Server_Common.conf` is used if you start the realm server as a Windows service or as a UNIX daemon.

### Client-side Authentication

If the pre-existing session connection methods with no `username/password` parameters are used, then the client will continue to use unauthenticated sessions as before (assuming the server is configured to allow that), i.e. by defaulting the user identity to

the username under whose identity the client process is running (as reflected in the Java `user.name` system property).

## Configuration

The client API is controlled by three main Java system properties:

### ■ `Nirvana.auth.client.jaaskey`

If set, this means that any authentication should be performed via JAAS, and it specifies the name of the entry to use in the JAAS login configuration, which is typically a text file created by the system administrator. We shall refer to the file here as the JAAS-LCF (Login Configuration File), a version of which must exist on both the client and the server.

The pathname of the JAAS-LCF is specified by the usual JAAS system property, `java.security.auth.login.config`.

The Universal Messaging client SDK supplies the username and password to the JDK's built-in API for JAAS, and this results in JAAS internally consulting the JAAS-LCF, which specifies one or more pluggable JAAS modules that will perform the authentication. The precise modules to use are a matter of site-specific policies determined by the Universal Messaging administrator, and the JAAS modules configured into a client should obviously be aligned with those configured on the server.

If `Nirvana.auth.client.jaaskey` is not explicitly set, then the authentication mechanism defaults to SASL.

The special value of `Nirvana.auth.client.jaaskey=noauth` means that the client will neither perform JAAS authentication nor engage in SASL negotiation, but will instead forward the username and password to the server, which will then authenticate them via its own JAAS configuration.

### ■ `Nirvana.sasl.client.mech`

This specifies which SASL mechanism to use, and the supported options are PLAIN, CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5.

The mechanism defaults to PLAIN if this system property is not set, and the usual SASL trade-offs apply. PLAIN transmits the user password in plain text, so it is advisable to only use it over an SSL connection. On the other hand, CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5 do not transmit the password in plain text so are more appropriate for general connections.

One of the JAAS modules available is the Universal Messaging class `com.pcbsys.foundation.security.sasl.fSaslClientLoginModule` which will result in the authentication being performed via SASL after all, despite initially being routed via JAAS. From the server's perspective, the authentication negotiation is conducted entirely in SASL.

The `fSaslClientLoginModule` class is integrated with the Software AG family of JAAS-based modules, and one reason you might opt for this JAAS-SASL hybrid is to chain it with other Software AG JAAS-based modules, in line with your site's JAAS policy.

### ■ *Nirvana.sasl.client.enablePrehash*

This specifies whether to prehash the supplied password when using the CRAM-MD5 or DIGEST-MD5 mechanisms. It may be set to "true" or "false". This should be set to "true" only when the server is using the `fSAGInternalUserRepositoryAdapter` to store client credentials, otherwise CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5 authentication will fail. If `Nirvana.sasl.client.enablePrehash` is not set, then the value defaults to "false" and prehashing is not enabled.

## API

The API extensions for Java consist of the following new overloaded variants of existing session-creation methods.

### nSessionFactory:

```
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes attr,
    String username, String password)
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes attr,
    nReconnectHandler handler, String username, String password)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSession session,
    String user, String passwd)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSessionAttributes sessionAttributes,
    String userName, String passwd)
```

### nRealmNode:

```
Constructor -
nRealmNode(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, String passwd)
```

### nRealmAdmin:

```
Constructor -
nRealmAdmin(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, String password)
Constructor -
nRealmAdmin(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, String password,
    boolean followMaster)
```

## JNDI:

If you're using the `NirvanaContextFactory` class (loads the Universal Messaging provider for JMS) as the value of the standard `java.naming.factory.initial` context-environment key, then the standard context-environment keys `java.naming.security.principal` and `java.naming.security.credentials` should be assigned the username and password respectively.

This is standard JNDI configuration, and is compatible with all JNDI-based providers.

## Server-side Authentication

There is a much broader range of configuration options on the server, controlling every aspect of authentication from whether it's enabled in the first place, to how to look up user credentials.

### Client Negotiation

Authentication is disabled by default on the server for backward compatibility, meaning that even if clients do supply user credentials, they will be accepted without verification.

This is controlled by the `Nirvana.auth.enabled` system property, which must be explicitly set to "Y" or "y" to enable authentication.

System administrators have to set up various other configuration options when enabling authentication, so they would set `Nirvana.auth.enabled` as part of that effort.

Even when authentication is enabled, authenticating clients can exist side-by-side with non-authenticating ones, meaning it is entirely optional for clients to supply any user credentials, and if they don't they will be handled in the traditional Universal Messaging manner.

The `Nirvana.auth.mandatory` system property controls this behaviour, and should be explicitly set to "Y" or "y" to make authentication mandatory, meaning clients that don't supply a username and password will be rejected.

There are two exemptions from mandatory authentication, in order to prevent Enterprise Manager getting locked out.

One of them is the super-user on localhost, and the other is a set of users in a file pointed at by the optional JVM property `-DNirvana.auth.exempt=/path/to/file`.

The users in the latter file are listed one per line in ACL-style notation, e.g.  
`username1@10.140.2.95`.

If `-DNirvana.auth.exempt` is not set, the optional `-DSECURITYFILE` JVM property is processed in the same way, but to enable decoupling, if `-DNirvana.auth.exempt` is set to "-" (hyphen) then there are no exempt users and `-DSECURITYFILE` is not processed.

When a client does authenticate, the Universal Messaging client-server protocol automatically signals the server whether they're using SASL+Directory or JAAS. If JAAS, then the `Nirvana.auth.server.jaaskey` system property must be set on the server, and it specifies the name of the entry to use in the server-side JAAS-LCF file.

As in the client case, the pathname of the JAAS-LCF is specified by the standard JAAS system property, `java.security.auth.login.config`.

If the `Nirvana.auth.server.jaaskey` system property is not set on the server, then it will reject all attempts to authenticate via JAAS.

## Directory Backend

The Universal Messaging server can make use of a variety of backend Directory servers or mechanisms, as controlled by the `Nirvana.directory.provider` system property, which specifies the pluggable Java class representing the Directory.

Username are case-sensitive and are used in the form supplied to do the Directory lookup. This is the authentication step, and is followed by an authorisation step in which the username is normalised to lowercase to match against Universal Messaging ACLs. Universal Messaging ACLs are case-insensitive but expressed in lower-case, and any ACLs created via the Enterprise Manager will be forced to lower case.

## Internal User Repository

If the `Nirvana.directory.provider` system property is set to `"com.pcbsys.foundation.security.auth.fSAGInternalUserRepositoryAdapter"`, then usernames will be looked up in a standard Software AG store called the 'Internal User Repository', which is a flat file maintained by the Software AG command-line utility `internaluserrepo`. This utility is located in `<SoftwareAG_INSTALLROOT>/common/bin`.

This mechanism is the default user repository if the `Nirvana.directory.provider` property is not set.

You can use the following syntax to add a user "myuser1" with a password "mypwd1" to the internal user repository.

```
internaluserrepo.bat -f <path_to_users.txt> -c -p mypwd1 myuser1
```

The location of the file containing the internal user repository is given by the system property `Nirvana.auth.sagrepo.path`, and would default to `./users.txt` (relative to the runtime directory of the Universal Messaging server), but the `nserver.conf` file shipped with Universal Messaging overrides this as `../users.txt`, locating it in the same `<SoftwareAG_INSTALLROOT>/nirvana/server/umserver` directory as the `licence.xml` file.

The entry in `nserver.conf` looks like this:

```
wrapper.java.additional.18=-DNirvana.auth.sagrepo.path=../users.txt
```

The `nserver.conf` file may of course be edited as usual to move the `users.txt` file into a location that is shared by all the realms of an installed Universal Messaging instance.

You should also set up the following configurations in the `nserver.conf` file, to ensure that basic authentication is activated and mandatory:

```
wrapper.java.additional.19=-DNirvana.auth.mandatory=Y
// This makes basic authentication mandatory.
// Calls not supplying the credentials in this case will be rejected.
wrapper.java.additional.20=-DNirvana.auth.enabled=Y
// This enables the basic authentication feature,
// but it is not mandatory to supply credentials.
```

If you add users to the internal user repository, you should also set up Universal Messaging server ACLs for these users, specifying e.g. `myuser1@hostname`, and give appropriate or full control.

- Note:**
- To activate any changes you make, you need to restart the Universal Messaging server.
  - More details about the utility `internaluserrepo` and its options are available in the Software AG document *webMethods Command Central Help*.

## LDAP

If the `Nirvana.directory.provider` system property is set to `"com.pcbsys.foundation.security.auth.fLDAPAdapter"`, then LDAP will be used as the source of user information.

Interaction with the LDAP server is configured via the following Java system properties:

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- **Nirvana.ldap.provider:**

The LDAP client class - defaults to the JDK's built-in provider, `com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory`

- **Nirvana.ldap.url:**

The address of the LDAP server. This has no default and must be specified, using syntax such as `ldap://localhost:389/dc=sag,dc=com`.

- **Nirvana.ldap.suffix:**

The suffix to apply to LDAP queries. This has no default and may be null, but if non-null it qualifies the URL above. E.g. `Nirvana.ldap.url=ldap://localhost:389/dc=sag` and `Nirvana.ldap.suffix=dc=com` will result in the same effective query root as `Nirvana.ldap.url=ldap://localhost:389/dc=sag,dc=com` when the `Nirvana.ldap.suffix` property is not set.

- **Nirvana.ldap.rootcreds:**

The privileged-administrator login credentials to use on the LDAP server, in order to perform user queries. There is no default and if not set it means there is no need to specify any such credentials, but if present the format must be `username:password`.

The remaining system properties relate to the LDAP schema and default to the standard COSINE schema:

- **Nirvana.ldap.attribute.username:**

This specifies the LDAP attribute which represents the username, and defaults to the standard schema convention of "cn".

- **Nirvana.ldap.attribute.password:**

This specifies the LDAP attribute which represents the password, and defaults to the standard schema convention of "userPassword".

- **Nirvana.ldap.search.username:**

This specifies the search expression to use for a given username, and defaults to `cn=%U%`, where `%U%` gets substituted by the username.

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## Client-side Authentication

If the pre-existing session connection methods with no username/password parameters are used, then the client will continue to use unauthenticated sessions as before (assuming the server is configured to allow that), i.e. by defaulting the user identity to the username under whose identity the client process is running (as reflected in the `user.name` system property).

### Configuration

The client API is controlled by three main Java system properties:

- `Nirvana.auth.client.jaaskey`

If set, this means that any authentication should be performed via JAAS, and it specifies the name of the entry to use in the JAAS login configuration, which is typically a text file created by the system administrator. We shall refer to the file here as the JAAS-LCF (Login Configuration File), a version of which must exist on both the client and the server.

The pathname of the JAAS-LCF is specified by the usual JAAS system property, `java.security.auth.login.config`.

The Universal Messaging client SDK supplies the username and password to the JDK's built-in API for JAAS, and this results in JAAS internally consulting the JAAS-LCF, which specifies one or more pluggable JAAS modules that will perform the authentication. The precise modules to use are a matter of site-specific policies determined by the Universal Messaging administrator, and the JAAS modules configured into a client should obviously be aligned with those configured on the server.

If `Nirvana.auth.client.jaaskey` is not explicitly set, then the authentication mechanism defaults to SASL.

The special value of `Nirvana.auth.client.jaaskey=noauth` means that the client will neither perform JAAS authentication nor engage in SASL negotiation, but will instead forward the username and password to the server, which will then authenticate them via its own JAAS configuration.

### ■ *Nirvana.sasl.client.mech*

This specifies which SASL mechanism to use, and the supported options are PLAIN, CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5.

The mechanism defaults to PLAIN if this system property is not set, and the usual SASL trade-offs apply. PLAIN transmits the user password in plain text, so it is advisable to only use it over an SSL connection. On the other hand, CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5 do not transmit the password in plain text so are more appropriate for general connections.

One of the JAAS modules available is the Universal Messaging class `com.pcbSys.foundation.security.sasl.fSaslClientLoginModule` which will result in the authentication being performed via SASL after all, despite initially being routed via JAAS. From the server's perspective, the authentication negotiation is conducted entirely in SASL.

The `fSaslClientLoginModule` class is integrated with the Software AG family of JAAS-based modules, and one reason you might opt for this JAAS-SASL hybrid is to chain it with other Software AG JAAS-based modules, in line with your site's JAAS policy.

### ■ *Nirvana.sasl.client.enablePrehash*

This specifies whether to prehash the supplied password when using the CRAM-MD5 or DIGEST-MD5 mechanisms. It may be set to "true" or "false". This should be set to "true" only when the server is using the `fSAGInternalUserRepositoryAdapter` to store client credentials, otherwise CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5 authentication will fail. If `Nirvana.sasl.client.enablePrehash` is not set, then the value defaults to "false" and prehashing is not enabled.

## API

The API extensions for Java consist of the following new overloaded variants of existing session-creation methods.

### nSessionFactory:

```
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes attr,
    String username, String password)
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes attr,
    nReconnectHandler handler, String username, String password)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSession session,
    String user, String passwd)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSessionAttributes sessionAttributes,
    String userName, String passwd)
```

### nRealmNode:

```
Constructor -
nRealmNode(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, String passwd)
```

### nRealmAdmin:

```
Constructor -
nRealmAdmin(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, String password)
Constructor -
nRealmAdmin(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, String password,
    boolean followMaster)
```

## JNDI:

If you're using the `NirvanaContextFactory` class (loads the Universal Messaging provider for JMS) as the value of the standard `java.naming.factory.initial` context-environment key, then the standard context-environment keys `java.naming.security.principal` and `java.naming.security.credentials` should be assigned the username and password respectively.

This is standard JNDI configuration, and is compatible with all JNDI-based providers.

## Server-side Authentication

There is a much broader range of configuration options on the server, controlling every aspect of authentication from whether it's enabled in the first place, to how to look up user credentials.

### Client Negotiation

Authentication is disabled by default on the server for backward compatibility, meaning that even if clients do supply user credentials, they will be accepted without verification.

This is controlled by the `Nirvana.auth.enabled` system property, which must be explicitly set to "Y" or "y" to enable authentication.

System administrators have to set up various other configuration options when enabling authentication, so they would set `Nirvana.auth.enabled` as part of that effort.

Even when authentication is enabled, authenticating clients can exist side-by-side with non-authenticating ones, meaning it is entirely optional for clients to supply any user credentials, and if they don't they will be handled in the traditional Universal Messaging manner.

The `Nirvana.auth.mandatory` system property controls this behaviour, and should be explicitly set to "Y" or "y" to make authentication mandatory, meaning clients that don't supply a username and password will be rejected.

There are two exemptions from mandatory authentication, in order to prevent Enterprise Manager getting locked out.

One of them is the super-user on localhost, and the other is a set of users in a file pointed at by the optional JVM property `-DNirvana.auth.exempt=/path/to/file`.

The users in the latter file are listed one per line in ACL-style notation, e.g.  
`username1@10.140.2.95`.

If `-DNirvana.auth.exempt` is not set, the optional `-DSECURITYFILE` JVM property is processed in the same way, but to enable decoupling, if `-DNirvana.auth.exempt` is set to "-" (hyphen) then there are no exempt users and `-DSECURITYFILE` is not processed.

When a client does authenticate, the Universal Messaging client-server protocol automatically signals the server whether they're using SASL+Directory or JAAS. If JAAS, then the `Nirvana.auth.server.jaaskey` system property must be set on the server, and it specifies the name of the entry to use in the server-side JAAS-LCF file.

As in the client case, the pathname of the JAAS-LCF is specified by the standard JAAS system property, `java.security.auth.login.config`.

If the `Nirvana.auth.server.jaaskey` system property is not set on the server, then it will reject all attempts to authenticate via JAAS.

### Directory Backend

The Universal Messaging server can make use of a variety of backend Directory servers or mechanisms, as controlled by the `Nirvana.directory.provider` system property, which specifies the pluggable Java class representing the Directory.

Username are case-sensitive and are used in the form supplied to do the Directory lookup. This is the authentication step, and is followed by an authorisation step in which the username is normalised to lowercase to match against Universal Messaging ACLs. Universal Messaging ACLs are case-insensitive but expressed in lower-case, and any ACLs created via the Enterprise Manager will be forced to lower case.

### Internal User Repository

If the `Nirvana.directory.provider` system property is set to `"com.pcbssys.foundation.security.auth.fSAGInternalUserRepositoryAdapter"`, then usernames will be looked up in a standard Software AG store called the 'Internal User Repository', which is a flat file maintained by the Software AG command-line utility `internaluserrepo`. This utility is located in `<SoftwareAG_INSTALLROOT>/common/bin`.

This mechanism is the default user repository if the `Nirvana.directory.provider` property is not set.

You can use the following syntax to add a user "myuser1" with a password "mypwd1" to the internal user repository.

```
internaluserrepo.bat -f <path_to_users.txt> -c -p mypwd1 myuser1
```

The location of the file containing the internal user repository is given by the system property `Nirvana.auth.sagrepo.path`, and would default to `./users.txt` (relative to the runtime directory of the Universal Messaging server), but the `nserver.conf` file shipped with Universal Messaging overrides this as `../users.txt`, locating it in the same `<SoftwareAG_INSTALLROOT>/nirvana/server/umserver` directory as the `licence.xml` file.

The entry in `nserver.conf` looks like this:

```
wrapper.java.additional.18=-DNirvana.auth.sagrepo.path=../users.txt
```

The `nserver.conf` file may of course be edited as usual to move the `users.txt` file into a location that is shared by all the realms of an installed Universal Messaging instance.

You should also set up the following configurations in the `nserver.conf` file, to ensure that basic authentication is activated and mandatory:

```
wrapper.java.additional.19=-DNirvana.auth.mandatory=Y
// This makes basic authentication mandatory.
// Calls not supplying the credentials in this case will be rejected.
wrapper.java.additional.20=-DNirvana.auth.enabled=Y
// This enables the basic authentication feature,
// but it is not mandatory to supply credentials.
```

If you add users to the internal user repository, you should also set up Universal Messaging server ACLs for these users, specifying e.g. `myuser1@hostname`, and give appropriate or full control.

- Note:**
- To activate any changes you make, you need to restart the Universal Messaging server.
  - More details about the utility `internaluserrepo` and its options are available in the Software AG document *Command Central Help*.

## LDAP

If the `Nirvana.directory.provider` system property is set to `"com.pcbssys.foundation.security.auth.fLDAPAdapter"`, then LDAP will be used as the source of user information.

Interaction with the LDAP server is configured via the following Java system properties:

■ **Nirvana.ldap.provider:**

The LDAP client class - defaults to the JDK's built-in provider, `com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory`

■ **Nirvana.ldap.url:**

The address of the LDAP server. This has no default and must be specified, using syntax such as `ldap://localhost:389/dc=sag,dc=com`.

■ **Nirvana.ldap.suffix:**

The suffix to apply to LDAP queries. This has no default and may be null, but if non-null it qualifies the URL above. E.g. `Nirvana.ldap.url=ldap://localhost:389/dc=sag` and `Nirvana.ldap.suffix=dc=com` will result in the same effective query root as `Nirvana.ldap.url=ldap://localhost:389/dc=sag,dc=com` when the `Nirvana.ldap.suffix` property is not set.

■ **Nirvana.ldap.rootcreds:**

The privileged-administrator login credentials to use on the LDAP server, in order to perform user queries. There is no default and if not set it means there is no need to specify any such credentials, but if present the format must be `username:password`.

The remaining system properties relate to the LDAP schema and default to the standard COSINE schema:

■ **Nirvana.ldap.attribute.username:**

This specifies the LDAP attribute which represents the username, and defaults to the standard schema convention of `"cn"`.

■ **Nirvana.ldap.attribute.password:**

This specifies the LDAP attribute which represents the password, and defaults to the standard schema convention of `"userPassword"`.

- **Nirvana.Ldap.search.username:**

This specifies the search expression to use for a given username, and defaults to `cn=%U%`, where `%U%` gets substituted by the username.

## Code Examples

### Pub / Sub - Channels

The following are self-contained pub / sub examples which include full application source code:

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- [“Java Client: Synchronous Channel Consumer” on page 83](#)
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### Pub / Sub - DataGroups

The following are self-contained nirvana DataGroup examples which include full application source code:

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### Message Queues

The following are self-contained message queue examples which include full application source code:

- [“Java Client: Queue Publisher” on page 88](#)
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### **Universal Messaging Administration API**

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### **Universal Messaging Provider for JMS**

The following are self-contained JMS examples which include full application source code:

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### Universal Messaging Channel / Queue / Realm Management

The following are self-contained Universal Messaging client examples which include full application source code:

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## Pub/Sub Channels

### *Java Client: Channel Publisher*

This example publishes events onto a Universal Messaging Channel.

#### Usage

```
npubchan <channel name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Transactional Channel Publisher**

This example publishes events transactionally to a Universal Messaging Channel. A Universal Messaging transaction can contain one or more events. The events which make up the transaction are only made available by the Universal Messaging server if the entire transaction has been committed successfully.

**Usage**

```
npubtxchan <channel name> [count] [size] [tx size]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[tx size] - The number of events per transaction (default: 1)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Asynchronous Channel Consumer**

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Channel. See also: [“Synchronous Subscription” on page 83](#)

**Usage**

```
nsubchan <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Synchronous Channel Consumer**

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Channel. See also: [“Asynchronous Subscription” on page 83](#).

**Usage**

```
channeliterator <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
```

```
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Asynchronous Named Channel Consumer*

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Channel using a named object.

#### Usage

```
nnamedsubchan <channel name> [name] [start eid] [debug] [count] [auto ack]
                                     [cluster wide] [persistent] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[name]          - Specifies the unique name to be used for a named subscription
                  (default: OS username)
[start eid]     - The Event ID to start subscribing from if the named subscriber needs
                  to be created (doesn't exist)
[debug]        - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary,
                  2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count]        - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
                  (default: 1000)
[auto ack]     - Specifies whether each event will be automatically acknowledged by
                  the api (default: true)
[cluster wide] - Specifies whether the named object is to be used across a cluster
                  (default: false)
[persistent]   - Specifies whether the named object state is to be stored to disk or
                  held in server memory (default: false)
[priority]     - The priority of the subscriber.
[selector]     - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Synchronous Named Channel Consumer*

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Channel using a named object and a channel iterator.

#### Usage

```
nnamediterator <channel name> [name] [start eid] [debug] [count]
                                     [cluster wide] [persistent] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[name]          - Specifies the unique name to be used for a named subscription
                  (default: OS username)
[start eid]     - The Event ID to start subscribing from if name subscriber
                  is to be created (doesn't already exist)
[debug]        - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary,
                  2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count]        - The number of events to wait for before printing out summary
```

```

information (default: 1000)
[cluster wide] - Specifies whether the named object is to be used across a
                  cluster (default: false)
[persistent]    - Specifies whether the named object state is to be stored to
                  disk or held in server memory (default: false)
[selector]     - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***Java Client: XML Channel Publisher***

This example publishes XML events onto a Universal Messaging Channel

### Usage

```

nxmlpub <channel name> <xml file> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
<xml file> - The full path of the xml file to publish
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***Java Client: Asynchronous XML Channel Consumer***

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to XML events on a Universal Messaging Channel.

### Usage

```

nxmlsub <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***Java Client: Event Delta Delivery***

This example shows how to publish and receive registered events.

### Usage

```

RegisteredEvent <rname> <channel name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>

```

```
<urname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Batching Server Calls*

This example shows how to find multiple channels and queues in one call to the server.

### Usage

```
findChannelsAndQueues <name> <name> <name>.....
<Arguments>
<name> - The name(s) of the channels to find
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Batching Subscribe Calls*

This example of batching shows how to subscribe to multiple Universal Messaging Channels in one server call.

### Usage

```
sessionsubscriber <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel names> - Comma separated list of channels to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Pub/Sub Datagroups

#### *Java Client: DataStream Listener*

This example shows how to initialise a session with a DataStream listener and start receiving data.

### Usage

```
DataStreamListener [debug] [count]
<Required Arguments>
[Optional Arguments]
```

[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All  
 [count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: DataGroup Publishing with Conflation**

This example shows how to publish to DataGroups, with optional conflation.

#### Usage

```
DataGroupPublish <group name> [count] [size] [enable multicast] [conflate]
                                     [conflation merge or drop] [conflation interval]
<Required Arguments>
<group name> - Data group name parameter to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[enable multicast] - enable the data group for multicast delivery
[conflate] - enable conflation true or false
[conflation merge or drop] - merge to enable merge or drop to enable drop
                             (default: merge)
[conflation interval] - the interval for conflation to publish(default: 500
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: DataGroup Manager**

This is an example of how to run a DataGroup manager application

#### Usage

```
dataGroupsManager <Properties File Location>
<Required Arguments>
<Properties File Location Data Groups> - The location of the property file to
    use for mapping data groups to data groups
<Properties File Location Data Streams> - The location of the property file to
    use for mapping data streams to data groups
<Auto Recreate Data Groups> -True or False to auto recreate data groups takes
    the data group property file and creates channels
    a group for every name mentioned on the left of equals sign
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: Delete DataGroup**

This is a simple example of how to delete a DataGroup

#### Usage

```
deleteDataGroups <data group name> <delete type>
<Required Arguments>
```

```
<data group name> - Data group name parameter to delete
<Delete Type> - Data group delete by string(1) or object(2)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: DataGroup Delta Delivery*

This example shows how to use delta delivery with DataGroups.

### Usage

```
DataGroupDeltaDelivery [count]
[Optional Arguments]
[count] - the number of times to commit the registered events
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Message Queues

#### *Java Client: Queue Publisher*

This example publishes events onto a Universal Messaging Queue.

### Usage

```
npushq <queue name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Transactional Queue Publisher*

This example publishes events transactionally to a Universal Messaging Queue. A Universal Messaging transaction can contain one or more events. The events which make up the transaction are only made available by the Universal Messaging server if the entire transaction has been committed successfully.

### Usage

```
npushtxq <queue name> [count] [size] [txsize]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

```
[txsize] - The number of events to publish per transaction (default: 1)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: Asynchronous Queue Consumer**

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“ Synchronous Queue Subscription” on page 89.](#)

#### **Usage**

```
npopqasync <queue name> [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: Asynchronous Transactional Queue Consumer**

This example shows how to transactionally asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“ Synchronous Queue Subscription.” on page 90](#)

#### **Usage**

```
npoptxqasync <queue name> [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: Synchronous Queue Consumer**

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“ Asynchronous Queue Subscription” on page 89.](#)

#### **Usage**

```
npopq <queue name> [timeout] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to pop from
```

```
[Optional Arguments]
[timeout] - The timeout for the dequeue operation
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Synchronous Transactional Queue Consumer*

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“Asynchronous Queue Subscription” on page 89](#).

### Usage

```
npoptxq <queue name> [timeout] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[timeout] - The timeout for the dequeue operation
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Peek events on a Queue*

This example shows how to peek events on a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“Asynchronous Queue Subscription” on page 89](#).

### Usage

```
npeekq <queue name> [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to peek
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Requester - Request/Response*

This example shows how to request a response in a request/response fashion.

### Usage

```
requester <request queue> <request queue>
```

```

<Required Arguments>
<request queue> - Queue onto which request are published
<response queue> - Queue onto which responses are published
[Optional Arguments]
[asynchronous] - Whether to use asynchronous producing and consuming
                  true/false, default false.
[transactional] - Whether to use transactional production and consumption of
                  events - true/false, default false.
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Responder - Request/Response*

This example shows how to respond to a request in performed in a request/response fashion.

### Usage

```

responder <request queue> <response queue>
<Required Arguments>
<request queue> - Queue onto which request are published
<response queue> - Queue onto which responses are published
[Optional Arguments]
[asynchronous] - Whether to use asynchronous producing and consuming
                  true/false, default false.
[transactional] - Whether to use transactional production and consumption of
                  events - true/false, default false.
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Administration API

#### *Java Client: Add a Queue ACL Entry*

This example demonstrates how to add an ACL entry to a Universal Messaging Queue.

### Usage

```

naddqueueacl <queue name> <user> <host> [list_acl] [modify_acl]
                                                [full] [peek] [push] [purge] [pop]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to add the ACL entry to
<user> - User name parameter for the queue to add the ACL entry to
<host> - Host name parameter for the queue to add the ACL entry to
[Optional Arguments]
[list_acl] - Specifies that the list acl permission should be added
[modify_acl] - Specifies that the modify acl permission should be added
[full] - Specifies that the full permission should be added
[peek] - Specifies that the peak permission should be added
[push] - Specifies that the push permission should be added
[purge] - Specifies that the purge permission should be added
[pop] - Specifies that the pop permission should be added
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Modify a Channel ACL Entry*

This example demonstrates how to modify the permissions of an ACL entry on a Universal Messaging Channel.

## Usage

```
nchangechanacl <channel name> <user> <host> [+/-list_acl] [+/-modify_acl]
              [+/-full] [+/-last_eid] [+/-read] [+/-write] [+/-purge]
              [+/-named] [+/-all_perms]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to change the ACL entry for
<user> - User name parameter for the channel to change the ACL entry for
<host> - Host name parameter for the channel to change the ACL entry for
[Optional Arguments]
[+/-] - Prepending + or - specifies whether to add or remove a permission
[list_acl] - Specifies that the list acl permission should be added/removed
[modify_acl] - Specifies that the modify acl permission should be added/removed
[full] - Specifies that the full permission should be added/removed
[last_eid] - Specifies that the get last EID permission should be added/removed
[read] - Specifies that the read permission should be added/removed
[write] - Specifies that the write permission should be added/removed
[purge] - Specifies that the purge permission should be added/removed
[named] - Specifies that the used named subscriber permission should be added/removed
[all_perms] - Specifies that all permissions should be added/removed
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Delete a Realm ACL Entry*

This example demonstrates how to delete an ACL entry from a realm on a Universal Messaging Channel.

## Usage

```
ndelrealmacl <user> <host> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<user> - User name parameter to delete the realm ACL entry from
<host> - Host name parameter to delete the realm ACL entry from
[Optional Arguments]
[-r] - Specifies whether recursive traversal of the namespace should be done
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Add a Schedule to a Universal Messaging Realm**

This example demonstrates how to read a schedule from a file and add the schedule to a realm.

**Usage**

```
naddschedule <source> [subject] [clusterwide]
<Required Arguments>
<source> - location of the schedule script file
[Optional Arguments]
[subject] - The subject of the schedule (default : os username)
[clusterwide] - Whether or not the schedule is cluster wide (default : false)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Simple authentication server**

This demonstrates how to set security permissions when connection attempts are made on the realm.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Monitor realms for cluster creation, and cluster events**

This example demonstrates how to monitor a realm or realms for cluster events.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Monitor realms for client connections coming and going**

This example demonstrates how to monitor for connections to the realm and its channels.

**Usage**

```
nconnectionwatch
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Copy a channel and its events**

This example demonstrates how to copy a channel and its events from one location to another.

## Usage

```
nadmincopychan <channel> [-r toRealm] [-n toChannelName] [-a channel ttl]
                    [-c channel capacity] [-t channel type]
<Required Arguments>
<channel> - Channel name parameter for the channel to copy
[Optional Arguments]
<-r toRealm>      - The RNAME of a remote realm to copy the channel to
<-n toChannelName> - The name you wish to give the copied channel
<-a channel ttl>  - The ttl you wish to give the copied channel
<-c channel capacity> - The capacity you wish to give the copied channel
<-t channel type> - The channel you wish the copied channel to be any of
                    (P | R | M | S | T)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **Java Client: Monitor the remote realm log and audit file**

This example demonstrates how to monitor a realm's log and audit files.

## Usage

```
nauditandloglistener <-l logfile> <-a auditfile> <-replay>
[Optional Arguments]
<-l logfile>      - A file name to store the log messages to (without this it
                    will go to system.out)
<-a auditfile>   - A file name to store the audit messages to (without this it
                    will go to system.out)
<-replay>        - Specifies if the entire audit file will be replayed
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **Java Client: Export a realm to XML**

This example demonstrates how to export a realm's cluster, joins, security, channels / queues, scheduling, interfaces / plugins, configuration information and JNDI assets to an XML file so that it can be imported into any other realm (see [“Java Client: Import a realm's configuration information” on page 95](#)).

## Usage

```
nexportrealmxml [export_file_location]
<Optional Arguments>
  -all -realms -cluster -realmacl -realmcfg -channels -jndi
  -channelfilter=<filter> -channeacl -datagroups -datagroupfilter=<filter>
  -joins -queues -queuefilter=<filter> -queueacl -interfaces -plugins -via
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Import a realm's configuration information**

This example demonstrates how to import a realm's cluster, joins, security, channels / queues, scheduling, interfaces / plugins, configuration information and JNDI assets from an XML file that was previously created by exporting a realm (see [“Java Client: Export a realm to XML” on page 94](#)).

**Important:** Importing a configuration that contains clustered transient channels and queues will fail because transient channels and queues are not supported in a cluster. To resolve this situation, you can change the value of the `type` attribute of each channel or queue in the XML file for import from `TRANSIENT_TYPE` to `MIXED_TYPE`.

**Usage**

```
nimportrealmxml file_name
<Optional Arguments>
  -all -realmacl -realmcfg -channels -jndi -channelfilter=<filter>
  -channelacls -queues -queuefilter=<filter> -queueacls -interfaces
  -datagroups -datagroupfilter=<filter>
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Console-based Realm Monitor**

This example demonstrates how to monitor a realm's cluster, joins, security, channels / queues, scheduling, interfaces / plugins and configuration information.

**Usage**

```
nTop [refreshRate]
[Optional Arguments]
[refreshRate] - the rate at which the information is reloaded on screen (milliseconds)
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Realm Monitor**

Monitors a Universal Messaging Realm and output results to CSV files.

**Usage**

```
java RealmMonitor <rnames> [config file]
<Required Parameters>
<rname> : comma separated list of rnames to monitor.
[Optional Parameters]
[config file] : configuration file location e.g. c:\\config.txt
All other parameters can be specified in the config file.
If realm is clustered then other realms in cluster will
```

---

be found automatically.

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Description of Classes and Output

Contained within the application are 5 separate classes each set up to monitor different aspects of a Universal Messaging Realm:

- [“Connection Monitor” on page 97](#) - monitors all connections to the realm
- [“Realm Monitor” on page 97](#) - regularly outputs current state of the realm
- [“Thread Monitor” on page 98](#) - monitors for unexpected thread behaviour
- [“Log Monitor” on page 98](#) - listens for key words in the Realm log
- [“Channel Monitor” on page 98](#) - monitors channel and queue state for potential issues

The application takes 2 arguments:

1. RNAMEs

Comma separated list of RNAMEs of the realms to monitor.

If the realm is part of a cluster, the application will also monitor the cluster members so there is no need to list the RNAMEs of the other cluster members.

2. Configuration file

[optional] the location of the configuration file (including the name of the file).

If this is not specified, a default file will be created.

Each monitor will output different information and at different intervals. The information to be output can be specified in the 'methods' field in the configuration file for each monitor. The data is written to CSV files so that it can be easily plugged into graphing tools or other monitoring applications. Most of the monitors will only output data if a certain condition is met for example the log monitor will only write data if a keyword is found in a line of the Universal Messaging Realm log. The realm monitor on the other hand will constantly output data to the CSV every X seconds. If a realm goes down, the realm monitor will output 0s which will make any problems apparent if the data is put into a graph.

## Configuration File

The configuration file provides flexibility to change when and what data is output for each monitor. The application will generate a default configuration file if no command line argument is specified. This default file contains all the necessary parameters to start monitoring but all parameters are customisable. Each monitor has different triggers for when to output data. These triggers can all be specified in this file. More detail on the monitor specific parameters can be found in the relevant sections below. You can also

specify the working directory for the tests [default: ./RealmMonitorOut/] and which tests to run.

### 'methods' parameter

Each monitor requires this parameter to be set in the configuration file. This is a comma separated list of method names to be invoked on the object that the monitor is observing. The result of each of these methods will be output to the CSV file under the corresponding heading in the 'headings' parameter.

For example the connection monitor is monitoring connections so will invoke the methods on the `nConnectionDetails` object. You can specify any methods here that are a member of the `nConnectionDetails` class. It is possible that the return type of these methods will not be a type that is easily represented as a string or you may wish to display the object in a certain way. Most of these cases have been dealt with already but in order to change the behaviour you can simply override the method name in the relevant monitor class. For example the channel monitor invokes the methods on `nLeafNode` which has a method called `getUsedSpace`. `getUsedSpace` returns a long representing the number of bytes used, however this application will return the used space in kilobytes because the method is overridden:

```
public String getUsedSpace(Object o) {
    long used = ((nLeafNode)o).getUsedSpace();
    used = used/1024;
    return used+"";
}
```

The above method overrides the `getUsedSpace` method on the `nLeafNode`. By simply creating this method inside the `ChannelMonitor` class, whenever `getUsedSpace` is required, this method will be called instead with the `nLeafNode` as a parameter.

### Connection Monitor

The connection monitor maintains a list of the current connections to the realm. Every `x` seconds the monitor will check each connection for potential problems and write the details of that connection to the CSV file if any trigger is hit.

There are two triggers currently available:

- `maxQueuedEvents` - maximum number of events allowed to be queued for a connection before the monitor will output to the CSV
- `maxTimeOfLastTransmit` - maximum time taken to transmit the last event.

This monitor invokes the method in the 'methods' parameter on the `nConnectionDetails` object.

### Realm Monitor

The realm monitor prints to the CSV file every `x` seconds (configurable by the `refreshRate` parameter). There are no triggers for this monitor as the information should be available at all times. If no data is available (realm is down) then by default the monitor will output 0s to the CSV.

This monitor invokes the method in the 'methods' parameter on the `nRealmNode` object.

## Thread Monitor

The thread monitor constantly checks the thread pools for unexpected values. There are 2 triggers which will cause the monitor to write to the CSV:

- `maxQueueSize` - if the number of queued tasks in the thread pool exceeds this value then the information on this thread pool will be output to the CSV
- `minIdle` - the minimum number of idle threads available before the monitor will output to the CSV

This monitor invokes the method in the 'methods' parameter on the `nThreadPool` object.

## Log Monitor

This monitor listens to the Universal Messaging log and will write to the CSV whenever any line of the log contains a keyword. The list of keywords can be specified in the config file.

The 'methods' parameter in the configuration file will be invoked on the `LogMonitor` class or the enclosing `RealmMonitor` class e.g. `getTime`.

## Channel Monitor

The channel monitor keeps track of the current channels and queues on the realm. If any triggers are hit for a leaf node then the details of that leaf node are output to the CSV.

There are many triggers that can be set for this monitor. For example there is a parameter called '`minCurrentCons`' and an associated '`maxCurrentCons`'. If the number of current connections falls outside of this range then the details of the leaf node are printed to the CSV.

This monitor invokes the method in the 'methods' parameter on the `nLeafNode` object.

## Java Client: Create Cluster

This example demonstrates how to create a cluster.

### Usage

```
nmakecluster <cluster name> <convert local stores> <rnames> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<cluster name> -
    The name for the new cluster.
    The cluster name must be alphanumeric.
<convert local stores> -
    Flag to indicate whether the local stores of the master
    should be converted to cluster wide stores.
<rnames> -
    Server URLs to be included in the cluster.
    There can be several names, separated by a space.
    The proper format is:
    [nsp/nhp/nsps/nhps]://[hostname]:[port]
    or
    shm://[path/to/file]
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Create Security Group**

This example demonstrates how to create a security group.

**Usage**

```
nmakesecgroup <security group name> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<security group name> - The name of the security group
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Add Security Group Subject**

This example demonstrates how to add a subject to a security group.

**Usage**

```
naddsecgrpsubject <security group name> <subject> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<security group name> - The name of the security group.
<subject> - The subject to be added, in the format "user@host".
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Delete Security Group Subject**

This example demonstrates how to delete a subject from a security group.

**Usage**

```
ndelsecgrpsubject <security group name> <subject> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<security group name> - The name of the security group.
<subject> - The subject to be removed, in the format "user@host".
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Java Client: Delete Security Group**

This example demonstrates how to delete a security group.

**Usage**

```
ndelsecgroup <security group name> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<security group name> - The name of the security group.
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Provider for JMS

### Using the AMQP Protocol

The JMS sample applications (with the exception of the JMS Queue Browser) can be used over the Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP) protocol. AMQP is defined by the ISO/IEC 19464 standard.

In order to switch to AMQP, you need to change the following environment variables, prior to running the JMS sample application:

Environment variable	Description
CONTEXT_FACTORY	<p>The name of the ContextFactory class used by the sample application (default: <code>com.pcbsys.nirvana.nSpace.NirvanaContextFactory</code>). When using an AMQP connection this should be changed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>org.apache.qpid.jms.jndi.JmsInitialContextFactory</code> - to use the QPID Proton JMS Client libraries, or</li> <li>■ <code>org.apache.qpid.amqp_1_0.jms.jndi.PropertiesFileInitialContextFactory</code> - to use the QPID Legacy JMS Client libraries</li> </ul>
PROVIDER_URL	<p>The URL of your local nirvana realm from which JNDI entries will be looked up (default: <code>nsp://localhost:9000</code>). When using an AMQP connection this should be changed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>amqp://localhost:9000</code> - when using a plain AMQP connection, connecting to a standard nsp interface;</li> <li>■ <code>amqps://localhost:9000</code> - when using a plain AMQP connection over a secure socket connection, connecting to a nsps interface.</li> </ul>

**Note:** AMQP connections require the AMQP plugin to be enabled on the realm and work only over the nsp and nsps interfaces. The connections will not work over nhp or nhps.

**Note:** When using AMQP with all JMS sample applications, the `<factoryname>` parameter is ignored, but it is still required. This is due to the internal implementation of the client libraries.

### Plain AMQP pub/sub example

The following example assumes that you have an existing topic `MyTopic` configured on the realm server and bound in the JNDI context, and that the client tries to connect to a NSP interface.

To start a subscriber:

1. Start a "Java examples" command prompt
2. Set the following environment variables:

```
set CONTEXT_FACTORY=org.apache.qpid.jms.jndi.JmsInitialContextFactory
set PROVIDER_URL=amqp://<hostname>:<port>
```

3. Start the `jmssub` application by running the following command:

```
jmssub ignored topic.MyTopic
```

At this point the `jmssub` application will be running over AMQP and will receive any messages published on the `MyTopic` topic

To start a publisher:

1. Start a "Java examples" command prompt
2. Set the following environment variables:

```
set CONTEXT_FACTORY=org.apache.qpid.jms.jndi.JmsInitialContextFactory
set PROVIDER_URL=amqp://<hostname>:<port>
```

3. Start the `jmssub` application by running the following command:

```
jmssub ignored topic.MyTopic 10
```

At this point the `jmssub` application will be running over AMQP and will send 10 messages to the `MyTopic` topic.

### AMQP over alternative TLS example

The following example assumes that you have an existing topic `MyTopic` configured on the realm server and bound in the JNDI context and that the client tries to connect to a NSPS interface.

To start a subscriber:

1. Start a "Java examples" command prompt
2. Set the following environment variables:

```
set CONTEXT_FACTORY=org.apache.qpid.jms.jndi.JmsInitialContextFactory
set PROVIDER_URL=amqps://<hostname>:<port>
```

3. Start the `jmssub` application by running the following command:

```
jmssub ignored topic.MyTopic
```

At this point the `jmssub` application will be running over AMQP and will receive any messages published on the `MyTopic` topic

To start a publisher:

1. Start a "Java examples" command prompt
2. Set the following environment variables:

```
set CONTEXT_FACTORY=org.apache.qpid.jms.jndi.JmsInitialContextFactory
set PROVIDER_URL=amqps://<hostname>:<port>
```

3. Start the `jmssub` application by running the following command:

```
jmssub ignored topic.MyTopic 10
```

At this point the `jmssub` application will be running over AMQP and will send 10 messages to the `MyTopic` topic.

**Note:** If the NSPS interface on the realm has been configured to use the certificates generated by the "CertificateGenerator" then you don't need to make any changes to the client applications. However if you are using different certificates, then in each command prompt, you need to additionally set the certificate locations by executing the following set commands:

```
set CAKEystore=<TRUST KEYSTORE PATH>
set CAKEystorePASSWD=<TRUST KEYSTORE PASSWORD>
set CKEYSTORE=<CLIENT KEYSTORE PATH>
set CKEYSTOREPASSWD=<CLIENT KEYSTORE PASSWORD>
```

### Java Client: JMS BytesMessage Publisher

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to publish Bytes Messages to a JMS Topic.

#### Usage

```
jmssubpub <factoryname> <topicName> <count> <transacted>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<topicName>   - JMS Topic to publish on.
                When using AMQP, this should be in the
                format topic.<topicName>
<count>       - Number of events to publish
<transacted>  - Whether the session is transacted
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

#### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Java Client: JMS BytesMessage Subscriber

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to consume Bytes Messages from a JMS Topic.

## Usage

```
jmsbytestsub <factoryname> <destinationName> <transacted> <durableName> <selector>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<destinationName> - JMS Destination to subscribe to.
                    When using AMQP, this should be in the
                    format topic.<topicName> or queue.<queueName>
<transacted> - Whether the session is transacted
<durableName> - The name of a durable subscriber
<selector> - An optional message selector
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: JMS MapMessage Publisher*

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to publish Map Messages to a JMS Topic.

## Usage

```
jmsmappub <factoryname> <topicName> <count> <transacted>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<topicName> - JMS Topic to publish on.
              When using AMQP this should be in the
              format topic.<topicName>
<count> - Number of events to publish
<transacted> - Whether the session is transacted
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: JMS MapMessage Subscriber*

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to consume Map Messages from a JMS Topic.

## Usage

```
jmsmapsub <factoryname> <destinationName> <transacted> <selector>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<destinationName> - JMS Destination to subscribe to.
                    When using AMQP this should be in the
                    format topic.<topicName> or queue.<queueName>
<transacted> - Whether the session is transacted
<selector> - An optional message selector
```

Note: -? provides help on environment variables

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: JMS ObjectMessage Publisher**

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to publish Object Messages to a JMS Topic.

### Usage

```
jmsobjectpub <factoryname> <topicName> <count> <transacted>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<topicName>   - JMS Topic to publish on.
                When using AMQP this should be in the
                format topic.<topicName>
<count>       - Number of events to publish
<transacted>  - Whether the session is transacted
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: JMS ObjectMessage Subscriber**

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to consume Object Messages from a JMS Topic.

### Usage

```
jmsobjectsub <factoryname> <destinationName> <transacted> <selector>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<destinationName> - JMS Destination to subscribe to.
                    When using AMQP this should be in the
                    format topic.<topicName> or queue.<queueName>
<transacted>    - Whether the session is transacted
<selector>      - An optional message selector
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **Java Client: JMS StreamMessage Publisher**

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to publish Stream Messages to a JMS Topic.

## Usage

```
jmsstreampub <factoryname> <topicName> <count> <transacted>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<topicName>   - JMS Topic to publish on.
                When using AMQP this should be in the
                format topic.<topicName>
<count>       - Number of events to publish
<transacted>  - Whether the session is transacted
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: JMS StreamMessage Subscriber*

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to consume Stream Messages from a JMS Topic.

## Usage

```
jmsstreamsub <factoryname> <destinationName> <transacted> <selector>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm)
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<destinationName> - JMS Destination to subscribe to.
                    When using AMQP this should be in the
                    format topic.<topicName> or queue.<queueName>
<transacted>     - Whether the session is transacted
<selector>       - An optional message selector
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: JMS BytesMessage Queue Publisher*

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to publish Bytes Messages to a JMS Queue.

## Usage

```
jmsbytesqpub <factoryname> <queueName> <count> <transacted>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                but it is still required.
<queueName>   - JMS Queue to publish on.
                When using AMQP this should be in the
                format queue.<queueName>
<count>       - Number of events to publish
<transacted>  - Whether the session is transacted
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: JMS BytesMessage Queue Subscriber*

This example uses Universal Messaging Provider for JMS to consume Bytes Messages from a JMS Queue.

#### Usage

```
jmsbytesqsub <factoryname> <destinationName> <transacted> <selector>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname>      - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm).
                    If you are using AMQP, this argument is ignored
                    but it is still required.
<destinationName> - JMS Destination to subscribe to.
                    When using AMQP this should be in the
                    format topic.<topicName> or queue.<queueName>
<transacted>      - Whether the session is transacted
<selector>        - An optional message selector
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: JMS Queue Browser*

This example shows how to browse a Universal Messaging Provider for JMS Queue in JMS.

#### Usage

```
jmsqbrowse <factoryname> <destinationName> <selector>
<Required Arguments>
<factoryname> - JMS Factory (Must exist in target realm)
<destinationName> - JMS Destination to subscribe to
<selector> - An optional message selector
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Channel / Queue / Realm Management

### *Java Client: Creating a Channel*

This example demonstrates how to create a Universal Messaging channel programmatically.

#### Usage

```
nmakechan <channel name> [time to live] [capacity] [type] [cluster wide]
          [start eid] [use jms engine] [honor capacity when full]
```

```

<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to be created.
[Optional Arguments]
[time to live] - The Time To Live parameter for the new channel (default: 0)
[capacity] - The Capacity parameter for the new channel (default: 0)
[type] - The type parameter for the new channel (default: S)
    R - For a reliable (stored in memory) channel with persistent eids
    P - For a persistent (stored on disk) channel
    S - For a simple (stored in memory) channel with non-persistent eids
    T - For a transient (no server based storage)
    M - For a Mixed (allows both memory and persistent events) channel
    O - For an Off Heap channel
    G - For a Paged channel (Uses a memory mapped file for storage)
[cluster wide] - Whether the channel is cluster wide. Will only work if the
    realm is part of a cluster.
[start eid] - The initial start event id for the new channel (default: 0).
[use jms engine] - Sets whether to use the JMS style fanout engine.
[honor capacity when full] - Whether the channel / queue capacity setting will
    prevent publishing of any more data once full.
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Deleting a Channel*

This example demonstrates how to delete a Universal Messaging channel programmatically.

#### Usage

```

ndelchan <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to delete
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Creating a Queue*

This example demonstrates how to create a Universal Messaging queue programmatically.

#### Usage

```

nmakeq <queue name> [time to live] [capacity] [type] [cluster wide]
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to be created
[Optional Arguments]
[time to live] - The Time To Live parameter for the new queue (default: 0)
[capacity] - The Capacity parameter for the new queue (default: 0)
[type] - The type parameter for the new queue (default: S)
R - For a reliable (stored in memory) queue with persistent eids
P - For a persistent (stored on disk) queue
S - For a simple (stored in memory) queue with non-persistent eids
T - For a transient (no server based storage)
M - For a Mixed (allows both memory and persistent events) queue

```

```
O - For an Off Heap queue
G - For a Paged queue (Uses a memory mapped file for storage)
[cluster wide] - Whether the queue is cluster wide. Will only work if the
                  realm is part of a cluster
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Deleting a Queue*

This example demonstrates how to delete a Universal Messaging queue programmatically.

### Usage

```
ndelq <queue name>
<Required Arguments>
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the channel to delete
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Create a Channel Join*

This is a class that demonstrates how to create a channel join.

### Usage

```
nmakechanjoin <source channel name> <destination channel name>
               [max hops] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name
                       to join
<destination channel name> - Channel name parameter of the remote channel name
                             to join
[Optional Arguments]
[max hops] - The maximum number of join hops a message can travel through
[selector] - The event filter string to use on messages travelling through
             this join
[Allow Purge] - If allow purge is true then when the source channel is purged
                events will also be purged
[archive] - true/false, defaults to false, set if you wish to perform an
            archive join to a queue
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Java Client: Delete a Channel Join*

This is a class that demonstrates how to delete a channel join.

## Usage

```
ndelchanjoin <source channel name> <destination channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<source channel name> - Source Channel name parameter of the join to be deleted
<destination channel name> - Destination Channel name parameter of the join to
                             be deleted
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Purge events from a channel*

This class demonstrates how to purge events from a channel.

## Usage

```
npurgechan <channel name> <start eid> <end eid> <filter>
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to be purged
<start eid> - The start eid of the range of events to be purged
<end eid> - The end eid of the range of events to be purged
<filter> - An optional filter string for events to be purged
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Find the event id of the last event*

This class demonstrates how to find the last event id published on a specific channel.

## Usage

```
ngetlasteid <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter to get the last EID for
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Java Client: Add a realm to another realm*

This is a class that demonstrates how to add a realm to another realm, either mounted into the namespace or not.

## Usage

```
naddrealm <realm name> <realm details> [mount point]
<Required Arguments>
<realm name> - Realm name parameter for the realm to add
<realm details> - Realm details parameter for the realm to add.
                  Same form as RNAME
```

```
[Optional Arguments]
[mount point] - Where you would like to mount the realm within the namespace,
                for example /eur/uk
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Java Client: Multiplex a Session

Multiplex two Universal Messaging sessions over one channel.

### Usage

```
nsubchan <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Client API Package Documentation

API documentation is available for the following Client API:

- Java Client API: `com.pcbsys.nirvana.client`

The API documentation is available in the *Universal Messaging Reference Guide* section of the documentation.

## Enterprise Developer's Guide for C++

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This guide describes how to develop and deploy C++ applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

### General Features

#### Creating a Session

To interact with a Universal Messaging Server, the first thing to do is create a Universal Messaging Session (nSession) object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm.

## Creating a Universal Messaging Session Object

1. Create a `nSessionAttributes` object with the `RNAME` value of your choice

```
std::string[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
int length = 1;
nSessionAttributes *nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME,length)
```

2. Call the `create` method on `nSessionFactory` to create your session

```
Session *mySession = nSessionFactory::create(nsa);
```

Alternatively, if you require the use of a session reconnect handler to intercept the automatic reconnection attempts, pass an instance of that class too in the `create` method:

```
class myReconnectHandler :
    public nReconnectHandler
{
    //implement tasks associated with reconnection
}
myReconnectHandler rhandler=new myReconnectHandler();
nSession *mySession=nSessionFactory::create(nsa, rhandler);
```

## Initializing a Universal Messaging Session

1. Initialise the session object to open the connection to the Universal Messaging Realm

```
mySession->init();
```

## Universal Messaging Events

A Universal Messaging Event (`nConsumeEvent`) is the object that is published to a Universal Messaging channel or queue. It is stored by the server and then passed to consumers as and when required.

Events can contain simple byte array data, or more complex data structures such as an Event Dictionary (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 111](#)).

Each `nConsumeEvent` object has an `nEventAttributes` object associated with it which contains all available meta data associated with the event.

### Constructing an Event

In this C++ code snippet, we construct our Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`), and, in this example, pass a byte array data into the constructor:

```
std::string strLine = "Hello World";
int length = 0;
unsigned char *pLine = nConstants::encode(strLine, length);
nEventProperties *pProps = new nEventProperties();
nConsumeEvent *evt = new nConsumeEvent(pProps, pLine, length);
```

## Event Dictionaries

Universal Messaging Event Dictionaries (`nEventProperties`) provide an accessible and flexible way to store any number of message properties for delivery within an event (for related information, see [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 111](#)).

Event Dictionaries are quite similar to a hash table, supporting primitive types, arrays, and nested dictionaries.

Universal Messaging filtering allows subscribers to receive only specific subsets of a channel's events by applying the server's advanced filtering capabilities to the contents of each event's dictionary.

Event dictionaries can facilitate the automated purging of data from channels through the use of Publish Keys.

### Constructing an Event

In this code snippet, we assume we want to publish an event containing the definition of a bond, say, with a name of "bond1":

```
nEventProperties *props = new nEventProperties();
props->put("bondname", "bond1");
props->put("price", 100.00);
nConsumeEvent *evt = new nConsumeEvent(props, "atag");
channel->publish(evt);
```

Note that in this example code, we also create a new Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`, see [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 111](#)) to make use of our Event Dictionary (`nEventProperties`).

### Channel Joins

Joining a channel to another channel or queue allows you to set up content routing such that events published to the source channel will be passed on to the destination channel/queue automatically. Joins also support the use of *filters* thus enabling dynamic content routing.

Please note that while channels can be joined to both resources, queues cannot be used as the source of a join.

Channels can be joined using the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager GUI or programmatically.

In joining two Universal Messaging channels there is one compulsory option and two optional ones. The compulsory option is the destination channel. The optional parameters are the maximum join hops and a message selector to be applied to the join.

**Note:** For a description of the general principles involved in creating channel joins, see the section *Creating Channel Joins* in the *Administration Guide*. The description details the usage based on the Enterprise Manager, but the same general principles apply if you are using the API.

### Multiple Path Delivery

Universal Messaging users can define multiple paths over different network protocols between the same places in Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging guarantees that the data always gets delivered once and once only.

Channel joins can be created using the Make Channel Join sample application which is provided in the bin directory of the Universal Messaging installation. For further information on using this example please see the [make channel join example page](#).

Universal Messaging joins are created as follows:

```
//Obtain a reference to the source channel
nChannel *mySrcChannel = mySession->findChannel( nca );
//Obtain a reference to the destination channel
nChannel *myDstChannel = mySession->findChannel( dest );
//Obtain a reference to the destination channel's realm
nRealm *realm = myDstChannel->getChannelAttributes()->getRealm();
//create the join
mySrcChannel->joinChannel( myDstChannel, true, jhc, SELECTOR );
```

Channel joins can also be deleted. Please see the [delete channel join example](#) for more information.

## Google Protocol Buffers

### Overview

Google Protocol Buffers are a way of efficiently serializing structured data. They are language and platform neutral and have been designed to be easily extensible. The structure of your data is defined once, and then specific serialization and deserialization code is produced specifically to handle your data format efficiently.

Universal Messaging supports server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffers, and this, coupled with Google Protocol Buffer's space-efficient serialization can be used to reduce the amount of data delivered to a client. If server side filtering is not required, the serialised protocol buffers could be loaded into a normal nConsume Event as the event data.

The structure of the data is defined in a .proto file, messages are constructed from a number of different types of fields and these fields can be required, optional or repeated. Protocol Buffers can also include other Protocol Buffers.

The serialization uses highly efficient encoding to make the serialized data as space efficient as possible, and the custom generated code for each data format allows for rapid serialization and deserialization.

### Using Google Protocol Buffers with Universal Messaging

Google supplies libraries for Protocol Buffer in Java, C++ and Python, and third party libraries provide support for many other languages including .NET, Perl, PHP etc. Universal Messaging's client APIs provide support for the construction of Google Protocol Buffer event through which the serialized messages can be passed.

These nProtobufEvents are integrated seamlessly in nirvana, allowing for server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffer events, which can be sent on resources just like a normal nirvana Events. The server side filtering of messages is achieved by providing the server with a description of the data structures(constructed at the .proto compile time, using the standard protobuf compiler and the --descriptor\_set\_out option). The default location the sever looks in for descriptor files is /plugins/ProtobufDescriptors

and this can be configured through the enterprise manager. The server will monitor this folder for changes, and the frequency of these updates can be configured through the enterprise manager. The server can then use to extract the key value pairs from the binary Protobuf message and filter message delivery based on user requirements.

To create a nProtobuf event, simply build your protocol buffer as normal and pass it into the nProtobuf constructor along with the message type used.

nProtobuf events are received by subscribers in the normal way.

The Enterprise Manager can be used to view, edit and republish protocol buffer events, even if the EM is no running on the same machine as the server. To enable this, the server outputs a descriptor set to a configurable directory (by default the htdocs directory for the realm) and this can then be made available through a file plugin etc. The directory can be changed through the enterprise manager. The enterprise manager can then be configured to load this file using -DProtobufDescSetURL and then the contents of the protocol buffers can be parsed.

## Publish / Subscribe using Channel Topics

### Publish / Subscribe Using Channels/Topics

The Universal Messaging C++ API provides publish subscribe functionality through the use of channel objects. Channels are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) of data (events).

Universal Messaging DataStreams and DataGroups provide an alternative style of Publish/Subscribe where user subscriptions can be managed remotely on behalf of clients.

Under the publish / subscribe paradigm, each event is delivered to each subscriber once and only once per subscription, and is not removed from the channel after being consumed.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging pub / sub works.

### Creating a Channel

Channels can be created programmatically as detailed below, or they can be created using the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager.

In order to create a channel, first of all you must create an nSession object, which is your effectively the logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using an RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the nSessionAttributes object, as shown below:

```
std::string[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes *nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession *mySession = nSessionFactory::create(nsa);
mySession->init();
```

Once the nSession.init() method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then begin creating the channel object. Channels have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the channel, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a channel to any subscribers wishing to consume them,

To create a channel, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes *cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib->setMaxEvents(0);
cattrib->setTTL(0);
cattrib->setType(nChannelAttributes::PERSISTENT_TYPE);
cattrib->setName("mychannel");
nChannel *myChannel = mySession->createChannel(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging channel within the realm.

## Finding a Channel

In order to find a channel programmatically you must create your `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
std::string* RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes *nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession *mySession = nSessionFactory::create(nsa);
mySession->init();
```

Once the `nSession->init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then try to find the channel object. Channels have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the channel, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a channel to any subscribers wishing to consume them,

To find a channel previously created, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes *cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib->setName("mychannel");
nChannel *myChannel = mySession->findChannel(cattrib);
```

This returns a reference to a Universal Messaging channel within the realm.

## How to publish events to a Channel

There are 2 types of publish available in Universal Messaging for channels:

*Reliable Publish* is simply a one way push to the Universal Messaging Server. This means that the server does not send a response to the client to indicate whether the event was successfully received by the server from the publish call.

*Transactional Publish* involves creating a transaction object to which events are published, and then committing the transaction. The server responds to the transaction commit call

indicating if it was successful. There are also means for transactions to be checked for status after application crashes or disconnects.

### Reliable Publish

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server and the channel has been located, an event must be constructed prior to a publish call being made to the channel.

For reliable publish, there are a number of method prototypes on a channel that allow us to publish different types of events onto a channel. Here are examples of some of them. Further examples can be found in the API documentation.

```
// Publishing a simple byte array message
myChannel->publish(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", message->getBytes()));
```

### Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides a means of verifying that the server received the events from the publisher, and therefore provides guaranteed delivery.

There are similar prototypes available to the developer for transactional publishing. Once the session is established and the channel located, we then need to construct the events for the transaction and publish these events to the transaction. Only when the transaction has been committed will the events become available to subscribers on the channel.

Below is a code snippet for transactional publishing:

```
std::list<nConsumeEvent*> messages;
messages->push_back(message1);
nTransactionAttributes *tattrib=new nTransactionAttributes(myChannel);
nTransaction *myTransaction=nTransactionFactory::create(tattrib);
myTransaction->publish(messages);
myTransaction->commit();
```

If during the transaction commit your Universal Messaging session becomes disconnected, and the commit call throws an exception, the state of the transaction may be unclear. To verify that a transaction has been committed or aborted, a call can be made on the transaction that will determine if the events within the transaction were successfully received by the Universal Messaging Realm Server. This call can be made regardless of whether the connection was lost and a new connection was created.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to query the Universal Messaging Realm Server to see if the transaction was committed:

```
bool committed = myTransaction->isCommitted(true);
```

### Asynchronous Subscriber

Asynchronous channel subscribers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous subscribers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`.

The listener interface defines one method called 'go' which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

An example of such a simple listener is shown below:

```
class subscriber : public nEventListener{
public:
    mySubscriber(){
        // construct your session
        // and channel objects here
        // begin consuming events from the channel at event id 0
        // i.e. the beginning of the channel
        myChannel->addSubscriber(this , 0);
    }
    void go(nConsumeEvent *pEvt) {
        printf("Consumed event %d",pEvt->getEventID());
    }
    int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        new mySubscriber();
        return 0;
    }
}
```

Asynchronous consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a subscriber is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties *props =new nEventProperties();
props->put("BONDNAME","bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
std::string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the `addSubscriber` method shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Channel Iterator

Events can be synchronously consumed from a channel using a channel iterator object. The iterator will sequentially move through the channel and return events as and when the iterator `getNext()` method is called.

If you are using iterators so that you know when all events have been consumed from a channel please note that this can also be achieved using an asynchronous subscriber by calling the `nConsumeEvents` `isEndOfChannel()` method.

An example of how to use a channel iterator is shown below:

```
class myIterator {
private:
    nChannelIterator *iterator = null;
public:
    myIterator(){
        // construct your session and channel objects
        // start the iterator at the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
        iterator = myChannel->createIterator(0);
    }
    void start() {
        while (true) {
            nConsumeEvent *event = iterator->getNext();
            go(event);
        }
    }
}
```

```

}
void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
    printf("Consumed event %d",event->getEventID());
}
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    myIterator *itr = new myIterator();
    itr->start();
    return 0;
}
}

```

Synchronous consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a consumer is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperties *props = new nEventProperties();
props->put("BONDNAME", "bond1");

```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```

std::string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'"

```

And pass this string into the `createIterator` method shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Batched Subscribe

If a client application needs to subscribe to multiple channels it is more efficient to batch these subscriptions into a single server call. This is achieved using the `subscribe` method of `nSession` rather than first finding the `nChannel` object and then calling the `subscribe` method of `nChannel`.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to two Universal Messaging channels in one server call:

```

public class myEventListener : public nEventListener {
    public void go(nConsumeEvent* evt) {
        cout<<"Received an event!";
    }
}
public void demo(){
    int numChans = 2;
    nSubscriptionAttributes **arr = new nSubscriptionAttributes*[numChans];
    arr[0] = new nSubscriptionAttributes("myChan1", "", 0, myLis1);
    arr[1] = new nSubscriptionAttributes("myChan2", "", 0, myLis2);
    mySession->subscribe(arr,numChans);
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        if (!arr[i]->wasSuccessful()) {
            handleSubscriptionFailure(arr[i]);
        }
        //subscription successful
    }
}
public void handleSubscriptionFailure(nSubscriptionAttributes* subAtts){
    cout<< subAtts.getException().StackTrace;
}
}

```

The `nSubscriptionAttributes` class is used to specify which channels to subscribe to. The second two parameters of the constructor represent the selector to use for the subscription and the event ID to subscribe from.

It is possible that the subscription may fail; for example, the channel may not exist or the user may not have the required privileges. In this situation, calling `wasSuccessful()` on the `nSubscriptionAttributes` will return `false` and `getException()` will return the exception that was thrown.

If the subscription is successful then the `nChannel` object can be obtained from the `nSubscriptionAttributes` as shown in the following code snippet:

```
nChannel* chan = subAtts->getChannel();
```

## Batched Find

In client applications, it is quite common to have multiple Channels or Queues that one is trying to find. In these scenarios, the batched find call built into `nSession` is extremely useful.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to find 2 Universal Messaging Channels in one server call:

```
void demo(){
    int numchans = 2;
    nChannelAttributes** arr = new nChannelAttributes*[numchans];
    nChannel** channels = new nChannels*[numchans];
    arr[0] = new nChannelAttributes("myChan1");
    arr[1] = new nChannelAttributes("myChan2");
    fSortedList<std::string, nFindResult*> *pArr = mySession->find(arr, numchans);
    int i = 0;
    for (fSortedList<std::string, nFindResult*>::iterator iterator = pArr->begin();
        iterator != pArr->end(); iterator++)
    {
        if (!iterator->second->wasSuccessful())
        {
            handleSubscriptionFailure(iterator->second);
        }
        else if (iterator->second->isChannel())
        {
            channels[i] = iterator->second->getChannel();
        }
        i++;
    }
    public void handleSubscriptionFailure(nFindResult* result){
        // do something
    }
}
```

To perform the same operation for Queues, simply use the example above and exchange `nChannel` for `nQueue`, and check each result returned to see if the `isQueue()` flag is set.

## Durable channel consumers and named objects

Universal Messaging provides the ability for both asynchronous and synchronous consumers to be durable. Durable consumers allow state to be kept at the server with regard to what events have been consumed by a specific consumer of data.

Universal Messaging supports durable consumers through use of Universal Messaging named objects (see [“Named Objects” on page 121](#)) as shown by the following example code.

Names objects can also be managed via the enterprise manager.

### Asynchronous Durable Consumer

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, is persistent and is used in conjunction with an asynchronous event consumer:

```
class mySubscriber : public nEventListener {
public:
mySubscriber(){
// construct your session
// and channel objects here
// create the named object and begin consuming events from the channel at event id 0
// i.e. the beginning of the channel
nNamedObject *nobj = myChannel->createNamedObject("unique1", 0, true);
myChannel->addSubscriber(this , nobj);
}
void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
printf("Consumed event %d",event->getEventID());
}
}
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
new mySubscriber();
return 0;
}
}
```

### Synchronous Durable Consumer

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, persistent and is used in conjunction with a synchronous event consumer:

```
class myIterator {
private:
nChannelIterator *iterator = null;
public:
myIterator(){
// construct your session
// and channel objects here
// start the iterator at the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
nNamedObject *nobj = myChannel->createNamedObject("unique2", 0, true);
iterator = myChannel->createIterator(0);
}
void start() {
while (true) {
nConsumeEvent *event = iterator->getNext();
go(event);
}
}
void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
printf("Consumed event %d",event->getEventID());
}
}
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
myIterator *itr = new myIterator();
itr->start();
return 0;
}
}
```

Both synchronous and asynchronous channel consumers allow message selectors to be used in conjunction with named objects. Please see the API documentation for more information.

There are also different ways in which events consumed by named consumers can be acknowledged. By specifying that 'auto acknowledge' is true when constructing either the synchronous or asynchronous consumers, then each event is acknowledged as consumed automatically. If 'auto acknowledge' is set to false, then each event consumed has to be acknowledged by calling the `ack()` method:

```
void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
    printf("Consumed event %d", event->getEventID());
    event->ack();
}
```

## Named Objects

Universal Messaging provides the ability for the server to maintain state for the last event that was consumed by a consumer on a channel. By providing a unique name, you can create a named object on a channel and even when your application is stopped, the next time you start your application, you will only consume available events from the last event id that the server stored as successfully consumed by that named object.

Named objects can be persistent, i.e. the last eid is written to disk, so that if the Universal Messaging Realm Server is restarted, the last eid consumed is retrievable for each named object on a channel.

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, and is persistent is shown below:

```
nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique1", 0, true);
```

## The Merge Engine and Event Deltas

In order to streamline publish/subscribe applications it is possible to deliver only the portion of an event's data that has changed rather than the entire event. These event deltas minimise the amount of data sent from the publisher and ultimately delivered to the subscribers.

The publisher simply registers an event and can then publish changes to individual keys within the event. The subscriber will receive a full event on initial subscription, which contains the most up to date state of the event. After the initial message, only the key/value pairs which have changed since the last message will be sent to the client.

### Publisher - Registered Events

In order to publish event deltas the publisher uses the Registered Event facility available on a Universal Messaging Channel. Please note that the channel must have been created with the Merge Engine and it must have a single Publish Key. The publish key represents the primary key for the channel and the registered events. So for example if you are publishing currency rates you would setup a channel as such

```
nChannelAttributes* cattr
    = new nChannelAttributes("RatesChannel", 0, 0, nChannelAttributes.SIMPLE_TYPE);
```

```
//
// This next line tells the server to Merge incoming events based on the publish
// key name and the name of the registered event
//
    cattr->useMergeEngine(true);
//
// Now create the Publish Key (See publish Keys for a full description
//
    nChannelPublishKeys** pks = new nChannelPublishKeys[1];
    pks[0] = new nChannelPublishKeys("ccy", 1);
    cattr->setPublishKeys(pks);
//
// Now create the channel
//
    myChannel = mySession->createChannel(cattr);
```

At this point the server will have a channel created with the ability to merge incoming events from Registered Events. The next step is to create the Registered events at the publisher.

```
nRegisteredEvent* audEvent = myChannel->createRegisteredEvent("AUD");
nEventProperties* props = audEvent->getProperties();
props->put("bid", 0.8999);
props->put("offer", 0.9999);
props->put("close", "0.8990");
audEvent->commitChanges();
```

You now have a `nRegisteredEvent` called `audEvent` which is bound to a `ccy` value of "AUD". We then set the properties relevant to the application, finally we call `commitChanges()`, this will send the event, as is, to the server. At this point if the bid was to change then that individual field can be published to the server as follows:

```
props->put("bid", 0.9999);
audEvent->commitChanges();
```

This code will send only the new "bid" change to the server. The server will modify the event internally so that any new client subscribing will receive all of the data, yet any existing subscribers will only receive the change.

### Subscriber - `nEventListener` v `nRegisteredEventListener`

The subscriber doesn't need to do anything different to receive these events. The standard `nEventListener` will appear to receive full events with all keys and data even though only the changed keys were transmitted. The events are reassembled on the client and are updated locally such that the subscriber receives the usual callback from the server.

If the client only wants to process the changes then they can choose to implement the `nRegisteredEventListener` interface rather than the `nEventListener` interface. The `nRegisteredEventListener`, has an `update()` method in addition to the usual `go()` method. The update method will be called whenever an update has been published.

## Priority Messaging

In certain scenarios it may be desirable to deliver messages with differing levels of priority over the same channel or queue. Universal Messaging provides the ability to expedite messages based on a priority level. Messages with higher levels of priority are

able to be delivered to clients ahead of lower priority messages. The priority is a numeric value in the range 0 (lowest priority) to 9 (highest priority).

Universal Messaging achieves this capability through a highly concurrent and scalable implementation of a priority queue. Where in a typical queue events are first in first out, in a priority queue the message with the highest priority is the first element to be removed from the queue. In Universal Messaging each client has its own priority queue for message delivery.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to set priority on a message:

```
nConsumeEvent* evt;  
...  
evt->getAttributes()->setPriority(9);
```

Priority Messaging allows for a high priority message to be delivered ahead of a backlog of lower priority messages. Ordering of delivery is done dynamically on a per client basis.

Priority messaging is enabled by default, there are no configuration options for this feature.

As Priority Messaging is done dynamically, events may not appear in strict order of priority. Higher priority events are expedited on a best effort basis, and the effects become more noticeable as load increases.

**Note:** If events are stored for replay at a later stage, for example for a durable subscriber who is currently not consuming events, higher priority events will be delivered earlier than lower priority events when the durable subscriber starts consuming the events, even if the lower priority events were created much earlier .

## Publish / Subscribe using Datastreams and Datagroups

### Publish / Subscribe Using DataStreams and DataGroups

Publish / Subscribe is one of several messaging paradigms supported by Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging DataGroups are lightweight structures designed to facilitate Publish/Subscribe . When using DataGroups, user subscriptions are managed remotely in a way that is transparent to subscribers. Universal Messaging Channels provide an alternative style of Publish/Subscribe where the subscribers manage their subscriptions directly.

There are two resources that are used when interacting with DataGroups: *DataStreams* and *DataGroups*.

#### DataStreams

A Data Stream is a destination for published events. Publishers with appropriate permissions can write events directly to Data Streams. A Universal Messaging client session can optionally have a Data Stream, and receive events through it.

A Data Stream can be a member of one or more Data Groups.

## DataGroups

Any event written to a Data Group will be propagated to all Data Streams that are members of that Data Group.

Data Groups may also contain other Data Groups. Any event written to an upper level Data Group will be written to all contained Data Groups, and thus to all contained Data Streams.

Note that all Data Streams are automatically added to the realm server's Default Data Group. Writing an event to the Default Data Group, therefore, will ensure it is delivered to any client with a session configured to use a Data Stream.

This section demonstrates Universal Messaging pub / sub using DataGroups in C++, and provides example code snippets for all relevant concepts.

## DataStreamListener

If a nSession is created with a nDataStreamListener then it will receive asynchronous callbacks via the onMessage implementation of the nDataStreamListener interface. The nDataStreamListener will receive events when:

- An event is published directly to this particular nDataStream
- An event is published to any nDataGroup which contains this nDataStream
- An event is published to an nDataGroup which contains a nested nDataGroup containing this nDataStream
- An example of how to create a session with an nDataStreamListener interface is shown below:

```
public class DataGroupClient : public nDataStreamListener{
    nSession* mySession;
    public DataGroupClient( std::string& realmURLs){
        nSessionAttributes* nsa = new nSessionAttributes(realmURLs);
        mySession = nSessionFactory::create(nsa, this);
        mySession->init(this);
    }
    ///
    // nDataStreamListener Implementation
    ///
    //Callback received when event is available
    public void onMessage(nConsumeEvent* event){
        //some code to process the message
    }
}
```

## Creating and Deleting DataGroups

### Creating Universal Messaging DataGroups

nDataGroups can be created programmatically as detailed below, or they can be created using the Universal Messaging enterprise manager.

In order to create a `nDataGroup`, first of all you must create an `nSession` object, which is effectively your the logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using an `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
std::string* RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes* nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession* mySession=nSessionFactory::create(nsa);
mySession->init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` object instance 'mySession', you can then create `DataGroups`. The create `DataGroup` methods will return the `nDataGroup` if it already exists.

The code snippets below demonstrate the creation of `nDataGroups`:

### Create a Single `nDataGroup`

```
nDataGroup* myGroup = mySession->createDataGroups("myGroup");
```

### Create Multiple `nDataGroups`

```
std::string* groups = {"myFirstGroup", "mySecondGroup"};
nDataGroup* myGroups = mySession->createDataGroups(groups);
```

### Creating `DataGroups` with `DataGroupListeners` and `ConflationAttributes`

It is also possible to specify additional properties when creating `DataGroups`:

- `nDataGroupListener` - To specify a listener for `DataGroup` membership changes
- `nConflationAttributes` - To specify attributes which control event merging and delivery throttling for the `DataGroup`

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging `DataGroup` it is possible to publish events

### Deleting Universal Messaging `DataGroups`

There are various `deleteDataGroup` methods available on `nSession` which will delete `DataGroups`. It is possible to specify single `nDataGroups` or arrays of `nDataGroups`.

## Managing `DataGroup` Membership

`DataGroups` are extremely lightweight from both client and server perspectives; a back-end process, such as a Complex Event Processing engine, can simply create `DataGroups` and then add or remove users (or even entire nested `DataGroups`) based on bespoke business logic. A user who is removed from one `DataGroup` and added to another will continue to receive events without any interruption to service, or indeed explicit awareness that any `DataGroup` change has occurred.

This page details some of the typical operations that `DataGroup` management process would carry out.

Please see our C++ sample apps for more detailed examples of DataGroup management.

### Tracking Changes to DataGroup Membership (DataGroupListener)

The nDataGroupListener interface is used to provide asynchronous notifications when nDataGroup membership changes occur. Each time a user (nDataStream ) or nDataGroup is added or removed from a nDataGroup a callback will be received.

```
public class datagroupListener : public nDataGroupListener {
    nSession* mySession;
    public datagroupListener(nSession session){
        mySession = session;
        //add this class as a listener for all nDataGroups on this Universal
        // Messaging realm
        mySession->getDataGroups(this);
    }
    ////
    //DataGroupListener Implementation
    ///
    public void addedGroup (nDataGroup* to, nDataGroup* group, int count){
        //Called when a group has been added to the 'to' data group.
        //count is the number of nDataStreams that will receive any events
        //published to this nDataGroup
    }
    public void addedStream (nDataGroup* group, nDataStream* stream, int count){
        //Called when a new stream has been added to the data group.
    }
    public void createdGroup (nDataGroup* group){
        //Called when a group has been created.
    }
    public void deletedGroup (nDataGroup* group){
        //Called when a group has been deleted.
    }
    public void deletedStream (nDataGroup* group, nDataStream* stream, int count,
        bool serverRemoved){
        //Called when a stream has been deleted from the data group.
        //serverRemoved is true if the nDataStream was removed because of flow control
    }
    public void removedGroup (nDataGroup* from, nDataGroup* group, int count){
        //Called when a group has been removed from the 'from' data group.
    }
}
```

There are three ways in which the nDataGroupListener can be used:

#### Listening to an individual DataGroup

Listeners can be added to individual DataGroups when they are created or at any time after creation. The code snippets illustrate both approaches:

```
mySession->createDataGroup(dataGroupName, datagroupListener);
myDataGroup->addListener(datagroupListener);
```

#### Listening to the Default DataGroup

The Default nDataGroup is a DataGroup to which all nDataStreams are added by default. If you add a DataGroupListener to the default DataGroup then callbacks will be received when:

- a nDataStream is connected/disconnected

- a `nDataGroup` is created or deleted

### Listening to all `DataGroups` on a Universal Messaging Realm

The code snippet below will listen on all `nDataGroups` (including the default `DataGroup`).

```
mySession->getDataGroups(datagroupListener);
```

### Adding and Removing `DataGroup` Members

The `nDataGroup` class provides various methods for adding and removing `nDataStreams` and `nDataGroups`. Please see the `nDataGroup` API documentation for a full list of methods. Examples of some of these are provided below:

```
//Add a nDataStream (user) to a nDataGroup
public void addStreamToDataGroup(nDataGroup* group, nDataStream* user){
    group->add(user);
}
//Remove a nDataStream (user) from a nDataGroup
public void removeStreamFromDataGroup(nDataGroup* group, nDataStream* user){
    group->remove(user);
}
//Add a nDataGroup to a nDataGroup
public void addNestedDataGroup(nDataGroup* parent, nDataGroup* child){
    parent->add(child);
}
//Remove a nDataGroup from a nDataGroup
public void removeNestedDataGroup(nDataGroup* parent, nDataGroup* child){
    parent->remove(child);
}
```

## DataGroup Conflation Attributes

### Enabling Conflation on `DataGroups`

Universal Messaging `DataGroups` can be configured so that conflation (merging and throttling of events) occurs when messages are published. Conflation can be carried out in several ways and these are specified using a `nConflationAttributes` object. The `ConflationAttributes` object is passed in to the `DataGroup` when it is created initially.

The `nConflationAttributes` object has two properties `action` and `interval`. Both of these are passed into the constructor.

The `action` property specifies whether published events should replace previous events in the `DataGroup` or be merged with them. These properties are defined by static fields:

```
nConflationAttributes::sMergeEvents
nConflationAttributes::sDropEvents
```

The `interval` property specifies the interval in milliseconds between event fanout to subscribers. An interval of zero implies events will be fanned out immediately.

### Creating a `ConflationAttributes` Object

```
//ConflationAttributes specifying merge events and no throttled delivery
nConflationAttributes* confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes::sMergeEvent, 0);
```

```
//ConflationAttributes specifying merge events and throttled delivery at
// 1 second intervals
nConflationAttributes* confattrs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes::sMergeEvent, 1000);
//ConflationAttributes specifying drop events and throttled delivery at
// 1 second intervals
nConflationAttributes* confattrs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes::sDropEvent, 1000);
```

### Create a Single nDataGroup with Conflation Attributes

```
//create a DataGroup passing in this class as a nDataGroupListener and
// a ConflationAttributes
myDataGroup = mySession->createDataGroup(dataGroupName, this, confattrs);
```

### Create Multiple nDataGroups with Conflation Attributes

```
nConflationAttributes* confattrs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes::sMergeEvent, 1000);
std::string[] groups = {"myFirstGroup", "mySecondGroup"};
nDataGroup[] myGroups = mySession->createDataGroups(groups, confattrs);
```

### Publishing Events to Conflated DataGroups With A Merge Policy

At this point the server will have a nDataGroup created with the ability to merge incoming events from Registered Events. The next step is to create the Registered events at the publisher.

```
nRegisteredEvent* audEvent = myDataGroup->createRegisteredEvent();
nEventProperties* props = audEvent->getProperties();
props->put("bid", 0.8999);
props->put("offer", 0.9999);
props->put("close", "0.8990");
audEvent->commitChanges();
```

You now have a nRegisteredEvent called audEvent which is bound to a ccy value of "AUD". We then set the properties relevant to the application, finally we call commitChanges(), this will send the event, as is, to the server. At this point if the bid was to change then that individual field can be published to the server as follows:

```
props->put("bid", 0.9999);
audEvent->commitChanges();
```

This code will send only the new "bid" change to the server. The server will modify the event internally so that any new client subscribing will receive all of the data, yet any existing subscribers will only receive the change.

### Publishing Events to Conflated DataGroups With A Drop Policy

If you have specified a "Drop" policy in your ConflationAttributes then events are published in the normal way rather than using nRegisteredEvent.

### Consuming Conflated Events from a DataGroup

The subscriber doesn't need to do anything different to receive events from a DataGroup with conflation enabled. If nRegisteredEvents are being delivered then the events will contain only the fields that have changed will be delivered. In all other circumstances an entire event is delivered to all consumers.

## DataGroups Event Publishing

You can get references to any `DataGroup` from the `nSession` object. There are various `writeDataGroup` methods available. These methods also support batching of multiple events to a single group or batching of writes to multiple `DataGroups`.

```
myDataGroup* = mySession->getDataGroup("myGroup");
nEventProperties* props = new nEventProperties();
//You can add other types in a dictionary object
props->put("key0string"+x, "1"+x);
props->put("key1int", (int) 1);
props->put("key2long", (long) -11);
nConsumeEvent* evt1 = new nConsumeEvent(props, buffer);
//Publish the event
mySession->writeDataGroup(evt1, myDataGroup);
```

## DataStream Event Publishing

You can get references to any `nDataStream (user)` from the `nSession` object if you call `getDefaultDataGroup()`. You can also access `nDataStreams` by implementing the `nDataGroupListener` interface. Please refer to [DataGroup management \(see “Managing DataGroup Membership” on page 125\)](#) for more information. This will deliver callbacks as users are connected/disconnected. There are various `writeDataStream` methods available. These methods also support batching of multiple events to a single group or batching of writes to multiple `DataStreams`.

```
nEventProperties* props = new nEventProperties();
//You can add other types in a dictionary object
props->put("key0string"+x, "1"+x);
props->put("key1int", (int) 1);
props->put("key2long", (long) -11);
nConsumeEvent* evt1 = new nConsumeEvent(props, buffer);
//Publish the event
mySession->writeDataStream(evt1, myDataStream)
```

## Priority Messaging

In certain scenarios it may be desirable to deliver messages with differing levels of priority over the same datagroup. Universal Messaging provides the ability to expedite messages based on a priority level. Messages with higher levels of priority are able to be delivered to clients ahead of lower priority messages.

Universal Messaging achieves this capability through a highly concurrent and scalable implementation of a priority queue. Where in a typical queue events are first in first out, in a priority queue the message with the highest priority is the first element to be removed from the queue. In Universal Messaging each client has its own priority queue for message delivery.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to set priority on a message:

```
nConsumeEvent evt;
...
evt->getAttributes()->setPriority(9);
```

Priority Messaging allows for a high priority message to be delivered ahead of a backlog of lower priority messages. Ordering of delivery is done dynamically on a per client basis.

Priority messaging is enabled by default, there are no configuration options for this feature.

As Priority Messaging is done dynamically events may not appear in strict order of priority. Higher priority events are expedited on a best effort basis and the effects become more noticeable as load increases.

It is possible to specify multiple levels of priority for events on the same datagroup. This behaviour will cause the events to be delivered highest priority first. When doing this it is important to realise that events on a datagroup will no longer be delivered on a first in first out basis.

## Message Queues

### Message Queues

Universal Messaging provides message queue functionality through the use of queue objects. Queues are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) of data (events).

Message queues differ from publish / subscribe channels in the way that events are delivered to consumers. Whilst queues may have multiple consumers, each event is typically only delivered to one consumer, and once consumed (popped) it is removed from the queue.

Universal Messaging also supports non destructive reads (peeks) from queues which enable consumers to see what events are on a queue without removing it from the queue. Any event which has been peeked will still be queued for popping in the normal way. The Universal Messaging enterprise manager also supports the ability to visually peek a queue using its snoop capability.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging message queues work in C++, and provide examples code snippets for all relevant concepts.

### Creating a Queue

In order to create a queue, first of all you must create your `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
std::string[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes *nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession *mySession = nSessionFactory::create(nsa);
mySession->init();
```

Once the `mySession->init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then begin creating the queue object. Queues have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the queue, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a queue to any consumers wishing to consume them,

To create a queue, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes *cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib->setChannelMode(nChannelAttributes::QUEUE_MODE);
cattrib->setMaxEvents(0);
cattrib->setTTL(0);
cattrib->setType(nChannelAttributes::PERSISTENT_TYPE);
cattrib->setName("myqueue");
nQueue *myQueue=mySession->createQueue(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging queue within the realm.

## Finding a Queue

In order to find a queue, first of all the queue must be created. This can be achieved through the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager, or programmatically (see [“Creating a Queue” on page 130](#)). First of all you must create your `nSession` object, which is your effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
std::string[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes *nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession *mySession = nSessionFactory->create(nsa);
mySession->init();
```

Once the `nSession->init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then try to find the queue object. Queues have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the queue, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a queue to any consumers wishing to consume them.

To find a queue previously created, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes *cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib->setName("myqueue");
nQueue *myQueue = mySession->findQueue(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging queue within the realm.

## Queue Publish

There are 2 types of publish available in Universal Messaging for queues:

- [“Reliable Publish” on page 132](#)
- [“Transactional Publish” on page 132](#)

Reliable publish is simply a one way push to the Universal Messaging Server. This means that the server does not send a response to the client to indicate whether the event was successfully received by the server from the publish call.

Transactional publish involves creating a transaction object to which events are published, and then committing the transaction. The server responds to the transaction commit call indicating if it was successful. There are also means for transactions to be checked for status after application crashes or disconnects.

### Reliable Publish

Once you have established a session and found a queue, you then need to construct an event (see [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 111](#)) and publish the event onto the queue.

For reliable publish, here is the example code for how to publish events to a queue. Further examples can be found in the API documentation.

```
// Publishing a simple byte array message
myQueue->push(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", message->getBytes(), size);
```

### Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides us with a method of verifying that the server receives the events from the publisher, and provides guaranteed delivery.

There are similar prototypes available to the developer for transaction publishing. Once we have established our session (see [“Creating a Session” on page 110](#)) and our queue (see [“Finding a Queue” on page 131](#)), we then need to construct our events (see [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 111](#)) and our transaction and publish these events to the transaction. Then the transaction will be committed and the events available to consumers to the queue.

Below is a code snippet of how transactional publishing is achieved:

```
std::list<nConsumeEvent*> messages;
messages->push_back(message1);
nTransactionAttributes *tattrib=new nTransactionAttributes(myQueue);
nTransaction *myTransaction=nTransactionFactory::create(tattrib);
myTransaction->publish(messages);
myTransaction->commit();
```

If during the transaction commit your Universal Messaging session becomes disconnected, and the commit call throws an exception, the state of the transaction may be unclear. To verify that a transaction has been committed or aborted, a call can be made on the transaction that will determine if the events within the transactional were successfully received by the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

```
bool committed = myTransaction->isCommitted(true);
```

Which will query the Universal Messaging Realm Server to see if the transaction was committed.

An example of publishing events onto a queue can be found on the examples page under "Push Queue". An example of how to transactionally publish events to a queue can be found on the examples page under "TX Push Queue".

## Asynchronous Queue Consuming

Asynchronous queue consumers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous consumers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`. The listener interface defines one method called 'go' which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

An example of an asynchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
class myAsyncQueueReader : public nEventListener {
private:
    nQueue *myQueue = null;
    myAsyncQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // begin consuming events from the queue
        nQueueReaderContext *ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        nQueueAsyncReader *reader = myQueue->createAsyncReader(ctx);
    }
    void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        printf("Consumed event %d",event.getEventID());
    }
    int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        new myAsyncQueueReader();
        return 0;
    }
}
```

Asynchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 111](#)) and their values that a subscriber is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties *props =new nEventProperties();
props->put("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
std::string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

An example of an asynchronous queue reader can be found on the examples page under "Queue Subscriber".

## Synchronous Queue Consuming

Synchronous queue consumers consume events by calling `pop()` on the Universal Messaging queue reader object. Each `pop` call made on the queue reader will synchronously retrieve the next event from the queue.

An example of a synchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
class mySyncQueueReader {
private:
    nQueueSyncReader *reader = null;
    nQueue *myQueue = null;
```

```

public:
    mySyncQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // construct the queue reader
        nQueueReaderContext *ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue->createReader(ctx);
    }
    void start(){
        while (true) {
            // pop events from the queue
            nConsumeEvent *event = reader->pop();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
        printf("Consumed event %d",event->getEventID());
    }
    int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        mySyncQueueReader *sqr = new mySyncQueueReader();
        sqr->start();
        return 0;
    }
}

```

Synchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 111](#)) and their values that a consumer is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperties props =new nEventProperties();
props->put("BONDNAME","bond1");

```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```

std:string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";

```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

An example of a synchronous queue consumer can be found on the examples page under "Queue Reader".

## Asynchronous Transactional Queue Consuming

Asynchronous transactional queue consumers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous consumers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`. The listener interface defines one method called 'go' which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a commit or rollback.

An example of a transactional asynchronous queue reader is shown below:

```

class myAsyncTxQueueReader : public nEventListener {

```

```

private:
    nQueueAsyncTransactionalReader *reader = null;
    nQueue *myQueue = null;
public:
    myAsyncTxQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // begin consuming events from the queue
        nQueueReaderContext *ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue->createAsyncTransactionalReader(ctx);
    }
    void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
        printf("Consumed event %d", event->getEventID());
        reader->commit();
    }
    int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        new myAsyncTxQueueReader();
        return 0;
    }
}

```

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional asynchronous reader and a standard asynchronous queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the commit has been called.

Developers can also call the `.rollback()` method on a transactional reader that will notify the server that any events delivered to the reader that have not been committed, will be rolled back and redelivered to other queue consumers. Transactional queue readers can also commit or rollback any specific event by passing the event id of the event into the commit or rollback calls. For example, if a reader consumes 10 events, with event id's 0 to 9, you can commit event 4, which will only commit events 0 to 4 and rollback events 5 to 9.

Asynchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 111](#)) and their values that a subscriber is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperties *props =new nEventProperties();
props->put("BONDNAME", "bond1");

```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```

std::string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";

```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Synchronous Transactional Queue Consuming

Synchronous queue consumers consume events by calling `pop()` on the Universal Messaging queue reader object. Each `pop` call made on the queue reader will synchronously retrieve the next event from the queue.

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This

ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a commit or rollback.

An example of a transactional synchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
class mySyncTxQueueReader{
    nQueueSyncTransactionReader *reader = null;
    nQueue *myQueue = null;
public:
    mySyncTxQueueReader(){
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // construct the transactional queue reader
        nQueueReaderContext *ctx = new
        nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue->createTransactionalReader(ctx);
    }
    void start(){
        while (true) {
            // pop events from the queue
            nConsumeEvent *event = reader->pop();
            go(event);
            // commit each event consumed
            reader->commit(event->getEventID());
        }
    }
    void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
        printf("Consumed event %d",event->getEventID());
    }
    int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        new mySyncTxQueueReader();
        sqr->start();
        return 0;
    }
}
```

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional synchronous reader and a standard synchronous queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the commit has been called.

Developers can also call the `.rollback()` method on a transactional reader that will notify the server that any events delivered to the reader that have not been committed, will be rolled back and redelivered to other queue consumers. Transactional queue readers can also commit or rollback any specific event by passing the event id of the event into the commit or rollback calls. For example, if a reader consumes 10 events, with event id's 0 to 9, you can commit event 4, which will only commit events 0 to 4 and rollback events 5 to 9.

Synchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 111](#)) and their values that a consumer is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props =new nEventProperties();
props->put ("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
std::string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

An example of a synchronous queue consumer can be found on the examples page under "Queue Reader".

## Queue Browsing / Peeking

Universal Messaging provides a mechanism for browsing (peeking) queues. Queue browsing is a non-destructive read of events from a queue. The queue reader used by the peek will return an array of events, the size of the array being dependent on how many events are in the queue, and the window size defined when your reader context is created. For more information, please see the Universal Messaging Client API documentation.

An example of a queue browser is shown below:

```
public class myQueueBrowser {
    private:
        nQueueSyncReader *reader;
        nQueuePeekContext *ctx;
        nQueue *myQueue;
    public:
        myQueueBrowser() {
            // construct your session and queue objects here
            // create the queue reader
            reader = myQueue->createReader(new
                nQueueReaderContext());
            ctx = nQueueReader::createContext(10);
        }
        void start() {
            bool more = true;
            long eid = 0;
            while (more) {
                // browse (peek) the queue
                int size;
                nConsumeEvent **evts = reader->peek(ctx, size);
                for (int x=0; x < size; x++) {
                    go(evts[x]);
                }
                more = ctx->hasMore();
            }
        }
        void go(nConsumeEvent *event) {
            printf("Consumed event %d", event->getEventID());
        }
    int main(int argc, char** argv) {
        myQueueBrowser *qbrowse = new myQueueBrowser();
        qbrowse->start();
        return 0;
    }
}
```

Queue browsers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties (see [“Event Dictionaries” on page 111](#)) and their values that a browser is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props =new nEventProperties();
props->put("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
std::string selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the constructor for the `nQueuePeekContext` object shown in the example code, then your browser will only receive messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

An example of an queue browser can be found on the examples page under "Queue Peek".

## Code Examples for C++

### Publish / Subscribe using Channel Topics

#### **C++ Client: Channel Publisher**

This example publishes events onto a Universal Messaging Channel.

#### Usage

```
publish <rtype> <channel name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

#### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Transactional Channel Publisher**

This example publishes events transactionally to a Universal Messaging Channel. A Universal Messaging transaction can contain one or more events. The events which make up the transaction are only made available by the Universal Messaging server if the entire transaction has been committed successfully.

#### Usage

```
txpublish <rtype> <channel name> [count] [size] [tx size]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[tx size] - The number of events per transaction (default: 1)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Asynchronous Channel Consumer**

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Channel. See also: “[Synchronous Subscription](#)” on page 139

#### Usage

```
subscriber <rname> <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - URL of realm to connect to
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Synchronous Channel Consumer**

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Channel. See also: “[Asynchronous Subscription](#)” on page 139

#### Usage

```
channeliterator <rname> <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Asynchronous Named Channel Consumer**

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Channel using a named object.

#### Usage

```
namedsubscriber <rname> <channel name> <named object> [persist] [auto] [start eid]
[debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the rname of server to connect to
```

```

<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
<named object> - Unique id of the named object
[Optional Arguments]
[persist] - If the named object will be stored persistently
[auto] - If messages are acknowledged automatically or manually
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event,
           0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Synchronous Named Channel Consumer**

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Channel using a named object and a channel iterator.

#### Usage

```

namedchanneliterator <rname> <channel name> [name] [start eid] [debug] [count]
                                     [clusterwide] [persistent] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[name] - specifies the unique name to be used for a named subscription
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event,
           0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[clusterwide] - specifies whether the named object is to be used across a cluster
                (default : false)
[persistent] - specifies whether the named object state is to be stored on disk or
                held in server memory (default : false)
[selector] - The event filter string to use

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Event Delta Delivery**

This example shows how to publish and receive registered events.

#### Usage

```

RegisteredEvent <rname> <channel name> [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - Rname of the server to connect to
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: Batching Server Calls**

This example shows how to find multiple channels and queues in one call to the server.

**Usage**

```
findChannelsAndQueues <RNAME> <name> <name> <name>.....
<Required Arguments>
<RNAME> - The RNAME of the realm you wish to connect to
<name> - The name(s) of the channels to find
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: Batching Subscribe Calls**

This example of batching shows how to subscribe to multiple Universal Messaging Channels in one server call.

**Usage**

```
sessionSubscriber <RNAME> <channelnames>
<Required Arguments>
<RNAME> - The RNAME of the realm you wish to connect to
<channelnames> - Comma separated list of channels to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Publish / Subscribe using Datastreams and Datagroups****C++ Client: DataStream Listener**

This example shows how to initialise a session with a DataStream listener and start receiving data.

**Usage**

```
DataStreamListener <rname> [debug] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: DataGroup Publishing with Conflation**

This example shows how to publish to DataGroups, with optional conflation.

**Usage**

```
DataGroupPublish <rname> <group name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<group name> - Data group name parameter to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: DataGroup Manager**

This is an example of how to run a DataGroup manager application

**Usage**

```
dataGroupsManager <rname> <Properties File Location>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<Properties File Location Data Groups> - The location of the property file to use
  for mapping data groups to data groups
<Properties File Location Data Streams> - The location of the property file to use
  for mapping data streams to data groups
<Auto Recreate Data Groups> - True or False to auto recreate data groups takes the
  data group property file and creates channels
  a group for every name mentioned on the left of equals sign
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: Delete DataGroup**

This is a simple example of how to delete a DataGroup

**Usage**

```
deleteDataGroup <rname> <group name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<group name> - Data group name parameter to delete
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: DataGroup Delta Delivery**

This example shows how to use delta delivery with DataGroups.

**Usage**

```
DataGroupDeltaDelivery <rname>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
[Optional Arguments]
[count] - the number of times to commit the registered events (default : 10)
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Message Queues****C++ Client: Queue Publisher**

This example publishes events onto a Universal Messaging Queue.

**Usage**

```
pushq <rname> <queue name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**C++ Client: Transactional Queue Publisher**

This example publishes events transactionally to a Universal Messaging Queue. A Universal Messaging transaction can contain one or more events. The events which make up the transaction are only made available by the Universal Messaging server if the entire transaction has been committed successfully.

**Usage**

```
txpushq <rname> <queue name> [count] [size] [tx size]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[tx size] - The number of events per transaction (default: 1)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Asynchronous Queue Consumer**

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: “ [Synchronous Queue Subscription](#)” on page 144

#### Usage

```

qsubscriber <rtype> <queue name> [debug] [transactional] [selector] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[transactional] - true / false whether the subscriber is transactional,
                 if true, each event consumed will be ack'd to confirm receipt
[selector] - The event filter string to use
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Synchronous Queue Consumer**

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: “ [Asynchronous Queue Subscription](#)” on page 144

#### Usage

```

qreader <rtype> <queue name> [debug] [timeout] [transactional] [selector] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[timeout] - The timeout for the synchronous pop call
[transactional] - true / false whether the subscriber is transactional,
                 if true, each event consumed will be ack'd to confirm receipt
[selector] - The event filter string to use
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Peek Events on a Queue**

Consume events from a Universal Messaging Queue in a non-destructive manner

#### Usage

```

qpeek <rtype> <queue name> [debug] [selector] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000

```

```

<queue name> - Queue name to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[selector] - The event filter string to use
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Administration API

### **C++ Client: Add a Queue ACL Entry**

This example demonstrates how to add an ACL entry to a Universal Messaging Queue.

#### Usage

```

naddqueueacl <rname> <user> <host> <queue name> [list_acl] [modify_acl] [full]
                                                [peek] [write] [purge] [pop]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name parameter for the new ACL entry
<host> - Host name parameter for the new ACL entry
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the new ACL entry
[Optional Arguments]
[list_acl] - Specifies that the list acl permission should be added
[modify_acl] - Specifies that the modify acl permission should be added
[full] - Specifies that the full permission should be added
[peek] - Specifies that the read permission should be added
[write] - Specifies that the write permission should be added
[purge] - Specifies that the purge permission should be added
[pop] - Specifies that the pop permission should be added

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **C++ Client: Modify a Channel ACL Entry**

This example demonstrates how to modify the permissions of an ACL entry on a Universal Messaging Channel..

#### Usage

```

nmodchanacl <rname> <user> <host> <channel name>
            [list_acl] [modify_acl] [full] [last_eid] [read] [write] [purge] [named]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name parameter for the new ACL entry
<host> - Host name parameter for the new ACL entry
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the new ACL entry
[Optional Arguments]
[+/-] - Prepending + or - specifies whether to add or remove a permission
[list_acl] - Specifies that the list acl permission should be added
[modify_acl] - Specifies that the modify acl permission should be added
[full] - Specifies that the full permission should be added
[last_eid] - Specifies that the get last EID permission should be added
[read] - Specifies that the read permission should be added

```

```
[write] - Specifies that the write permission should be added
[purge] - Specifies that the purge permission should be added
[named] - Specifies that the used named subscriber permission should be added
[all_perms] - Specifies that the pop permission should be added/removed
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***C++ Client: Delete a Realm ACL Entry***

This example demonstrates how to delete an ACL entry from a realm on a Universal Messaging Channel.

### Usage

```
delrealmacl <rname> <user> <host>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name parameter for the ACL entry to delete
<host> - Host name parameter for the ACL entry to delete
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***C++ Client: Monitor realms for client connections coming and going***

This example demonstrates how to monitor for connections to the realm and its channels.

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***C++ Client: Console-based Realm Monitor***

This example demonstrates how to monitor live realm status.

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***C++ Client: Remove Node ACL***

This shows how the ACL for an nNode can be removed.

### Usage

```
ndelnodeacl <rname> <user> <host> <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name
<host> - Host name
<node> - Channel / Queue name to remove the entry from
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***C++ Client: Authserver***

This demonstrates how to set security permissions when connection attempts are made on the realm.

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Channel / Queue / Realm Management

### ***C++ Client: Creating a Channel***

This example demonstrates how to create a Universal Messaging channel programmatically

### Usage

```
makechan <rname> <channel name> [time to live] [capacity] [type] [cluster wide]
                                         [start eid]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to be created
[Optional Arguments]
[time to live] - The Time To Live parameter for the new channel (default: 0)
[capacity] - The Capacity parameter for the new channel (default: 0)
[type] - The type parameter for the new channel (default: S)
R - For a reliable (stored in memory) channel with persistent eids
P - For a persistent (stored on disk) channel
S - For a simple (stored in memory) channel with non-persistent eids
T - For a transient (no server based storage)
M - For a Mixed (allows both memory and persistent events) channel
[cluster wide] - Whether the channel is cluster wide. Will only work if the realm
                 is part of a cluster
[start eid] - The initial start event id for the new channel (default: 0)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***C++ Client: Deleting a Channel***

This example demonstrates how to delete a Universal Messaging channel programmatically.

### Usage

```
deletetechan <rname> <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to be deleted
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***C++ Client: Creating a Queue***

This example demonstrates how to create a Universal Messaging queue programmatically.

#### **Usage**

```
makequeue <realm> <queue name> [time to live] [capacity] [type] [cluster wide]
                                     [start eid]

<Required Arguments>
<realm> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - queue name parameter for the queue to be created
[Optional Arguments]
[time to live] - The Time To Live parameter for the new queue (default: 0)
[capacity] - The Capacity parameter for the new queue (default: 0)
[type] - The type parameter for the new queue (default: S)
R - For a reliable (stored in memory) queue with persistent eids
P - For a persistent (stored on disk) queue
S - For a simple (stored in memory) queue with non-persistent eids
T - For a transient (no server based storage)
M - For a Mixed (allows both memory and persistent events) queue
[cluster wide] - Whether the queue is cluster wide. Will only work if the realm
                 is part of a cluster
[start eid] - The initial start event id for the new queue (default: 0)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***C++ Client: Deleting a Queue***

This example demonstrates how to delete a Universal Messaging queue programmatically.

#### **Usage**

```
deletequeue <realm> <queue name>
<Required Arguments>
<realm> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to be deleted
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***C++ Client: Create Channel Join***

Create a join between two Universal Messaging Channels

#### **Usage**

```
makechanneljoin <realm> <source channel name> <destination channel name>
                [max hops] [selector] [allow purge]
<Required Arguments>
```

```

<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination channel name> - Channel name parameter of the remote channel name to join
[Optional Arguments]
[max hops] - The maximum number of join hops a message can travel through
[selector] - The event filter std::string to use on messages travelling through
              this join
[allow purge] - boolean to specify whether purging is allowed (default : true)

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Delete a Channel Join**

Delete a join between two Universal Messaging Channels

### Usage

```

deletechanneljoin <rtype> <source channel name> <destination channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination channel name> - Channel name parameter of the remote channel name to join

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Purge Events From a Channel**

Purge events from a Universal Messaging channel

### Usage

```

purgechan <rtype> <channel name> [start eid] [end eid] [selector] [wait]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - URL of realm to connect to
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to purge to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start purging from
[end eid] - The Event ID to purge to
[selector] - The purge event filter string to use
[wait] - whether to wait for a response (synchronous) or not (asynchronous)

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Create Queue Join**

Create a join between a Universal Messaging Queue and a Universal Messaging Channel

### Usage

```

makequeuejoin <rtype> <source channel name> <destination queue name>
              [max hops] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000

```

```

<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination queue name> - Queue name parameter of the remote queue name to join
[Optional Arguments]
[max hops] - The maximum number of join hops a message can travel through
[selector] - The event filter std::string to use on messages travelling through
              this join

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### **C++ Client: Delete Queue Join**

Delete a join between a Universal Messaging Queue and a Universal Messaging Channel

### Usage

```

deletequeuejoin <rname> <source channel name> <destination queue name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination queue name> - Queue name parameter of the remote queue name to join

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Prerequisites

### Prerequisites

Universal Messaging C++ makes use of certain non-standard C++ libraries. Before using Universal Messaging C++, these libraries must be installed and the environment setup accordingly.

#### POCO

Universal Messaging C++ uses the POCO C++ class libraries. The required POCO libraries are distributed with Universal Messaging so no installation is required, however please see the Environment Setup section below for further details on how to compile and run Universal Messaging C++ applications using these libraries.

For more information, please visit the POCO website at "<http://pocoproject.org/>".

#### OpenSSL

OpenSSL is also required on the system running Universal Messaging C++. OpenSSL is installed by default on most Unix based operating systems, however if you require OpenSSL please refer to the OpenSSL website at "<http://www.openssl.org/>".

To subscribe to a channel using an SSL interface, extra requirements must be met. SSL requires certificates to be set up on the client and server. The location of these certificates must be known to the applications. For instructions on how to run Universal Messaging

C++ applications using an SSL enabled interface, please see [“Client SSL Configuration” on page 151](#).

To learn more about SSL please see the SSL Concepts section.

### Environment Setup

In order to compile and run applications using Universal Messaging C++, the environment must be set up correctly. For example, to compile the applications the compiler needs to know where the POCO libraries and headers are.

Environment setup is different for different operating systems:

- [“Environment Setup : Windows” on page 152](#)
- [“Environment Setup : Linux” on page 153](#)

### Client SSL Configuration

Universal Messaging fully supports *SSL Encryption*. This section describes how to use SSL in your Universal Messaging C++ client applications.

Once you have created an SSL enabled interface you will need to create certificates for the server and the client. The Universal Messaging download contains a generator to create some example Java key store files to be used by the Universal Messaging server but may also be converted to Privacy Enhanced Mail Certificates (.pem) for use with a Universal Messaging C++ client.

Please refer to the Enterprise Manager guide to create your own client certificates. However please remember that in order to run a Universal Messaging C++ client, the certificate provided must be in .pem format.

### Running a Universal Messaging C++ Client

A client can be run anonymously which means that any client can subscribe to a channel securely. The server can also be run with client validation such that only trusted clients can connect. To enable or disable client certificate validation you can use the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager. Highlight the SSL enabled interface in the "Interface" tab for your realm then open the "Certificates" tab and check or uncheck the box labelled "Enable Client Cert Validation".

In order to run a client using SSL, the location of the key stores and the relevant passwords need to be specified in nConstants. This can be done by setting up the relevant environment variables (as necessary to run the sample applications), or by calling the relevant set methods (defined in nConstants) from the application code.

Different environment variables need to be set depending on whether client certificate validation is enabled:

#### With Client Certificate Validation

In this case, the client must hold a certificate to validate that it can be trusted. It must also have a trust store such that it can validate that the server is trusted. The key store

located at CERTPATH also contains the client's private key and therefore must have a password associated with it. Therefore the following environment variables must be set:

- CERTPATH - The path where the client certificate is located
- CERTPASS - The password for the client certificate
- CAPATH - The path where the trust store is located

### Without Client Certificate Validation

If client certificate validation has been disabled on the server then clients connect to the server anonymously. This means that clients do not need to have a certificate and therefore CERTPATH and CERTPASS do not need to be set. With Universal Messaging C++ server-side validation is also set to be non-strict. This means that the client does not need to have a trust store because it will not try to validate the server certificate, therefore it is not necessary to set the CAPATH.

See the SSL Concepts section for more detailed information.

## Environment Setup : Windows

Once Universal Messaging has been installed, the sample applications can be run from the "C++ Examples Command Prompt". The guide below explains how the Universal Messaging C++ environment can be set up for compiling and running the applications on a Windows operating system.

The Universal Messaging C++ and POCO libraries can be found in a platform-specific directory under the cplusplus\lib directory. In order to run Universal Messaging C++ applications, the location of these libraries must be known to the system. There are several methods which can be used to achieve this:

1. By updating the PATH environment variable in the command prompt used to compile or run code:

```
C:\> set PATH=<UM_Install_Dir>\cplusplus\lib\x86_64;%PATH%
```

where <UM\_Install\_Dir> is the root folder of the Universal Messaging installation.

This will allow you to run applications in the current command prompt.

2. In order to update the PATH globally, you need to:
  - Open System in the Control Panel.
  - Expand the "Advanced" tab and click the button labelled "Environment Variables"
  - In the new window, the Path variable is found in the "System Variables" section. Highlighting the variable and clicking "edit" will open another window.
  - In this new window you should append the location of the libraries to the beginning of the "variable value" section.
3. Another way to make the libraries globally available is to copy them into the Windows System32 folder located at:

C:\WINDOWS\System32

This directory is looked in by default for Runtime libraries.

To compile applications, the compiler will need to know the location of the POCO lib files, Nirvana.lib and certain C++ header files. The location of the libs is described above, and the headers are located in cplus\include. The cplus\examples directory contains the source code for several sample applications as well as project files (.vcproj) which can be opened with Microsoft Visual Studio. Each application comes pre-compiled, the executable (.exe) can be found in the application's directory (cplus\examples\applicationName).

### Compiling the Sample Applications

Once the environment has been set up as described above, the sample applications can be built by either opening the application's project file in Microsoft Visual Studio or by running vcbuild. In order to use vcbuild, either run the Microsoft Visual Studio command prompt and ensure that the Universal Messaging environment is set up, or run vsvars32.bat in a command prompt:

```
C:\> "C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 9.0\Common7\Tools\vsvars32.bat"
```

The environment will now be set up for running vcbuild. In order to compile an application, navigate to the application's directory and run:

```
<UM_Install_Dir>\cplus\examples\channeliterator> vcbuild
```

This will compile the application in a new folder called Release. To clean this directory so that the application can be recompiled, run:

```
<UM_Install_Dir>\cplus\examples\channeliterator> vcbuild /clean
```

After compilation the executable (.exe) will be present in a folder called Release found in the same directory as the source code for the application.

## Environment Setup : Linux

The guide below explains how the Universal Messaging C++ environment can be set up for compiling and running the applications on Linux 64-bit operating system.

Running a Universal Messaging C++ application requires the system to know the location of certain runtime libraries. OpenSSL is assumed to be installed and the location known to the system. The POCO libraries and Nirvana.so are found in cplus/linux64/lib. To make these libraries known to the system, several methods can be used:

1. By setting the LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH environment variable:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=  
<UM_Installation_Dir>/cplus/linux/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

This will allow programs to be compiled and run in the current shell.

2. In order to make the libraries globally available you can copy the libraries into /usr/local/lib.

- Another method to make the libraries globally available is by using `ldconfig`. This requires root access to the system:

```
[root]$ cd /etc/ld.so.conf.d
[root]$ echo <UM_Installation_Dir>/cplus/linux/lib>nirvana.conf
[root]$ ldconfig
```

The above code first navigates the required directory. It then creates a new file called `nirvana.conf` (this can be any file name with extension ".conf") containing the location of the libraries. Once this file is created, `ldconfig` is run (must be run as root) which creates the necessary links.

To compile a Universal Messaging C++ application, the location of the shared libraries must be known by the system as described above. The compiler must also know the location of certain C++ headers. These headers are found in `cplus/include`. The `cplus/example` directory contains sample applications written using the Universal Messaging C++ API as well as the make files which can be used to compile them. In order to compile your own applications, please refer to these makefiles as a template. Each application comes pre-compiled, the executable (no file extension) can be found in the application's directory (`cplus/examples/applicationName`).

### Compiling the Sample Applications

Once the environment has been set up as described above, the sample applications can be compiled by navigating to the application's directory (`cplus/examples/applicationName`) and running:

```
[user@host channeliterator]$ make
```

To clean this directory so that the application can be recompiled, run:

```
[user@host channeliterator]$ make clean
```

The executable (no file extension) will now be present in the same directory as the source code after compilation.

## Enterprise Developer's Guide for C#

This guide describes how to develop and deploy C# .NET applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

### General Features

#### Creating a Session for C#

To interact with a Universal Messaging Server, the first thing to do is create a Universal Messaging Session object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. The steps below describe session creation.

- Create a `nSessionAttributes` object with the `RNAME` value of your choice

```
string[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
```

2. Call the create method on nSessionFactory to create your session

```
Session mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa)
```

Alternatively, if you require the use of a session reconnect handler to intercept the automatic reconnection attempts, pass an instance of that class too in the create method:

```
public class myReconnectHandler : nReconnectHandler{
    //implement tasks associated with reconnection
}
myReconnectHandler rhandler=new myReconnectHandler();
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa, rhandler);
```

3. Initialise the session object to open the connection to the Universal Messaging Realm

```
mySession.init();
```

To enable the use of DataGroups and to create an nDataStream , you should pass an instance of nDataStreamListener to the init call.

```
public void SimpleStreamListener : nDataStreamListener{
    //implement onMessage callback for nDataStreamListener callbacks
}
nDataStreamListener myListener = new SimpleStreamListener();
nDataStream myStream = mySession.init(myListener);
```

After initialising your Universal Messaging session, you will be connected to the Universal Messaging Realm. From that point, all functionality is subject to a Realm ACL check. If you call a method that requires a permission your credential does not have, you will receive an nSecurityException.

## Universal Messaging Events

A Universal Messaging Event (nConsumeEvent) is the object that is published to a Universal Messaging channel or queue. It is stored by the server and then passed to consumers as and when required.

Events can contain simple byte array data, or more complex data structures such as an Event Dictionary (see [“Universal Messaging Event Dictionaries” on page 155](#)).

Each nConsumeEvent object has an nEventAttributes object associated with it which contains all available meta data associated with the event

### Constructing an Event

In this C# .NET code snippet, we construct our Universal Messaging Event object (nConsumeEvent), and, in this example, pass a byte array data into the constructor:

```
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent( "String",
    (new UTF8Encoding()).GetBytes("Hello World") );
```

## Universal Messaging Event Dictionaries

Event Dictionaries (nEventProperties) provide an accessible and flexible way to store any number of message properties for delivery within an [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 155](#).

Event Dictionaries are quite similar to a hash table, supporting primitive types, arrays, and nested dictionaries.

Universal Messaging filtering allows subscribers to receive only specific subsets of a channel's events by applying the server's advanced filtering capabilities to the contents of each event's dictionary.

Nirvana event dictionaries can facilitate the automated purging of data from channels through the use of Publish Keys.

### Constructing an Event

In this C# code snippet, we assume we want to publish an event containing the definition of a bond, say, with a name of "bond1":

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("bondname", "bond1");
props.put("price", 100.00);
nConsumeEvent evt1 = new nConsumeEvent("atag", props);
```

Note that in this example code, we also create a new Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`) to make use of our Event Dictionary (`nEventProperties`).

### Channel Joins

Joining a channel to another channel or queue allows you to set up content routing so that events published to the source channel will be passed on to the destination channel/queue automatically. Joins also support the use of filters, thus enabling dynamic content routing.

Please note that while channels can be joined to both channels and queues, queues cannot be used as the source of a join.

Channels can be joined using the Enterprise Manager GUI or programmatically.

When creating a join there is one compulsory option and two optional ones. The compulsory option is the destination channel. The optional parameters are the maximum join hops and a filter to be applied to the join.

**Note:** For a description of the general principles involved in creating channel joins, see the section *Creating Channel Joins* in the *Administration Guide*. The description details the usage based on the Enterprise Manager, but the same general principles apply if you are using the API.

### Hop Count

Joins have an associated hop count, which can optionally be defined when the join is created. The hop count allows a limit to be put on the number of subsequent joins an event can pass through if published over this join. If a hop count is not defined for a join, it will default to 10.

The hop count is the number of *intermediate* stores between the source channel and the final destination. As an example, imagine we have 10 channels named "channel0" to "channel9" and all these channels are joined sequentially. When we publish to channel

0, if the join from channel0 to channel1 has a hop count of 5 then the event will be found on channel0 (the source channel), channels 1 to 5 (the intermediate channels) and channel6 (the endpoint).

### Loop Detection

Joins allow the possibility of defining a loop of joined channels. To prevent channels receiving multiple copies of the same event, Universal Messaging implements loop detection on incoming events. To illustrate this, imagine a simple example with two channels (channel0 and channel1) and we create a loop by joining channel0 to channel1 and channel1 to channel0. If we publish to channel0 the event will also be published to channel1 over the join. But channel1 is joined to channel0 too, so now the event would get published to channel0 again. Without loop detection, this cycle would repeat until the maximum hop count has been reached.

To prevent this, Universal Messaging detects when a message which has already been published to a channel or queue and will not publish it a second time.

### Multiple Path Delivery

Universal Messaging users can define multiple paths over different network protocols between the same places in Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging guarantees that the data always gets delivered once and once only.

For information on how to create and delete joins programmatically in C# .NET please see the API documentation.

### Archive Joins

It is possible to archive messages from a given channel by using an archive join. To perform an archive join, the destination must be a queue in which the archived messages will be stored. An example of this can be seen below:

```
nChannelAttributes archiveAtr = new nChannelAttributes();
archiveAtr.setName(rchanName);
nQueue archiveQueue = mySession.findQueue(archiveAtr);
mySrcChannel.joinChannelToArchive(archiveQueue);
```

### Inter-Cluster Joins

Inter-cluster joins are added and deleted in almost exactly the same way as normal joins. The only differences are that the two clusters must have an inter-cluster connection in place, and that since the clusters do not share a namespace, each channel must be retrieved from nodes in their respective clusters, rather than through the same node. For example :

```
nChannel cluster1chan1 = realmNode1.findChannel(channelattributes1);
nChannel cluster2chan1 = realmNode4.findChannel(channelattributes2);
cluster1chan1.joinChannel(cluster2chan1);
```

## Publish / Subscribe using Channel Topics

### Creating a Channel

Channels can be created programmatically as detailed below, or they can be created using the Universal Messaging enterprise manager.

In order to create a channel, first of all you must create an `nSession` object, which is your effectively the logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using an `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then begin creating the channel object. Channels have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the channel, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a channel to any subscribers wishing to consume them,

To create a channel, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setMaxEvents(0);
cattrib.setTTL(0);
cattrib.setType(nChannelAttributes.PERSISTENT_TYPE);
cattrib.setName("mychannel");
nChannel myChannel=mySession.createChannel(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging channel within the realm.

### Finding a Channel

#### Finding a Universal Messaging Channel using the Universal Messaging C# .NET Client API

In order to find a channel programmatically you must create your `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then try to find the channel object. Channels have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the channel, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a channel to any subscribers wishing to consume them,

To find a channel previously created, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setName("mychannel");
nChannel myChannel=mySession.findChannel(cattrib);
```

## Publishing Events to a Channel

There are 2 types of publish available in Universal Messaging for channels:

*Reliable Publish* is simply a one way push to the Universal Messaging Server. This means that the server does not send a response to the client to indicate whether the event was successfully received by the server from the publish call.

*Transactional Publish* involves creating a transaction object to which events are published, and then committing the transaction. The server responds to the transaction commit call indicating if it was successful. There are also means for transactions to be checked for status after application crashes or disconnects.

### Reliable Publish

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server and the channel has been located, an event must be constructed prior to a publish call being made to the channel.

For reliable publish, there are a number of method prototypes on a channel that allow us to publish different types of events onto a channel. Here are examples of some of them. Further examples can be found in the API documentation.

```
// Publishing a simple byte array message
myChannel.publish(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", (new UTF8Encoding()).GetBytes(message)));
//Publishing a dictionary (nEventProperties)
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("bondname", "bond1");
props.put("price", 100.00);
nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent("atag", props);
myChannel.publish(evt);
// Publishing multiple messages in one publish call
List<nConsumeEvent> Messages = new List<nConsumeEvent>();
Messages.Add(message1);
Messages.Add(message2);
Messages.Add(message3);
myChannel.publish(Messages);
```

### Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides a means of verifying that the server received the events from the publisher, and therefore provides guaranteed delivery.

There are similar prototypes available to the developer for transactional publishing. Once the session is established and the channel located, we then need to construct the events for the transaction and publish these events to the transaction. Only when the transaction has been committed will the events become available to subscribers on the channel.

Below is a code snippet for transactional publishing:

```
//Publishing a single event in a transaction
nTransactionAttributes attrib=new nTransactionAttributes(myChannel);
nTransaction myTransaction=nTransactionFactory.create(attrib);
myTransaction.publish(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", new UTF8Encoding().GetBytes(message)));
myTransaction.commit();
//Publishing multiple events in a transaction
List<nConsumeEvent> Messages = new List<nConsumeEvent>();
Messages.Add(message1);
nTransactionAttributes tattrib = new nTransactionAttributes(myChannel);
nTransaction myTransaction = nTransactionFactory.create(tattrib);
myTransaction.publish(Messages);
myTransaction.commit();
```

If during the transaction commit your Universal Messaging session becomes disconnected, and the commit call throws an exception, the state of the transaction may be unclear. To verify that a transaction has been committed or aborted, a call can be made on the transaction that will determine if the events within the transaction were successfully received by the Universal Messaging Realm Server. This call can be made regardless of whether the connection was lost and a new connection was created.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to query the Universal Messaging Realm Server to see if the transaction was committed:

```
bool committed = myTransaction.isCommitted(true);
```

## Subscribe Asynchronously to a Channel

Asynchronous channel subscribers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous subscribers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`.

The listener interface defines one method called 'go' which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

A simple example of such a listener is shown below:

```
public class mySubscriber : nEventListener {
    public mySubscriber() {
        // construct your session and channel objects here
        // begin consuming events from the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
        myChannel.addSubscriber(this, 0);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event " + event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        new mySubscriber();
    }
}
```

## Subscription with a Filtering Selector

Asynchronous consumers can also be created using a selector, which allows the subscription to be filtered based on event properties and their values.

For example, assume some events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

A developer can create a message selector string such as:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

Passing this string into the `addSubscriber` method shown in the example code, will ensure that the subscriber will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Synchronous Consumers

Events can be synchronously consumed from a channel using a channel iterator object. The iterator will sequentially move through the channel and return events as and when the iterator `getNext()` method is called.

If you are using iterators so that you know when all events have been consumed from a channel please note that this can also be achieved using an asynchronous subscriber by calling the `nConsumeEvent`'s `isEndOfChannel()` method.

An example of how to use a channel iterator is shown below:

```
public class myIterator {
    nChannelIterator iterator = null;
    public myIterator() {
        // construct your session and channel objects here
        // start the iterator at the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
        iterator = myChannel.createIterator(0);
    }
    public void start() {
        while (true) {
            nConsumeEvent event = iterator.getNext();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        myIterator itr = new myIterator();
        itr.start();
    }
}
```

Synchronous consumers can also be created using a selector, which defines a set of event properties and their values that a consumer is interested in. For example if events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props =new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

If you then provide a message selector string in the form of:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

And pass this string into the `createIterator` method shown in the example code, then your consumer will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Batched Subscribe

If a client application needs to subscribe to multiple channels it is more efficient to batch these subscriptions into a single server call. This is achieved using the `subscribe` method of `nSession` rather than first finding the `nChannel` object and then calling the `subscribe` method of `nChannel`.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to two Universal Messaging channels in one server call:

```
public class myEventListener implements nEventListener {
    public void go(nConsumeEvent evt) {
        Console.WriteLine("Received an event!");
    }
}
public void demo(){
    nSubscriptionAttributes[] arr = new nSubscriptionAttributes[2];
    arr[0] = new nSubscriptionAttributes("myChan1", "", 0, myLis1);
    arr[1] = new nSubscriptionAttributes("myChan2", "", 0, myLis2);
    arr = mySession.subscribe(arr);
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
        if (!arr[i].wasSuccessful()) {
            handleSubscriptionFailure(arr[i]);
        }
        //subscription successful
    }
}
public void handleSubscriptionFailure(nSubscriptionAttributes subAtts){
    Console.WriteLine(subAtts.getException().StackTrace);
}
```

The `nSubscriptionAttributes` class is used to specify which channels to subscribe to. The second two parameters of the constructor represent the selector to use for the subscription and the event ID to subscribe from.

It is possible that the subscription may fail; for example, the channel may not exist or the user may not have the required privileges. In this situation, calling `wasSuccessful()` on the `nSubscriptionAttributes` will return `false` and `getException()` will return the exception that was thrown.

If the subscription is successful then the `nChannel` object can be obtained from the `nSubscriptionAttributes` as shown in the following code snippet:

```
nChannel chan = subAtts.getChannel();
```

## Batched Find

In client applications, it is quite common to have multiple Channels or Queues that one is trying to find. In these scenarios, the batched find call built into `nSession` is extremely useful.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to find 2 Universal Messaging Channels in one server call:

```
public void demo() {
    nChannelAttributes[] arr = new nChannelAttributes[2];
    nChannel[] channels = new nChannels[2];
    arr[0] = new nChannelAttributes("myChan1");
    arr[1] = new nChannelAttributes("myChan2");
    nFindResult[] results = mySession.find(arr);
    for (int i = 0; i < results.length; i++) {
        if (!results[i].wasSuccessful()) {
            handleSubscriptionFailure(results[i]);
        } else if (results[i].isChannel) {
            channels[i] = results[i].getChannel();
        }
    }
}

public void handleSubscriptionFailure(nFindResult result) {
    Console.WriteLine(result.getException().StackTrace);
}
```

To perform the same operation for Queues, simply use the example above and exchange `nChannel` for `nQueue`, and check each result returned to see if the `isQueue()` flag is set.

## Durable Channel Consumers and Named Objects

Universal Messaging provides the ability for both asynchronous and synchronous consumers to be durable. Durable consumers allow state to be kept at the server with regard to what events have been consumed by a specific consumer of data.

Universal Messaging supports durable consumers through use of Universal Messaging named objects (see [“Named Objects” on page 165](#)) as shown by the following example code.

Named objects can also be managed via the enterprise manager.

### Asynchronous

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, persistent and is used in conjunction with an asynchronous event consumer:

```
public class mySubscriber : nEventListener {
    public mySubscriber() {
        // construct your session and channel objects here
        // create the named object and begin consuming events
        // from the beginning of the channel (event id 0)
        nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique1", 0, true);
        myChannel.addSubscriber(this, nobj);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
}
```

```

    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        new mySubscriber();
    }
}

```

## Synchronous

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, persistent and is used in conjunction with a synchronous event consumer:

```

public class myIterator {
    nChannelIterator iterator = null;
    public myIterator() {
        // construct your session and channel objects here
        // start the iterator
        nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique2", 0, true);
        iterator = myChannel.createIterator(0);
    }
    public void start() {
        while (true) {
            nConsumeEvent event = iterator.getNext();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        myIterator itr = new myIterator();
        itr.start();
    }
}

```

Both synchronous and asynchronous channel consumers allow message selectors to be used in conjunction with named objects. Please see the API documentation for more information.

There are also different ways in which events consumed by named consumers can be acknowledged. By specifying that 'auto acknowledge' is true when constructing either the synchronous or asynchronous consumers, then each event is acknowledged as consumed automatically. If 'auto acknowledge' is set to false, then each event consumed has to be acknowledged by calling the ack() method:

```

public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
    Console.WriteLine("Consumed event " + event.getEventID());
    event.ack();
}

```

## Priority

Two subscribers can hold a subscription to the same named object. One is given priority and will process events during normal operation. If, however, the subscriber with priority is disconnected for whatever reason, and is unable to process events, the second subscriber to that named object will take over and continue to process events as they come in. This allows failover, with backup subscribers handling events if the subscriber with priority goes down.

To do this, we simply create the subscriber with a boolean specifying if this subscriber priority. Only one subscriber is allowed priority at any given time. An example of a named object specifying priority is shown below:

```
nNamedObject named = myChannel.createNamedObject(
    subname, startEid, persistent, cluster, priority);
```

## Named Objects

Universal Messaging provides the ability for the server to maintain state for the last event that was consumed by a consumer on a channel. By providing a unique name, you can create a named object on a channel and even when your application is stopped, the next time you start your application, you will only consume available events from the last event id that the server stored as successfully consumed by that named object.

Named objects can be persistent, i.e. the last eid is written to disk, so that if the Universal Messaging Realm Server is restarted, the last eid consumed is retrievable for each named object on a channel.

An example of how to create a named object that begins from event id 0, and is persistent is shown below:

```
nNamedObject nobj = myChannel.createNamedObject("unique1", 0, true);
```

## The Merge Engine and Event Deltas

In order to streamline publish/subscribe applications it is possible to deliver only the portion of an event's data that has changed rather than the entire event. These event deltas minimise the amount of data sent from the publisher and ultimately delivered to the subscribers.

The publisher simply registers an event and can then publish changes to individual keys within the event. Subscribers can be configured to get callbacks which contain either the entire event or just the changed key(s). Either way, only the key(s) that have changed are delivered to the subscribing client.

### Publisher - Registered Events

In order to publish event deltas the publisher uses the Registered Event facility available on a Universal Messaging Channel. Please note that the channel must have been created with the Merge Engine and it must have a single Publish Key. The publish key represents the primary key for the channel and the registered events. So for example if you are publishing currency rates you would setup a channel as such

```
nChannelAttributes cattr
    = new nChannelAttributes("RatesChannel", 0, 0, nChannelAttributes.SIMPLE_TYPE);
//
// This next line tells the server to Merge incoming events based on the publish
// key name and the name of the registered event
//
    cattr.useMergeEngine(true);
//
// Now create the Publish Key (See publish Keys for a full description
//
    nChannelPublishKeys[] pks = new nChannelPublishKeys[1];
```

```

    pks[0] = new nChannelPublishKeys("ccy", 1);
    cattr.setPublishKeys(pks);
//
// Now create the channel
//
    myChannel = mySession.createChannel(cattr);

```

At this point the server will have a channel created with the ability to merge incoming events from Registered Events. The next step is to create the Registered events at the publisher.

```

nRegisteredEvent audEvent = myChannel.createRegisteredEvent("AUD");
nEventProperties props = audEvent.getProperties();
props.put("bid", 0.8999);
props.put("offer", 0.9999);
props.put("close", "0.8990");
audEvent.commitChanges();

```

You now have a `nRegisteredEvent` called `audEvent` which is bound to a `ccy` value of "AUD". We then set the properties relevant to the application, finally we call `commitChanges()`, this will send the event, as is, to the server. At this point if the bid was to change then that individual field can be published to the server as follows:

```

props.put("bid", 0.9999);
audEvent.commitChanges();

```

This code will send only the new "bid" change to the server. The server will modify the event internally so that any new client subscribing will receive all of the data, yet any existing subscribers will only receive the change.

### Subscriber - `nEventListener`

The subscriber implements `nEventListener` in the usual way and does not need to do anything different in order to receive either event deltas or snapshots containing the result of one or more merge operations. The standard `nEventListener` will receive a full event when the subscription is initiated. Thereafter it will receive only deltas. If at any time the user is disconnected then it will receive a fresh update of the full event on reconnection - followed by a resumption of delta delivery.

If you wish to differentiate between snapshot events and delta events then the `nConsumeEvent` attributes can be used as follows:

```

event.getAttributes().isDelta();

```

For more information on Universal Messaging publish / subscribe, please see the API documentation.

## Event Fragmentation

Universal Messaging is capable of sending large messages. The maximum message size is given by the configuration parameter `MaxBufferSize`. For a description of this parameter, see the section `Realm Configuration` in the description of the Enterprise Manager in the *Universal Messaging Administration Guide*.

However, to get the best performance out of the system, it is important to consider how the data for such events is sent. In some cases, it might be better to compress or fragment the message rather than increasing `MaxBufferSize`.

If you want to send a large file, you could first compress the file before attaching it to an `nConsumeEvent` as a byte array. It takes time to compress data but as long as the data compresses well, you may find that by reducing the network utilization, your system operates more efficiently.

Another option is to fragment the data. To fragment the data you need to convert to a byte array as before, but split the byte array and send multiple `nConsumeEvent` requests rather than one. By doing this, the events are handled completely separately by the server, so there are some things to consider; for example, this approach will not work if you are using a queue with multiple consumers.

## Consuming a JMS Map Message

In order to enable Universal Messaging to support JMS, message types for JMS are stored in a slightly different way from the normal `nConsumeEvent`.

When a Java client publishes a JMS Map Message, the map is serialised and stored in the payload of the message. For a C# subscriber to consume a JMS Map Message, this payload must be reconstructed as an `nEventProperties` using the `getPayloadAsDictionary` method.

### Consuming a Map Message

A JMS map message will be received in the go callback in the same way as a normal `nConsumeEvent`. Once received, the Map Message can be handled as follows:

```
go(nConsumeEvent evt) {
    if (evt.GetAttributes().GetType() == nEventAttributes.MapMessageType) {
        nEventProperties map = evt.GetPayloadAsDictionary();
    }
}
```

## Priority Messaging

In certain scenarios it may be desirable to deliver messages with differing levels of priority over the same channel or queue. Universal Messaging provides the ability to expedite messages based on a priority level. Messages with higher levels of priority are able to be delivered to clients ahead of lower priority messages. The priority is a numeric value in the range 0 (lowest priority) to 9 (highest priority).

Universal Messaging achieves this capability through a highly concurrent and scalable implementation of a priority queue. Where in a typical queue events are first in first out, in a priority queue the message with the highest priority is the first element to be removed from the queue. In Universal Messaging each client has its own priority queue for message delivery.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to set priority on a message:

```
nConsumeEvent evt;
...
evt.GetAttributes().SetPriority(9);
```

Priority Messaging allows for a high priority message to be delivered ahead of a backlog of lower priority messages. Ordering of delivery is done dynamically on a per client basis.

Priority messaging is enabled by default, there are no configuration options for this feature.

As Priority Messaging is done dynamically, events may not appear in strict order of priority. Higher priority events are expedited on a best effort basis, and the effects become more noticeable as load increases.

**Note:** If events are stored for replay at a later stage, for example for a durable subscriber who is currently not consuming events, higher priority events will be delivered earlier than lower priority events when the durable subscriber starts consuming the events, even if the lower priority events were created much earlier .

## Publish / Subscribe using Datastreams and Datagroups

### Publish / Subscribe Using DataStreams and DataGroups

Publish / Subscribe is one of several messaging paradigms supported by Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging DataGroups are lightweight structures designed to facilitate Publish/Subscribe . When using DataGroups, user subscriptions are managed remotely in a way that is transparent to subscribers. Universal Messaging Channels provide an alternative style of Publish/Subscribe where the subscribers manage their subscriptions directly.

There are two resources that are used when interacting with DataGroups: *DataStreams* and *DataGroups*.

#### DataStreams

A Data Stream is a destination for published events. Publishers with appropriate permissions can write events directly to Data Streams. A Universal Messaging client session can optionally have a Data Stream, and receive events through it.

A Data Stream can be a member of one or more Data Groups.

#### DataGroups

Any event written to a Data Group will be propagated to all Data Streams that are members of that Data Group.

Data Groups may also contain other Data Groups. Any event written to an upper level Data Group will be written to all contained Data Groups, and thus to all contained Data Streams.

Note that all Data Streams are automatically added to the realm server's Default Data Group. Writing an event to the Default Data Group, therefore, will ensure it is delivered to any client with a session configured to use a Data Stream.

This section demonstrates Universal Messaging pub / sub using DataGroups in C#, and provides example code snippets for all relevant concepts.

## Enabling DataGroups and Receiving Event Callbacks

### *DataStreamListener*

If an nSession is created with an nDataStreamListener then it will receive asynchronous callbacks via the onMessage implementation of the nDataStreamListener interface. The nDataStreamListener will receive events when:

- An event is published directly to this particular nDataStream
- An event is published to any nDataGroup which contains this nDataStream
- An event is published to an nDataGroup which contains a nested nDataGroup containing this nDataStream
- An example of how to create a session with an nDataStreamListener interface is shown below:

```
public class DataGroupClient : nDataStreamListener{
    nSession mySession;
    public DataGroupClient( string realmURLs){
        nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(realmURLs);
        mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this);
        mySession.init(this);
    }
    ///
    // nDataStreamListener Implementation
    ///
    //Callback received when event is available
    public void onMessage(nConsumeEvent event){
        //some code to process the message
    }
}
```

## Managing Datagroups

### *Creating and Deleting DataGroups*

#### **Creating Universal Messaging DataGroups**

nDataGroups can be created programmatically as detailed below, or they can be created using the Universal Messaging enterprise manager.

In order to create a nDataGroup, first of all you must create an nSession object with an nDataStreamListener. This is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using an RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the nSessionAttributes object, as shown below:

```
string[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
```

```
nSessionAttributes nsa=new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);  
nSession mySession=nSessionFactory.create(nsa);  
mySession.init(this); // where this is an nDataStreamListener
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` object instance 'mySession', you can then create `DataGroups`. The `create DataGroup` methods will return the `nDataGroup` if it already exists.

The code snippets below demonstrate the creation of `nDataGroups`:

### Create a Single `nDataGroup`

```
nDataGroup myGroup = mySession.createDataGroups("myGroup");
```

### Create Multiple `nDataGroups`

```
string[] groups = {"myFirstGroup", "mySecondGroup"};  
IEnumerable<nDataGroup> myGroups = mySession.createDataGroups(groups);
```

### Creating `DataGroups` with `DataGroupListeners` and `ConflationAttributes`

It is also possible to specify additional properties when creating `DataGroups`:

- `nDataGroupListener` - To specify a listener for `DataGroup` membership changes
- `nConflationAttributes` - To specify attributes which control event merging and delivery throttling for the `DataGroup`

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging `DataGroup` it is possible to publish events

### Deleting Universal Messaging `DataGroups`

There are various `deleteDataGroup` methods available on `nSession` which will delete `DataGroups`. It is possible to specify single `nDataGroups` or arrays of `nDataGroups`.

### *Managing `DataGroup` Membership*

`DataGroups` are extremely lightweight from both client and server perspectives; a back-end process, such as a Complex Event Processing engine, can simply create `DataGroups` and then add or remove users (or even entire nested `DataGroups`) based on bespoke business logic. A user who is removed from one `DataGroup` and added to another will continue to receive events without any interruption to service, or indeed explicit awareness that any `DataGroup` change has occurred.

This page details some of the typical operations that `DataGroup` management process would carry out. Please see our C# sample apps for more detailed examples of `DataGroup` management.

### Tracking Changes to `DataGroup` Membership (`DataGroupListener`)

The `nDataGroupListener` interface is used to provide asynchronous notifications when `nDataGroup` membership changes occur. Each time a user (`nDataStream`) or `nDataGroup` is added or removed from a `nDataGroup` a callback will be received.

```

public class datagroupListener : nDataGroupListener {
    nSession mySession;
    public datagroupListener(nSession session){
        mySession = session;
        //add this class as a listener for all nDataGroups on this Universal
        //Messaging realm
        mySession.getDataGroups(this);
    }
    ////
    //DataGroupListener Implementation
    ///
    public void addedGroup (nDataGroup to, nDataGroup group, int count){
        //Called when a group has been added to the 'to' data group.
        //count is the number of nDataStreams that will receive any events published to
        //this nDataGroup
    }
    public void addedStream (nDataGroup group, nDataStream stream, int count){
        //Called when a new stream has been added to the data group.
    }
    public void createdGroup (nDataGroup group){
        //Called when a group has been created.
    }
    public void deletedGroup (nDataGroup group){
        //Called when a group has been deleted.
    }
    public void deletedStream (nDataGroup group, nDataStream stream, int count,
        boolean serverRemoved){
        //Called when a stream has been deleted from the data group.
        //serverRemoved is true if the nDataStream was removed because of flow control
    }
    public void removedGroup (nDataGroup from, nDataGroup group, int count){
        //Called when a group has been removed from the 'from' data group.
    }
}

```

There are three ways in which the `nDataGroupListener` can be used:

### Listening to an individual DataGroup

Listeners can be added to individual `DataGroups` when they are created or at any time after creation. The code snippets illustrate both approaches:

```

mySession.createDataGroup(dataGroupName, datagroupListener);
myDataGroup.addListener(datagroupListener);

```

### Listening to the Default DataGroup

The Default `nDataGroup` is a `DataGroup` to which all `nDataStreams` are added by default. If you add a `DataGroupListener` to the default `DataGroup` then callbacks will be received when:

- a `nDataStream` is connected/disconnected
- a `nDataGroup` is created or deleted

### Listening to all DataGroups on a Universal Messaging Realm

The code snippet below will listen on all `nDataGroups` (including the default `DataGroup`).

```

mySession.getDataGroups(datagroupListener);

```

## Adding and Removing DataGroup Members

The `nDataGroup` class provides various methods for adding and removing `nDataStreams` and `nDataGroups`. Please see the `nDataGroup` API documentation for a full list of methods. Examples of some of these are provided below:

```
//Add a nDataStream (user) to a nDataGroup
public void addStreamToDataGroup(nDataGroup group, nDataStream user){
    group.add(user);
}
//Remove a nDataStream (user) from a nDataGroup
public void removeStreamFromDataGroup(nDataGroup group, nDataStream user){
    group.remove(user);
}
//Add a nDataGroup to a nDataGroup
public void addNestedDataGroup(nDataGroup parent, nDataGroup child){
    parent.add(child);
}
//Remove a nDataGroup from a nDataGroup
public void removeNestedDataGroup(nDataGroup parent, nDataGroup child){
    parent.remove(child);
}
```

## DataGroup Conflation Attributes

### Enabling Conflation on DataGroups

Universal Messaging DataGroups can be configured so that conflation (merging and throttling of events) occurs when messages are published. Conflation can be carried out in several ways and these are specified using an `nConflationAttributes` object. The `ConflationAttributes` object is passed in to the `DataGroup` when it is created initially.

The `nConflationAttributes` object has two properties `action` and `interval`. Both of these are passed into the constructor.

The `action` property specifies whether published events should replace previous events in the `DataGroup` or be merged with them. These properties are defined by static fields:

```
nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents
nConflationAttributes.sDropEvents
```

The `interval` property specifies the interval in milliseconds between event fanout to subscribers. An interval of zero implies events will be fanned out immediately.

### Creating a Conflation Attributes Object

```
//ConflationAttributes specifying merge events and no throttled delivery
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents, 0);
//ConflationAttributes specifying merge events and throttled delivery at
// 1 second intervals
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents, 1000);
//ConflationAttributes specifying drop events and throttled delivery at
// 1 second intervals
nConflationAttributes confattribs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sDropEvent, 1000);
```

### Create a Single nDataGroup with Conflation Attributes

```
public class datagroupListener : nDataGroupListener {
    nSession mySession;
    nDataGroup myDataGroup;
    public datagroupListener(nSession session, nConflationAttributes confattrs,
        string dataGroupName){
        mySession = session;
        //create a DataGroup passing in this class as a nDataGroupListener and
        //a ConflationAttributes
        myDataGroup = mySession.createDataGroup(dataGroupName, this, confattrs);
    }
}
```

### Create Multiple nDataGroups with Conflation Attributes

```
nConflationAttributes confattrs =
    new nConflationAttributes(nConflationAttributes.sMergeEvents, 1000);
string[] groups = {"myFirstGroup", "mySecondGroup"};
nDataGroup[] myGroups = mySession.createDataGroups(groups, confattrs);
```

### Publishing Events to Conflated DataGroups With A Merge Policy

At this point the server will have a nDataGroup created with the ability to merge incoming events from Registered Events. The next step is to create the Registered events at the publisher.

```
nRegisteredEvent audEvent = myDataGroup.createRegisteredEvent();
nEventProperties props = audEvent.getProperties();
props.put("bid", 0.8999);
props.put("offer", 0.9999);
props.put("close", "0.8990");
audEvent.commitChanges();
```

You now have a nRegisteredEvent called audEvent which is bound to a data group that could be called 'aud'. We then set the properties relevant to the application, finally we call commitChanges(), this will send the event, as is, to the server. At this point if the bid was to change then that individual field can be published to the server as follows:

```
props.put("bid", 0.9999);
audEvent.commitChanges();
```

This code will send only the new "bid" change to the server. The server will modify the event internally so that any new client subscribing will receive all of the data, yet any existing subscribers will only receive the change.

When a data group has been created with Merge conflation, all registered events published to that data group will have their nEventProperties merged into the snapshot event, before the delta event is delivered to the consumers.

When using Merge conflation with an interval (i.e. throttling), all updates will be merged into a conflated event (as well as the snapshot event) that will be delivered within the chosen interval. For example, consider the following with a merge conflated group and an interval set to 100ms (ie maximum of 10 events a second):

```
Scenario 1
t0 - Publish Message1, Bid=1.234 (This message will be immediately
delivered, and merged into the snapshot)
t10 - Publish Message2, Offer=1.234 (This message will be held as a
```

```

t20 - Publish Message3, Bid=1.345    conflation event, and merged into the
                                     snapshot)
t100 - Interval hit                  (This message will be merged with the
                                     conflated event, and with the snapshot)
                                     (Conflated event containing
                                     Offer=1.234,Bid=1.345
                                     is delivered to consumers)
t101 - Publish Message4, Offer=1.345 Interval timer reset to +100ms, ie t200
                                     (This message will be held as a
                                     conflation event,
                                     and merged into the snapshot)
Where t0...tn is the time frame in milliseconds from now.
Scenario 2
t0 - Publish Message1, Bid=1.234    (This message will be immediately
                                     delivered, and merged into the snapshot)
t100 - Interval hit                  (Nothing is sent as there has been no
                                     update since t0)
t101 - Publish Message2, Offer=1.234 (This message will be immediately
                                     delivered, and merged into the snapshot)
                                     Interval timer reset to +100ms, ie t201

```

Meanwhile, if any new consumers are added to the Data Group, they will always consume the most up to date snapshot and then begin consuming any conflated updates after that.

### Publishing Events to Conflated DataGroups With A Drop Policy

If you have specified a "Drop" policy in your ConflationAttributes then events are published in the normal way rather than using nRegisteredEvent.

### Consuming Conflated Events from a DataGroup

The subscriber doesn't need to do anything different to receive events from a DataGroup with conflation enabled. If nRegisteredEvents are being delivered then the events will contain only the fields that have changed will be delivered. In all other circumstances an entire event is delivered to all consumers.

## Publishing to Datagroups

### DataGroups Event Publishing

You can get references to any DataGroup from the nSession object. There are various writeDataGroup methods available. These methods also support batching of multiple events to a single group or batching of writes to multiple DataGroups.

```

myDataGroup = mySession.getDataGroup("myGroup");
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
//You can add other types in a dictionary object
props.put("key0string"+x, "1"+x);
props.put("key1int", (int) 1);
props.put("key2long", (long) -11);
nConsumeEvent evt1 = new nConsumeEvent(props, buffer);
//Publish the event
mySession.writeDataGroup(evt1, myDataGroup);

```

### ***DataStream Event Publishing***

You can get references to any `nDataStream` (user) from the `nSession` object if you call `getDefaultDataGroup()`. You can also access `nDataStreams` by implementing the `nDataGroupListener` interface. Please see `DataGroup` management for more information. This will deliver callbacks as users are connected/disconnected. There are various `writeDataStream` methods available. These methods also support batching of multiple events to a single group or batching of writes to multiple `DataStreams`.

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
//You can add other types in a dictionary object
props.put("key0string"+x, "1"+x);
props.put("key1int", (int) 1);
props.put("key2long", (long) -11);
nConsumeEvent evt1 = new nConsumeEvent(props, buffer);
//Publish the event
mySession.writeDataStream(evt1, myDataStream)
```

### ***Priority Messaging***

In certain scenarios it may be desirable to deliver messages with differing levels of priority over the same datagroup. Universal Messaging provides the ability to expedite messages based on a priority level. Messages with higher levels of priority are able to be delivered to clients ahead of lower priority messages. The priority is a numeric value in the range 0 (lowest priority) to 9 (highest priority).

Universal Messaging achieves this capability through a highly concurrent and scalable implementation of a priority queue. Where in a typical queue events are first in first out, in a priority queue the message with the highest priority is the first element to be removed from the queue. In Universal Messaging each client has its own priority queue for message delivery.

The following code snippet demonstrates how to set priority on a message:

```
nConsumeEvent evt;
...
evt.getAttributes().setPriority(9);
```

Priority Messaging allows for a high priority message to be delivered ahead of a backlog of lower priority messages. Ordering of delivery is done dynamically on a per client basis.

Priority messaging is enabled by default, there are no configuration options for this feature.

As Priority Messaging is done dynamically, events may not appear in strict order of priority. Higher priority events are expedited on a best effort basis, and the effects become more noticeable as load increases.

**Note:** If events are stored for replay at a later stage, for example for a durable subscriber who is currently not consuming events, higher priority events will be delivered earlier than lower priority events when the durable subscriber starts consuming the events, even if the lower priority events were created much earlier .

## Message Queues

### Message Queues

Universal Messaging provides message queue functionality through the use of queue objects. Queues are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) of data (events).

Message queues differ from publish / subscribe channels in the way that events are delivered to consumers. Whilst queues may have multiple consumers, each event is typically only delivered to one consumer, and once consumed (popped) it is removed from the queue.

Universal Messaging also supports non destructive reads (peeks) from queues, which enable consumers to see what events are on a queue without removing them from the queue. Any event which has been peeked will still be queued for popping in the normal way. The Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager also supports the ability to visually peek a queue using its snoop capability.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging message queues work, and provide example code snippets for all relevant concepts.

### Creating a Queue

In order to create a queue, first of all you must create your `nSession` object, which is your effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct `RNAME` for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME={"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"};
nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

We can use the `nSession` object instance `mySession` to create the queue object. Queues have an associated set of attributes that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the queue, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a queue to any consumers wishing to consume them,

To create a queue, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setChannelMode(nChannelAttributes.QUEUE_MODE);
cattrib.setMaxEvents(0);
cattrib.setTTL(0);
cattrib.setType(nChannelAttributes.PERSISTENT_TYPE);
cattrib.setName("myqueue");
nQueue myQueue = mySession.createQueue(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging queue within the realm.

## Finding a Queue

In order to find a queue, first of all the queue must be created. This can be achieved through the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager, or programmatically. First of all you must create your `nSession` object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm. This is achieved by using the correct RNAME for your Universal Messaging Realm when constructing the `nSessionAttributes` object, as shown below:

```
String[] RNAME = ({"nsp://127.0.0.1:9000"});
nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME);
nSession mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa);
mySession.init();
```

Once the `nSession.init()` method is successfully called, your connection to the realm will be established.

Using the `nSession` objects instance 'mySession', we can then try to find the queue object. Queues have an associated set of attributes, that define their behaviour within the Universal Messaging Realm Server. As well as the name of the queue, the attributes determine the availability of the events published to a queue to any consumers wishing to consume them,

To find a queue previously created, we do the following:

```
nChannelAttributes cattrib = new nChannelAttributes();
cattrib.setName("myqueue");
nQueue myQueue = mySession.findQueue(cattrib);
```

Now we have a reference to a Universal Messaging queue within the realm.

## Publishing events to a Queue

There are 2 types of publish available in Universal Messaging for queues:

*Reliable Publish* is simply a one way push to the Universal Messaging Server. This means that the server does not send a response to the client to indicate whether the event was successfully received by the server from the publish call.

*Transactional Publish* involves creating a transaction object to which events are published, and then committing the transaction. The server responds to the transaction commit call indicating if it was successful. There are also means for transactions to be checked for status after application crashes or disconnects.

### Reliable Publish

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server and the queue has been located, an event must be constructed prior to a publish call being made to the queue.

The following code snippet shows how to reliably publish events to a queue. Further examples can be found in the API documentation.

```
// Publishing a simple byte array message
```

```
myChannel.publish(new nConsumeEvent("TAG", (new UTF8Encoding()).GetBytes(message)));
// Publishing multiple messages in one publish call
List Messages = new List();
Messages.Add(message1);
Messages.Add(message2);
Messages.Add(message3);
myChannel.publish(Messages);
```

## Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides us with a method of verifying that the server receives the events from the publisher, and provides guaranteed delivery.

There are similar prototypes available to the developer for transaction publishing. Once we have established our session and our queue, we then need to construct our events and our transaction, then publish these events to the transaction. The transaction will then be committed and the events available to consumers to the queue.

Below is a code snippet demonstrating transactional publishing:

```
List Messages = new List();
Messages.Add(message1);
nTransactionAttributes tattrib = new nTransactionAttributes(myChannel);
nTransaction myTransaction = nTransactionFactory.create(tattrib);
myTransaction.publish(Messages);
myTransaction.commit();
```

If during the transaction commit your Universal Messaging session becomes disconnected, and the commit call throws an exception, the state of the transaction may be unclear. To verify whether a transaction has been committed or aborted, the transaction can be queried to determine whether the events within the transactional were successfully received by the Universal Messaging Realm Server:

```
bool committed = myTransaction.isCommitted(true);
```

## Examples

For more information on Universal Messaging Message Queues, please see the API documentation.

## Asynchronously Consuming a Queue

Asynchronous queue consumers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous consumers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`. The listener interface defines one method called `go` which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

An example of an asynchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class myAsyncQueueReader : nEventListener {
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public myAsyncQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // begin consuming events from the queue
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        nQueueAsyncReader reader = myQueue.createAsyncReader(ctx);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
}
```

```

    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        new myAsyncQueueReader();
    }
}

```

### Subscription with a Filtering Selector

Asynchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which allows the subscription to be filtered based on event properties and their values.

For example, assume some events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");

```

A developer can create a message selector string such as:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

Passing this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code will ensure that the subscriber will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

### Synchronously Consuming a Queue

Synchronous queue consumers consume events by calling `pop()` on the Universal Messaging queue reader object. Each `pop` call made on the queue reader will synchronously retrieve the next event from the queue.

An example of a synchronous queue reader is shown below:

```

public class mySyncQueueReader {
    nQueueSyncReader reader = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public mySyncQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // construct the queue reader
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue.createReader(ctx);
    }
    public void start() {
        while (true) {
            // pop events from the queue
            nConsumeEvent event = reader.pop();
            go(event);
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        mySyncQueueReader sqr = new mySyncQueueReader();
        sqr.start();
    }
}

```

## Subscription with a Filtering Selector

Synchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which allows the subscription to be filtered based on event properties and their values.

For example, assume some events are being published with the following event properties:

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```
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```

Passing this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code will ensure that the subscriber will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

## Asynchronous Transactional Queue Consumption

Asynchronous transactional queue consumers consume events from a callback on an interface that all asynchronous consumers must implement. We call this interface an `nEventListener`. The listener interface defines one method called `go` which when called will pass events to the consumer as they are delivered from the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a commit or rollback.

An example of a transactional asynchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class myAsyncTxQueueReader : nEventListener {
    nQueueAsyncTransactionalReader reader = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public myAsyncTxQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // begin consuming events from the queue
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue.createAsyncTransactionalReader(ctx);
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
        reader.commit();
    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        new myAsyncTxQueueReader();
    }
}
```

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional asynchronous reader and a standard asynchronous queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the commit has been called.

Developers can also call the `rollback()` method on a transactional reader that will notify the server that any events delivered to the reader that have not been committed, will be rolled back and redelivered to other queue consumers. Transactional queue readers can also commit or rollback any specific event by passing the event id of the event into the commit or rollback calls. For example, if a reader consumes 10 events, with Event IDs 0 to 9, you can commit event 4, which will only commit events 0 to 4 and rollback events 5 to 9.

### Subscription with a Filtering Selector

Asynchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which allows the subscription to be filtered based on event properties and their values.

For example, assume some events are being published with the following event properties:

```
nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");
```

A developer can create a message selector string such as:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

Passing this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code will ensure that the subscriber will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

### Synchronous Transactional Queue Consumption

Synchronous queue consumers consume events by calling `pop()` on the Universal Messaging queue reader object. Each `pop` call made on the queue reader will synchronously retrieve the next event from the queue.

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a commit or rollback.

An example of a transactional synchronous queue reader is shown below:

```
public class mySyncTxQueueReader {
    nQueueSyncTransactionReader reader = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public mySyncTxQueueReader() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
        // construct the transactional queue reader
        nQueueReaderContext ctx = new nQueueReaderContext(this, 10);
        reader = myQueue.createTransactionalReader(ctx);
    }
    public void start() {
        while (true) {
            // pop events from the queue
            nConsumeEvent event = reader.pop();
            go(event);
            // commit each event consumed
            reader.commit(event.getEventID());
        }
    }
}
```

```

public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
    Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
}
public static void Main(String[] args) {
    mySyncTxQueueReader sq = new mySyncTxQueueReader();
    sq.start();
}
}

```

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional synchronous reader and a standard synchronous queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the commit has been called.

Developers can also call the `rollback()` method on a transactional reader that will notify the server that any events delivered to the reader that have not been committed, will be rolled back and redelivered to other queue consumers. Transactional queue readers can also commit or rollback any specific event by passing the event id of the event into the commit or rollback calls. For example, if a reader consumes 10 events, with Event IDs 0 to 9, you can commit event 4, which will only commit events 0 to 4 and rollback events 5 to 9.

### Subscription with a Filtering Selector

Synchronous queue consumers can also be created using a selector, which allows the subscription to be filtered based on event properties and their values.

For example, assume some events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");

```

A developer can create a message selector string such as:

```
String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";
```

Passing this string into the constructor for the `nQueueReaderContext` object shown in the example code will ensure that the subscriber will only consume messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

### Browse (Peek) a Universal Messaging Queue

Universal Messaging provides a mechanism for browsing (peeking) queues. Queue browsing is a non-destructive read of events from a queue. The queue reader used by the peek will return an array of events, the size of the array being dependent on how many events are in the queue, and the window size defined when your reader context is created. For more information, please see the [Universal Messaging Client API documentation](#).

An example of a queue browser is shown below:

```

public class myQueueBrowser {
    nQueueReader reader = null;
    nQueuePeekContext ctx = null;
    nQueue myQueue = null;
    public myQueueBrowser() {
        // construct your session and queue objects here
    }
}

```

```

        // create the queue reader
        reader = myQueue.createReader(new nQueueReaderContext());
        ctx = nQueueReader.createContext(10);
    }
    public void start() {
        bool more = true;
        long eid =0;
        while (more) {
            // browse (peek) the queue
            nConsumeEvent[] evts = reader.peek(ctx);
            for (int x=0; x < evts.Length; x++) {
                go(evts[x]);
            }
            more = ctx.hasMore();
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent event) {
        Console.WriteLine("Consumed event "+event.getEventID());
    }
    public static void Main(String[] args) {
        myQueueBrowser qbrowse = new myQueueBrowser();
        qbrowse.start();
    }
}

```

### Subscription with a Filtering Selector

Queue browsers can also be created using a selector, which allows the peek to be filtered based on event properties and their values.

For example, assume some events are being published with the following event properties:

```

nEventProperteis props = new nEventProperties();
props.put("BONDNAME", "bond1");

```

A developer can create a message selector string such as:

```

String selector = "BONDNAME='bond1'";

```

Passing this string into the constructor for the `nQueuePeekContext` object shown in the example code will ensure that the browser will only receive messages that contain the correct value for the event property `BONDNAME`.

For more information on Universal Messaging Message Queues, please see the API documentation.

## Request Response

Universal Messaging can easily be used to issue request/response message exchanges. To accomplish this, the requester simply publishes an event to a request queue and then listens for a response to be issued on a response queue. The responder tags this response with the username of the requester, and this ensures that only the requester will see the response event.

### Requester

The requester publishes an event to a request queue and then listens for a response to be issued on a response queue. The response will be tagged with the username of

the requester. This is specified during the initial configuration of the session, as shown below:

```
mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this, "subscriber tag");
```

After setting this, the requester simply publishes an event to the request queue and listens for a response on the response queue. An example C# .NET requester is available in the examples section.

## Responder

The responder listens to the request channel and responds to each request event. To ensure the message is only delivered to the correct recipient, the Subscriber Name must be set on the response event. The response event's data can contain the relevant information the user needs.

```
//Having received a request event req,
//and established a connection to a response queue respQueue.
Console.WriteLine("Received request");
//Retrieve username of request sender.
String requester = req.getPublishUser();
//Construct response message.
String text = "Response: " + new String(req.getEventData());
//Construct response event
nEventProperties atr = new nEventProperties();
nConsumeEvent resp = new nConsumeEvent(atr, text.getBytes());
//Set recipient of the event to the requester's tag to response.
resp.setSubscriberName(requester.getBytes());
respQueue.push(resp);
```

An example C# .NET responder is available in the examples section.

## Event Fragmentation

Universal Messaging is capable of sending large messages. The maximum message size is given by the configuration parameter `MaxBufferSize`. For a description of this parameter, see the section `Realm Configuration` in the description of the Enterprise Manager in the *Universal Messaging Administration Guide*.

However, to get the best performance out of the system, it is important to consider how the data for such events is sent. In some cases, it might be better to compress or fragment the message rather than increasing `MaxBufferSize`.

If you want to send a large file, you could first compress the file before attaching it to an `nConsumeEvent` as a byte array. It takes time to compress data but as long as the data compresses well, you may find that by reducing the network utilization, your system operates more efficiently.

Another option is to fragment the data. To fragment the data you need to convert to a byte array as before, but split the byte array and send multiple `nConsumeEvent` requests rather than one. By doing this, the events are handled completely separately by the server, so there are some things to consider; for example, this approach will not work if you are using a queue with multiple consumers.

## Basic Authentication

### Overview

The entire set of session creation methods of the Universal Messaging client, admin APIs and reactive extension in .NET have overloaded variants that accept username/password credentials which are then supplied to the Universal Messaging server.

To use these overloaded variants, the external SASL library (`S22_SASL.dll`) must be loaded and its assembly must be available to the Universal Messaging API, as described in the “[Prerequisites for Basic Authentication](#)” on page 185 page.

Note that authentication does not supplant the traditional Universal Messaging ACLs and is merely an additional security step performed before the relevant ACLs are evaluated and applied.

The configuration for .NET authentication is controlled by either a set of environment variables or directly in the API via the `com.pcbSYS.nirvana.client.nSessionAttributes` structure.

### Prerequisites for Basic Authentication

In order to enable SASL authentication in .NET, the library `S22_SASL.dll` and its dependency `BouncyCastle.Crypto.dll` must be made available in the same application domain as the Universal Messaging library. The easiest way to do this is to add a reference to the `S22_SASL.dll` library whenever you have a reference to any Universal Messaging .NET libraries. Alternatively the assembly can be loaded into the current application domain using `System.Reflection.Assembly.Load()` and supplying the path to the `S22_SASL.dll` file.

The files `S22_SASL.dll` and `BouncyCastle.Crypto.dll` may be downloaded from the Software AG TechCommunity here: “<http://techcommunity.softwareag.com/ecosystem/communities/public/apama/products/universal-messaging/downloads/>”.

Once the assembly is available, it will be automatically picked up when creating a session (whether via a client session, realm node or RX session) and used to connect to the server. If the assembly is unavailable and authentication credentials are supplied, an exception will be thrown when attempting to connect to the server, stating that no SASL implementations are available.

If authentication is not enabled on the server, the client will default to a standard connection without authentication.

### Client-side Authentication

Authentication methods will only be used if a password is supplied when creating a session to the server. The SASL implementation for Universal Messaging in .NET supports the following mechanisms: plain (plain text username/password authentication), CRAM-MD5 and Digest-MD5 (cryptographically encoded credential

authentication). The preferred mechanism can be set either via an API call or an environment variable as detailed below.

### Setting the preferred authentication mechanism via Environment Configuration

There are a number of environment variables which may be used to control the authentication behaviour of the .NET API:

- *Nirvana.sasl.client.mech*

This specifies which SASL mechanism to use, and the supported options are PLAIN, CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5.

The mechanism defaults to PLAIN if this system property is not set, and the usual SASL trade-offs apply. PLAIN transmits the user password in plain text, so it is advisable to only use it over an SSL connection. On the other hand, CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5 do not transmit the password in plain text so are more appropriate for general connections.

Note that if the preferred mechanism is set via `nSessionAttributes`, the API-set value will be preferred over this one.

- *Nirvana.sasl.client.enablePrehash*

This specifies whether to prehash the supplied password when using the CRAM-MD5 or DIGEST-MD5 mechanisms. It may be set to "true" or "false". This should be set to "true" only when the server is using the `fSAGInternalUserRepositoryAdapter` to store client credentials, otherwise CRAM-MD5 and DIGEST-MD5 authentication will fail. If `Nirvana.sasl.client.enablePrehash` is not set, then the value defaults to "false" and prehashing is not enabled.

### Setting the preferred authentication mechanism via API

For the client and admin APIs, the preferred authentication mechanisms can be set via the `nSessionAttributes` class used to create a session as follows:

`nSessionAttributes`:

```
public void setSASLMechPrefs(nSaslMechanism[] mechPrefs)
```

Here, `nSaslMechanism` is an enum with possible values `PLAIN`, `CRAM_MD5` or `DIGEST_MD5`. The array passed in should be an array of any number of these `nSaslMechanisms` in order of preference. Preferences set here will take precedence over any preferences set via environment variables. If this is unset, Universal Messaging will use the mechanism preference set via the environment variable `Nirvana.sasl.client.mechanism`. If this environment variable is unset, the default mechanism will be `PLAIN`. Note that this method is unavailable to clients using a reactive session. In this case, the mechanism preferences can only be set via the environment variable `Nirvana.sasl.client.mechanism`.

In order to supply credentials to the API, Universal Messaging offers a number of additions to the standard constructors and factory methods. Either the username and password can be supplied independently as a `String` and a `SecureString` (inbuilt in .NET

in `System.Security`) respectively or in some cases both can be supplied together inside a `NetworkCredentials` object (inbuilt in .NET in `System.Net`).

Thus we have the following API additions:

### Client Sessions:

#### nSessionFactory:

```
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes sAttr,
    String username, SecureString password)
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes sAttr,
    NetworkCredentials creds)
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes sAttr,
    nReconnectHandler handler, String username, SecureString password)
public static nSession create(nSessionAttributes sAttr,
    nReconnectHandler handler, NetworkCredentials creds)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSessionAttributes sAttr,
    String username, SecureString password)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSessionAttributes sAttr,
    NetworkCredentials creds)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSession session,
    String username, SecureString password)
public static nSession createMultiplexed(nSession session,
    NetworkCredentials creds)
```

### Admin Sessions:

#### nRealmNode:

```
Constructor -
nRealmNode(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username, SecureString passwd);
Constructor -
nRealmNode(nSessionAttributes sAttr, NetworkCredentials creds);
```

#### nRealmAdmin:

```
Constructor -
nRealmAdmin(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username,
    SecureString password)
Constructor -
nRealmAdmin(nSessionAttributes sAttr, String username,
    SecureString password, bool followTheMaster)
```

### Reactive Sessions:

#### ISessionAttributes:

```
string Username { get; set; }
SecureString Password { get; set; }
NetworkCredentials Credentials { get; set; }
```

## Server-side Authentication

For information of setting up and using server-side authentication, refer to the section [“Server-side Authentication” on page 77](#) in the Java-related part of this documentation. The information described there applies equally to basic authentication when using the C# client.

## Google Protocol Buffers

### Overview

Google Protocol Buffers are a way of efficiently serializing structured data. They are language and platform neutral and have been designed to be easily extensible. The structure of your data is defined once, and then specific serialization and deserialization code is produced specifically to handle your data format efficiently.

Universal Messaging supports server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffers, and this, coupled with Google Protocol Buffer's space-efficient serialization can be used to reduce the amount of data delivered to a client. If server side filtering is not required, the serialised protocol buffers could be loaded into a normal nConsume Event as the event data.

The structure of the data is defined in a .proto file, messages are constructed from a number of different types of fields and these fields can be required, optional or repeated. Protocol Buffers can also include other Protocol Buffers.

The serialization uses highly efficient encoding to make the serialized data as space efficient as possible, and the custom generated code for each data format allows for rapid serialization and deserialization.

### Using Google Protocol Buffers with Universal Messaging

Google supplies libraries for Protocol Buffer in Java, C++ and Python, and third party libraries provide support for many other languages including .NET, Perl, PHP etc. Universal Messaging's client APIs provide support for the construction of Google Protocol Buffer event through which the serialized messages can be passed.

These nProtobufEvents are integrated seamlessly in nirvana, allowing for server-side filtering of Google Protocol Buffer events, which can be sent on resources just like a normal nirvana Events. The server side filtering of messages is achieved by providing the server with a description of the data structures(constructed at the .proto compile time, using the standard protobuf compiler and the --descriptor\_set\_out option). The default location the sever looks in for descriptor files is /plugins/ProtobufDescriptors and this can be configured through the enterprise manager. The server will monitor this folder for changes, and the frequency of these updates can be configured through the enterprise manager. The server can then use to extract the key value pairs from the binary Protobuf message and filter message delivery based on user requirements.

To create a nProtobuf event, simply build your protocol buffer as normal and pass it into the nProtobuf constructor along with the message type used.

```
nProtobufEvent evt = new nProtobufEvent(buffer, "example");  
myChannel.publish(evt);
```

nProtobuf events are received by subscribers in the normal way.

The Enterprise Manager can be used to view, edit and republish protocol buffer events, even if the EM is no running on the same machine as the server. To enable this, the server outputs a descriptor set to a configurable directory (by default the htdocs

directory for the realm) and this can then be made available through a file plugin etc. The directory can be changed through the enterprise manager. The enterprise manager can then be configured to load this file using `-DProtobufDescSetURL` and then the contents of the protocol buffers can be parsed.

## Examples

### Publish / Subscribe using Channel Topics

#### *Publish / Subscribe*

Publish / Subscribe is one of several messaging paradigms available in Universal Messaging. Universal Messaging Channels are a logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) or data (events).

Universal Messaging DataStreams and DataGroups provide an alternative style of Publish/Subscribe where user subscriptions can be managed remotely on behalf of clients.

Universal Messaging Channels equate to Topics if you are using the Universal Messaging Provider for JMS.

Under the publish / subscribe paradigm, each event is delivered to each subscriber once and only once per subscription, and is not typically removed from the channel as a result of the message being consumed by an individual client.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging pub / sub works in C#, and provides example code snippets for all relevant concepts:

#### *Channel Publisher*

This example publishes events onto a Universal Messaging Channel.

#### Usage

```
publish <rtype> <channel name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

#### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Transactional Channel Publisher*

This example publishes events transactionally to a Universal Messaging Channel. A Universal Messaging transaction can contain one or more events. The events which make up the transaction are only made available by the Universal Messaging server if the entire transaction has been committed successfully.

## Usage

```
txpublish <rname> <channel name> [count] [size] [tx size]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[tx size] - The number of events per transaction (default: 1)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## *Asynchronous Channel Consumer*

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Channel. See also: “[Synchronous Subscription](#)” on page 190

## Usage

```
subscriber <rname> <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## *Synchronous Channel Consumer*

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Channel. See also: “[Asynchronous Subscription](#)” on page 190

## Usage

```
channeliterator <rname> <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Asynchronous Named Channel Consumer

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Channel using a named object.

### Usage

```
namedsubscriber <rname> <channel name> [name] [start eid] [debug] [count] [auto ack]
                                     [cluster wide] [persistent] [selector] [priority]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[name]          - Specifies the unique name to be used for a named subscription
                  (default: OS username)
[start eid]     - The Event ID to start subscribing from if the named subscriber
                  needs to be created (doesn't exist)
[debug]        - The level of output from each event,
                  0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count]        - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
                  (default: 1000)
[auto ack]     - Specifies whether each event will be automatically acknowledged by
                  the api (default: true)
[cluster wide] - Specifies whether the named object is to be used across a cluster
                  (default: false)
[persistent ]  - Specifies whether the named object state is to be stored to disk or
                  held in server memory (default: false)
[selector]     - The event filter string to use
[priority]     - Whether priority is enabled for this named subscriber
                  (default: false)
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Synchronous Named Channel Consumer

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Channel using a named object and a channel iterator.

### Usage

```
namedchanneliterator <rname> <channel name> [name] [start eid] [debug] [count]
                                     [cluster wide] [persistent] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[name]          - Specifies the unique name to be used for a named subscription
                  (default: OS username)
[start eid]     - The Event ID to start subscribing from if name subscriber is to be
                  created (doesn't already exist)
[debug]        - The level of output from each event,
                  0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count]        - The number of events to wait for before printing out summary
                  information (default: 1000)
[cluster wide] - Specifies whether the named object is to be used across a cluster
                  (default: false)
[persistent]   - Specifies whether the named object state is to be stored to disk or
                  held in server memory (default: false)
```

```
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Event Delta Delivery

This example shows how to deliver only changed keys within events, as opposed to entire events.

### Usage

```
RegisteredEvent <rtype> <channel name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Batching Server Calls

This example shows how to find multiple channels and queues in one call to the server.

### Usage

```
findChannelsAndQueues <RNAME> <name> <name> <name>.....
<Required Arguments>
<RNAME> - The RNAME of the realm you wish to connect to
<name> - The name(s) of the channels to find
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Batching Subscribe Calls

This example of batching shows how to subscribe to multiple Universal Messaging Channels in one server call.

### Usage

```
sessionsubscriber <rtype> <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<rtype> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Folder name parameter for the location of the channels to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Publish / Subscribe using Datastreams and Datagroups

### *DataStream Listener*

This example shows how to initialise a session with a DataStream listener and start receiving data.

### Usage

```
DataGroupListener <rname> [debug] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *DataGroup Publishing with Conflation*

This example shows how to publish to DataGroups, with optional conflation.

### Usage

```
DataGroupPublish <rname> <group name> <conflate> [count] [size]
[conflation merge or drop] [conflation interval]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<group name> - Data group name parameter to publish to
<conflate> - enable conflation true or false
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[conflation merge or drop] - merge to enable merge or drop to enable drop
                             (default: merge)
[conflation interval] - the interval for conflation to publish(default: 500)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *DataGroup Manager*

This is an example of how to run a DataGroup manager application

### Usage

```
dataGroupsManager <rname> <Properties File Location>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<Properties File Location Data Groups> - The location of the property file to use for
```

```

mapping data groups to data groups
<Properties File Location Data Streams> - The location of the property file to use for
mapping data streams to data groups
<Auto Recreate Data Groups> - True or False to auto recreate data groups takes the
data group property file and creates channels
a group for every name mentioned on the left of equals sign
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Delete DataGroup*

This is a simple example of how to delete a DataGroup

### Usage

```

deleteDataGroups <RNAME> <data group name> [delete type]
<Required Arguments>
<RNAME> - RNAME for the realm to connect to
<data group name> - Data group name parameter to delete
<Optional Arguments>
[Delete Type] - Data group delete by string(1) or object(2) default:1
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *DataGroup Delta Delivery*

This example shows how to use delta delivery with DataGroups.

### Usage

```

DataGroupDeltaDelivery <rname> [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<Optional Arguments>
<count> - the number of times to commit the registered events - default : 10

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Message Queues

### *Queue Publisher*

This example publishes events onto a Universal Messaging Queue.

### Usage

```

pushq <rname> <queue name> [count] [size]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to publish to

```

```
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Transactional Queue Publisher*

This example publishes events transactionally to a Universal Messaging Queue. A Universal Messaging transaction can contain one or more events. The events which make up the transaction are only made available by the Universal Messaging server if the entire transaction has been committed successfully.

### Usage

```
txpushq <rname> <queue name> [count] [size] [tx size]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to publish to
[Optional Arguments]
[count] -The number of events to publish (default: 10)
[size] - The size (bytes) of the event to publish (default: 100)
[tx size] - The number of events per transaction (default: 1)
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Asynchronous Queue Consumer*

This example shows how to asynchronously subscribe to events on a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“ Synchronous Queue Subscription” on page 195](#)

### Usage

```
qsubscriber <rname> <queue name> [debug] [transactional] [selector] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event,
          0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[transactional] - true / false whether the subscriber is transactional, if true,
                 each event consumed will be ack'd to confirm receipt
[selector] - The event filter string to use
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Synchronous Queue Consumer*

This example shows how to synchronously consume events from a Universal Messaging Queue. See also: [“ Asynchronous Queue Subscription” on page 195](#)

## Usage

```

greader <rname> <queue name> [debug] [timeout] [transactional] [selector] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name to pop from
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event,
          0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[timeout] - The timeout for the synchronous pop call
[transactional] - true / false whether the subscriber is transactional,
                 if true, each event consumed will be ack'd to confirm receipt
[selector] - The event filter string to use
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Peek Events on a Queue*

Consume events from a Universal Messaging Queue in a non-destructive manner

## Usage

```

qpeek <rname> <queue name> [debug] [selector] [count]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - Queue name on which to peek
[Optional Arguments]
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All
[selector] - The event filter string to use
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Requester - Request/Response*

This example shows how to request a response in a request/response fashion.

## Usage

```

request <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<request queue> - Queue onto which request are published
<response queue> - Queue onto which responses are published
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
<tag> - the tag to identify this requester by.
[Optional Arguments]
[asynchronous] - Whether to use asynchronous producing and consuming
                 - true/false, default false.
[transactional] - Whether to use transactional production and consumption of events
                 - true/false, default false.
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***Responder - Request/Response***

This example shows how to respond to a request in performed in a request/response fashion.

### Usage

```
response <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<request queue> - Queue onto which request are published
<response queue> - Queue onto which responses are published
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to
[Optional Arguments]
[asynchronous] - Whether to use asynchronous producing and consuming
                 - true/false, default false.
[transactional] - Whether to use transactional production and consumption of events
                 - true/false, default false.
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## MyChannels.Nirvana API

#### ***MyChannels.Nirvana DataGroup Publisher***

This example shows how to create a DataGroup Publisher using the MyChannels.Nirvana API.

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***MyChannels.Nirvana Queue Publisher***

This example shows how to create a Queue Publisher using the MyChannels.Nirvana API.

### Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### ***MyChannels.Nirvana Topic Publisher***

This example shows how to create a Topic Subscriber using the MyChannels.Nirvana API.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

***MyChannels.Nirvana DataGroup Listener***

This example shows how to create a DataGroup Listener using the MyChannels.Nirvana API.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

***MyChannels.Nirvana Queue Consumer***

This example shows how to create a Queue Consumer using the MyChannels.Nirvana API.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

***MyChannels.Nirvana Topic Subscriber***

This example shows how to create a Topic Subscriber using the MyChannels.Nirvana API.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

***RX Topic Subscriber***

This example shows how to create a Topic Subscriber using the Universal Messaging Reactive library.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

***RX Queue Consumer***

This example shows how to create a Queue Consumer using the Universal Messaging Reactive library.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

***RX DataGroup Listener***

This example shows how to create a DataGroup Listener using the Universal Messaging Reactive library.

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Administration API

### Add a Queue ACL Entry

This example demonstrates how to add an ACL entry to a Universal Messaging Queue.

#### Usage

```
naddqueueacl <rname> <user> <host> <queue name> [list_acl] [modify_acl] [full] [peek]
                                                [push] [purge] [pop]

<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name parameter for the queue to add the ACL entry to
<host> - Host name parameter for the queue to add the ACL entry to
<queue name> - Queue name parameter for the queue to add the ACL entry to
[Optional Arguments]
[list_acl] - Specifies that the list acl permission should be added
[modify_acl] - Specifies that the modify acl permission should be added
[full] - Specifies that the full permission should be added
[peek] - Specifies that the peak permission should be added
[push] - Specifies that the push permission should be added
[purge] - Specifies that the purge permission should be added
[pop] - Specifies that the pop permission should be added
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Modify a Channel ACL Entry

This example demonstrates how to modify the permissions of an ACL entry on a Universal Messaging Channel.

#### Usage

```
nchangechanacl <rname> <user> <host> <channel name> [+/-list_acl] [+/-modify_acl]
  [+/-full] [+/-last_eid] [+/-read] [+/-write] [+/-purge] [+/-named] [+/-all_perms]

<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name parameter for the channel to change the ACL entry for
<host> - Host name parameter for the channel to change the ACL entry for
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to change the ACL entry for
[Optional Arguments]
[+/-] - Prepending + or - specifies whether to add or remove a permission
[list_acl] - Specifies that the list acl permission should be added/removed
[modify_acl] - Specifies that the modify acl permission should be added/removed
[full] - Specifies that the full permission should be added/removed
[last_eid] - Specifies that the get last EID permission should be added/removed
[read] - Specifies that the read permission should be added/removed
[write] - Specifies that the write permission should be added/removed
[purge] - Specifies that the purge permission should be added/removed
[named] - Specifies that the used named subscriber permission should be added/removed
[all_perms] - Specifies that all permissions should be added/removed
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Delete a Realm ACL Entry*

This example demonstrates how to delete an ACL entry from a realm on a Universal Messaging Channel.

#### Usage

```

ndelrealmacl <rname> <user> <host> [-r]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<user> - User name parameter to delete the realm ACL entry from
<host> - Host name parameter to delete the realm ACL entry from
[Optional Arguments]
[-r] - Specifies whether recursive traversal of the namespace should be done

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Monitor realms for client connections coming and going*

This example demonstrates how to monitor for connections to the realm and its channels.

#### Usage

```

nconnectionwatch <rname>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Export a realm to XML*

This example demonstrates how to export a realm's cluster, joins, security, channels / queues, scheduling, interfaces / plugins and configuration information to an XML file so that it can be imported into any other realm.

#### Usage

```

nexportrealmxml <rname> <export_file_location>
<Optional Arguments> -all -realms -cluster -realmacl -realmcfg -channels -channeaccls
                    -joins -queues -queueaccls -interfaces -plugins -via

```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Import a realm's configuration information**

This example demonstrates how to import a realm's cluster, joins, security, channels / queues, scheduling, interfaces / plugins and configuration information from an XML file.

**Important:** Importing a configuration that contains clustered transient channels and queues will fail because transient channels and queues are not supported in a cluster. To resolve this situation, you can change the value of the `type` attribute of each channel or queue in the XML file for import from `TRANSIENT_TYPE` to `MIXED_TYPE`.

**Usage**

```
nimportrealmxml <realm> <file_name>
<Optional Arguments> -all -realmacl -realmcfg -channels -channeacl -queues
                    -queueacl -interfaces
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Console-based Realm Monitor**

This example demonstrates how to monitor live realm status.

**Usage**

```
nTop <realm> [refreshRate]
<realm> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
[Optional Arguments]
[refreshRate] - the rate at which the information is reloaded on screen (milliseconds)
```

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Simple authentication server**

This demonstrates how to set security permissions when connection attempts are made on the realm.

**Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

**Set Container ACL**

Set the ACL of a container to that currently applied to a specified channel.

**Usage**

```
nsetcontaineracl <channel name> <container name>
<Required Arguments>
<realm> - name of the realm to connect to.
<channel name> - channel name parameter used to obtain the ACL to set the container
```

```

        nodes to" );
<container name> - Container name parameter for the container to set the ACL to" );
Note: -? provides help on environment variables

```

## Application Source Code

```

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 *
 * -----
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 */
namespace com.pcbsys.nirvana.nAdminAPI
{
    using System;
    using System.Collections.Generic;
    using System.Linq;
    using System.Text;
    using System.Threading;
    using System.Collections;
    using com.pcbsys.nirvana.client;
    class setContainerACL
    {
    /**

```

```

    * Private variables used in this application
    */
private String name = null;
private String host = null;
private nSessionAttributes attr = null;
private String containerName = null;
private String channelName = null;
private nRealmNode node = null;
private nLeafNode leaf = null;
private nACL acl = null;
private String rname = null;
/**
 * Construct and instance of this class using the command line arguments passed
 * when it is executed.
 */
public setContainerACL(String[] args) {
    //Process command line arguments
    processArgs(args);
    try {
        Console.WriteLine( "Connecting to " + rname );
        // construct the session attributes from the realm
        attr = new nSessionAttributes( rname );
        // get the root realm node from the realm admin
        node = new nRealmNode(attr);
        if(!node.isAuthorised()){
            Console.WriteLine("User not authorised on this node "+attr);
            return;
        }
        // wait for the entire node namespace to be constructed
        Console.WriteLine( "waiting for namespace construction..... " );
        node.waitForEntireNameSpace();
        Console.WriteLine( "finished" );
        leaf = (nLeafNode)node.findNode(channelName);
        if (leaf != null) {
            acl = leaf.getACLs();
            searchNode(node);
        } else {
            Console.WriteLine("Cannot find leaf node "+channelName);
        }
        node.close();
    } catch (Exception e) {
        Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
    }
}
/**
 * recursively search through the realm node looking for channel nodes
 */
public void setContainer(nContainer p_node) {
    try {
        // set the acl for the container nodes
        Console.WriteLine( "~~~~~" );
        Console.WriteLine( "Applying acl to container node " + p_node.getAbsolutePath() );
        // set the acl on the container
        p_node.setACL(acl);
        Console.WriteLine( "~~~~~" );
    } catch (Exception e) {
        Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
    }
}
/**
 * search the enumeration of child nodes for other realms and containers
 */
private void searchNodes( nContainer p_node, System.Collections.IEnumerator enum1 ) {

```

```

while ( enum1.MoveNext() ) {
    Object obj = enum1.Current;
    if ( obj is nRealmNode ) {
        searchNode( (nRealmNode)obj );
    } else if ( obj is nContainer ) {
        nContainer cont = (nContainer)obj;
        String fullyQualifiedPath = cont.getAbsoluteName();
        if ( fullyQualifiedPath.Equals(containerName) ) {
            Console.WriteLine("Found container "+fullyQualifiedPath);
            setContainer( cont );
        } else {
            searchNodes(cont, cont.getNodes());
        }
    }
}
}
/**
 * Search the children of the realm passed as a parameter
 */
private void searchNode( nRealmNode p_node ) {
    try {
        searchNodes( p_node, p_node.getNodes() );
    }
    catch ( Exception ex ) {
        Console.WriteLine(ex.StackTrace);
    }
}
/**
 * If you construct an instance of this class from another class, you can set the name
 * and host for the subject.
 */
public void setSubject(String p_name, String p_host) {
    name = p_name;
    host = p_host;
}
/**
 * Set the program variables and permissions flags based on command line args
 */
private void processArgs(String[] args){
    if (args.Length != 3) {
        Usage();
        Environment.Exit(1);
    }
    switch (args.Length){
        case 3:
            channelName = args[2];
            goto case 2;
        case 2:
            containerName = args[1];
            goto case 1;
        case 1:
            rname = args[0];
            break;
    }
}
/**
 * Run this as a command line program passing the command line args.
 *
 * Or construct one of these classes from another class ensuring you have added :
 *
 * RNAME
 * CHANNEL
 * CONTAINER

```

```

*
* as system properties, and pass in a list of permissions in the constructor
*
*/
public static void Main( String[] args ) {
    setContainerACL setAcl = new setContainerACL(args);
    Environment.Exit(0);
}
/**
* Prints the usage message for this class
*/
private static void Usage() {
    Console.WriteLine( "Usage ...\n" );
    Console.WriteLine("nsetcontaineracl <channel name> <container name> \n");
    Console.WriteLine(
        "<Required Arguments> \n");
    Console.WriteLine(
        "<rname> - name of the realm to connect to.");
    Console.WriteLine("<channel name> - channel name parameter used to obtain " );
    Console.WriteLine("    the ACL to set the container nodes to" );
    Console.WriteLine("<container name> - Container name parameter for the " );
    Console.WriteLine("    container to set the ACL to" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "\n\nNote: -? provides help on environment variables \n");
}
private static void UsageEnv() {
    Console.WriteLine(
        "\n\n(Environment Variables) \n");
    Console.WriteLine(
        "(RNAME) - One or more RNAME entries in the form protocol://host:port" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "    protocol - Can be one of nsp, nhp, nsps, or nhps, where:" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "    nsp - Specifies Universal Messaging Socket Protocol (nsp)" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "    nhp - Specifies Universal Messaging HTTP Protocol (nhp)" );
    Console.WriteLine("    nsps - Specifies Universal Messaging Socket Protocol " );
    Console.WriteLine("                Secure (nsps), i.e. using SSL/TLS" );
    Console.WriteLine("    nhps - Specifies Universal Messaging HTTP Protocol " );
    Console.WriteLine("                Secure (nhps), i.e. using SSL/TLS" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "    port - The port number of the server" );
    Console.WriteLine("\nHint: - For multiple RNAME entries, use comma separated " );
    Console.WriteLine("    values which will be attempted in connection " );
    Console.WriteLine("    weight order\n" );
    Console.WriteLine("(LOGLEVEL) - This determines how much information the nirvana " );
    Console.WriteLine("    api will output 0 = verbose 7 = quiet\n" );
    Console.WriteLine("(CKEYSTORE) - If using SSL, the location of the keystore " );
    Console.WriteLine("    containing the client cert\n");
    Console.WriteLine("(CKEYSTOREPASSWD) - If using SSL, the password for the");
    Console.WriteLine("    keystore containing the client cert\n");
    Console.WriteLine(
        "(CAKEYSTORE) - If using SSL, the location of the ca truststore\n");
    Console.WriteLine(
        "(CAKEYSTOREPASSWD) - If using SSL, the password for the ca truststore\n");
    Console.WriteLine(
        "(HPROXY) - HTTP Proxy details in the form proxyhost:proxyport, where:" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "    proxyhost - The HTTP proxy host" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "    proxyport - The HTTP proxy port\n" );
    Console.WriteLine(
        "(HAUTH) - HTTP Proxy authentication details in the form user:pass, where:" );
}

```

```

Console.WriteLine(
    "    user - The HTTP proxy authentication username" );
Console.WriteLine(
    "    pass - The HTTP proxy authentication password\n" );
Environment.Exit(1);
}
}
}

```

### ***Difference between 2 realms***

Output all the differences between two realms.

### **Usage**

```

nDiff <realm1> <realm2>
[Required Arguments]
<realm1> - the RNAME of a the first realm to compare
<realm2> - the RNAME of a the second realm to compare

```

### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

## **Channel / Queue / Realm Management**

### ***Creating a Channel***

Output all the differences between two realms.

### **Usage**

```

makechan <rname> <channel name> [time to live] [capacity] [type] [cluster wide]
                                         [start eid]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to be created
[Optional Arguments]
[time to live] - The Time To Live parameter for the new channel (default: 0)
[capacity] - The Capacity parameter for the new channel (default: 0)
[type] - The type parameter for the new channel (default: S)
R - For a reliable (stored in memory) channel with persistent eids
P - For a persistent (stored on disk) channel
S - For a simple (stored in memory) channel with non-persistent eids
T - For a transient (no server based storage)
M - For a Mixed (allows both memory and persistent events) channel
[cluster wide] - Whether the channel is cluster wide. Will only work if the realm
                  is part of a cluster (default: false)
[start eid] - The initial start event id for the new channel (default: 0)

```

### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***Deleting a Channel***

Output all the differences between two realms.

## Usage

```
deletetechan <rname> <channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to delete
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Creating a Queue

This example demonstrates how to create a Universal Messaging queue programmatically.

## Usage

```
makequeue <rname> <queue name> [time to live] [capacity] [type] [cluster wide] [start eid]
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - queue name parameter for the queue to be created
[Optional Arguments]
[time to live] - The Time To Live parameter for the new queue (default: 0)
[capacity] - The Capacity parameter for the new queue (default: 0)
[type] - The type parameter for the new queue (default: S)
R - For a reliable (stored in memory) queue with persistent eids
P - For a persistent (stored on disk) queue
S - For a simple (stored in memory) queue with non-persistent eids
T - For a transient (no server based storage)
M - For a Mixed (allows both memory and persistent events) queue
[cluster wide] - Whether the queue is cluster wide. Will only work if the realm is part
                  of a cluster (default: false)
[start eid] - The initial start event id for the new queue (default: 0)
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Deleting a Queue

This example demonstrates how to delete a Universal Messaging queue programmatically.

## Usage

```
deletequeue <rname> <queue name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<queue name> - queue name parameter for the queue to delete
```

## Application Source Code

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **Create Channel Join**

Create a join between two Universal Messaging Channels.

#### **Usage**

```
makechanneljoin <rname> <source channel name> <destination channel name> [max hops]
                                                    [selector] [allow purge]

<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination channel name> - Channel name parameter of the remote channel name to join
[Optional Arguments]
[max hops] - The maximum number of join hops a message can travel through
[selector] - The event filter string to use on messages travelling through this join
[allow purge] - boolean to specify whether purging is allowed (default : true)
```

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **Delete a Channel Join**

Create a join between two Universal Messaging Channels

#### **Usage**

```
deletechanneljoin <rname> <source channel name> <destination channel name>
<Required Arguments>
<rname> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination channel name> - Channel name parameter of the remote channel name to join
```

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### **Multiplex a Session**

Multiplex two Universal Messaging sessions over one channel.

#### **Usage**

```
multiplex <channel name> [start eid] [debug] [count] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to subscribe to" );
[Optional Arguments]
[start eid] - The Event ID to start subscribing from" );
[debug] - The level of output from each event, 0 - none, 1 - summary, 2 - EIDs, 3 - All" );
[count] - The number of events to wait before printing out summary information
[selector] - The event filter string to use
Note: -? provides help on environment variables
```

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***Purge Events From a Channel***

Delete all events from a Universal Messaging Channel

#### **Usage**

```

purgeevents <realm> <channel name> <start eid> <end eid> [filter]
<Required Arguments>
<realm> - The realm to retrieve channels from
<channel name> - Channel name parameter for the channel to be purged
<start eid> - The start eid of the range of events to be purged
<end eid> - The end eid of the range of events to be purged
[Optional Arguments]
[filter] - The filter string to use for the purge

```

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***Create Queue Join***

Create a join between a Universal Messaging Queue and a Universal Messaging Channel

#### **Usage**

```

makequeuejoin <realm> <source channel name> <destination queue name> [max hops] [selector]
<Required Arguments>
<realm> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination queue name> - Queue name parameter of the remote queue name to join
[Optional Arguments]
[max hops] - The maximum number of join hops a message can travel through
[selector] - The event filter string to use on messages travelling through this join

```

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### ***Delete Queue Join***

Delete a join between a Universal Messaging Queue and a Universal Messaging Channel

#### **Usage**

```

deletequeuejoin <realm> <source channel name> <destination queue name>
<Required Arguments>
<realm> - the custom URL to access the realm. Example: nhp://localhost:9000
<source channel name> - Channel name parameter of the local channel name to join
<destination queue name> - Queue name parameter of the remote queue name to join

```

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Prerequisites

### C# Prerequisites

This section gives information on what is required to get started using the C# API for Universal Messaging. The C# API for Universal Messaging is available in 2 different DLL distributions. The first is for developing Native Windows Applications ("Nirvana DotNet.dll"), and the second is compatible with Microsoft Silverlight applications ("Nirvana Silverlight.dll"). In both cases, the Client API is exactly the same.

#### Universal Messaging .NET

Universal Messaging .Net requires Microsoft .Net Framework, which you can download from the Microsoft Download website at "<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/>". The .NET installer will automatically set up the environment such that C# applications can be compiled and run natively on Microsoft Windows. Please see the Environment Setup section below for information on how to compile and run applications using the Universal Messaging C#.NET API.

#### Universal Messaging Silverlight

For a client to run a Universal Messaging Silverlight application, Microsoft Silverlight must be installed. You can download this from "<http://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/get-started/install/>".

#### SSL

To subscribe to a channel using an SSL interface, extra requirements must be met. Universal Messaging C# supports client certificate authentication as well as anonymous SSL. For client certificate authentication, the location of the client certificate and private key password, as well as the trust store must be known to the application. For instructions on how to run Universal Messaging C# applications using an SSL enabled interface, please see Client SSL.

#### Environment Setup

##### Compilation

It is recommended that you use Microsoft Visual Studio to compile Universal Messaging C# applications. Visual Studio will set up the required environment for compiling C# applications. However to make use of the Universal Messaging APIs, the location of the Universal Messaging libraries will need to be referenced such that they can be found by the compiler.

The libraries can be found in the dotnet\bin directory. For native Windows applications the "Nirvana DotNet.dll" library is required and for Silverlight applications the "Nirvana Silverlight.dll" is required.

## Runtime

The Universal Messaging DLLs used to compile C# applications are unlike C++ in that these libraries are used both at compile time and at runtime. At compile time, the location of the library is specified as a reference such that it can be used by the compiler. At runtime this library is looked for in the same directory as the executable. For information on how to run an application without the DLL in the same directory, see Globally Accessible DLLs.

## Sample Applications

The dotnet\bin directory of the Universal Messaging download contains precompiled sample applications for Universal Messaging C#.Net. These applications can be run on a PC running Microsoft Windows which has .NET installed as described above.

The source code for each application can be found in dotnet\examples along with a batch file which can be used to compile the application:

```
> cd C:\SoftwareAG\UniversalMessaging\dotnet\examples\channeliterator
> bulddotnetsampleapp.bat channeliterator
```

This will compile the channeliterator sample application and place the executable in the dotnet\bin directory.

## C# Client SSL Configuration

Universal Messaging fully supports SSL Encryption. This section describes how to use SSL in your Universal Messaging C# client applications.

Once you have created an SSL enabled interface you will need to create certificates for the server and client (if using client certificate authentication). The Universal Messaging download contains a generator to create some example Java key store files to be used by the Universal Messaging server but may also be converted to Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) files for use with a Universal Messaging C# client. To convert from .jks to .p12 you can use keytool.exe (supplied with java). The command to do so is shown below:

```
keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore client.jks -destkeystore client.p12
        -srcstoretype JKS -deststoretype PKCS12
```

Please refer to this guide to create your own client certificates. However please remember that in order to run a Universal Messaging C# client, the certificate provided must be in PKCS format.

## Running a Universal Messaging C# Client

A client can use anonymous SSL, but when the Universal Messaging SSL interface is configured for client validation, only trusted clients can connect with a valid certificate. To enable or disable client certificate validation at the realm server, you can use the Universal Messaging Enterprise Manager. Highlight the SSL enabled interface in the "Interface" tab for your realm then open the "Certificates" tab and check or uncheck the box labelled "Enable Client Cert Validation". Hit the Apply button, and restart the interface.

When client certificate validation is enabled, the client is required to have a certificate so that the server can validate the client. If the server certificate is self signed (as the certificates created using the generator are), the client must also have a trust store to validate the server certificate.

The location of the key stores and the relevant passwords need to be specified in `nConstants`. This can be done by adding the client certificate and trust store to the windows certificate store. The location of the client certificate can also be set by setting the certificate property (defined in `nConstants`) in the application code or by setting `CERTPATH` (the location of the certificate) and `CERTPASS` (the private key password) as environment variables. For more information, see [SSL Concepts](#).

### **Adding Certificates to the Windows Certificate Store**

The default password for the certificates created using the generator is "nirvana".

To add the client certificate:

- Open the Start menu, click on Run and enter "certmgr.msc".
- In the new window, expand the "Personal" folder and right click on the "Certificates" folder.
- Select "All Tasks->Import..."
- Follow the Instructions and import the client certificate (client.p12)

To add the trust store:

- Open the Start menu, click on Run and enter "certmgr.msc".
- In the new window, expand the "Trusted Root Certification Authorities" folder and right click on the "Certificates" folder.
- Select "All Tasks->Import..."
- Follow the Instructions and import the trust store (nirvanacacerts.p12)

You will now be able to connect to a realm using `nsps` and `nhps`.

### **Globally Accessible DLLs**

By default, C# applications require any user created DLLs to be present in the same directory as the application. As DLLs are typically shared by multiple applications, it may be necessary for the DLL to be placed in a globally accessible location. To do this in C# you need to add the DLL file to the Global Assembly Cache (GAC).

### **Strong-Named Assemblies**

Before a DLL can be added to the GAC, it must be given a strong-name. This procedure aims to protect the user from corrupted DLLs. As DLLs are linked at runtime, it would be possible for someone to build a new version of the DLL but add malicious code. The user application would have no way of telling that this is not the correct DLL and would

run the malicious code. GAC and strong-named assemblies protect against this, for more information see [“Strong-Named Assemblies”](#) on the Microsoft website.

### Creating a Strong-Named Assembly

The C# DLLs in the Universal Messaging download have already been given strong-names so this section is not required to make the Universal Messaging DLLs globally accessible.

1. Either open a .NET command prompt or open a standard command prompt and run vsvars32.bat which is located in "C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 9.0\Common7\Tools". Which will set up the required environment.
2. Navigate to a directory where you want to store the keyfile and run the following command:

```
C:\myarea\folder\> sn -k keyfile.snk
```

This will create a keyfile which contains a pair of private and public keys which can be used to protect your DLLs.

3. Now you need to edit the AssemblyInfo.cs file for the project used to create the DLL by adding the following code:

```
[assembly:AssemblyKeyFile(@"C:\myarea\folder\keyfile.snk")]
```

4. Now when you build the DLL as usual it will be given a strong-name but will not be globally accessible until added to GAC.

### Adding Strong-Named Assembly to GAC

1. Either open a .NET command prompt or open a standard command prompt and run vsvars32.bat which is located in "C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 9.0\Common7\Tools". Which will set up the required environment.
2. In this prompt execute gacutil as shown below:

```
C:\myarea\folder\> gacutil /i mylib.DLL
```

The DLL will now be globally accessible on the system. The C#.NET sample applications in the download use the "Nirvana Dotnet.DLL" library and "nSampleApp.DLL", both have been given strong-names so can be added to GAC using gacutil as described above.

NOTE: to remove an assembly from the cache execute "gacutil /u mylib", the file extension is not required.

## Messaging API

### MyChannels.Nirvana API: Creating and Disposing of a Session

Creating a session is extremely simple with the C# .NET MyChannels.Nirvana API. Simply create a new Session object with the desired RNAME, then call the Session.Initialize() method.

```
String RNAME = "nsp://127.0.0.1:9000";  
Session session = new Session(RNAME);
```

```
session.Initialize();
```

DataGroups can be enabled on a session by setting the `DataGroups.Enable` flag, as shown below, before the call to `Initialize()` is made.

```
session.DataGroups.Enable = true;
```

To end a session, call the `Session.Dispose()` method.

```
session.Dispose();
```

### Session Events

- `AsynchronousExceptionRaised` - fired when an asynchronous exception is thrown by the session
- `ConnectionStatusChanged` - fired when the connection status changes, for example when the connection is lost.

## MyChannels.Nirvana API: Producers

The sending of messages is exposed via the Producers feature, simplifying the message sending process across Topics, Queues and DataGroups by using an identical procedure for each.

Firstly, a Producer is created of the appropriate type, passing in the name of the DataGroup, Topic or Queue. Examples are included below for each of the three mechanisms. Obviously, in order to use DataGroups, they must first be enabled by setting the `Session.DataGroups.Enable` flag to true before initializing the session.

```
IProducer producer = session.DataGroups.CreateProducer("Group1");
IProducer producer = session.Queues.CreateProducer("Queue1");
IProducer producer = session.Topics.CreateProducer("Topic1");
```

In order to send a message, a `Message` object is first created, as shown below, then is passed into the Producer's `Send()` method. The `Message` constructor has various overloads to allow the specification of properties, tags and data.

```
// Creating a Message
string msgContents = "Hello World!";
Message msg = new Message(msgContents, new byte[] { });
producer.Send(msg);
```

## MyChannels.Nirvana API: Consumers

Consumers are the main means of consuming messages when using the MyChannels.Nirvana API. They allow simple consumption of messages from both Topics and Queues. A Consumer is created using the `CreateConsumer()` method in either `Session.Queues` or `Session.Topics`, depending upon which type of Consumer is desired.

The Consumer's `MessageReceived` event is fired whenever a message is received by the Topic or Queue being consumed. By attaching an appropriate handler, the message can be dealt with in whatever way is desired.

```
IConsumer consumer = session.Queues.CreateConsumer("Queue1");
consumer.MessageReceived += (s, e) => ProcessMessage(e.Message);
IConsumer consumer = session.Topics.CreateConsumer("Topic1");
```

```
consumer.MessageReceived += (s, e) => ProcessMessage(e.Message);
```

## DataGroups

Consuming messages when using DataGroups is even simpler than when using Topics or Queues. The Session.DataGroups object itself has a MessageReceived event, which can be used in the same manner as above to handle incoming messages.

```
session.DataGroups += (s, e) => ProcessMessage(e.Message);
```

## MyChannels.Nirvana API: Reactive Extensions

“[Reactive Extensions for .NET](#)” (commonly referred to as “Rx”) is a new library currently under development by Microsoft that aims to allow the development of so-called “reactive” applications, by exposing the Observer pattern (as seen in C# Multicast delegates and Events), but in a simpler, more intuitive manner.

### Nirvana.Reactive

The Universal Messaging Reactive library for .NET aims to make use of the capabilities offered by Rx, by allowing the conversion from Universal Messaging objects to Observable sequences and vice versa.

Currently, the library only supports the conversion from Universal Messaging objects to Observable sequences, and is designed to work with the MyChannels.Nirvana API. One main method is included: `ToObservable()`, which converts the messages from either a `IConsumer` (Topics and Queues) or a `IDataGroupSession`. This means that consuming messages on a Topic or Queue looks distinctly different from the more conventional Consumer method.

```
var consumer = session.Topics.CreateConsumer("Topic1");
var query = from e in consumer.ToObservable()
            select e.Message;
            // Subscribe
query.Subscribe(ProcessMessage);
//...
public void ProcessMessage(object m)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Message: {0}", ((Message)m).Id);
}
```

This looks somewhat confusing at first glance, but is simple enough when broken down. The `ToObservable()` call on the Topic Consumer returns an Observable sequence of `MessageEventArgs`, as returned when the `MessageReceived` event is fired in the MyChannels.Nirvana API on the Consumer. The query simply filters that sequence to obtain the Messages from each `MessageEventArgs`. The `Subscribe()` method allows a handling method to be attached to the Observable sequence, just as one would attach an event handler to a typical event. In this case, the `ProcessMessage()` method simply writes the `Id` of the message received to the console.

DataGroups work in a similar fashion. As DataGroups do not have Consumers in the manner of Topics and Queues, the `ToObservable()` method is instead called on the `IDataGroupSession` object, returning an Observable sequence which can be manipulated in an identical fashion.

```
var query = from e in session.DataGroups.ToObservable()
```

```
select e.Message;  
// Subscribe  
query.Subscribe(ProcessMessage);
```

## Enterprise Developer's Guide for VBA

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This guide describes how to develop Microsoft Excel spreadsheets which receive data in real time and publish events to Universal Messaging Channels using Visual Basic for Applications (VBA).

### Universal Messaging Enterprise Client Development in VBA

- [“Universal Messaging Publish/Subscribe” on page 216](#)
- [“Prerequisites” on page 222](#)

## Publish / Subscribe

### Publish/Subscribe

The Universal Messaging VBA API allows you to publish and subscribe to Universal Messaging channels using Microsoft Office products such as Excel. Channels are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) of data (events).

### Subscribing Tasks

#### *Subscribing to a Channel*

Once you have installed the Universal Messaging RTD server, the server will be available for use in any Excel spreadsheet on the system. To start subscribing you need to use the RTD function in Excel. The RTD function is used in the same way as any other Excel function. By entering the function with the correct parameters into a cell, you will immediately subscribe to the specified channel and receive the value associated with the specified property contained in the event.

#### RTD Function

The RTD function is a built in Excel function but the parameters are specific to the Universal Messaging RTD server. To subscribe to a Universal Messaging channel you need to use the following structure:

```
=RTD("Universal MessagingRTD",,RNAME,Channel,Property,Key,Value,Key2,Value2 ...)
```

The parameters are explained below:

## "Universal MessagingRTD"

This is the CLSID which has been registered for the Universal Messaging RTD server. By specifying this ID, Excel will lookup the Universal Messaging RTD server in the Windows Registry.

## Second Parameter

The second parameter is left blank because the Universal Messaging RTD server is installed on the local machine. If it were installed remotely, the server would be specified here.

## RNAME

The RNAME of the realm which the cell should connect to. You may also specify certain configurations for the session in this field. The RNAME is of the form:

```
protocol://host:port?property=value&property2=value2...
```

The following properties are available:

- `user` - this is the username that will be used to connect to the realm

## Channel

The name of the Universal Messaging Channel which you wish to connect to. You may also specify channel specific configuration properties in this field. The Channel field has the form:

```
/folder/channelname?property=value&property2=value2...
```

The following properties are available:

- `eid` - the eid for which to start subscribing. This value is -1 by default which means subscription starts from the last eid of the channel (will not receive any events currently on the channel). -2 will mean the last event published on the channel is consumed as well as any further events published and hence -3 will mean the last 2 are consumed etc. A positive value will cause mean events from that eid onward are consumed so 0 means all events on the channel will be consumed.
- `hwmrk` - the high water mark for the event queue of the channel. This ensures that the event queues do not grow too large without dropping any events. For more information see ["Queue watermarks" on page 221](#).
- `lwmark` - once the event queue has reached high watermark, no more events will be added to the event queue. Once the queue length reaches lwmark (low watermark) the listener is notified to continue receiving events.

## Key, Value

The Universal Messaging RTD server allows you to filter events based on key-value pairs. Here the value of Property is only shown if the event properties contains each key and the value associated with that key.

A Universal Messaging Event can contain `nEventProperties` which themselves can contain nested `nEventProperties`. These nested properties are accessed by a key in the same way as the values are accessed. In order to access the key-value pairs contained within the inner properties using the RTD server, you should use the syntax shown below:

```
..., propsA.Key, value, propsA.propsB.key, value, ...
```

Here `propsA` is found inside the main `nEventProperties` for the `nConsumeEvent`. Inside `propsA` is a set of key-value pairs but also another `nEventProperties` object called `propsB` which itself contains key-value pairs and possibly further `nEventProperties`.

## Publishing Tasks

### ***Creating a Session***

To interact with a Universal Messaging Server, the first thing to do is create a Universal Messaging Session object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to a Universal Messaging Realm.

### **Creating a Universal Messaging Session Object**

The VBA code snippet below demonstrates the creation and initialisation of an `nSession` object:

```
Dim nsa As New nSessionAttributes
Call nsa.init("nsp://127.0.0.1:9000")
Dim fact As New nSessionFactory
Set sess = fact.Create(nsa)
Call sess.init
```

### ***Finding a Channel***

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server, the session object can be used to locate an existing Universal Messaging Channel by specifying the channel's name.

Note that you can use the Enterprise Manager GUI to create a Universal Messaging Channel.

This VBA code snippet demonstrates how to find a channel (for example `/eur/rates`):

```
Dim nca As New nChannelAttributes
Call nca.setName("/eur/rates")
Set chan = sess.findChannel(nca)
```

### ***Universal Messaging Events***

A Universal Messaging Event (`nConsumeEvent`) is the object that is published to a Universal Messaging channel or queue. It is stored by the server and then passed to consumers as and when required.

Events can contain simple byte array data, or more complex data structures such as an Universal Messaging Event Dictionary (`nEventProperties`).

## Constructing an Event

In this VBA code snippet, we construct our Universal Messaging Event object, as well as a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary object (*nEventProperties*) for our Universal Messaging Event:

```
Dim props As New nEventProperties
Call props.put("examplekey", "hello world")
Dim evt As New nConsumeEvent
Call evt.init_2(props)
```

Here the function `evt.init_2()` is used. The `nConsumeEvent` class currently has 3 initialise methods but Excel does not support overloading so renames these methods to `init_1`, `init_2` etc.

## Publishing Events to a Channel

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server, and the channel has been located, the channel's `publish` function can be invoked.

```
Call chan.publish(evt)
```

## Learn More

### Event Properties

A Universal Messaging Event (*nConsumeEvent*) can contain `nEventProperties`. This object contains key-value pairs in a similar way to a hash table and can also support nested `nEventProperties`.

Universal Messaging filtering allows subscribers to receive only specific subsets of a channel's events by applying the server's advanced filtering capabilities to the contents of each event's properties.

In this code snippet, we assume we want to publish an event containing a key called "myKey" with value "myValue"

```
Dim props As New nEventProperties
Call props.put("myKey", "myValue")
Dim evt As New nConsumeEvent
Call evt.init_2(props)
Call myChannel.Publish(evt)
```

The highlighted code shows the creation of the event properties.

Now say we want to add another set of properties within the properties we have just created. The code below highlight the extra code required to add a nested `nEventProperties`.

```
Dim props As New nEventProperties
Call props.put("myKey", "myValue")
Dim innerProps As New nEventProperties
Call innerProps.put("myInnerKey", "myInnerValue")
Call props.put_4("myDictName", innerProps)
Dim evt As New nConsumeEvent
Call evt.init_2(props)
Call myChannel.Publish(evt)
```

Here you see that the inner `nEventProperties` is created in exactly the same way and is then added to the outer `nEventProperties` in the same way that you would add a key-value pair with the value being the `nEventProperties`.

### **How the RTD Server Works**

Excel is a single threaded application which means that asynchronous behavior is limited. Most asynchronous systems make use of either *push* or *pull* methods of receiving data.

Both of these methods have limitations. Pushing data to Excel when Excel is busy\* will mean that any events pushed will be dropped as Excel cannot deal with them. If Excel is required to *pull* from the server, then because it does not know when the data is available it will have to continually send requests to the server.

For this reason Excel uses a hybrid of both mechanisms. Once events are received, the Universal Messaging RTD server will send a notification to Excel to say that data is available. Excel will then respond to this notification by requesting the RTD server to send the data. This does however mean that if Excel is busy, although no events will be dropped, the notification sent to Excel may be ignored. The Universal Messaging RTD Server deals with this by queueing events internally.

\*Excel is said to be busy whenever it is recalculating but also when the user responds to dialog prompts or enters data into a cell.

### **Setting the RTD Throttle Interval**

#### **Excel Throttle Interval**

When Excel receives a notification that new data is available it will only respond if it is not busy\* and if the throttle interval has passed. By default Excel sets a throttle interval of 2 seconds which means that updates cannot be received faster than every 2 seconds. A high throttle value does not mean that events will be missed. The Universal Messaging RTD server queues events and will process the entire queue internally before returning data to Excel.

\*Excel is said to be busy whenever it is recalculating but also when the user responds to dialog prompts or enters data into a cell.

#### **Changing the Excel Throttle Interval**

The throttle interval is stored in the Windows registry but you may wish to set a different throttle interval for different spreadsheets. In order to do this you need to use VBA.

- Open Excel and switch to the VBA window
- In the Project Explorer panel double click on "ThisWorkbook"
- This will bring up a new code window. In this window enter the following code

```
Private Sub Workbook_Open()  
Application.RTD.ThrottleInterval = 0  
End Sub
```

By setting a throttle interval of 0, Excel will try to respond to update notifications whenever it is not busy. A value of -1 will set the RTD server to manual mode which means Excel will not respond to any update notifications. Instead the user must manually call the RTD server to request new data.

### ***Internal Event Processing***

Excel is a single threaded application, therefore it cannot process events when it is in a busy state. Every time an event is received by the RTD server, a notification that new data is available is sent to Excel. As soon as Excel receives this notification it will request data from the RTD server. During this request, Excel enters a busy state and will therefore drop any further notifications that more data is available. If Excel responded to every notification it would be appropriate to simply allow excel to pop an event off the internal event queue and return this data (then deal with the next request) but as this is not the case, a different solution needs to be approached.

The Universal Messaging RTD server approaches this scenario in two different ways:

### **Processing Historical Data**

If a user specifies an eid previous to that of the last published event (0 or less than -1) it is assumed that every event up to the last published event is required by Excel. In this case, the Universal Messaging RTD server will continue to notify Excel that new data is available until the internal event queue is empty and the last published event on the channel has been consumed. Every time Excel requests data it will pop one event off the internal event queue for that channel and update its cells. This ensures that every value is returned to Excel however quickly the events are received.

Once the last published event has been consumed, the RTD server returns to its normal state as described below.

### **Normal Processing State**

Every time Excel requests data, the entire internal event queue is consumed internally and the most recent value required for each cell is returned to Excel.

Every event is processed internally, however only the most recent value that a cell requires is returned. For example if a cell is subscribed to a channel and requests events with property "name". If 50 events are queued internally, each event will be processed but only the most recent value of name would be returned to Excel. This saves Excel from making 50 separate requests for data when it may be that only one of the 50 events contains the property "name". If all 50 events contained the property "name" then returning the value 50 times would cause the value of the cell to rapidly change which is not generally required for an Excel application.

### ***Universal Messaging RTD Server Internal Queues***

#### **High/Low Watermark**

As mentioned in [“How RTD Works” on page 220](#), if Excel is in a busy state it will not request any data from the Universal Messaging RTD Server. Rather than drop events,

the Universal Messaging RTD server will continue to push all events onto internal event queues.

If events are rapidly published onto a channel or Excel remains in a busy state indefinitely (if a dialog box is not responded to), without the high/low watermark mechanism, the queues would continue to grow and use system resources.

The watermarks refer to the queue length and can be set per channel using the [“RTD function” on page 216](#). Once the event queue length for a particular channel reaches the high watermark, any incoming events will be caused to wait which will trigger flow control handled by Universal Messaging. Once events are popped off the queue and the queue length reaches the low watermark, the incoming events will be notified to continue and then event queue will begin to refill.

### ***OnChange() Event Using RTD***

When cells are updated using the RTD function, the `onChange()` event for that cell is not triggered. It is not possible to fully recreate this functionality but there are several methods to produce a similar result.

## **Alternative Solutions**

### **User Defined Function (UDF)**

Excel functions are recalculated whenever the value of that functions parameters change. This means that a function can be created in cell A1 with a parameter reference of cell A2. When the value of cell A2 changes, the function in cell A1 will recalculate and give a similar functionality to that of the `onChange()` event.

There are several limitations to what actions can be performed using this method. For example Excel 2003 will not allow any formatting of cells inside a function and Excel 2007 also places certain restrictions. For more information please see [“limitations with user defined functions”](#) on the Microsoft website.

### **onCalculate()**

The `onCalculate()` event is called whenever a calculation takes place on the worksheet. When an RTD Server is used, this event is triggered whenever new data is sent to Excel. This means the event is potentially triggered very often if a low throttle interval (see [“Setting the RTD Throttle Interval” on page 220](#)) is used so it is advised to keep any code in this section to a minimum. This event does not have any parameters so it is up to the user to determine which cells have changed during the calculation.

## **Prerequisites**

Pub/Sub in VBA uses libraries written using the C# API. Please refer to the C# Prerequisites for C# specific requirements.

### **.NET Framework**

Because Universal Messaging VBA makes use of Universal Messaging C# libraries, it requires Microsoft .Net Framework, which you can download from the Microsoft Download website at "<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/>".

### **Subscribing**

To access the Universal Messaging RTD server installer please contact support. The installer will register the RTD server in the windows registry so that it can be found by the RTD function in Excel.

### **Microsoft Excel Versions**

Universal Messaging VBA has been tested on Excel version 2003 and 2007. The Universal Messaging RTD Server has been compiled using Excel 2003 Primary Interop Assemblies (PIA). Due to backwards compatibility, Excel 2007 is able to run with this version of PIA which means that the same version of the Universal Messaging RTD server can be run on both versions of Microsoft Excel.

### **Publishing**

To publish from Excel, you must set a reference to the Universal MessagingExcel.tlb type library. To access this library please contact support. This library will allow you to create and publish events from within VBA.

The type library is essentially a wrapper for the Universal Messaging C# API to make it visible from Excel.

### **Macro Security**

Publishing events requires code to be written in VBA. If macros are not enabled you will not see any events published as the VBA code is not allowed to run.

## **Enterprise Developer's Guide for Python**

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This guide describes how to develop and deploy Enterprise-class Python applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

### **Enterprise Client Development**

#### **Environment Configuration**

The Universal Messaging Python API uses a C++ wrapper library to expose functionality from Universal Messaging C++ in python. Therefore the Python API has the same dependencies as the C++ API, some of which do not ship with the product.

## OpenSSL

The Universal Messaging C++ Client uses OpenSSL for secure connections. This product does not ship with Universal Messaging because some of the encryption used is restricted in certain countries.

OpenSSL comes pre-installed on most unix based systems. On Windows you can either download and build the source from "[www.openssl.org](http://www.openssl.org)". Or you can download "[pre-compiled binaries](#)". The required binaries for Windows are "Win32 OpenSSL v0.9.8r".

## Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 Runtime Libraries

These libraries are required to run any C++ application. Because the Universal Messaging Python Client uses Universal Messaging C++, these libraries are required. They are available to download from the "[Microsoft website](#)".

## Running the Sample Applications

Once you have installed Universal Messaging, the sample applications can be found in [Universal Messaging Install]/python/examples. To run the applications you first need to setup the required paths by running the Python Examples Command Prompt.

On Windows this can be found in: Start -> All Programs -> Universal Messaging\_6.0.XXXXX -> Client -> [RealmName] -> Python Examples Command Prompt.

On Linux this can be found in: [Universal Messaging Install] / links / Client / [RealmName] / Python Examples Command Prompt.

Running this script will set up the environment and change to the directory containing the python samples so now to run the DataStreamListener sample you can simply enter:

```
c:\Python26\python.exe DataStreamListener.py
```

## Running with a Different Python Version

The C++ wrapper which the Python API uses has to be compiled against a specific python version. In the Universal Messaging installer we currently release the wrapper compiled against Python 2.6 and 2.7. By default the sample applications will reference the library built against 2.6. To change this you can alter the file named NirvanaModule.py which is found in the same directory as the sample applications.

## ImportError: DLL load failed

If any libraries cannot be found then you will get an error like this. Please ensure you have installed OpenSSL, Visual C++ 2008 runtime libraries and have run the Python Examples Command Prompt.

## Creating a Session

To interact with a Universal Messaging Server, the first thing to do is initialize a Universal Messaging Session object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to one or more Universal Messaging Realms.

### Creating a Universal Messaging Session Object

A Universal Messaging Session object (called `NirvanaSession`) is contained within the `NirvanaPython` library so you must first include the library and then initiate a new `NirvanaSession`.

```
from NirvanaPython import *
NirvanaModule = NirvanaSession()
```

If the `NirvanaPython` library is not in the same directory as the application you are writing then you will need to make sure the directory containing the library is in the Python `sys` path:

```
import sys
sys.path.append('..\bin\Win32\Python26\')
```

If you have problems importing the `NirvanaPython` library then it may be that one of the other dependencies are missing. Please make sure you have dealt with the prerequisites (see [“Environment Configuration” on page 223](#))

### Connecting to a Universal Messaging Realm

Once the `NirvanaSession` object has been initialised, you can connect to a Universal Messaging Realm as follows:

```
rname="nsp://localhost:9000"
NirvanaModule.connect(rname)
```

For information of the parameters you can pass to the `connect()` function e.g a user name, you can enter:

```
help(NirvanaModule.connect)
```

## Subscribing to a Channel/Topic or Queue

In the `NirvanaPython` API there is no object which represents a Universal Messaging Channel or Queue. In order to subscribe you simply pass the name of the destination to the `NirvanaSession.subscribe` method along with the `NirvanaCallback` object which will receive the asynchronous events.

### Creating a NirvanaCallback Object

Asynchronously receiving events requires an object which implements the `NirvanaPython.NirvanaCallback` interface. The interface has one method, `onMessage` which is passed a `nConsumeEvent` object (see [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 230](#)).

```
class NirvanaCallback(NirvanaPython.NirvanaCallback):
    def onMessage(self, message):
        print "received an event"
```

```
listener = NirvanaCallback()
```

### Registering the NirvanaCallback Object to Receive Events

Once the NirvanaCallback object is created you need to register that object as a listener on the Universal Messaging Channel or Queue. First of all you need to construct a NirvanaSession (see [“Creating a Session” on page 225](#)). Then you can call the NirvanaSession.subscribe method where the first parameter is the name of the Universal Messaging Channel or Queue that you wish to subscribe to and the second parameter is the Universal Messaging Callback object.

```
mySession = NirvanaSession()
mySession.connect("nsp://localhost:9000")
chanName="demochannel"
mySession.subscribe(chanName,listener)
```

Once the subscription has been registered, the onMessage method of the NirvanaCallback object will be invoked whenever a message is published onto the channel named "demochannel".

### DataStream - Receiving DataGroup Events

Python clients can (optionally) act as a DataStream, which allows them to receive events from DataGroups of which they are made members.

The NirvanaSession can be initialised to receive DataGroup events by passing a NirvanaCallback object into the connect method.

### Creating a NirvanaCallback Object

Asynchronously receiving events requires an object which implements the NirvanaPython.NirvanaCallback interface. The interface has one method, onMessage which is passed a nConsumeEvent object (see [“Universal Messaging Events” on page 230](#)).

```
class NirvanaCallback(NirvanaPython.NirvanaCallback):
    def onMessage(self,message):
        print "received an event"
listener = NirvanaCallback()
```

### Registering as a DataStream

In order to register the NirvanaSession as a DataStream, you simply need to pass the NirvanaCallback object into the connect method of NirvanaSession along with the RNAME (see [“Creating a Session” on page 225](#)).

```
mySession = NirvanaSession()
mySession.connect("nsp://localhost:9000",listener)
```

### Publishing Events to a Channel or Queue

Once the NirvanaSession has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server, a new Universal Messaging Event object (nConsumeEvent) must be constructed prior to use in the publish call being made to the channel.

Note that in this example code, we also create a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary object (`nEventDictionary`) for our Universal Messaging Event before publishing it:

```
chanName = "demoChannel"
props = nEventProperties()
props.put("exampleKey", "Hello World")
event = nConsumeEvent(props, "aTag")
mySession.publish(chanName, event)
```

Note that there is no Universal Messaging Channel or Queue object, you simply pass the name of the destination (channel or queue) to the publish method.

The underlying library (written using the Universal Messaging C++ API) will find the Channel or Queue object the first time the destination is accessed. So if you pass the name of a Channel which does not exist then you will receive an exception.

Other than initially finding the channel, publish calls are asynchronous so the publish call will immediately return allowing the client to continue. This means that if there is an exception on the server e.g. the client does not have permission to publish to the destination, there will be no client side exception unless you use an asynchronous exception listener.

## Writing an Event to a DataGroup

Once the `NirvanaSession` has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server, a new Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`) must be constructed.

Note that in this example code, we also create a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary object (`nEventDictionary`) for our Universal Messaging Event before publishing it:

```
datagroupname = "myDataGroup"
props = nEventProperties()
props.put("exampleKey", "Hello World")
event = nConsumeEvent(props, "aTag")
mySession.writeDataGroup(datagroupname, event)
```

Note that there is no Universal Messaging DataGroup object, you simply pass the name of the DataGroup you wish to publish to.

The underlying library (written using the Universal Messaging C++ API) will create the DataGroup if it does not exist on the Universal Messaging Realm Server.

## Asynchronous Exception Listener

Certain methods within the Universal Messaging Python Client API require synchronous calls to the server. For example the `NirvanaSession.getLastEID` method will request the most recent event ID that was published onto a Universal Messaging Channel. This method is required to be synchronous i.e. must block until a response is received. Other methods such as `NirvanaSession.publish` do not require a response so to make these methods as fast as possible, they are asynchronous.

With synchronous calls, if an exception is thrown on the server e.g. the user does not have permission to get the last event ID then the exception is passed back in the response and thrown on the client.

With asynchronous calls, the client does not wait for a response so if an exception is thrown on the server e.g. the user does not have permission to publish, the client will not know that the event was not successfully published. This is where it is useful to have an *Asynchronous Exception Listener*.

The Asynchronous Exception Listener will receive notification of exceptions that occurred on the server for asynchronous calls. So if the user was not allowed to publish, the listener will be notified with a message indicating this.

### Creating a Asynchronous Exception Listener

Asynchronously receiving exceptions requires an object which implements the `NirvanaPython.AsyncExceptionListener` interface. The interface has one method, `onException` which is passed a string describing the exception.

```
class AsyncExceptionListener(NirvanaPython.AsyncExceptionListener):
    def onException(self,message):
        print "Received an exception -> "+message
exceptionListener = AsyncExceptionListener()
```

### Registering the listener for events

In order to register the `NirvanaPython.AsyncExceptionListener` to receive notification of exceptions, you can call the `addAsyncExceptionListener` method of `NirvanaSession` (see [“Creating a Session” on page 225](#)).

```
mySession = NirvanaSession()
mySession.connect("nsp://localhost:9000")
mySession.addAsyncExceptionListener(exceptionListener)
```

### Synchronously Requesting Events

Although in most circumstances it is more efficient to consume events asynchronously. The Universal Messaging Python API also provides the ability to request events one by one from the server.

Once you have created a session you can create an iterator for the channel or queue that you wish to consume from.

```
iter = NirvanaModule.getIterator(channname,startEid, selector,
    timeout)
for evt in iter:
    doSomething(evt)
```

On each iteration the Python client will request an event from the server and receive the event back as a response. Once the client has consumed all of the events on the channel/queue, it will wait for *timeout* milliseconds for another event to be received. When the client times out it will stop iterating.

Alternatively you can manually request events from the server:

```
evt = iter.next()
```

Once all events are consumed the `next()` method will time out and return `None`.

## Sample Applications

### Publish / Subscribe using Channel Topics

#### *Channel Publisher*

This example shows how publish events onto a Universal Messaging Channel

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Asynchronous Channel Subscriber*

This examples show how to connect to a Universal Messaging Channel and asynchronously receive messages.

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *Channel Iterator*

This example shows how to iterate over events stored on a Universal Messaging Channel

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### Publish / Subscribe using Datastreams and Datagroups

#### *DataGroup Publisher*

This is a simple example of how to delete a DataGroup

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

#### *DataStream Listener*

This example shows how to initialise a session ready to asynchronously receive events via DataGroups.

#### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Message Queues

### *Queue Publisher*

This example shows how to publish events onto a Universal Messaging Queue.

### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Asynchronous Queue Consumer*

This example shows how to connect to a Universal Messaging Queue and asynchronously receive messages.

### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

### *Synchronous Queue Reader*

This example shows how to synchronously pop messages off a Universal Messaging Queue.

### **Application Source Code**

See the online documentation for a code example.

## Python Objects

### Universal Messaging Events

A Universal Messaging Event (`nConsumeEvent`) is the object that is published to a Universal Messaging Channel, Queue or DataGroup. It is stored by the server and then passed to consumers as and when required.

Events can contain simple byte array data, or more complex data structures such as a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary (`nEventProperties`).

### Constructing an Event

In this Python code snippet, we construct our Universal Messaging Event object (`nConsumeEvent`), as well as a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary object (`nEventProperties`) for our Universal Messaging Event:

```
props = nEventProperties()
props.put("bondname", "bond1")
props.put("price", 100.00)
event = nConsumeEvent(props, "Tag")
```

## Handling a Received Event

When a client subscribes to a channel and specifies a callback function to handle received events, the callback function will be invoked with the event as its parameter whenever an event is received.

In this Python code snippet, we demonstrate a simple implementation of such a callback function. In this example, we assume that the event contains an Event Dictionary with two keys: *bondname* and *price*.

```
class myCallback(NirvanaPython.NirvanaCallback):
    def onMessage(self, event):
        props = event.getProperties()
        name = props.get("bondname")
        price = props.get("price")
        //do something with name and price
```

## Event Dictionaries

Event Dictionaries (*nEventProperties*) provide an accessible and flexible way to store any number of message properties for delivery within a Universal Messaging Event.

Event Dictionaries are quite similar to a hash table, supporting primitive types, arrays, and nested dictionaries.

Universal Messaging filtering allows subscribers to receive only specific subsets of a channel's events by applying the server's advanced filtering capabilities to the contents of each event's dictionary.

In this code snippet, we assume we want to publish an event containing the definition of a bond, say, with a name of "bond1":

```
props = nEventProperties()
props.put("bondname", "bond1")
props.put("price", 100.00)
event = nConsumeEvent(props, "Tag")
NirvanaModule.publish("Channelname", evt);
```

Note that in this example code, we also create a new Universal Messaging Event object (*nConsumeEvent*) to make use of our Event Dictionary (*nEventProperties*).

## API Language Comparisons

Universal Messaging APIs for Enterprise, Web and Mobile applications are available in a range of programming languages. The following table provides an overview of each language's support for Universal Messaging features and communication protocols:

	Target Environments			Communication Protocols	Messaging Paradigms		Extended APIs	
	Enterprise	Web	Mobile		Native or Comet	Pub/Sub	Msg. Queues	Admin
Java	✓	✓	○	Native	✓	✓	✓	✓
C# .NET	✓	✓	○	Native	✓	✓	✓	○
C++	✓	○	○	Native	✓	✓	✓	○
Python	✓	○	○	Native	✓	✓	○	○
Excel VBA	✓	○	○	Native	✓	○	○	○
JavaScript	○	✓	○	Native (via WebSocket) or Comet	✓	✓	○	○
Microsoft Silverlight	○	✓	○	Native	✓	✓	○	○
iPhone	○	○	✓	Native	✓	✓	○	○
Android	○	○	✓	Native	✓	✓	○	○

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Our mobile messaging solution allows developers to implement real-time publish/subscribe functionality within mobile phone applications on a range of devices including Apple iPhone and Android:

- *Apple iPhone*

Our *Universal Messaging iPhone API* is implemented natively in C++, and through Objective-C and C++ code offers a core subset of Universal Messaging client functionality which allows iPhone to publish and subscribe to Universal Messaging channels, and to asynchronously receive events in realtime:

- [“Universal Messaging iPhone Developer's Guide” on page 234](#)

Please contact us for a live demonstration, or for access to our Universal Messaging for Apple iPhone API.

- *Android*

Android devices are able to make use of our *Universal Messaging Enterprise API for Java* to subscribe to Universal Messaging channels and utilize message queues.

Our [“Android Developer's Guide” on page 235](#) provides further information, online demonstrations and sample source code.

See Universal Messaging's Language API Comparison Grid for an overview of basic differences between each API.

## Client API for iPhone

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### iPhone Developer's Guide

This guide describes how to develop and deploy Apple iPhone applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

#### Universal Messaging iPhone Client Development

Universal Messaging for the iPhone is provided through a port of our Universal Messaging C++ library. The iPhone development environment supports both Objective-C and C++ and allows resources from either environment to coexist and be accessible from the other.

Universal Messaging for the iPhone is delivered as a suite of static libraries built for the platform along with their associated header files. Dragging the libraries into XCODE automatically includes them in your project. The Universal Messaging iPhone download available above includes all the required libraries, header files and full source for our TradeSpace implementation on the iPhone.

## Client API for Android

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### Android Developer's Guide

Universal Messaging for Android is supported through our *Universal Messaging Enterprise API for Java*.

#### Using the Enterprise Client API

To use Universal Messaging within your Android project, you must reference the JAR file `nClient.jar` for the Enterprise Client API for Java, found in your Universal Messaging installation. References may typically be made by simply dragging the JAR into your IDE.

We have provided a sample Android application, TradeSpace, along with full source code to get you started writing your own Android applications with Universal Messaging.

#### Documentation

The Universal Messaging Enterprise Developer's Guide for Java provides full information on how to use *pub/sub*, *message queues* and *peer to peer services* in your Android application.

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## Overview of Web Client APIs

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Our web-based messaging solution allows developers to implement real-time publish/subscribe functionality into browser applications or RIAs (Rich Internet Applications) using *JavaScript* or *Java*:

### ■ JavaScript

The *Universal Messaging JavaScript API* is a *pure JavaScript solution*. This allows developers to use JavaScript and HTML to build Ajax/Comet clients which can publish and subscribe to Universal Messaging channels, and asynchronously receive events in realtime:

- [“JavaScript Developer's Guide” on page 238](#)

Our JavaScript API is popular because it works without plugins or infrastructure workarounds, using only the browser's built-in JavaScript engine.

### ■ Microsoft Silverlight

The *Universal Messaging Silverlight API* is an C# .NET API allowing the rapid development of publish/subscribe RIA clients. These clients can be run within a browser:

- [“Silverlight Developer's Guide” on page 280](#)

### ■ Java

The *Universal Messaging Java* client APIs can be used for standalone Java applications, but can also be used in the browser as either Applets or Java Webstart applications.

- [“Java Developers Guide for Web Developers” on page 289](#)

Note that the above Universal Messaging Java links are for web-based applications. Universal Messaging Java APIs can also be used for enterprise clients and servers, as well as mobile applications.

See Universal Messaging's Language API Comparison Grid for an overview of basic differences between each API.

## Web Developer's Guide for Javascript

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### Overview

The following sections describe how to develop and deploy JavaScript applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

Universal Messaging supports both WebSocket and Ajax / Comet streaming through our Javascript API. Universal Messaging streams events to web clients asynchronously,

without the requirement for any additional technology components at clients' browsers. The API will automatically detect client capabilities and make use of the optimum underlying transport in each case.

## Server Configuration for JavaScript

### Server Configuration for HTTP Delivery

Universal Messaging can serve web content over both HTTP and HTTPS communication modes. This section discusses the steps necessary to configure a realm server to deliver web content over HTTP.

#### Creating a Universal Messaging HTTP (nhp) Interface

**Note:** Universal Messaging ships with an HTTP Interface enabled by default.

Universal Messaging provides its own protocol, the Universal Messaging HTTP Protocol (nhp) for the delivery of web content over HTTP. For web communication to take place an interface using this protocol must be created. Creating an interface can be done through the enterprise manager.

#### Serving Content through File Plugins

A Universal Messaging nhps interface delivers content to connected browsers through file plugins. Generally at least two file plugins will need to be configured to serve a page using the Universal Messaging JavaScript API. The first will be a pointer to the Universal Messaging JavaScript client libraries. The second will be a plugin pointing to the base directory of the web pages which use these libraries.

The Universal Messaging JavaScript client libraries are located in `/lib/javascript` in the nirvana base installation directory. To use these libraries in any content served from an interface a file plugin with a `BasePath` which points to this directory is necessary. The `URL Path` of the file plugin may be anything you wish, though it must be referenced the same in the include in your javascript code. For example, if you set the `URL Path` to `/lib/js` then the following code must be included in your pages:

```
<script language="JavaScript" src="/lib/js/nirvana.js"></script>
```

**Note:** Universal Messaging ships with a file plugin with the base path `/lib/js` and the above configuration.

The file plugin which points to your web content is configured in a similar way. The `BasePath` should point to the fully qualified path of your web directory. The `URL Path` is the resource location relative to your address. For example, serving content from the root of the website can be done by setting a `URL Path` of `/`

If you prefer, you can host your web application on a different web server entirely. In addition, `nirvana.js` could be served from such a web server. The Universal Messaging realm server's interface's file plugin (`/lib/js` in this case) will only be required if

you opt to use any of the JavaScript drivers that use `postMessage` for cross domain communication (see JavaScript driver details for more information).

### JavaScript Interface Properties

The behaviour of nhp interfaces when serving web content can be changed through the enterprise manager. These settings can be changed by editing configuration properties available in the JavaScript panel accessed through the interface tab.

### Comet Configuration Properties

The Universal Messaging enterprise manager also provides realm wide configuration settings for Comet. These are available in the enterprise manager from the Comet Config panel.

## Server Configuration for HTTPS Delivery

Universal Messaging can serve web content over both HTTP and HTTPS communication modes. This section discusses the steps necessary to configure a realm server to deliver web content over HTTPS.

### Creating a Universal Messaging HTTPS (nhps) Interface

Universal Messaging provides its own protocol, the Universal Messaging HTTPS Protocol (nhps) for the secure delivery of web content over HTTPS. For web communication to take place an interface using this protocol must be created. Creating an interface can be done through the enterprise manager.

### Enabling SSL on the Interface

When the interface is created using the enterprise manager default values are placed into the Certificates tab in the interface panel. To communicate using HTTPS over the interface additional configuration in this panel is required.

### Other Configuration Options

Once the interface is created and SSL is enabled and correctly set up on the interface configuration can be completed by using the same steps which apply to configuring a HTTP interface.

## Serving From Another Webserver

The Universal Messaging JavaScript API consists of two files:

- `nirvana.js` (which can be served from any webserver)
- `crossDomainProxy.html` (needed only if using one of the `postMessage` drivers, and which must be served from a file plugin on the Universal Messaging realm server)

Universal Messaging Realm Servers provide the option of exposing an HTTP web server interface for serving files to clients, removing the need to install a third party web server

for hosting applications. Of course, it is possible to use a third party web server to host applications too.

Here we will explain how to deploy applications in both scenarios.

### Web Applications on a Realm File Plugin

Your application source code, and the Universal Messaging library files shown above, need to be deployed to one or more directories on the Realm Server, and File Plugins configured to provide access to these directories.

**Note:** Universal Messaging ships with an HTTP Interface enabled by default. This HTTP Interface is pre-configured with a file plugin with the base path `/lib/js` which points to the directory containing the above library files.

As a result, both files are accessible via a browser at the following paths on the realm:

- `/lib/js/nirvana.js`
- `/lib/js/crossDomainProxy.html`

To use Universal Messaging, applications then simply need to include `nirvana.js` as follows:

```
<script src="/lib/js/nirvana.js"></script>
```

There is no need to reference the `crossDomainProxy.html` file directly (the `nirvana.js` library will load it automatically if it is required).

Your Universal Messaging session can be started with a relatively simple configuration, as follows:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession({
    applicationName : "myExampleApplication",
    sessionName     : "myExampleSession",
    username        : "testuser"
});
mySession.start();
```

### Web Applications on a Third Party Web Server

Your application source code and HTML files, and optionally the `nirvana.js` library (which may in fact be served from any server, including a CDN), are deployed to a third party web server, such as Apache.

If there is any chance that your client will use a `postMessage` drivers, then you must ensure that the `crossDomainProxy.html` file is accessible on the realm via a file plugin.

If you use the default file plugin configuration mentioned above, then no further configuration is required. If instead you decide to make the `crossDomainProxy.html` file available at a different path by using a different file plugin, then you will need to specify this path as a `crossDomainPath` key in the session configuration object passed to `Nirvana.createSession()`.

For any driver other than WEBSOCKET, the third party web server must be using the *same protocol* (i.e. http or https) as the Universal Messaging Realm interface file plugin, and running on the *same port*. The WEBSOCKET driver does not have this restriction.

To use Universal Messaging:

1. Applications need to include nirvana.js as follows:

```
<script src="/front/end/server/lib/nirvana.js"></script>
```

2. The `Nirvana.createSession()` call must use a configuration object that includes the following key/value pair:

- `realms`: An array of URLs of the realm servers in use, e.g.

```
["http://node1.um.softwareag.com:80", "http://
node2.um.softwareag.com:80"]
```

3. Your Universal Messaging session can then be started with a configuration such as:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession({
  realms : ["http://node1.um.softwareag.com:80",
            "http://node2.um.softwareag.com:80"],
  applicationName : "myExampleApplication",
  sessionName      : "myExampleSession",
  username         : "testuser"
});
mySession.start();
```

For more information, please see [Universal Messaging Sessions in JavaScript](#), which describes in more detail the options that can be set using the Universal Messaging session configuration object.

## Web Client Development in JavaScript

### Creating a Session

To interact with a Universal Messaging Server, the first thing to do is configure and start a Universal Messaging Session object, which is effectively your logical and physical connection to one or more Universal Messaging Realms.

#### Configuring a Universal Messaging Session Object

A Universal Messaging session object is created using the `Nirvana.createSession()` function. Once created, a session can be *started* at will:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession();
```

The `Nirvana.createSession()` function may be passed an optional configuration object as a parameter, as follows:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession({
  realms      : [ "http://showcase.um.softwareag.com:80" ],
              // this can be an array of realms
  debugLevel  : 4, // 1-9 (1 = noisy, 8 = severe, 9 = default = off)
  sessionTimeoutMs : 10000,
  enableDataStreams : false,
  drivers     : [ // an array of transport drivers in preferred order:
```

```

    Nirvana.Driver.WEBSOCKET,
    Nirvana.Driver.XHR_STREAMING_CORS,
    Nirvana.Driver.XDR_STREAMING,
    Nirvana.Driver.JSONP_LONGPOLL
  ]
});

```

For a full list of the parameters used in this configuration object, please see the JavaScript API Documentation for `Nirvana.createSession()`.

## Starting your Session

Once a session object has been created, the session may be started as follows:

```

var mySession = Nirvana.createSession();
mySession.start();

```

## Session Start Callbacks

When a Universal Messaging Session is successfully started following a call to `start()`, an asynchronous callback will be fired. You can assign a function to be fired as follows:

```

function sessionStarted(s) {
    console.log("Session started with ID " + s.getSessionID());
}
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession();
mySession.on(Nirvana.Observe.START, sessionStarted);
mySession.start();

```

For more details on methods available on a session object, please see the JavaScript API Documentation for the Universal Messaging Session object.

## Publish/Subscribe Tasks

### *Overview of using Publish/Subscribe*

The Universal Messaging JavaScript API provides publish subscribe functionality through the use of channel objects. Channels are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) of data (events).

Under the publish / subscribe paradigm, each event is delivered to each subscriber once and only once per subscription, and is not removed from the channel after being consumed.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging pub / sub works, and provides example code snippets for all relevant concepts.

### *Using a Universal Messaging Channel*

This JavaScript code snippet demonstrates how to create a channel object, which allows you to publish or subscribe to a Universal Messaging channel:

```

var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/fxdemo/prices");

```

Note that unlike the Enterprise APIs, the JavaScript API does not support programmatic creation of channels; instead, you can use the Enterprise Manager GUI to create a Universal Messaging Channel.

A channel object offers several methods. Three of the more important ones are:

- `myChannel.subscribe()`
- `myChannel.unsubscribe()`
- `myChannel.publish(Event event)`

Please see [JavaScript API Documentation for Channels](#) for information on all available methods on a channel.

Each of the above methods can invoke one or more optional user-specified callback functions which you can (and probably should) implement and assign as follows:

```
var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/fxdemo/prices");
// Assign a handler function for Universal Messaging Events received on the Channel,
// then subscribe:
function myEventHandler(event) {
    var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
    console.log(dictionary.get("name") + " " + dictionary.get("bid"));
}
myChannel.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myEventHandler);
myChannel.subscribe();
```

See [“Subscribing to a Channel” on page 244](#) and [“Publishing Events to a Channel” on page 245](#).

### **Subscribing to a Channel**

Once a Universal Messaging Channel object has been created, you can subscribe to the channel, and receive Universal Messaging Events published on the channel.

#### **Simple Subscription**

This JavaScript code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to a channel:

```
var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/fxdemo/prices");
function myEventHandler(event) {
    var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
    console.log(dictionary.get("name") + " " + dictionary.get("bid"));
}
myChannel.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myEventHandler);
myChannel.subscribe();
```

Note that the `subscribe()` call is asynchronous; it returns immediately, allowing single-threaded JavaScript clients to continue processing. Whenever an event is received on the channel, however, any user function assigned as a callback for the observable event `Nirvana.Observe.DATA` will be invoked, with the appropriate Event as its parameter.

#### **Subscription with a Filtering Selector**

It is also possible to subscribe to a channel with a user-specified *selector* (a type of filter), ensuring that your client receives only events that match the selector. Selectors are SQL-like statements such as:

- `name LIKE '%bank%' AND description IS NOT NULL`
- `(vol > 0.5 OR price = 0) AND delta < 1`

This JavaScript code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to a channel and receive only events which have a key named "volatility" and a value greater than 0.5:

```
var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/fxdemo/prices");
function myEventHandler(event) {
    var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
    console.log(dictionary.get("name") + " " + dictionary.get("bid"));
}
myChannel.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myEventHandler);
myChannel.setFilter("name like '%EUR%'");
myChannel.subscribe();
```

### Handling Errors

You may optionally specify an error handler to be notified of subscription or publishing errors:

```
function myErrorHandler(error) {
    console.log(error.message);
}
myChannel.on(Nirvana.Observe.ERROR, myErrorHandler);
```

If you do not implement an error handler in this way, errors will be silently ignored.

### Publishing Events to a Channel

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server, and a Universal Messaging Channel object has been created, a new Universal Messaging Event object must be constructed to use in the publish call being made on the channel.

Note that in this example code, we also create a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary object for our Universal Messaging Event before publishing it:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession();
var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/tutorial/sandbox");
var myEvent = Nirvana.createEvent();
var myDict = myEvent.getDictionary();
myDict.putString("demoMessage", "Hello World");
myChannel.publish(myEvent);
```

Note that the publish call is asynchronous; it returns immediately, allowing single-threaded JavaScript clients to continue processing.

To enable the developer to know when a publish call has completed, any user function assigned as a callback for the channel's observable event `Nirvana.Observe.PUBLISH` will be invoked, with the a string value of "OK" (which indicates the publish was successful):

```
function publishCB(responseString) {
    console.log("Publish attempt: " + responseString);
}
myChannel.on(Nirvana.PUBLISH, publishCB);
myChannel.publish(myEvent);
```

### Transactional Publish

Transactional publishing provides a means of verifying that the server has received events from the publisher, and therefore provides guaranteed delivery. Clients can publish using transactions to both channels and queues in Javascript.

Transactions can be created by the user from a “[Universal Messaging Event](#)” on [page 111](#) object and a Universal Messaging Transaction object. The event can then be published through the transaction object to the server.

```
var demoSession = Nirvana.createSession();
var myChannel = demoSession.getChannel("/example/txChannel");
var dataListener = function(event) {
    console.log("Received Event from Channel");
};
myChannel.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, dataListener);
myChannel.subscribe();
var myTransaction = myChannel.createTransaction();
var commitListener = function() {
    console.log("Received Commit Callback from Publish");
};
myTransaction.on(Nirvana.Observe.COMMIT, commitListener);
var myEvent = Nirvana.createEvent();
myEvent.setData("Hello World");
myTransaction.setEvent(myEvent);
myTransaction.publishAndCommit();
```

The transaction's observable event `Nirvana.Observe.COMMIT` is fired after a successful publish request once the client receives confirmation from the server that the event has been published. This will result in the invocation of any user-assigned listener functions, as in the example code above.

Similarly, a transaction's observable event `Nirvana.Observe.ERROR` is fired after when the client receives confirmation from the server that a problem occurred resulting in the event not being published.

```
var errorListener = function(error) {
    console.log(error.message);
};
myTransaction.on(Nirvana.Observe.ERROR, errorListener);
```

In scenarios where a problem occurs, the client may not receive either of these callbacks. This may be either due to server side or client side failure. In these scenarios the state of the transaction from the clients perspective is ambiguous.

By invoking the `myTransaction.checkCommitStatus(queryServer)` method the client will attempt to resolve the state of the server. It will first attempt to do this locally; if it can do this the method will instantaneously invoke the callback method with the transaction status. If it cannot do this and `queryServer` is set to `true`, it will contact the server for confirmation and pass this confirmation to any callback method associated with the transaction's observable event `Nirvana.Observe.COMMIT`. If `queryServer` is set to `false` it will immediately invoke the callback with the failure status.

### ***DataStream - Receiving DataGroup Events***

JavaScript clients can (optionally) act as a `DataStream`, which allows them to receive events from `DataGroups` of which they are made members.

The process for enabling `DataStream` functionality is quite simple:

1. Pass a configuration object to the `Nirvana.createSession()` call with a suitable configuration parameter (`enableDataStreams`).

## 2. Implement the Session.on() callback function.

Processing events received as a `DataStream` is also very simple:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession({ enableDataStreams : true });
function myDGEEventHandler(event) {
    console.log("Received a DataGroup Event");
}
mySession.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myDGEEventHandler);
mySession.start();
```

Note that JavaScript clients can only act as `DataStreams` (consumers of `DataGroup` events). The JavaScript API does not currently support publishing to `DataGroups` or remote management of `DataGroup` members; `DataGroup` management is instead supported by Universal Messaging's Enterprise APIs.

## Message Queue Tasks

### *Overview of using Message Queues*

The Universal Messaging JavaScript API provides message queue functionality through the use of queue objects. Queues are the logical rendezvous point for publishers (producers) and subscribers (consumers) of data (events).

Message queues differ from publish / subscribe channels in the way that events are delivered to consumers. Whilst queues may have multiple consumers, each event is typically only delivered to one consumer, and once consumed (popped) it is removed from the queue.

This section demonstrates how Universal Messaging message queues work in JavaScript, and provides example code snippets for all relevant concepts.

### *Using a Queue*

This JavaScript code snippet demonstrates how to create a queue object, which allows you to publish or subscribe to a Universal Messaging queue:

```
var myQueue = mySession.getQueue("/demo/prices");
```

Note that unlike the Enterprise APIs, the JavaScript API does not support programmatic creation of queues; instead, you can use the Enterprise Manager GUI to create a Universal Messaging Queue.

A queue object offers several methods. Three of the more important ones are:

- `myQueue.subscribe()`
- `myQueue.unsubscribe()`
- `myQueue.publish(Event event)`

Please see JavaScript API Documentation for Queues for information on all available methods on a queue.

Each of the above methods can invoke one or more optional user-specified callback functions which you can (and probably should) implement and assign as follows:

```
var myQueue = mySession.getQueue("/demo/prices");
// Assign a handler function for Universal Messaging Events received on the Queue,
// then subscribe:
function myEventHandler(event) {
    var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
    console.log(dictionary.get("name") + " " + dictionary.get("bid"));
}
myQueue.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myEventHandler);
myQueue.subscribe();
```

See [“Subscribing to a Queue” on page 248](#) and [“Publishing Events to a Queue” on page 248](#).

### ***Subscribing to a Queue***

Once a Universal Messaging Queue object has been created, you can subscribe to the queue, and receive Universal Messaging Events published on the queue. JavaScript supports two kinds of queue subscribers. An asynchronous non-transactional consumer and a asynchronous transactional consumer.

#### **Simple Subscription**

Once a Universal Messaging Queue object has been created, you can subscribe to the channel, and receive Universal Messaging Events published on the queue.

This JavaScript code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to a queue:

```
var myQueue = mySession.getQueue("/demo/prices");
function myEventHandler(event) {
    var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
    console.log(dictionary.get("name") + " " + dictionary.get("bid"));
}
myQueue.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myEventHandler);
myQueue.subscribe();
```

Note that the `subscribe()` call is asynchronous; it returns immediately, allowing single-threaded JavaScript clients to continue processing. Whenever an event is received on the queue, however, any user function assigned as a callback for the observable event `Nirvana.Observe.DATA` will be invoked, with the appropriate Event as its parameter.

#### **Handling Errors**

You may optionally specify an error handler to be notified of subscription or publishing errors:

```
function myErrorHandler(error) {
    console.log(error.message);
}
myQueue.on(Nirvana.Observe.ERROR, myErrorHandler);
```

If you do not implement an error handler in this way, errors will be silently ignored.

### ***Publishing Events to a Queue***

Once the session has been established with the Universal Messaging realm server, and a Universal Messaging Queue object has been created, a new Universal Messaging Event object must be constructed to use in the publish call being made on the queue.

Note that in this example code, we also create a Universal Messaging Event Dictionary object for our Universal Messaging Event before publishing it:

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession();
var myQueue = mySession.getQueue("/tutorial/somequeue");
var myEvent = Nirvana.createEvent();
var myDict = myEvent.getDictionary();
myDict.putString("demoMessage", "Hello World");
myQueue.publish(myEvent);
```

Note that the publish call is asynchronous; it returns immediately, allowing single-threaded JavaScript clients to continue processing.

To enable the developer to know when a publish call has completed, any user function assigned as a callback for the queue's observable event `Nirvana.Observe.PUBLISH` will be invoked, with the a string value of "OK" (which indicates the publish was successful):

```
function publishCB(responseString) {
    console.log("Publish attempt: " + responseString);
}
myQueue.on(Nirvana.PUBLISH, publishCB);
myQueue.publish(myEvent);
```

### ***Asynchronous Transactional Queue Consuming***

Transactional queue consumers have the ability to notify the server when events have been consumed (committed) or when they have been discarded (rolled back). This ensures that the server does not remove events from the queue unless notified by the consumer with a commit or rollback.

### **Subscribing as a Transactional Reader**

This JavaScript code snippet demonstrates how to subscribe to a queue as a transactional queue reader:

```
var demoSession = Nirvana.createSession();
var demoQueue = demoSession.getQueue("/some/demo/queue");
demoQueue.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA,
    function(event) {
        // define what to do when we receive an event
    });
```

You can specify the transaction flag and the window size as follows:

```
var demoQueue = mySession.getQueue("/some/demo/queue", true);
// The true flag specifies that we are a transactional reader
demoQueue.setWindowSize(10); // 10 is the windowSize
demoQueue.subscribe();
```

### **Performing a Commit**

As previously mentioned, the big difference between a transactional reader and a standard queue reader is that once events are consumed by the reader, the consumers need to commit the events consumed. Events will only be removed from the queue once the commit has been called.

The server will only deliver up to the specified `windowSize` number of events. After this the server will not deliver any more events to the client until `commit` has been called. The default `windowSize` is 5.

The JavaScript libraries provide two methods for committing events which have been consumed. `demoQueue.commitAll()` will commit every event which this consumer has received thus far, but has not previously committed. When the server receives this message, all these events will be removed. `demoQueue.commit(event)` will commit the given event and any uncommitted events occurring before.

```
demoQueue.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA,
  function(event) {
    // process the event
    demoQueue.commit(event); // Commit the event
  });
```

### Performing a Rollback

Developers can also roll back events received by the transactional reader. Uncommitted events will be redelivered by the server (possibly to other queue consumers if they exist).

The JavaScript libraries provide two methods for performing a rollback.

`demoQueue.rollbackAll()` will roll back all previously uncommitted events which the consumer has received. `demoQueue.rollback(event)` will perform a rollback on all events starting from the given event.

## JavaScript Objects

### Universal Messaging Events

A Universal Messaging Event is the object that is published to a Universal Messaging channel or queue. It is stored by the server and then passed to consumers as and when required.

Events can contain simple byte array data, or more complex data structures such as an [“Universal Messaging Event Dictionary” on page 252](#).

### Constructing an Event

In this JavaScript code snippet, we construct our Universal Messaging Event object, as well as a [“Universal Messaging Event Dictionary” on page 252](#) object for our Universal Messaging Event:

```
var myEvent = Nirvana.createEvent();
var myDict = myEvent.getDictionary();
myDict.putString("demoMessage", "Hello World");
```

### Handling a Received Event

When a client subscribes to a channel and specifies a callback function to handle received events, the callback function will be invoked with the event as its parameter whenever an event is received.

In this JavaScript code snippet, we demonstrate a simple implementation of such a callback function. In this example, we assume that the event contains an Event Dictionary with two keys: *name* and *price*.

```
var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/fxdemo/prices");
function myEventHandler(event) {
    var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
    console.log(dictionary.get("name") + ": " + dictionary.get("price"));
}
myChannel.on(Nirvana.Observe.DATA, myEventHandler);
myChannel.subscribe();
```

## Universal Messaging Event Attributes

Universal Messaging Event Attributes are objects which contain meta-data about a [“Universal Messaging Event” on page 250](#). A Client can query the attributes of a delivered event to provide specific handling for different types of event depending on its attributes.

Some header information contained in an Event Attributes object can be set by the client prior to publishing the Event. This information will subsequently be delivered to any clients who receive it.

### Obtaining an nEventAttributes object

If an Event does not explicitly have any Event Attributes, then a new, empty Event Attributes object is initialized for the Event with a call to `getEventAttributes()`:

```
var attribs = someEvent.getEventAttributes();
attribs.setPublisherName("John Doe");
myChannel.publish(someEvent);
```

For more detailed usage information, please see the JavaScript API Documentation for Event Attributes.

### Merging and Registered Events

[“Registered Events” on page 252](#) facilitate delivery of partial events containing only the data which has changed to a client. A publisher can publish and subsequently update a registered event through JavaScript by using the `setAllowMerge` method of `nEventAttributes`.

```
myEvent.putDictionary(aDictionary);
myEvent.getEventAttributes().setAllowMerge(true);
myChannel.publish(someEvent);
```

A JavaScript client can query if a received event is a registered event by checking the `isRegistered` flag on the `nEventAttributes` object

```
if(aEvent.getAttributes().isRegistered()) {
    // Some registered event specific code here...
}
```

Similarly, a JavaScript client which receives an event can query if it is a full or partial event by checking if the `isDelta` flag is set on an `nEventAttributes` object.

```
if(aEvent.getAttributes().isDelta()) {
    // Some registered delta-specific code here...
```

```
}
```

### Obtaining the Event TimeStamp

If configured to do so, the realm server will stamp each event it delivers to the client with the time it was received. This timestamp can be accessed through the `nEventAttributes` object.

```
var age = now - aEvent.getAttributes().getTimeStamp();
```

### Other Headers

The `nEventAttributes` object also contains methods for setting and getting other attributes associated with the object. These include JMS specific headers and details on the origin, destination and join channels. To see the full list of operations available on this object consult the API documentation.

## Event Dictionaries

Event Dictionaries (`nEventProperties`) provide an accessible and flexible way to store any number of message properties for delivery within a [“Universal Messaging Event” on page 250](#).

Event Dictionaries are quite similar to a hash table, supporting primitive types, arrays, and nested dictionaries.

Universal Messaging filtering allows subscribers to receive only specific subsets of a channel's events by applying the server's advanced filtering capabilities to the contents of each event's dictionary.

In this code snippet, we assume we want to publish an event containing a string, say, with a name of "demoMessage":

```
var mySession = Nirvana.createSession();
var myChannel = mySession.getChannel("/tutorial/sandbox");
var myEvent = Nirvana.createEvent();
var myDict = myEvent.getDictionary();
myDict.putString("demoMessage", "Hello World");
myChannel.publish(myEvent);
```

Note that in this example code, we also create a new [“Universal Messaging Event” on page 250](#) object to make use of our Event Dictionary (`nEventProperties`).

## Optimizing Throughput

### The Merge Engine and Event Deltas

In order to streamline web-based Publish/Subscribe applications, it is possible to deliver only the differences between consecutive events, as opposed to the entire event each time. These *event deltas* minimize the amount of data that needs to be sent from the publisher, as well as the amount of data ultimately delivered to subscribers.

## Event Deltas and Publishers

Imagine a channel that is used to deliver foreign-exchange currency prices. Let us assume that the channel has a publish-key named *pair*, of depth 1, representing the currency pair. This means that a maximum of one event for each currency pair will exist on the channel at any time.

An event representing a foreign-exchange currency price might therefore be published as follows:

```
var event = Nirvana.createEvent();
var priceDictionary = myEvent.getDictionary();
priceDictionary.putString("pair", "EURUSD");
priceDictionary.putFloat("bid", 1.2261);
priceDictionary.putFloat("offer", 1.2263);
priceDictionary.putFloat("close", 1.2317);
priceDictionary.putFloat("open", 1.2342);
demoChannel.publish(event);
```

Let us now imagine that the spread on this price has tightened: while the *bid* value remains the same, the *offer* is lowered from 1.2263 to 1.2262.

Under normal circumstances, an entire new event would be created and published:

```
var event = Nirvana.createEvent();
var priceDictionary = myEvent.getDictionary();
priceDictionary.putString("pair", "EURUSD");
priceDictionary.putFloat("bid", 1.2261);
priceDictionary.putFloat("offer", 1.2262);
priceDictionary.putFloat("close", 1.2317);
priceDictionary.putFloat("open", 1.2342);
demoChannel.publish(event);
```

Notice that the majority of the information in this new event is no different to that in the previously sent event.

Event deltas allow us to *publish only the information that has changed*:

```
var event = Nirvana.createEvent();
var priceDictionary = myEvent.getDictionary();
// we need to specify the publish-key too, of course
priceDictionary.putString("pair", "EURUSD");
priceDictionary.putFloat("offer", 1.2262);
event.getAttributes().setAllowMerge(true);
demoChannel.publish(event);
```

It is clear from the above example that using event delta functionality through `setAllowMerge(true)` in the Event Attributes object is especially useful when publishing events with many dictionary keys that have unchanged values.

## Event Deltas and Subscribers

In the above example, where the channel had a publish-key named *pair* with a depth of 1, only one event for each currency will exist on the channel at any one time. Given that the last published event was a mere delta, how can we guarantee that a new subscriber will receive an event with a fully populated dictionary containing all expected keys?

Universal Messaging's Merge Engine will process and merge events with all event deltas, maintaining internal representations of *merged event snapshots*, keyed on the

channel's publish-key. A merged event snapshot for each unique publish-key value is delivered to subscribers when they initially subscribe, or when they reconnect after a period of disconnection.

Web clients built using the Universal Messaging JavaScript API can receive any combination of standard events, event deltas and merged event snapshots.

### New Subscribers: Merged Events

A client that subscribed to the channel some time after the above example's event delta was published would receive a server-generated *merged event snapshot* with a dictionary containing the following key/value pairs:

- pair : "EURUSD"
- bid : 1.2261
- offer : 1.2262
- close : 1.2317
- open : 1.2342

Note how the *offer* value of 1.2262 has been merged into the older event's dictionary.

### Existing Subscribers: Events and Event Deltas

A client that was subscribed before the initial example event was published would receive two events. The first event would have a dictionary containing the following key/value pairs:

- pair : "EURUSD"
- bid : 1.2261
- offer : 1.2263
- close : 1.2317
- open : 1.2342

The second event received by the client (the delta) would be marked as a delta, and have a dictionary containing only the following key/value pairs:

- pair : "EURUSD"
- offer : 1.2262

In summary, therefore, any new client subscribing will receive all of the fields in the merged event for EURUSD, while any existing subscribers will only receive the *offer* change for EURUSD.

**Important:** Note that only the event delta is passed to the developer-implemented `Channel.on()` callback; it is the developer's responsibility to make use of the deltas in this case.

### Further Notes

- In order for a channel to be capable of delivering deltas and merging events it must be created with the Merge Engine enabled, and it must have a single publish-key. The publish-key represents the primary key for the channel.
- If a publisher of an event does not make a call to `setAllowMerge(true)` then the merged event snapshot for that publish-key value would be replaced in its entirety by the newly published event.
- If a subscriber disconnects and then reconnects it will again receive the latest snapshot before receiving only the deltas that are subsequently published.

## JavaScript Communication Drivers and Protocols

### Communication Drivers

#### Overview

JavaScript communication drivers use streaming techniques or long polling, as required.

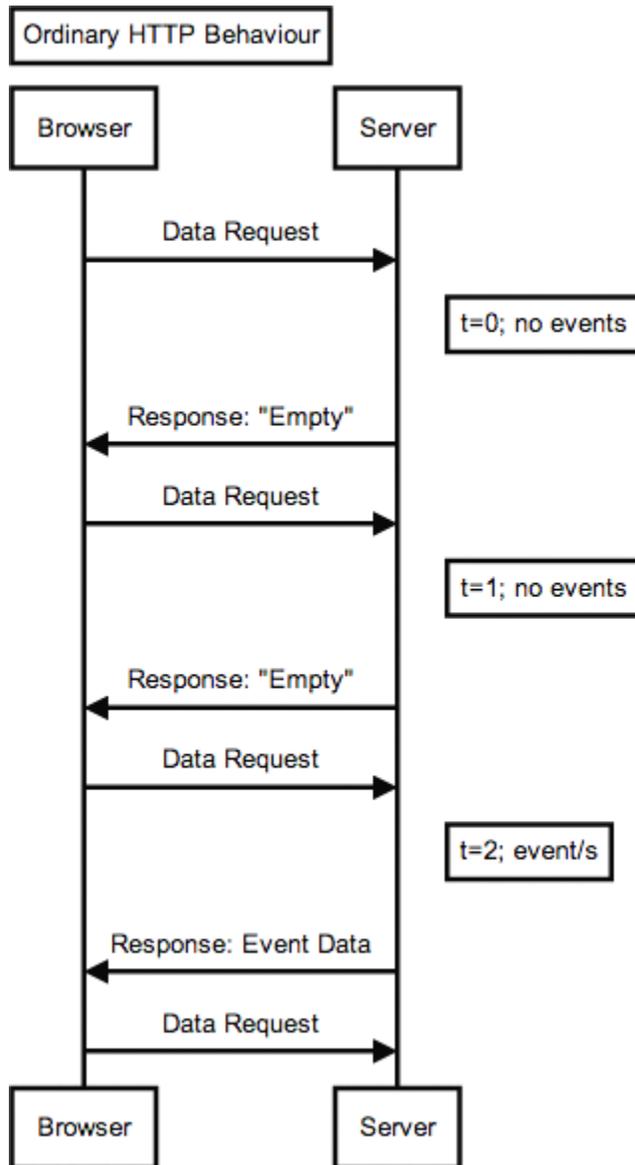
For a full list, please see the JavaScript API Documentation for Drivers.

The following links provide a basic description of the main techniques employed by these drivers:

- [“HTML5 WebSocket” on page 271](#)
- [“Comet Streaming” on page 276](#)
- [“Comet LongPolling” on page 276](#)

#### Standard HTTP Polling

Most non-Universal Messaging web applications make use of repeated, standard HTTP polling requests. Such application requests/responses look like this:



The Universal Messaging JavaScript API is more efficient than this. It implements several underlying drivers for communication between a Universal Messaging JavaScript client and a Universal Messaging realm server. These drivers can be conceptually divided into:

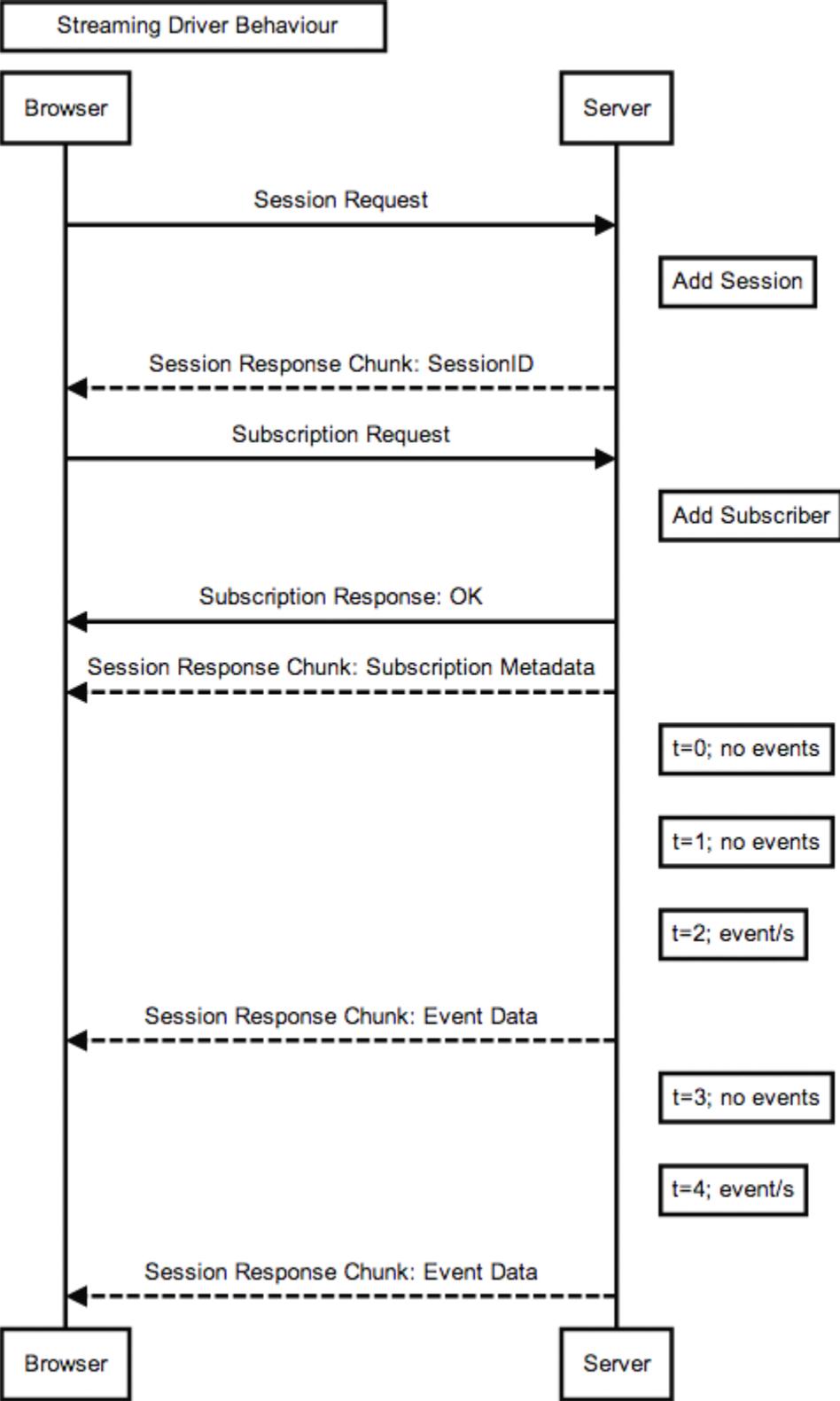
- streaming drivers
- long polling drivers

### Streaming Drivers

The Streaming drivers implemented in Universal Messaging take advantage of various technologies implemented in different web browsers, and various mechanisms to achieve HTTP server push or HTTP streaming. These technologies and mechanisms

include HTML5 Web Sockets, chunked XMLHttpRequest and XDomainRequest responses, EventSource/SSE, iFrame Comet Streaming and more.

The fundamental difference between Universal Messaging JavaScript API's Streaming drivers and standard HTTP polling is that the Universal Messaging realm server will not terminate the HTTP connection after it sends response data to the client. The connection will remain open so that if additional data (such as Universal Messaging events) becomes available for the client, it can immediately be delivered to the client without having to be queued and without having to wait for the client to make a subsequent request. The client can interpret the "partial" response chunks as they arrive from the server.

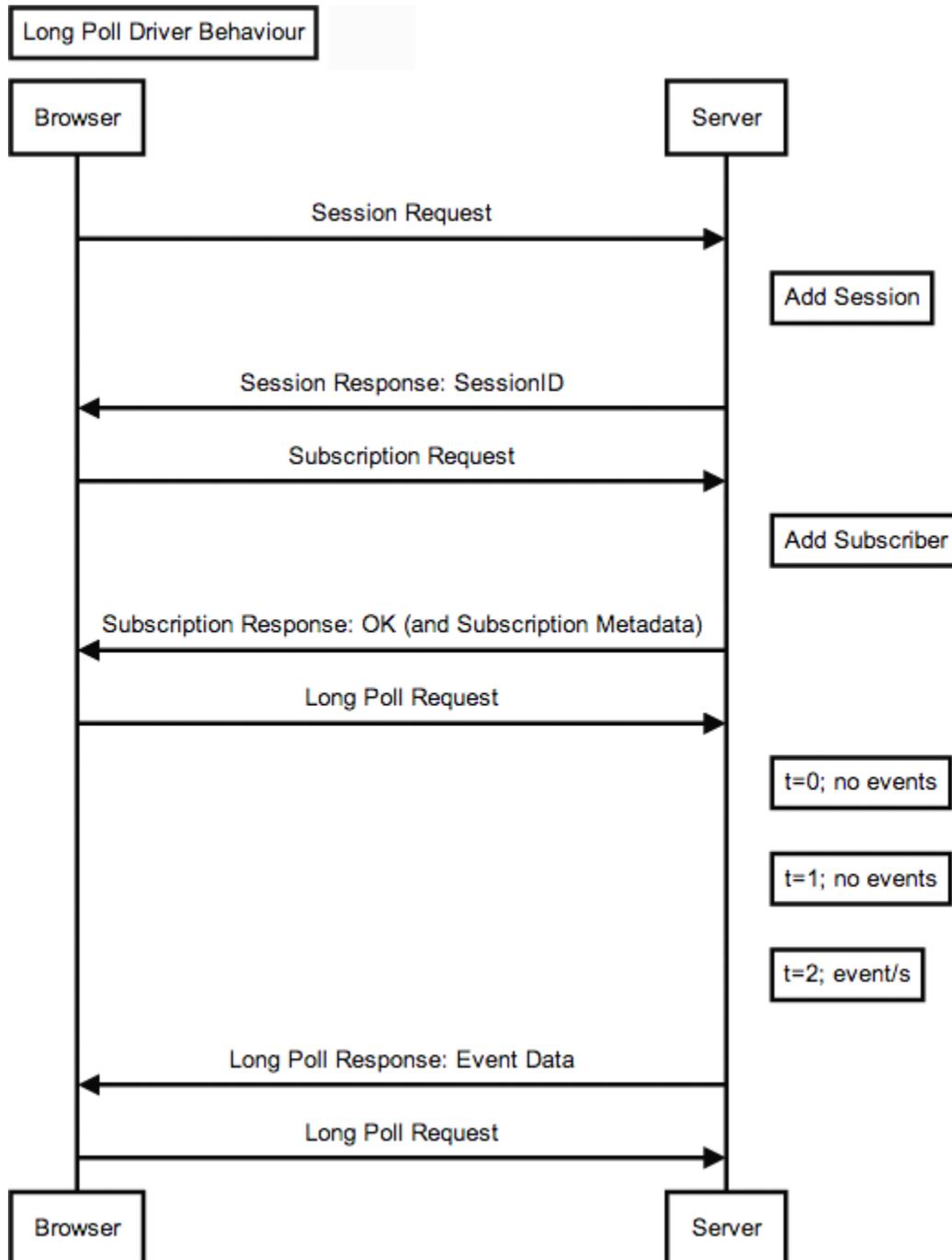


This is much more efficient than standard HTTP polling, since the client need only make a single HTTP request, yet receive ongoing data in a single, long lived response.

Streaming drivers are the preferred drivers to use in a Universal Messaging JavaScript application. Do note, however, that some environments may limit the successful use of streaming drivers (such as intermediate infrastructure with poorly configured client-side proxy servers or reverse proxy servers). In these instances, clients can be configured to fall back to a Long Polling driver (which can be considered a driver "of last resort").

### **Long Polling Drivers**

When using a Long Polling driver, a Universal Messaging client requests information from the realm server in a similar way to a normal HTTP poll. The primary difference is that if the server does not have any information for the client at that time, then instead of sending an empty response and closing the connection, the server will instead hold the request and wait for information (for example, Universal Messaging events) to become available. Once information is available for the client, the server completes its response and closes the connection. The Universal Messaging client will then immediately make a new Long Poll request for the next batch of information:



Clearly, if information is constantly being provided, then a client will end up making very frequent Long Poll requests (potentially as frequently as it would with a normal HTTP poll approach). The Universal Messaging realm server can be configured to delay responding and closing a connection for as long as desired (thereby allowing administrators the option of making requests be fulfilled as soon as data is available, or waiting for a time period, allowing information to accumulate further, before

responding - this latter technique is recommended if a client is likely to receive many events per second).

Long Polling drivers are therefore not true "push" drivers, and should only be used under circumstances where real push is not possible (owing, for instance, to intermediate infrastructure such as poorly configured client-side proxy servers or reverse proxy servers).

### **Infrastructural Issues and Workarounds**

Universal Messaging JavaScript clients are intended to receive data in near real-time. To facilitate this, such clients will tend to use one of the API's Streaming drivers (as opposed to a basic, repetitive HTTP polling).

In most environments, a Streaming driver - which works over HTTP - can be used without problem. In some environments, however, infrastructure components can interfere with the real-time HTTP streams. Here we will look at some possible causes of interference, and discuss how to work around them.

### **Client-Side Proxy Servers**

Most client side proxy servers will permit a client to make a long lived connection to a Universal Messaging realm server (to see why a long-lived connection is important, please see the discussion of Streaming drivers above).

In some environments, however, a proxy server might interrupt these connections. This might be, for example, because:

- the proxy server wishes to "virus check" all content it receives on behalf of its clients. In this case the proxy server may buffer the streaming response in its entirety before "checking" it and delivering it to the client. Since the response is, essentially, unending, the proxy will never deliver any such content to the client and the client will be forced to reset and try again. If the client has been configured to try other drivers, it will eventually fall back to a long-polling driver (which should work perfectly well in such an environment).
- some companies may limit the size of responses which the proxy server will handle. In this case, the proxy server will forcefully close the connection. As a result, a Universal Messaging JavaScript client will automatically attempt to re-initialise the session, and gracefully continue. This should not affect usability too much (though clients will experience an unnecessary disconnect/reconnect cycle).
- some companies may limit the time for which a connection can remain open through the proxy. Again, a Universal Messaging JavaScript client will automatically work around this as above.

It is strongly recommended that you use SSL-encrypted HTTP for your Universal Messaging applications. Many proxy servers will allow SSL-encrypted HTTP traffic to pass unhindered. This will ensure that the greatest number of clients can use an efficient streaming driver.

## Reverse Proxy Servers and Load Balancers

If your infrastructure includes a reverse proxy server or a load balancer, it is important to ensure that "stickiness" is enabled if you are using this infrastructure to front more than one Universal Messaging realm server. That is, requests from an existing client should always be made to the same back end Universal Messaging realm server.

Most load balancers offer stickiness based either on client IP address or using HTTP cookies. Client IP based stickiness can work well (though be aware that some clients may be making requests from different IP addresses, if, for instance, they are behind a bank of standard proxy servers in their own environment). Cookie-based stickiness will work well for most drivers (though note that some drivers, notably the "XDR" drivers which are based on Microsoft's XDomainRequest object, do not support cookies - please see the JavaScript API Documentation for Drivers for more information).

## Choosing Appropriate Drivers for Your Environment

While the default set of drivers work well in a simple environment where browsers connect directly to the server without intermediate infrastructure such as ill-configured proxy servers or overly-aggressive antivirus products, in some cases you may wish to customise the driver set to minimise issues with clients behind such infrastructure.

In summary, to minimise rare but lengthy delays where present-day client infrastructure interferes with session initialisation, use the following set:

- XHR\_STREAMING\_CORS
- XDR\_STREAMING
- IFRAME\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE
- EVENTSOURCE\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE
- XDR\_LONGPOLL
- XHR\_LONGPOLL\_CORS
- XHR\_LONGPOLL\_POSTMESSAGE
- JSONP\_LONGPOLL

AND use HTTPS with SSL certificates for the servers on which you deploy your HTML/JS and for all the UM servers.

## More Details

Unless configured otherwise, Universal Messaging JavaScript clients will attempt to use the following drivers, in decreasing order of preference:

- WEBSOCKET: Streaming driver for browsers supporting HTML5 Web Sockets.
- XHR\_STREAMING\_CORS: Streaming driver for browsers supporting XMLHttpRequest with CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE10+

- **XDR\_STREAMING**: Streaming driver for browsers supporting XMLHttpRequest (Microsoft Internet Explorer 8+). Intended for IE8 and IE9. Note that XMLHttpRequest and hence the XDR\_STREAMING driver can not send client cookies to the server.
- **IFRAME\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE**: Streaming driver for browsers supporting the cross-window postMessage API (per <https://developer.mozilla.org/en/DOM/window.postMessage>). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE8+.
- **EVENTSOURCE\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE**: Streaming driver for browsers supporting both Server-Sent-Events and the cross-window postMessage API.
- **XDR\_LONGPOLL**: Longpoll driver for browsers supporting XMLHttpRequest (Microsoft Internet Explorer 8+). Intended for IE8 and IE9. Note that XMLHttpRequest and hence the XDR\_STREAMING driver can not send client cookies to the server.
- **XHR\_LONGPOLL\_CORS**: Longpoll driver for browsers supporting XMLHttpRequest with CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE10+.
- **XHR\_LONGPOLL\_POSTMESSAGE**: Longpoll driver for browsers supporting the cross-window postMessage API. Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE8+.
- **NOXD\_IFRAME\_STREAMING**: Legacy non-cross domain streaming driver for older clients requiring streaming from the server that serves the application itself. Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE6+.
- **JSONP\_LONGPOLL**: Longpoll driver for older browsers relying on DOM manipulation only (no XHR or similar required). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE6+.

The vast majority of clients settle on one of the first three streaming drivers.

As outlined in the API documentation, the developer can override the driver set and preference order. This is rarely recommended, however, unless a significant proportion of clients are located behind infrastructure which interrupt communication based on the typically preferred drivers. We shall explain how such interruptions can manifest themselves for each of these driver types.

Firstly, a little more detail on how driver failover works for the JavaScript API.

We will first look at how a client communicates with a single UM server:

A client browser first checks whether it supports the underlying technologies on which the current driver is based. If it does not, then it removes the driver from its list of possible drivers and will never attempt to use it again.

If the browser successfully initialises a session with the server, then it will always try to use the same driver thereafter, and will NOT fail over to a different driver (unless the user reloads the application).

If a browser does support the driver, then the driver gets 3 consecutive attempts to initialise a session. The first attempt happens immediately. The second connection attempt has a delay of 1 second. The third attempt has a delay of 2 seconds. This is to

avoid compounding problems on a server that may be undergoing maintenance or other load issues (this is of particular importance if an environment supports many users, or has been configured to use only a single realm server).

After the third failure, if the client's session object has been configured with more than one driver (or if it is using the default set), then it will switch to the next driver, and will once again immediately try to connect and initialise a session. Such drivers' second and third attempts are subject to the same introduced delays as described above.

Next, let us look at how a client communicates with a cluster of UM servers:

When attempting to initialise a session with a server within a cluster, then a client will go through all drivers until one works, as described above. A side effect of this is that if the first server with which the client attempts to communicate is unresponsive, then one can expect a delay of at least (`number_of_supported_drivers * 3 seconds`) plus any underlying request timeouts before the client switches to the next UM server. In a worst-case scenario this could lead to a delay of 20 seconds or more, which is far from desirable.

This delay would be this considerable only when the first UM server the client attempted to use was unavailable. Had the first UM server been available, and subsequently become unavailable (thus disconnecting the browser), the browser will switch to a second realm server considerably more quickly, because:

- If the browser gets a confirmed session to server X, then - as explained earlier - it will always try to use that driver thereafter.
- If, having had a confirmed session to server X it gets disconnected from server X, then it will continue retrying to connect to server X with the same driver for a maximum of 5 consecutive failed attempts (any successful connection will reset the failure count to 0). If the 5th attempt fails, the browser will consider this server to be unavailable, and will switch to the next server, re-enable *\*all\** drivers, and start cycling through them again (giving each one 3 chances to connect as usual). On the assumption that the second realm server is indeed available, a client would, at this point, reconnect immediately.

So one key here is to avoid including realms servers in a client's session configuration object if they are known to be not available pre-session-initialisation. This can be done by dynamically generating session configuration objects based upon the availability of back-end servers (though this is beyond the scope of the UM API).

An alternative approach to avoid such a delay would be to lower the number of potential drivers a browser could attempt - but this will doubtlessly lead to fewer clients being able to connect, so is not recommended.

Finally, let's look at the individual drivers themselves. All notes below are for traffic over HTTP (not HTTPS):

- WEBSOCKET Streaming driver for browsers supporting HTML5 Web Sockets.

In a typical production deployment, one would expect the majority of external client browsers to not be able to communicate using WebSockets. There are several reasons for this:

- Firstly, a significant proportion of end users are using web browsers that do not yet support the WebSocket protocol (e.g. around 30% of users are on IE9 or earlier, with no WebSocket support).
- Secondly, users behind corporate proxy servers will, at present, find that the proxy server will in all likelihood not support the WebSocket protocol, even if their browser does; this is expected to change, but it will take years, not months.
- Thirdly, many companies wish to deploy their UM servers behind standard reverse proxy servers or load balancers such as Oracle iPlanet (which, like the majority of such products, does not support WebSockets either); again, WebSocket support will appear in such products, but it is simply not there today.
- Fourthly, a client-side antivirus product can interfere with the browser's receipt of real-time data sent down a WebSocket response. This is common, for example, for clients using Avast's WebShield functionality - these clients usually have to be configured to use a long polling driver unless they configure their antivirus product to ignore traffic from specific hosts. The issue is that the antivirus product attempts to buffer the entire response so that it can process it for viruses and the like before giving it to the client. Avast upgraded their product to better handle WebSocket last year, and as part of that process they have whitelisted a number of well-known sites that use WebSocket, but may be still being a little overzealous with WebSocket connections to hosts they don't know.

These issues in combination make it more likely than not that a corporate web user will be unable to use WebSockets.

That said, if a browser doesn't support WebSocket, it will fail over to the next driver immediately. On the other hand, if the browser does support WebSockets, but an intermediate proxy or reverse proxy server doesn't, then the WebSocket HTTP handshake would, in some circumstances, result in the proxy immediately returning an error response to the browser. Under these conditions, the browser will retry the WebSocket driver a maximum of three times (incurring the "3 second" delay as per the "back-off" rules described above) before failing over to the next driver. The worse case scenario is a client using a proxy that simply ignores the WebSocket HTTP Protocol Upgrade handshake; here you are at the mercy of the client timing out, as the UM server would never receive the WebSocket upgrade request. Although you can set these timeouts to whatever values you wish, the default values are set to support clients on slow connections - lowering them will cause clients on slow connections to frequently fail to initialise sessions.

For client environments that support it, WebSocket is an excellent choice of driver. Whether you wish to risk a 3-second delay (or, in the rare cases described above, much higher) for those client environments that don't support it is down to your distribution of customers. If you are building applications targeting customers whose infrastructure you understand, then it is worth using the WebSocket driver. If the audience is more generally distributed, then a good proportion of the clients that are unable to use WebSockets will incur a session initialisation delay. You may therefore wish to exclude the WEBSOCKET driver from your application's session configuration.

- **XHR\_STREAMING\_CORS** Streaming driver for browsers supporting XMLHttpRequest with CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE10+.

Unlike WebSocket, this driver does not rely on anything other than standard HTTP requests and a streaming HTTP response. If the client supports the driver, the only issues here are intermediate infrastructure components interfering with the real-time stream of data sent from the UM server to the client:

- An intermediate proxy server may choose to buffer the streamed response rather than streaming it directly to the client in real-time. Some have a habit of buffering all un-encrypted traffic for virus-scanning purposes, thus preventing clients from using streaming drivers of any kind. This is not very common, but it does happen.
  - More common is the interruption of a streamed response by client-side antivirus products like Avast's WebShield (see above, in the WebSocket driver discussion). In these cases, the browser would not receive the session initialisation response (as it is being buffered by the antivirus product), and would eventually time out. This is much slower than failing immediately.
- **XDR\_STREAMING** Streaming driver for browsers supporting XDomainRequest (Microsoft Internet Explorer 8+). Intended for IE8 and IE9. Note that XDomainRequest and hence the XDR\_STREAMING driver can not send client cookies to the server.

Although IE8 and IE9 support the XHR object, they cannot use the XHR object to make cross-domain requests. This driver therefore instead uses a Microsoft-specific object called the XDomainRequest object which can support streaming responses to fully cross-domain requests.

As mentioned in its description, this driver can not send client cookies to the server. This is because Microsoft chose to prevent cookies being sent via the XDR object. As a result, any intermediate DMZ infrastructure (such as a load balancer) that relies on client-side HTTP cookies to maintain, for example, load balancer server "stickiness", will be unable to maintain stickiness (since no cookies that the load balancer might set will appear in subsequent client requests when using an XDR based driver). If the load-balancer is fronting more than one UM server, then this setup can result in load balancers sending a client's post-session-initialisation requests, such as a subscription request, to a random back-end UM server rather than to the server with which a client had initialised a (load-balancer-proxied) session. This will cause a client to reinitialise their session, and repeat ad infinitum. In these cases, if load balancers are indeed using cookie-based stickiness, then you have two options: either explicitly configure JavaScript sessions with a set of drivers that exclude all XDR variants, or change the load balancer configuration to use client IP-based stickiness instead of cookie-based stickiness instead

- **IFRAME\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE** Streaming driver for browsers supporting the cross-window postMessage API (per <https://developer.mozilla.org/en/DOM/window.postMessage>). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE8+.

In all likelihood, a client browser will settle on one of the three drivers discussed above before it would fail over to this driver. This driver is really only of use in environments where, for some reason, a browser is unable to create an instance of an XHR object. This used to be the case in some older versions of IE if, for example, a Windows Administrator's policy prevented IE from being able to invoke ActiveX objects (such as the XMLHttpRequest object). In modern versions of IE, however, XMLHttpRequest is a native non-ActiveX object so this is less of an issue.

The downsides of this driver are the same as those for the XHR\_STREAMING\_CORS driver: proxy and antivirus product interference.

- **EVENTSOURCE\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE** Streaming driver for browsers supporting both Server-Sent-Events and the cross-window postMessage API.

This driver is really only useful to a small subset of modern browsers such as Opera. It does not rely on any unusual HTTP behaviour, and is therefore only subject to the same negatives as the other streaming drivers: proxy and antivirus product interference.

- **XDR\_LONGPOLL** Longpoll driver for browsers supporting XDomainRequest (Microsoft Internet Explorer 8+). Intended for IE8 and IE9. Note that XDomainRequest and hence the XDR\_STREAMING driver can not send client cookies to the server.

This is the most efficient long-polling driver for IE8 and IE9. Its downside is the lack of cookie support. This is only an issue if dealing with certain load balancer configurations (see discussion of XDR\_STREAMING).

- **XHR\_LONGPOLL\_CORS** Longpoll driver for browsers supporting XMLHttpRequest with CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing). Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE10+.

This is the most efficient long-polling driver for non IE-browsers and for IE10+.

As with all long polling drivers (including XHR\_LONGPOLL\_POSTMESSAGE and JSONP\_LONGPOLL discussed below), the browser will maintain an open connection to the server until data is available for transport to the browser. As soon as data arrives for delivery to the browser, the server will wait for a short period of time (known as the server-side "Long Poll Active Delay" timeout, which defaults to 100ms) before sending the data to the browser, and closing the connection. The browser will then immediately make a new long-poll connection to the server, in preparation for more data. Since the server closes the connection immediately after sending any data, any intermediary proxy servers or antivirus products will not be buffering the response in the same way as they might buffer a streaming response, but will instead immediately relay the response to the browser.

Note that if no data is available to be sent to the browser (if, say, the client is subscribed to a channel which rarely contains events) then the long-poll connection will remain open for a limited period before being closed by the server (at which point the browser will automatically create a new long-poll request and wait for data once again). The length of time for which such "quiet" connections stay open is defined by the "Long Poll Idle Delay" value, which can be set using Enterprise

Manager (see the JavaScript tab for the relevant Interface). It is important that this value is lower than the value of any intermediary proxy servers' own timeouts (which are often 60 seconds, but sometimes as low as 30 seconds). A suitable production value for "Long Poll Idle Delay" might therefore be 25000ms (25 seconds).

This driver, like all long polling drivers, is good for browsers that want low-latency but infrequent updates. Long polling drivers are not a good choice for browsers that receive a continual stream of many messages per second, however (as the browser may end up making several requests per second to the server, depending upon the "Long Poll Active Delay" value). In such cases it would be prudent to increase the "Long Poll Active Delay" value significantly from its default value of 100ms, to perhaps 1000ms or more (while acknowledging that the browsers using a long polling driver in such a scenario would no longer be receiving "near-real-time" data). For browsers that are instead subscribed to channels (or members of datagroups) that have relatively infrequent updates, the "Long Poll Active Delay" can potentially be lowered to 0, resulting in real-time delivery despite the use of a long-polling driver.

- `XHR_LONGPOLL_POSTMESSAGE` Longpoll driver for browsers supporting the cross-window `postMessage` API. Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE8+.

This is the most efficient long-polling driver for non IE-browsers that do not support CORS, and is a cookie-supporting alternative to `XDR_LONGPOLL` for IE8 and IE9. See the `XHR_LONGPOLL_CORS` discussion for details on how long polling functions.

- `NOXD_IFRAME_STREAMING` Legacy non-cross domain streaming driver for older clients requiring streaming from the realm that serves the application itself. Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE6+.

This is a streaming driver that is subject to the same issues as the other streaming drivers: proxy and antivirus product interference.

In addition, unlike all the other drivers, which are fully cross-domain (allowing communication to a UM server on a different domain to the server that serves the applications HTML/JS), this driver only permits communication back to the same server that served the HTML/JS. This implies that the application's HTML/JS must be served from a file plugin on the UM server in question.

- `JSONP_LONGPOLL` Longpoll driver for older browsers relying on DOM manipulation only. Browser will show "busy indicator/throbber" when in use. Intended for Chrome, Firefox, Safari and IE6+.

This is the least efficient long-poll driver, but the most likely one to work in all circumstances. See the `XHR_LONGPOLL_CORS` discussion for details on how long polling functions.

### Dealing with Intermediate Infrastructure Issues

As you can see, proxy servers are a particular bane for streaming HTTP traffic. Happily, practically all of these issues can be mitigated simply by using HTTPS instead of HTTP. In these cases, a proxy server will blindly proxy the HTTPS traffic without attempting to understand or modify the HTTP conversation contained within, and without interfering

with it. If, therefore, you deploy your application on an HTTPS server, and install SSL certificates on your UM servers, you should be able to use the default set of drivers with minimal problems.

We would also point out that in our experience all production deployments at our customers' sites are secured with HTTPS (SSL or TLS). Besides helping browsers behind certain proxy servers maintain persistent connections that would otherwise be interrupted by naively configured proxy servers (perhaps buffering for virus checking), or by misconfigured or old proxies (that cannot understand WebSocket Protocol Upgrade handshakes), HTTPS offers clear security benefits and improves usability.

Working around client-side antivirus products is a little more difficult, unfortunately. One option might be to offer a link to a "long-poll-only" version of the application, and to show this link on screen only when a client is attempting to initialise a session for the first time. For clients which successfully initialise a session using a streaming driver, the link will be replaced with actual application content in no time, but for clients having problems, the ability to click a "click here if you're having problems connecting" is probably sufficient.

Other "workarounds", such as remembering the driver that worked for a browser as a value within a persistent cookie (so that it can be reused automatically thereafter), are risky; a client can be a laptop which subsequently connects via a proxy with a completely different configuration, for example. Such approaches are best not relied upon.

It is a shame to abandon WebSocket given its clear benefits, but in a production deployment we would, for the sake of simplicity, suggest the following as a useful custom set of drivers:

- XHR\_STREAMING\_CORS
- XDR\_STREAMING
- IFRAME\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE
- EVENTSOURCE\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE
- XDR\_LONGPOLL
- XHR\_LONGPOLL\_CORS
- XHR\_LONGPOLL\_POSTMESSAGE
- JSONP\_LONGPOLL

This basically leaves out WEBSOCKET because of the risk of a prolonged "failure" time for a minority of clients behind incompatible proxies, and also leaves out the "legacy" NOXD\_IFRAME\_STREAMING driver since this is the only non-cross-domain driver, and it is likely that any production application's HTML/JS would benefit from being deployed on a static WebServer rather than on a file plugin within the messaging server.

If your DMZ infrastructure includes load balancer components that rely on HTTP cookies for "stickiness", then the XDR-based drivers should not be used (see the discussion of XDR\_STREAMING above). In this case, the set of custom drivers would be best reduced to:

- XHR\_STREAMING\_CORS
- IFRAME\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE
- EVENTSOURCE\_STREAMING\_POSTMESSAGE
- XHR\_LONGPOLL\_CORS
- XHR\_LONGPOLL\_POSTMESSAGE
- JSONP\_LONGPOLL

### What Drivers Should I Use?

This example can help you choose a suitable configuration:

Are your application's clients typically behind proxy servers?	Yes
Is your Universal Messaging server behind a Load Balancer?	No, we do not use a Load Balancer
Is your Universal Messaging server behind a Reverse Proxy Server?	No, we do not use a Reverse Proxy Server
Where is your application's HTML/JS served from?	It is served from a different web server (e.g. Apache)

### Suggested Session Driver Configuration:

```
var session = Nirvana.createSession({
  // The WEBSOCKET driver is best not used if clients are behind
  // traditional proxy servers.
  // NOXD_IFRAME_STREAMING excluded as it won't work when
  // hosting application HTML on a 3rd-party webserver.
  drivers : [
    Nirvana.Driver.XHR_STREAMING_CORS,
    Nirvana.Driver.XDR_STREAMING,
    Nirvana.Driver.IFRAME_STREAMING_POSTMESSAGE,
    Nirvana.Driver.EVENTSOURCE_STREAMING_POSTMESSAGE,
    Nirvana.Driver.XDR_LONGPOLL,
    Nirvana.Driver.XHR_LONGPOLL_CORS,
    Nirvana.Driver.XHR_LONGPOLL_POSTMESSAGE,
    Nirvana.Driver.JSONP_LONGPOLL
  ]
});
```

### Corresponding Server-Side Configuration:

Remember to include the hostname(s) of all servers hosting your application HTML in the CORS Allowed Origins field.

Ensure that you have configured a file plugin on the Universal Messaging interface to which JavaScript clients will connect, and that you have configured it to serve `/lib/js/crossDomainProxy.html` correctly.

Ensure that the Long Poll Idle Delay value is set to be lower than your Load Balancer or Reverse Proxy server's timeout value. This setting is in ms, and a good value is usually around 25000.

Ensure that the Long Poll Idle Delay value is set to be lower than any intermediate proxy server's timeout value. Many proxy servers have timeouts as low as 30 seconds (though an administrator may have lowered this, of course). In the Universal Messaging server, this setting is in ms, and a pragmatic value is usually around 25000. You may need to lower it further if external clients behind remote proxy servers fail to maintain sessions when using a longpolling driver.

## WebSocket Delivery Mode

### An Introduction to WebSockets

WebSocket is an emerging HTML5 protocol which provides full-duplex communication over a TCP socket. The WebSocket API is currently being developed by W3C and the WebSocket Protocol standardized by IETF.

WebSocket is supported by all major browser vendors. It is currently enabled in Google Chrome (6+), Mozilla Firefox (6+), Apple Safari (5+) and Internet Explorer (HTML5 Labs only).

WebSockets serve as an effective low-latency alternative to comet based solutions such as [“XMLHttpRequest LongPoll” on page 276](#) or [“Forever IFrame” on page 277](#). It provides browser-based communication which does not rely on opening multiple HTTP communications, unlike the aforementioned comet based techniques.

### WebSockets in Universal Messaging

Universal Messaging supports WebSocket browser-based communication through our JavaScript API. In addition to WebSockets our JavaScript API offers both [“LongPolling” on page 276](#) and [“Forever IFrame” on page 277](#) communication modes. In situations where it is possible to use WebSocket however there are significant performance gains to be had.

In some cases it is desirable to communicate in a secure manner using WebSocket secure (wss) instead of unencrypted WebSocket (ws). To do this using our JavaScript API, the following snippet is used:

Sometimes unsecured WebSocket connections cannot be established because of intermediary network infrastructure such as proxies or firewalls. Some anti-virus software may also block or restrict the creation of a WebSocket on some ports. These problems can often be overcome by using WebSocket over an SSL connection.

### **WebSocket interaction with Proxy Servers**

As the adoption of WebSocket becomes more widespread an increasing number of proxy vendors are supporting communication over WebSocket. There still remain cases however where WebSocket connections cannot be established because of a proxy server or firewall which blocks this connection.

The reasons for this are twofold. Some proxy servers have not been updated to handle the protocol, treating requests to establish the connection as normal HTTP traffic. WebSocket requests are also known not to conform with the HTTP 1.0 spec, causing some proxies to reject them.

Please see JavaScript API Documentation for Drivers for more details of WebSocket and other drivers.

### **WebSocket communication over a Forward Proxy**

A Forward Proxy (often just referred to as a proxy) acts as an intermediary between a client and a browser. If the proxy is explicitly configured it is usually possible to establish a WebSocket connection to a server without the need for further configuration.

This generally works because in cases where a browser is configured to use an explicit proxy server it will issue an `HTTP CONNECT` request to the proxy when establishing the WebSocket connection. The `Connect` method enables the proxy to act as a tunnel between the client and server.

There are two cases where this method may not work. In some situations the proxy may be configured to restrict use of the `HTTP CONNECT` method. In other situations the request may travel through a proxy which is not explicitly configured (a transparent proxy). As the browser has no knowledge of the proxy, it will not issue the `HTTP CONNECT` request.

One approach that will likely grant connectivity in both of these situations would be to use the secure version of the protocol. As the data sent is encrypted when sent the proxy server it is unable to manipulate it in any way. In these situations it will often forward the request from the client to the server intact and a connection can be established.

An example on configuring a forward proxy which works with WebSocket is available in the section [“WebSocket over a Forward Proxy” on page 273](#).

### **WebSocket communication over a Reverse Proxy**

A reverse proxy is a server which appears to clients to be an ordinary server. The client issues requests directly to this proxy. Based on a set of rules the proxy server will then forward this request to one or more origin servers which handle the request. The response is sent back through the proxy and it appears to the client that this response originated directly from the reverse proxy itself.

WebSocket communication through reverse proxy servers using the application layer (HTTP in this case) may work in some but not all scenarios. The proxy server must provide support for WebSockets (HAProxy for example, does). Furthermore the client wishing to communicate using WebSockets must use a version greater than 8 of the protocol.

WebSocket communication through a reverse proxy using clients which use a previous version of the protocol is generally not possible. This is because of a recognised flaw corrected after version 8 of the protocol. This flaw manifests itself because older versions of the protocol included 8 bytes of key data after the header during a connection upgrade request. This data was not advertised in the Content-Length header. Because of this most application layer proxies will discard this data.

Reverse proxies which support forwarding at the Transport layer (layer 4 of the OSI model) can still be used with older versions of the WebSocket protocol. As layer 4 proxies do not inspect the contents of a HTTP requests header (whereas application layer proxies do) the key data is not removed when traversing over them.

When traversing reverse proxies which forward at the transport layer both secure and non-secure communication modes are likely to work. When specifying a WebSocket port to connect to when using a reverse proxy, the client must use the port which the reverse proxy is listening to connections on. It should not attempt to connect to the port which the Universal Messaging realm interface is listening on.

Examples of configured reverse proxies which work with WebSocket are available in the section [“WebSocket over a Reverse Proxy” on page 274](#).

## WebSocket over a Forward Proxy

WebSocket communication can take successfully take place in the presence of forward proxies, providing the client and proxy server have been configured properly to deal with it. This page explains how to configure a Universal Messaging JavaScript client and Apache serving as a forward proxy to permit WebSocket use.

### Configuration for an Explicit Forward Proxy

An explicit forward proxy is a forward proxy which the client is configured to use. The client is aware of the presence of this proxy. In these situations it is easier for the client to establish a WebSocket connection with the server for reasons outlined in the section [“WebSocket Delivery Mode” on page 271](#).

Before detailing how to configure Apache as a forward proxy we warn you that this can be a dangerous thing to do. Before enabling Apache to act as a forward proxy you must secure your server correctly. Failing to do so will provide malicious entities with an open proxy server which are dangerous to both your own network and the rest of the internet.

To proxy requests from your server enable the `ProxyRequests` directive, located in `mod_proxy`. An example configuration file configured as a forward proxy would be:

```
# Example Apache forward proxy configuration
...
Listen 80
# Ensure Proxy Module is Loaded
LoadModule proxy_module path/to/mod_proxy
# Turn on forward proxying
# DO NOT DO THIS UNLESS YOUR FORWARD PROXY IS CORRECTLY SECURED
ProxyRequests On
ProxyVia On
```

```

AllowCONNECT 9000 # Allow HTTP CONNECT on the nirvana realm port
<Proxy *>
    Order deny,allow
    Deny from all
    Allow from 127.0.0.1 # Restrict to localhost only
</Proxy>
...

```

A JavaScript client may then connect using this forward proxy by initialising a session using the following options:

```

NirvanaSession.start({
    ...
    websocket : true,
    websocketPort : 9000 // Port of the Universal Messaging interface
});

```

If the proxy is configured to restrict use of the `HTTP CONNECT` method then the steps above may fail even if the proxy is explicitly declared to the client browser. In these cases it is possible to take the same steps as detailed below for transparent proxy servers to establish a WebSocket connection.

### Configuration for a Transparent Forward Proxy

A transparent forward proxy is an invisible proxy which sits between the client and server. In these cases as the client browser does not know about the presence of this proxy it will not send a `HTTP CONNECT` request to the proxy when establishing a WebSocket connection. Establishing the connection will likely fail using the configuration above.

Communicating with the server using SSL will alleviate this problem. Transparent proxies will usually by default forward SSL traffic. This will allow us to establish a WebSocket connection.

To do this we must configure apache to allow the `HTTP CONNECT` header to be sent to the secure nirvana interface. In this case the example is exactly the same as above, except with the line `AllowCONNECT 9443` where 9443 is the port of the secure realm interface.

The client can then be configured to start a WebSocket session as follows:

```

NirvanaSession.start({
    ...
    websocket : true,
    websocketPort : 9443, // Port of the Universal Messaging secure interface
    secure : true
});

```

To maximise the chance of establishing a successful WebSocket connection we recommend using this secure method of transport over the alternative.

### WebSocket over a Reverse Proxy

WebSocket communication can take place over any reverse proxy which is configured to perform forwarding at the transport layer. Some proxies are able to handle WebSocket communication from certain clients at the application layer. This page details example configurations for the open source proxy and load balancing software HAProxy.

## Application Layer (HTTP) Proxy

Clients communicating using versions of the WebSocket protocol later than version 8 are able to negotiate some reverse proxies which use application layer forwarding. HAProxy is one such vendor able to handle WebSocket communication in this manner.

An example configuration file for HAProxy is as follows:

```
# Example HAProxy Configuration file
# Here we forward all requests on port 443 to our nirvana server
# listening on port 9443
# backend defines the nirvana server to forward to. We declare
# two backends, one for # serving the http page and another for
# websocket communication. Note that these could be two different
# ports (80 for serving the web content and 9443 for the secure
# nirvana websocket connection)
backend nirvana_www
    balance roundrobin
    option forwardfor
    timeout connect 10s
    timeout server 30s
    server nirvana1 nirvanahost:9443 weight 1 maxconn 1024 check
backend nirvana_socket
    balance roundrobin
    option forwardfor
    timeout connect 10s
    timeout server 30s
    server nirvana1 nirvanahost:9443 weight 1 maxconn 1024 check
frontend https_proxy
    bind *:443
    timeout client 30s
    default_backend nirvana_www
    acl is_websocket hdr(Upgrade) -i WebSocket
    acl is_websocket hdr_beg(Host) -i ws
    use_backend nirvana_socket if is_websocket
```

## Transport Layer (TCP) Proxy

As forwarding occurs at the transport layer it can only be performed based on the port of the received packet. To perform forwarding based on URL we would need access to the HTTP object at the application layer.

The configuration file for HAProxy is as follows:

```
# Example HAProxy Configuration file
# Here we forward all incoming requests on port 443 to our nirvana
# server which has an nhps interface listening on port 9443
# backend defines the nirvana server to forward to
backend nirvana
    mode tcp
    timeout connect 10s
    timeout server 30s
    balance roundrobin
    server nirvana1 nirvanahost:9443 weight 1 maxconn 1024
# nirvanahost translates to an ip address
# frontend defines the interfaces for the reverse proxy to listen on
frontend https_proxy
    bind *:443
    mode tcp
    timeout client 30s
    default_backend nirvana
```

## Configuring the Client

The client JavaScript session should be configured as follows:

```
NirvanaSession.start({
  ...
  websocket : true,
  websocketPort : 443,
  secure : true
})
```

The client can then connect by visiting the page `https://proxyhost:443`

It is possible to communicate using WebSockets over a reverse proxy without using a secure connection. This can be achieved similar to the example above except modifying the port (to use a non-secure port) and changing the session options to this port and setting the `secure` flag to `false`. It is however recommended that to maximise the success of establishing a WebSocket connection a secure communication method is chosen.

## Comet Streaming Delivery Mode

Comet Streaming drivers in JavaScript have been implemented in several ways, including XHR with CORS, XDR, and "Forever IFrames".

### Comet Forever IFrames in Universal Messaging

An IFrame is an inline frame within a web page which contains an inline document. The term 'Forever IFrame' is used to denote an inline frame which is implicitly declared as infinitely long. This property of such frames allow the server to continually populate it with data. As browsers render and execute scripts on a page incrementally, the pushed data can be manipulated by the client as it passes into the frame.

The Forever IFrame delivery mode is supported by Universal Messaging's JavaScript API and can be used in all browsers.

In addition to Streaming, ["WebSocket" on page 271](#) and ["LongPolling" on page 276](#) delivery modes are supported.

Please see the JavaScript API Documentation for Drivers for more details.

## Comet LongPolling Delivery Mode

### An Introduction to Comet LongPolling

LongPolling is a variation of the traditional polling technique. In traditional polling, a client sends requests on a regular basis to the server attempting to pull any new data available on the server. If there are no events on the server an empty response is returned and after a specified delay the client sends a new request.

LongPolling sends requests to the server in much the same way as traditional polling. In a LongPoll implementation however if the server has no data to push it holds the request up until the point where new data is available or the request times out. Once the server sends a LongPoll response the client typically initiates a new request immediately.

As the server usually holds a LongPoll request at all times from the client. It is able to asynchronously push data to the client by providing it with a response.

### Comet LongPolling in Universal Messaging

The LongPolling delivery mode is supported by Universal Messaging's JavaScript API and can be used by all browsers. In addition to LongPolling, [“WebSocket” on page 271](#) and [“Forever IFrame” on page 277](#) delivery modes are also offered by the API.

LongPolling is a desirable option when the implementation must support older browser versions, or also when requests must traverse proxy servers which may not be configurable by those developing the application. Other delivery modes often require newer browsers or unobtrusive end-to-end connections.

Longpolling drivers in Universal Messaging JavaScript include XHR with CORS, XHR with postMessage, XDR and JSONP. Please see JavaScript API Documentation for Drivers for more details.

## Comet Forever IFrame Delivery Mode

### An Introduction to Comet Forever IFrames

An IFrame is an inline frame within a web page which contains an inline document. The term 'Forever IFrame' is used to denote an inline frame which is implicitly declared as infinitely long. This property of such frames allow the server to continually populate it with data. As browsers render and execute scripts on a page incrementally, the pushed data can be manipulated by the client as it passes into the frame.

### Comet Forever IFrames in Universal Messaging

The Forever IFrame delivery mode is supported by Universal Messaging's JavaScript API and can be used in all browsers. In addition to Forever IFrame, [“WebSocket Delivery Mode” on page 271](#) and [“Comet LongPolling Delivery Mode” on page 276](#) delivery modes are supported.

A Universal Messaging JavaScript client can communicate with a server using the Forever IFrame delivery mode by specifying the following configuration when starting a session:

```
NirvanaSession.start({
    ...
    protocolSelection : ["streamingcomet"]
});
```

## Example: Implementing a Simple Pub/Sub Client

The Universal Messaging JavaScript API makes it easy to implement JavaScript Publish & Subscribe clients. These clients can communicate using Comet techniques (both streaming and long-polling), as well as using Web Sockets when supported by the client browser.

The code shown below is a fully functioning example of such a client, containing JavaScript connection, publishing and subscription logic and an HTML UI.

In some circumstances you may wish to serve your web application from another web server (e.g. Apache). Universal Messaging supports this also but due to security restrictions within browsers it requires that your application is organised differently (see [“Serving From Another Webserver” on page 240](#) for related information).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!doctype html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
  "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en">
<head>
<script language="JavaScript" src="lib/nirvana.js"></script>
<script>
window.onload = isLoaded;
var demoChannel = null;
var demoUsername = "anonymous";
function isLoaded() {
  /*****
  * As soon as the page loads, we should create our Universal Messaging session.
  * This method is invoked by the body tag's "onload" event.
  * We use the pre-instantiated object NirvanaSession and define what
  * we want to happen once the session is initialised by implementing
  * a callback function, NirvanaSession.onInit:
  *****/
  NirvanaSession.onInit = function(nirvanaSessionID) {
    /*****
    * Now that our session has initialised, we can access an automatically
    * instantiated object named Nirvana, which provides access to classes
    * representing events and dictionaries, such as Nirvana.nConsumeEvent
    * and Nirvana.nEventProperties.
    * In this demo, we shall subscribe to a channel and define what we
    * want to happen when certain activities occur (such as subscribing,
    * or receiving events). We do this by implementing callback logic,
    * either with anonymous functions, or if preferred, with named functions:
    *****/
    demoChannel = new NirvanaChannel("/showcase/simplechatroom");
    demoChannel.onSubscribe =
      function(cname, msg) { window.status = "Subscribed to " + cname; }
    demoChannel.onData = demoEventHandler;
    demoChannel.onPublish = updateUserInputUI;
    demoChannel.subscribe();
  }
  NirvanaSession.onConnect = function() { window.status = "Connected"; }
  NirvanaSession.onDisconnect =
    function() { window.status = "Disconnected. Reconnecting..."; }
  /*****
  * Now that we have defined all that should happen when our session is
  * up and running, let us *start* it. We pass in a configuration object
  * to specify properties about this connection.
  *****/
  NirvanaSession.start({
    domain      : "my-channels.com", // as we are going to use
                                           // realm showcase.um.softwareag.com
    realmHosts  : [ "showcase" ], // an array of realm hostnames
                                           // - in this case just the one
    applicationName : "SimpleChatRoom",
    sessionName  : "JavaScriptDemoSession",
    username     : demoUsername // in a typical app, this would be
                                           // an authenticated username
  });
}
```

```

}
function demoEventHandler(event) {
  /*****
   * This method automatically gets invoked every time we receive an
   * event from the demoChannel (since this is the method we specified
   * as the demoChannel.onData event handler. Note that the
   * event object will be passed to this method as a parameter. We can
   * then get the event's data "dictionary", and read the value of any
   * of its keys. In this demo, we use this data to update a textarea.
   *****/
  var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
  var newData =
    dictionary.get('publisher') + ": " + dictionary.get('message') + "\n"
  var oldData = document.getElementById("outputTextarea").value;
  document.getElementById("outputTextarea").value = newData + oldData;
}
function publishMessage() {
  /*****
   * This method is an example of how to publish events to our channel.
   * We first create an nConsumeEvent, and assign it an nEventProperties
   * object (which represents a data "dictionary" - essentially a hash of
   * key-value pairs). Finally, we call the channel's publish method,
   * It is good practice to wrap code like this in try/catch blocks.
   *****/
  if (document.getElementById("demoInput").value == "") return;
  try {
    var evt = new Nirvana.nConsumeEvent();
    var dictionary = new Nirvana.nEventProperties();
    dictionary.put("publisher", demoUsername);
    dictionary.put("message", document.getElementById("demoInput").value);
    evt.setDictionary(dictionary);
    demoChannel.publish(evt);
  } catch (error) {
    alert("Error: " + error.message);
  }
}
function updateUserInputUI() {
  /*****
   * This method automatically gets invoked after we successfully
   * publish to testChannel (since this is the method we specified
   * as the handler for testChannel.onPublish.
   * A typical implementation of such a function would re-enable UI components
   * that might have been disabled while publishing took place.
   *****/
  if(!initialisedASession)
    alert("We did not get a session to Universal Messaging");
  document.getElementById("demoInput").value = "";
  window.status = "Published";
}
</script>
<title>Universal Messaging JavaScript Tutorial Application:
  Simple Chat Room</title>
</head>
<body onload="isLoaded()">
<h1>Universal Messaging JavaScript Tutorial Application:
  Simple Chat Room</h1>
<form onsubmit="publishMessage(); return false;">
  <h2>Input</h2>
  <input type="text" id="demoInput"/>
  <input type="submit" value="Publish">
  <h2>Output</h2>
  <textarea id="outputTextarea" rows="10" cols="70"></textarea>
</form>

```

```
</body>  
</html>
```

## Web Developer's Guide for Silverlight

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### Developer's Guide for Silverlight

This guide describes how to develop and deploy Microsoft Silverlight applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

#### Universal Messaging Web Client Development in Microsoft Silverlight

Please refer to the Universal Messaging C# Developer's Guide for more information on developing Silverlight clients.

### Silverlight Deployment

We provide a separate 'Tradespace Demos' download that contains a fully working Silverlight application called Tradespace. When you follow the instructions, you are able to load the Silverlight Tradespace demo application from your Universal Messaging realm.

The setup of the demos performs the following actions:

- Adds an http interface on port 8080
- Adds a file plugin to your this interface (this enables the Universal Messaging server to act as a web server and serve content to browsers)
- Creates the required channels in the realm used by the Tradespace demos.

Running through the demos setup is the simplest way to get started with Universal Messaging and deployment of a Silverlight application - in this case the Tradespace Silverlight demo. You can of course go through the individual steps described above yourself and deploy your own Silverlight application.

#### Channel ACLs

When creating a Silverlight application, it is worth remembering to correctly set the ACLs for both the realm(s) and channel(s) used, to ensure that the application is able to access the Universal Messaging server. This can easily be performed using the Enterprise Manager.

#### Silverlight's Client Access Policy File

When deploying a Silverlight application on a different host to the Universal Messaging server, Silverlight requires the use of a client access policy file to validate that the connection is permitted. For example :

- you deploy your Silverlight application from webhost1.yourdomain.com:80

- your Universal Messaging server is located on nirvanahost1.yourdomain.com:80

When Silverlight detects a connect attempt outside of the host from which the application was downloaded, it makes a request for the policy file from the host you are making the connection to. When using an nhp (HTTP) or nhps (HTTPS) RNAME to connect to the Universal Messaging realm, Silverlight makes a GET request for a clientaccesspolicy.xml file from the root of the web server (in this case, the file plugin running on the Universal Messaging server HTTP or HTTPS interface). If no clientaccesspolicy.xml is found, it then makes a second GET for a crossdomain.xml file, again from the root of the file plugin.

An example of a clientaccesspolicy.xml file for Silverlight clients is shown below. This example should not be used for anything other than testing purposes, as it essentially allows open access to and from all domains. For more information on cross domain access with Silverlight, and configuring the clientaccesspolicy.xml file, see the “[Microsoft MSDN guide](#)”.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<access-policy>
  <cross-domain-access>
    <policy>
      <allow-from http-request-headers="*">
        <domain uri="*" />
      </allow-from>
      <grant-to>
        <resource path="/" include-subpaths="true" />
      </grant-to>
    </policy>
  </cross-domain-access>
</access-policy>
```

## Examples

### Live Stock Chart

This example demonstrates how to subscribe to a Universal Messaging channel and chart prices received in real-time events.

#### Application Source Code

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net;
using System.Threading;
using System.Windows;
using System.Windows.Controls;
using System.Windows.Documents;
using System.Windows.Input;
using System.Windows.Media;
using System.Windows.Media.Animation;
using System.Windows.Shapes;
```

```

using com.pcbsys.nirvana.client;
using Visifire.Charts;
namespace Silverlight_LiveStockChart
{
    public partial class Page : UserControl, nEventListener, nReconnectHandler
    {
        private bool started;
        public nSession mySession;
        public Thread sessionThread;
        private long myEventCount=0;
        private const string RNAME = "nhps://showcase.um.softwareag.com:443";
        private const string RATES_CHANNEL = "/showcase/stockhistory";
        public Page()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
            CreateChart();
            StartupProgressDialog.IsOpen = true;
            sessionThread = new Thread(new ThreadStart(startSubscribers));
            sessionThread.IsBackground = true;
            sessionThread.Start();
            App.Current.Host.Content.Resized += (s, e) =>
            {
                theBack.Width = App.Current.Host.Content.ActualWidth;
                theBack.Height = App.Current.Host.Content.ActualHeight;
            };
        }
        public void disconnected(nSession anSession)
        {
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage), "Disconnected...");
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible), true);
            Console.WriteLine("Disconnected");
        }
        public void reconnected(nSession anSession)
        {
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible), false);
            Console.WriteLine("Reconnected");
        }
        public bool tryAgain(nSession anSession)
        {
            return true;
        }
        public void go(nConsumeEvent evt)
        {
            if (evt.getChannelName().Equals(RATES_CHANNEL))
            {
                myEventCount++;
                if (myEventCount>=100)
                {
                    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                        setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible),
                        false);
                }
                nEventProperties nep = evt.getProperties();
                nEventAttributes nea = evt.getAttributes();
                long tval = nea.getTimestamp();
                DateTime ttime = ConvertJavaMiliSecondToDateTime(tval);
                myChart.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                    RatesDataDelegate(updateRatesGrid), ttime.ToShortTimeString(),
                    nep.get("value").ToString());
                return;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
}
public DateTime ConvertJavaMiliSecondToDateTime(long javaMS)
{
    DateTime UTCBaseTime = new DateTime(1970, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0,
        DateTimeKind.Utc);
    DateTime dt = UTCBaseTime.Add(new TimeSpan(javaMS *
        TimeSpan.TicksPerMillisecond)).ToLocalTime();
    return dt;
}
public delegate void RatesDataDelegate(String index, String ival);
private void updateRatesGrid(String time, String ival)
{
    DataPoint dataPoint = new DataPoint();
    // Set YValue for a DataPoint
    dataPoint.YValue = Double.Parse(ival);
    dataPoint.AxisXLabel = time;
    // Add dataPoint to DataPoints collection.
    myChart.Series[0].DataPoints.Add(dataPoint);
}
public delegate void setProgressBarMessage(String message);
public void updateStatusMessage(String message)
{
    myStatusMessage.Text = message;
}
public delegate void setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(Boolean flag);
public void setOverlayPanelVisible(Boolean flag)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.IsOpen = flag;
}
public void startSubscribers()
{
    if (!started)
    {
        try
        {
            nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME, 5);
            mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this, "SilverDemoUser");
            mySession.init();
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage),
                "Subscribing to Rates...");
            nChannelAttributes ncaindices = new nChannelAttributes();
            ncaindices.setName(RATES_CHANNEL);
            nChannel myRatesChannel = mySession.findChannel(ncaindices);
            myRatesChannel.addSubscriber(this, 0);
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage),
                "Waiting for 100 events to create chart...");
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Error starting subscribers: " + e.Message);
            Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
        }
        started = true;
    }
}
/// <summary>
/// Function to create a Visifire Chart
/// </summary>
public void CreateChart()
{

```

```

        // Create a new instance of Title
        Title title = new Title();
        // Set title property
        title.Text = "NSL PLC.";
        // Add title to Titles collection
        myChart.Titles.Add(title);
    }
}

```

## Live Stock Indices

This example demonstrates how to subscribe to a Universal Messaging channel and render prices received in real-time events.

### Application Source Code

```

using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Collections.ObjectModel;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net;
using System.Threading;
using System.Windows;
using System.Windows.Controls;
using System.Windows.Documents;
using System.Windows.Input;
using System.Windows.Media;
using System.Windows.Media.Animation;
using System.Windows.Shapes;
using com.pcbsys.nirvana.client;
namespace Silverlight_LiveStockIndices
{
    public partial class Page : UserControl, nReconnectHandler, nEventListener
    {
        private bool started;
        public nSession mySession;
        public ObservableCollection<RatesData> myRatesDataListSource =
            new ObservableCollection<RatesData>();
        public Thread sessionThread;
        private const string RNAME = "nhps://showcase.um.softwareag.com:443";
        private const string RATES_CHANNEL = "/showcase/stockindices";
        public Page()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
            StartupProgressDialog.IsOpen = true;
            myIndexGrid.ItemsSource = this.myRatesDataListSource;
            myIndexGrid.IsReadOnly = true;
            App.Current.Host.Content.Resized += (s, e) =>
            {
                theBack.Width = App.Current.Host.Content.ActualWidth;
                theBack.Height = App.Current.Host.Content.ActualHeight;
            };
            sessionThread = new Thread(new ThreadStart(startSubscribers));
            sessionThread.IsBackground = true;
            sessionThread.Start();
        }
        public void startSubscribers()
        {
            if (!started)
            {
                try

```

```

        {
            nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME, 5);
            mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this, "SilverDemoUser");
            mySession.init();
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage),
                "Subscribing to Rates...");
            nChannelAttributes ncaindices = new nChannelAttributes();
            ncaindices.setName(RATES_CHANNEL);
            nChannel myRatesChannel = mySession.findChannel(ncaindices);
            myRatesChannel.addSubscriber(this, 0);
            StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible),
                false);
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            Console.WriteLine("Error starting subscribers: " + e.Message);
            Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
        }
        started = true;
    }
}

public delegate void setProgressBarMessage(String message);
public void updateStatusMessage(String message)
{
    myStatusMessage.Text = message;
}

public delegate void setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(Boolean flag);
public void setOverlayPanelVisible(Boolean flag)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.IsOpen = flag;
}

public void disconnected(nSession anSession)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
        setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage), "Disconnected...");
    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
        setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible), true);
    Console.WriteLine("Disconnected");
}

public void reconnected(nSession anSession)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
        setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible), false);
    Console.WriteLine("Reconnected");
}

public bool tryAgain(nSession anSession)
{
    return true;
}

public void go(nConsumeEvent evt)
{
    if (evt.getChannelName().Equals(RATES_CHANNEL))
    {
        nEventProperties nep = evt.getProperties();
        myIndexGrid.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
            RatesDataDelegate(updateRatesGrid), nep.getString("name"),
            nep.get("value").ToString());
        return;
    }
}

public delegate void RatesDataDelegate(String index, String ival);

```

```

private void updateRatesGrid(String index, String ival)
{
    try
    {
        Boolean found = false;
        foreach (RatesData item in myRatesDataListSource)
        {
            if (item.Index.Equals(index))
            {
                if (item.Price != ival)
                {
                    item.Price = ival;
                    int currentidx = myRatesDataListSource.IndexOf(item);
                    myRatesDataListSource.Remove(item);
                    myRatesDataListSource.Insert(currentidx,
                        new RatesData() {Index = index, Price = ival});
                    myIndexGrid.SelectedIndex = currentidx;
                }
                found = true;
            }
        }
        if (!found)
        {
            RatesData newratesd = new RatesData() { Index = index,
                Price = ival };
            myRatesDataListSource.Insert(0, newratesd);
            myIndexGrid.SelectedIndex = 0;
        }
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Error updateing index grid");
        Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
    }
}
}
}

```

## Simple Chat Room

This example demonstrates how to subscribe and publish to a Universal Messaging channel.

### Application Source Code

```

using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Collections.ObjectModel;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net;
using System.Threading;
using System.Windows;
using System.Windows.Controls;
using System.Windows.Documents;
using System.Windows.Input;
using System.Windows.Media;
using System.Windows.Media.Animation;
using System.Windows.Shapes;
using com.pcbsys.nirvana.client;
namespace Silverlight_SimpleChatRoom
{
    public partial class Page : UserControl, nEventListener, nReconnectHandler

```

```

{
    private bool started;
    public nSession mySession;
    private ObservableCollection<ChatData> myChatDataListSource =
        new ObservableCollection<ChatData>();
    public Thread sessionThread;
    private nChannel myChatChannel;
    private const string RNAME = "nhps://showcase.um.softwareag.com:443";
    private const string CHAT_CHANNEL = "/showcase/simplechatroom";
    public Page()
    {
        InitializeComponent();
        StartupProgressDialog.IsOpen = true;
        lstChat.ItemsSource = this.myChatDataListSource;
        sessionThread = new Thread(new ThreadStart(startSubscribers));
        sessionThread.IsBackground = true;
        sessionThread.Start();
        App.Current.Host.Content.Resized += (s, e) =>
        {
            theBack.Width = App.Current.Host.Content.ActualWidth;
            theBack.Height = App.Current.Host.Content.ActualHeight;
        };
    }
    public void startSubscribers()
    {
        if (!started)
        {
            try
            {
                nSessionAttributes nsa = new nSessionAttributes(RNAME, 5);
                mySession = nSessionFactory.create(nsa, this, "SilverDemoUser");
                mySession.init();
                StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                    setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage),
                    "Subscribing to Chat...");
                nChannelAttributes ncachat = new nChannelAttributes();
                ncachat.setName(CHAT_CHANNEL);
                myChatChannel = mySession.findChannel(ncachat);
                myChatChannel.addSubscriber(this, 0);
                StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                    setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible),
                    false);
            }
            catch (Exception e)
            {
                Console.WriteLine("Error starting subscribers: " + e.Message);
                Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
            }
            started = true;
        }
    }
    public void go(nConsumeEvent evt)
    {
        if (evt.getChannelName().Equals(CHAT_CHANNEL))
        {
            nEventProperties nep = evt.getProperties();
            String msg = nep.getString("message");
            String sender = nep.getString("sender");
            nEventAttributes nea = evt.getAttributes();
            long tval = nea.getTimestamp();
            DateTime ttime = ConvertJavaMiliSecondToDateTime(tval);
            lstChat.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
                ChatDataDelegate(updateChatList), sender, msg, ttime.ToString());
        }
    }
}

```

```

        return;
    }
}
private void Send_Button_Click(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
{
    if (txtMessage.Text == null) return;
    //to handle enter key pressed in general
    String senderuser = "SilverUser" + (" " +
        mySession.getSessionConnectionId()).Substring(13);
    String message = txtMessage.Text;
    nEventProperties props = new nEventProperties();
    props.put("sender", senderuser);
    props.put("message", message);
    nConsumeEvent evt = new nConsumeEvent(props, "chatmsg");
    myChatChannel.publish(evt);
    txtMessage.Text = "";
}
public DateTime ConvertJavaMiliSecondToDateTime(long javaMS)
{
    DateTime UTCBaseTime = new DateTime(1970, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0,
        DateTimeKind.Utc);
    DateTime dt = UTCBaseTime.Add(new TimeSpan(javaMS *
        TimeSpan.TicksPerMillisecond)).ToLocalTime();
    return dt;
}
public delegate void ChatDataDelegate(String sender, String message,
    String timestamp);
public void updateChatList(String sender, String message, String timestamp)
{
    ChatData somechatmessage = new ChatData() { Message = message,
        Sender = sender, TimeStamp = timestamp };
    myChatDataListSource.Insert(0, somechatmessage);
}
public delegate void setProgressBarMessage(String message);
public void updateStatusMessage(String message)
{
    myStatusMessage.Text = message;
}
public delegate void setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(Boolean flag);
public void setOverlayPanelVisible(Boolean flag)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.IsOpen = flag;
}
public void disconnected(nSession anSession)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
        setProgressBarMessage(updateStatusMessage), "Disconnected...");
    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
        setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible), true);
    Console.WriteLine("Disconnected");
}
public void reconnected(nSession anSession)
{
    StartupProgressDialog.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(new
        setOverlayPanelVisibleDelegate(setOverlayPanelVisible), false);
    Console.WriteLine("Reconnected");
}
public bool tryAgain(nSession anSession)
{
    return true;
}
private void txtMessage_KeyDown(object sender, KeyEventArgs e)
{

```

```
if (e.Key == Key.Enter && txtMessage.Text != null &&
    txtMessage.Text.Trim().Length>0)
{
    //Handle Enter Here.
    e.Handled = true;
    Send_Button_Click(sender, e);
}
else
{
    e.Handled = false;
}
}
```

## Web Developer's Guide for Java

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### Web Developer's Guide for Java

This guide describes how to develop and deploy Java Web applications using Universal Messaging, and assumes you already have Universal Messaging installed.

#### Universal Messaging Web Client Development in Java

Universal Messaging Web Clients have access to the Universal Messaging Enterprise API for Java, which has been streamlined to provide our full messaging capability via a very small client library which is easily deployed as an applet or a Java Web Start application.

Please refer to the Universal Messaging Enterprise Java Development Guide for more information on Java Client Development.

### Deploying Java Applications using Java Web Start

This guide describes the basic concepts for deploying feature rich Java applications using Java Web Start.

#### Java Web Start

Java Web Start enables applications to be deployed quickly and easily launched from a web server. Once launched using Web Start, an application can subsequently be directly launched using a desktop link on the client machine.

#### Basics

Typically, an application written in Java can be deployed quickly with a few simple steps. Java Web Start applications require all resources to be located within one or more jar files. Once you have packaged up your resources (classes, images etc.) into your jar file(s), you need to create a Java Network Launching Protocol (JNLP) file to be placed onto your web server. This file specifies all the properties required by your application, as well as any Web Start instructions required in order to launch the application.

## Example JNLP (Tradespace)

Our sample Tradespace application is a good example of a Web Start application that uses the Universal Messaging Client API to consume simulated stock index prices, trades as well as news and chat. Below shows the contents of the JNLP file used to launch this application.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<jnlp spec="1.0+" codebase="https://showcase.my-channels.com/demo/installers/java/"
  href="https://showcase.my-channels.com/demo/installers/java/tradespace.jnlp">
  <information>
    <title>Nirvana Tradespace</title>
    <vendor>my-channels.com</vendor>
  </information>
  <security>
    <all-permissions/>
  </security>
  <update check="timeout" policy="always"/>
  <resources>
    <j2se java-vm-args="-Djavaws.cfg.jauthenticator=none" version="1.5+"/>
    <jar href="https://showcase.my-channels.com/demo/installers/java/Tradespacedemo.jar"
      download="eager" main="true"/>
    <property name="sun.java2d.noddraw" value="true"/>
  </resources>
  <application-desc main-class="com.pcbsys.nirvana.apps.Tradespace"/>
</jnlp>
```

New versions of your application can be easily deployed to your customer base automatically by updating the resource jar files and deploying them to your web server. Java Web Start applications will automatically check for new versions before launching local cached versions.

## Applet Javascript Bridge Example

### A Sample JavaScript-Applet Bridged Client

Using the Universal Messaging nApplet, it is easy to bridge communications between a JavaScript front end which delegates all Universal Messaging communication to an Applet.

The code shown below is a fully functioning example of such a client, containing an applet along with JavaScript code which communicates seamlessly with the applet. The applet implements all connection, publishing and subscription logic. All events that are delivered to the applet are called back into JavaScript asynchronously.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!doctype html PUBLIC "-// W3C// DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional// EN"
  "http:// www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http:// www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en">
<head>
<script language="JavaScript" src="lib/nirvana.js"></script>
<script>
var appName = "myTestApplication";
var channelName = "/tutorial/testchannel/";
var realm = "nhp://" + location.hostname + ":80";
var sessionName = "myExampleSession";
var username = "emcdaid"; // note that in a real app,
```

```

// this should be an authenticated username!
var connected = false;
var isLoadingCounter = 0;
var mySession = null;
var testChannel = null;
var isTimedOutConnectingCounter = 0;
function isLoading() {
  /*****
   * As soon as the page loads, we should create our Universal Messaging session.
   * This method is invoked by the <body> tag's "onload" event.
   * We initialise our session by passing in a realm address, a sessionid,
   * a username and a "prefix" for connection listener callback methods.
   * The last parameter is the connection listener "prefix". As we chose
   * to use the string "conHandlerCB" as the prefix, we must now implement
   * four methods to receive asynchronous notifications of our connection
   * status: conHandlerCBgotInitialConnection, conHandlerCBdisconnected,
   * conHandlerCBreconnected and conHandlerCBtryAgain.
   * Note that we could use any string as a prefix; we simply need to
   * name our four implemented methods accordingly.
   *****/
  // the nJSCRIPT variable is set by the applet when it initially loads
  if ( typeof nJSCRIPT == "undefined" ) {
    if ( isLoadingCounter > 4 ) {
      window.status = "unable to initialise Universal Messaging libraries";
      return;
    }
    else{
      setTimeout("isLoading()", 4000);
    }
  }
  else if ( nJSCRIPT == true ) {
    window.status = "nApplet has been initialised.";
    // session is initialised with a realm address, a sessionid,
    // a username and a connection listener callback stub.
    mySession = new nSessionWithSubjectAndReconnectionHandler(realm,
      appName, username, "conHandlerCB");
    mySession.init();
    connectionTimeoutMonitor();
  }
}
function connectionTimeoutMonitor() {
  /*****
   * This method is used to allow the web page to give up on attempting
   * to get an initial connection after a certain number of retries are
   * unsuccessful.
   *****/
  isTimedOutConnectingCounter++;
  if ( mySession.isConnected() ) {
    return;
  }
  else if ( isTimedOutConnectingCounter < 4 ) {
    setTimeout("connectionTimeoutMonitor()", 4000);
  }
  else if ( isTimedOutConnectingCounter == 4 ) {
    timedOutConnecting = true;
    window.status = "Timed out connecting to Universal Messaging. ";
    document.getElementById('Universal Messaging').stop();
    return;
  }
}
function conHandlerCBdisconnected() {
  /*****
   * This method automatically gets invoked we get disconnected from our

```

```

* Universal Messaging session. Note that this is because we specified
* "conHandlerCB" as the prefix of the implicit "disconnected",
* "reconnected","initialConnection" & "tryAgain" methods when we
* created the session (see fourth parameter in the constructor for
* nSessionWithSubjectAndReconnectionHandler).
* A typical use for these method would be to re-enable UI components
* which might have been disabled during the disconnected period.
* See also the tryAgain method, which allows us to specify whether
* the application should attempt to reconnect automatically after a
* disconnect has occurred.
*****/
connected = false;
alert("Disconnected");
}
function conHandlerCBreconnected() {
/*****
* This method automatically gets invoked we get reconnected to our
* Universal Messaging session after a disconnect too place. Note that this is
* because we specified "conHandlerCB" as the prefix of the implicit
* "disconnected","reconnected","initialConnection" & "tryAgain"
* methods when we created the session (see fourth parameter in the
* nSessionWithSubjectAndReconnectionHandler constructor).
* A typical use for these method would be to re-enable UI components
* which might have been disabled during the disconnected period.
* See also the tryAgain method, which allows us to specify whether
* the application should attempt to reconnect automatically after a
* disconnect has occurred.
*****/
connected = true;
alert("Reconnected");
}
function conHandlerCBgotInitialConnection() {
/*****
* This method automatically gets invoked we get the initial connection.
* Note that this is because we specified "conHandlerCB" as the prefix
* of the implicit "disconnected","reconnected","initialConnection" &
* "tryAgain" methods when we created the session (see fourth parameter
* in the nSessionWithSubjectAndReconnectionHandler constructor).
* A typical use for these method would be to wait for confirmation
* that the session has initialised before continuing with any other
* processing.
*****/
connected = true;
window.status = "Connected to Universal Messaging.";
setTimeout("handleNewConnection();", 500);
}
function conHandlerCBtryAgain() {
/*****
* This method automatically gets invoked after each attempt to
* reconnect to a disconnected Universal Messaging session. This allows the
* developer to control whether or not continued attempts should be
* made to reconnect. Note that this is because we specified
* "conHandlerCB" as the prefix of the implicit "disconnected",
* "reconnected","initialConnection" & "tryAgain" methods when we
* created the session in our isLoaded() method.
* This method allows us to specify whether the application should
* attempt to reconnect automatically after a disconnect has occurred.
*****/
return true;
}
function handleNewConnection() {
window.status = "Session Initialised";
setupTestChannel();
}

```

```

}
function setupTestChannel() {
  /*****
   * Here we create an nChannelAttributes object, setting its name to
   * that of the channel we wish to use. We then use our session to
   * a) find the channel, then b) subscribe to the channel.
   *****/
  if (connected) {
    var channelAttribs = new nChannelAttributes();
    channelAttribs.setName(channelName);
    testChannel = mySession.findChannel( channelAttribs, "testChannelFoundCB" );
    // make sure we have a usable channel object
    if (testChannel == false) {
      if (mySession.isConnected()) {
        // Channel could not be found. Let us try again.
        // Maybe channel does not exist, or channel ACL is incorrect
        setTimeout("setupTestChannel()", 2000);
      } else {
        // waiting for disconnect
        setTimeout("setupTestChannel()", 4000);
      }
    } else {
      // Add subscriber to the channel object
      var startEID = 0;
      var evtHandler = "myTestChannelEventHandlerCB";
      testChannel.addSubscriberFromEID(evtHandler, startEID)
    }
    // if we were disconnected when this method was called, try again
    setTimeout("getServerTime()", 4000);
  }
  window.status = "";
}
function myTestChannelEventHandlerCB(event) {
  /*****
   * This method automatically gets invoked every time we receive an
   * event from the testChannel (since this is the method we specified
   * when we subscribed - see testChannelFoundCB method). Note that the
   * event object will be passed to this method as a parameter. We can
   * then get the event data (which is a byte[]), and/or its "dictionary"
   * which contains a set of key-value pairs. In this demo, we use the
   * dictionary keys "publisher" and "message", and update a textarea.
   *****/
  var dictionary = event.getDictionary();
  var newData = dictionary.get('publisher') + ": " + dictionary.get('message') + "\n"
  var oldData = document.getElementById("outputTextarea").value;
  document.getElementById("outputTextarea").value = newData + oldData;
}
function publishMessage() {
  /*****
   * This method is an example of how to publish events to our channel.
   * We first create an nConsumeEvent, and assign it an nEventProperties
   * object (which represents a data"dictionary" - essentially a hash of
   * key-value pairs). Finally, we publish our event to the channel.
   *****/
  if (document.getElementById("demoInput").value == "") return;
  try {
    var evt = new nConsumeEvent();
    var dictionary = new nEventProperties();
    dictionary.put("publisher", username);
    dictionary.put("message", document.getElementById("demoInput").value);
    evt.setDictionary(dictionary);
    testChannel.publish(evt);
  }
}

```

```
} catch (error) {
    alert("Error: " + error.message);
}
}
</script>
<title>Pub/Sub with Universal Messaging JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body onload="isLoaded()">
<h1>Universal Messaging : Pub/Sub with Java to JavaScript Bridge</h1>
<applet
    codebase = "/jars/"
    archive = "nClient.jar,nSigned.jar,nApplet.jar"
    code = "com.pcbssystem.nirvana.client.jscrip.Universal MessagingAppletThreaded.class"
    id = "Universal Messaging"
    name = "Universal Messaging"
    MAYSCRIPT
    width = "0"
    height = "0"
    hspace = "0"
    vspace = "0"
    align = "bottom"
>
</applet>
<form onsubmit="publishMessage(); return false;">
    <h2>Input</h2>
    <input type="text" id="demoInput"/>
    <input type="submit" value="Publish">
    <h2>Output</h2>
    <textarea id="outputTextarea" rows="10" cols="70"></textarea>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```