aiosfstream Documentation

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aiosfstream is a Salesforce Streaming API client for asyncio. It can be used to receive push notifications about changes on Salesforce objects or notifications of general events sent through the Streaming API.

For detailed guidance on how to work with PushTopics or how to create Generic Streaming Channels please consult the Streaming API documentation.

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CHAPTER 1

Features

- Supported authentication types:
 - using a username and password
 - using a refresh token
- Subscribe to and receive messages on:
 - PushTopics
 - Generic Streaming Channels
- Support for durable messages and replay of events
- Automatic recovery from replay errors

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Usage

```
import asyncio
from aiosfstream import SalesforceStreamingClient
async def stream_events():
    # connect to Streaming API
   async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
            consumer_key="<consumer key>",
            consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
            username="<username>",
           password="<password>") as client:
        # subscribe to topics
        await client.subscribe("/topic/one")
       await client.subscribe("/topic/two")
        # listen for incoming messages
        async for message in client:
           topic = message["channel"]
           data = message["data"]
           print(f"{topic}: {data}")
if __name__ == "__main__":
   loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
   loop.run_until_complete(stream_events())
```

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CHAPTER 3

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3.1 User's guide

3.1.1 Installation

pip install aiosfstream

Install extras

aiosfstream defines several groups of optional requirements:

- tests for running unit tests
- docs for building the documentation
- dev for creating a complete development environment

Any combination of these options can be specified during installation.

pip install aiosfstream[tests,docs,dev]

3.1.2 Quickstart

Authentication

To connect to the Salesforce Streaming API all clients must authenticate themselves. The library supports the username-password based OAuth2 authentication flow as well as the refresh token based authentication.

Whichever technique you end up using, you must first create a Connected App on Salesforce to acquire a Consumer Key and Consumer Secret value. Which are actually the client_id and client_secret parameters in OAuth2 terminology.

Username-Password authentication

For username-password based authentication you can use the SalesforceStreamingClient class, with the Salesforce user's username and password:

```
client = SalesforceStreamingClient(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>"
)
```

SalesforceStreamingClient is actually just a convenience class, based on Client. It enables you to create a client object with the most common authentication technique, without having to create a separate PasswordAuthenticator object. You can actually use the Client class to create client that would be equivalent with the example above:

```
auth = PasswordAuthenticator(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>"
)
client = Client(auth)
```

Refresh token authentication

The refresh token base authentication technique can be used by creating a RefreshTokenAuthenticator and passing it to the Client class:

```
auth = RefreshTokenAuthenticator(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    refresh_token="<refresh_token>"
)
client = Client(auth)
```

You can get a refresh token using several different authentication techniques supported by Salesforce, the most commonly used one is probably the web server authentication flow.

Connecting

After creating a Client object the open() method should be called to establish a connection with the server. The connection is closed and the session is terminated by calling the close() method.

```
client = SalesforceStreamingClient(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>"
)
await client.open()
# subscribe and receive messsages...
await client.close()
```

Client objects can be also used as asynchronous context managers.

```
async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>") as client:
# subscribe and receive messsages...
```

Channels

A channel is a string that looks like a URL path such as /topic/foo or /topic/bar.

For detailed guidance on how to work with PushTopics or how to create Generic Streaming Channels please consult the Streaming API documentation.

Subscriptions

To receive notification messages the client must subscribe to the channels it's interested in.

```
await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")
```

If you no longer want to receive messages from one of the channels you're subscribed to then you must unsubscribe from the channel.

```
await client.unsubscribe("/topic/foo")
```

The current set of subscriptions can be obtained from the Client.subscriptions attribute.

Receiving messages

To receive messages broadcasted by Salesforce after *subscribing* to these *channels* the receive() method should be used.

```
message = await client.receive()
```

The receive() method will wait until a message is received or it will raise a TransportTimeoutError in case the connection is lost with the server and the client can't re-establish the connection or a ServerError if the connection gets closed by the server.

The client can also be used as an asynchronous iterator in a for loop to wait for incoming messages.

```
async for message in client:
    # process message
```

Replay of events

The great thing about streaming is that the client gets instantly notified about events as they occur. The downside is that if the client becomes temporarily disconnected, due to hardware, software or network failure, then it might miss some of the messages emitted by the server. This is where Salesforce's message durability comes in handy.

Salesforce stores events for 24 hours. Events outside the 24-hour retention period are discarded. Salesforce extends the event messages with repalyId and createdDate fields (called as ReplayMarker by aiosfstream). These fields can be used by the client to request the missed event messages from the server when it reconnects.

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The default behavior of the client is to receive only the new events sent after subscribing. To take advantage of message durability, all you have to do is to pass an object capable of storing the most recent ReplayMarker objects, so the next time the client reconnects, it can continue to process event messages from the point where it left off. The most convenient choice is a Shelf object, which can store ReplayMarkers on the disk, between application restarts.

```
with shelve.open("replay.db") as replay:
    async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
        consumer_key="<consumer key>",
        consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
        username="<username>",
        password="<password>",
        replay=replay) as client:
        await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")
        async for message in client:
        # process message
```

Besides Shelf objects you can pass a lot of different kind of objects to the replay parameter, and you can configure different aspects of replay behavior as well. For a full description of replay configuration options check out the *Replay configuration* section.

3.1.3 Advanced Usage

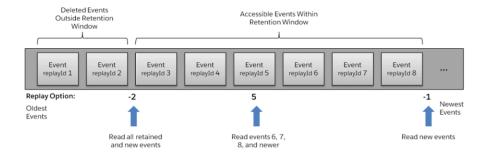
Replay configuration

Salesforce stores events for 24 hours. Events outside the 24-hour retention period are discarded.

ReplayOption

A subscriber can choose which events to receive, such as all events within the retention window or starting after a particular event. In the *Client* object this can be specified with the replay parameter. The default is to receive only the new events sent after subscribing, the default replay parameter is *ReplayOption.NEW_EVENTS*

This high-level diagram shows how event consumers can read a stream of events by using various replay options.



If you want to receive all events within the retention window every time the Client connects, before receiving new events, then the ReplayOption.ALL_EVENTS value should be passed to the Client.

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```
consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>",
    replay=ReplayOption.ALL_EVENTS) as client:

await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")

async for message in client:
    # process message
```

ReplayMarkerStorage

Although using a fixed <code>ReplayOption</code> can be sometimes useful, the real advantage of using Salesforce's replay extension comes from being able to continue to process event messages from the point where the client left off. To take advantage of this feature, all you have to do is to pass an object capable of storing the most recent <code>ReplayMarker</code> for every channel.

Salesforce extends the event messages with repalyId and createdDate fields (called as ReplayMarker by aiosfstream).

The simplest way is to pass an object for the replay parameter that inherits from collections.abc. MutableMapping. This can be a simple dict, OrderedDict or if you want to use persistent storage then a Shelf object, or maybe one of the key-value database drivers that inherit from collections.abc. MutableMapping.

```
with shelve.open("replay.db") as replay:

async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>",
    replay=replay) as client:

await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")

async for message in client:
    # process message
```

By using a collections.abc.MutableMapping object, the client on the first connection will receive only new events, and on reconnection will continue from the last unretrieved message. If you want to receive all events from the retention window before continuing with new events, combined with the advantage of continuation on the next reconnect, then you can pass a <code>DefaultMappingStorage</code> object to the replay parameter.

```
with shelve.open("replay.db") as replay:

    default_mapping = DefaultMappingStorage(
        replay,
        ReplayOption.ALL_EVENTS
)

async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
        consumer_key="<consumer key>",
        consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
        username="<username>",
```

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```
password="<password>",
    replay=default_mapping) as client:

await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")

async for message in client:
    # process message
```

If you want complete control over how <code>ReplayMarkers</code> are stored and retrieved or you want to use your favorite database whose driver doesn't inherit from <code>collections.abc.MutableMapping</code> then you can provide your own <code>ReplayMarkerStorage</code> implementation.

```
class MyReplayMarkerStorage(ReplayMarkerStorage):
    async def set_replay_marker(self, subscription, replay_marker):
    # store *replay_marker* for the given *subscription*

async def get_replay_marker(self, subscription):
    # retrieve the replay marker for the given *subscription*

replay = MyReplayMarkerStorage()

async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>",
    replay=replay) as client:
    await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")

async for message in client:
    # process message
```

Subscription errors

Events outside the 24-hour retention period are discarded. If you're using some form of <code>ReplayMarkerStorage</code> or a <code>MutableMapping</code> object, and if you're client doesn't connects to the Streaming API for more then 24 hours, then it's possible that the client will try to continue retrieving messages from a very old message outside the retention window. Since Salesforce no longer has the event message that the client would try to retrieve, it would raise <code>ServerError</code>.

```
try:
    await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")
except ServerError as error:
    print(error_message)
```

The above code would print the following message, if the client would request and event outside the retention window:

```
The replayId \{1\} you provided was invalid. Please provide a valid ID, -2 to replay all events, or -1 to replay only new events.
```

To recover from an error like the above, you would have to discard the ReplayMarker for the problematic channel, and try to subscribe again.

```
try:
    await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")
except ServerError as error:
    del replay["/topic/foo"]
    await client.subscribe(/topic/foo")
```

To spare you the hassle of recovering from errors like the one above, you can pass a ReplayOption for the replay_fallback parameter. If a subscription error occurs, then Client will try to resubscribe using the specified ReplayOption.

```
with shelve.open("replay.db") as replay:
    async with SalesforceStreamingClient(
        consumer_key="<consumer key>",
        consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
        username="<username>",
        password="<password>",
        replay=replay,
        replay_fallback=ReplayOption.ALL_EVENTS) as client:
        await client.subscribe("/topic/foo")
        async for message in client:
        # process message
```

Network failures

When a Client object is opened, it will try to maintain a continuous connection in the background with the server. If any network failures happen while waiting to receive() messages, the client will reconnect to the server transparently, it will resubscribe to the subscribed channels, and continue to wait for incoming messages.

To avoid waiting for a server which went offline permanently, or in case of a permanent network failure, a connection_timeout can be passed to the *Client*, to limit how many seconds the client object should wait before raising a *TransportTimeoutError* if it can't reconnect to the server.

The defaul value is 10 seconds. If you pass None as the connection_timeout value, then the client will keep on trying indefinitely.

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Prefetching

When a Client is opened it will start and maintain a connection in the background with the server. It will start to fetch messages from the server as soon as it's connected, even before receive() is called.

Prefetching messages has the advantage, that incoming messages will wait in a buffer for users to consume them when receive() is called, without any delay.

To avoid consuming all the available memory by the incoming messages, which are not consumed yet, the number of prefetched messages can be limited with the max_pending_count parameter of the Client. The default value is 100.

```
client = SalesforceStreamingClient(
    consumer_key="<consumer key>",
    consumer_secret="<consumer secret>",
    username="<username>",
    password="<password>",
    max_pending_count=42
)
```

The current number of messages waiting to be consumed can be obtained from the <code>Client.pending_count</code> attribute.

3.2 API Reference

3.2.1 Client

Salesforce Streaming API client with username/password authentication

This is a convenience class which is suitable for the most common use case. To use a different authentication method, use the general Client class with a different Authenticator

Parameters

- **consumer_key** (str) Consumer key from the Salesforce connected app definition
- consumer_secret (str) Consumer secret from the Salesforce connected app definition
- username (str) Salesforce username
- password (str) Salesforce password
- replay (ReplayOption, ReplayMarkerStorage, collections.abc. MutableMapping or None) A ReplayOption or an object capable of storing replay ids if you want to take advantage of Salesforce's replay extension. You can use one of the ReplayOptions, or an object that supports the MutableMapping protocol like dict, defaultdict, Shelf etc. or a custom ReplayMarkerStorage implementation.
- replay_fallback (ReplayOption) Replay fallback policy, for when a subscribe operation fails because a replay id was specified for a message outside the retention window

- **connection_timeout** (*int*, *float or None*) The maximum amount of time to wait for the transport to re-establish a connection with the server when the connection fails.
- max_pending_count (int) The maximum number of messages to prefetch from the server. If the number of prefetched messages reach this size then the connection will be suspended, until messages are consumed. If it is less than or equal to zero, the count is infinite.
- **loop** Event loop used to schedule tasks. If *loop* is None then asyncio. get_event_loop() is used to get the default event loop.

Parameters

- authenticator (AuthenticatorBase) An authenticator object
- replay (ReplayOption, ReplayMarkerStorage, collections.abc. MutableMapping or None) A ReplayOption or an object capable of storing replay ids if you want to take advantage of Salesforce's replay extension. You can use one of the ReplayOptions, or an object that supports the MutableMapping protocol like dict, defaultdict, Shelf etc. or a custom ReplayMarkerStorage implementation.
- replay_fallback (ReplayOption) Replay fallback policy, for when a subscribe operation fails because a replay id was specified for a message outside the retention window
- **connection_timeout** (*int*, *float* or *None*) The maximum amount of time to wait for the transport to re-establish a connection with the server when the connection fails.
- max_pending_count (int) The maximum number of messages to prefetch from the server. If the number of prefetched messages reach this size then the connection will be suspended, until messages are consumed. If it is less than or equal to zero, the count is infinite.
- **loop** Event loop used to schedule tasks. If *loop* is None then asyncio. get_event_loop() is used to get the default event loop.

coroutine open()

Establish a connection with the Streaming API endpoint

Raises

- ClientError If none of the connection types offered by the server are supported
- ClientInvalidOperation If the client is already open, or in other words if it isn't closed
- TransportError If a network or transport related error occurs
- ServerError If the handshake or the first connect request gets rejected by the server.
- **AuthenticationError** If the server rejects the authentication request or if a network failure occurs during the authentication

coroutine close()

Disconnect from the CometD server

coroutine publish (channel, data)

Publish data to the given channel

Parameters

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- channel (str) Name of the channel
- data (dict) Data to send to the server

Returns Publish response

Return type dict

Raises

- ClientInvalidOperation If the client is closed
- TransportError If a network or transport related error occurs
- ServerError If the publish request gets rejected by the server

coroutine subscribe(channel)

Subscribe to *channel*

Parameters channel (str) – Name of the channel

Raises

- ClientInvalidOperation If the client is closed
- **TransportError** If a network or transport related error occurs
- ServerError If the subscribe request gets rejected by the server

coroutine unsubscribe(channel)

Unsubscribe from channel

Parameters channel (str) - Name of the channel

Raises

- ClientInvalidOperation If the client is closed
- TransportError If a network or transport related error occurs
- ServerError If the unsubscribe request gets rejected by the server

coroutine receive()

Wait for incoming messages from the server

Returns Incoming message

Return type dict

Raises

- *ClientInvalidOperation* If the client is closed, and has no more pending incoming messages
- ServerError If the client receives a confirmation message which is not successful
- *TransportTimeoutError* If the transport can't re-establish connection with the server in connection_timeout time.

closed

Marks whether the client is open or closed

subscriptions

Set of subscribed channels

connection type

The current connection type in use if the client is open, otherwise None

pending_count

The number of pending incoming messages

Once open is called the client starts listening for messages from the server. The incoming messages are retrieved and stored in an internal queue until they get consumed by calling receive.

has_pending_messages

Marks whether the client has any pending incoming messages

3.2.2 Authenticators

class aiosfstream.auth.AuthenticatorBase

Abstract base class to serve as a base for implementing concrete authenticators

class aiosfstream.**PasswordAuthenticator**(consumer_key, consumer_secret, username, pass-

Authenticator for using the OAuth 2.0 Username-Password Flow

Parameters

- consumer_key (str) Consumer key from the Salesforce connected app definition
- consumer_secret (str) Consumer secret from the Salesforce connected app definition
- username (str) Salesforce username
- password (str) Salesforce password

client_id = None

OAuth2 client id

client secret = None

OAuth2 client secret

password = None

Salesforce password

username = None

Salesforce username

Authenticator for using the OAuth 2.0 Refresh Token Flow

Parameters

- consumer_key (str) Consumer key from the Salesforce connected app definition
- **consumer_secret** (*str*) Consumer secret from the Salesforce connected app definition
- **refresh_token** (str) A refresh token obtained from Salesforce by using one of its authentication methods (for example with the OAuth 2.0 Web Server Authentication Flow)

```
client_id = None
```

OAuth2 client id

client_secret = None

OAuth2 client secret

refresh token = None

Salesforce refresh token

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3.2.3 Replay

class aiosfstream.ReplayOption

Replay options supported by Salesforce

$ALL_EVENTS = -2$

Receive all events, including past events that are within the 24-hour retention window and new events sent after subscription

NEW EVENTS = -1

Receive new events that are broadcast after the client subscribes

class aiosfstream.ReplayMarker(date, replay_id)

Bases: tuple

Class for storing a message replay id and its creation date

Parameters

- date (str) Creation date of a message, as a ISO 8601 formatted datetime string
- replay_id (int) Replay id of a message

date

Alias for field number 0

replay_id

Alias for field number 1

class aiosfstream.ReplayMarkerStorage

Abstract base class for replay marker storage implementations

coroutine get_replay_marker(subscription)

Retrieve a stored replay marker for the given subscription

Parameters subscription (str) – Name of the subscribed channel

Returns A replay marker or None if there is nothing stored for the given subscription

Return type ReplayMarker or None

coroutine set replay marker (subscription, replay marker)

Store the *replay_marker* for the given *subscription*

Parameters

- **subscription** (str) Name of the subscribed channel
- replay_marker (ReplayMarker) A replay marker

class aiosfstream.MappingStorage(mapping)

Mapping based replay marker storage

Parameters mapping (collections.abc.MutableMapping) - A MutableMapping object for storing replay markers

${\tt class} \ {\tt aiosfstream.DefaultMappingStorage} \ ({\it mapping}, {\it default_id})$

Mapping based replay marker storage which will return a defualt replay id if there is not replay marker for the given subscription

Parameters

- mapping (collections.abc.MutableMapping) A MutableMapping object for storing replay markers
- default_id (int) A replay id

class aiosfstream.ConstantReplayId(default_id, **kwargs)

A replay marker storage which will return a constant replay id for every subscription

Note: This implementations doesn't actually stores anything for later retrieval.

Parameters default_id (int) - A replay id

3.2.4 Exceptions

Exception types

Exception hierarchy:

```
AiosfstreamException
AuthenticationError
ClientError
ClientInvalidOperation
TransportError
TransportInvalidOperation
TransportTimeoutError
TransportConnectionClosed
ServerError
```

exception aiosfstream.exceptions.AiosfstreamException Base exception type.

All exceptions of the package inherit from this class.

- exception aiosfstream.exceptions.AuthenticationError
 Authentication failure
- exception aiosfstream.exceptions.ClientError
 Client side error
- **exception** aiosfstream.exceptions.**ClientInvalidOperation**The requested operation can't be executed on the current state of the client
- **exception** aiosfstream.exceptions.**TransportError**Error during the transportation of messages
- **exception** aiosfstream.exceptions.**TransportInvalidOperation**The requested operation can't be executed on the current state of the transport
- $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{exception} \ \ \text{aiosfstream.exceptions.} \textbf{TransportTimeoutError} \\ \text{Transport timeout} \end{array}$
- exception aiosfstream.exceptions.TransportConnectionClosed
 The connection unexpectedly closed
- **exception** aiosfstream.exceptions.**ServerError**Streaming API server side error

If the response contains an error field it gets parsed according to the specs

Parameters

- message (str) Error description
- response (dict) Server response message

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message

Error description

response

Server response message

error

Error field in the response

error code

Error code part of the error code part of the error, message field

error_args

Arguments part of the error, message field

error_message

Description part of the error, message field

3.3 Changelog

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 - using a refresh token
- Subscribe to and receive messages on:
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 - Generic Streaming Channels
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