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Alerts



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This presentation will focus on event and volume alerts provided by WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.0.

Section

Alerts

The first section will provide a brief description of the types of alerts generated by WebSphere Partner Gateway.

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Alerts

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- Alerts are text based e-mail messages send to subscribed contacts, to notify unexpected behavior within the system
- Alerts are based on the occurrence of a system event (event-based alert) or expected document flow volume (volume-based alert)
- Event alerts are used to notify occurrence of specific events within the system
 - ▶ Hub administrators have the option to turn off alerts on specific events, if needed
- Volume alerts are used to notify fluctuations in volume transaction from expected volume of specific documents

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Alerts are sent by e-mail to the contacts who subscribe to receive event notifications. These notifications alert subscribers to unexpected system behavior so they can react to them.

There are 2 types of alerts.

Event based alerts are used to alert contacts about specific events.

Volume based alerts are sent based on fluctuations in document volume transaction.

The Hub administrator designates whether or not alerts can be generated by a particular event. By default, all events are configured to generate alerts.

The installer must configure the SMTP host that the hub will use to send out e-mails. SMTP host configuration and other alert configuration details can be found in the product Information Center.

Alerts – Use Cases

- An event-based alert is used to receive notification when errors in document processing occur - Examples:
 - ▶ Create an alert to notify if documents fail processing due to validation errors or because duplicate documents were received
 - ▶ Create alerts to notify when a certificate is about to expire
- A volume-based alert is used to receive notification of an increase or decrease in the volume of transmissions - Examples:
 - ▶ Create a volume-based alert to notify if no transmissions are received from a trading partner on any business day (set Volume to Zero Volume, set frequency to Daily, and select Mon through Fri in the Days of Week option)
 - ▶ Create a volume-based alert to warn you when the number of transmissions from a trading partner exceeds the normal rate

Examples of event based alerts include:

Document processing fails due to validation errors or duplicate documents.

Certificate is about to expire.

Examples of volume based alerts include:

No transmissions received from a trading partner for a given day.

Transmissions received from trading partner exceeds the normal rate.

Creating Alerts

- Create contact for a participant that can subscribe to an event
- Create a volume or event Alert
 - ▶ Specify the alert owner
 - ▶ Specify participant on which the alert is to be monitored
 - ▶ Specify the alert criteria –
 - For event alert, specify the event type and name
 - For volume alert, specify the package, protocol or document type, specify the expected volume and % deviation, or specify the min and max range of document volume or zero volume, and specify the frequency of the alerts
 - ▶ Specify the subscribers of the alerts – contacts of the participant

The steps to create an alert are as follows:

1. Create a contact for the trading participant.
2. Create a volume or event based alert with the alert criteria and the alert owner whose contacts can receive the alert.
3. Select the trading participant to be monitored.
4. Specify the alert criteria.
5. Specify the subscribers to the alerts.

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Defining Volume Alert

Alert: Volume

Define Notify

Alert Type: Volume Alert Event Alert

Alert Name: EV2

Alert Owner: Hub Operator

Participant: TP1

Package: None: None (N/A)

Protocol: EDI-X12: EDI-X12 (ALL)

Document Flow: ISA: ISA (ALL)

Volume: Expected
 Volume: 100 Percent Deviation: 20

Range
 Min: Max:

Zero Volume

Frequency
 Type: Daily Range

Creating Volume Alert

Alert type - VOLUME

Alert owner whose contacts can subscribe the alerts

Participant on which alert is monitored

Select the package, protocol and document on which the volume report is to be monitored

Select the frequency when the report is to be alerted – daily or Range of days

Select the volume report criteria – Expected, Range or Zero volume

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The console used to create volume alerts is shown here.

The panel contains fields to enter the alert owner and the participant for which the alert is to be generated. The alert criteria consists of the document type (package, protocol and document), the volume report criteria, and the frequency report.

Defining Event Alert

Creating Event Alert

Alert: Events

Define Notify

Alert Type: Volume Alert Event Alert

Alert Name: EV2

Alert Owner: Hub Operator

Participant: TP1

Event Type: All

Event Name: BCG108008 Certificate Expiration in 7 Days

Alert Status: Enabled Disabled

Save Cancel

Alert type - EVENT

Alert owner whose contacts can subscribe the alerts

Participant on which Alert is monitored

Alert can be enabled or disabled

Specify Event Type – All, Debug, Error, Info

Select the event for which alert needs to be created

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The console used to create event alerts is shown here.

The panel contains fields to enter the alert owner and the participant for which the alert is to be generated. The alert criteria consists of the event type and the specific event name.

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Creating Contacts

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Community Participant | Gateways | B2B Capabilities | Certificates | Users | Groups | **Contacts** | Addresses

Given Name Alert Owner 2 *

Family Name Hub Alert Family

Address

Contact Type Business Lead

E-mail abc@xyz.com

Telephone

Fax Number

Language Locale English (United States)

Format Locale Format Locale

Time Zone Time Zone

Alert Status Enabled Disabled

Subscribed

Visibility Global Local

Creating Contact

Alert owner contact

Create or List Contacts

Alert Status - enabled or disabled

E-mail to which the alert will be sent, if this contact is subscribed to any alert

Visibility - whether this contact is visible to all participants or not

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This panel used to create contacts for a participant is shown here. Alerts will be sent to the e-mail specified here. The alert can be disabled for a particular contact if desired.

Adding Alert Contacts or Subscribers

The screenshot displays the 'Notify' configuration panel for an alert named 'EV2'. The 'Participant' is set to 'Hub Operator'. The 'Contacts' list contains one entry: 'Alert Rec 1 Alert Receivers - abc@us.ibm.com'. The 'Subscribed Contacts' list also contains one entry: 'Alert Rec 1 Alert Receivers - abc@us.ibm.com'. The interface includes 'Subscribe' and 'Unsubscribe' buttons for the contact, and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom. Callout boxes provide context: 'Alert Owner' points to the 'Hub Operator' dropdown; 'List of Owner Contacts that can be added as a subscriber' points to the 'Contacts' list; and 'Owner Contacts that are subscribed to the alert' points to the 'Subscribed Contacts' list.

The panel used to add alert contacts is shown here. The contacts must be created before they can be added as subscribers to the alert.

Summary

This section will provide a brief summary of the presentation.

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- This presentation covers the alerts that help notify events to administrators interested in listening and reacting to any anomalies

WebSphere Partner Gateway V6.0 provides text based e-mail alerts to subscribed contacts in order to provide notification of unexpected system behavior.

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