

## Integrating with Apache Kafka

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## Integration with Apache Kafka

You can integrate Edge Flow Manager with Apache Kafka and forward agent heartbeats to defined Kafka topics. Learn how to perform the integration with Apache Kafka.

To integrate Edge Flow Manager with Kafka, you need to configure Kafka and Edge Flow Manager properties.

Edge Flow Manager supports the forwarding of agent heartbeats and acknowledges messages exchanged on the C2 protocol between the Edge Flow Manager server and MiNiFi agents. You can also enable two-way TLS or authentication using SASL\_SSL for secure communication between Edge Flow Manager and Kafka brokers.

The integration is not on critical path so, if there is any communication issue between the server and the Kafka broker(s), it results in error logs but not in core functionality degradation. When connection between Edge Flow Manager and Kafka is restored, the accumulated messages are forwarded. You can fine tune the buffering related settings.

## Configuring Kafka for integration with EFM

Configuring Apache Kafka to work seamlessly with Edge Flow Manager involves creating Kafka topics that receive the heartbeats and acknowledgments from MiNiFi agents.

### Before you begin

Ensure that you are using Apache Kafka version 2.5 or above. For more information about Kafka and stream processing setup, see the *Stream Processing documentation*.

### Procedure

1. Create a Kafka topic for receiving heartbeats.

To receive heartbeats from MiNiFi agents, you need to create a Kafka topic dedicated to this purpose. For example, you can create a Kafka topic named heartbeat.

2. Create a Kafka topic for receiving acknowledgements.

Similar to heartbeats, acknowledgments from MiNiFi agents require a separate Kafka topic. For example, you can create a Kafka topic called ack.

3. If you wish to enhance the security of your Kafka deployment by enabling two-way TLS or authentication using SASL\_SSL, configure the specific Kafka server properties accordingly.

For more information about enabling TLS, see the [Confluent Security Tutorial](#).

### Related Information

[Stream Processing documentation](#)

## Configuring Edge Flow Manager properties

To integrate Edge Flow Manager with Kafka, you need to configure the Edge Flow Manager properties in the efm.properties file.

### Before you begin

You have created Kafka topics to receive heartbeats and acknowledgements from MiNiFi agents.

## Procedure

1. Set the following property to true:

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.publishEnabled=true
```

If you do not set it to true, none of the configurations are considered.

2. Set the following property to provide comma separated addresses for brokers if Kafka runs in a cluster:

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.brokerAddress=localhost:9093
```

3. Set the ID that shows up as client on Kafka side logs.

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.clientId=efm
```

4. Provide topic names where the heartbeat and acknowledgement messages are sent to respectively.

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.heartbeatTopicName=heartbeat
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ackTopicName=ack
```

The topic names must match the topics previously created on Kafka side.

5. Optional. Set the following Kafka parameters:

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.retryBackoff=1000
efm.heartbeat.kafka.reconnectBackoff=1000
efm.heartbeat.kafka.reconnectBackoffMax=60000
efm.heartbeat.kafka.requestTimeout=30000
efm.heartbeat.kafka.bufferMemory=33554432
efm.heartbeat.kafka.batchSize=16384
efm.heartbeat.kafka.compressionType=gzip
efm.heartbeat.kafka.deliveryTimeout=120000
efm.heartbeat.kafka.maxRequestSize=1048576
efm.heartbeat.kafka.acks=1
```

For more details on Kafka parameters, see <https://kafka.apache.org/documentation/>.

6. Optional. Set the following properties if two-way TLS is enabled:

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.enabled=true
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.keystoreLocation=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.keystorePassword=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.keyPassword=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.truststoreLocation=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.truststorePassword=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.securityProtocol=SSL
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.enabledProtocols=
```

7. Optional. Set the following properties if SASL\_SSL authentication is enabled:

```
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.enabled=true
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.truststoreLocation=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.truststorePassword=
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.securityProtocol=SASL_SSL
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.saslSslUsername=client
efm.heartbeat.kafka.ssl.saslSslPassword=client-secret
```