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To get you up and running as quickly as possible, the RTI® Connext™ DDS documentation is divided into several parts.

- **Getting Started Guide**—This document describes how to install Connext DDS. It also lays out the core value and concepts behind the product and takes you step-by-step through the creation of a simple example application. Developers should read this document first. Addendums cover:
  - Android Systems
  - Database Setup
  - Embedded Systems
  - Extensible Types

- **What's New**—This document describes changes and enhancements in the current version of Connext DDS. Those upgrading from a previous version should read this document first.

- **Release Notes**—This document describes system requirements, compatibility, what's fixed, and known issues.

- **Platform Notes**—This document provides platform-specific information, including specific information required to build your applications using Connext DDS, such as compiler flags and libraries.

- **User’s Manual**—This document describes the features of the product and how to use them. It is organized around the structure of the Connext DDS APIs and certain common high-level tasks.

- **API Reference HTML Documentation (ReadMe.html)**—This extensively cross-referenced documentation, available for all supported programming languages, is your in-depth reference to every operation and configuration parameter in the middleware. Even experienced Connext DDS developers will often consult this information.

- **The Programming How To's provide a good place to begin learning the APIs.** These are hyper-linked code snippets to the full API documentation. From the ReadMe.html file, select one of the supported programming languages, then scroll down to the Programming How To’s. Start by reviewing the Publication Example and Subscription Example, which provide step-by-step examples of how to send and receive data with Connext DDS.

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  - A glossary,
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About this Document

Paths Mentioned in Documentation

The documentation refers to:

- `<NDDSHOME>`

This refers to the installation directory for Connext DDS.

The default installation paths are:
  - Mac OS X systems:
    `/Applications/rti_connext_dds-5.2.0`
  - UNIX-based systems, non-root user:
    `/home/your user name/rti_connext_dds-5.2.0`
  - UNIX-based systems, root user:
    `/opt/rti_connext_dds-5.2.0`
  - Windows systems, user without Administrator privileges:
    `<your home directory>ti_connext_dds-5.2.0`
  - Windows systems, user with Administrator privileges:
    `C:\Program Files\rti_connext_dds-5.2.0` (64-bit machines)
    `C:\Program Files (x86)\rti_connext_dds-5.2.0` (32-bit machines)

You may also see `$NDDSHOME` or `%NDDSHOME%`, which refers to an environment variable set to the installation path.

Wherever you see `<NDDSHOME>` used in a path, replace it with your installation path.

**Note for Windows Users:** When using a command prompt to enter a command that includes the path `C:\Program Files` (or any directory name that has a space), enclose the path in quotation marks. For example:

```
"C:\Program Files\rti_connext_dds-5.2.0\bin\rtiddsgen"
```

or if you have defined the NDDSHOME environment variable:

```
"%NDDSHOME%\bin\rtiddsgen"
```
<path to examples>

By default, examples are copied into your home directory the first time you run RTI Launcher or any script in <NDDSHOME>/bin. This document refers to the location of the copied examples as <path to examples>.

Wherever you see <path to examples>, replace it with the appropriate path.

Default path to the examples:

- Mac OS X systems: /Users/your user name/rti_workspace/5.2.0/examples
- UNIX-based systems: /home/your user name/rti_workspace/5.2.0/examples
- Windows systems: your Windows documents folder\rti_workspace\5.2.0\examples

Where 'your Windows documents folder' depends on your version of Windows. For example, on Windows 7, the folder is C:\Users\your user name\Documents; on Windows Server 2003, the folder is C:\Documents and Settings\your user name\Documents.

Note: You can specify a different location for rti_workspace. You can also specify that you do not want the examples copied to the workspace.

Programming Language Conventions

The terminology and example code in this manual assume you are using Traditional C++ without namespace support.

C, Modern C++, C++/CLI, C#, and Java APIs are also available; they are fully described in the API Reference HTML documentation. (Note: the Modern C++ API is not available for all platforms, check the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes to see if it is available for your platform.)

Namespace support in Traditional C++, C++/CLI, and C# is also available; see the API Reference HTML documentation (from the Modules page, select Using DDS:: Namespace) for details. In the Modern C++ API all types, constants and functions are always in namespaces.

Traditional vs. Modern C++

Connext DDS provides two different C++ APIs, which we refer to as the "Traditional C++" and "Modern C++" APIs. They provide substantially different programming paradigms and patterns. The Traditional API could be considered as simply "C with classes," while the Modern API incorporates modern C++ techniques, most notably:

- Generic programming
- Integration with the standard library
- Automatic object lifecycle management, providing full value types and reference types
- C++11 support, such as move operations, initializer lists, and support for range for-loops.

These different programming styles make the Modern C++ API differ significantly with respect to the other language APIs in several aspects; to name a few:

- Creating and Deleting DDS Entities (Section 4.1.1 on page 142)
- Creating User Data Types with IDL (Section 3.3 on page 67)
- Interacting Dynamically with User Data Types (Section 3.7 on page 129)
- Working with DDS Data Samples (Section 3.8 on page 133)
- Using DataReaders to Access Data (Read & Take) (Section 7.4 on page 489)
- QoS policies and QoS management
- Naming conventions

This manual points out these kinds of differences whenever they are substantial.

**Extensions to the DDS Standard**

Connext DDS implements the DDS Standard published by the OMG. It also includes features that are extensions to DDS. These include additional Quality of Service parameters, function calls, structure fields, etc.

Extensions also include product-specific APIs that complement the DDS API. These include APIs to create and use transport plug-ins, and APIs to control the verbosity and logging capabilities. These APIs are prefixed with NDDS, such as `NDDSTransportSupport::register_transport()`.

**Environment Variables**

Connext DDS documentation refers to path names that have been customized during installation. NDDSHOME refers to the installation directory of Connext DDS.

**Names of Supported Platforms**

Connext DDS runs on several different target platforms. To support this vast array of platforms, Connext DDS separates the executable, library, and object files for each platform into individual directories.

Each platform name has four parts: hardware architecture, operating system, operating system version and compiler. For example, `i86Linux2.4gcc3.2` is the directory that contains files specific to Linux® version 2.4 for the Intel processor, compiled with gcc version 3.2.

For a full list of supported platforms, see the [RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes](#).
Additional Resources

The details of each API (such as function parameters, return values, etc.) and examples are in the API Reference HTML documentation. In case of discrepancies between the information in this document and the API Reference HTML documentation, the latter should be considered more up-to-date.
Part 1: Welcome to RTI Connext DDS

RTI Connext DDS solutions provide a flexible data distribution infrastructure for integrating data sources of all types. At its core is the world's leading ultra-high performance, distributed networking DataBus™. It connects data within applications as well as across devices, systems and networks. Connext DDS also delivers large data sets with microsecond performance and granular quality-of-service control. Connext DDS is a standards-based, open architecture that connects devices from deeply embedded real-time platforms to enterprise servers across a variety of networks.

Part 1 introduces the general concepts behind data-centric publish-subscribe communications and provides a brief tour of Connext DDS.

- Overview (Section Chapter 1 on page 2)
- Data-Centric Publish-Subscribe Communications (Section Chapter 2 on page 10)
Chapter 1 Overview

RTI Connext DDS is network middleware for distributed real-time applications. Connext DDS simplifies application development, deployment and maintenance and provides fast, predictable distribution of time-critical data over a variety of transport networks.

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With Connext DDS, you can:

- Perform complex one-to-many and many-to-many network communications.
- Customize application operation to meet various real-time, reliability, and quality-of-service goals.
- Provide application-transparent fault tolerance and application robustness.
- Use a variety of transports.

This section introduces basic concepts of middleware and common communication models, and describes how Connext DDS’s feature-set addresses the needs of real-time systems.

1.1 What is Connext DDS?

Connext DDS is network middleware for real-time distributed applications. It provides the communications service programmers need to distribute time-critical data between embedded and/or enterprise devices or nodes. Connext DDS uses the publish-subscribe communications model to make data distribution efficient and robust.
Connext DDS implements the Data-Centric Publish-Subscribe (DCPS) API within the OMG’s Data Distribution Service (DDS) for Real-Time Systems. DDS is the first standard developed for the needs of real-time systems. DCPS provides an efficient way to transfer data in a distributed system.

With Connext DDS, systems designers and programmers start with a fault-tolerant and flexible communications infrastructure that will work over a wide variety of computer hardware, operating systems, languages, and networking transport protocols. Connext DDS is highly configurable so programmers can adapt it to meet the application’s specific communication requirements.

### 1.2 Network Communications Models

The communications model underlying the network middleware is the most important factor in how applications communicate. The communications model impacts the performance, the ease to accomplish different communication transactions, the nature of detecting errors, and the robustness to different error conditions. Unfortunately, there is no “one size fits all” approach to distributed applications. Different communications models are better suited to handle different classes of application domains.

This section describes three main types of network communications models:

- **Point-to-point**
- **Client-server**
- **Publish-subscribe**

**Point-to-point model:**

Point-to-point is the simplest form of communication, as illustrated in Figure 1.1 Point-to-Point on the facing page. The telephone is an example of an everyday point-to-point communications device. To use a telephone, you must know the address (phone number) of the other party. Once a connection is established, you can have a reasonably high-bandwidth conversation. However, the telephone does not work as well if you have to talk to many people at the same time. The telephone is essentially one-to-one communication.

TCP is a point-to-point network protocol designed in the 1970s. While it provides reliable, high-bandwidth communication, TCP is cumbersome for systems with many communicating nodes.
1.2 Network Communications Models

Figure 1.1 Point-to-Point

![Point-to-Point Diagram]

Point-to-point is one-to-one communication.

Client-server model:

To address the scalability issues of the Point-to-Point model, developers turned to the Client-Server model. Client-server networks designate one special server node that connects simultaneously to many client nodes, as illustrated in Figure 1.2 Client-Server below.

Figure 1.2 Client-Server

![Client-Server Diagram]

Client-server is many-to-one communications.
Client-server is a "many-to-one" architecture. Ordering pizza over the phone is an example of client-server communication. Clients must know the phone number of the pizza parlor to place an order. The parlor can handle many orders without knowing ahead of time where people (clients) are located. After the order (request), the parlor asks the client where the response (pizza) should be sent. In the client-server model, each response is tied to a prior request. As a result, the response can be tailored to each request. In other words, each client makes a request (order) and each reply (pizza) is made for one specific client in mind.

The client-server network architecture works best when information is centralized, such as in databases, transaction processing systems, and file servers. However, if information is being generated at multiple nodes, a client-server architecture requires that all information are sent to the server for later redistribution to the clients. This approach is inefficient and precludes deterministic communications, since the client does not know when new information is available. The time between when the information is available on the server, and when the client asks and receives it adds a variable latency to the system.

**Publish-subscribe model:** In the publish-subscribe communications model (Figure 1.3 Publish-Subscribe on the facing page), computer applications (nodes) “subscribe” to data they need and “publish” data they want to share. Messages pass directly between the publisher and the subscribers, rather than moving into and out of a centralized server. Most time-sensitive information intended to reach many people is sent by a publish-subscribe system. Examples of publish-subscribe systems in everyday life include television, magazines, and newspapers.

Publish-subscribe communication architectures are good for distributing large quantities of time-sensitive information efficiently, even in the presence of unreliable delivery mechanisms. This direct and simultaneous communication among a variety of nodes makes publish-subscribe network architecture the best choice for systems with complex time-critical data flows.

While the publish-subscribe model provides system architects with many advantages, it may not be the best choice for all types of communications, including:

- File-based transfers (alternate solution: FTP)
- Remote Method Invocation (alternate solutions: CORBA, COM, SOAP)
- Connection-based architectures (alternate solution: TCP/IP)
- Synchronous transfers (alternate solution: CORBA)
1.3 What is Middleware?

Middleware is a software layer between an application and the operating system. Network middleware isolates the application from the details of the underlying computer architecture, operating system and network stack (see Figure 1.4 Network Middleware on the next page). Network middleware simplifies the development of distributed systems by allowing applications to send and receive information without having to program using lower-level protocols such as sockets and TCP or UDP/IP.
1.4 Features of Connext DDS

Connext DDS supports mechanisms that go beyond the basic publish-subscribe model. The key benefit is that applications that use Connext DDS for their communications are entirely decoupled. Very little of their design time has to be spent on how to handle their mutual interactions. In particular, the applications never need information about the other participating applications, including their existence or locations. Connext DDS automatically handles all aspects of message delivery, without requiring any intervention from the user applications, including:

**Publish-subscribe middleware:**Connext DDS is based on a publish-subscribe communications model. Publish-subscribe (PS) middleware provides a simple and intuitive way to distribute data. It decouples the software that creates and sends data—the data *publishers*—from the software that receives and uses the data—the data *subscribers*. Publishers simply declare their intent to send and then publish the data. Subscribers declare their intent to receive, then the data is automatically delivered by the middleware.

Despite the simplicity of the model, PS middleware can handle complex patterns of information flow. The use of PS middleware results in simpler, more modular distributed applications. Perhaps most importantly, PS middleware can automatically handle all network chores, including connections, failures, and network changes, eliminating the need for user applications to program of all those special cases. What experienced network middleware developers know is that handling special cases accounts for over 80% of the effort and code.
1.4 Features of Connext DDS

- determining who should receive the messages,
- where recipients are located,
- what happens if messages cannot be delivered.

This is made possible by how Connext DDS allows the user to specify Quality of Service (QoS) parameters as a way to configure automatic-discovery mechanisms and specify the behavior used when sending and receiving messages. The mechanisms are configured up-front and require no further effort on the user's part. By exchanging messages in a completely anonymous manner, Connext DDS greatly simplifies distributed application design and encourages modular, well-structured programs.

Furthermore, Connext DDS includes the following features, which are designed to meet the needs of distributed real-time applications:

- **Data-centric publish-subscribe communications**: Simplifies distributed application programming and provides time-critical data flow with minimal latency.
  - Clear semantics for managing multiple sources of the same data.
  - Efficient data transfer, customizable Quality of Service, and error notification.
  - Guaranteed periodic samples, with maximum rate set by subscriptions.
  - Notification by a callback routine on data arrival to minimize latency.
  - Notification when data does not arrive by an expected deadline.
  - Ability to send the same message to multiple computers efficiently.

- **User-definable data types**: Enables you to tailor the format of the information being sent to each application.

- **Reliable messaging**: Enables subscribing applications to specify reliable delivery of samples.

- **Multiple Communication Networks**: Multiple independent communication networks (DDS domains), each using Connext DDS, can be used over the same physical network. Applications are only able to participate in the DDS domains to which they belong. Individual applications can be configured to participate in multiple DDS domains.

- **Symmetric architecture**: Makes your application robust:
  - No central server or privileged nodes, so the system is robust to node failures.
  - Subscriptions and publications can be dynamically added and removed from the system at any time.

- **Pluggable Transports Framework**: Includes the ability to define new transport plug-ins and run over them. Connext DDS comes with a standard UDP/IP pluggable transport and a shared memory transport. It can be configured to operate over a variety of transport mechanisms, including backplanes, switched fabrics, and new networking technologies.
• **Multiple Built-in Transports:** Includes UDP/IP and shared memory transports.

• **Multi-language support:** Includes APIs for the C, C++ (Traditional and Modern APIs), C++/CLI, C#, and Java™ programming languages.

• **Multi-platform support:** Includes support for flavors of UNIX®, real-time operating systems, and Windows®. (Consult the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes to see which platforms are supported in this release.)

• **Compliance with Standards:**
  - API complies with the DCPS layer of the OMG’s DDS specification.
  - Data types comply with OMG Interface Definition Language™ (IDL).
  - Data packet format complies with the International Engineering Consortium’s (IEC’s) publicly available specification for the RTPS wire protocol.
Chapter 2 Data-Centric Publish-Subscribe Communications

This section describes the formal communications model used by Connext DDS: the Data-Centric Publish-Subscribe (DCPS) standard. DCPS is a formalization (through a standardized API) and extension of the publish-subscribe communications model presented in Network Communications Models (Section 1.2 on page 3).

This section includes:

2.1 What is DCPS?

DCPS is the portion of the OMG DDS (Data Distribution Service) Standard that addresses data-centric publish-subscribe communications. The DDS standard defines a language-independent model of publish-subscribe communications that has standardized mappings into various implementation languages. Connext DDS offers C, Traditional C++, Modern C++, C++/CLI, C#, and Java versions of the DCPS API.

The publish-subscribe approach to distributed communications is a generic mechanism that can be employed by many different types of applications. The DCPS model described in this chapter extends the publish-subscribe model to address the specific needs of real-time, data-critical applications. As you’ll see, it provides several mechanisms that allow application developers to control how communications works and how the middleware handles resource limitations and error conditions.

The “data-centric” portion of the term DCPS describes the fundamental concept supported by the design of the API. In data-centric communications, the focus is on the distribution of data between communicating applications. A data-centric system is comprised of data publishers and data subscribers. The communications are based on passing data of known types in named streams from publishers to subscribers.
In contrast, in object-centric communications the fundamental concept is the *interface* between the applications. An interface is comprised of a set of methods of known types (number and types of method arguments). An object-centric system is comprised of interface servers and interface clients, and communications are based on clients invoking methods on named interfaces that are serviced by the corresponding server.

Data and object-centric communications are complementary paradigms in a distributed system. Applications may require both. However, real-time communications often fit a data-centric model more naturally.

### 2.1.1 DCPS for Real-Time Requirements

DCPS, and specifically the Connext DDS implementation, is well suited for real-time applications. For instance, real-time applications often require the following features:

- **Efficiency**

  Real-time systems require efficient data collection and delivery. Only minimal delays should be introduced into the critical data-transfer path. Publish-subscribe is more efficient than client-server in both latency and bandwidth for periodic data exchange. Publish-subscribe greatly reduces the overhead required to send data over the network compared to a client-server architecture. Occasional subscription requests, at low bandwidth, replace numerous high-bandwidth client requests. Latency is also reduced, since the outgoing request message time is eliminated. As soon as a new DDS sample becomes available, it is sent to the corresponding subscriptions.

- **Determinism**

  Real-time applications often care about the determinism of delivering periodic data as well as the latency of delivering event data. Once buffers are introduced into a data stream to support reliable connections, new data may be held undelivered for an unpredictable amount of time while waiting for confirmation that old data was received. Since publish-subscribe does not inherently require reliable connections, implementations, like Connext DDS, can provide configurable trade-offs between the deterministic delivery of new data and the reliable delivery of all data.

- **Flexible delivery bandwidth**

  Typical real-time systems include both real-time and non-real-time nodes. The bandwidth requirements for these nodes—even for the same data—are quite different. For example, an application may be sending DDS samples faster than a non-real-time application is capable of handling. However, a real-time application may want the same data as fast as it is produced. DCPS allows subscribers to the same data to set individual limits on how fast data should be
delivered to each subscriber. This is similar to how some people get a newspaper every day while others can subscribe to only the Sunday paper.

- Thread awareness

Real-time communications must work without slowing the thread that sends DDS samples. On the receiving side, some data streams should have higher priority so that new data for those streams are processed before lower priority streams. Connext DDS provides user-level configuration of its internal threads that process incoming data. Users may configure Connext DDS so that different threads are created with different priorities to process received data of different data streams.

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- Fault-tolerant operation

Real-time applications are often in control of systems that are required to run in the presence of component failures. Often, those systems are safety critical or carry financial penalties for loss of service. The applications running those systems are usually designed to be fault-tolerant using redundant hardware and software. Backup applications are often “hot” and interconnected to primary systems so that they can take over as soon as a failure is detected. Publish-subscribe is capable of supporting many-to-many connectivity with redundant DataWriters and DataReaders. This feature is ideal for constructing fault-tolerant or high-availability applications with redundant nodes and robust fault detection and handling services.

DCPS, and thus Connext DDS, was designed and implemented specifically to address the requirements above through configuration parameters known as QosPolicies defined by the DCPS standard (see QosPolicies (Section 4.2 on page 153)). The following section introduces basic DCPS terminology and concepts.

### 2.2 DDS Data Types, Topics, Keys, Instances, and Samples

In data-centric communications, the applications participating in the communication need to share a common view of the types of data being passed around.

Within different programming languages there are several ‘primitive’ data types that all users of that language naturally share (integers, floating point numbers, characters, booleans, etc.). However, in any non-trivial software system, specialized data types are constructed out of the language primitives. So the data to be shared between applications in the communication system could be structurally simple, using the
primitive language types mentioned above, or it could be more complicated, using, for example, C and C++ structs, like this:

```c
struct Time {
    long year;
    short day;
    short hour;
    short minute;
    short second;
};
struct StockPrice {
    float price;
    Time timeStamp;
};
```

Within a set of applications using DCPS, the different applications do not automatically know the structure of the data being sent, nor do they necessarily interpret it in the same way (if, for instance, they use different operating systems, were written with different languages, or were compiled with different compilers). There must be a way to share not only the data, but also information about how the data is structured.

In DCPS, data definitions are shared among applications using OMG IDL, a language-independent means of describing data. For more information on data types and IDL, see Data Types and DDS Data Samples (Section Chapter 3 on page 23).

### 2.2.1 Data Topics — What is the Data Called?

Shared knowledge of the data types is a requirement for different applications to communicate with DCPS. The applications must also share a way to identify which data is to be shared. Data (of any data type) is uniquely distinguished by using a name called a `Topic`. By definition, a `Topic` corresponds to a single data type. However, several `Topics` may refer to the same data type.

`Topics` interconnect `DataWriters` and `DataReaders`. A `DataWriter` is an object in an application that tells Connext DDS (and indirectly, other applications) that it has some values of a certain `Topic`. A corresponding `DataReader` is an object in an application that tells Connext DDS that it wants to receive values for the same `Topic`. And the data that is passed from the `DataWriter` to the `DataReader` is of the data type associated with the `Topic`. `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` are described more in `DataWriters/Publishers` and `DataReaders/Subscribers` (Section 2.3 on page 16).

For a concrete example, consider a system that distributes stock quotes between applications. The applications could use a data type called `StockPrice`. There could be multiple `Topics` of the `StockPrice` data type, one for each company’s stock, such as IBM, MSFT, GE, etc. Each `Topic` uses the same data type.

**Data Type: StockPrice**

```c
struct StockPrice {
    float price;
};
```
Topic: “IBM”

Topic: “MSFT”

Topic: “GE”

Now, an application that keeps track of the current value of a client’s portfolio would subscribe to all of the topics of the stocks owned by the client. As the value of each stock changes, the new price for the corresponding topic is published and sent to the application.

### 2.2.2 DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys

The value of data associated with a Topic can change over time. The different values of the Topic passed between applications are called DDS samples. In our stock-price example, DDS samples show the price of a stock at a certain point in time. So each DDS sample may show a different price.

For a data type, you can select one or more fields within the data type to form a key. A key is something that can be used to uniquely identify one instance of a Topic from another instance of the same Topic. Think of a key as a way to sub-categorize or group related data values for the same Topic. Note that not all data types are defined to have keys, and thus, not all topics have keys. For topics without keys, there is only a single instance of that topic.

However, for Topics with keys, a unique value for the key identifies a unique instance of the Topic. DDS samples are then updates to particular instances of a Topic. Applications can subscribe to a Topic and receive DDS samples for many different instances. Applications can publish DDS samples of one, all, or any number of instances of a Topic. Many quality of service parameters actually apply on a per instance basis. Keys are also useful for subscribing to a group of related data streams (instances) without pre-knowledge of which data streams (instances) exist at runtime.

For example, let’s change the `StockPrice` data type to include the symbol of the stock. Then instead of having a Topic for every stock, which would result in hundreds or thousands of Topics and related DataWriters and DataReaders, each application would only have to publish or subscribe to a single Topic, say “StockPrices.” Successive values of a stock would be presented as successive DDS samples of an instance of “StockPrices”, with each instance corresponding to a single stock symbol.

**Data Type: StockPrice**

```c
struct StockPrice {
    float price;
    Time timeStamp;
    char *symbol; // key
};
```

`Instance 1 = (Topic: “StockPrices”) + (Key: “MSFT”)`
sample a, price = $28.00
sample b, price = $27.88

Instance 2 = (Topic: “StockPrices”) + (Key: “IBM”)

sample a, price = $74.02
sample b, price = $73.50

Etc.

Just by subscribing to “StockPrices,” an application can get values for all of the stocks through a single topic. In addition, the application does not have to subscribe explicitly to any particular stock, so that if a new stock is added, the application will immediately start receiving values for that stock as well.

To summarize, the unique values of data being passed using DCPS are called DDS samples. A DDS sample is a combination of a Topic (distinguished by a Topic name), an instance (distinguished by a key), and the actual user data of a certain data type. As seen in Figure 2.1 Relationship of Topics, Keys, and Instances below, a Topic identifies data of a single type, ranging from one single instance to a whole collection of instances of that given topic for keyed data types. For more information, see Data Types and DDS Data Samples (Section Chapter 3 on page 23) and Topics (Section Chapter 5 on page 194).

Figure 2.1 Relationship of Topics, Keys, and Instances

By using keys, a Topic can identify a collection of data-object instances.
2.3 DataWriters/Publishers and DataReaders/Subscribers

In DCPS, applications must use APIs to create entities (objects) in order to establish publish-subscribe communications between each other. The entities and terminology associated with the data itself have been discussed already—Topics, keys, instances, DDS samples. This section will introduce the DCPS entities that user code must create to send and receive the data. Note that Entity is actually a basic DCPS concept. In object-oriented terms, Entity is the base class from which other DCPS classes—Topic, DataWriter, DataReader, Publisher, Subscriber, DomainParticipants—derive. For general information on Entities, see DDS Entities (Section Chapter 4 on page 140).

The sending side uses objects called Publishers and DataWriters. The receiving side uses objects called Subscribers and DataReaders. Figure 2.2 Overview below illustrates the relationship of these objects. Figure 2.2 Overview

- An application uses DataWriters to send data. A DataWriter is associated with a single Topic. You can have multiple DataWriters and Topics in a single application. In addition, you can have more than one DataWriter for a particular Topic in a single application.

- A Publisher is the DCPS object responsible for the actual sending of data. Publishers own and manage DataWriters. A DataWriter can only be owned by a single Publisher while a Publisher can
own many DataWriters. Thus the same Publisher may be sending data for many different Topics of different data types. When user code calls the write() method on a DataWriter, the DDS data sample is passed to the Publisher object which does the actual dissemination of data on the network. For more information, see Sending Data (Section Chapter 6 on page 236).

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- The association between a DataWriter and a Publisher is often referred to as a publication although you never create a DCPS object known as a publication.

- An application uses DataReaders to access data received over DCPS. A DataReader is associated with a single Topic. You can have multiple DataReaders and Topics in a single application. In addition, you can have more than one DataReader for a particular Topic in a single application.

- A Subscriber is the DCPS object responsible for the actual receipt of published data. Subscribers own and manage DataReaders. A DataReader can only be owned by a single Subscriber while a Subscriber can own many DataReaders. Thus the same Subscriber may receive data for many different Topics of different data types. When data is sent to an application, it is first processed by a Subscriber; the DDS data sample is then stored in the appropriate DataReader. User code can either register a listener to be called when new data arrives or actively poll the DataReader for new data using its read() and take() methods. For more information, see Receiving Data (Section Chapter 7 on page 434).

- The association between a DataReader and a Subscriber is often referred to as a subscription although you never create a DCPS object known as a subscription.

Example:

The publish-subscribe communications model is analogous to that of magazine publications and subscriptions. Think of a publication as a weekly periodical such as Newsweek®. The Topic is the name of the periodical (in this case the string "Newsweek"). The type specifies the format of the information, e.g., a printed magazine. The user data is the contents (text and graphics) of each DDS sample (weekly issue). The middleware is the distribution service (usually the US Postal service) that delivers the magazine from where it is created (a printing house) to the individual subscribers (people’s homes). This analogy is illustrated in Figure 2.3 An Example of Publish-Subscribe on the facing page. Note that by subscribing to a publication, subscribers are requesting current and future DDS samples of that publication (such as once a week in the case of Newsweek), so that as new DDS samples are published, they are delivered without having to submit another request for data.
2.4 DDS Domains and DomainParticipants

The publish-subscribe model is analogous to publishing magazines. The Publisher sends DDS samples of a particular Topic to all Subscribers of that Topic. With Newsweek® magazine, the Topic would be "Newsweek." The DDS sample consists of the data (articles and pictures) sent to all Subscribers every week. The middleware (Connext DDS) is the distribution channel: all of the planes, trucks, and people who distribute the weekly issues to the Subscribers.

By default, each DDS sample is propagated individually, independently, and uncorrelated with other DDS samples. However, an application may request that several DDS samples be sent as a coherent set, so that they may be interpreted as such on the receiving side.

2.4 DDS Domains and DomainParticipants

You may have several independent DCPS applications all running on the same set of computers. You may want to isolate one (or more) of those applications so that it isn’t affected by the others. To address this issue, DCPS has a concept called DDS domains.

DDS domains represent logical, isolated, communication networks. Multiple applications running on the same set of hosts on different DDS domains are completely isolated from each other (even if they are on the same machine). DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to different DDS domains will never exchange data.

Applications that want to exchange data using DCPS must belong to the same DDS domain. To belong to a DDS domain, DCPS APIs are used to configure and create a DomainParticipant with a specific Domain Index. DDS domains are differentiated by the domain index (an integer value). Applications that have created DomainParticipants with the same domain index belong to the same DDS domain. DomainParticipants own Topics, Publishers, and Subscribers, which in turn owns DataWriters and DataReaders. Thus all DCPS Entities belong to a specific DDS domain.

An application may belong to multiple DDS domains simultaneously by creating multiple DomainParticipants with different domain indices. However, Publishers/DataWriters and Subscribers/DataReaders only belong to the DDS domain in which they were created.
As mentioned before, multiple DDS domains may be used for application isolation, which is useful when you are testing applications using computers on the same network or even the same computers. By assigning each user different domains, one can guarantee that the data produced by one user’s application won’t accidentally be received by another. In addition, DDS domains may be a way to scale and construct larger systems that are composed of multi-node subsystems. Each subsystem would use an internal DDS domain for intra-system communications and an external DDS domain to connect to other subsystems.

For more information, see Working with DDS Domains (Section Chapter 8 on page 534).

2.5 Quality of Service (QoS)

The publish-subscribe approach to distributed communications is a generic mechanism that can be employed by many different types of systems. The DCPS model described here extends the publish-subscribe model to address the needs of real-time, data-critical applications. It provides standardized mechanisms, known as Quality of Service Policies, that allow application developers to configure how communications occur, to limit resources used by the middleware, to detect system incompatibilities and setup error handling routines.

2.5.1 Controlling Behavior with Quality of Service (QoS) Policies

QosPolicies control many aspects of how and when data is distributed between applications. The overall QoS of the DCPS system is made up of the individual QosPolicies for each DCPS Entity. There are QosPolicies for Topics, DataWriters, Publishers, DataReaders, Subscribers, and DomainParticipants.

On the publishing side, the QoS of each Topic, the Topic’s DataWriter, and the DataWriter’s Publisher all play a part in controlling how and when DDS samples are sent to the middleware. Similarly, the QoS of the Topic, the Topic’s DataReader, and the DataReader’s Subscriber control behavior on the subscribing side.

Users will employ QosPolicies to control a variety of behaviors. For example, the DEADLINE policy sets up expectations of how often a DataReader expects to see DDS samples. The OWNERSHIP and OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH policy are used together to configure and arbitrate whose data is passed to the DataReader when there are multiple DataWriters for the same instance of a Topic. The HISTORY policy specifies whether a DataWriter should save old data to send to new subscriptions that join the network later. Many other policies exist and they are presented in QosPolicies (Section 4.2 on page 153).

Some QosPolicies represent “contracts” between publications and subscriptions. For communications to take place properly, the QosPolicies set on the DataWriter side must be compatible with corresponding policies set on the DataReader side.

For example, the RELIABILITY policy is set by the DataWriter to state whether it is configured to send data reliably to DataReaders. Because it takes additional resources to send data reliably, some DataWriters may only support a best-effort level of reliability. This implies that for those DataWriters, Connext DDS will not spend additional effort to make sure that the data sent is received by DataReaders or resend any lost data. However, for certain applications, it could be imperative that their DataReaders receive every
piece of data with total reliability. Running a system where the DataWriters have not been configured to support the DataReaders could lead to erratic failures.

To address this issue, and yet keep the publications and subscriptions as decoupled as possible, DCPS provides a way to detect and notify when QosPolicies set by DataWriters and DataReaders are incompatible. DCPS employs a pattern known as RxO (Requested versus Offered). The DataReader sets a “requested” value for a particular QosPolicy. The DataWriter sets an “offered” value for that QosPolicy. When Connext DDS matches a DataReader to a DataWriter, QosPolicies are checked to make sure that all requested values can be supported by the offered values.

Note that not all QosPolicies are constrained by the RxO pattern. For example, it does not make sense to compare policies that affect only the DataWriter but not the DataReader or vice versa.

If the DataWriter cannot satisfy the requested QosPolicies of a DataReader, Connext DDS will not connect the two DDS entities and will notify the applications on each side of the incompatibility if so configured.

For example, a DataReader sets its DEADLINE QoS to 4 seconds—that is, the DataReader is requesting that it receive new data at least every 4 seconds.

In one application, the DataWriter sets its DEADLINE QoS to 2 seconds—that is, the DataWriter is committing to sending data at least every 2 seconds. This writer can satisfy the request of the reader, and thus, Connext DDS will pass the data sent from the writer to the reader.

In another application, the DataWriter sets its DEADLINE QoS to 5 seconds. It only commits to sending data at 5 second intervals. This will not satisfy the request of the DataReader. Connext DDS will flag this incompatibility by calling user-installed listeners in both DataWriter and DataReader applications and not pass data from the writer to the reader.

For a summary of the QosPolicies supported by Connext DDS, see QosPolicies (Section 4.2 on page 153).

2.6 Application Discovery

The DCPS model provides anonymous, transparent, many-to-many communications. Each time an application sends a DDS sample of a particular Topic, the middleware distributes the DDS sample to all the applications that want that Topic. The publishing application does not need to specify how many applications receive the Topic, nor where those applications are located. Similarly, subscribing applications do not specify the location of the publications. In addition, new publications and subscriptions of the Topic can appear at any time, and the middleware will automatically interconnect them.

So how is this all done? Ultimately, in each application for each publication, Connext DDS must keep a list of applications that have subscribed to the same Topic, nodes on which they are located, and some additional QoS parameters that control how the data is sent. Also, Connext DDS must keep a list of applications and publications for each of the Topics to which the application has subscribed.
This propagation of this information (the existence of publications and subscriptions and associated QoS) between applications by Connext DDS is known as the *discovery* process. While the DDS (DCPS) standard does not specify how discovery occurs, Connext DDS uses a standard protocol RTPS for both discovery and formatting on-the-wire packets.

When a *DomainParticipant* is created, Connext DDS sends out packets on the network to announce its existence. When an application finds out that another application belongs to the same DDS domain, then it will exchange information about its existing publications and subscriptions and associated QoS with the other application. As new *DataWriters* and *DataReaders* are created, this information is sent to known applications.

The *Discovery* process is entirely configurable by the user and is discussed extensively in *Discovery* (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).
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How data is stored or laid out in memory can vary from language to language, compiler to compiler, operating system to operating system, and processor to processor. This combination of language/compiler/operating system/processor is called a platform. Any modern middleware must be able to take data from one specific platform (say C/gcc.3.2.2/Solaris/Sparc) and transparently deliver it to another (for example, Java/JDK 1.6/Windows/Pentium). This process is commonly called serialization/deserialization, or marshalling/demarshalling.

Messaging products have typically taken one of two approaches to this problem:

1. **Do nothing.** Messages consist only of opaque streams of bytes. The JMS BytesMessage is an example of this approach.

2. **Send everything, every time.** Self-describing messages are at the opposite extreme, embedding full reflective information, including data types and field names, with each message. The JMS MapMessage and the messages in TIBCO Rendezvous are examples of this approach.

The “do nothing” approach is lightweight on its surface but forces you, the user of the middleware API, to consider all data encoding, alignment, and padding issues. The “send everything” alternative results in large amounts of redundant information being sent with every packet, impacting performance.

Connext DDS takes an intermediate approach. Just as objects in your application program belong to some data type, DDS data samples sent on the same Connext DDS topic share a data type. This type defines the fields that exist in the DDS data samples and what their constituent types are. The middleware stores and propagates this meta-information separately from the individual DDS data samples, allowing it to propagate DDS samples efficiently while handling byte ordering and alignment issues for you.

To publish and/or subscribe to data with Connext DDS, you will carry out the following steps:
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1. Select a type to describe your data.

You have a number of choices. You can choose one of these options, or you can mix and match them.

- Use a built-in type provided by the middleware.

This option may be sufficient if your data typing needs are very simple. If your data is highly structured, or you need to be able to examine fields within that data for filtering or other purposes, this option may not be appropriate. The built-in types are described in Built-in Data Types (Section 3.2 on page 29).

- Use the RTI Code Generator to define a type at compile-time using a language-independent description language.

Code generation offers two strong benefits not available with dynamic type definition: (1) it allows you to share type definitions across programming languages, and (2) because the structure of the type is known at compile time, it provides rigorous static type safety.

The RTI Code Generator accepts input the following formats:

- OMG IDL. This format is a standard component of both the DDS and CORBA specifications. It describes data types with a C++-like syntax. This format is described in Creating User Data Types with IDL (Section 3.3 on page 67).

- XML in a DDS-specific format. This XML format is terser, and therefore easier to read and write by hand, than an XSD file. It offers the general benefits of XML-extensibility and ease of integration, while fully supporting DDS-specific data types and concepts. This format is described in Creating User Data Types with Extensible Markup Language (XML) (Section 3.4 on page 119).

- Define a type programmatically at run time.

This method may be appropriate for applications with dynamic data description needs: applications for which types change frequently or cannot be known ahead of time. It is described in Defining New Types (Section 3.7.2 on page 129).

2. Register your type with a logical name.

If you've chosen to use a built-in type instead of defining your own, you can omit this step; the middleware pre-registers the built-in types for you.

This step is described in the Defining New Types (Section 3.7.2 on page 129).

3. Create a Topic using the type name you previously registered.

If you've chosen to use a built-in type instead of defining your own, you will use the API constant corresponding to that type's name.

Creating and working with Topics is discussed in Topics (Section Chapter 5 on page 194).
4. Create one or more *DataWriters* to publish your data and one or more *DataReaders* to subscribe to it.

The concrete types of these objects depend on the concrete data type you've selected, in order to provide you with a measure of type safety.

Creating and working with *DataWriters* and *DataReaders* are described in *Sending Data* (Section Chapter 6 on page 236) and *Receiving Data* (Section Chapter 7 on page 434), respectively.

Whether publishing or subscribing to data, you will need to know how to create and delete DDS data samples and how to get and set their fields. These tasks are described in *Working with DDS Data Samples* (Section 3.8 on page 133).

This section describes:

### 3.1 Introduction to the Type System

A *user data type* is any custom type that your application defines for use with Connext DDS. It may be a structure, a union, a value type, an enumeration, or a typedef (or language equivalents).

Your application can have any number of user data types. They can be composed of any of the primitive data types listed below or of other user data types.

Only structures, unions, and value types may be read and written directly by Connext DDS; enums, typedefs, and primitive types must be contained within a structure, union, or value type. In order for a *DataReader* and *DataWriter* to communicate with each other, the data types associated with their respective Topic definitions must be identical.

- octet, char, wchar
- short, unsigned short
- long, unsigned long
- long long, unsigned long long
- float
- double, long double
- boolean
- enum (with or without explicit values)
- bounded and unbounded string and wstring

The following type-building constructs are also supported:
3.1.1 Sequences

- module (also called a package or namespace)
- pointer
- array of primitive or user type elements
- bounded/unbounded sequence of elements\(^1\)—a *sequence* is a variable-length ordered collection, such as a vector or list
- typedef
- bitfield\(^2\)
- union
- struct
- value type, a complex type that supports inheritance and other object-oriented features

To use a data type with Connext DDS, you must define that type in a way the middleware understands and then register the type with the middleware. These steps allow Connext DDS to serialize, deserialize, and otherwise operate on specific types. They will be described in detail in the following sections.

### 3.1.1 Sequences

A sequence contains an ordered collection of elements that are all of the same type. The operations supported in the sequence are documented in the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, Sequence Support).

Java sequences implement the java.util.List interface from the standard Collections framework.

In the Modern C++ API a sequences of type T maps to the type dds::core::vector<T>. This type is similar to std::vector<T>.

Elements in a sequence are accessed with their index, just like elements in an array. Indices start at zero in all APIs except Ada. In Ada, indices start at 1. Unlike arrays, however, sequences can grow in size. A sequence has two sizes associated with it: a physical size (the "maximum") and a logical size (the "length"). The physical size indicates how many elements are currently allocated by the sequence to hold; the logical size indicates how many valid elements the sequence actually holds. The length can vary from zero up to the maximum. Elements cannot be accessed at indices beyond the current length.

A sequence may be declared as bounded or unbounded. A sequence’s "bound" is the maximum number of elements that the sequence can contain at any one time. A finite bound is very important because it allows Connext DDS to preallocate buffers to hold serialized and deserialized samples of your types; these buffers

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\(^1\)Sequences of sequences are not supported directly. To work around this constraint, typedef the inner sequence and form a sequence of that new type.

\(^2\)Data types containing bitfield members are not supported by DynamicData. [RTI Bug # 12638]
are used when communicating with other nodes in your distributed system. If a sequence has no bound, Connext DDS will not know how large to allocate its buffers and will therefore have to allocate them on the fly as individual samples are read and written—impacting the latency and determinism of your application.

By default, any unbounded sequences found in an IDL file will be given a default bound of 100 elements. This default value can be overwritten using the RTI Code Generator’s -sequenceSize command-line argument (see the RTI Code Generator User’s Manual).

When using C, C++, or .NET, you can change the default behavior and used truly unbounded sequences by using RTI Code Generator’s -unboundedSupport command-line argument. When using this option, the generated code will deserialize incoming samples by dynamically allocating and deallocating memory to accommodate the actual size of the sequences.

To use truly unbounded sequences, you must generate code with the -unboundedSupport argument and set these QoS values:

Set the properties dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size on the DataWriter and dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size on the DataReader.

Set the QoS reader_resource_limits.dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples on the DataReader to true.

For details on these QoS values, see DDS Sample-Data and Instance-Data Memory Management (Section Chapter 20 on page 845).

### 3.1.2 Strings and Wide Strings

Connext DDS supports both strings consisting of single-byte characters (the IDL string type) and strings consisting of wide characters (IDL wstring). The wide characters supported by Connext DDS are four bytes long, large enough to store not only two-byte Unicode/UTF16 characters but also UTF32 characters.

Like sequences, strings may be bounded or unbounded. A string's "bound" is its maximum length (not counting the trailing NULL character in C and C++).

In the Modern C++ API strings map to the type dds::core::string, similar to std::string.

By default, any unbounded string found in an IDL file will be given a default bound of 255 elements. This default value can be overwritten using the RTI Code Generator’s -stringSize command-line argument (see the RTI Code Generator User’s Manual).

In C, C++, and .NET, you can change the default behavior and used truly unbounded string by using RTI Code Generator’s -unboundedSupport command-line argument. When using this option, the generated code will deserialze incoming samples by dynamically allocating and deallocating memory to accommodate the actual size of the strings.
To use truly unbounded sequences, you must generate code with the `-unboundedSupport` argument and set these QoS values:

- Set the properties `dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size` on the `DataWriter` and `dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size` on the `DataReader`.
- Set the QoS `reader_resource_limits.dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples` on the `DataReader` to true.

For additional details on these QoS values see DDS Sample-Data and Instance-Data Memory Management (Section Chapter 20 on page 845).

### 3.1.3 Introduction to TypeCode

Type schemas—the names and definitions of a type and its fields—are represented by TypeCode objects (known as DynamicType in the Modern C++ API). A type code value consists of a type code kind (see the `TCKind` enumeration below) and a list of members. For compound types like structs and arrays, this list will recursively include one or more type code values.

```cpp
enum TCKind {
    TK_NULL,
    TK_SHORT,
    TK_LONG,
    TK_USHORT,
    TK_ULONG,
    TK_FLOAT,
    TK_DOUBLE,
    TK_BOOLEAN,
    TK_CHAR,
    TK_OCTET,
    TK_STRUCT,
    TK_UNION
    TK_ENUM,
    TK_STRING,
    TK_SEQUENCE,
    TK_ARRAY,
    TK_ALIAS,
    TK_LONGLONG,
    TK_ULONGLONG,
    TK_LONGDOUBLE,
    TK_WCHAR,
    TK_WSTRING,
    TK_VALUE
}
```
3.1.3.1 Sending TypeCodes on the Network

Type codes unambiguously match type representations and provide a more reliable test than comparing the string type names.

The **TypeCode** class, modeled after the corresponding CORBA API, provides access to type-code information. For details on the available operations for the **TypeCode** class, see the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Topic Module, Type Code Support or, for the Modern C++ API select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, DynamicType and DynamicData).

**Note:** Type-code support must be enabled if you are going to use ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 206) with the default SQL filter. You may disable type codes and use a custom filter, as described in Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209).

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In addition to being used locally, serialized type codes are typically published automatically during discovery as part of the built-in topics for publications and subscriptions. See Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772). This allows applications to publish or subscribe to topics of arbitrary types. This functionality is useful for generic system monitoring tools like the **rtiddspy** debug tool (see the API Reference HTML documentation).

**Note:** In the C, Traditional C++, Java and .NET APIs Type codes are not cached by Connext DDS upon receipt and are therefore not available from the built-in data returned by the *DataWriter's get_matched_subscription_data()* operation or the *DataReader's get_matched_publication_data()* operation; in the Modern C++ API they are available.

If your data type has an especially complex type code, you may need to increase the value of the **type_code_max_serialized_length** field in the *DomainParticipant's DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT RESOURCE LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)* (Section 8.5.4 on page 592). Or, to prevent the propagation of type codes altogether, you can set this value to zero (0). Be aware that some features of monitoring tools, as well as some features of the middleware itself (such as **ContentFilteredTopics**) will not work correctly if you disable **TypeCode** propagation.

### 3.2 Built-in Data Types

Connext DDS provides a set of standard types that are built into the middleware. These types can be used immediately; they do not require you to write IDL, use **RTI Code Generator (rtiddsgen)** (see Using RTI Code Generator (rtiddsgen) (Section 3.5 on page 126)), or use the dynamic type API (see Managing Memory for Built-in Types (Section 3.2.7 on page 61)).

The supported built-in types are **String**, **KeyedString**, **Octets**, and **KeyedOctets**. (The latter two types are called **Bytes** and **KeyedBytes**, respectively, on Java and .NET platforms.)
3.2.1 Registering Built-in Types

The built-in type API is located under the DDS namespace in Traditional C++ and .NET. For Java, the API is contained inside the package `com.rti.dds.type.builtin`. In the Modern C++ API they are located in the dds::core namespace.

Built-in data types are discussed in the following sections:

### 3.2.1 Registering Built-in Types

By default, the built-in types are automatically registered when a `DomainParticipant` is created. You can change this behavior by setting the `DomainParticipant`'s `dds.builtin_type.auto_register` property to 0 (false) using the `PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).

### 3.2.2 Creating Topics for Built-in Types

To create a topic for a built-in type, just use the standard `DomainParticipant` operations, `create_topic()` or `create_topic_with_profile()` (see Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1 on page 196)); for the `type_name` parameter, use the value returned by the `get_type_name()` operation, listed below for each API.

**Note:** In the following examples, you will see the sentinel "<BuiltInType>".

For C and Traditional C++: `<BuiltInType>` = String, KeyedString, Octets or KeyedOctets

For Java and .NET\(^1\): `<BuiltInType>` = String, KeyedString, Bytes or KeyedBytes

**C API:**

```c
const char* DDS_<BuiltInType>TypeSupport_get_type_name();
```

**Traditional C++ API with namespace:**

```c
const char* DDS::<BuiltInType>TypeSupport::get_type_name();
```

**Traditional C++ API without namespace:**

```c
const char* DDS<BuiltinType>TypeSupport::get_type_name();
```

**C++/CLI API:**

```c
System::String^ DDS:<BuiltInType>TypeSupport::get_type_name();
```

**C# API:**

```c
System.String DDS.<BuiltInType>TypeSupport.get_type_name();
```

**Java API:**

```c
String
com.rti.dds.type.builtin.<BuiltInType>TypeSupport.get_type_name();
```

\(^1\)RTI Connext DDS .NET language binding is currently supported for C# and C++/CLI.
(This step is not required in the Modern C++ API)

### 3.2.2.1 Topic Creation Examples

For simplicity, error handling is not shown in the following examples.

**C Example:**

```c
DDS_Topic * topic = NULL;
/* Create a builtin type Topic */
topic = DDS_DomainParticipant_create_topic(
    participant, "StringTopic",
    DDS_StringTypeSupport_get_type_name(),
    &DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT, NULL,
    DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

**Traditional C++ Example with namespaces:**

```c
using namespace DDS;
...
/* Create a String builtin type Topic */
Topic * topic = participant->create_topic(
    "StringTopic", StringTypeSupport::get_type_name(),
    DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT, NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

**Modern C++ Example:**

```c
dds::topic::Topic<dds::core::StringTopicType> topic(participant, "StringTopic");
```

**C++/CLI Example:**

```c
using namespace DDS;
...
/* Create a builtin type Topic */
Topic^ topic = participant->create_topic(
    "StringTopic", StringTypeSupport::get_type_name(),
    DomainParticipant::TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
    nullptr, StatusMask::STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

**C# Example:**

```c
using namespace DDS;
...
/* Create a builtin type Topic */
Topic topic = participant.create_topic(
    "StringTopic", StringTypeSupport.get_type_name(),
    DomainParticipant.TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
    null, StatusMask.STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

**Java Example:**

```java
This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
```
3.2.3 String Built-in Type

The String built-in type is represented by a NULL-terminated character array (char *) in C and C++ and an immutable String object in Java and .NET\(^1\). This type can be used to publish and subscribe to a single string.

3.2.3.1 Creating and Deleting Strings

In C and C++, Connext DDS provides a set of operations to create (DDS::String_alloc()), destroy (DDS::String_free()), and clone strings (DDS::String_dup()). Select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, String support in the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages.

**Memory Considerations in Copy Operations:**

When the read/take operations that take a sequence of strings as a parameter are used in copy mode, Connext DDS allocates the memory for the string elements in the sequence if they are initialized to NULL.

If the elements are not initialized to NULL, the behavior depends on the language:

- In Java and .NET, the memory associated with the elements is reallocated with every DDS sample, because strings are immutable objects.
- In C and C++, the memory associated with the elements must be large enough to hold the received data. Insufficient memory may result in crashes.

When `take_next_sample()` and `read_next_sample()` are called in C and C++, you must make sure that the input string has enough memory to hold the received data. Insufficient memory may result in crashes.

3.2.3.2 String DataWriter

The string `DataWriter` API matches the standard `DataWriter` API (see Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278)). There are no extensions.

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\(^1\)RTI Connext DDS .NET language binding is currently supported for C# and C++/CLI.
The following examples show how to write simple strings with a string built-in type *DataWriter*. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

**C Example:**

```c
DDS_StringDataWriter * stringWriter = ...;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode; char * str = NULL;
/* Write some data */
retCode = DDS_StringDataWriter_write(
    stringWriter, "Hello World!", &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
str = DDS_String_dup("Hello World!");
retCode = DDS_StringDataWriter_write(
    stringWriter, str, &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
DDS_String_free(str);
```

**Traditional C++ Example with namespaces:**

```cpp
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
StringDataWriter * stringWriter = ...;
/* Write some data */
ReturnCode_t retCode = stringWriter->write(
    "Hello World!", HANDLE_NIL);
char * str = DDS::String_dup("Hello World!");
retCode = stringWriter->write(str, HANDLE_NIL);
DDS::String_free(str);
```

**Modern C++ Example:**

```cpp
dds::pub::DataWriter<dds::core::StringTopicType> string_writer(
    participant, string_topic);
string_writer.write("Hello World!");
dds::core::string str = "Hello World!";
string_writer.write(str);
```

**C++/CLI Example:**

```cpp
using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
...
StringDataWriter^ stringWriter = ...;
/* Write some data */
stringWriter->write(1
```

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1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
3.2.3.3 String DataReader

The string `DataReader` API matches the standard `DataReader` API (see Using a Type-Specific DataReader (FooDataReader) (Section 7.4.1 on page 490)). There are no extensions.

The following examples show how to read simple strings with a string built-in type `DataReader`. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

C Example:

```c
struct DDS_StringSeq dataSeq =
    DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
struct DDS_SampleInfoSeq infoSeq =
    DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
DDS_StringDataReader * stringReader = ... ;
```
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DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
int i;

/* Take and print the data */
retCode = DDS_StringDataReader_take(
    stringReader, &dataSeq,
    &infoSeq, DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (i = 0; i < DDS_StringSeq_get_length(&data_seq);
++i) {
    if (DDS_SampleInfoSeq_get_reference(
        &info_seq, i)->valid_data) {
        DDS_StringTypeSupport_print_data(
            DDS_StringSeq_get(&data_seq, i));
    }
}

/* Return loan */
retCode = DDS_StringDataReader_return_loan(
    stringReader, &data_seq, &info_seq);

Traditional C++ Example with namespaces:

```cpp
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
StringSeq dataSeq;
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq;
StringDataReader * stringReader = ... ;

/* Take a print the data */
ReturnType_t retCode = stringReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (infoSeq[i].valid_data) {
        StringTypeSupport::print_data(dataSeq[i]);
    }
}

/* Return loan */
retCode = stringReader->return_loan(
    dataSeq, infoSeq);
```

Modern C++ Example:

1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
using namespace dds::core;
using namespace dds::sub;
DataReader<StringTopicType> string_reader( 
    participant, string_topic);
LoanedSamples<StringTopicType> samples = 
    string_reader.take();
for (auto sample : samples) {
    if (sample.info().valid()) { 
        std::cout << sample.data() << std::endl;
    }
}

C++/CLI Example:

using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
... 
StringSeq^ dataSeq = gcnew StringSeq();
SampleInfoSeq^ infoSeq = gcnew SampleInfoSeq();
StringDataReader^ stringReader = ... ;
/* Take and print the data */
stringReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy::LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind::ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind::ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind::ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) { 
    if (infoSeq->get_at(i)->valid_data) { 
        StringTypeSupport::print_data( 
            dataSeq->get_at(i));
    }
}
/* Return loan */
stringReader->return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);

C# Example:

using System;
using DDS;
...
StringSeq dataSeq = new StringSeq();
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = new SampleInfoSeq();
StringDataReader stringReader = ... ;
/* Take and print the data */
stringReader.take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy.LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind.ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
3.2.4 KeyedString Built-in Type

The Keyed String built-in type is represented by a (key, value) pair, where key and value are strings. This type can be used to publish and subscribe to keyed strings. The language specific representations of the type are as follows:

C/Traditional C++ Representation (without namespaces):

```c
struct DDS_KeyedString {
    char * key;
    char * value;
};
```

Modern C++ Representation:
3.2.4.1 Creating and Deleting Keyed Strings

Connext DDS provides a set of constructors/destructors to create/destroy Keyed Strings. For details, see the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Topic Module, Built-in Types).

If you want to manipulate the memory of the fields 'value' and 'key' in the KeyedString struct in C/C++, use the operations DDS::String_alloc(), DDS::String_dup(), and DDS::String_free(), as described in the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, String Support).
3.2.4.2 Keyed String DataWriter

The keyed string DataWriter API is extended with the following methods (in addition to the standard methods described in Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278)):

```c
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::dispose(
    const char* key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* instance_handle);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::dispose_w_timestamp(
    const char* key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* instance_handle,
    const struct DDS::Time_t* source_timestamp);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::get_key_value(
    char* key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle);
DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::lookup_instance(
    const char* key);
DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::register_instance(
    const char* key);
DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::register_instance_w_timestamp(
    const char* key,
    const struct DDS::Time_t* source_timestamp);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::unregister_instance(
    const char* key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::unregister_instance_w_timestamp(
    const char* key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle,
    const struct DDS::Time_t* source_timestamp);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::write(
    const char* key,
    const char* str,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataWriter::write_w_timestamp(
    const char* key,
    const char* str,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle,
    const struct DDS::Time_t* source_timestamp);
```
These operations are introduced to provide maximum flexibility in the format of the input parameters for the write and instance management operations. For additional information and a complete description of the operations, see the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages.

The following examples show how to write keyed strings using a keyed string built-in type `DataWriter` and some of the extended APIs. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

**C Example:**

```c
DDS_KeyedStringDataWriter * stringWriter = ...;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
struct DDS_KeyedString * keyedStr = NULL;
char * str = NULL;
/* Write some data using the KeyedString structure */
keyedStr = DDS_KeyedString_new(255, 255);
strcpy(keyedStr->key, "Key 1");
strcpy(keyedStr->value, "Value 1");
retCode = DDS_KeyedStringDataWriter_write_string_w_key(
    stringWriter, keyedStr,
    &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
DDS_KeyedString_delete(keyedStr);
/* Write some data using individual strings */
retCode = DDS_KeyedStringDataWriter_write_string_w_key(
    stringWriter, "Key 1",
    "Value 1", &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
str = DDS_String_dup("Value 2");
retCode = DDS_KeyedStringDataWriter_write_string_w_key(
    stringWriter, "Key 1",
    str, &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
DDS_String_free(str);
```

**C++ Example with Namespaces:**

```cpp
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedStringDataWriter * stringWriter = ...;
/* Write some data using the KeyedString */
KeyedString * keyedStr = new KeyedString(255, 255);
strcpy(keyedStr->key, "Key 1");
strcpy(keyedStr->value, "Value 1");
ReturnCode_t retCode = stringWriter->write(
    keyedStr, HANDLE_NIL);
delete keyedStr;
```

---

1 This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
C++/CLI Example:

```c++
using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedStringDataWriter^ stringWriter = ... ;
/* Write some data using the KeyedString */
KeyedString^ keyedStr = gcnew KeyedString();
keyedStr->key = "Key 1";
keyedStr->value = "Value 1";
stringWriter->write(
    keyedStr, InstanceHandle_t::HANDLE_NIL);
/* Write some data using individual strings */
stringWriter->write(
    "Key 1", "Value 1",
    InstanceHandle_t::HANDLE_NIL);
```

C# Example:

```csharp
using System;
using DDS;
...
KeyedStringDataWriter stringWriter = ... ;
/* Write some data using the KeyedString */
KeyedString keyedStr = new KeyedString();
keyedStr.key = "Key 1";
keyedStr.value = "Value 1";
stringWriter.write(
    keyedStr, InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);
/* Write some data using individual strings */
stringWriter.write(
    "Key 1", "Value 1",
    InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);
```

Java Example:

```java
import com.rti.dds.publication.*;
import com.rti.dds.type.builtin.*;
import com.rti.dds.infrastructure.*;
...
KeyedStringDataWriter stringWriter = ... ;
```
3.2.4.3 Keyed String DataReader

The KeyedString DataReader API is extended with the following operations (in addition to the standard methods described in Using a Type-Specific DataReader (FooDataReader) (Section 7.4.1 on page 490)):

```c++
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataReader::get_key_value(
    char * key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle);

DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedStringDataReader::lookup_instance(
    const char * key);
```

For additional information and a complete description of these operations in all supported languages, see the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages.

Memory considerations in copy operations:

For read/take operations with copy semantics, such as `read_next_sample()` and `take_next_sample()`, Connext DDS allocates memory for the fields 'value' and 'key' if they are initialized to NULL.

If the fields are not initialized to NULL, the behavior depends on the language:

- In Java and .NET, the memory associated to the fields 'value' and 'key' will be reallocated with every DDS sample.
- In C and C++, the memory associated with the fields 'value' and 'key' must be large enough to hold the received data. Insufficient memory may result in crashes.

The following examples show how to read keyed strings with a keyed string built-in type DataReader. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

```c++
/* Write some data using the KeyedString */
KeyedString keyedStr = new KeyedString();
keyedStr.key = "Key 1";
keyedStr.value = "Value 1";
stringWriter.write(
    keyedStr, InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);
/* Write some data using individual strings */
stringWriter.write(
    "Key 1", "Value 1",
    InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);
String str = "Value 2";
stringWriter.write(
    "Key 1", str,
    InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);
```
C Example:

```c
struct DDS_KeyedStringSeq dataSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
struct DDS_SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
DDS_KeyedStringDataReader * stringReader = ...;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
int i;
/* Take and print the data */
retCode = DDS_KeyedStringDataReader_take(
    stringReader, &dataSeq,
    &infoSeq,
    DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (i = 0;
    i < DDS_KeyedStringSeq_get_length(&data_seq);
    ++i) {
    if (DDS_SampleInfoSeq_get_reference(
        &info_seq, i)->valid_data) {
        DDS_KeyedStringTypeSupport_print_data(
            DDS_KeyedStringSeq_get_reference(&data_seq, i));
    }
}
/* Return loan */
retCode = DDS_KeyedStringDataReader_return_loan(
    stringReader, &data_seq, &info_seq);
```

C++ Example with Namespaces:

```cpp
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedStringSeq dataSeq;
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq;
KeyedStringDataReader * stringReader = ...;
/* Take a print the data */
ReturnCode_t retCode = stringReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
```

---

1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
if (infoSeq[i].valid_data) {
    KeyedStringTypeSupport::print_data(&dataSeq[i]);
}
/* Return loan */
retCode = stringReader->return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);

C++/CLI Example:

using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
... KeyedStringSeq^ dataSeq = gcnew KeyedStringSeq();
SampleInfoSeq^ infoSeq = gcnew SampleInfoSeq();
KeyedStringDataReader^ stringReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
stringReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy::LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind::ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind::ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind::ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (infoSeq->get_at(i)->valid_data) {
        KeyedStringTypeSupport::print_data(
            dataSeq->get_at(i));
    }
}/* Return loan */
stringReader->return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);

C# Example:

using System;
using DDS;
...
KeyedStringSeq dataSeq = new KeyedStringSeq();
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = new SampleInfoSeq();
KeyedStringDataReader stringReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
stringReader.take(dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy.LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind.ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind.ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind.ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (infoSeq.get_at(i).valid_data) {
        KeyedStringTypeSupport.print_data(
            dataSeq.get_at(i));
    }
Java Example:

```java
import com.rti.dds.infrastructure.*;
import com.rti.dds.subscription.*;
import com.rti.dds.type.builtin.*;
...
KeyedStringSeq dataSeq = new KeyedStringSeq();
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = new SampleInfoSeq();
KeyedStringDataReader stringReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
stringReader.take(dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy.LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind.ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind.ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind.ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (((SampleInfo)infoSeq.get(i)).valid_data) {
        System.out.println((
            (KeyedString)dataSeq.get(i)).toString());
    }
}
/* Return loan */
stringReader.return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);
```

### 3.2.5 Octets Built-in Type

The octets built-in type is used to send sequences of octets. The language-specific representations are as follows:

**C/Traditional C++ Representation (without Namespaces):**

```c
struct DDS_Octets {
    int length;
    unsigned char * value;
};
```

**Modern C++ Representation:**

```cpp
class dds::core::BytesTopicType {
public:
    uint8_t & operator [](uint32_t index);
    // ... see API documentation for full definition
```
3.2.5.1 Creating and Deleting Octets

Connext DDS provides a set of constructors/destructors to create and destroy Octet objects. For details, see the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Topic Module, Built-in Types).

If you want to manipulate the memory of the value field inside the Octets struct in C/Traditional C++, use the operations DDS::OctetBuffer_alloc(), DDS::OctetBuffer_dup(), and DDS::OctetBuffer_free(), described in the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, Octet Buffer Support).
3.2.5.2 Octets DataWriter

(Note: for Modern C++ API, refer to the API documentation)

In addition to the standard methods (see Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278)), the octets DataWriter API is extended with the following methods:

```cpp
def write(const DDS::OctetSeq & octets, const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & handle);
def write(const unsigned char * octets, int length, const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & handle);
def write_w_timestamp(const DDS::OctetSeq & octets, const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & handle, const DDS::Time_t & source_timestamp);
def write_w_timestamp(const unsigned char * octets, int length, const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & handle, const DDS::Time_t & source_timestamp);
```

These methods are introduced to provide maximum flexibility in the format of the input parameters for the write operations. For additional information and a complete description of these operations in all supported languages, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

The following examples show how to write an array of octets using an octets built-in type DataWriter and some of the extended APIs. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

**Example:**

```cpp
DDS_OctetsDataWriter * octetsWriter = ... ;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
struct DDS_Octets * octets = NULL;
char * octetArray = NULL;

/* Write some data using the Octets structure */
octets = DDS_Octets_new_w_size(1024);
octets->length = 2;
octets->value[0] = 46;
```
octets->value[1] = 47;
retCode = DDS_OctetsDataWriter_write(
    octetsWriter, octets, &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
DDS_Octets_delete(octets);
/* Write some data using an octets array */
octetArray = (unsigned char *)malloc(1024);
octetArray[0] = 46;
octetArray[1] = 47;
retCode = DDS_OctetsDataWriter_write_octets ( 
    octetsWriter, octetArray, 2, 
    &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
free(octetArray);

C++ Example with Namespaces:1

#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
OctetsDataWriter * octetsWriter = ... ;
/* Write some data using the Octets structure */
Octets * octets = new Octets(1024);
octets->length = 2;
octets->value[0] = 46;
octets->value[1] = 47;
ReturnCode_t retCode = octetsWriter->write(octets, HANDLE_NIL);
delete octets;
/* Write some data using an octet array */
unsigned char * octetArray = new unsigned char[1024];
octetArray[0] = 46;
octetArray[1] = 47;
retCode = octetsWriter->write(octetArray, 2, HANDLE_NIL);
delete []octetArray;

C++/CLI Example:

using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
...
BytesDataWriter^ octetsWriter = ...;
/* Write some data using Bytes */
Bytes^ octets = gcnew Bytes(1024);
octets->value[0] =46;
octets->value[1] =47;
octets.length = 2;
octets.offset = 0;

1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
3.2.5.3 Octets DataReader

(Note: for the Modern C++ API, refer to the API Reference HTML documentation)
The octets `DataReader` API matches the standard `DataReader` API (see Using a Type-Specific `DataReader` (Foo`DataReader`) (Section 7.4.1 on page 490)). There are no extensions.

**Memory considerations in copy operations:**

For read/take operations with copy semantics, such as `read_next_sample()` and `take_next_sample()`, Connext DDS allocates memory for the field 'value' if it is initialized to NULL.

If the field 'value' is not initialized to NULL, the behavior depends on the language:

- In Java and .NET, the memory for the field 'value' will be reallocated if the current size is not large enough to hold the received data.
- In C and C++, the memory associated with the field 'value' must be big enough to hold the received data. Insufficient memory may result in crashes.

The following examples show how to read octets with an octets built-in type `DataReader`. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

**C Example:**

```c
struct DDS_OctetsSeq dataSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
struct DDS_SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
DDS_OctetsDataReader *octetsReader = ... ;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
int i;
/* Take and print the data */
retCode = DDS_OctetsDataReader_take(
        octetsReader, &dataSeq,
        &infoSeq, DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
        DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
        DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
        DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (i = 0; i < DDS_OctetsSeq_get_length(&dataSeq); ++i) {
    if (DDS_SampleInfoSeq_get_reference(
            &infoSeq, i)->valid_data) {
        DDS_OctetsTypeSupport_print_data(
            DDS_OctetsSeq_get_reference(&dataSeq, i));
    }
}
/* Return loan */
retCode = DDS_OctetsDataReader_return_loan(
        octetsReader, &dataSeq, &infoSeq);
```

**C++ Example with Namespaces:**

```cpp
1
This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
```
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
OctetsSeq dataSeq;
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq;
OctetsDataReader * octetsReader = ... ;
/* Take a print the data */
ReturnCode_t retCode = octetsReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    LENGTH_UNLIMITED, ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ANY_VIEW_STATE, ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (infoSeq[i].valid_data) {
        OctetsTypeSupport::print_data(&dataSeq[i]);
    }
}
/* Return loan */
retCode = octetsReader->return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);

C++/CLI Example:

using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
...
BytesSeq^ dataSeq = gcnew BytesSeq();
SampleInfoSeq^ infoSeq = gcnew SampleInfoSeq();
BytesDataReader^ octetsReader = ... ;
/* Take and print the data */
octetsReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy::LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind::ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind::ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind::ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (infoSeq->get_at(i)->valid_data) {
        BytesTypeSupport::print_data(dataSeq->get_at(i));
    }
}
/* Return loan */
octetsReader->return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);

C# Example:

using System;
using DDS;
...
BytesSeq dataSeq = new BytesSeq();
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = new SampleInfoSeq();
3.2.6 KeyedOctets Built-in Type

The keyed octets built-in type is used to send sequences of octets with a key. The language-specific representations of the type are as follows:

C/Traditional C++ Representation (without Namespaces):

```c
struct DDS_KeyedOctets {
    char * key;
};
```
int length;
  unsigned char * value;
};

Modern C++ Representation:

class dds::core::KeyedStringTopicType {
public:
  dds::core::string& key();
  uint8_t& operator [](uint32_t index);
  // ... see API documentation for full definition
};

C++/CLI Representation:

namespace DDS {
  public ref struct KeyedBytes {
    public:
      System::String^ key;
      System::Int32 length;
      System::Int32 offset;
      array<System::Byte>^ value;
      ...
  };
};

C# Representation:

namespace DDS {
  public class KeyedBytes {
    public System.String key;
    public System.Int32 length;
    public System.Int32 offset;
    public System.Byte[] value;
    ...
  };
};

Java Representation:

package com.rti.dds.type.builtin;
public class KeyedBytes {
  public String key;
  public int length;
  public int offset;
  public byte[] value;
  ...
}
3.2.6.1 Creating and Deleting KeyedOctets

Connext DDS provides a set of constructors/destructors to create/destroy KeyedOctets objects. For details, see the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Topic Module, Built-in Types).

To manipulate the memory of the value field in the KeyedOctets struct in C/C++: use DDS::OctetBuffer_alloc(), DDS::OctetBuffer_dup(), and DDS::OctetBuffer_free(). See the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, Octet Buffer Support).

To manipulate the memory of the key field in the KeyedOctets struct in C/C++: use DDS::String_alloc(), DDS::String_dup(), and DDS::String_free(). See the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, String Support).

3.2.6.2 Keyed Octets DataWriter

In addition to the standard methods (see Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278)), the keyed octets DataWriter API is extended with the following methods:

```c
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataWriter::dispose(const char* key,
const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & instance_handle);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataWriter::dispose_w_timestamp(const char* key,
const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & instance_handle,
const DDS::Time_t & source_timestamp);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataWriter::get_key_value(char * key,
const DDS::InstanceHandle_t & handle);
DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataWriter::lookup_instance(const char * key);
DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataWriter::register_instance(const char* key);
DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataWriter::register_instance_w_timestamp(const char * key,
const DDS::Time_t & source_timestamp);
DDS::ReturnCode_t
```
These methods are introduced to provide maximum flexibility in the format of the input parameters for the write and instance management operations. For more information and a complete description of these operations in all supported languages, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

The following examples show how to write keyed octets using a keyed octets built-in type DataWriter and some of the extended APIs. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

C Example:

```c
DDS_KeyedOctetsDataWriter * octetsWriter = ... ;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
struct DDS_KeyedOctets * octets = NULL;
char * octetArray = NULL;
/* Write some data using KeyedOctets structure */
octets = DDS_KeyedOctets_new_w_size(128,1024);
strcpy(octets->key, "Key 1");
```
octets->length = 2;
octets->value[0] = 46;
octets->value[1] = 47;
retCode = DDS_KeyedOctetsDataWriter_write(
    octetsWriter, octets, &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
DDS_KeyedOctets_delete(octets);
/* Write some data using an octets array */
octetArray = (unsigned char *)malloc(1024);
octetArray[0] = 46;
octetArray[1] = 47;
retCode =
    DDS_KeyedOctetsDataWriter_write_octets_w_key (  
        octetsWriter, "Key 1",  
        octetArray, 2, &DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
free(octetArray);

C++ Example with Namespaces:

```cpp
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedOctetsDataWriter * octetsWriter = ...;
/* Write some data using KeyedOctets */
KeyedOctets * octets = new KeyedOctets(128,1024);
strcpy(octets->key, "Key 1");
octets->length = 2;
octets->value[0] = 46;
octets->value[1] = 47;
ReturnCode_t retCode =
    octetsWriter->write(octets, HANDLE_NIL);
delete octets;
/* Write some data using an octet array */
unsigned char * octetArray = new unsigned char[1024];
octetArray[0] = 46;
octetArray[1] = 47;
retCode = octetsWriter->write(  
    "Key 1", octetArray, 2, HANDLE_NIL);
delete []octetArray;
```

C++/CLI Example:

```cpp
using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedOctetsDataWriter^ octetsWriter = ...;
```

1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
3.2.6.2 Keyed Octets DataWriter

C# Example:

```csharp
using System;
using DDS;
...
KeyedBytesDataWriter stringWriter = ... ;
/* Write some data using the KeyedBytes */
KeyedBytes octets = new KeyedBytes(1024);
octets.key = "Key 1";
octets.value[0] = 46;
octets.value[1] = 47;
octets.length = 2;
octets.offset = 0;
octetWriter.write(octets,
    InstanceHandle_t::HANDLE_NIL);
/* Write some data using individual strings */
byte[] octetArray = new byte[1024];
octetArray[0] = 46;
octetArray[1] = 47;
octetsWriter.write(
    "Key 1", octetArray,
    0, 2, InstanceHandle_t::HANDLE_NIL);
```

Java Example:

```java
import com.rti.dds.publication.*;
import com.rti.dds.type.builtin.*;
import com.rti.dds.infrastructure.*;
...
KeyedBytesDataWriter octetsWriter = ... ;
/* Write some data using KeyedBytes class */
KeyedBytes octets = new KeyedBytes(1024);
```
octets.key = "Key 1";
octets.length = 2;
octets.offset = 0;
octets.value[0] = 46;
octets.value[1] = 47;
octetsWriter.write(octets,
    InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);
    /* Write some data using a byte array */
byte[] octetArray = new byte[1024];
octetArray[0] = 46;
octetArray[1] = 47;
octetsWriter.write(
    "Key 1", octetArray,
0, 2, InstanceHandle_t.HANDLE_NIL);

3.2.6.3 Keyed Octets DataReader

The KeyedOctets DataReader API is extended with the following methods (in addition to the standard methods described in Using a Type-Specific DataReader (FooDataReader) (Section 7.4.1 on page 490)):

```
DDS::ReturnCode_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataReader::get_key_value(
    char * key,
    const DDS::InstanceHandle_t* handle);

DDS::InstanceHandle_t
DDS::KeyedOctetsDataReader::lookup_instance(
    const char * key);
```

For more information and a complete description of these operations in all supported languages, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

**Memory considerations in copy operations:**

For read/take operations with copy semantics, such as read_next_sample() and take_next_sample(), Connext DDS allocates memory for the fields 'value' and 'key' if they are initialized to NULL.

If the fields are not initialized to NULL, the behavior depends on the language:

- In Java and .NET, the memory of the field 'value' will be reallocated if the current size is not large enough to hold the received data. The memory associated with the field 'key' will be reallocated with every DDS sample (the key is an immutable object).
- In C and C++, the memory associated with the fields 'value' and 'key' must be large enough to hold the received data. Insufficient memory may result in crashes.
The following examples show how to read keyed octets with a keyed octets built-in type DataReader. For simplicity, error handling is not shown.

**C Example:**

```c
struct DDS_KeyedOctetsSeq dataSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
struct DDS_SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
DDS_KeyedOctetsDataReader * octetsReader = ...;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
int i;
/* Take and print the data */
retCode = DDS_KeyedOctetsDataReader_take(
    octetsReader,
    &dataSeq, &infoSeq, DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE, DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (i = 0; i < DDS_KeyedOctetsSeq_get_length(&data_seq); ++i) {
    if (DDS_SampleInfoSeq_get_reference(
            &info_seq, i)->valid_data) {
        DDS_KeyedOctetsTypeSupport_print_data(
            DDS_KeyedOctetsSeq_get_reference(
                &data_seq, i));
    }
}
/* Return loan */
retCode = DDS_KeyedOctetsDataReader_return_loan(
    octetsReader, &data_seq, &info_seq);
```

**C++ Example with Namespaces:**

```cpp
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedOctetsSeq dataSeq;
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq;
KeyedOctetsDataReader * octetsReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
_ReturnCode_t retCode = octetsReader->take(
    dataSeq, infoSeq, LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    ANY_SAMPLE_STATE, ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
```

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1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
3.2.6.3 Keyed Octets DataReader

```cpp
if (infoSeq[i].valid_data) {
    KeyedOctetsTypeSupport::print_data(
        &dataSeq[i]);
}
}

/* Return loan */
retCode = octetsReader->return_loan(
    dataSeq, infoSeq);
```

**C++/C# Example:**

```cpp
using namespace System;
using namespace DDS;
...
KeyedBytesSeq* dataSeq = gcnew KeyedBytesSeq();
SampleInfoSeq* infoSeq = gcnew SampleInfoSeq();
KeyedBytesDataReader octetsReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
ocetsReader->take(dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy::LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind::ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind::ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind::ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i)
    if (infoSeq->get_at(i)->valid_data) {
        KeyedBytesTypeSupport::print_data(
            dataSeq->get_at(i));
    }
/* Return loan */
ocetsReader->return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);
```

**C# Example:**

```cpp
using System;
using DDS;
...
KeyedBytesSeq dataSeq = new KeyedBytesSeq();
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = new SampleInfoSeq();
KeyedBytesDataReader octetsReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
ocetsReader.take(dataSeq, infoSeq,
    ResourceLimitsQosPolicy.LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
    SampleStateKind.ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    ViewStateKind.ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    InstanceStateKind.ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (infoSeq.get_at(i).valid_data) {
        KeyedBytesTypeSupport.print_data(
```
dataSeq.get_at(i));
}

/* Return loan */
octetsReader.return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);

Java Example:

```java
import com.rti.dds.infrastructure.*;
import com.rti.dds.subscription.*;
import com.rti.dds.type.builtin.*;
...
KeyedBytesSeq dataSeq = new KeyedBytesSeq();
SampleInfoSeq infoSeq = new SampleInfoSeq();
KeyedBytesDataReader octetsReader = ...;
/* Take and print the data */
octetsReader.take(dataSeq, infoSeq,
   ResourceLimitsQosPolicy.LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
   SampleStateKind.ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
   ViewStateKind.ANY_VIEW_STATE,
   InstanceStateKind.ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);

for (int i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i){
   if (((SampleInfo)infoSeq.get(i)).valid_data)
      System.out.println((KeyedBytes)dataSeq.get(i)).toString();
}

/* Return loan */
octetsReader.return_loan(dataSeq, infoSeq);
```

### 3.2.7 Managing Memory for Built-in Types

When a DDS sample is written, the *DataWriter* serializes it and stores the result in a buffer obtained from a pool of preallocated buffers. In the same way, when a DDS sample is received, the *DataReader* deserializes it and stores the result in a DDS sample coming from a pool of preallocated DDS samples.

By default, the buffers on the DataWriter and the samples on the DataReader are preallocated with their maximum size. For example:

```java
struct MyString
Unknown macro: { string<128> value; }```

This IDL-defined type has a maximum serialized size of 133 bytes (4 bytes for length + 128 characters + 1 NULL terminating character). So the serialization buffers will have a size of 133 bytes. The buffer can hold samples with 128 characters strings. Consequently, the preallocated samples will be sized to keep this length.
However, for built-in types, the maximum size of the buffers/DDS samples is unknown and depends on the nature of the application using the built-in type.

For example, a video surveillance application that is using the keyed octets built-in type to publish a stream of images will require bigger buffers than a market-data application that uses the same built-in type to publish market-data values.

To accommodate both kinds of applications and optimize memory usage, you can configure the maximum size of the built-in types on a per-DataWriter or per-Datareader basis using the PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391). Table 3.1 Properties for Allocating Size of Built-in Types, per DataWriter and DataReader lists the supported built-in type properties. When the properties are defined in the DomainParticipant, they are applicable to all DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to the DomainParticipant, unless they are overwritten in the DataWriters and DataReaders.

These properties must be set consistently with respect to the corresponding *.max_size properties in the DomainParticipant (see Table 3.13 Properties for Allocating Size of Built-in Types, per DomainParticipant). The value of the alloc_size property must be less than or equal to the max_size property with the same name prefix in the DomainParticipant.

Examples—Setting the Maximum Size for a String Programmatically (Section 3.2.7.1 on the facing page) includes examples of how to set the maximum size of a string built-in type for a DataWriter programmatically, for each API. You can also set the maximum size of the built-in types using XML QoS Profiles. For example, the following XML shows how to set the maximum size of a string built-in type for a DataWriter.

```xml
<dds>
  <qos_library name="BuiltinExampleLibrary">
    <qos_profile name="BuiltinExampleProfile">
      <datawriter_qos>
        <property>
          <value>
            <element>
              <name>dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size</name>
              <value>2048</value>
            </element>
          </value>
        </property>
      </datawriter_qos>
      <datareader_qos>
        <property>
          <value>
            <element>
              <name>dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size</name>
              <value>2048</value>
            </element>
          </value>
        </property>
      </datareader_qos>
    </qos_profile>
  </qos_library>
</dds>
```
3.2.7.1 Examples—Setting the Maximum Size for a String Programmatically

For simplicity, error handling is not shown in the following examples.

C Example:

```c
DDS_DataWriter * writer = NULL;
DDS_StringDataWriter * stringWriter = NULL;
DDS_Publisher * publisher = ... ;
```
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```c
DDS_Topic * stringTopic = ... ;
struct DDS_DataWriterQos writerQos =
    DDS_DataWriterQos_INITIALIZER;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
retCode = DDS_DomainParticipant_get_default_datawriter_qos (
    participant, &writerQos);
retCode = DDS_PropertyQosPolicyHelper_add_property (    
    &writerQos.property,
    "dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size", "1000",    
    DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
writer = DDS_Publisher_create_datawriter(    
    publisher, stringTopic, &writerQos,    
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
stringWriter = DDS_StringDataWriter_narrow(writer);
DDS_DataWriterQos_finalize(&writerQos);
```

**Traditional C++ Example with Namespaces:**

```c
#include "ndds/ndds_namespace_cpp.h"
using namespace DDS;
...
Publisher * publisher = ... ;
Topic * stringTopic = ... ;
DataWriterQos writerQos;
ReturnCode_t retCode =
    participant->get_default_datawriter_qos(writerQos);
retCode = PropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (    
    &writerQos.property,
    "dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size", "1000",    
    DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
DataWriter * writer = publisher->create_datawriter(    
    stringTopic, writerQos,    
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
StringDataWriter * stringWriter =
    StringDataWriter::narrow(writer);
```

**Modern C++ Example:**

```c
dds::pub::qos::DataWriterQos writer_qos =    
    participant.default_datawriter_qos();
writer_qos.policy<rtti::core::policy::Property>().set({    
    "dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size", "1000"});
dds::pub::DataWriter<dds::core::StringTopicType> writer(    
    publisher, string_topic, writer_qos);
```

---

1This example uses C++ namespaces. If you're not using namespaces in your own code, prefix the name of each DDS class with 'DDS.' For example, DDS::StringDataWriter becomes DDSStringDataWriter.
C++/CLI Example:

```c++
using namespace DDS;
...
Topic^ stringTopic = ... ;
Publisher^ publisher = ... ;
DataWriterQos^ writerQos = gcnew DataWriterQos();
participant->get_default_datawriter_qos(writerQos);
PropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property(
    writerQos->property_qos,
    "dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size",
    "1000", false);
DataWriter^ writer = publisher->create_datawriter(
    stringTopic, writerQos,
    nullptr, StatusMask::STATUS_MASK_NONE);
StringDataWriter^ stringWriter =
    safe_cast<StringDataWriter^>(writer);
```

C# Example:

```csharp
using DDS;
...
Topic stringTopic = ... ;
Publisher publisher = ... ;
DataWriterQos writerQos = new DataWriterQos();
participant.get_default_datawriter_qos(writerQos);
PropertyQosPolicyHelper.add_property (  
    writerQos.property_qos,  
    "dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size",  
    "1000", false);  
StringDataWriter stringWriter =
    (StringDataWriter) publisher.create_datawriter(
    stringTopic, writerQos, null,
    StatusMask.STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

Java Example:

```java
import com.rti.dds.publication.*;
import com.rti.dds.type.builtin.*;
import com.rti.dds.infrastructure.*;
...
Topic stringTopic = ... ;
Publisher publisher = ... ;
DataWriterQos writerQos = new DataWriterQos();
participant.get_default_datawriter_qos(writerQos);
PropertyQosPolicyHelper.add_property (  
    writerQos.property,  
    "dds.builtin_type.string.alloc_size",  
    "1000", false);
```
3.2.7.2 Unbounded Built-in Types

In some scenarios, the maximum size of a built-in type is not known in advance and there is no a reasonable maximum size. For example, this could occur in a file transfer application using the built-in type Octets. Setting a large value for the `dds.builtin_type.*.alloc_size` property would involve high memory usage.

For the above use case, you can configure the built-in type to be unbounded by setting the property `dds.builtin_type.*.alloc_size` to the maximum value of a 32-bit signed integer: 2,147,483,647. Then the middleware will not preallocate the `DataReader` queue's samples to their maximum size. Instead, it will deserialize incoming samples by dynamically allocating and deallocating memory to accommodate the actual size of the sample value.

In addition to setting the properties `dds.builtin_type.*.alloc_size` to 2,147,483,647, you must also use the threshold QoS properties `dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size` on the `DataWriter` and `dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size` on the `DataReader`. Also, the QoS value `reader_resource_limits.dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples` on the `DataReader` must be set to true.

For more information on these QoS values, see DDS Sample-Data and Instance-Data Memory Management (Section Chapter 20 on page 845).

Unbounded built-in types are only supported in the C, C++, and .NET APIs.

3.2.8 Type Codes for Built-in Types

The type codes associated with the built-in types are generated from the following IDL type definitions:

```idl
module DDS {
    /* String */
    struct String {
        string<max_size> value;
    };
    /* KeyedString */
    struct KeyedString {
        string<max_size> key; // @key
        string<max_size> value;
    };
    /* Octets */
    struct Octets {
        sequence<octet, max_size> value;
    }
}
```
The maximum size (max_size) of the strings and sequences that will be included in the type code definitions can be configured on a per-DomainParticipant-basis by using the properties in Table 3.2 Properties for Allocating Size of Built-in Types, per DomainParticipant.

Table 3.2 Properties for Allocating Size of Built-in Types, per DomainParticipant

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<th>Built-in Type</th>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>dds.builtin_type.string.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the strings published by the DataWriters and received by the DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KeyedString</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_string.max_key_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the keys used by the DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024</td>
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<tr>
<td>Octets</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.octets.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the octet sequences published by the DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant. Default: 2048</td>
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<tr>
<td>Keyed-Octets</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_octets.max_key_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the key published by the DataWriter and received by the DataReaders belonging to the DomainParticipant (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024.</td>
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<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_octets.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the octet sequences published by the DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant. Default: 2048</td>
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3.3 Creating User Data Types with IDL

You can create user data types in a text file using IDL (Interface Description Language). IDL is programming-language independent, so the same file can be used to generate code in C, Traditional C++,
Modern C++, C++/CLI, and Java (the languages supported by RTI Code Generator (rtiddsgen)). RTI Code Generator parses the IDL file and automatically generates all the necessary routines and wrapper functions to bind the types for use by Connext DDS at run time. You will end up with a set of required routines and structures that your application and Connext DDS will use to manipulate the data.

Connext DDS only uses a subset of the IDL syntax. IDL was originally defined by the OMG for the use of CORBA client/server applications in an enterprise setting. Not all of the constructs that can be described by the language are as useful in the context of high-performance data-centric embedded applications. These include the constructs that define method and function prototypes like “interface.”

RTI Code Generator will parse any file that follows version 3.0.3 of the IDL specification. It will quietly ignore all syntax that is not recognized by Connext DDS. In addition, even though “anonymous sequences” (sequences of sequences with no intervening typedef) are currently legal in IDL, they have been deprecated by the specification; thus RTI Code Generator does not support them.

Certain keywords are considered reserved by the IDL specification; see Table 3.3 Reserved IDL Keywords.

Table 3.3 Reserved IDL Keywords

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The IDL constructs supported by RTI Code Generator are described in Table 3.5 Specifying Data Types in IDL for C through Table 3.9 Specifying Data Types in IDL for Java. Use these tables to map primitive types to their equivalent IDL syntax, and vice versa.

For C and Traditional C++, RTI Code Generator uses typedefs instead of the language keywords for primitive types. For example, DDS_Long instead of long or DDS_Double instead of double. This ensures that the types are of the same size regardless of the platform.¹

The remainder of this section includes:

### 3.3.1 Variable-Length Types

When RTI Code Generator generates code for data structures with variable-length types—strings and sequences—it includes functions that create, initialize and finalize (destroy) those objects. These support functions will properly initialize pointers and allocate and deallocate the memory used for variable-length types. All Connext DDS APIs assume that the data structures passed to them are properly initialized.

For variable-length types, the actual length (instead of the maximum length) of data is transmitted on the wire when the DDS sample is written (regardless of whether the type has hard-coded bounds).

#### 3.3.1.1 Sequences

C, Traditional C++, C++/CLI, and C# users can allocate memory from a number of sources: from the heap, the stack, or from a custom allocator of some kind. In those languages, sequences provide the concept of memory "ownership." A sequence may own the memory allocated to it or be loaned memory from another source. If a sequence owns its memory, it will manage its underlying memory storage buffer itself. When a sequence's maximum size is changed, the sequence will free and reallocate its buffer as needed. However, if a sequence was created with loaned memory by user code, then its memory is not its own to free or reallocate. Therefore, you cannot set the maximum size of a sequence whose memory is loaned. See the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, Sequence Support) for more information about how to loan and unloan memory for sequence.

In IDL, as described above, a sequence may be declared as bounded or unbounded. A sequence's "bound" is the greatest value its maximum may take. If you use the initializer functions RTI Code Generator provides for your types, all sequences will have their maximum set to their declared bounds. However, the amount of data transmitted on the wire when the DDS sample is written will vary.

In the Modern C++ API, sequences (dds::core::vector) always own the memory.

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¹The number of bytes sent on the wire for each data type is determined by the Common Data Representation (CDR) standard. For details on CDR, please see the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) Specification, Version 3.1, Part 2: CORBA Interoperability, Section 9.3, CDR Transfer Syntax (http://www.omg.org/technology/documents/corba_spec_catalog.htm).
3.3.1.2 Strings and Wide Strings

(Note: this section doesn't apply to the Modern C++ API, where dds::core::string behaves similarly to std::string)

The initialization functions that RTI Code Generator provides for your types will allocate all of the memory for strings in a type to their declared bounds. Take care—if you assign a string pointer (char *) in a data structure allocated or initialized by a Connext DDS-generated function, you should release (free) the memory originally allocated for the string, otherwise the memory will be leaked.

To Java and .NET users, an IDL string is a String object: it is immutable and knows its own length. C and C++ users must take care, however, as there is no way to determine how much memory is allocated to a character pointer "string"; all that can be determined is the string's current logical length. In some cases, Connext DDS may need to copy a string into a structure that user code has provided. Connext DDS does not free the memory of the string provided to it, as it cannot know from where that memory was allocated.

In the C and C++ APIs, Connext DDS therefore uses the following conventions:

- A string's memory is "owned" by the structure that contains that string. Calling the finalization function provided for a type will free all recursively contained strings. If you have allocated a contained string in a special way, you must be careful to clean up your own memory and assign the pointer to NULL before calling the type's finalize() method, so that Connext DDS will skip over that string.
- You must provide a non-NULL string pointer for Connext DDS to copy into. Otherwise, Connext DDS will log an error.
- When you provide a non-NULL string pointer in your data structure, Connext DDS will copy into the provided memory without performing any additional memory allocations. Be careful—if you provide Connext DDS with an uninitialized pointer or allocate a string that is too short, you may corrupt the memory or cause a program crash. Connext DDS will never try to copy a string that is longer than the bound of the destination string. However, your application must insure that any string that it allocates is long enough.

Connext DDS provides a small set of C functions for dealing with strings. These functions simplify common tasks, avoid some platform-specific issues (such as the lack of a strdup() function on some platforms), and provide facilities for dealing with wide strings, for which no standard C library exists. Connext DDS always uses these functions internally for managing string memory; you are recommended—but not required—to use them as well. See the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, String Support) for more information about strings.

3.3.2 Value Types

A value type is like a structure, but with support for additional object-oriented features such as inheritance. It is similar to what is sometimes referred to in Java as a POJO—a Plain Old Java Object.
3.3.3 Type Codes

Readers familiar with value types in the context of CORBA should consult Table 3.4 Value Type Support to see which value type-related IDL keywords are supported and what their behavior is in the context of Connext DDS.

Table 3.4 Value Type Support

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<td>Inheritance</td>
<td>Single inheritance from other value types</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public state members</td>
<td>Supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private state members</td>
<td>Become public when code is generated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Custom keyword</td>
<td>Ignored (the value type is parsed without the keyword and code is generated to work with it)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abstract value types</td>
<td>No code generated (the value type is parsed, but no code is generated)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operations</td>
<td>No code generated (the value type is parsed, but no code is generated)</td>
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<td>Truncatable keyword</td>
<td>Ignored (the value type is parsed without the keyword and code is generated to work with it)</td>
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</table>

3.3.3 Type Codes

Type codes are enabled by default when you run *RTI Code Generator*. The `-notypedef` option disables generation of type code information. Type-code support does increase the amount of memory used, so if you need to save on memory, you may consider disabling type codes. (The `-notypedef` option is described in the *RTI Code Generator User’s Manual*.)

Locally, your application can access the type code for a generated type " Foo" by calling the `FooTypeSupport::get_typedef()` (Traditional C++ Notation) operation in the code for the type generated by *RTI Code Generator* (unless type-code support is disabled with the `-notypedef` option).

**Note:** Type-code support must be enabled if you are going to use ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4 on page 206) with the default SQL filter. You may disable type codes and use a custom filter, as described in Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209).

### 3.3.4 Translations for IDL Types

This section describes how to specify your data types in an IDL file. *RTI Code Generator* supports all the types listed in the following tables:

- Table 3.5 Specifying Data Types in IDL for C
- Table 3.6 Specifying Data Types in IDL for Traditional C++
- Table 3.8 Specifying Data Types in IDL for the Modern C++ API
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- Table 3.7 Specifying Data Types in IDL for C++/CLI
- Table 3.9 Specifying Data Types in IDL for Java
- Table 3.10 Specifying Data Types in IDL for Ada

In each table, the middle column shows the IDL syntax for a data type in an IDL file. The rightmost column shows the corresponding language mapping created by RTI Code Generator.

**Table 3.5 Specifying Data Types in IDL for C**

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<td>char (see Note: 1 below)</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { char char_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_Char char_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
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<tr>
<td>wchar</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { wchar wchar_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_Wchar wchar_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>octet</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { octet octet_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_Octet octet_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { short short_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_Short short_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned short unsigned_short_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_UnsingedShort unsigned_short_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long long_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_Long long_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned long unsigned_long_member; }</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct { DDS_UnsingedLong unsigned_long_member; } PrimitiveStruct;</td>
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<td>---------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code> <code>long long long_long_member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDS_LongLong long_long_member;</code> <code>}</code> PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code> <code>unsigned long long unsigned_long_long_member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDSUnsignedLongLong unsigned_long_long_member;</code> <code>}</code> PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code> <code>float float_member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDS_Float float_member;</code> <code>}</code> PrimitiveStruct;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code> <code>double double_member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDS_Double double_member;</code> <code>}</code> PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code> <code>long double long_double_member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDS_LongDouble long_double_member;</code> <code>}</code> PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>struct MyStruct {</code> <code>long * member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct MyStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDS_Long * member;</code> <code>}</code> MyStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code> <code>boolean boolean_member;</code> <code>}</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</code> <code>{</code> <code>DDS_Boolean boolean_member;</code> <code>}</code> PrimitiveStruct;</td>
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<tr>
<td>enum</td>
<td>`enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
<td>`typedef enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ENUM1,</td>
<td>ENUM1,</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>ENUM2,</td>
<td>ENUM2,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>ENUM3</td>
<td>ENUM3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveEnum;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>`enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
<td>`typedef enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ENUM1 = 10,</td>
<td>ENUM1 - 10,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ENUM2 = 20,</td>
<td>ENUM2 - 20,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ENUM3 = 30</td>
<td>ENUM3 - 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveEnum;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>constant</td>
<td>`const short SIZE = 5;</td>
<td>`#define SIZE 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct</td>
<td>`struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>`typedef struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(see</td>
<td>{ char char_member;</td>
<td>char char_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: 10</td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>below)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>union</td>
<td>`union PrimitiveUnion</td>
<td>`typedef struct PrimitiveUnion {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(see</td>
<td>switch (long){</td>
<td>DDS_Long _d;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: 3</td>
<td>case 1:</td>
<td>DDS_Short short_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>and</td>
<td>short short_member;</td>
<td>DDS_Long long_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: 10</td>
<td>default:</td>
<td>} _u;</td>
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<td>below)</td>
<td>long long_member;</td>
<td>} PrimitiveUnion;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>typedef</td>
<td><code>typedef short TypedefShort;</code></td>
<td><code>typedef DDS_Short TypedefShort;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>array of</td>
<td>`struct OneArrayStruct</td>
<td>`typedef struct OneArrayStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>above</td>
<td>{ short short_array[2];</td>
<td>DDS_Short short_array[2];</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>types</td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} OneArrayStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>`struct TwoArrayStruct</td>
<td>`typedef struct TwoArrayStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{ short short_array[1][2];</td>
<td>DDS_Short short_array[1][2];</td>
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<tr>
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<td>};</td>
<td>} TwoArrayStruct;</td>
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| bounded sequence of above types (see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below) | `struct SequenceStruct { 
    sequence<short,4> short_sequence; 
};` | `typedef struct SequenceStruct 
    { 
    DDSShortSeq short_sequence; 
    } SequenceStruct;` 
  
  Note: Sequences of primitive types have been predefined by Connext DDS. |
| unbounded sequence of above types (see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below) | `struct SequenceStruct { 
    sequence<short> short_sequence; 
};` | `typedef struct SequenceStruct 
    { 
    DDSShortSeq short_sequence; 
    } SequenceStruct;` 
  
  See Note: 12 below. |
| array of sequences | `struct ArraysOfSequences{ 
    sequence<short,4> sequences_array[2]; 
};` | `typedef struct ArraysOfSequences 
    { 
    DDS_ShortSeq sequences_array[2]; 
    } ArraysOfSequences;` |
| sequence of arrays (see Note: 11 below) | `typedef short ShortArray[2];` 
  `struct SequenceOfArrays { 
    sequence<ShortArray,2> arrays_sequence; 
};` | `typedef DDS_Short ShortArray[2];` 
  `DDS_SEQUENCE_NO_GET(ShortArraySeq,ShortArray);` 
  `typedef struct SequenceOfArrays 
    { 
    ShortArraySeq arrays_sequence; 
    } SequenceOfArrays;` 
  
  DDS_SEQUENCE_NO_GET is a Connext DDS macro that defines a new sequence type for a user data type. In this case, the user data type is ShortArray. |
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<td>sequence of sequences (see Note: 4 and Note: 11 below)</td>
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</table>
```c
typedef sequence<short,4> ShortSequence;
struct SequencesOfSequences{
sequence<ShortSequence,2> sequences_sequence;
};
``` | 
```c
typedef DDS_ShortSeq ShortSequence;
DDS_SEQUENCE(ShortSequenceSeq, ShortSequence);
typedef struct SequencesOfSequences{
ShortSequenceSeq sequences_sequence;
} SequencesOfSequences;
``` |
| bounded string | 
```c
struct PrimitiveStruct {
string<20> string_member;
};
``` | 
```c
typedef struct PrimitiveStruct {
char* string_member; /* maximum length = (20) */
} PrimitiveStruct;
``` |
| unbounded string | 
```c
struct PrimitiveStruct {
string string_member;
};
``` | 
```c
typedef struct PrimitiveStruct {
char* string_member; /* maximum length = (255) */
} PrimitiveStruct;
``` |
| bounded wstring | 
```c
struct PrimitiveStruct {
wstring<20> wstring_member;
};
``` | 
```c
typedef struct PrimitiveStruct {
DDS_Wchar * wstring_member;

/* maximum length = (20) */
} PrimitiveStruct;
``` |
| unbounded wstring | 
```c
struct PrimitiveStruct {
wstring wstring_member;
};
``` | 
```c
typedef struct PrimitiveStruct {
DDS_Wchar * wstring_member;

/* maximum length = (255) */
} PrimitiveStruct;
``` |

See Note: 12 below.
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<tr>
<td>module</td>
<td><code>module PackageName {</code></td>
<td><code>namespace PackageName{</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>`    struct Foo {</td>
<td><code>        typedef struct Foo {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>        long field;</code></td>
<td><code>            DDS_Long field;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    };</code></td>
<td><code>        } Foo;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>};</code></td>
<td><code>    };</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>With the <code>-namespace</code> option (only available for C++):</td>
<td><code>typedef struct PackageName_Foo {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    typedef struct PackageName_Foo {</code></td>
<td><code>        DDS_Long field;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    } PackageName_Foo;</code></td>
<td><code>    } PackageName_Foo;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>valuetype</td>
<td><code>valuetype MyValueType {</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct MyValueType {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    public MyValueType2 * member;</code></td>
<td><code>        MyValueType2 * member;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    };</code></td>
<td><code>        } MyValueType;</code></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td><code>valuetype MyValueType {</code></td>
<td><code>typedef struct MyValueType {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    public MyValueType2 member;</code></td>
<td><code>        MyValueType2 member;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    };</code></td>
<td><code>        } MyValueType;</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td>`valuetype MyValueType:</td>
<td><code>typedef struct MyValueType {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    MyBaseValueType {</code></td>
<td><code>        MyBaseValueType parent;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    public MyValueType2 * member;</code></td>
<td><code>        MyBaseValueType parent;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    };</code></td>
<td><code>        } MyBaseValueType;</code></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>typedef struct MyValueType {</code></td>
<td><code>        MyBaseValueType parent;</code></td>
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<td><code>    MyBaseValueType {</code></td>
<td><code>        } MyBaseValueType;</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>    public MyValueType2 * member;</code></td>
<td><code>        } MyValueType;</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>    };</code></td>
<td><code>        } MyValueType;</code></td>
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<td>char</td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code></td>
<td><code>class PrimitiveStruct</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    char char_member;</code></td>
<td><code>    {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>};</code></td>
<td><code>        DDS_Char char_member;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>class PrimitiveStruct</code></td>
<td><code>    } PrimitiveStruct;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(see Note: 1 below)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wchar</td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct {</code></td>
<td><code>class PrimitiveStruct</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>    wchar wchar_member;</code></td>
<td><code>    {</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>};</code></td>
<td><code>        DDS_Wchar wchar_member;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>class PrimitiveStruct</code></td>
<td><code>    } PrimitiveStruct;</code></td>
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>octet octet_member;</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>short short_member;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned short unsigned_short_member;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>long long_member;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned long unsigned_long_member;</td>
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<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>long long long_long_member;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned long long unsigned_long_long_member;</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>float</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>float float_member;</td>
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<td>double</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>double double_member;</td>
<td>DDS_Double double_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>long double</td>
<td>DDS_LongDouble long_double_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(see</td>
<td>long_double_member;</td>
<td>} PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: 2</td>
<td>};</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pointer</td>
<td>struct MyStruct {</td>
<td>class MyStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(see</td>
<td>long * member;</td>
<td>DDS_Long * member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: 9</td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} MyStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>boolean boolean_member;</td>
<td>DDS_Boolean boolean_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enum</td>
<td>enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
<td>typedef enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>ENUM1,</td>
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<td>ENUM2,</td>
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<td>ENUM3</td>
<td>ENUM3,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveEnum;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
<td>typedef enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ENUM1 = 10,</td>
<td>ENUM1 = 10,</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ENUM2 = 20,</td>
<td>ENUM2 = 20,</td>
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<td>ENUM3 = 30</td>
<td>ENUM3 = 30,</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveEnum;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>constant</td>
<td>const short SIZE = 5;</td>
<td>static const DDS_Short size = 5;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>typedef struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(see</td>
<td>char char_member;</td>
<td>char char_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: 10</td>
<td>};</td>
<td>} PrimitiveStruct;</td>
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(Notes: 2, 9, 10)

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3.3.4 Translations for IDL Types
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<td>union PrimitiveUnion switch (long){</td>
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<td></td>
<td>case 1: short short_member;</td>
<td>{</td>
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<td></td>
<td>default: long long_member;</td>
<td>DDS_Long _d;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>class{</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
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<td>DDS_Short short_member;</td>
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<td>DDS_Long long_member;</td>
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<td>} _u;</td>
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<td>} PrimitiveUnion;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>typedef</td>
<td>typedef short TypedefShort;</td>
<td>typedef DDS_Short TypedefShort;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>array of</td>
<td>struct OneDArrayStruct {</td>
<td>class OneDArrayStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>above types</td>
<td>short short_array[2];</td>
<td>{</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>}</td>
<td>DDS_Short short_array[2];</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>struct TwoDArrayStruct {</td>
<td>} OneDArrayStruct;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>short short_array[1][2];</td>
<td>class TwoDArrayStruct</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>}</td>
<td>{</td>
</tr>
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<td>DDS_Short short_array[1][2];</td>
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<td>} TwoDArrayStruct;</td>
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<tr>
<td>bounded sequence of</td>
<td>struct SequenceStruct {</td>
<td>class SequenceStruct</td>
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<td>above types</td>
<td>sequence&lt;short,4&gt; short_sequence;</td>
<td>{</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>}</td>
<td>DDSShortSeq short_sequence;</td>
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<td>} SequenceStruct;</td>
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<td>typedef struct SequenceStruct</td>
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<td>{</td>
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<td>} SequenceStruct;</td>
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<td>struct ArraysOfSequences{</td>
<td>class ArraysOfSequences</td>
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<td>sequence&lt;short,4&gt;</td>
<td>}</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sequences_array[2];</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>sequence of arrays</td>
<td>typedef short ShortArray[2];</td>
<td>class SequenceOfArrays</td>
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<td>struct SequenceOfArrays {</td>
<td>}</td>
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<td></td>
<td>sequence&lt;ShortArray,2&gt;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>arrays_sequence;</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>sequence of sequences</td>
<td>typedef sequence&lt;short,4&gt;</td>
<td>class SequencesOfSequences</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ShortSequence;</td>
<td>}</td>
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<td>struct SequencesOfSequences{</td>
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<td></td>
<td>sequence&lt;ShortSequence,2&gt;</td>
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</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>sequences_sequence;</td>
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<tr>
<td>bounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>string&lt;20&gt; string_member;</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>unbounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>string string_member;</td>
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| bounded wstring| `struct PrimitiveStruct { wstring<20> wstring_member; };`                                  | class PrimitiveStruct {
|                |                                                                                          |   DDS_Wchar * wstring_member;
|                |                                                                                          |     /* maximum length = (20) */
|                |                                                                                          | } PrimitiveStruct;                                                                                                          |
| unbounded wstring| `struct PrimitiveStruct { wstring wstring_member; };`                                     | class PrimitiveStruct {
|                |                                                                                          |   DDS_Wchar * wstring_member;
|                |                                                                                          |     /* maximum length = (255) */
|                |                                                                                          | } PrimitiveStruct;                                                                                                          |
| module         | module PackageName {
|                |   struct Foo {
|                |     long field;
|                |   }
|                | };                                                                                       | With the -namespace option (only available for C++):
|                |                                                                                          | namespace PackageName{
|                |                                                                                          |   typedef struct Foo {
|                |                                                                                          |     DDS_Long field;
|                |                                                                                          | } Foo;
|                |                                                                                          | };
|                |                                                                                          | Without the -namespace option:
|                |                                                                                          | class PackageName_Foo {
|                |                                                                                          |   DDS_Long field;
|                |                                                                                          | } PackageName_Foo;
| valuetype      | valuetype MyValueType {
|                |   public MyValueType2 * member;
|                | | class MyValueType {
|                |   public: MyValueType2 * member;
|                |   };
|                | valuetype MyValueType {
|                |   public MyValueType2 member;
|                | | class MyValueType {
|                |   public: MyValueType2 member;
|                |   };
|                | valuetype MyValueType: MyBaseValueType {
|                |   public MyValueType2 * member;
|                | | class MyValueType : public MyBaseValueType {
|                |   public: MyValueType2 * member;
|                |   };
<p>|                | (see Note: 9 and Note: 10 below)                                                         |</p>
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>char char_member;</td>
<td>System::Char char_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wchar</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>wchar wchar_member;</td>
<td>System::Char wchar_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>octet</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>octet octet_member;</td>
<td>System::Byte octet_member;</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>short short_member;</td>
<td>System::Int16 short_member;</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>unsigned short unsigned_short_member;</td>
<td>System::UInt16 unsigned_short_member;</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>long long_member;</td>
<td>System::Int32 long_long_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>unsigned long unsigned_long_member;</td>
<td>System::UInt32 unsigned_long_member;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
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<td>long long long_long_member;</td>
<td>System::Int64 long_long_long_member;</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
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<td>unsigned long long unsigned_long_long_member;</td>
<td>System::UInt64 unsigned_long_long_long_member;</td>
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<td>};</td>
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| float     | struct PrimitiveStruct {
            float float_member;
        };
                    | public ref class PrimitiveStruct {
            System::Single
            float_member;
        };
| double    | struct PrimitiveStruct {
            double double_member;
        };
                    | public ref class PrimitiveStruct {
            System::Double
            double_member;
        } PrimitiveStruct;
| long double| struct PrimitiveStruct {
            long long_double_member;
        };
                    | public ref class PrimitiveStruct {
            DDS::LongDouble
            long_double_member;
        } PrimitiveStruct;
| boolean   | struct PrimitiveStruct {
            boolean boolean_member;
        };
                    | public ref class PrimitiveStruct {
            System::Boolean
            boolean_member;
        };
| enum      | enum PrimitiveEnum {
            ENUM1,
            ENUM2,
            ENUM3
        };
                    | public enum class
        PrimitiveEnum : System::Int32 {
            ENUM1,
            ENUM2,
            ENUM3
        };
|          | enum PrimitiveEnum {
            ENUM1 = 10,
            ENUM2 = 20,
            ENUM3 = 30
        };
                    | public enum class
        PrimitiveEnum : System::Int32 {
            ENUM1 = 10,
            ENUM2 = 20,
            ENUM3 = 30
        };
| constant  | const short SIZE = 5;                                                                      | public ref class SIZE {
                    | public:
            static System::Int16
            VALUE = 5;
        };
| struct    | struct PrimitiveStruct {
            char char_member;
        };
                    | public ref class PrimitiveStruct {
            System::Char char_member;
        };
|           | (see Note: 2 below)                                                                        | (see Note: 10 below)                                                                                                      |
### 3.3.4 Translations for IDL Types

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| union *(see Note: 3 and Note: 10 below)* | union PrimitiveUnion switch (long)  
  {  
  case 1:  
  short short_member;  
  default:  
  long long_member;  
  }; | public ref class PrimitiveUnion  
  {  
  System::Int32 _d;  
  struct PrimitiveUnion_u {  
  System::Int16 short_member;  
  System::Int32 long_member;  
  } _u;  
  }; |
| array of above types            | struct OneDArrayStruct {  
  short short_array[2];  
  }; | public ref class OneDArrayStruct {  
  array<System::Int16>^ short_array;  
  /*length == 2*/  
  }; |
| bounded sequence of above types *(see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below)* | struct SequenceStruct {  
  sequence<short,4> short_sequence;  
  }; | public ref class SequenceStruct {  
  ShortSeq^ short_sequence;  
  /*max = 4*/  
  }; |
| unbounded sequence of above types *(see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below)* | struct SequenceStruct {  
  sequence<short> short_sequence;  
  }; | public ref class SequenceStruct {  
  ShortSeq^ short_sequence;  
  /*max = <default bound>*/  
  }; |
| array of sequences               | struct ArraysOfSequences{  
  sequence<short,4> sequences_array[2];  
  }; | public ref class ArraysOfSequences {  
  array<DDS::ShortSeq^>^ sequences_array;  
  // maximum length = (2)  
  }; |
| bounded string                   | struct PrimitiveStruct {  
  string<20> string_member;  
  }; | public ref class PrimitiveStruct {  
  System::String^ string_member;  
  // maximum length = (20)  
  }; |

Note: Sequences of primitive types have been predefined by Connext DDS.

See Note: 12 below.
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<td>unbounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { string string_member; }</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct { System::String^ string_member; // maximum length = (255) }</td>
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<tr>
<td>bounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { wstring&lt;20&gt; wstring_member; }</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct { System::String^ string_member; // maximum length = (20) }</td>
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<tr>
<td>unbounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { wstring wstring_member; }</td>
<td>public ref class PrimitiveStruct { System::String^ string_member; // maximum length = (255) }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>module</td>
<td>module PackageName { struct Foo { long field; } }</td>
<td>namespace PackageName { public ref class Foo { public ref class Foo { System::Int32 field; } } }</td>
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<td>char</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { char char_member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct { public: char char_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT; void char_member(char value); }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wchar</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { wchar wchar_member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct { public: DDS_Wchar wchar_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT; void wchar_member(DDS_Wchar value); }</td>
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<td>octet</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>octet octet_member;</td>
<td>public:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>uint8_t octet_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>void octet_member(uint8_t value);</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>short short_member;</td>
<td>};</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>public:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned_short_member;</td>
<td>uint16_t unsigned_short_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>void unsigned_short_member(uint16_t value);</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>long long_member;</td>
<td>};</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>public:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned_long_member;</td>
<td>uint16_t unsigned_long_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>void unsigned_long_member(uint16_t value);</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>long long_member;</td>
<td>};</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>unsigned_long_long_member;</td>
<td>rti::core::int64 long_long_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>void long_long_member(rti::core::int64 value);</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>};</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unsigned_long_long_member;</td>
<td>rti::core::uint64 unsigned_long_long_member();</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>rti::core::uint64 unsigned_long_long_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { float float_member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>float float_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void float_member(float value);</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { double double_member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>double double_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void double_member(double value);</td>
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<td>long double (see Note: 2 below)</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long double long_double_member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<td>rti::core::LongDouble&amp; long_double_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>const rti::core::LongDouble&amp; long_double_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void long_double_member(const rti::core::LongDouble&amp; value);</td>
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<td>}</td>
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<td>pointer (see Note: 9 below)</td>
<td>struct MyStruct { long * member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>int32_t * member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void member(int32_t * value);</td>
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<td>};</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { boolean boolean_member; }</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<td></td>
<td>bool boolean_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void boolean_member(bool value);</td>
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| enum     | `enum PrimitiveEnum { ENUM1, ENUM2, ENUM3 };` | struct PrimitiveEnum_def {
  enum type {
    ENUM1,
    ENUM2,
    ENUM3
  };
};
typedef dds::core::safe_enum<PrimitiveEnum_def> PrimitiveEnum; |
|          | `enum PrimitiveEnum { ENUM1 = 10, ENUM2 = 20, ENUM3 = 30 };` | struct PrimitiveEnum_def {
  enum type {
    ENUM1 = 10,
    ENUM2 = 20,
    ENUM3 = 30
  };
};
typedef dds::core::safe_enum<PrimitiveEnum_def> PrimitiveEnum; |
| constant | `const short SIZE = 5;` | static const int16_t SIZE = 5; |
| struct   | `struct PrimitiveStruct { char char_member; };` | class PrimitiveStruct {
  public:
  ...;
  char char_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;
  void char_member(char value);
} |
|          | (see Note: 10 and Note: 14 below) | |
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<td>union</td>
<td>union PrimitiveUnion</td>
<td>class PrimitiveUnion {</td>
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<td>switch (long){</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>case 1:</td>
<td>int32_t d() const;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>short short_member;</td>
<td>void d(int32_t value);</td>
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<td></td>
<td>default:</td>
<td>int16_t short_member() const;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>long long_member;</td>
<td>void short_member(int16_t value);</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>int32_t long_member() const;</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>void long_member(int32_t value);</td>
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<td>static int32_t default_discriminator();</td>
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<td>private:</td>
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<td>int32_t m_d_;</td>
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<td>struct Union_ {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>int16_t m_short_member_;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
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<td>int32_t m_long_member_;</td>
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<td>Union_();</td>
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<td>Union_()</td>
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<td>int16_t short_member,</td>
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<td>int32_t long_member);</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<td>Union_ m_u_;</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>typedef</td>
<td>typedef short TypedefShort;</td>
<td>typedef int16_t TypedefShort;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>struct TypedefShort_AliasTag_t {};</td>
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<tr>
<td>array of</td>
<td>struct OneDArrayStruct {</td>
<td>class OneDArrayStruct {</td>
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<tr>
<td>above</td>
<td>short short_array[2];</td>
<td>public:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>types</td>
<td>};</td>
<td>dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt;&amp; short_array() OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>struct TwoDArrayStruct {</td>
<td>const dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt;&amp; short_array() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>short short_array[1]</td>
<td>void short_array(const dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt;&amp; value);</td>
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<td>[2];</td>
<td>};</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>class TwoDArrayStruct {</td>
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<td>public:</td>
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<td>dds::core::array&lt;dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt;, 1&gt;&amp; short_array() OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>const dds::core::array&lt;dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt;, 1&gt;&amp; short_array() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>void short_array(const dds::core::array&lt;dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt;, 1&gt;&amp; value);</td>
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| bounded sequence of above types (see Note: 11 below) | `struct SequenceStruct {  
  sequence<short,4> short_sequence;  
};` | `class SequenceStruct {  
  public:  
    dds::core::vector<int16_t>& short_sequence() OMG_NOEXCEPT;  
    const dds::core::vector<int16_t>& short_sequence() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;  
    void short_sequence(const dds::core::vector<int16_t>& value);  
};` |
| unbounded sequence of above types (see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below) | `struct SequenceStruct {  
  sequence<short> short_sequence;  
};` | `class SequenceStruct {  
  public:  
    dds::core::vector<int16_t>& short_sequence() OMG_NOEXCEPT;  
    const dds::core::vector<int16_t>& short_sequence() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;  
    void short_sequence(const dds::core::vector<int16_t>& value);  
};` | See Note: 12 below. |
| array of sequences | `struct ArraysOfSequences {  
  sequence<short,4> sequences_array[2];  
};` | `class ArraysOfSequences {  
  public:  
    dds::core::array<dds::core::vector<int16_t>, 2>& sequences_array() OMG_NOEXCEPT;  
    const dds::core::array<dds::core::vector<int16_t>, 2>& sequences_array() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;  
    void sequences_array(const dds::core::array<dds::core::vector<int16_t>, 2>& value);  
};` |
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<td>sequence of arrays (see Note: 1 and Note: 15 below)</td>
<td>typedef short ShortArray [2];</td>
<td>typedef dds::core::array&lt;int16_t, 2&gt; ShortArray;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>struct SequenceOfArrays {</td>
<td>class SequenceofArrays {</td>
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<td>sequence&lt;ShortArray,2&gt;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>arrays_sequence;</td>
<td>dds::core::vector&lt;ShortArray&gt;&amp; arrays_sequence() OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>;</td>
<td>const dds::core::vector&lt;ShortArray&gt;&amp; arrays_sequence() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>}</td>
<td>void arrays_sequence(const dds::core::vector&lt;ShortArray&gt;&amp; value);</td>
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<td>sequence of sequences (see Note: 4 and Note: 11 below)</td>
<td>typedef sequence&lt;short,4&gt; ShortSequence;</td>
<td>typedef dds::core::vector&lt;int16_t&gt; ShortSequence;</td>
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<td>struct SequencesOfSequences {</td>
<td>class SequencesOfSequences {</td>
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<td>sequence&lt;ShortSequence,2&gt;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>sequences_sequence;</td>
<td>dds::core::vector&lt;ShortSequence&gt;&amp; sequences_sequence() OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>;</td>
<td>const dds::core::vector&lt;ShortSequence&gt;&amp; sequences_sequence() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>}</td>
<td>void sequences_sequence(const dds::core::vector&lt;ShortSequence&gt;&amp; value);</td>
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<tr>
<td>bounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>string&lt;20&gt; string_member;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>;</td>
<td>dds::core::string&amp; string_member() OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>}</td>
<td>const dds::core::string&amp; string_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void string_member(const dds::core::string&amp; value);</td>
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<td>unbounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>string string_member;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>dds::core::string&amp; string_member() OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>}</td>
<td>const dds::core::string&amp; string_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void string_member(const dds::core::string&amp; value);</td>
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<td>bounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>wstring wstring_ member;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>dds::core::wstring&amp; wstring_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>const dds::core::wstring&amp; wstring_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void wstring_member(const dds::core::wstring&amp; value);</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>unbounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>wstring wstring_ member;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>dds::core::wstring&amp; wstring_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>const dds::core::wstring&amp; wstring_member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>void wstring_member(const dds::core::wstring&amp; value);</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>module</td>
<td>module PackageName {</td>
<td>namespace PackageName {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>struct Foo {</td>
<td>class Foo {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>long field;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>int32_t field() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void field(int32_t value);</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<td>valuetype</td>
<td>valuetype MyBaseValueType {</td>
<td>class MyBaseValueType {</td>
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<td></td>
<td>public long member;</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>int32_t member() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td>void member(int32_t value);</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
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<td></td>
<td>valuetype MyValueType:</td>
<td>class MyValueType : public MyBaseValueType {</td>
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<td>MyBaseValueType {</td>
<td>public:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>public short * member2;</td>
<td>int16_t * member2() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>};</td>
<td>void member2(int16_t * value);</td>
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { char char_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>(see Note: 5</td>
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<td>public char char_member;</td>
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<td>below)</td>
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<td>...</td>
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<td>wchar</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { wchar wchar_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>(see Note: 5</td>
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<td>public char wchar_member;</td>
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<td>below)</td>
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<td>...</td>
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<tr>
<td>octet</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { octet octet_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { short short_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned long unsigned_long_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>(see Note: 6</td>
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<td>public short unsigned_short_member;</td>
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<tr>
<td>below)</td>
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<td>...</td>
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<tr>
<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long long_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned long unsigned_long_member; }</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct {</td>
</tr>
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<td>public int unsigned_long_member;</td>
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| long long        | `struct PrimitiveStruct {  
|                  |     long long  
|                  |     long_long_member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class PrimitiveStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public long  
|                  |     long_long_member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
| unsigned long long | `struct PrimitiveStruct {  
|                  |     unsigned long long  
|                  |     unsigned_long_long_member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class PrimitiveStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public long  
|                  |     unsigned_long_long_member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
| float            | `struct PrimitiveStruct {  
|                  |     float float_member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class PrimitiveStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public float float_member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
| double           | `struct PrimitiveStruct {  
|                  |     double double_member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class PrimitiveStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public double double_member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
| long double      | `struct PrimitiveStruct {  
|                  |     long double long_double_member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class PrimitiveStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public double long_double_member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
| pointer          | `struct MyStruct {  
|                  |     long * member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class MyStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public int member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
| boolean          | `struct PrimitiveStruct {  
|                  |     boolean boolean_member;  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             | `public class PrimitiveStruct  
|                  |     {  
|                  |     public boolean boolean_member;  
|                  |     ...  
|                  | } ;`                                                                             |
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| enum     | enum PrimitiveEnum {     | public class PrimitiveEnum extends Enum {
|          |   ENUM1,                |   public static PrimitiveEnum ENUM1 =
|          |   ENUM2,                |   new PrimitiveEnum("ENUM1", 0);
|          |   ENUM3                 |   public static PrimitiveEnum ENUM2 =
|          | };                      |   new PrimitiveEnum("ENUM2", 1);
|          | enum PrimitiveEnum {     |   public static PrimitiveEnum ENUM3 =
|          |   ENUM1 = 10,           |   new PrimitiveEnum("ENUM3", 2);
|          |   ENUM2 = 20,           |   public static PrimitiveEnum
|          |   ENUM3 = 30            |   valueOf(int ordinal);  |
|          | };                      |   ... |
| constant | const short SIZE = 5;   | public class SIZE {
|          |                         |   public static final short VALUE = 5;  |
| struct   | struct PrimitiveStruct { | public class PrimitiveStruct {
|          |   char char_member;     |   public char char_member;
| (see    | };                      |   }
| Note: 10 below) | | |
| union    | union PrimitiveUnion switch (long){ | public class PrimitiveUnion {
| (see    |   case 1:               |   public int _;
| Note: 10 below) |     short short_member; | public short short_member;
|          |     default:            |   public int long_member;
|          |       long long_member; |   ... |
|          | };                      |   }

#### Notes
- **enum**
  - In IDL, an enum is a user-defined type that specifies a set of named constants.
  - In Java, enums are implemented as classes that extend the `Enum` class, which allows you to define methods for getting the member values.
  - The `valueOf(int ordinal)` method returns the enum constant that corresponds to the given ordinal value.
- **constant**
  - A constant is a named value that is used in the code.
  - In Java, the `final` keyword is used to indicate that the value cannot be changed after it is set.
- **struct**
  - A struct is a user-defined type that contains a collection of members.
  - In Java, structs are represented as classes.
- **union**
  - A union is a user-defined type that allows the storage of different types in the same space.
  - In Java, unions are represented as classes.
  - The `switch` statement is used to select a member based on a discriminant value.

#### Example Entries
- **IDL Entry**
  - `enum PrimitiveEnum { ENUM1, ENUM2, ENUM3 };`
  - `enum PrimitiveEnum { ENUM1 = 10, ENUM2 = 20, ENUM3 = 30 };`
  - `const short SIZE = 5;`
  - `struct PrimitiveStruct { char char_member; };`
  - `union PrimitiveUnion switch (long){ case 1: short short_member; default: long long_member; };`

#### Java Output
- For `enum`:
  - Public class `PrimitiveEnum` extends `Enum`:
    - Static enums `ENUM1`, `ENUM2`, `ENUM3` are created.
    - `valueOf(int ordinal)` method is defined.
  - Example:
    ```java
class PrimitiveEnum {
    public static PrimitiveEnum ENUM1 = new PrimitiveEnum("ENUM1", 0);
    public static PrimitiveEnum ENUM2 = new PrimitiveEnum("ENUM2", 1);
    public static PrimitiveEnum ENUM3 = new PrimitiveEnum("ENUM3", 2);
    }```

- For `constant`:
  - Public class `SIZE` with `final` member `VALUE`.
  - Example:
    ```java
class SIZE {
    public static final short VALUE = 5;
    }```

- For `struct`:
  - Public class `PrimitiveStruct` with `char` member.
  - Example:
    ```java
class PrimitiveStruct {
    public char char_member;
    }```

- For `union`:
  - Public class `PrimitiveUnion` with `switch` statement.
  - Example:
    ```java
class PrimitiveUnion {
    public int _;
    public short short_member;
    public int long_member;
    ...```
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| typedef of primitives, enums, strings (see Note: 8 below) | typedef short ShortType;
struct PrimitiveStruct {
    ShortType short_member;
}; | /* typedefs are unwound to the original type when used */
public class PrimitiveStruct {
    public short short_member;
    ...
} |
| typedef of sequences or arrays (see Note: 8 below) | typedef short ShortArray[2]; | /* Wrapper class */
public class ShortArray {
    public short[] userData = new short[2];
    ...
} |
| array | struct OneDArrayStruct {
    short short_array[2];
}; | public class OneDArrayStruct {
    public short[] short_array = new short[2];
    ...
} |
| | struct TwoDArrayStruct {
    short short_array[1][2];
}; | public class TwoDArrayStruct {
    public short[][] short_array = new short[1][2];
    ...
} |
| bounded sequence (see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below) | struct SequenceStruct {
    sequence<short,4> short_sequence;
}; | public class SequenceStruct {
    public ShortSeq short_sequence = new ShortSeq((4));
    ...
} |

Note: Sequences of primitive types have been predefined by Connext DDS.
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<td>unbounded sequence</td>
<td>struct SequenceStruct { sequence&lt;short&gt; short_sequence; }</td>
<td>public class SequenceStruct { public ShortSeq short_sequence = new ShortSeq((100)); ... } See Note: 12 below.</td>
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<tr>
<td>array of sequences</td>
<td>struct ArraysOfSequences { sequence&lt;short,4&gt; sequences_array[2]; }</td>
<td>public class ArraysOfSequences { public ShortSeq[] sequences_array = new ShortSeq[2]; ... }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sequence of arrays</td>
<td>typedef short ShortArray[2]; struct SequenceOfArrays { sequence&lt;ShortArray,2&gt; arrays_sequence; }</td>
<td>/* Wrapper class <em>/ public class ShortArray { public short[] userData = new short[2]; ... } /</em> Sequence of wrapper class objects */ public final class ShortArraySeq extends ArraySequence { ... } java public class SequenceOfArrays { public ShortArraySeq arrays_sequence = new ShortArraySeq((2)); ... }</td>
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(see Note: 11, 12, and 15 below)
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<td>/* Wrapper class */</td>
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<td>struct SequencesOfSequences{</td>
<td>public class ShortSequence</td>
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<td>sequence&lt;ShortSequence, 2&gt;</td>
<td>{ public ShortSeq userData = new ShortSeq((4));</td>
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<td>sequences_sequence;</td>
<td>...</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>/* Sequence of wrapper class objects */</td>
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<td>public final class ShortSequenceSeq</td>
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<td>extends ArraySequence</td>
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<td>public class SequencesOfSequences</td>
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<td>{ public ShortSequenceSeq</td>
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<td>sequences_sequence = new ShortSequenceSeq((2));</td>
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<td>bounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct</td>
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<td>string&lt;20&gt; string_member;</td>
<td>{ public String string_member = new String();</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>/* maximum length = (20) */</td>
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
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<td>string string_member;</td>
<td>{ public String string_member = new String();</td>
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<td>/* maximum length = (255) */</td>
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<td>bounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>public class PrimitiveStruct</td>
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<td>wstring&lt;20&gt; wstring_member;</td>
<td>{ public String wstring_member = new String();</td>
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| unbounded wstring | struct PrimitiveStruct { wstring wstring_member; } | public class PrimitiveStruct {  
  public String wstring_member = new String();  
  /* maximum length = (255) */  
  ...  
}  
See **Note: 12** below. |
| module | module PackageName {  
  struct Foo {  
    long field;  
  };  
};  
| package PackageName;  
public class Foo  
{  
  public int field;  
  ...  
} |
| valuetype (see **Note: 9** and **Note: 10** below) | valuetype MyValueType {  
  public MyValueType2 * member;  
};  
valuetype MyValueType {  
  public MyValueType2 member;  
};  
valuetype MyValueType: MyBaseValueType {  
  public MyValueType2 * member;  
};  
| public class MyValueType {  
  public MyValueType2 member;  
  ...
};  
public class MyValueType {  
  public MyValueType2 member;  
  ...
};  
public class MyValueType extends MyBaseValueType  
{  
  public MyValueType2 member;  
  ...
} |
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>char_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Char;</td>
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<td>char char_member;</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>}</td>
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<td>wchar</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>wchar_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Wchar;</td>
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<td>wchar wchar_member;</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>octet</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>octet_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Octet;</td>
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<td>octet octet_member;</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>short_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Short;</td>
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<td>short short_member;</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>}</td>
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<td>unsigned short</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>unsigned_short_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Unsigned_</td>
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<td>unsigned short unsigned_short_member;</td>
<td>Short;</td>
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<td>long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>long_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Long;</td>
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<td>long long_member;</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>}</td>
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<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
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<td>{</td>
<td>unsigned_long_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Unsigned_Long;</td>
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<td>unsigned long unsigned_long_member;</td>
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<td>long long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long long long_long_member; }</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record long_long_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Long_Long; end record;</td>
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<tr>
<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned long long unsigned_long_member; }</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record unsigned_long_long_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Unsigned_Long_Long; end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>float</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { float float_member; }</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record float_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Float; end record;</td>
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<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { double double_member; }</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record double_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Double; end record;</td>
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<tr>
<td>long double (see Note: 2 below)</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long double long_double_member; }</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record long_double_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Long_Double; end record;</td>
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<tr>
<td>pointer (see Note: 9 below)</td>
<td>struct MyStruct { long * member; }</td>
<td>type MyStruct is record member: access Standard.DDS.Long; end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { boolean boolean_member; }</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record boolean_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Boolean; end record;</td>
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<td>enum</td>
<td>enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
<td>type PrimitiveEnum is (ENUM1, ENUM2, ENUM3 );</td>
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<td>ENUM1, ENUM2, ENUM3</td>
<td>type PrimitiveEnum is (ENUM1, ENUM2, ENUM3 );</td>
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<td>];</td>
<td>...</td>
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<td></td>
<td>enum PrimitiveEnum {</td>
<td>for PrimitiveEnum use ( ENUM1 =&gt; 10 , ENUM2 =&gt; 20 , ENUM3 =&gt; 30 );</td>
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<td>ENUM1 = 10,</td>
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<td>ENUM2 = 20,</td>
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<td>ENUM3 = 30</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>constant</td>
<td>const short SIZE = 5;</td>
<td>SIZE : constant Standard.DDS.Short := 5;</td>
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<td>struct</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>char char_member;</td>
<td>char_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Char;</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>union</td>
<td>union PrimitiveUnion</td>
<td>type U_PrimitiveUnion is record</td>
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<td>switch (long){ case 1:</td>
<td>short_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Short;</td>
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<td>short short_member;</td>
<td>long_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Long;</td>
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<td>default: long long_member;</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<td>typedef</td>
<td>typedef short TypedefShort;</td>
<td>type TypedefShort is new Standard.DDS.Short;</td>
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<tr>
<td>array of</td>
<td>struct OneDArrayStruct</td>
<td>type OneDArrayStruct is record</td>
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<td>above</td>
<td>{ short short_array [2];</td>
<td>short_array : aliased Standard.DDS.Short(1..2);</td>
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<td>types</td>
<td>}</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>struct TwoDArrayStruct</td>
<td>type TwoDArrayStruct is record</td>
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<td></td>
<td>{ short short_array [1][2];</td>
<td>type TwoDArrayStruct is record</td>
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<td>}</td>
<td>short_array : aliased TwoDArrayStruct short_array_Array;</td>
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<td>end record;</td>
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| bounded sequence of above types (see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below) | struct SequenceStruct  
  
  
  short_sequence: aliased Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence;  
| | type SequenceStruct is record  
  short_sequence: aliased Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence;  
  end record;  
| unbounded sequence of above types (see Note: 11 and Note: 15 below) | struct SequenceStruct  
  
  short_sequence: aliased Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence;  
| | type SequenceStruct is record  
  short_sequence: aliased Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence;  
  end record;  
| array of sequences | struct ArraysOfSequences(  
  
  sequences_array(2);  
| | type ArraysOfSequences_sequences_array_Array is array (1..2) of aliased Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence;  
  type ArraysOfSequences is record  
  sequences_array: aliased ArraysOfSequences_sequences_array_Array;  
  end record;  

See Note: 13 below.
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<td>typedef short ShortArray[2];</td>
<td>type ShortArray is array (1..2) of Standard.DDS.Short;</td>
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<td>struct SequenceofArrays {</td>
<td>type SequenceofArrays is record</td>
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<td>sequence&lt;ShortArray,2&gt;</td>
<td>arrays_sequence : aliased ADA_IDL_File.ShortArray_Seq.Sequence;</td>
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<td>arrays_</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>sequence;</td>
<td>Note: ADA_IDL_File.ShortArray_Seq.Sequence is an instantiation of Standard.DDS.Sequences_Generic for the user's data type</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<tr>
<td>sequence of sequences</td>
<td>typedef sequence&lt;short, 4&gt; ShortSequence;</td>
<td>type ShortSequence is new Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence;</td>
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<td>struct SequencesOfSequences{</td>
<td>type SequencesOfSequences is record</td>
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<td>sequence&lt;ShortSequence, 2&gt;</td>
<td>sequences_sequence : aliased ADA_IDL_File.ShortSequence_Seq.Sequence;</td>
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<td>bounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
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<td>string&lt;20&gt; string_member;</td>
<td>string_member : aliased Standard.DDS.String; -- maximum length = (20)</td>
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<td>};</td>
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<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>string string_member;</td>
<td>string_member : aliased Standard.DDS.String; -- maximum length = (255)</td>
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<td>};</td>
<td>end record;</td>
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<td>bounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record</td>
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<td>wstring&lt;20&gt; wstring_member;</td>
<td>wstring_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Wide_String; -- maximum length = (20)</td>
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<td>sequence of arrays (see Note: 1 below)</td>
<td>typedef short ShortArray[2]; struct SequenceofArrays { sequence&lt;ShortArray,2&gt; arrays_sequence; }</td>
<td>type ShortArray is array (1..2) of Standard.DDS.Short; type SequenceofArrays is record arrays_sequence : aliased ADA_IDL_File.ShortArray_Seq.Sequence; end record; Note: ADA_IDL_File.ShortArray_Seq.Sequence is an instantiation of Standard.DDS.Sequences_Generic for the user's data type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sequence of sequences (see Note: 4 and Note: 11 below)</td>
<td>typedef sequence&lt;short, 4&gt; ShortSequence; struct SequencesOfSequences{ sequence&lt;ShortSequence, 2&gt; sequences_sequence; }</td>
<td>type ShortSequence is new Standard.DDS.Short_Seq.Sequence; type SequencesOfSequences is record sequences_sequence : aliased ADA_IDL_File.ShortSequence_Seq.Sequence; end record; Note: ADA_IDL_File.ShortSequence_Seq.Sequence is an instantiation of Standard.DDS.Sequences_Generic for the user's data type</td>
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<tr>
<td>bounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record string_member : aliased Standard.DDS.String; -- maximum length = (20) end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unbounded string</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record string_member : aliased Standard.DDS.String; -- maximum length = (255) end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record wstring_member : aliased Standard.DDS.Wide_String; -- maximum length = (20) end record;</td>
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Table 3.10 Specifying Data Types in IDL for Ada

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<tr>
<td>unbounded wstring</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct {</td>
<td>type PrimitiveStruct is record wstring wstring_member: aliased Standard.DDS.Wide_String: -- maximum length = (255) end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>module</td>
<td>module PackageName {</td>
<td>package PackageName is type Foo is record field: aliased Standard.DDS.Long; end record; end PackageName;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>value type</td>
<td>value type MyBaseValueType {</td>
<td>type MyBaseValueType is record member: aliased Standard.DDS.Long; end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MyBaseValueType {</td>
<td>type MyValueType is record parent: ADA_IDL_File.MyBaseValueType; member2: access Standard.DDS.Short; end record;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>}</td>
<td>}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes for Table 3.5 Specifying Data Types in IDL for C through Table 3.9 Specifying Data Types in IDL for Java:

Note 1: In C and C++, primitive types are not represented as native language types (e.g. long, char, etc.) but as custom types in the DDS namespace (DDS_Long, DDS_Char, etc.). These typedefs are used to ensure that a field’s size is the same across platforms.

Note 2: Some platforms do not support long double or have different sizes for that type than defined by IDL (16 bytes). On such platforms, DDS_LongDouble (as well as the unsigned version) is mapped to a character array that matches the expected size of that type by default. If you are using a platform whose native mapping has exactly the expected size, you can instruct Connext DDS to use the native type instead. That is, if sizeof(long double) == 16, you can tell Connext DDS to map DDS_LongDouble to long double by defining the following macro either in code or on the compile line:
Note: 3: Unions in IDL are mapped to structs in C, C++ and records in ADA, so that Connext DDS will not have to dynamically allocate memory for unions containing variable-length fields such as strings or sequences. To be efficient, the entire struct (or class in C++/CLI) is not sent when the union is published. Instead, Connext DDS uses the discriminator field of the struct to decide what field in the struct is actually sent on the wire.

Note: 4: So-called "anonymous sequences"—sequences of sequences in which the sequence element has no type name of its own—are not supported. Such sequences are deprecated in CORBA and may be removed from future versions of IDL. For example, this is not supported:

```
sequence<sequence<short,4>,4> MySequence;
```

Sequences of typedef’d types, where the typedef is really a sequence, are supported. For example, this is supported:

```
typedef sequence<short,4> MyShortSequence;
sequence<MyShortSequence,4> MySequence;
```

Note: 5: IDL wchar and char are mapped to Java char, 16-bit unsigned quantities representing Unicode characters as specified in the standard OMG IDL to Java mapping. In C++/CLI, char and wchar are mapped to System::Char.

Note: 6: The unsigned version for integer types is mapped to its signed version as specified in the standard OMG IDL to Java mapping.

Note: 7: There is no current support in Java for the IDL long double type. This type is mapped to double as specified in the standard OMG IDL to Java mapping.

Note: 8: Java does not have a typedef construct, nor does C++/CLI. Typedefs for types that are neither arrays nor sequences (struct, unions, strings, wstrings, primitive types and enums) are "unwound" to their original type until a simple IDL type or user-defined IDL type (of the non-typedef variety) is encountered. For typedefs of sequences or arrays, RTI Code Generator will generate wrapper classes if -corba is not used; no wrapper classes are generated if -corba is used.

Note: 9: In C, C++ and ADA, all the members in a value type, structure or union that are declared with the pointer symbol (‘*’) will be mapped to references (pointers). In C++/CLI and Java, the pointer symbol is ignored because the members are always mapped as references.

Note: 10: In-line nested types are not supported inside structures, unions or valuetypes. For example, this is not supported:
struct Outer {
    short outer_short;
    struct Inner {
        char inner_char;
        short inner_short;
    } outer_nested_inner;
};

Note: 11: The sequence `<Type>Seq` is implicitly declared in the IDL file and therefore it cannot be declared explicitly by the user. For example, this is not supported:

typedef sequence<Foo> FooSeq; //error

Note: 12: *RTI Code Generator* will supply a default bound for sequences and strings. You can specify that bound with the `-sequenceSize` or `-stringSize` command-line option, respectively. See the *RTI Code Generator User's Manual*.

Note: 13: In ADA, primitive types are not represented as native language types (e.g., Character, etc.) but as custom types in the DDS namespace (Standard.DDS.Long, Standard.DDS.Char, etc.). These typedefs are used to ensure that a field’s size is the same across platforms.

Note: 14: Every type provides a default constructor, a copy constructor, a move constructor (C++11), a constructor with parameters to set all the type's members, a destructor, a copy-assignment operator, and a move-assignment operator (C++11). Types also include equality operators, the operator `<<` and a namespace-level swap function.

```cpp
PrimitiveStruct();
explicit PrimitiveStruct(char char_member);
PrimitiveStruct(PrimitiveStruct&& other_) OMG_NOEXCEPT;
PrimitiveStruct& operator=(PrimitiveStruct&& other_) OMG_NOEXCEPT;

bool operator == (const PrimitiveStruct& other_) const;
bool operator != (const PrimitiveStruct& other_) const;
void swap(PrimitiveStruct& other_) OMG_NOEXCEPT;
std::ostream& operator << (std::ostream& o, const PrimitiveStruct& sample);
```

Note: 15: Sequences of pointers are not supported. For example, this is NOT supported:
Sequences of typedef'ed types, where the typedef is really a pointer, are supported. For example, this is supported:

```
typedef long* pointerToLong;
sequence<pointerToLong, 100>;
```

### 3.3.5 Escaped Identifiers

To use an IDL keyword as an identifier, the keyword must be “escaped” by prepending an underscore, ‘_’. In addition, you must run RTI Code Generator with the `-enableEscapeChar` option. For example:

```
struct MyStruct {
    octet _octet; // octet is a keyword. To use the type
    // as a member name we add ‘_’
};
```

The use of ‘_’ is a purely lexical convention that turns off keyword checking. The generated code will not contain ‘_’. For example, the mapping to C would be as follows:

```
struct MyStruct {
    unsigned char octet;
};
```

Note: If you generate code from an IDL file to a language ‘X’ (for example, C++), the keywords of this language cannot be used as IDL identifiers, even if they are escaped. For example:

```
struct MyStruct {
    long int; // error
    long _int; // error
};
```

### 3.3.6 Namespaces In IDL Files

In IDL, the `module` keyword is used to create namespaces for the declaration of types defined within the file.

Here is an example IDL definition:

```
module PackageName {
    struct Foo {
        long field;
    };
};
```

**C Mapping:**
The name of the module is concatenated to the name of the structure to create the namespace. The resulting code looks like this:

```c
typedef struct PackageName_Foo {
    DDS_Long field;
} PackageName_Foo;
```

**C++ Mapping:**

In the Traditional C++ API, when using the `-namespace` command-line option, `RTI Code Generator` generates a namespace, such as the following:

```c
namespace PackageName{
    class Foo {
    public:
        DDS_Long field;
    }
}
```

Without the `-namespace` option, the mapping adds the module to the name of the class:

```c
class PackageName_Foo {
    public:
        DDS_Long field;
}
```

In the Modern C++ API, namespaces are always used.

**C++/CLI Mapping:**

Independently of the usage of the `-namespace` command-line option, `RTI Code Generator` generates a namespace, such as the following:

```c
namespace PackageName{
    public ref struct Foo: public DDS::ICopyable<Foo^> {
    public:
        System::Int32 field;
    };
}
```

**Java Mapping:**

A `Foo.java` file will be created in a directory called `PackageName` to use the equivalent concept as defined by Java. The file `PackageName/Foo.java` will contain a declaration of Foo class:
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```java
package PackageName;
  public class Foo {
    public int field;
  };
```

In a more complex example, consider the following IDL definition:

```idl
module PackageName {
  struct Bar {
    long field;
  };
  struct Foo {
    Bar barField;
  };
};
```

When RTI Code Generator generates code for the above definition, it will resolve the Bar type to be within the scope of the PackageName module and automatically generate fully qualified type names.

**C Mapping:**

```c
typedef struct PackageName_Bar {
    DDS_Long field;
} PackageName_Bar;
typedef struct PackageName_Foo {
    PackageName_Bar barField;
} PackageName_Foo;
```

**C++ Mapping:**

With `-namespace`:

```c++
namespace PackageName {
  class Bar {
    public:
      DDS_Long field;
  };
  class Foo {
    public:
      PackageName::Bar barField;
  };
};
```

Without `-namespace`:

```c++
```

```c++
```
3.3.7 Referring to Other IDL Files

IDL files may refer to other IDL files using a syntax borrowed from C, C++, and C+/CLI preprocessors:

```cpp
#include "Bar.idl"
```

If RTI Code Generator encounters such a statement in an IDL file `Foo.idl` and runs with the preprocessor enabled (default), it will look in `Bar.idl` to resolve the types referenced in `Foo.idl`. For example:

```cpp
class PackageName_Bar {  
    public:  
        DDS_Long field;
};
class PackageName_Foo {  
    public:
        PackageName_Bar barField;
};
```
The parsing of Foo in the previous scenario will be successful as Bar can be found in Bar.idl. If Bar was not declared in Bar.idl, RTI Code Generator will report an error indicating that the symbol could not be found.

If the preprocessor is not enabled when running RTI Code Generator (see command-line option \(-ppDisable\)), the parsing of the previous IDL file will fail because RTI Code Generator will not be able to find a reference to Bar within Bar.idl.

To prevent RTI Code Generator from resolving a type, use the //@resolve-name directive (see The @resolve-name Directive (Section 3.3.9.3 on page 117)).

### 3.3.8 Preprocessor Directives

RTI Code Generator supports the standard preprocessor directives defined by the IDL specification, such as #if, #endif, #include, and #define.

To support these directives, RTI Code Generator calls an external C preprocessor before parsing the IDL file. On Windows systems, the preprocessor is ‘\(cl.exe\).’ On other architectures, the preprocessor is ‘\(cpp\).’ You can change the default preprocessor with the \(-ppPath\) option. If you do not want to run the preprocessor, use the \(-ppDisable\) option (see the RTI Code Generator User’s Manual).

### 3.3.9 Using Custom Directives

The following RTI Code Generator-specific directives can be used in your IDL file:

```bash
//@key (see The @key Directive (Section 3.3.9.1 on the next page))
//@copy (see The @copy and Related Directives (Section 3.3.9.2 on page 115))
//@copy-c
//@copy-cppcli
//@copy-java
//@copy-java-begin
//@copy-declaration
//@copy-c-declaration
//@copy-cppcli-declaration
//@copy-java-declaration
//@copy-java-declaration-begin
//@resolve-name [true | false] (see The @resolve-name Directive (Section 3.3.9.3 on page 117))
//@top-level [true | false] (see The @top-level Directive (Section 3.3.9.4 on page 118))
```
3.3.9.1 The @key Directive

Notes:

- To apply multiple directives to the same member or structure in an IDL file, put each additional directive on a new line, as shown below:

```c
struct A {
    long a; //@key
    //@ID 20
    long b;
}; //@Extensibility FINAL_EXTENSIBILITY
    //@top-level false
```

- Custom directives start with “//@”. Do not put a space between the slashes and the @, or the directive will not be recognized by RTI Code Generator.

The directives are case-sensitive. For instance, you must use //@key (not //@Key).

### 3.3.9.1 The @key Directive

To declare a key for your data type, insert the @key directive in the IDL file after one or more fields of the data type.

With each key, Connext DDS associates an internal 16-byte representation, called a key-hash.

If the maximum size of the serialized key is greater than 16 bytes, to generate the key-hash, Connext DDS computes the MD5 key-hash of the serialized key in network-byte order. Otherwise (if the maximum size of the serialized key is \(\leq\) 16 bytes), the key-hash is the serialized key in network-byte order.

Only struct definitions in IDL may have key fields. When RTI Code Generator encounters //@key, it considers the previously declared field in the enclosing structure to be part of the key. Table 3.11 Example Keys shows some examples of keys.

### Table 3.11 Example Keys

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Key Fields</th>
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<td>struct NoKey {</td>
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<tr>
<td>long member1;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct SimpleKey {</td>
<td>member1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member1; //@key</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member2;</td>
<td></td>
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<td>}</td>
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Table 3.11 Example Keys

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<td>struct NestedNoKey {</td>
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<tr>
<td>SimpleKey member1;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct NestedKey {</td>
<td>member1.member1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SimpleKey member1;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>//@key</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct NestedKey2 {</td>
<td>member1.member1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NoKey member1;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>//@key</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member2;</td>
<td>member1.member2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>valuetype BaseValueKey {</td>
<td>member1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public long member1;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>//@key</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>valuetype DerivedValueKey : BaseValueKey</td>
<td>member1 member2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public long member2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>//@key</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>valuetype DerivedValue : BaseValueKey</td>
<td>member1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public long member2;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct ArrayKey {</td>
<td>member1[0]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long member1[3];</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>//@key</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>}</td>
<td>member1[1]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>member1[2]</td>
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</table>

3.3.9.2 The @copy and Related Directives

To copy a line of text verbatim into the generated code files, use the @copy directive in the IDL file. This feature is particularly useful when you want your generated code to contain text that is valid in the target programming language but is not valid IDL. It is often used to add user comments or headers or pre-processor commands into the generated code.

```
//@copy // Modification History
//@copy // -------------------------
//@copy // 17Jul10Saaa, Created.
//@copy // @copy // #include “MyTypes.h”
```
These variations allow you to use the same IDL file for multiple languages:

<table>
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<th>Directive</th>
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<td>@copy-c</td>
<td>Copies code if the language is C or C++</td>
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<tr>
<td>@copy-cppcli</td>
<td>Copies code if the language is C++/CLI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@copy-java</td>
<td>Copies code if the language is Java</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@copy-ada</td>
<td>Copies code if the language is Ada</td>
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</table>

For example, to add import statements to generated Java code:

```java
//@copy-java import java.util.*;
```

The above line would be ignored if the same IDL file was used to generate non-Java code.

In C, C++, and C++/CLI, the lines are copied into all of the `foo*.h, c, cxx, c++` files generated from `foo.idl`. For Java, the lines are copied into all of the `*.java` files that were generated from the original “.idl” file. The lines will not be copied into any additional files that are generated using the `-example` command line option.

`@copy-java-begin` copies a line of text at the beginning of all the Java files generated for a type. The directive only applies to the first type that is immediately below in the IDL file. A similar directive for Ada files is also available, `@copy-ada-begin`.

If you want RTI Code Generator to copy lines only into the files that declare the data types—`foo.h` for C, C++, and C++/CLI, `foo.java` for Java—use the `//@copy*declaration` forms of this directive.

Note that the first whitespace character to follow `//@copy` is considered a delimiter and will not be copied into generated files. All subsequent text found on the line, including any leading whitespaces will be copied.
3.3.9.3 The @resolve-name Directive

By default, the RTI Code Generator tries to resolve all the references to types and constants in an IDL file. For example:

```cpp
module PackageName {
    struct Foo {
        Bar barField;
    };
}
```

The compilation of the previous IDL file will report an error like the following:

```
ERROR com.rti.ndds.undsgen.Main Foo.idl line x:x member type 'Bar' not found
```

In most cases, this is the expected behavior. However, in some cases, you may want to skip the resolution step. For example, assume that the Bar type is defined in a separate IDL file and that you are running the RTI Code Generator without an external preprocessor by using the command-line option `-ppDisable` (maybe because the preprocessor is not available in their host platform, see Preprocessor Directives (Section 3.3.8 on page 113)):

**Bar.idl**

```cpp
module PackageName {
    struct Bar {
        long field;
    };
}
```

**Foo.idl**

```cpp
#include "Bar.idl"
module PackageName {
    struct Foo {
        Bar barField;
    };
}
```

In this case, compiling **Foo.idl** would generate the 'not found' error. However, Bar is defined in Bar.idl. To specify that RTI Code Generator should not resolve a type reference, use the `//@resolve-name false` directive. For example:

```cpp
#include "Bar.idl"
module PackageName {
    struct Foo {
```
When this directive is used, then for the field preceding the directive, RTI Code Generator will assume that the type is a unkeyed 'structure' and it will use the type name unmodified in the generated code.

Java mapping:

```java
package PackageName;
public class Foo {
    public Bar barField = Bar.create();
}
```

C++ mapping:

```cpp
namespace PackageName {
    class Foo {
        public:
            Bar barField;
    }
}
```

It is up to you to include the correct header files (or if using Java, to import the correct packages) so that the compiler resolves the ‘Bar’ type correctly. If needed, this can be done using the copy directives (see The @copy and Related Directives (Section 3.3.9.2 on page 115)).

When used at the end of the declaration of a structure in IDL, then the directive applies to all types within the structure, including the base type if defined. For example:

```idl
struct MyStructure: MyBaseStructure {
    Foo member1;
    Bar member2;
}; //@resolve-name false
```

### 3.3.9.4 The @top-level Directive

By default, *RTI Code Generator* generates user-level type-specific methods for all structures/unions found in an IDL file. These methods include the methods used by *DataWriters* and *DataReaders* to send and receive data of a given type. General methods for writing and reading that take a void pointer are not offered by Connext DDS because they are not type safe. Instead, type-specific methods must be created to support a particular data type.

We use the term ‘top-level type’ to refer to the data type for which you intend to create a DCPS *Topic* that can be published or subscribed to. For top-level types, *RTI Code Generator* must create all of the type-
specific methods previously described in addition to the code to serialize/deserialize those types. However, some of structures/unions defined in the IDL file are only embedded within higher-level structures and are not meant to be published or subscribed to individually. For non-top-level types, the DataWriters and DataReaders methods to send or receive data of those types are superfluous and do not need to be created. Although the existence of these methods is not a problem in and of itself, code space can be saved if these methods are not generated in the first place.

You can mark non-top-level types in an IDL file with the directive ‘//@top-level false’ to tell RTI Code Generator not to generate type-specific methods. Code will still be generated to serialize and deserialize those types, since they may be embedded in top-level types.

In this example, RTI Code Generator will generate DataWriter/DataReader code for TopLevelStruct only:

```c
struct EmbeddedStruct{
    short member;
};//@top-level false
struct TopLevelStruct{
    EmbeddedStruct member;
};
```

### 3.4 Creating User Data Types with Extensible Markup Language (XML)

You can describe user data types with Extensible Markup Language (XML) notation. Connext DDS provides DTD and XSD files that describe the XML format; see `<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/schema/rti.dds_topic_types.dtd` and `<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/schema/rti.dds_topic_types.xsd`, respectively (in 5.x.y, the x and y stand for the version numbers of the current release). (<NDDSHOME> is described in Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38).)

The XML validation performed by RTI Code Generator always uses the DTD definition. If the `<!DOCTYPE>` tag is not in the XML file, RTI Code Generator will look for the default DTD document in `<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema`. Otherwise, it will use the location specified in `<!DOCTYPE>`.

We recommend including a reference to the XSD/DTD files in the XML documents. This provides helpful features in code editors such as Visual Studio® and Eclipse™, including validation and auto-completion while you are editing the XML. We recommend including the reference to the XSD document in the XML files because it provides stricter validation and better auto-completion than the DTD document.

To include a reference to the XSD document in your XML file, use the attribute `xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation` in the `<types>` tag. For example:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<types xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/schema/rti.dds_topic_types.xsd">
```

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To include a reference to the DTD document in your XML file, use the `<!DOCTYPE>` tag. For example:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE types SYSTEM "<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/schema/rti.dds_topic_types.dtd">
<types>
...
</types>
```

Table 3.12 Mapping Type System Constructs to XML shows how to map the type system constructs into XML.

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<th>Example</th>
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<td>short</td>
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3.4 Creating User Data Types with Extensible Markup Language (XML)

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<td>unsigned long</td>
<td>unsignedLong</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned long unsigned_long_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;unsigned_long_member&quot; type=&quot;unsignedLong&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
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<tr>
<td>long long</td>
<td>longLong</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long long long_long_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;long_long_member&quot; type=&quot;longLong&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
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<tr>
<td>unsigned long long</td>
<td>unsignedLongLong</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { unsigned long long unsigned_long_long_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;unsigned_long_long_member&quot; type=&quot;unsignedLongLong&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>float</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { float float_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;float_member&quot; type=&quot;float&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>double</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { double double_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;double_member&quot; type=&quot;double&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long double</td>
<td>longDouble</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { long double long_double_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;long_double_member&quot; type=&quot;longDouble&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { boolean boolean_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;boolean_member&quot; type=&quot;boolean&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unbounded string</td>
<td>string without stringMaxLength attribute or with stringMaxLength set to -1</td>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct { string string_member; };</td>
<td>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;string_member&quot; type=&quot;string&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt; or &lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;string_member&quot; type=&quot;string&quot; stringMaxLength=&quot;-1&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</td>
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| **struct PrimitiveStruct** {  
|  |  
|  string<20> string_member;  
|  |  
|  stringMaxLength="20"/>  
|  |  
|  <struct name="PrimitiveStruct">  
|  |  
|  <member name="string_member"  
|  |  
|  type="string"  
|  |  
|  stringMaxLength="20"/>  
|  |  
|  </struct>  
| unbounded wstring    | wstring without stringMaxLength attribute or with stringMaxLength set to -1 |
| **struct PrimitiveStruct** {  
|  |  
|  wstring wstring_member;  
|  |  
|  }  
|  |  
|  <struct name="PrimitiveStruct">  
|  |  
|  <member name="wstring_member"  
|  |  
|  type="wstring"  
|  |  
|  stringMaxLength="-1"/>  
|  |  
|  </struct>  
|  |  
| or  
|  |  
|  <struct name="PrimitiveStruct">  
|  |  
|  <member name="wstring_member"  
|  |  
|  type="wstring"  
|  |  
|  stringMaxLength="-1"/>  
|  |  
|  </struct>  
| bounded wstring      | wstring with stringMaxLength attribute |
| **struct PrimitiveStruct** {  
|  |  
|  wstring<20> wstring_member;  
|  |  
|  }  
|  |  
|  <struct name="PrimitiveStruct">  
|  |  
|  <member name="wstring_member"  
|  |  
|  type="wstring"  
|  |  
|  stringMaxLength="20"/>  
|  |  
|  </struct>  
| pointer              | pointer attribute with values true,false,0 or 1 |
| **struct PrimitiveStruct** {  
|  |  
|  long * long_member;  
|  |  
|  }  
|  |  
|  <struct name="PointerStruct">  
|  |  
|  <member name="long_member"  
|  |  
|  type="long"  
|  |  
|  pointer="true"/>  
|  |  
|  </struct>  
| bitfield\(^1\)        | bitfield attribute with the bitfield length |
| **struct BitfieldStruct** {  
|  |  
|  short short_member: 1;  
|  |  
|  unsigned short unsignedShort_member: 1;  
|  |  
|  short short_member_2: 0;  
|  |  
|  long long_member : 5;  
|  |  
|  }  
|  |  
|  <struct name="BitFieldStruct">  
|  |  
|  <member name="short_member"  
|  |  
|  type="short"  
|  |  
|  bitField="1"/>  
|  |  
|  <member name="unsignedShort_member"  
|  |  
|  type="unsignedShort"  
|  |  
|  bitField="1"/>  
|  |  
|  <member type="short"  
|  |  
|  bitField="0"/>  
|  |  
|  <member name="long_member"  
|  |  
|  type="long"  
|  |  
|  bitField="5"/>  
|  |  
|  </struct>  

\(^1\)Data types containing bitfield members are not supported by DynamicData (Interacting Dynamically with User Data Types (Section 3.7 on page 129)).
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<tr>
<td>key directive</td>
<td>struct KeyedPrimitiveStruct { short short_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>//@key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};&lt;struct name=&quot;KeyedPrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name=&quot;short_member&quot; type=&quot;short&quot; key=&quot;true&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>resolve-name directive</td>
<td>struct UnresolvedPrimitiveStruct { PrimitiveStruct primitive_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>//@resolve-name false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};&lt;struct name=&quot;UnresolvedPrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name=&quot;primitive_member&quot; type=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot; resolveName=&quot;false&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>top-level directive</td>
<td>struct TopLevelPrimitiveStruct { short short_member;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>//@top-level false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>};&lt;struct name=&quot;TopLevelPrimitiveStruct&quot; toplevel=&quot;false&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name=&quot;short_member&quot; type=&quot;short&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other directives</td>
<td>//@copy This text will be copied in the generated files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;directive kind=&quot;copy&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This text will be copied in the generated files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/directive&gt;</td>
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<td>enum PrimitiveEnum</td>
<td><code>enum PrimitiveEnum { ENUM1, ENUM2, ENUM3 };</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;enum name=&quot;PrimitiveEnum&quot;&gt;</code>&lt;enumerator name=&quot;ENUM1&quot;/&gt; &lt;enumerator name=&quot;ENUM2&quot;/&gt; &lt;enumerator name=&quot;ENUM3&quot;/&gt;&lt;/enum&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enum PrimitiveEnum</td>
<td><code>enum PrimitiveEnum { ENUM1 = 10, ENUM2 = 20, ENUM3 = 30 };</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;enum name=&quot;PrimitiveEnum&quot;&gt;</code>&lt;enumerator name=&quot;ENUM1&quot; value=&quot;10&quot;/&gt; &lt;enumerator name=&quot;ENUM2&quot; value=&quot;20&quot;/&gt; &lt;enumerator name=&quot;ENUM3&quot; value=&quot;30&quot;/&gt;&lt;/enum&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>const double PI</td>
<td><code>const double PI = 3.1415;</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;const name=&quot;PI&quot; type=&quot;double&quot; value=&quot;3.1415&quot;/&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct PrimitiveStruct</td>
<td><code>struct PrimitiveStruct { short short_member; };</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt;</code>&lt;member name=&quot;short_member&quot; type=&quot;short&quot;/&gt;&lt;/struct&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>union PrimitiveUnion</td>
<td><code>union PrimitiveUnion switch (long) { case 1: short short_member; case 2: case 3: float float_member; default: long long_member; };</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;union name=&quot;PrimitiveUnion&quot;&gt;</code>&lt;discriminator type=&quot;long&quot;/&gt; &lt;case&gt;&lt;caseDiscriminator value=&quot;1&quot;/&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;short_member&quot; type=&quot;short&quot;/&gt;&lt;/case&gt; &lt;case&gt;&lt;caseDiscriminator value=&quot;2&quot;/&gt; &lt;caseDiscriminator value=&quot;3&quot;/&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;float_member&quot; type=&quot;float&quot;/&gt;&lt;/case&gt; &lt;case&gt;&lt;caseDiscriminator value=&quot;default&quot;/&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;long_member&quot; type=&quot;long&quot;/&gt;&lt;/case&gt; &lt;/union&gt;`</td>
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<td>valuetype</td>
<td>valuetype tag</td>
<td><code>valuetype BaseValueTy { public long long_member; };</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>valuetype DerivedValueType: BaseValueTy { public long long_member_2; };</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;valuetype name=&quot;BaseValueType&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;long_member&quot; type=&quot;long&quot; visibility=&quot;public&quot;/&gt; &lt;/valuetype&gt;</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;valuetype name=&quot;DerivedValueType&quot; baseClass=&quot;BaseValueType&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;long_member_2&quot; type=&quot;long&quot; visibility=&quot;public&quot;/&gt; &lt;/valuetype&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>typedef</td>
<td>typedef tag</td>
<td><code>typedef short ShortType;</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;typedef name=&quot;ShortType&quot; type=&quot;short&quot;/&gt;</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;struct name=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;short_member&quot; type=&quot;short&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;typedef name=&quot;PrimitiveStructType&quot; type=&quot;nonBasic&quot; nonBasicTypeName=&quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;/&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arrays</td>
<td>Attribute arrayDimensions</td>
<td><code>struct OneArrayStruct { short short_array[2]; };</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>struct TwoArrayStruct { short short_array[1][2]; };</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;struct name=&quot;OneArrayStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;short_array&quot; type=&quot;short&quot; arrayDimensions=&quot;2&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;struct name=&quot;TwoArrayStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;short_array&quot; type=&quot;short&quot; arrayDimensions=&quot;1,2&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bounded</td>
<td>Attribute sequenceMaxLength &gt; 0</td>
<td><code>struct SequenceStruct { sequence&lt;short,4&gt; short_sequence; };</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;struct name=&quot;SequenceStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;short_sequence&quot; type=&quot;short&quot; sequenceMaxLength=&quot;4&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unbounded</td>
<td>Attribute sequenceMaxLength set to -1</td>
<td><code>struct SequenceStruct { sequence&lt;short&gt; short_sequence; };</code>&lt;br&gt;<code>&lt;struct name=&quot;SequenceStruct&quot;&gt; &lt;member name=&quot;short_sequence&quot; type=&quot;short&quot; sequenceMaxLength=&quot;-1&quot;/&gt; &lt;/struct&gt;</code></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>array of sequences</td>
<td>Attributes sequenceMaxLength and arrayDimensions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>struct ArrayOfSequencesStruct { sequence&lt;short,4&gt; short_sequence_array[2]; };</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;struct name= &quot;ArrayOfSequenceStruct&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name= &quot;short_sequence_array&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>type= &quot;short&quot; arrayDimensions= &quot;2&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sequenceMaxLength= &quot;4&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sequence of arrays</td>
<td>Must be implemented with a typedef tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>typedef short ShortArray[2];</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>struct SequenceOfArraysStruct { sequence&lt;ShortArray,2&gt; short_array_sequence; };</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;typedef name= &quot;ShortArray&quot; type= &quot;short&quot; dimensions= &quot;2&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;struct name= &quot;SequenceOfArraysStruct&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name= &quot;short_array_sequence&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>type= &quot;nonBasic&quot; nonBasicTypeName= &quot;ShortSequence&quot; sequenceMaxLength= &quot;2&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sequence of sequences</td>
<td>Must be implemented with a typedef tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>typedef sequence&lt;short,4&gt; ShortSequence;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>struct SequenceOfSequencesStruct { sequence&lt;ShortSequence,2&gt; short_sequence_sequence; };</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;typedef name= &quot;ShortSequence&quot; type= &quot;short&quot; sequenceMaxLength= &quot;4&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;struct name= &quot;SequenceOfSequencesStruct&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name= &quot;short_sequence_sequence&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>type= &quot;nonBasic&quot; nonBasicTypeName= &quot;ShortSequence&quot; sequenceMaxLength= &quot;2&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>module</td>
<td>module tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>module PackageName { struct PrimitiveStruct { long long_member; }; };</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;module name= &quot;PackageName&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;struct name= &quot;PrimitiveStruct&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;member name= &quot;long_member&quot; type= &quot;long&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/struct&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/module&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>include</td>
<td>include tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>#include &quot;PrimitiveTypes.idl&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;include file= &quot;PrimitiveTypes.xml&quot;/&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3.5 Using RTI Code Generator (rtiddsgen)

*RTI Code Generator* creates the code needed to define and register a user-data type with Connext DDS. Using this tool is optional if:
3.6 Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone)

- You are using dynamic types (see Managing Memory for Built-in Types (Section 3.2.7 on page 61))
- You are using one of the built-in types (see Built-in Data Types (Section 3.2 on page 29))

See the *RTI Code Generator User’s Manual* for more information.

### 3.6 Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone)

You can use the generated type-specific source and header files without linking the Connext DDS libraries or even including the Connext DDS header files. That is, the files generated by *RTI Code Generator* for your data types can be used standalone.

The directory `<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/standalone` contains the required helper files:

- include: header and templates files for C and C++.
- src: source files for C and C++.
- class: Java jar file.

**Note:** You must use *RTI Code Generator*’s `-notypecode` option to generate code for standalone use. See the *RTI Code Generator User’s Manual* for more information.

#### 3.6.1 Using Standalone Types in C

The generated files that can be used standalone are:

- `<idl file name>.c`: Types source file
- `<idl file name>.h`: Types header file

The type plug-in code (<idl file>Plugin.[c,h]) and type-support code (<idl file>Support.[c,h]) cannot be used standalone.

**To use the generated types in a standalone manner:**

1. Make sure you use `rtiddsgen’s -notypecode` option to generate the code.
2. Include the directory `<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/standalone/include` in the list of directories to be searched for header files.
3. Add the source files, `ndds_standalone_type.c` and `<idl file name>.c`, to your project.
4. Include the file `<idl file name>.h` in the source files that will use the generated types in a standalone manner.
5. Compile the project using the following two preprocessor definitions:
   - NDDS_STANDALONE_TYPE
   - The definition for your platform (RTI_VXWORKS, RTI_QNX, RTI_WIN32, RTI_INTY, RTI_LYNX or RTI_UNIX)

### 3.6.2 Using Standalone Types in C++

(This section applies to the Traditional C++ API only)

The generated files that can be used standalone are:

- `<idl file name>.cxx`: Types source file
- `<idl file name>.h`: Types header file

The type-plugin code (<idl file>Plugin.[cxx,h]) and type-support code (<idl file>Support.[cxx,h]) cannot be used standalone.

**To use the generated types in a standalone manner:**

1. Make sure you use RTI Code Generator’s -notypecode option to generate the code.
2. Include the directory `<NDDSHOME>/resource/app/app_support/rtiddsgen/standalone/include` in the list of directories to be searched for header files.
3. Add the source files, ndds_standalone_type.cxx and `<idl file name>.cxx`, to your project.
4. Include the file `<idl file name>.h` in the source files that will use the RTI Code Generator types in a standalone manner.
5. Compile the project using the following two preprocessor definitions:
   - NDDS_STANDALONE_TYPE
   - The definition for your platform (such as RTI_VXWORKS, RTI_QNX, RTI_WIN32, RTI_INTY, RTI_LYNX or RTI_UNIX)

### 3.6.3 Standalone Types in Java

The generated files that can be used standalone are:

- `<idl type>.java`
- `<idl type>Seq.java`
The type code (<idl file>TypCode.java), type-support code (<idl type>TypSupport.java),
DataReader code (<idl file>DataReader.java) and DataWriter code (<idl file>DataWriter.java) cannot
be used standalone.

To use the generated types in a standalone manner:

1. Make sure you use RTI Code Generator’s -notypecode option to generate the code.
2. Include the file ndds_standalone_type.jar in the classpath of your project.
3. Compile the project using the standalone types files (<idl type>.java and <idl type>Seq.java).

3.7 Interacting Dynamically with User Data Types

3.7.1 Type Schemas and TypeCode Objects

Type schemas—the names and definitions of a type and its fields—are represented by TypeCode objects,
described in Introduction to TypeCode (Section 3.1.3 on page 28).

3.7.2 Defining New Types

This section does not apply when using the separate add-on product, Ada Language Support,
which does not support Dynamic Types.

Locally, your application can access the type code for a generated type "Foo" by calling the FooTypeSup-
port::get_typecode() (Traditional C++ Notation) operation in the code for the type generated by RTI
Code Generator (unless type-code support is disabled with the -notypecode option). But you can also cre-
ate TypeCodes at run time without any code generation.

Creating a TypeCode is parallel to the way you would define the type statically: you define the type itself
with some name, then you add members to it, each with its own name and type.

For example, consider the following statically defined type. It might be in C, C++, or IDL; the syntax is
largely the same.

```
struct MyType {
  long my_integer;
  float my_float;
  bool my_bool;
  string<128> my_string; // @key
};
```

This is how you would define the same type at run time in the Traditional C++ API:

```
DDS_ExceptionCode_t ex = DDS_NO_EXCEPTION_CODE;
DDS_StructMemberSeq structMembers; // ignore for now
DDS_TypeCodeFactory* factory =
```
DDS_TypeCodeFactory::get_instance();
DDS_TypeCode* structTc = factory->create_struct_tc(
    "MyType", structMembers, ex);

// If structTc is NULL, check 'ex' for more information.
structTc->add_member(
    "my_integer", DDS_TYPECODE_MEMBER_ID_INVALID,
    factory->get_primitive_tc(DDS_TK_LONG),
    DDS_TYPECODE_NONKEY_REQUIRED_MEMBER, ex);

structTc->add_member(
    "my_float", DDS_TYPECODE_MEMBER_ID_INVALID,
    factory->get_primitive_tc(DDS_TK_FLOAT),
    DDS_TYPECODE_NONKEY_REQUIRED_MEMBER, ex);

structTc->add_member(
    "my_bool", DDS_TYPECODE_MEMBER_ID_INVALID,
    factory->get_primitive_tc(DDS_TK_BOOLEAN),
    DDS_TYPECODE_NONKEY_REQUIRED_MEMBER, ex);

structTc->add_member(
    "my_string", DDS_TYPECODE_MEMBER_ID_INVALID,
    factory->create_string_tc(128),
    DDS_TYPECODE_KEY_MEMBER, ex);

More detailed documentation for the methods and constants you see above, including example code, can be found in the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages.

If, as in the example above, you know all of the fields that will exist in the type at the time of its construction, you can use the StructMemberSeq to simplify the code:

DDS_StructMemberSeq structMembers;
structMembers.ensure_length(4, 4);
DDS_TypeCodeFactory* factory = DDS_TypeCodeFactory::get_instance();
structMembers[0].name = DDS_string_dup("my_integer");
structMembers[0].type = factory->get_primitive_tc(DDS_TK_LONG);
structMembers[1].name = DDS_string_dup("my_float");
structMembers[1].type = factory->get_primitive_tc(DDS_TK_FLOAT);
structMembers[2].name = DDS_string_dup("my_bool");
structMembers[2].type = factory->get_primitive_tc(DDS_TK_BOOLEAN);
structMembers[3].name = DDS_string_dup("my_string");
structMembers[3].type = factory->create_string_tc(128);
structMembers[3].is_key = DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE;
DDS_ExceptionCode_t ex = DDS_NO_EXCEPTION_CODE;
DDS_TypeCode* structTc =
    factory->create_struct_tc(
        "MyType", structMembers, ex);

After you have defined the TypeCode, you will register it with a DomainParticipant using a logical name (note: this step is not required in the Modern C++ API). You will use this logical name later when you create a Topic.
For code examples for the Modern C++ API, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation: Modules, Programming How-To's, DynamicType and DynamicData Use Cases.

Now that you have created a type, you will need to know how to interact with objects of that type. See Sending Only a Few Fields (Section 3.7.3 below) for more information.

### 3.7.3 Sending Only a Few Fields

In some cases, your data model may contain a large number of potential fields, but it may not be desirable or appropriate to include a value for every one of them with every DDS data sample.

- **It may use too much bandwidth.** You may have a very large data structure, parts of which are updated very frequently. Rather than resending the entire data structure with every change, you may wish to send only those fields that have changed and rely on the recipients to reassemble the complete state themselves.

- **It may not make sense.** Some fields may only have meaning in the presence of other fields. For example, you may have an event stream in which certain fields are only relevant for certain kinds of events.

To support these and similar cases, Connext DDS supports mutable types and optional members (see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide Addendum for Extensible Types).

### 3.7.4 Sending Type Codes on the Network

In addition to being used locally, serialized type codes are typically published automatically during discovery as part of the built-in topics for publications and subscriptions. See Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772). This allows applications to publish or subscribe to topics of arbitrary types. This functionality is useful for generic system monitoring tools like the rtiddsspy debug tool. For details on using rtiddsspy, see the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, Programming Tools).

**Note:** Type codes are not cached by Connext DDS upon receipt and are therefore not available from the built-in data returned by the DataWriter's `get_matched_subscription_data()` operation or the DataReader's `get_matched_publication_data()` operation.

If your data type has an especially complex type code, you may need to increase the value of the `type_code_max_serialized_length` field in the DomainParticipant's `DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS` QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592). Or, to prevent the
propagation of type codes altogether, you can set this value to zero (0). Be aware that some features of monitoring tools, as well as some features of the middleware itself (such as ContentFilteredTopics) will not work correctly if you disable TypeCode propagation.

### 3.7.4.1 Type Codes for Built-in Types

The type codes associated with the built-in types are generated from the following IDL type definitions:

```idl
module DDS {
    /* String */
    struct String {
        string<max_size> value;
    };  
    /* KeyedString */
    struct KeyedString {
        string<max_size> key; // @key
        string<max_size> value;
    };  
    /* Octets */
    struct Octets {
        sequence<octet, max_size> value;
    };  
    /* KeyedOctets */
    struct KeyedOctets {
        string<max_size> key; // @key
        sequence<octet, max_size> value;
    }
};
```

The maximum size (`max_size`) of the strings and sequences that will be included in the type code definitions can be configured on a per-`DomainParticipant`-basis by using the properties in [Table 3.13 Properties for Allocating Size of Built-in Types, per DomainParticipant](#).

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>String</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.string.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the strings published by the <code>DataWriters</code> and received by the <code>DataReaders</code> belonging to a <code>DomainParticipant</code> (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024</td>
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Table 3.13 Properties for Allocating Size of Built-in Types, per DomainParticipant

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<td>KeyedString</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_string.max_key_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the keys used by the DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024</td>
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<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_string.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the strings published by the DataWriters and received by the DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant using the built-in type (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Octets</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.octets.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the octet sequences published by the DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant. Default: 2048</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keyed-Octets</td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_octets.max_key_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the key published by the DataWriter and received by the DataReaders belonging to the DomainParticipant (includes the NULL-terminated character). Default: 1024</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dds.builtin_type.keyed_octets.max_size</td>
<td>Maximum size of the octet sequences published by the DataWriters and DataReaders belonging to a DomainParticipant. Default: 2048</td>
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3.8 Working with DDS Data Samples

You should now understand how to define and work with data types, whether you're using the simple data types built into the middleware (see Built-in Data Types (Section 3.2 on page 29)), dynamically defined types (see Managing Memory for Built-in Types (Section 3.2.7 on page 61)), or code generated from IDL or XML files (see Creating User Data Types with IDL (Section 3.3 on page 67) and Creating User Data Types with Extensible Markup Language (XML) (Section 3.4 on page 119)).

Now that you have chosen one or more data types to work with, this section will help you understand how to create and manipulate objects of those types.

3.8.1 Objects of Concrete Types

If you use one of the built-in types or decide to generate custom types from an IDL or XML file, your Connext DDS data type is like any other data type in your application: a class or structure with fields, methods, and other members that you interact with directly.

In C and Traditional C++:

You create and delete your own objects from factories, just as you create Connext DDS objects from
factories. In the case of user data types, the factory is a singleton object called the type support. Objects allocated from these factories are deeply allocated and fully initialized.

```cpp
/* In the generated header file: */
struct MyData {
    char* myString;
};
/* In your code: */
MyData* sample = MyDataTypeSupport_create_data();
char* str = sample->myString; /*empty, non-NULL string*/
/* ... */
MyDataTypeSupport_delete_data(sample);
```

**In Traditional C++:**

You create and delete objects using the TypeSupport factories.

```cpp
MyData* sample = MyDataTypeSupport::create_data(); char* str = sample->myString; // empty, non-NULL string // ... MyDataTypeSupport::delete_data (sample);
```

**In Modern C++:**

Generated types have value-type semantics and provide a default constructor, a constructor with parameters to initialize all the members, a copy constructor and assignment operator, a move constructor and move-assignment operator (C++11 only), a destructor, equality operators, a swap function and an overloaded operator<<. Data members are accessed using getters and setters.

```cpp
// In the generated header file
class MyData {
    public:
    MyData();
    explicit MyData(const dds::core::string& myString);

    // Note: the implicit destructor, copy and
    // move constructors, and assignment operators
    // are available
    dds::core::string& myString() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;
    dds::core::string& myString() const OMG_NOEXCEPT;
    void myString(const dds::core::string& value);

    bool operator == (const MyData& other_) const;
    bool operator != (const MyData& other_) const;
    private:
    // ...
};
void swap(MyData& a, MyData& b) OMG_NOEXCEPT
```
3.8.2 Objects of Dynamically Defined Types

In C# and C++/CLI:

You can use a no-argument constructor to allocate objects. Those objects will be deallocated by the garbage collector as appropriate.

```csharp
// In the generated code (C++/CLI):
public ref struct MyData {
    public: System::String^ myString;
};
// In your code, if you are using C#:
MyData sample = new MyData();
System.String str = sample.myString;
// empty, non-null string
// In your code, if you are using C++/CLI:
MyData^ sample = gcnew MyData();
System::String^ str = sample->myString;
// empty, non-nullptr string
```

In Java:

You can use a no-argument constructor to allocate objects. Those objects will be deallocated by the garbage collector as appropriate.

```java
// In the generated code:
public class MyData {
    public String myString = "";
}
// In your code:
MyData sample = new MyData();
String str = sample->myString;
// empty, non-null string
```

3.8.2 Objects of Dynamically Defined Types

If you are working with a data type that was discovered or defined at run time, you will use the reflective API provided by the DynamicData class to get and set the fields of your object.

Consider the following type definition:

```c++
struct MyData {
    long myInteger;
};
```
As with a statically defined type, you will create objects from a TypeSupport factory. How to create or otherwise obtain a TypeCode, and how to subsequently create from it a DynamicDataTypeSupport, is described in Defining New Types (Section 3.7.2 on page 129). In the Modern C++ API you will use the DynamicData constructor, which receives a DynamicType.

For more information about the DynamicData and DynamicDataTypeSupport classes, consult the API Reference HTML documentation, which is available for all supported programming languages (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Topic Module, Dynamic Data).

In C:

```c
DDS_DynamicDataTypeSupport* support = ...;
DDS_DynamicData* sample = DDS_DynamicDataTypeSupport_create_data(support);
DDS_Long theInteger = 0;
DDS_ReturnCode_t success = DDS_DynamicData_set_long(sample,
            "myInteger", DDS_DYNAMIC_DATA_MEMBER_ID_UNSPECIFIED, 5);
/* Error handling omitted. */
success = DDS_DynamicData_get_long(sample, &theInteger,
            "myInteger", DDS_DYNAMIC_DATA_MEMBER_ID_UNSPECIFIED);
/* Error handling omitted. "theInteger" now contains the value 5 if no error occurred.
 */
```

In Traditional C++:

```c
DDSDynamicDataTypeSupport* support = ...;
DDS_DynamicData* sample = support->create_data();
DDS_ReturnCode_t success = sample->set_long("myInteger",
            DDS_DYNAMIC_DATA_MEMBER_ID_UNSPECIFIED, 5);
// Error handling omitted.
DDS_Long theInteger = 0;
success = sample->get_long(&theInteger, "myInteger",
            DDS_DYNAMIC_DATA_MEMBER_ID_UNSPECIFIED);
// Error handling omitted.
// "theInteger" now contains the value 5 if no error occurred.
```

In Modern C++:

```c
using namespace dds::core::xtypes;

StructType type(
    "MyData", {
        Member("myInteger", primitive_type<int32_t>())
    });
DynamicData sample(type);
sample.value("myInteger", 5);
int32_t the_int = sample.value<int32_t>("myInteger");
// "the_int" now contains the value 5 if no exception was thrown
```

In C++/CLI:

```c
using DDS;
```
3.8.3 Serializing and Deserializing Data Samples

There are two TypePlugin operations to serialize a sample into a buffer and deserialize a sample from a buffer. The sample serialization/deserialization uses CDR representation.
3.8.4 Accessing the Discriminator Value in a Union

The feature is supported in the following languages: C, Modern and Traditional C++, Java, and .NET.

C:

```c
#include "FooSupport.h"
FooTypeSupport::serialize_data_to_cdr_buffer(...) 
FooTypeSupport::deserialize_data_from_cdr_buffer(...)
```

Traditional C++

```c
#include "FooSupport.h"
FooTypeSupport::serialize_data_to_cdr_buffer(...) 
FooTypeSupport::deserialize_data_from_cdr_buffer(...)
```

Modern C++

```c
#include "Foo.hpp"
dds::topic::topic_type_support<Foo>::to_cdr_buffer(...) 
dds::topic::topic_type_support<Foo>::from_cdr_buffer(...) 
```

Java:

```java
FooTypeSupport.get_instance().serialize_to_cdr_buffer(...) 
FooTypeSupport.get_instance().deserialize_from_cdr_buffer(...) 
```

C++/CLI:

```csharp
FooTypeSupport::serialize_data_to_cdr_buffer(...) 
FooTypeSupport::deserialize_data_from_cdr_buffer(...) 
```

C#:

```csharp
FooTypeSupport::serialize_data_to_cdr_buffer(...) 
FooTypeSupport::deserialize_data_from_cdr_buffer(...) 
```

3.8.4 Accessing the Discriminator Value in a Union

A union type can only hold a single member. The `member_id` for this member is equal to the discriminator value. To get the value of the discriminator, use the operation `get_member_info_by_index()` on the `DynamicData` using an index value of 0. This operation fills in a `DynamicDataMemberInfo` structure, which includes a `member_id` field that is the value of the discriminator.

Once you know the discriminator value, you can use the proper version of `get_<type>()` (such as `get_long()`) to access the member value.

For example:

```csharp
DynamicDataMemberInfo memberInfo = new DynamicDataMemberInfo(); 
myDynamicData.get_member_info_by_index(memberInfo, 0); 
int discriminatorValue = memberInfo.member_id; 
int myMemberValue = myDynamicData.get_long(null, discriminatorValue); ```
3.8.4 Accessing the Discriminator Value in a Union

The Modern C++ API provides the method `discriminator_value()` to achieve the same result:

```cpp
int32_t my_member_value = my_dynamic_data.value<int32_t>(
    my_dynamic_data.discriminator_value());
```
Chapter 4 DDS Entities

The main classes extend an abstract base class called a DDS Entity. Every DDS Entity has a set of associated events known as statuses and a set of associated Quality of Service Policies (QosPolicies). In addition, a Listener may be registered with the Entity to be called when status changes occur. DDS Entities may also have attached DDS Conditions, which provide a way to wait for status changes. Figure 4.1 Overview of DDS Entities on the next page presents an overview in a UML diagram.

This section describes the common operations and general designed patterns shared by all DDS Entities including DomainParticipants, Topics, Publishers, Data Writers, Subscribers, and Data Readers. In subsequent chapters, the specific statuses, Listeners, Conditions, and QosPolicies for each class will be discussed in detail.
4.1 Common Operations for All DDS Entities

All DDS Entities (DomainParticipants, Topics, Publishers, DataWriters, Subscribers, and DataReaders) provide operations for:
4.1.1 Creating and Deleting DDS Entities
• C, Traditional C++, Java, and .NET:
The factory design pattern is used in creating and deleting DDS Entities. Instead of declaring and constructing or destructing Entities directly, a factory object is used to create an Entity. Almost all Entity factories are objects that are also Entities. The only exception is the factory for a DomainParticipant. See Table 4.1 Entity Factories.

### Table 4.1 Entity Factories

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<td>Topic</td>
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<td>Publisher</td>
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<td>DataReader</td>
<td>Subscriber</td>
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</table>

All Entities that are factories have:

- Operations to create and delete child Entities. For example:
  
  ```cpp
  DDSPublisher::create_datawriter()
  
  DDSDomainParticipant::delete_topic()
  ```

- Operations to get and set the default QoS values used when creating child Entities. For example:
  
  ```cpp
  DDSSubscriber::get_default_datareader_qos()
  
  DDSDomainParticipantFactory::set_default_participant_qos()
  ```

- And ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313) to specify whether or not the newly created child Entity should be automatically enabled upon creation.

DataWriters may be created by a DomainParticipant or a Publisher. Similarly, DataReaders may be created by a DomainParticipant or a Subscriber.

An entity that is a factory cannot be deleted until all the child Entities created by it have been deleted.
4.1.2 Enabling DDS Entities

Each Entity obtained through `create_<entity>()` must eventually be deleted by calling `delete_<entity>()`, or by calling `delete_contained_entities()`.

- Modern C++:

In the Modern C++ API the factory pattern is not explicit. Entities have constructors and destructors. The first argument to an Entity's constructor is its "factory" (except for the DomainParticipant). For example:

```c++
// Note: this example shows the simplest version of each Entity's constructor:
dds::domain::DomainParticipant participant(MY_DOMAIN_ID);
dds::topic::Topic<Foo> topic(participant, "Example Foo");
dds::sub::Subscriber subscriber(participant);
dds::pub::DataWriter<Foo> writer(participant);
dds::pub::DataWriter<Foo> reader(subscriber, topic);
dds::sub::DataReader<Foo> topic(participant);
dds::pub::Publisher publisher(participant);
```

Entities are reference types. In a reference type copy operations, such as copy-construction and copy-assignment are shallow. The reference types are modeled after shared pointers. Similar to pointers, it is important to distinguish between an entity and a reference (or handle) to it. A single entity may have multiple references. Copying a reference does not copy the entity it is referring to—creating additional references from the existing reference(s) is a relatively inexpensive operation.

The lifecycle of references and the entity they are referring to is not the same. In general, the entity lives as long as there is at least one reference to it. When the last reference to the entity ceases to exists, the entity it is referring to is destroyed.

Applications can override the automatic destruction of Entities. An Entity can be explicitly closed (by calling the method `close()`) or retained (by calling `retain()`)

Closing an Entity destroys the underlying object and invalidates all references to it.

Retaining an Entity disables the automatic destruction when it loses all its reference. A retained Entity can be looked up (see Looking Up DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.4 on page 544)) and has to be explicitly destroyed with `close()`.

### 4.1.2 Enabling DDS Entities

The `enable()` operation changes an Entity from a non-operational to an operational state. Entity objects can be created disabled or enabled. This is controlled by the value of the ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313) on the corresponding factory for the Entity (not on the Entity itself).

By default, all Entities are automatically created in the enabled state. This means that as soon as the Entity is created, it is ready to be used. In some cases, you may want to create the Entity in a ‘disabled’ state. For example, by default, as soon as you create a `DataReader`, the `DataReader` will start receiving new DDS samples for its Topic if they are being sent. However, your application may still be initializing other
components and may not be ready to process the data at that time. In that case, you can tell the \textit{Subscriber} to create the \textit{DataReader} in a disabled state. After all of the other parts of the application have been created and initialized, then the \textit{DataReader} can be enabled to actually receive messages.

To create a particular entity in a disabled state, modify the EntityFactory QoS Policy of its corresponding \textit{factory entity} before calling \texttt{create\_<entity>\texttt{()}}. For example, to create a disabled \textit{DataReader}, modify the \textit{Subscriber}’s QoS as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
DDS_SubscriberQos subscriber_qos;
subscriber_qos.entity_factory.autoenable_created_entities = DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE;
DDSDataReader* datareader =
    subscriber_->create_datareader(topic, DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT, listener);
\end{verbatim}

When the application is ready to process received data, it can enable the \textit{DataReader}:

\begin{verbatim}
datareader->enable();
\end{verbatim}

\section*{4.1.2.1 Rules for Calling enable()}

In the following, a ‘Factory’ refers to a \textit{DomainParticipant, Publisher,} or \textit{Subscriber}; a ‘child’ refers to an entity created by the factory:

- If the factory is disabled, its children are always created disabled, regardless of the setting in the factory's EntityFactoryQoS.
- If the factory is enabled, its children will be created either enabled or disabled, according to the setting in the factory's EntityFactory QoS.
- Calling \texttt{enable()} on a child whose factory object is still disabled will fail and return DDS_RECODE_RECONDITION_NOT_MET.
- Calling \texttt{enable()} on a factory with EntityFactoryQoS set to DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE will recursively enable all of the factory’s children. If the factory’s EntityFactoryQoS is set to DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE, only the factory itself will be enabled.
- Calling \texttt{enable()} on an entity that is already enabled returns DDS_RETCODE_OK and has no effect.
- There is no complementary \textbf{“disable”} operation. You cannot disable an entity after it is enabled. Disabled \textit{Entities} must have been created in that state.
- An entity’s \texttt{Listener} will only be invoked if the entity is enabled.
- The existence of an entity is not propagated to other \textit{DomainParticipants} until the entity is enabled (see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708)).
4.1.2.1 Rules for Calling enable()

- If a DataWriter/DataReader is to be created in an enabled state, then the associated Topic must already be enabled. The enabled state of the Topic does not matter, if the Publisher/Subscriber has its EntityFactory QosPolicy to create children in a disabled state.

- When calling enable() for a DataWriter/DataReader, both the Publisher/Subscriber and the Topic must be enabled, or the operation will fail and return DDS_RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET.

The following operations may be invoked on disabled Entities:

- get_qos() and set_qos() Some DDS-specified QosPolicies are immutable—they cannot be changed after an Entity is enabled. This means that for those policies, if the entity was created in the disabled state, get/set_qos() can be used to change the values of those policies until enabled() is called on the Entity. After the Entity is enabled, changing the values of those policies will not affect the Entity. However, there are mutable QosPolicies whose values can be changed at anytime—even after the Entity has been enabled.

Finally, there are extended QosPolicies that are not a part of the DDS specification but offered by Connext DDS to control extended features for an Entity. Some of those extended QosPolicies cannot be changed after the Entity has been created—regardless of whether the Entity is enabled or disabled.

Into which exact categories a QosPolicy falls—mutable at any time, immutable after enable, immutable after creation—is described in the documentation for the specific policy.

- get_status_changes() and get_*_status() The status of an Entity can be retrieved at any time (but the status of a disabled Entity never changes). (Note: get_*_status() resets the related status so it no longer considered “changed.”)

- get_statuscondition() An Entity’s StatusCondition can be checked at any time (although the status of a disabled Entity never changes).

- get_listener() and set_listener() An Entity’s Listener can be changed at any time.

- create_ *() and delete_ *() A factory Entity can still be used to create or delete any child Entity that it can produce. Note: following the rules discussed previously, a disabled Entity will always create its children in a disabled state, no matter what the value of the EntityFactory QosPolicy is.

- lookup_ *() An Entity can always look up children it has previously created.

Most other operations are not allowed on disabled Entities. Executing one of those operations when an Entity is disabled will result in a return code of DDS_RETCODE_NOT_ENABLED. The documentation for a particular operation will explicitly state if it is not allowed to be used if the Entity is disabled.
The builtin transports are implicitly registered when (a) the DomainParticipant is enabled, (b) the first DataWriter/DataReader is created, or (c) you look up a builtin data reader, whichever happens first. Any changes to the builtin transport properties that are made after the builtin transports have been registered will have no affect on any DataWriters/DataReaders.

### 4.1.3 Getting an Entity’s Instance Handle

The Entity class provides an operation to retrieve an instance handle for the object. The operation is simply:

\[
\text{InstanceHandle_t get_instance_handle()}
\]

An instance handle is a global ID for the entity that can be used in methods that allow user applications to determine if the entity was locally created, if an entity is owned (created) by another entity, etc.

### 4.1.4 Getting Status and Status Changes

The `get_status_changes()` operation retrieves the set of events, also known in DDS terminology as communication statuses, in the Entity that have changed since the last time `get_status_changes()` was called. This method actually returns a value that must be bitwise AND’ed with an enumerated bit mask to test whether or not a specific status has changed. The operation can be used in a polling mechanism to see if any statuses related to the Entity have changed. If an entity is disabled, all communication statuses are in the “unchanged” state so the list returned by the `get_status_changes()` operation will be empty.

A set of statuses is defined for each class of Entities. For each status, there is a corresponding operation, `get_<status-name>_status()`, that can be used to get its current value. For example, a DataWriter has a DDS_OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED status; it also has a `get_offered_deadline_missed_status()` operation:

```c
DDS_StatusMask statuses;
DDS_OfferedDeadlineMissedStatus deadline_stat;
statuses = datawriter->get_status_changes();
if (statuses & DDS_OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS) {
datawriter->get_offered_deadline_missed_status(
    &deadline_stat);
    printf("Deadline missed %d times.\n", 
        deadline_stat.total_count);
}
```

To reset a status (so that it is no longer considered “changed”), call `get_<status-name>_status()`. Or, in the case of the DDS_DATA_AVAILABLE status, call `read()`, `take()`, or one of their variants.

If you use a StatusCondition to be notified that a particular status has changed, the StatusCondition’s `trigger_value` will remain true unless you call `get_*_status()` to reset the status.

See also: Statuses (Section 4.3 on page 160) and StatusConditions (Section 4.6.8 on page 191).
4.1.5 Getting and Setting Listeners

Each type of Entity has an associated Listener, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169). A Listener represents a set of functions that users may install to be called asynchronously when the state of communication statuses change.

The get_listener() operation returns the current Listener attached to the Entity.

The set_listener() operation installs a Listener on an Entity. The Listener will only be invoked on the changes of statuses specified by the accompanying mask. Only one listener can be attached to each Entity. If a Listener was already attached, set_listener() will replace it with the new one.

The get_listener() and set_listener() operations are directly provided by the DomainParticipant, Topic, Publisher, DataWriter, Subscriber, and DataReader classes so that listeners and masks used in the argument list are specific to each Entity.

Note: The set_listener() operation is not synchronized with the listener callbacks, so it is possible to set a new listener on an participant while the old listener is in a callback. Therefore you should be careful not to delete any listener that has been set on an enabled participant unless some application-specific means are available of ensuring that the old listener cannot still be in use.

See Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169) for more information about Listeners.

4.1.6 Getting the StatusCondition

Each type of Entity may have an attached StatusCondition, which can be accessed through the get_statuscondition() operation. You can attach the StatusCondition to a WaitSet, to cause your application to wait for specific status changes that affect the Entity.

See Conditions and WaitSets (Section 4.6 on page 179) for more information about StatusConditions and WaitSets.

4.1.7 Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies

Each type of Entity has an associated set of QosPolicies (see QosPolicies (Section 4.2 on page 153)). QosPolicies allow you to configure and set properties for the Entity.

While most QosPolicies are defined by the DDS specification, some are offered by Connext DDS as extensions to control parameters specific to the implementation.

There are two ways to specify a QoS policy:

- Programmatically, as described in this section.
- QosPolicies can also be configured from XML resources (files, strings)—with this approach, you can change the QoS without recompiling the application. The QoS settings are automatically loaded
by the DomainParticipantFactory when the first DomainParticipant is created. See Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

The get_qos() operation retrieves the current values for the set of QosPolicies defined for the Entity.

QosPolicies can be set programmatically when an Entity is created, or modified with the Entity’s set_qos() operation.

The set_qos() operation sets the QosPolicies of the entity. Note: not all QosPolicy changes will take effect instantaneously; there may be a delay since some QosPolicies set for one entity, for example, a DataReader, may actually affect the operation of a matched entity in another application, for example, a DataWriter.

The get_qos() and set_qos() operations are passed QoS structures that are specific to each derived entity class, since the set of QosPolicies that effect each class of Entities is different.

The equals() operation compares two Entity’s QoS structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two Entities’ QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE is they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

Each QosPolicy has default values (listed in the API Reference HTML documentation). If you want to use custom values, there are three ways to change QosPolicy settings:

- Before Entity creation (if custom values should be used for multiple Entities). See Changing the QoS Defaults Used to Create DDS Entities: set_default_*_qos() (Section 4.1.7.1 on the next page).
- During Entity creation (if custom values are only needed for a particular Entity). See Setting QoS During Entity Creation (Section 4.1.7.2 on the next page).
- After Entity creation (if the values initially specified for a particular Entity are no longer appropriate). See Changing the QoS for an Existing Entity (Section 4.1.7.3 on page 152).

Regardless of when or how you make QoS changes, there are some rules to follow:

- Some QosPolicies interact with each other and thus must be set in a consistent manner. For instance, the maximum value of the HISTORY QosPolicy’s depth parameter is limited by values set in the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy. If the values within a QosPolicy structure are inconsistent, then set_qos() will return the error INCONSISTENT_POLICY, and the operation will have no effect.
- Some policies can only be set when the Entity is created, or before the Entity is enabled. Others can be changed at any time. In general, all standard DDS QosPolicies can be changed before the Entity is enabled. A subset can be changed after the Entity is enabled. Connext DDS-specific QosPolicies either cannot be changed after creation or can be changed at any time. The changeability of each QosPolicy is documented in the API Reference HTML documentation as well as in Table 4.2 QosPolicies. If you attempt to change a policy after it cannot be changed, set_qos() will fail with a return IMMUTABLE_POLICY.
4.1.7.1 Changing the QoS Defaults Used to Create DDS Entities: set_default_*_qos()

Each parent factory has a set of default QoS settings that are used when the child entity is created. The DomainParticipantFactory has default QoS values for creating DomainParticipants. A DomainParticipant has a set of default QoS for each type of entity that can be created from the DomainParticipant (Topic, Publisher, Subscriber, DataWriter, and DataReader). Likewise, a Publisher has a set of default QoS values used when creating DataWriters, and a Subscriber has a set of default QoS values used when creating DataReaders.

An entity’s QoS are set when it is created. Once an entity is created, all of its QoS—for itself and its child Entities—are fixed unless you call set_qos() or set_qos_with_profile() on that entity. Calling set_default_<entity>_qos() on a parent entity will have no effect on child Entities that have already been created.

You can change these default values so that they are automatically applied when new child Entities are created. For example, suppose you want all DataWriters for a particular Publisher to have their RELIABILITY QosPolicy set to RELIABLE. Instead of making this change for each DataWriter when it is created, you can change the default used when any DataWriter is created from the Publisher by using the Publisher's set_default_datawriter_qos() operation.

Here is an example of how to change the default QoS settings for a DataWriter:

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos default_datawriter_qos;
// get the current default values
publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(default_datawriter_qos);
// change to desired default values
default_datawriter_qos.reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
// set the new default values
publisher->set_default_datawriter_qos(default_datawriter_qos);
// created datawriters will use new default values
datawriter =
    publisher->create_datawriter(topic, NULL, NULL, NULL);
```

It is not safe to get or set the default QoS values for an entity while another thread may be simultaneously calling get_default_<entity>_qos(), set_default_<entity>_qos(), or create_<entity>() with DDS_<ENTITY>_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter (for the same entity).

Another way to make QoS changes is by using XML resources (files, strings). For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

4.1.7.2 Setting QoS During Entity Creation

If you only want to change a QosPolicy for a particular entity, you can pass in the desired QosPolicies for an entity in its creation routine.

To customize an entity's QoS before creating it:
1. (C API Only) Initialize a QoS object with the appropriate INITIALIZER constructor.
2. Call the relevant `get_<entity>_default_qos()` method.
3. Modify the QoS values as desired.
4. Create the entity.

For example, to change the RELIABLE QoSPolicy for a `DataWriter` before creating it:

```c
// Initialize the QoS object
DDS_DataWriterQos datawriter_qos;
// Get the default values
publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(datawriter_qos);
// Modify the QoS values as desired
datawriter_qos.reliability.kind = DDS_BEST_EFFORT_RELIABILITY_QOS;
// Create the DataWriter with new values
datawriter = publisher->create_datawriter(  
  topic, datawriter_qos, NULL, NULL);
```

Another way to set QoS during entity creation is by using a QoS profile. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

### 4.1.7.3 Changing the QoS for an Existing Entity

Some policies can also be changed after the entity has been created. To change such a policy after the entity has been created, use the entity’s `set_qos()` operation.

For example, suppose you want to tweak the DEADLINE QoS for an existing `DataWriter`:

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos datawriter_qos;
// get the current values
datawriter->get_qos(datawriter_qos);
// make desired changes
datawriter_qos.deadline.period.sec = 3;
datawriter_qos.deadline.period.nanosec = 0;
// set new values
datawriter->set_qos(datawriter_qos);
```

Another way to make QoS changes is by using a QoS profile. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

**Note:** In the code examples presented in this section, we are not testing for the return code for the `set_qos()`, `set_default_*_qos()` functions. If the values used in the QosPolicy structures are inconsistent then the functions will fail and return INCONSISTENT_POLICY. In addition, `set_qos()` may return IMMUTABLE_POLICY if you try to change a QosPolicy on an `Entity` after that policy has become immutable. *User code should test for and address those anomalous conditions.*
4.1.7.4 Default QoS Values

Connext DDS provides special constants for each Entity type that can be used in `set_qos()` and `set_default_*_qos()` to reset the QosPolicy values to the original DDS default values:

- DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT
- DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT
- DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT
- DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT
- DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT
- DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT

For example, if you want to set a DataWriter’s QoS back to their DDS-specified default values:

```
DataWriterQos dataWriterQos = DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT;
// modify QoS...
create_datawriter(dataWriterQos);
```

Or if you want to reset the default QosPolicies used by a Publisher to create DataWriters back to their DDS-specified default values:

```
publisher->set_default_datawriter_qos(DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT);
```

These defaults cannot be used to initialize a QoS structure for an entity. For example, the following is NOT allowed:

```
DataWriterQos dataWriterQos = DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT;
// modify QoS...
create_datawriter(dataWriterQos);
```

4.2 QosPolicies

Connext DDS’s behavior is controlled by the Quality of Service (QoS) policies of the data communication Entities (DomainParticipant, Topic, Publisher, Subscriber, DataWriter, and DataReader) used in your applications. This section summarizes each of the QosPolicies that you can set for the various Entities.

The QosPolicy class is the abstract base class for all the QosPolicies. It provides the basic mechanism for an application to specify quality of service parameters. Table 4.2 QosPolicies lists each supported QosPolicy (in alphabetical order), provides a summary, and points to a section in the manual that provides further details.

The detailed description of a QosPolicy that applies to multiple Entities is provided in the first chapter that discusses an Entity whose behavior the QoS affects. Otherwise, the discussion of a QosPolicy can be found in the chapter of the particular Entity to which the policy applies. As you will see in the detailed
description sections, all QosPolicies have one or more parameters that are used to configure the policy. The how’s and why’s of tuning the parameters are also discussed in those sections.

As first discussed in Controlling Behavior with Quality of Service (QoS) Policies (Section 2.5.1 on page 19), QosPolicies may interact with each other, and certain values of QosPolicies can be incompatible with the values set for other policies.

The set_qos() operation will fail if you attempt to specify a set of values would result in an inconsistent set of policies. To indicate a failure, set_qos() will return INCONSISTENT_POLICY. QoS Requested vs. Offered Compatibility—the RxO Property (Section 4.2.1 on page 158) provides further information on QoS compatibility within an Entity as well as across matching Entities, as does the discussion/reference section for each QosPolicy listed in Table 4.2 QosPolicies.

The values of some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the Entity is created or after the Entity is enabled. Others may be changed at any time. The detailed section on each QosPolicy states when each policy can be changed. If you attempt to change a QosPolicy after it becomes immutable (because the associated Entity has been created or enabled, depending on the policy), set_qos() will fail with a return code of IMMUTABLE_POLICY.

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<td>Asynchronous-Publisher</td>
<td>Configures the mechanism that sends user data in an external middleware thread. See ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Availability</td>
<td>This QoS policy is used in the context of two features: For a Collaborative DataWriter, specifies the group of DataWriters expected to collaboratively provide data and the timeouts that control when to allow data to be available that may skip DDS samples. For a Durable Subscription, configures a set of Durable Subscriptions on a DataWriter. See AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Batch</td>
<td>Specifies and configures the mechanism that allows Connext DDS to collect multiple DDS data samples to be sent in a single network packet, to take advantage of the efficiency of sending larger packets and thus increase effective throughput. See BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Database</td>
<td>Various settings and resource limits used by Connext DDS to control its internal database. See DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on page 576).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataReaderProtocol</td>
<td>This QosPolicy configures the Connext DDS on-the-network protocol, RTPS. See DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataReaderResourceLimits</td>
<td>Various settings that configure how DataReaders allocate and use physical memory for internal resources. See DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataWriterProtocol</td>
<td>This QosPolicy configures the Connext DDS on-the-network protocol, RTPS. See DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).</td>
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<td>DataWriterResourceLimits</td>
<td>Controls how many threads can concurrently block on a write() call of this DataWriter. Also controls the number of batches managed by the DataWriter and the instance-replacement kind used by the DataWriter. See DATA_WRITER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.4 on page 357).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deadline</td>
<td>For a DataReader, specifies the maximum expected elapsed time between arriving DDS data samples. For a DataWriter, specifies a commitment to publish DDS samples with no greater elapsed time between them. See DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DestinationOrder</td>
<td>Controls how Connext DDS will deal with data sent by multiple DataWriters for the same topic. Can be set to &quot;by reception timestamp&quot; or to &quot;by source timestamp.&quot; See DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy (Section 6.5.6 on page 363).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discovery</td>
<td>Configures the mechanism used by Connext DDS to automatically discover and connect with new remote applications. See DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DiscoveryConfig</td>
<td>Controls the amount of delay in discovering Entities in the system and the amount of discovery traffic in the network. See DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DomainParticipantResource-Limits</td>
<td>Various settings that configure how DomainParticipants allocate and use physical memory for internal resources, including the maximum sizes of various properties. See DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Durability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will store and deliver data that were previously published to new DataReaders. See DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DurabilityService</td>
<td>Various settings to configure the external Persistence Service used by Connext DDS for DataWriters with a Durability QoS setting of Persistent Durability. See DURABILITY_SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityFactory</td>
<td>Controls whether or not child Entities are created in the enabled state. See ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityName</td>
<td>Assigns a name and role_name to an Entity. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Event</td>
<td>Configures the DomainParticipant’s internal thread that handles timed events. See EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExclusiveArea</td>
<td>Configures multi-thread concurrency and deadlock prevention capabilities. See EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.3 on page 316).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GroupData</td>
<td>Along with TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204) and USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415), this QosPolicy is used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS's discovery meta-data. See GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318).</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>Specifies how much data must be stored by Connext DDS for the DataWriter or DataReader. This QosPolicy affects the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) as well as the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366). See HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LatencyBudget</td>
<td>Suggestion to Connext DDS on how much time is allowed to deliver data. See LATENCYBUDGET QoS Policy (Section 6.5.11 on page 378).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lifespan</td>
<td>Specifies how long Connext DDS should consider data sent by an user application to be valid. See LIFESPAN QoS Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liveliness</td>
<td>Specifies and configures the mechanism that allows DataReaders to detect when DataWriters become disconnected or &quot;dead.&quot; See LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logging</td>
<td>Configures the properties associated with Connext DDS logging. See LOGGING QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.1 on page 570).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MultiChannel</td>
<td>Configures a DataWriter’s ability to send data on different multicast groups (addresses) based on the value of the data. See MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ownership</td>
<td>Along with Ownership Strength, specifies if DataReaders for a topic can receive data from multiple DataWriters at the same time. See OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OwnershipStrength</td>
<td>Used to arbitrate among multiple DataWriters of the same instance of a Topic when Ownership QoSPolicy is EXCLUSIVE. See OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 on page 390).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Partition</td>
<td>Adds string identifiers that are used for matching DataReaders and DataWriters for the same Topic. See PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation</td>
<td>Controls how Connext DDS presents data received by an application to the DataReaders of the data. See PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Profile</td>
<td>Configures the way that XML documents containing QoS profiles are loaded by RTI. See PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Stores name/value(string) pairs that can be used to configure certain parameters of Connext DDS that are not exposed through formal QoS policies. It can also be used to store and propagate application-specific name/value pairs, which can be retrieved by user code during discovery. See PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishMode</td>
<td>Specifies how Connext DDS sends application data on the network. By default, data is sent in the user thread that calls the DataWriter’s write() operation. However, this QosPolicy can be used to tell Connext DDS to use its own thread to send the data. See PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReaderDataLifeCycle</td>
<td>Controls how a DataReader manages the lifecycle of the data that it has received. See READER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy (Section 7.6.3 on page 521).</td>
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<td>ReceiverPool</td>
<td>Configures threads used by Connext DDS to receive and process data from transports (for example, UDP sockets). See RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reliability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will deliver data reliably. See RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ResourceLimits</td>
<td>Controls the amount of physical memory allocated for Entities, if dynamic allocations are allowed, and how they occur. Also controls memory usage among different instance values for keyed topics. See RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>Intended for use by RTI infrastructure services. User applications should not modify its value. See SERVICE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.21 on page 406).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SystemResourceLimits</td>
<td>Configures DomainParticipant-independent resources used by Connext DDS. Mainly used to change the maximum number of DomainParticipants that can be created within a single process (address space). See SYSTEM_Resource_LIMITS QoS Policy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.3 on page 574).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TimeBasedFilter</td>
<td>Set by a DataReader to limit the number of new data values received over a period of time. See TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy (Section 7.6.4 on page 524).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TopicData</td>
<td>Along with Group Data QosPolicy and User Data QosPolicy, used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS's discovery meta-data. See TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportBuiltin</td>
<td>Specifies which built-in transport plugins are used. See TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportMulticast</td>
<td>Specifies the multicast address on which a DataReader wants to receive its data. Can specify a port number as well as a subset of the available transports with which to receive the multicast data. See TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportMulticastMapping</td>
<td>Specifies the automatic mapping between a list of topic expressions and multicast address that can be used by a DataReader to receive data for a specific topic. See TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_MAPPING QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.8 on page 607).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportPriority</td>
<td>Set by a DataWriter or DataReader to tell Connext DDS that the data being sent is a different &quot;priority&quot; than other data. See TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportSelection</td>
<td>Allows you to select which physical transports a DataWriter or DataReader may use to send or receive its data. See TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportUnicast</td>
<td>Specifies a subset of transports and port number that can be used by an Entity to receive data. See TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TypeConsistencyEnforcement</td>
<td>Defines rules that determine whether the type used to publish a given data stream is consistent with that used to subscribe to it. See TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT QosPolicy (Section 7.6.6 on page 530).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4.2.1 QoS Requested vs. Offered Compatibility—the RxO Property

Some QoS policies that apply to Entities on the sending and receiving sides must have their values set in a compatible manner. This is known as the policy’s ‘requested vs. offered’ (RxO) property. Entities on the publishing side ‘offer’ to provide a certain behavior. Entities on the subscribing side ‘request’ certain behavior. For Connext DDS to connect the sending entity to the receiving entity, the offered behavior must satisfy the requested behavior.

For some QoS policies, the allowed values may be graduated in a way that the offered value will satisfy the requested value if the offered value is either greater than or less than the requested value. For example, if a DataWriter’s DEADLINE QosPolicy specifies a duration less than or equal to a DataReader’s DEADLINE QosPolicy, then the DataWriter is promising to publish data at least as fast or faster than the DataReader requires new data to be received. This is a compatible situation (see DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361)).

Other QoS policies require the values on the sending side and the subscribing side to be exactly equal for compatibility to be met. For example, if a DataWriter’s OWNERSHIP QosPolicy is set to SHARED, and the matching DataReader’s value is set to EXCLUSIVE, then this is an incompatible situation since the DataReader and DataWriter have different expectations of what will happen if more than one DataWriter publishes an instance of the Topic (see OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)).

Finally there are QoS policies that do not require compatibility between the sending entity and the receiving entity, or that only apply to one side or the other. Whether or not related Entities on the publishing and subscribing sides must use compatible settings for a QoS policy, which is provided in the detailed section on each QoS policy.

- **RxO = YES** The policy is set at both the publishing and subscribing ends and the values must be set in a compatible manner. What it means to be compatible is defined by the QoS policy.

### Table 4.2 QoS Policies

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<tr>
<th>QoS Policy</th>
<th>Summary</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TypeSupport</td>
<td>Used to attach application-specific value(s) to a DataWriter or DataReader. These values are passed to the serialization or deserialization routine of the associated data type. Also controls whether padding bytes are set to 0 during serialization. See TYPESUPPORT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.25 on page 413).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserData</td>
<td>Along with Topic QoS Policy and Group QoS Policy, used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS's discovery meta-data. See USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WireProtocol</td>
<td>Specifies IDs used by the RTPS wire protocol to create globally unique identifiers. See WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WriterDataLifeCycle</td>
<td>Controls how a DataWriter handles the lifecycle of the instances (keys) that the DataWriter is registered to manage. See WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE Qos Policy (Section 6.5.27 on page 417).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
- **RXO = NO** The policy is set only on one end or at both the publishing and subscribing ends, but the two settings are independent. There the requested vs. offered semantics are not used for these QosPolicies.

For those QosPolicies that follow the RXO semantics, Connext DDS will compare the values of those policies for compatibility. If they are compatible, then Connext DDS will connect the sending entity to the receiving entity allowing data to be sent between them. If they are found to be incompatible, then Connext DDS will not interconnect the Entities preventing data to be sent between them.

In addition, Connext DDS will record this event by changing the associated communication status in both the sending and receiving applications, see Types of Communication Status (Section 4.3.1 on page 161). Also, if you have installed Listeners on the associated Entities, then Connext DDS will invoke the associated callback functions to notify user code that an incompatible QoS combination has been found, see Types of Listeners (Section 4.4.1 on page 169).

For Publishers and DataWriters, the status corresponding to this situation is **OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS**. For Subscribers and DataReaders, the corresponding status is **REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS**. The question of why a DataReader is not receiving data sent from a matching DataWriter can often be answered if you have instrumented the application with Listeners for the statuses noted previously.

### 4.2.2 Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C

Many QosPolicy structures contain variable-length sequences to store their parameters. In the C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java languages, the memory allocation related to sequences are handled automatically through constructors/destructors and overloaded operators. However, the C language is limited in what it provides to automatically handle memory management. Thus, Connext DDS provides functions and macros in C to initialize, copy, and finalize (free) QosPolicy structures defined for Entities.

In the C language, it is not safe to use an Entity’s QosPolicy structure declared in user code unless it has been initialized first. In addition, user code should always finalize an Entity’s QosPolicy structure to release any memory allocated for the sequences—even if the Entity’s QosPolicy structure was declared as a local, stack variable.

Thus, for a general Entity’s QosPolicy, Connext DDS will provide:

- **DDS_<Entity>Qos_INITIALIZER** This is a macro that should be used when a DDS_<Entity>Qos structure is declared in a C application.

```c
struct DDS_<Entity>Qos qos = DDS_<Entity>Qos_INITIALIZER;
```

- **DDS_<Entity>Qos_initialize()** This is a function that can be used to initialize a DDS_<Entity>Qos structure instead of the macro above.
struct DDS_<Entity>Qos qos;
DDS_<Entity>QOS_initialize(&qos);

- **DDS_<Entity>Qos_finalize()** This is a function that should be used to finalize a DDS_<Entity>Qos structure when the structure is no longer needed. It will free any memory allocated for sequences contained in the structure.

```c
struct DDS_<Entity>Qos qos = DDS_<Entity>Qos_INITIALIZER;
...
<use qos>
...
// now done with qos
DDS_<Entity>QOS_finalize(&qos);
```

- **DDS_<Entity>Qos_copy()** This is a function that can be used to copy one DDS_<Entity>Qos structure to another. It will copy the sequences contained in the source structure and allocate memory for sequence elements if needed. In the code below, both dstQos and srcQos must have been initialized at some point earlier in the code.

```c
DDS_<Entity>QOS_copy(&dstQos, &srcQos);
```

## 4.3 Statuses

This section describes the different *statuses* that exist for an entity. A status represents a state or an event regarding the entity. For instance, maybe Connext DDS found a matching *DataReader* for a *DataWriter*, or new data has arrived for a *DataReader*.

Your application can retrieve an *Entity’s* status by:

- explicitly checking for *any* status changes with `get_status_changes()`.
- explicitly checking a *specific* status with `get_<status_name>_status()`.
- using a *Listener*, which provides asynchronous notification when a status changes.
- using *StatusConditions* and *WaitSets*, which provide a way to wait for status changes.

If you want your application to be notified of status changes asynchronously: create and install a *Listener* for the *Entity*. Then internal Connext DDS threads will call the listener methods when the status changes. See *Listeners* (Section 4.4 on page 169).

If you want your application to wait for status changes: set up *StatusConditions* to indicate the statuses of interest, attach the *StatusConditions* to a *WaitSet*, and then call the *WaitSet’s* `wait()` operation. The call to
wait() will block until statuses in the attached Conditions changes (or until a timeout period expires). See Conditions and WaitSets (Section 4.6 on page 179).

This section includes the following:

### 4.3.1 Types of Communication Status

Each *Entity* is associated with a set of *Status* objects representing the “communication status” of that *Entity*. The list of statuses actively monitored by Connext DDS is provided in Table 4.3 Communication Statuses. A status structure contains values that give you more information about the status; for example, how many times the event has occurred since the last time the user checked the status, or how many times the event has occurred in total.

Changes to status values cause activation of corresponding *StatusCondition* objects and trigger invocation of the corresponding *Listener* functions to asynchronously inform the application that the status has changed. For example, a change in a *Topic’s* INCONSISTENT_TOPIC_STATUS may trigger the *TopicListener’s* on_inconsistent_topic() callback routine (if such a *Listener* is installed).

#### Table 4.3 Communication Statuses

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<th>Related Entity</th>
<th>Status (DDS_* STATUS)</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Reference</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Topic</td>
<td>INCONSISTENT_TOPIC</td>
<td>Another <em>Topic</em> exists with the same name but different characteristics—for example, a different type.</td>
<td>INCONSISTENT_TOPIC Status (Section 5.3.1 on page 206)</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Data-Writer</td>
<td>APPLICATION_ACKNOWLEDGMENT</td>
<td>This status indicates that a <em>DataWriter</em> has received an application-level acknowledgment for a DDS sample. The listener provides the identities of the DDS sample and acknowledging <em>DataReader</em>, as well as user-specified response data sent from the <em>DataReader</em> by the acknowledgment message.</td>
<td>Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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<tr>
<td>DATA_WRITER_CACHE</td>
<td>The status of the DataWriter’s cache. This status does not have a Listener.</td>
<td></td>
<td>DATA_WRITER_CACHE_STATUS (Section 6.3.6.2 on page 269)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL</td>
<td>The status of a DataWriter’s internal protocol related metrics (such as the number of DDS samples pushed, pulled, filtered) and the status of wire protocol traffic. This status does not have a Listener.</td>
<td></td>
<td>DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS (Section 6.3.6.3 on page 270)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIVELINESS_LOST</td>
<td>The liveliness that the DataWriter has committed to (through its Liveliness QosPolicy) was not respected (assert_liveliness() or write() not called in time), thus DataReaders may consider the DataWriter as no longer active.</td>
<td></td>
<td>LIVELINESS_LOST Status (Section 6.3.6.4 on page 273)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED</td>
<td>The deadline that the DataWriter has committed through its Deadline QosPolicy was not respected for a specific instance of the Topic.</td>
<td></td>
<td>OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status (Section 6.3.6.5 on page 274)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS</td>
<td>An offered QosPolicy value was incompatible with what was requested by a DataReader of the same Topic.</td>
<td></td>
<td>OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS Status (Section 6.3.6.6 on page 274)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PUBLICATIONMATCHED</td>
<td>The DataWriter found a DataReader that matches the Topic, has compatible QoSs and a common partition, or a previously matched DataReader has been deleted.</td>
<td></td>
<td>PUBLICATION_MATCHED Status (Section 6.3.6.7 on page 275)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED</td>
<td>The number of unacknowledged DDS samples in a reliable DataWriter’s cache has reached one of the predefined trigger points.</td>
<td></td>
<td>RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELIABLE_READER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED</td>
<td>One or more reliable DataReaders has either been discovered, deleted, or changed between active and inactive state as specified by the LivelinessQosPolicy of the DataReader.</td>
<td></td>
<td>RELIABLE_READER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.9 on page 278)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subscriber</td>
<td>DATA_ON_READERS</td>
<td>New data is available for any of the readers that were created from the Subscriber.</td>
<td>Statuses for Subscribers (Section 7.2.9 on page 456)</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>DATA_CAPTURED</td>
<td>DATA_AVAILABLE</td>
<td>New data (one or more DDS samples) are available for the specific DataReader.</td>
<td>DATA_AVAILABLE Status (Section 7.3.7.1 on page 469)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DATA_READER_CACHE</td>
<td>The status of the reader's cache. This status does not have a Listener.</td>
<td>DATA_READER_CACHE_STATUS (Section 7.3.7.2 on page 469)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DATA_READER_PROTOCOL</td>
<td>The status of a DataReader's internal protocol related metrics (such as the number of DDS samples received, filtered, rejected) and the status of wire protocol traffic. This status does not have a Listener.</td>
<td>DATA_READER_PROTOCOL_STATUS (Section 7.3.7.3 on page 470)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LIVELINESS_CHANGED</td>
<td>The liveness of one or more DataWriters that were writing instances read by the DataReader has either been discovered, deleted, or changed between active and inactive state as specified by the LivelinessQosPolicy of the DataWriter.</td>
<td>LIVELINESS_CHANGED Status (Section 7.3.7.4 on page 473)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED</td>
<td>New data was not received for an instance of the Topic within the time period set by the DataReader's Deadline QosPolicy.</td>
<td>REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status (Section 7.3.7.5 on page 474)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS</td>
<td>A requested QosPolicy value was incompatible with what was offered by a DataWriter of the same Topic.</td>
<td>REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS Status (Section 7.3.7.6 on page 475)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SAMPLE_LOST</td>
<td>A DDS sample sent by Connext DDS has been lost (never received).</td>
<td>SAMPLE_LOST Status (Section 7.3.7.7 on page 476)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SAMPLE_REJECTED</td>
<td>A received DDS sample has been rejected due to a resource limit (buffers filled).</td>
<td>SAMPLE_REJECTED Status (Section 7.3.7.8 on page 477)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED</td>
<td>The DataReader has found a DataWriter that matches the Topic, has compatible QoSs and a common partition, or an existing matched DataWriter has been deleted.</td>
<td>SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED Status (Section 7.3.7.9 on page 480)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Statuses can be grouped into two categories:
4.3.1.1 Changes in Plain Communication Status

- Plain communication status:

  In addition to a flag that indicates whether or not a status has changed, a plain communication status also contains state and thus has a corresponding structure to hold its current value.

- Read communication status:

  A read communication status is more like an event and has no state other than whether or not it has occurred. Only two statuses listed in Table 4.3 Communication Statuses are read communications statuses: DATA_AVAILABLE and DATA_ON_READERS.

As mentioned in Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148), all Entities have a get_status_changes() operation that can be used to explicitly poll for changes in any status related to the entity. For plain statuses, each entry has operations to get the current value of the status; for example, the Topic class has a get_inconsistent_topic_status() operation. For read statuses, your application should use the take() operation on the DataReader to retrieve the newly arrived data that is indicated by DATA_AVAILABLE and DATA_ONREADER.

Note that the two read communication statuses do not change independently. If data arrives for a DataReader, then its DATA_AVAILABLE status changes. At the same time, the DATA_ON_READERS status changes for the DataReader’s Subscriber.

Both types of status have a StatusChangedFlag. This flag indicates whether that particular communication status has changed since the last time the status was read by the application. The way the StatusChangedFlag is maintained is slightly different for the plain communication status and the read communication status, as described in the following sections:

- Changes in Plain Communication Status (Section 4.3.1.1 below)

- Changes in Read Communication Status (Section 4.3.1.2 on the facing page)

4.3.1.1 Changes in Plain Communication Status

As seen in Figure 4.2 Status Changes for Plain Communication Status on the facing page, for the plain communication status, the StatusChangedFlag flag is initially set to FALSE. It becomes TRUE whenever the plain communication status changes and is reset to FALSE each time the application accesses the plain communication status via the proper get_*_status() operation.
4.3.1.2 Changes in Read Communication Status

Figure 4.2 Status Changes for Plain Communication Status

![Status Changes Diagram](image)

The communication status is also reset to FALSE whenever the associated listener operation is called, as the listener implicitly accesses the status which is passed as a parameter to the operation.

The fact that the status is reset prior to calling the listener means that if the application calls the `get_*_status()` operation from inside the listener, it will see the status already reset.

An exception to this rule is when the associated listener is the 'nil' listener. The 'nil' listener is treated as a NO-OP and the act of calling the 'nil' listener does not reset the communication status. (See Types of Listeners (Section 4.4.1 on page 169).)

For example, the value of the StatusChangedFlag associated with the REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED status will become TRUE each time new deadline occurs (which increases the RequestedDeadlineMissed status' total_count field). The value changes to FALSE when the application accesses the status via the corresponding `get_requested_deadline_missed_status()` operation on the proper Entity.

### 4.3.1.2 Changes in Read Communication Status

As seen in Figure 4.3 Status Changes for Read Communication Status on the next page, for the read communication status, the StatusChangedFlag flag is initially set to FALSE. The StatusChangedFlag becomes TRUE when either a DDS data sample arrives or the ViewStateKind, SampleStateKind, or InstanceStateKind of any existing DDS sample changes for any reason other than a call to one of the read/-take operations. Specifically, any of the following events will cause the StatusChangedFlag to become TRUE:

- The arrival of new data.
- A change in the InstanceStateKind of a contained instance. This can be caused by either:
  - Notification that an instance has been disposed by:
    - the `DataWriter` that owns it, if OWNERSHIP = EXCLUSIVE
    - or by any `DataWriter`, if OWNERSHIP = SHARED
  - The loss of liveliness of the `DataWriter` of an instance for which there is no other `DataWriter`.
4.3.1.2 Changes in Read Communication Status

- The arrival of the notification that an instance has been unregistered by the only DataWriter that is known to be writing the instance.

Depending on the kind of StatusChangedFlag, the flag transitions to FALSE (that is, the status is reset) as follows:

- The DATAAVAILABLE StatusChangedFlag becomes FALSE when either on_data_available() is called or the read/take operation (or their variants) is called on the associated DataReader.
- The DATA_ON_READERS StatusChangedFlag becomes FALSE when any of the following occurs:
  - on_data_on_readers() is called.
  - on_data_available() is called on any DataReader belonging to the Subscriber.
  - read(), take(), or one of their variants is called on any DataReader belonging to the Subscriber.

Figure 4.3 Status Changes for Read Communication Status
### 4.3.2 Special Status-Handling Considerations for C

Some status structures contain variable-length sequences to store their values. In the C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java languages, the memory allocation related to sequences are handled automatically through constructors/destructors and overloaded operators. However, the C language is limited in what it provides to automatically handle memory management. Thus, Connext DDS provides functions and macros in C to initialize, copy, and finalize (free) status structures.

In the C language, it is not safe to use a status structure that has internal sequences declared in user code unless it has been initialized first. In addition, user code should always finalize a status structure to release any memory allocated for the sequences—even if the status structure was declared as a local, stack variable.

Thus, for a general status structure, Connext DDS will provide:

- **DDS_<STATUS>STATUS_INITIALIZATION** This is a macro that should be used when a **DDS_<Status>** structure is declared in a C application.

```
struct DDS_<Status> Status status =
  DDS_<Status>STATUS_INITIALIZATION;
```
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- **DDS_<Status>**Status_initialize(): This is a function that can be used to initialize a DDS_<Status> structure instead of the macro above.

```c
struct DDS_<Status> Status status;
DDS_<Status> Status_initialize(&Status);
```

- **DDS_<Status>**Status_finalize(): This is a function that should be used to finalize a DDS_<Status> structure when the structure is no longer needed. It will free any memory allocated for sequences contained in the structure.

```c
struct DDS_<Status> Status status =
  DDS_<Status> Status_INITIALIZER;
...
<use status>
...
// now done with Status
DDS_<Status> Status_finalize(&status);
```

- **DDS<Status>**Status_copy(): This is a function that can be used to copy one DDS_<Status> structure to another. It will copy the sequences contained in the source structure and allocate memory for sequence elements if needed. In the code below, both dstStatus and srcStatus must have been initialized at some point earlier in the code.

```c
DDS<Status> Status_copy(&dstStatus, &srcStatus);
```

Note that many status structures do not have sequences internally. For those structures, you do not need to use the macro and methods provided above. However, they have still been created for your convenience.

### 4.4 Listeners

Listeners are triggered by changes in an entity’s status. For instance, maybe Connext DDS found a matching DataReader for a DataWriter, or new data has arrived for a DataReader.

This section describes Listeners and how to use them:

#### 4.4.1 Types of Listeners

The Listener class is the abstract base class for all listeners. Each entity class (DomainParticipant, Topic, Publisher, DataWriter, Subscriber, and DataReader) has its own derived Listener class that add methods for handling entity-specific statuses. The hierarchy of Listener classes is presented in Figure 4.4 Listener Class Hierarchy on the facing page. The methods are called by an internal Connext DDS thread when the corresponding status for the Entity changes value.
You can choose which changes in status will trigger a callback by installing a listener with a bit-mask. Bits in the mask correspond to different statuses. The bits that are true indicate that the listener will be called back when there are changes in the corresponding status.

You can specify a listener and set its bit-mask before or after you create an *Entity*:
4.4.2 Creating and Deleting Listeners

During Entity creation:

```c++
DDS_StatusMask mask = DDS_REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS |
    DDS_DATA_AVAILABLE_STATUS;
DataReader = subscriber->create_datareader(topic,
    DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT,
    listener, mask);
```

or afterwards:

```c++
DDS_StatusMask mask = DDS_REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS |
    DDS_DATA_AVAILABLE_STATUS;
DataReader->set_listener(listener, mask);
```

As you can see in the above examples, there are two components involved when setting up listeners: the listener itself and the mask. Both of these can be null. Table 4.4 Effect of Different Combinations of Listeners and Status Bit Masks describes what happens when a status change occurs. See Hierarchical Processing of Listeners (Section 4.4.4 on the facing page) for more information.

### Table 4.4 Effect of Different Combinations of Listeners and Status Bit Masks

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<th>No Bits Set in Mask</th>
<th>Some/All Bits Set in Mask</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Listener is</td>
<td>Connext DDS finds the next most relevant listener for the changed status.</td>
<td>For the statuses that are enabled in the mask, the most relevant listener will be called.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specified</td>
<td></td>
<td>The 'statusChangedFlag' for the relevant status is reset.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Listener is</td>
<td></td>
<td>Connext DDS behaves as if the listener callback is installed, but the callback is doing nothing. This is called a 'nil' listener.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>Connext DDS behaves as if the listener is not installed and finds the next most relevant listener for that status.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 4.4.2 Creating and Deleting Listeners

There is no factory for creating or deleting a Listener; use the natural means in each language binding (for example, “new” or “delete” in C++ or Java). For example:

```c++
class HelloWorldListener : public DDSDataReaderListener {
    virtual void on_data_available(DDSDataReader* reader) {
        printf("received data\n");
    }
};
void HelloWorldListener::on_data_available(DDSDataReader* reader) {
    printf("received data\n");
}
// Create a Listener
HelloWorldListener *reader_listener = NULL;
reader_listener = new HelloWorldListener();
// Delete a Listener
delete reader_listener;
```
A listener cannot be deleted until the entity it is attached to has been deleted. For example, you must delete the DataReader before deleting the DataReader’s listener.

**Note:** Due to a thread-safety issue, the destruction of a DomainParticipantListener from an enabled DomainParticipant should be avoided—even if the DomainParticipantListener has been removed from the DomainParticipant. (This limitation does not affect the Java API.)

### 4.4.3 Special Considerations for Listeners in C

In C, a Listener is a structure with function pointers to the user callback routines. Often, you may only be interested in a subset of the statuses that can be monitored with the Listener. In those cases, you may not set all of the functions pointers in a listener structure to a valid function. In that situation, we recommend that the unused, callback-function pointers are set to NULL. While setting the DDS_StatusMask to enable only the callbacks for the statuses in which you are interested (and thus only enabling callbacks on the functions that actually exist) is safe, we still recommend that you clear all of the unused callback pointers in the Listener structure.

To help, in the C language, we provide a macro that can be used to initialize a Listener structure so that all of its callback pointers are set to NULL. For example

```c
DDS_EntityListener listener = DDS_EntityListener_INITIALIZER;
// now only need to set the listener callback pointers for statuses // to be monitored
```

There is no need to do this in languages other than C.

### 4.4.4 Hierarchical Processing of Listeners

As seen in Listener Class Hierarchy (Section Figure 4.4 on page 170), Listeners for some Entities derive from the Connext DDS Listeners for related Entities. This means that the derived Listener has all of the methods of its parent class. You can install Listeners at all levels of the object hierarchy. At the top is the DomainParticipantListener; only one can be installed in a DomainParticipant. Then every Subscriber and Publisher can have their own Listener. Finally, each Topic, DataReader and DataWriter can have their own listeners. All are optional.

Suppose, however, that an Entity does not install a Listener, or installs a Listener that does not have particular communication status selected in the bitmask. In this case, if/when that particular status changes for that Entity, the corresponding Listener for that Entity’s parent is called. Status changes are “propagated” from child Entity to parent Entity until a Listener is found that is registered for that status. Connext DDS will give up and drop the status-change event only if no Listeners have been installed in the object hierarchy to be called back for the specific status. This is true for plain communication statuses. Read communication statuses are handle somewhat differently, see Processing Read Communication Statuses (Section 4.4.4.1 on the next page).

For example, suppose that Connext DDS finds a matching DataWriter for a local DataReader. This event will change the SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED status. So the local DataReader object is checked to see
if the application has installed a listener that handles the `SUBSCRIPTION_MATCH` status. If not, the `Subscriber` that created the `DataReader` is checked to see if it has a listener installed that handles the same event. If not, the `DomainParticipant` is checked. The `DomainParticipantListener` methods are called only if none of the descendent `Entities` of the `DomainParticipant` have listeners that handle the particular status that has changed. Again, all listeners are optional. Your application does not have to handle any communication statuses.

Table 4.5 Listener Callback Functions lists the callback functions that are available for each `Entity`’s status listener.

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<td><strong>Subscribers and DataReaders</strong></td>
<td><strong>Subscribers</strong></td>
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#### 4.4.4.1 Processing Read Communication Statuses

The processing of the `DATA_ON_READERS` and `DATAAVAILABLE` read communication statuses are handled slightly differently since, when new data arrives for a `DataReader`, both statuses change simultaneously. However, only one, if any, `Listener` will be called to handle the event.
If there is a Listener installed to handle the DATA_ON_READERS status in the DataReader’s Subscriber or in the DomainParticipant, then that Listener’s on_data_on_readers() function will be called back. The DataReaderListener’s on_data_available() function is called only if the DATA_ON_READERS status is not handle by any relevant listeners.

This can be useful if you have generic processing to do whenever new data arrives for any DataReader. You can execute the generic code in the on_data_on_readers() method, and then dispatch the processing of the actual data to the specific DataReaderListener’s on_data_available() function by calling the notify_datareaders() method on the Subscriber.

For example:

```c
void on_data_on_readers (DDSSubscriber *subscriber)
{
    // Do some general processing that needs to be done
    // whenever new data arrives, but is independent of
    // any particular DataReader
    < generic processing code here >
    // Now dispatch the actual processing of the data
    // to the specific DataReader for which the data
    // was received
    subscriber->notify_datareaders();
}
```

### 4.4.5 Operations Allowed within Listener Callbacks

Due to the potential for deadlock, some Connext DDS APIs should not be invoked within the functions of listener callbacks. Exactly which Connext DDS APIs are restricted depends on the Entity upon which the Listener is installed, as well as the configuration of ‘Exclusive Areas,’ as discussed in Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 below).

Please read and understand Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 below) and Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177) to ensure that the calls made from your Listeners are allowed and will not cause potential deadlock situations.

### 4.5 Exclusive Areas (EAs)

Listener callbacks are invoked by internal Connext DDS threads. To prevent undesirable, multi-threaded interaction, the internal threads may take and hold semaphores (mutexes) used for mutual exclusion. In your listener callbacks, you may want to invoke functions provided by the Connext DDS API. Internally, those Connext DDS functions also may take mutexes to prevent errors due to multi-threaded access to critical data or operations.

Once there are multiple mutexes to protect different critical regions, the possibility for deadlock exists. Consider Figure 4.5 Multiple Mutexes Leading to a Deadlock Condition on the next page’s scenario, in which there are two threads and two mutexes.
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Figure 4.5 Multiple Mutexes Leading to a Deadlock Condition

Thread1
Take (MutexA)
Take (MutexB)

Thread2
Take (MutexB)
Take (MutexA)

Deadlock!

Thread1 takes MutexA while simultaneously Thread2 takes MutexB. Then, Thread1 takes MutexB and simultaneously Thread2 takes MutexA. Now both threads are blocked since they hold a mutex that the other thread is trying to take. This is a deadlock condition.

While the probability of entering the deadlock situation in Figure 4.5 Multiple Mutexes Leading to a Deadlock Condition above depends on execution timing, when there are multiple threads and multiple mutexes, care must be taken in writing code to prevent those situations from existing in the first place. Connext DDS has been carefully created and analyzed so that we know our threads internally are safe from deadlock interactions.

However, when Connext DDS threads that are holding mutexes call user code in listeners, it is possible for user code to inadvertently cause the threads to deadlock if Connext DDS APIs that try to take other mutexes are invoked. To help you avoid this situation, RTI has defined a concept known as Exclusive Areas, some restrictions regarding the use of Connext DDS APIs within user callback code, and a QoS policy that allows you to configure Exclusive Areas.

Connext DDS uses Exclusive Areas (EAs) to encapsulate mutexes and critical regions. Only one thread at a time can be executing code within an EA. The formal definition of EAs and their implementation ensures safety from deadlock and efficient entering and exiting of EAs. While every Entity created by Connext DDS has an associated EA, EAs may be shared among several Entities. A thread is automatically in the entity's EA when it is calling the entity’s listener.

Connext DDS allows you to configure all the Entities within an application in a single DDS domain to share a single Exclusive Area. This would greatly restrict the concurrency of thread execution within Connext DDS’s multi-threaded core. However, doing so would release all restrictions on using Connext DDS APIs within your callback code.
You may also have the best of both worlds by configuring a set of *Entities* to share a global EA and others to have their own. For the *Entities* that have their own EAs, the types of Connext DDS operations that you can call from the *Entity’s* callback are restricted.

To understand why the general EA framework limits the operations that can be called in an EA, consider a modification to the example previously presented in Figure 4.5 Multiple Mutexes Leading to a Deadlock Condition on the previous page. Suppose we create a rule that is followed when we write our code. “For all situations in which a thread has to take multiple mutexes, we write our code so that the mutexes are always taken in the same order.” Following the rule will ensure us that the code we write cannot enter a deadlock situation due to the taking of the mutexes, see Figure 4.6 Taking Multiple Mutexes in a Specific Order to Eliminate Deadlock below.

**Figure 4.6 Taking Multiple Mutexes in a Specific Order to Eliminate Deadlock**

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<td>Give (MutexB)</td>
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<td>Give (MutexA)</td>
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By creating an order in which multiple mutexes are taken, you can guarantee that no deadlock situation will arise. In this case, if a thread must take both MutexA and MutexB, we write our code so that in those cases MutexA is always taken before MutexB.

Connext DDS defines an ordering of the mutexes it creates. Generally speaking, there are three ordered levels of Exclusive Areas:

- **ParticipantEA**

  There is only one ParticipantEA per participant. The creation and deletion of all *Entities* (*create_xxx*, *delete_xxx*) take the ParticipantEA. In addition, the *enable* method for an *Entity* and the setting of the *Entity’s* QoS, *set_qos*, also take the ParticipantEA. There are other functions that take the ParticipantEA: *get_discovered_participants*, *get_publishers*, *get_subscribers*, *get_
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Discovered Topics(), ignore_participant(), ignore_topic(), ignore_publication(), ignore_subscription(), remove_peer(), and register_type().

- **SubscriberEA**
  
  This EA is created on a per-Subscriber basis by default. You can assume that the methods of a Subscriber will take the SubscriberEA. In addition, the DataReaders created by a Subscriber share the EA of its parent. This means that the methods of a DataReader (including take() and read()) will take the EA of its Subscriber. Therefore, operations on DataReaders of the same Subscriber, will be serialized, even when invoked from multiple concurrent application threads. As mentioned, the enable() and set_qos() methods of both Subscribers and DataReaders will take the ParticipantEA. The same is true for the create_datareader() and delete_datareader() methods of the Subscriber.

- **PublisherEA**
  
  This EA is created on a per-Publisher basis by default. You can assume that the methods of a Publisher will take the PublisherEA. In addition, the DataWriters created by a Publisher share the EA of its parent. This means that the methods of a DataWriter including write() will take the EA of its Publisher. Therefore, operations on DataWriters of the same Publisher will be serialized, even when invoked from multiple concurrent application threads. As mentioned, the enable() and set_qos() methods of both Publishers and DataWriters will take the ParticipantEA, as well as the create_datawriter() and delete_datawriter() methods of the Publisher.

In addition, you should also be aware that:

- The three EA levels are ordered in the following manner:
  
  ParticipantEA < SubscriberEA < PublisherEA

- When executing user code in a listener callback of an Entity, the internal Connext DDS thread is already in the EA of that Entity or used by that Entity.

- If a thread is in an EA, it can call methods associated with either a higher EA level or that share the same EA. It cannot call methods associated with a lower EA level nor ones that use a different EA at the same level.

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Based on the background and rules provided in Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 on page 174), this section describes how EAs restrict you from using various Connext DDS APIs from within the Listener callbacks of different Entities. Reader callbacks take the SubscriberEA. Writer callbacks take the PublisherEA. DomainParticipant callbacks take the ParticipantEA.

These restrictions do not apply to builtin topic listener callbacks.
By default, each Publisher and Subscriber creates and uses its own EA, and shares it with its children DataWriters and DataReaders, respectively. In that case:

Within a DataWriter/DataReader’s Listener callback, do not:

- Create any Entities
- Delete any Entities
- Enable any Entities
- Set QoS on any Entities

Within a Subscriber/DataReader’s Listener callback, do not call any operations on:

- Other Subscribers
- DataReaders that belong to other Subscribers
- Publishers/DataWriters that have been configured to use the ParticipantEA (see below)

Within a Publisher/DataWriter Listener callback, do not call any operations on:

- Other Publishers
- DataWriters that belong to other Publishers
- Any Subscribers
- Any DataReaders

Connext DDS will enforce the rules to avoid deadlock, and any attempt to call an illegal method from within a Listener callback will return DDS_RETCODE_ILLEGAL_OPERATION.

However, as previously mentioned, if you are willing to trade-off concurrency for flexibility, you may configure individual Publishers and Subscribers (and thus their DataWriters and DataReaders) to share the EA of their participant. In the limit, only a single ParticipantEA is shared among all Entities. When doing so, the restrictions above are lifted at a cost of greatly reduced concurrency. You may create/delete/enable/set_qos’s and generally call all of the methods of any other entity in the Listener callbacks of Entities that share the ParticipantEA.

Use the EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.3 on page 316) of the Publisher or Subscriber to set whether or not to use a shared exclusive area. By default, Publishers and Subscribers will create and use their own individual EAs. You can configure a subset of the Publishers and Subscribers to share the ParticipantEA if you need the Listeners associated with those Entities or child Entities to be able to call any of the restricted methods listed above.

Regardless of how the EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy is set, the following operations are never allowed in any Listener callback:
• Destruction of the entity to which the Listener is attached. For instance, a DataWriter/DataReader Listener callback must not destroy its DataWriter/DataReader.

• Within the TopicListener callback, you cannot call any operations on DataReaders, DataWriters, Publishers, Subscribers or DomainParticipants.

### 4.6 Conditions and WaitSets

Conditions and WaitSets provide another way for Connext DDS to communicate status changes (including the arrival of data) to your application. While a Listener is used to provide a callback for asynchronous access, Conditions and WaitSets provide synchronous data access. In other words, Listeners are notification-based and Conditions are wait-based.

A WaitSet allows an application to wait until one or more attached Conditions becomes true (or until a timeout expires).

Briefly, your application can create a WaitSet, attach one or more Conditions to it, then call the WaitSet’s wait() operation. The wait() blocks until one or more of the WaitSet’s attached Conditions becomes TRUE.

A Condition has a trigger_value that can be TRUE or FALSE. You can retrieve the current value by calling the Condition’s only operation, get_trigger_value().

There are three kinds of Conditions. A Condition is a root class for all the conditions that may be attached to a WaitSet. This basic class is specialized in three classes:

- **GuardConditions** (Section 4.6.6 on page 188) are created by your application. Each GuardCondition has a single, user-settable, boolean trigger_value. Your application can manually trigger the GuardCondition by calling set_trigger_value(). Connext DDS does not trigger or clear this type of condition—it is completely controlled by your application.

- **ReadConditions and QueryConditions** (Section 4.6.7 on page 188) are created by your application, but triggered by Connext DDS. ReadConditions provide a way for you to specify the DDS data samples that you want to wait for, by indicating the desired sample-states, view-states, and instance-states\(^1\).

- **StatusConditions** (Section 4.6.8 on page 191) are created automatically by Connext DDS, one for each Entity. A StatusCondition is triggered by Connext DDS when there is a change to any of that Entity’s enabled statuses.

Figure 4.7 Conditions and WaitSets on the facing page shows the relationship between these objects and other Entities in the system.

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\(^1\)These states are described in The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503).
A WaitSet can be associated with more than one Entity (including multiple DomainParticipants). It can be used to wait on Conditions associated with different DomainParticipants. A WaitSet can only be in use by one application thread at a time.

### 4.6.1 Creating and Deleting WaitSets

There is no factory for creating or deleting a WaitSet; use the natural means in each language binding (for example, “new” or “delete” in C++ or Java).

There are two ways to create a WaitSet—-with or without specifying WaitSet properties (DDS_WaitSetProperty_t, described in Table 4.6 WaitSet Properties (DDS_WaitSet_Property_t)). Waiting for Conditions (Section 4.6.3 on page 182) describes how the properties are used.
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<td>max_event_count</td>
<td>Maximum number of trigger events to cause a WaitSet to wake up.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>max_event_delay</td>
<td>Maximum delay from occurrence of first trigger event to cause a WaitSet to wake up. This value should reflect the maximum acceptable latency increase (time delay from occurrence of the event to waking up the WaitSet) incurred as a result of waiting for additional events before waking up the WaitSet.</td>
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To create a WaitSet with default behavior:

```c
WaitSet* waitset = new WaitSet();
```

To create a WaitSet with properties:

```c
DDS_WaitSetProperty_t prop;
prop.max_event_count = 5;
DDSWaitSet* waitset = new DDSWaitSet(prop);
```

To delete a WaitSet:

```c
delete waitset;
```

### 4.6.2 WaitSet Operations

WaitSets have only a few operations, as listed in Table 4.7 WaitSet Operations. For details, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<td>attach_condition</td>
<td>Attaches a Condition to this WaitSet.</td>
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<td>You may attach a Condition to a WaitSet that is currently being waited upon (via the wait() operation). In this case, if the Condition has a trigger_value of TRUE, then attaching the Condition will unblock the WaitSet.</td>
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<td>Adding a Condition that is already attached to the WaitSet has no effect. If the Condition cannot be attached, Connext DDS will return an OUT_OF_RESOURCES error code.</td>
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<td>Detaches a Condition from the WaitSet. Attempting to detach a Condition that is not attached the WaitSet will result in a PRECONDITION_NOT_MET error code.</td>
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<tr>
<td>wait</td>
<td>Blocks execution of the thread until one or more attached Conditions becomes true, or until a user-specified timeout expires. See Waiting for Conditions (Section 4.6.3 below).</td>
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<tr>
<td>dispatch</td>
<td>(Modern C++ API only) Blocks execution of the thread until one or more attached Conditions becomes true, or until a user-specified timeout expires. Then it calls the handlers attached to the active conditions and returns. For more information see the API Reference HTML documentation for the DDS Modern C++ API (Modules, Infrastructure Module, Conditions and WaitSets).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_conditions</td>
<td>Retrieves a list of attached Conditions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>get_property</td>
<td>Retrieves the DDS_WaitSetProperty_t structure of the associated WaitSet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>set_property</td>
<td>Sets the DDS_WaitSetProperty_t structure, to configure the associated WaitSet to return after one or more trigger events have occurred.</td>
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4.6.3 Waiting for Conditions

The WaitSet’s wait() operation allows an application thread to wait for any of the attached Conditions to trigger (become TRUE).

If any of the attached Conditions are already TRUE when wait() is called, it returns immediately.

If none of the attached Conditions are already TRUE, wait() blocks—suspending the calling thread. The waiting behavior depends on whether or not properties were set when the WaitSet was created:

- **If properties are not specified when the WaitSet is created:**

  The WaitSet will wake up as soon as a trigger event occurs (that is, when an attached Condition becomes true). This is the default behavior if properties are not specified.

  This ‘immediate wake-up’ behavior is optimal if you want to minimize latency (to wake up and process the data or event as soon as possible). However, "waking up" involves a context switch—the operating system must signal and schedule the thread that is waiting on the WaitSet. A context switch consumes significant CPU and therefore waking up on each data update is not optimal in situations where the application needs to maximize throughput (the number of messages processed per second). This is especially true if the receiver is CPU limited.

- **If properties are specified when the WaitSet is created:**
The properties configure the waiting behavior of a \textit{WaitSet}. If no conditions are true at the time of the call to \textit{wait}, the \textit{WaitSet} will wait for (a) max\_event\_count trigger events to occur, (b) up to max\_event\_delay time from the occurrence of the first trigger event, or (c) up to the timeout maximum wait duration specified in the call to \textit{wait}. (Note: The resolution of the timeout period is constrained by the resolution of the system clock.)

If \textit{wait()} does not timeout, it returns a list of the attached \textit{Conditions} that became TRUE and therefore unblocked the wait.

If \textit{wait()} does timeout, it returns TIMEOUT and an empty list of \textit{Conditions}.

Only one application thread can be waiting on the same \textit{WaitSet}. If \textit{wait()} is called on a \textit{WaitSet} that already has a thread blocking on it, the operation will immediately return PRECONDITION\_NOT\_MET.

\begin{itemize}
  \item If you detach a \textit{Condition} from a \textit{Waitset} that is currently in a wait state (that is, you are waiting on it), \textit{wait()} may return OK and an empty sequence of conditions.
\end{itemize}

4.6.3.1 How \textit{WaitSets} Block

The blocking behavior of the \textit{WaitSet} is illustrated in Figure 4.8 \textit{WaitSet} Blocking Behavior on the facing page. The result of a \textit{wait}() operation depends on the state of the \textit{WaitSet}, which in turn depends on whether at least one attached \textit{Condition} has a trigger\_value of TRUE.

If the \textit{wait}() operation is called on a \textit{WaitSet} with state BLOCKED, it will block the calling thread. If \textit{wait()} is called on a \textit{WaitSet} with state UNBLOCKED, it will return immediately.

When the \textit{WaitSet} transitions from BLOCKED to UNBLOCKED, it wakes up the thread (if there is one) that had called \textit{wait()} on it. There is no implied “event queuing” in the awakening of a \textit{WaitSet}. That is, if several \textit{Conditions} attached to the \textit{WaitSet} have their trigger\_value transition to true in sequence, Connext DDS will only unblock the \textit{WaitSet} once.
4.6.4 Processing Triggered Conditions—What to do when Wait() Returns

When `wait()` returns, it provides a list of the attached `Condition` objects that have a `trigger_value` of `true`. Your application can use this list to do the following for each `Condition` in the returned list:

- If it is a `StatusCondition`:
  - First, call `get_status_changes()` to see what status changed.
  - If the status changes refer to plain communication status: call `get_<communication_status>()` on the relevant `Entity`.
  - If the status changes refer to `DATA_ON_READERS`\(^1\): call `get_datareaders()` on the relevant `Subscriber`.
  - If the status changes refer to `DATAAVAILABLE`: call `read()` or `take()` on the relevant `DataReader`.

- If it is a `ReadCondition` or a `QueryCondition`: You may want to call `read_w_condition()` or `take_w_condition()` on the `DataReader`, with the `ReadCondition` as a parameter (see `read_w_condition` and `take_w_condition` (Section 7.4.3.6 on page 498)).

Note that this is just a suggestion, you do not have to use the “`w_condition`” operations (or any read/-take operations, for that matter) simply because you used a `WaitSet`. The “`w_condition`” operations

\(^1\)And then read/take on the returned `DataReader` objects.
are just a convenient way to use the same status masks that were set on the *ReadCondition* or *QueryCondition*.

- If it is a *GuardCondition*: check to see which *GuardCondition* changed, then react accordingly. Recall that *GuardConditions* are completely controlled by your application.

See *Conditions and WaitSet Example* (Section 4.6.5 below) to see how to determine which of the attached *Conditions* is in the returned list.

### 4.6.5 Conditions and WaitSet Example

This example creates a *WaitSet* and then waits for one or more attached *Conditions* to become true.

```c
// Create a WaitSet
WaitSet* waitset = new WaitSet();

// Attach Conditions
DDSCondition* cond1 = ...;
DDSCondition* cond2 = entity->get_statuscondition();
DDSCondition* cond3 = reader->create_readcondition(
    DDS_NOT_READ_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
DDSCondition* cond4 = new DDSGuardCondition();
DDSCondition* cond5 = ...;

DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode;
retcode = waitset->attach_condition(cond1);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
}
retcode = waitset->attach_condition(cond2);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
}
```
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```c
retcode = waitset->attach_condition(cond3);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
}
retcode = waitset->attach_condition(cond4);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
}
retcode = waitset->attach_condition(cond5);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
}

// Wait for a condition to trigger or timeout
DDS_Duration_t timeout = { 0, 1000000 }; // lms
DDSConditionSeq active_conditions; // holder for active conditions
bool is_cond1_triggered = false;
bool is_cond2_triggered = false;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode;
retcode = waitset->wait(active_conditions, timeout);
if (retcode == DDS_RETCODE_TIMEOUT) {
    // handle timeout
    printf("Wait timed out. No conditions were triggered.\n");
}
else if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... check for cause of failure
```
} else {

    // success

    if (active_conditions.length() == 0) {
        printf("Wait timed out!! No conditions triggered.\n");
    } else {

        // check if "cond1" or "cond2" are triggered:

        for(i = 0; i < active_conditions.length(); ++i) {
            if (active_conditions[i] == cond1) {
                printf("Cond1 was triggered!\n");
                is_cond1_triggered = true;
            }

            if (active_conditions[i] == cond2) {
                printf("Cond2 was triggered!\n");
                is_cond2_triggered = true;
            }

            if (is_cond1_triggered && is_cond2_triggered) {
                break;
            }
        }
    }
}

if (is_cond1_triggered) {
    // ... do something because "cond1" was triggered ...
}

if (is_cond2_triggered) {
4.6.6 GuardConditions

GuardConditions are created by your application. GuardConditions provide a way for your application to manually awaken a WaitSet. Like all Conditions, it has a single boolean trigger_value. Your application can manually trigger the GuardCondition by calling set_trigger_value().

Connext DDS does not trigger or clear this type of condition—it is completely controlled by your application.

A GuardCondition has no factory. It is created as an object directly by the natural means in each language binding (e.g., using “new” in C++ or Java). For example:

```c++
// Create a Guard Condition
Condition* my_guard_condition = new GuardCondition();
// Delete a Guard Condition
delete my_guard_condition;
```

When first created, the trigger_value is FALSE.

A GuardCondition has only two operations, get_trigger_value() and set_trigger_value().

When your application calls set_trigger_value(DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE), Connext DDS will awaken any WaitSet to which the GuardCondition is attached.

4.6.7 ReadConditions and QueryConditions

ReadConditions are created by your application, but triggered by Connext DDS. ReadConditions provide a way for you to specify the DDS data samples that you want to wait for, by indicating the desired sample-states, view-states, and instance-states. Then Connext DDS will trigger the ReadCondition when suitable DDS samples are available.

A QueryCondition is a special ReadCondition that allows you to specify a query expression and parameters, so you can filter on the locally available (already received) data. QueryConditions use the same SQL-based filtering syntax as ContentFilteredTopics for query expressions, parameters, etc. Unlike Con-

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1 These states are described in The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503).
tentFilteredTopics, *QueryConditions* are applied to data already received, so they do not affect the reception of data.

Multiple mask combinations can be associated with a single content filter. This is important because the maximum number of content filters that may be created per *DataReader* is 32, but more than 32 *QueryConditions* may be created per *DataReader*, if they are different mask-combinations of the same content filter.

*ReadConditions* and *QueryConditions* are created by using the *DataReader’s create_readcondition()* and *create_querycondition()* operations. For example:

```cpp
DDSReadCondition* my_read_condition = reader->create_readcondition(
    DDS_NOT_READ_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);

DDSQueryCondition* my_query_condition = reader->create_querycondition(
    DDS_NOT_READ_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE
    query_expression,
    query_parameters );
```

If you are using a *ReadCondition* to simply detect the presence of new data, consider using a *StatusCondition* (*StatusConditions* (Section 4.6.8 on page 191)) with the *DATAAVAILABLE_STATUS* instead, which will perform better in this situation.

A *DataReader* can have multiple attached *ReadConditions* and *QueryConditions*. A *ReadCondition* or *QueryCondition* may only be attached to one *DataReader*.

To delete a *ReadCondition* or *QueryCondition*, use the *DataReader’s delete_readcondition()* operation:

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_readcondition (DDSReadCondition *condition)
```

After a *ReadCondition* is triggered, use the *FooDataReader’s* read/take “with condition” operations (see *read_w_condition* and *take_w_condition* (Section 7.4.3.6 on page 498)) to access the DDS samples.

*ReadCondition* and *QueryCondition* Operations (Section Table 4.8 on the facing page) lists the operations available on *ReadConditions*. 
4.6.7.1 How ReadConditions are Triggered

A ReadCondition has a trigger_value that determines whether the attached WaitSet is BLOCKED or UNBLOCKED. Unlike the StatusCondition, the trigger_value of the ReadCondition is tied to the presence of at least one DDS sample with a sample-state, view-state, and instance-state that matches those set in the ReadCondition. Furthermore, for the QueryCondition to have a trigger_value==TRUE, the data associated with the DDS sample must be such that the query_expression evaluates to TRUE.

The trigger_value of a ReadCondition depends on the presence of DDS samples on the associated DataReader. This implies that a single ‘take’ operation can potentially change the trigger_value of several ReadConditions or QueryConditions. For example, if all DDS samples are taken, any ReadConditions and QueryConditions associated with the DataReader that had trigger_value==TRUE before will see the trigger_value change to FALSE. Note that this does not guarantee that WaitSet objects that were separately attached to those conditions will not be awakened. Once we have trigger_value==TRUE on a condition, it may wake up the attached WaitSet, the condition transitioning to trigger_value==FALSE does not necessarily 'unwakeup' the WaitSet, since 'unwakening' may not be possible. The consequence is that an application blocked on a WaitSet may return from wait() with a list of conditions, some of which are no longer “active.” This is unavoidable if multiple threads are concurrently waiting on separate WaitSet objects and taking data associated with the same DataReader.

Consider the following example: A ReadCondition that has a sample_state_mask = {NOT_READ} will have a trigger_value of TRUE whenever a new DDS sample arrives and will transition to FALSE as soon as all the newly arrived DDS samples are either read (so their status changes to READ) or taken (so they are no longer managed by Connext DDS). However, if the same ReadCondition had a sample_state_mask = {READ, NOT_READ}, then the trigger_value would only become FALSE once all the newly arrived DDS samples are taken (it is not sufficient to just read them, since that would only change the SampleState to READ), which overlaps the mask on the ReadCondition.
4.6.7.2 QueryConditions

A `QueryCondition` is a special `ReadCondition` that allows your application to also specify a filter on the locally available data.

The query expression is similar to a SQL WHERE clause and can be parameterized by arguments that are dynamically changeable by the `set_query_parameters()` operation.

`QueryConditions` are triggered in the same manner as `ReadConditions`, with the additional requirement that the DDS sample must also satisfy the conditions of the content filter associated with the `QueryCondition`.

#### Table 4.9 QueryCondition Operations

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>get_query_expression</td>
<td>Returns the query expression specified when the <code>QueryCondition</code> was created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_query_parameters</td>
<td>Returns the query parameters associated with the <code>QueryCondition</code>. That is, the parameters specified on the last successful call to <code>set_query_parameters()</code>, or if <code>set_query_parameters()</code> was never called, the arguments specified when the <code>QueryCondition</code> was created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>set_query_parameters</td>
<td>Changes the query parameters associated with the <code>QueryCondition</code>.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

4.6.8 StatusConditions

`StatusConditions` are created automatically by Connext DDS, one for each `Entity`. Connext DDS will trigger the `StatusCondition` when there is a change to any of that `Entity`’s enabled statuses.

By default, when Connext DDS creates a `StatusCondition`, all status bits are turned on, which means it will check for all statuses to determine when to trigger the `StatusCondition`. If you only want Connext DDS to check for specific statuses, you can use the `StatusCondition`’s `set_enabled_statuses()` operation and set just the desired status bits.

The `trigger_value` of the `StatusCondition` depends on the communication status of the `Entity` (e.g., arrival of data, loss of information, etc.), ‘filtered’ by the set of enabled statuses on the `StatusCondition`.

The set of enabled statuses and its relation to `Listeners` and `WaitSets` is detailed in How StatusConditions are Triggered (Section 4.6.8.1 on the facing page).

#### Table 4.10 StatusCondition Operations

lists the operations available on `StatusConditions`. 
Unlike other types of Conditions, StatusConditions are created by Connext DDS, not by your application. To access an Entity’s StatusCondition, use the Entity’s get_statuscondition() operation. For example:

```cpp
Condition* my_status_condition = entity->get_statuscondition();
```

In the Modern C++ API, use the StatusCondition constructor to obtain a reference to the Entity’s condition. For example:

```cpp
dds::core::cond::StatusCondition my_status_condition(entity)
```

After a StatusCondition is triggered, call the Entity’s get_status_changes() operation to see which status (es) changed.

### 4.6.8.1 How StatusConditions are Triggered

The trigger_value of a StatusCondition is the boolean OR of the ChangedStatusFlag of all the communication statuses to which it is sensitive. That is, trigger_value is FALSE only if all the values of the ChangedStatusFlags are FALSE.

The sensitivity of the StatusCondition to a particular communication status is controlled by the list of enabled_statuses set on the Condition by means of the set_enabled_statuses() operation.

Once a StatusCondition’s trigger_value becomes true, it remains true until the status that changed is reset. To reset a status, call the related get_*_status() operation. Or, in the case of the data available status, call read(), take(), or one of their variants.

Therefore, if you are using a StatusCondition on a WaitSet to be notified of events, your thread will wake up when one of the statuses associated with the StatusCondition becomes true. If you do not reset the status, the StatusCondition’s trigger_value remains true and your WaitSet will not block again—it will immediately wake up when you call wait.

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**Table 4.10 StatusCondition Operations**

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<tr>
<td>set_enabled_statuses</td>
<td>Defines the list of communication statuses that are taken into account to determine the trigger_value of the StatusCondition. This operation may change the trigger_value of the StatusCondition. WaitSets behavior depend on the changes of the trigger_value of their attached conditions. Therefore, any WaitSet to which the StatusCondition is attached is potentially affected by this operation. If this function is not invoked, the default list of enabled statuses includes all the statuses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_enabled_statuses</td>
<td>Retrieves the list of communication statuses that are taken into account to determine the trigger_value of the StatusCondition. This operation returns the statuses that were explicitly set on the last call to set_enabled_statuses() or, if set_enabled_statuses() was never called, the default list</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_entity</td>
<td>Returns the Entity associated with the StatusCondition. Note that there is exactly one Entity associated with each StatusCondition.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4.6.9 Using Both Listeners and WaitSets

You can use Listeners and WaitSets in the same application. For example, you may want to use WaitSets and Conditions to access the data, and Listeners to be warned asynchronously of erroneous communication statuses.

We recommend that you choose one or the other mechanism for each particular communication status (not both). However, if both are enabled, the Listener mechanism is used first, then the WaitSet objects are signaled.
Chapter 5 Topics

For a DataWriter and DataReader to communicate, they need to use the same Topic. A Topic includes a name and an association with a user data type that has been registered with Connext DDS. Topic names are how different parts of the communication system find each other. Topics are named streams of data of the same data type. DataWriters publish DDS samples into the stream; DataReaders subscribe to data from the stream. More than one Topic can use the same user data type, but each Topic needs a unique name.

Topics, DataWriters, and DataReaders relate to each other as follows:

- Multiple Topics (each with a unique name) can use the same user data type.
- Applications may have multiple DataWriters for each Topic.
- Applications may have multiple DataReaders for each Topic.
- DataWriters and DataReaders must be associated with the same Topic in order for them to be connected.
- Topics are created and deleted by a DomainParticipant, and as such, are owned by that DomainParticipant. When two applications (DomainParticipants) want to use the same Topic, they must both create the Topic (even if the applications are on the same node).

Connext DDS uses ‘Builtin Topics’ to discover and keep track of remote entities, such as new participants in the DDS domain. Builtin Topics are discussed in Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771).

This section includes the following sections:

5.1 Topics

Before you can create a Topic, you need a user data type (see Data Types and DDS Data Samples (Section Chapter 3 on page 23)) and a DomainParticipant (DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on
The user data type must be registered with the DomainParticipant (see Type Codes for Built-in Types (Section 3.7.4.1 on page 132)).

Once you have created a Topic, what do you do with it? Topics are primarily used as parameters in other Entities’ operations. For instance, a Topic is required when a Publisher or Subscriber creates a DataWriter or DataReader, respectively. Topics do have a few operations of their own, as listed in Table 5.1 Topic Operations. For details on using these operations, see the reference section or the API Reference HTML documentation.

Figure 5.1 Topic Module
### 5.1.1 Creating Topics

Topics are created using the DomainParticipant’s `create_topic()` or `create_topic_with_profile()` operation.

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<tr>
<td>Configuring the Topic</td>
<td>enable</td>
<td>Enables the Topic.</td>
<td>Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_qos</td>
<td>Gets the Topic’s current QosPolicy settings. This is most often used in</td>
<td>Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>preparation for calling set_qos().</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos</td>
<td>Sets the Topic’s QoS. You can use this operation to change the values for</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>the Topic’s QosPolicies. Note, however, that not all QosPolicies can</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>be changed after the Topic has been created.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>equals</td>
<td>Compares two Topic’s QoS structures for equality.</td>
<td>Comparing QoS Values (Section 5.1.3.2 on page 201)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the Topic’s QoS based on a specified QoS profile.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_listener</td>
<td>Gets the currently installed Listener.</td>
<td>Setting Up TopicListeners (Section 5.1.5 on page 202)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_listener</td>
<td>Sets the Topic’s Listener. If you create the Topic without a Listener, you</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>can use this operation to add one later. Setting the listener to NULL will</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>remove the listener from the Topic.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>narrow</td>
<td>A type-safe way to cast a pointer. This takes a DDSDescription pointer and</td>
<td>Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>‘narrows’ it to a DDS topic pointer.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Checking Status</td>
<td>get_inconsistent_topic_status</td>
<td>Allows an application to retrieve a Topic’s INCONSISTENT_TOPIC_STATUS</td>
<td>INCONSISTENT_TOPIC Status (Section 5.3.1 on page 206)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_status_changes</td>
<td>Gets a list of statuses that have changed since the last time the</td>
<td>Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>application read the status or the listeners were called.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Navigating Relationships</td>
<td>get_name</td>
<td>Gets the topic_name string used to create the Topic.</td>
<td>Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1 below)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_type_name</td>
<td>Gets the type_name used to create the Topic.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_participant</td>
<td>Gets the DomainParticipant to which this Topic belongs.</td>
<td>Finding a Topic’s DomainParticipant (Section 5.1.6.1 on page 203)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 5.1 Topic Operations**

- **Purpose**: Configuring the Topic
- **Operation**: enable, get_qos, set_qos, equals, set_qos_with_profile, get_listener, set_listener, narrow, get_inconsistent_topic_status, get_status_changes, get_name, get_type_name, get_participant
- **Description**: Enables the Topic, Gets the Topic’s current QosPolicy settings, Sets the Topic’s QoS, Compares two Topic’s QoS structures, Sets the Topic’s QoS based on a specified QoS profile, Gets the currently installed Listener, Sets the Topic’s Listener, A type-safe way to cast a pointer, Allows an application to retrieve a Topic’s INCONSISTENT TOPIC_STATUS status, Gets a list of statuses that have changed since the last time the application read the status or the listeners were called, Gets the topic_name string used to create the Topic, Gets the type_name used to create the Topic, Gets the DomainParticipant to which this Topic belongs
- **Reference**: Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145), Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198), Comparing QoS Values (Section 5.1.3.2 on page 201), Setting Up TopicListeners (Section 5.1.5 on page 202), Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278), INCONSISTENT_TOPIC Status (Section 5.3.1 on page 206), Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148), Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1 below), Finding a Topic’s DomainParticipant (Section 5.1.6.1 on page 203)
A QoS profile is way to use QoS settings from an XML file or string. With this approach, you can change QoS settings without recompiling the application. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

```c
DDSTopic * create_topic (  
  const char *topic_name,  
  const char *type_name,  
  const DDS_TopicQos *qos,  
  DDSTopicListener *listener,  
  DDS_StatusMask mask)

DDSTopic * create_topic_with_profile (  
  const char *topic_name,  
  const char *type_name,  
  const char *library_name,  
  const char *profile_name,  
  DDSTopicListener *listener,  
  DDS_StatusMask mask)
```

Where:

- **topic_name**  Name for the new Topic, must not exceed 255 characters.

- **type_name**  Name for the user data type, must not exceed 255 characters. It must be the same name that was used to register the DDS type, and the DDS type must be registered with the same DomainParticipant used to create this Topic. See Using RTI Code Generator (rtiddsgen) (Section 3.5 on page 126).

- **qos**  If you want to use the default QoS settings (described in the API Reference HTML documentation), use DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT for this parameter (see Figure 5.2 Creating a Topic with Default QosPolicies on the facing page). If you want to customize any of the QosPolicies, supply a QoS structure (see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on the facing page)).

  If you use DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT, it is not safe to create the topic while another thread may be simultaneously calling the DomainParticipant’s set_default_topic_qos() operation.

- **listener**  Listeners are callback routines. Connext DDS uses them to notify your application of specific events (status changes) that may occur with respect to the Topic. The listener parameter may be set to NULL if you do not want to install a Listener. If you use NULL, the Listener of the DomainParticipant to which the Topic belongs will be used instead (if it is set). For more information on TopicListeners, see Setting Up TopicListeners (Section 5.1.5 on page 202).

- **mask**  This bit-mask indicates which status changes will cause the Listener to be invoked. The bits in the mask that are set must have corresponding callbacks implemented in the Listener. If you use NULL for the Listener, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE for this parameter. If the Listener implements all callbacks, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL. For information on statuses, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).
library_name  A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813). If NULL is used for library_name, the DomainParticipant’s default library is assumed.

profile_name  A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813). If NULL is used for profile_name, the DomainParticipant’s default profile is assumed and library_name is ignored.

It is not safe to create a topic while another thread is calling lookup_topicdescription() for that same topic (see Looking up Topic Descriptions (Section 8.3.7 on page 566)).

Figure 5.2 Creating a Topic with Default QosPolicies

```c
const char *type_name = NULL;
// register the DDS type
type_name = FooTypeSupport::get_type_name();
retcode = FooTypeSupport::register_type(
    participant, type_name);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// create the topic
DDSTopic* topic = participant->create_topic(
    "Example Foo", type_name,
    DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (topic == NULL) {
    // process error here
};
```

For more examples, see Configuring QoS Settings when the Topic is Created (Section 5.1.3.1 on page 200).

### 5.1.2 Deleting Topics

To delete a Topic, use the DomainParticipant’s delete_topic() operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_topic (DDSTopic * topic)
```

Note, however, that you cannot delete a Topic if there are any existing DataReaders or DataWriters (belonging to the same DomainParticipant) that are still using it. All DataReaders and DataWriters associated with the Topic must be deleted first.

Note: in the Modern C++ API, Entities are automatically destroyed.

### 5.1.3 Setting Topic QosPolicies

A Topic’s QosPolicies control its behavior, or more specifically, the behavior of the DataWriters and DataReaders of the Topic. You can think of the policies as the ‘properties’ for the Topic. The DDS_
5.1.3 Setting Topic QoS Policies

**TopicQos** structure has the following format:

```c
typedef struct
{
  DDS_TopicDataQosPolicy  topic_data;
  DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy durability;
  DDS_DurabilityServiceQosPolicy durability_service;
  DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy deadline;
  DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy latency_budget;
  DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy liveliness;
  DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy reliability;
  DDS_DestinationOrderQosPolicy destination_order;
  DDS_HistoryQosPolicy history;
  DDS_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy resource_limits;
  DDS_TransportPriorityQosPolicy transport_priority;
  DDS_LifespanQosPolicy lifespan;
  DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy ownership;
} DDS_TopicQos;
```

**Table 5.2 Topic QoS Policies** summarizes the meaning of each policy (arranged alphabetically). For information on why you would want to change a particular QoS Policy, see the section noted in the Reference column. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation for each policy.

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<tr>
<td>Deadline</td>
<td>For a DataReader, specifies the maximum expected elapsed time between arriving DDS data samples.    For a DataWriter, specifies a commitment to publish DDS samples with no greater elapsed time between them. See DEADLINE QoS Policy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DestinationOrder</td>
<td>Controls how Connext DDS will deal with data sent by multiple DataWriters for the same topic. Can be set to &quot;by reception timestamp&quot; or to &quot;by source timestamp&quot;. See DESTINATION_ORDER QoS Policy (Section 6.5.6 on page 363).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Durability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will store and deliver data that were previously published to new DataReaders. See DURABILITY QoS Policy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DurabilityService</td>
<td>Various settings to configure the external Persistence Service used by Connext DDS for DataWriters with a Durability QoS setting of Persistent Durability. See DURABILITY SERVICE QoS Policy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>History</td>
<td>Specifies how much data must be stored by Connext DDS for the DataWriter or DataReader. This QoS Policy affects the RELIABILITY QoS Policy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) as well as the DURABILITY QoS Policy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366). See HISTORY QoS Policy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LatencyBudget</td>
<td>Suggestion to Connext DDS on how much time is allowed to deliver data. See LATENCYBUDGET QoS Policy (Section 6.5.11 on page 378).</td>
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### Table 5.2 Topic QoS Policies

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<td>Lifespan</td>
<td>Specifies how long Connext DDS should consider data sent by an user application to be valid. See LIFESPAN QoS Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liveliness</td>
<td>Specifies and configures the mechanism that allows DataReaders to detect when Data Writers become disconnected or &quot;dead.&quot; See LIVELINESS QoS Policy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ownership</td>
<td>Along with Ownership Strength, specifies if DataReaders for a topic can receive data from multiple DataWriters at the same time. See OWNERSHIP QoS Policy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reliability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will deliver data reliably. See RELIABILITY QoS Policy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ResourceLimits</td>
<td>Controls the amount of physical memory allocated for entities, if dynamic allocations are allowed, and how they occur. Also controls memory usage among different instance values for keyed topics. See RESOURCE_LIMITS QoS Policy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TopicData</td>
<td>Along with Group Data QoS Policy and User Data QoS Policy, used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS’s discovery meta-data. See TOPIC_DATA QoS Policy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportPriority</td>
<td>Set by a DataWriter to tell Connext DDS that the data being sent is a different &quot;priority&quot; than other data. See TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QoS Policy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 5.1.3.1 Configuring QoS Settings when the Topic is Created

As described in Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1 on page 196), there are different ways to create a Topic, depending on how you want to specify its QoS (with or without a QoS profile).

In Creating a Topic with Default QoS Policies (Section Figure 5.2 on page 198), we saw an example of how to create a Topic with default QoS Policies by using the special constant, DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT, which indicates that the default QoS values for a Topic should be used. The default Topic QoS values are configured in the DomainParticipant; you can change them with the DomainParticipant’s set_default_topic_qos() or set_default_topic_qos_with_profile() operations (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)).

To create a Topic with non-default QoS values, without using a QoS profile, use the DomainParticipant’s get_default_topic_qos() operation to initialize a DDS TopicQos structure. Then change the policies from their default values before passing the QoS structure to create_topic().

You can also create a Topic and specify its QoS settings via a QoS profile. To do so, call create_topic_with_profile().

If you want to use a QoS profile, but then make some changes to the QoS before creating the Topic, call get_topic_qos_from_profile(), modify the QoS and use the modified QoS when calling create_topic().
5.1.3.2 Comparing QoS Values

The `equals()` operation compares two Topic’s DDS_TopicQoS structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two Topics’ QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE if they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

5.1.3.3 Changing QoS Settings After the Topic Has Been Created

There are two ways to change an existing Topic’s QoS after it is has been created—again depending on whether or not you are using a QoS Profile.

To change QoS programatically (that is, without using a QoS Profile), see the example code in Figure 5.3 Changing the QoS of an Existing Topic (without a QoS Profile) below. It retrieves the current values by calling the Topic’s `get_qos()` operation. Then it modifies the value and calls `set_qos()` to apply the new value. Note, however, that some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the Topic has been enabled—this restriction is noted in the descriptions of the individual QosPolicies.

You can also change a Topic’s (and all other Entities’) QoS by using a QoS Profile. For an example, see Figure 5.4 Changing the QoS of an Existing Topic with a QoS Profile below. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Figure 5.3 Changing the QoS of an Existing Topic (without a QoS Profile)

```c
DDS_TopicQos topic_qos;
// Get current QoS. topic points to an existing DDSTopic.
if (topic->get_qos(topic_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Next, make changes.
// New ownership kind will be Exclusive
topic_qos.ownership.kind = DDS_EXCLUSIVE_ownership_qos;
// Set the new QoS
if (topic->set_qos(topic_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
```

Figure 5.4 Changing the QoS of an Existing Topic with a QoS Profile

```c
retcode = topic->set_qos_with_profile(
    "FooProfileLibrary","FooProfile");
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
```

1For the C API, use DDS_TopicQos_INITIALIZER or DDS_TopicQos_initialize(). See Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159)
5.1.4 Copying QoS From a Topic to a DataWriter or DataReader

Only the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy strictly applies to Topics—it is described in this section, while the others are described in the sections noted Table 5.2 Topic QosPolicies. The rest of the QosPolicies for a Topic can also be set on the corresponding DataWriters and/or DataReaders. Actually, the values that Connext DDS uses for those policies are taken directly from those set on the DataWriters and DataReaders. The values for those policies are stored only for reference in the DDS_TopicQos structure.

Because many QosPolicies affect the behavior of matching DataWriters and DataReaders, the DDS_TopicQos structure is provided as a convenient way to set the values for those policies in a single place in the application. Otherwise, you would have to modify the individual QosPolicies within separate DataWriter and DataReader QoS structures. And because some QosPolicies are compared between DataReaders and DataWriters, you will need to make certain that the individual values that you set are compatible (see QoS Requested vs. Offered Compatibility—the RxO Property (Section 4.2.1 on page 158)).

The use of the DDS_TopicQos structure to set the values of any QosPolicy except TOPIC_DATA—which only applies to Topics—is really a way to share a single set of values with the associated DataWriters and DataReaders, as well as to avoid creating those entities with inconsistent QosPolicies.

To cause a DataWriter to use its Topic’s QoS settings, either:

- Pass DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_USE_TOPIC_QOS to create_datawriter(), or
- Call the Publisher’s copy_from_topic_qos() operation

To cause a DataReader to use its Topic’s QoS settings, either:

- Pass DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_USE_TOPIC_QOS to create_datareader(), or
- Call the Subscriber’s copy_from_topic_qos() operation

Please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation for the Publisher’s create_datawriter() and Subscriber’s create_datareader() methods for more information about using values from the Topic QosPolicies when creating DataWriters and DataReaders.

5.1.5 Setting Up TopicListeners

When you create a Topic, you have the option of giving it a Listener. A TopicListener includes just one callback routine, on_inconsistent_topic(). If you create a TopicListener (either as part of the Topic creation call, or later with the set_listener() operation), Connext DDS will invoke the TopicListener’s on_inconsistent_topic() method whenever it detects that another application has created a Topic with same name but associated with a different user data type. For more information, see INCONSISTENT_TOPIC Status (Section 5.3.1 on page 206).
5.1.6 Navigating Relationships Among Entities

5.1.6.1 Finding a Topic’s DomainParticipant

To retrieve a handle to the Topic’s DomainParticipant, use the `get_participant()` operation:

```cpp
DDSDomainParticipant* DDSTopicDescription::get_participant()
```

Notice that this method belongs to the `DDSTopicDescription` class, which is the base class for `DDSTopic`.

5.1.6.2 Retrieving a Topic’s Name or DDS Type Name

If you want to retrieve the `topic_name` or `type_name` used in the `create_topic()` operation, use these methods:

```cpp
const char* DDSTopicDescription::get_type_name();
const char* DDSTopicDescription::get_name();
```

Notice that these methods belong to the `DDSTopicDescription` class, which is the base class for `DDSTopic`.

5.2 Topic QosPolicies

This section describes the only QosPolicy that strictly applies to Topics (and no other types of Entities)—the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy. For a complete list of the QosPolicies that can be set for Topics, see Table 5.2 Topic QosPolicies.

Most of the QosPolicies that can be set on a Topic can also be set on the corresponding DataWriter and/or DataReader. The Topic’s QosPolicy is essentially just a place to store QoS settings that you plan to share with multiple entities that use that Topic (see how in Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198)); they are not used otherwise and are not propagated on the wire.
5.2.1 TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy

This QosPolicy provides an area where your application can store additional information related to the Topic. This information is passed between applications during discovery (see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708)) using builtin-topics (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)). How this information is used will be up to user code. Connext DDS does not do anything with the information stored as TOPIC_DATA except to pass it to other applications. Use cases are usually application-to-application identification, authentication, authorization, and encryption purposes.

The value of the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy is sent to remote applications when they are first discovered, as well as when the Topic’s set_qos() method is called after changing the value of the TOPIC_DATA. User code can set listeners on the builtin DataReaders of the builtin Topics used by Connext DDS to propagate discovery information. Methods in the builtin topic listeners will be called whenever new applications, DataReaders, and DataWriters are found. Within the user callback, you will have access to the TOPIC_DATA that was set for the associated Topic.

Currently, TOPIC_DATA of the associated Topic is only propagated with the information that declares a DataWriter or DataReader. Thus, you will need to access the value of TOPIC_DATA through DDS_Publish builtinTopicData or DDS_SubscriptionbuiltinTopicData (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)).

The structure for the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy includes just one field, as seen in Table 5.3 DDS_TopicDataQosPolicy. The field is a sequence of octets that translates to a contiguous buffer of bytes whose contents and length is set by the user. The maximum size for the data are set in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592).

Table 5.3 DDS_TopicDataQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OctetSeq</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>default: empty</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This policy is similar to the GROUP_DATA (GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)) and USER_DATA (USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) policies that apply to other types of Entities.

5.2.1.1 Example

One possible use of TOPIC_DATA is to send an associated XML schema that can be used to process the data stored in the associated user data structure of the Topic. The schema, which can be passed as a long sequence of characters, could be used by an XML parser to take DDS samples of the data received for a Topic and convert them for updating some graphical user interface, web application or database.
5.2.1.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be modified at any time. A change in the QosPolicy will cause Connext DDS to send packets containing the new TOPIC_DATA to all of the other applications in the DDS domain.

Because Topics are created independently by the applications that use the Topic, there may be different instances of the same Topic (same topic name and DDS data type) in different applications. The TOPIC_DATA for different instances of the same Topic may be set differently by different applications.

5.2.1.3 Related QosPolicies

- GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)
- USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)
- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)

5.2.1.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)

5.2.1.5 System Resource Considerations

As mentioned earlier, the maximum size of the TOPIC_DATA is set in the topic_data_max_length field of the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592). Because Connext DDS will allocate memory based on this value, you should only increase this value if you need to. If your system does not use TOPIC_DATA, then you can set this value to 0 to save memory. Setting the value of the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy to hold data longer than the value set in the topic_data_max_length field will result in failure and an INCONSISTENT_QOS_POLICY return code.

However, should you decide to change the maximum size of TOPIC_DATA, you must make certain that all applications in the DDS domain have changed the value of topic_data_max_length to be the same. If two applications have different limits on the size of TOPIC_DATA, and one application sets the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy to hold data that is greater than the maximum size set by another application, then the DataWriters and DataReaders of that Topic between the two applications will not connect. This is also true for the GROUP_DATA (GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)) and USER_DATA (USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) QosPolicies.

5.3 Status Indicator for Topics

There is only one communication status defined for a Topic, ON_INCONSISTENT_TOPIC. You can use the get_inconsistent_topic_status() operation to access the current value of the status or use a TopicListener to catch the change in the status as it occurs. See Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169) for a general discussion on Listeners and Statuses.
5.3.1 INCONSISTENT_TOPIC Status

In order for a DataReader and a DataWriter with the same Topic to communicate, their DDS types must be consistent according to the DataReader’s type-consistency enforcement policy value, defined in its TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT QosPolicy (Section 7.6.6 on page 530). This status indicates that another DomainParticipant has created a Topic using the same name as the local Topic, but with an inconsistent DDS type.

The status is a structure of type DDS_InconsistentTopicStatus, see Table 5.4 DDS_InconsistentTopicStatus Structure. The total_count keeps track of the total number of (DataReader, DataWriter) pairs with topic names that match the Topic to which this status is attached, but whose DDS types are inconsistent. The TopicListener’s on_inconsistent_topic() operation is invoked when this status changes (an inconsistent topic is found). You can also retrieve the current value by calling the Topic’s get_inconsistent_topic_status() operation.

The value of total_count_change reflects the number of inconsistent topics that were found since the last time get_inconsistent_topic_status() was called by user code or on_inconsistent_topic() was invoked by Connext DDS.

Table 5.4 DDS_InconsistentTopicStatus Structure

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Total cumulative count of (DataReader, DataWriter) pairs whose topic names match the Topic to which this status is attached, but whose DDS types are inconsistent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time this status was read.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5.4 ContentFilteredTopics

A ContentFilteredTopic is a Topic with filtering properties. It makes it possible to subscribe to topics and at the same time specify that you are only interested in a subset of the Topic’s data.

For example, suppose you have a Topic that contains a temperature reading for a boiler, but you are only interested in temperatures outside the normal operating range. A ContentFilteredTopic can be used to limit the number of DDS data samples a DataReader has to process and may also reduce the amount of data sent over the network.

This section includes the following:
5.4.1 Overview

A ContentFilteredTopic creates a relationship between a Topic, also called the related topic, and user-specified filtering properties. The filtering properties consist of an expression and a set of parameters.

- The filter expression evaluates a logical expression on the Topic content. The filter expression is similar to the WHERE clause in a SQL expression.
- The parameters are strings that give values to the 'parameters' in the filter expression. There must be one parameter string for each parameter in the filter expression.

A ContentFilteredTopic is a type of topic description, and can be used to create DataReaders. However, a ContentFilteredTopic is not an entity—it does not have QosPolicies or Listeners.

A ContentFilteredTopic relates to other entities in Connext DDS as follows:

- ContentFilteredTopics are used when creating DataReaders, not Data Writers.
- Multiple DataReaders can be created with the same ContentFilteredTopic.
- A ContentFilteredTopic belongs to (is created/deleted by) a DomainParticipant.
- A ContentFilteredTopic and Topic must be in the same DomainParticipant.
- A ContentFilteredTopic can only be related to a single Topic.
- A Topic can be related to multiple ContentFilteredTopics.
- A ContentFilteredTopic can have the same name as a Topic, but ContentFilteredTopics must have unique names within the same DomainParticipant.
- A DataReader created with a ContentFilteredTopic will use the related Topic's QoS and Listeners.
- Changing filter parameters on a ContentFilteredTopic causes all DataReaders using the same ContentFilteredTopic to see the change.
- A Topic cannot be deleted as long as at least one ContentFilteredTopic that has been created with it exists.
- A ContentFilteredTopic cannot be deleted as long as at least one DataReader that has been created with the ContentFilteredTopic exists.

5.4.2 Where Filtering is Applied—Publishing vs. Subscribing Side

Filtering may be performed on either side of the distributed application. (The DataWriter obtains the filter expression and parameters from the DataReader during discovery.)

Connext DDS also supports network-switch filtering for multi-channel DataWriters (see Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823)).
A `DataWriter` will automatically filter DDS data samples for a `DataReader` if all of the following are true; otherwise filtering is performed by the `DataReader`.

1. The `DataWriter` is filtering for no more than `writer_resource_limits.max_remote_reader_filters` `DataReader`s at the same time.
   - There is a resource-limit on the `DataWriter` called `writer_resource_limits.max_remote_reader_filters` (see `DATA_WRITER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.4 on page 357)). This value can be from `[0, (2^31)-2]`. 0 means do not filter any `DataReader`; 32 (default value) means filter up to 32 `DataReader`s.
   - If a `DataWriter` is filtering `max_remote_reader_filters` `DataReader`s at the same time and a new filtered `DataReader` is created, then the newly created `DataReader` (`max_remote_reader_filters` + 1) is not filtered. Even if one of the first (`max_remote_reader_filters`) `DataReader`s is deleted, that already created `DataReader` (`max_remote_reader_filters` + 1) will still not be filtered. However, any subsequently created `DataReader`s will be filtered as long as the number of `DataReader`s currently being filtered is not more than `writer_resource_limits.max_remote_reader_filters`.

2. The `DataReader` is not subscribing to data using multicast.

3. There are no more than 4 matching `DataReader`s in the same locator (see `Peer Descriptor Format (Section 14.2.1 on page 712)`).

4. The `DataWriter` has infinite liveness. (See `LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)`.)

5. The `DataWriter` is not using an Asynchronous Publisher. (That is, the `DataWriter’s PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) `kind` is set to DDS_SYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER_MODE_QOS.) See Note below.

6. If you are using a custom filter (not the default one), it must be registered in the `DomainParticipant` of the `DataWriter` and the `DataReader`.

Notes:

- Connext DDS supports limited writer-side filtering if asynchronous publishing is enabled. The middleware will not send any DDS sample to a destination if the DDS sample is filtered out by all the `DataReader`s on that destination. However, if there is one `DataReader` to which the DDS sample has to be sent, all the `DataReader`s on the destination will do reader side filtering for the incoming DDS sample.

- In addition to filtering new DDS samples, a `DataWriter` can also be configured to filter previously written DDS samples stored in the `DataWriter`’s queue for newly discovered `DataReader`s. To do so, use the `refilter` field in the `DataWriter’s HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)`.
• When batching is enabled, content filtering is always done on the reader side. See BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339).

5.4.3 Creating ContentFilteredTopics

To create a ContentFilteredTopic that uses the default SQL filter, use the DomainParticipant’s create_contentfilteredtopic() operation:

```c
DDS_ContentFilteredTopic *create_contentfilteredtopic(
    const char * name,
    const DDS_Topic * related_topic,
    const char * filter_expression,
    const DDS_StringSeq & expression_parameters)
```

Or, to use a custom filter or the builtin STRINGMATCH filter (see STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225)), use the create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter() variation:

```c
DDS_ContentFilteredTopic *create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter(
    const char * name,
    DDS_Topic * related_topic,
    const char * filter_expression,
    const DDS_StringSeq & expression_parameters,
    const char * filter_name = DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME)
```

Where:

- **name**  Name of the ContentFilteredTopic. Note that it is legal for a ContentFilteredTopic to have the same name as a Topic in the same DomainParticipant, but a ContentFilteredTopic cannot have the same name as another ContentFilteredTopic in the same DomainParticipant. This parameter cannot be NULL.

- **related_topic**  The related Topic to be filtered. The related topic must be in the same DomainParticipant as the ContentFilteredTopic. This parameter cannot be NULL. The same related topic can be used in many different ContentFilteredTopics.

- **filter_expression**  A logical expression on the contents on the Topic. If the expression evaluates to TRUE, a DDS sample is received; otherwise it is discarded. This parameter cannot be NULL. The notation for this expression depends on the filter that you are using (specified by the filter_name parameter). See SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216) and STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225). The filter_expression can be changed with set_expression() (Setting an Expression’s Filter and Parameters (Section 5.4.5.2 on page 214)).

- **expression_parameters**  A string sequence of filter expression parameters. Each parameter corresponds to a positional argument in the filter expression: element 0 corresponds to positional argument 0, element 1 to positional argument 1, and so forth.
The `expression_parameters` can be changed with `set_expression_parameters()` or `set_expression()` (Setting an Expression’s Filter and Parameters (Section 5.4.5.2 on page 214)), `append_to_expression_parameter()` (Appending a String to an Expression Parameter (Section 5.4.5.3 on page 214)) and `remove_from_expression_parameter()` (Removing a String from an Expression Parameter (Section 5.4.5.4 on page 215)).

- **filter_name**: Name of the content filter to use for filtering. The filter must have been previously registered with the `DomainParticipant` (see Registering a Custom Filter (Section 5.4.8.2 on page 228)). There are two builtin filters, DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME (the default filter) and DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME—these are automatically registered.

To use the STRINGMATCH filter, call `create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter()` with "DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME" as the `filter_name`. STRINGMATCH filter expressions have the syntax:

```
<field name> MATCH <string pattern>  
```

(see STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225)).

If you run `RTI Code Generator` with `-notypecode`, you must use the "with_filter" version with a custom filter instead—do not use the builtin SQL filter or the STRINGMATCH filter with the `-notypecode` option because they require type codes.

**To summarize:**

- **To use the builtin default SQL filter:**
  - Do not use `-notypecode` when running `RTI Code Generator`
  - Call `create_contentfilteredtopic()`
  - See SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216)

- **To use the builtin STRINGMATCH filter:**
  - Do not use `-notypecode` when running `RTI Code Generator`
  - Call `create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter()`, setting the `filter_name` to DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME
  - See STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225)

- **To use a custom filter:**
  - Call `create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter()`, setting the `filter_name` to a registered custom filter

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1 In the Java and C# APIs, you can access the names of the builtin filters by using `DomainParticipant.SQLFILTER_NAME` and `DomainParticipant.STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME`.

2 In the Java and C# APIs, you can access the names of the builtin filters by using `DomainParticipant.SQLFILTER_NAME` and `DomainParticipant.STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME`.
5.4.3.1 Creating ContentFilteredTopics for Built-in DDS Types

To use RTI Code Generator with \texttt{-notypecode}:

- Call \texttt{create\_contentfilteredtopic\_with\_filter()}, setting the \texttt{filter\_name} to a registered custom filter

Be careful with memory management of the string sequence in some of the ContentFilteredTopic APIs. See the \texttt{String Support} section in the API Reference HTML documentation (within the \texttt{Infrastructure} module) for details on sequences.

5.4.3.1 Creating ContentFilteredTopics for Built-in DDS Types

To create a ContentFilteredTopic for a built-in DDS type (see Built-in Data Types (Section 3.2 on page 29)), use the standard \texttt{DomainParticipant} operations, \texttt{create\_contentfilteredtopic()} or \texttt{create\_contentfilteredtopic\_with\_filter}.

The field names used in the filter expressions for the built-in SQL (see SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216)) and StringMatch filters (see \texttt{STRINGMATCH} Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225)) must correspond to the names provided in the IDL description of the built-in DDS types.

ContentFilteredTopic Creation Examples:

For simplicity, error handling is not shown in the following examples.

C Example:

```c
DDS_Topic * topic = NULL;
DDS_ContentFilteredTopic * contentFilteredTopic = NULL;
struct DDS_StringSeq parameters = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;
/* Create a string ContentFilteredTopic */
topic = DDS_DomainParticipant_create_topic(
    participant, "StringTopic",
    DDS_StringTypeSupport_get_type_name(),
    &DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,NULL,
    DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
contentFilteredTopic =
    DDS_DomainParticipant_create_contentfilteredtopic(
    participant,
    "StringContentFilteredTopic",
    topic,
    "value = 'Hello World!'", &parameters);
```

C++ Example with Namespaces:

```c++
using namespace DDS;
...
/* Create a String ContentFilteredTopic */
Topic * topic = participant->create_topic(
    "StringTopic",
    StringTypeSupport::get_type_name(),
    TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
    ...
5.4.3.1 Creating ContentFilteredTopics for Built-in DDS Types

 NULL, STATUS_MASK_NONE);
StringSeq parameters;
ContentFilteredTopic * contentFilteredTopic =
  participant->create_contentfilteredtopic(
  "StringContentFilteredTopic", topic,
  "value = 'Hello World!'", parameters);

C++/CLI Example:

using namespace DDS;
...
/* Create a String ContentFilteredTopic */
Topic^ topic = participant->create_topic(
  "StringTopic", StringTypeSupport::get_type_name(),
  DomainParticipant::TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
  nullptr, StatusMask::STATUS_MASK_NONE);
StringSeq^ parameters = gcnew StringSeq();
ContentFilteredTopic^ contentFilteredTopic =
  participant->create_contentfilteredtopic(
  "StringContentFilteredTopic", topic,
  "value = 'Hello World!'", parameters);

C# Example:

using namespace DDS;
...
/* Create a String ContentFilteredTopic */
Topic topic = participant.create_topic(
  "StringTopic", StringTypeSupport.get_type_name(),
  DomainParticipant.TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
  null, StatusMask.STATUS_MASK_NONE);
StringSeq parameters = new StringSeq();
ContentFilteredTopic contentFilteredTopic =
  participant.create_contentfilteredtopic(
  "StringContentFilteredTopic", topic,
  "value = 'Hello World!'", parameters);

Java Example:

import com.rti.dds.type.builtin.*;
...
/* Create a String ContentFilteredTopic */
Topic topic = participant.create_topic(
  "StringTopic", StringTypeSupport.get_type_name(),
  DomainParticipant.TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
  null, StatusKind.STATUS_MASKNONE);
StringSeq parameters = new StringSeq();
ContentFilteredTopic contentFilteredTopic =
  participant.create_contentfilteredtopic(
  "StringContentFilteredTopic", topic,
  "value = 'Hello World!'", parameters);
5.4.4 Deleting ContentFilteredTopics

To delete a ContentFilteredTopic, use the DomainParticipant’s `delete_contentfilteredtopic()` operation:

Make sure no DataReaders are using the ContentFilteredTopic. (If this is not true, the operation returns `PRECONDITION_NOT_MET`.)

Delete the ContentFilteredTopic by using the DomainParticipant’s `delete_contentfilteredtopic()` operation.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_contentfilteredtopic
    (DDSContentFilteredTopic * a_contentfilteredtopic)
```

5.4.5 Using a ContentFilteredTopic

Once you’ve created a ContentFilteredTopic, you can use the operations listed in Table 5.5 ContentFilteredTopic Operations.

**Table 5.5 ContentFilteredTopic Operations**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>append_to_expression_parameter</code></td>
<td>Concatenates a string value to the input expression parameter</td>
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<td>Changes the expression parameters.</td>
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5.4.5.1 Getting the Current Expression Parameters

To get the expression parameters, use the ContentFilteredTopic’s `get_expression_parameters()` operation:
5.4.5.2 Setting an Expression’s Filter and Parameters

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_expression_parameters(
    struct DDS_StringSeq & parameters)
```

Where:

- **parameters** The filter expression parameters.

  The memory for the strings in this sequence is managed as described in the String Support section of the API Reference HTML documentation (within the Infrastructure module). In particular, be careful to avoid a situation in which Connext DDS allocates a string on your behalf and you then reuse that string in such a way that Connext DDS believes it to have more memory allocated to it than it actually does. This parameter cannot be NULL.

This operation gives you the expression parameters that were specified on the last successful call to `set_expression_parameters()` or `set_expression()`, or if they were never called, the parameters specified when the ContentFilteredTopic was created.

### 5.4.5.2 Setting an Expression’s Filter and Parameters

To change the filter expression and expression parameters associated with a ContentFilteredTopic:

```
DDS_ReturnCode set_expression(
    const char * expression,
    const struct DDS_StringSeq & parameters)
```

To change just the expression parameters (not the filter expression):

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_expression_parameters(
    const struct DDS_StringSeq & parameters)
```

Where:

- **expression** The new expression to be set in the ContentFilteredTopic.
- **parameters** The filter expression parameters. Each element in the parameter sequence corresponds to a positional parameter in the filter expression. When using the default DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME, parameter strings are automatically converted to the member type. For example, "4" is converted to the integer 4. This parameter cannot be NULL.

The ContentFilteredTopic’s operations do not manage the sequences; you must ensure that the parameter sequences are valid. Please refer to the String Support section in the API Reference HTML documentation (within the Infrastructure module) for details on sequences.

### 5.4.5.3 Appending a String to an Expression Parameter

To concatenate a string to an expression parameter, use the ContentFilteredTopic's `append_to_expression_parameter()` operation:
5.4.5.4 Removing a String from an Expression Parameter

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t append_to_expression_parameter(
    const DDS_Long index,
    const char* value);
```

When using the STRINGMATCH filter, `index` must be 0.

This function is only intended to be used with the built-in SQL and STRINGMATCH filters. This function can be used in expression parameters associated with MATCH operators (see SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222)) to add a pattern to the match pattern list. For example, if `filter_expression` is:

```c
symbol MATCH 'IBM'
```

Then `append_to_expression_parameter(0, "MSFT")` would generate the expression:

```c
symbol MATCH 'IBM,MSFT'
```

5.4.5.4 Removing a String from an Expression Parameter

To remove a string from an expression parameter use the ContentFilteredTopic's `remove_from_expression_parameter()` operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t remove_from_expression_parameter(
    const DDS_Long index, const char* value)
```

When using the STRINGMATCH filter, `index` must be 0.

This function is only intended to be used with the built-in SQL and STRINGMATCH filters. It can be used in expression parameters associated with MATCH operators (see SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222)) to remove a pattern from the match pattern list. For example, if `filter_expression` is:

```c
symbol MATCH 'IBM,MSFT'
```

Then `remove_from_expression_parameter(0, "IBM")` would generate the expression:

```c
symbol MATCH 'MSFT'
```

5.4.5.5 Getting the Filter Expression

To get the filter expression that was specified when the ContentFilteredTopic was created or when `set_expression()` was used:

```c
const char* get_filter_expression()
```

5.4.5.6 Getting the Related Topic

To get the related `Topic` that was specified when the ContentFilteredTopic was created:
To safely cast a DDS.TopicDescription pointer to a ContentFilteredTopic pointer, use the ContentFilteredTopic’s `narrow()` operation:

```c
DDS.TopicDescription* narrow()
```

### 5.4.6 SQL Filter Expression Notation

A SQL filter expression is similar to the `WHERE` clause in SQL. The SQL expression format provided by Connext DDS also supports the `MATCH` operator as an extended operator (see [SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222)]).

The following sections provide more information:

- Example SQL Filter Expressions (Section 5.4.6.1 below)
- SQL Grammar (Section 5.4.6.2 on page 218)
- Token Expressions (Section 5.4.6.3 on page 219)
- Type Compatibility in the Predicate (Section 5.4.6.4 on page 221)
- SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222)
- Composite Members (Section 5.4.6.6 on page 223)
- Strings (Section 5.4.6.7 on page 223)
- Enumerations (Section 5.4.6.8 on page 224)
- Pointers (Section 5.4.6.9 on page 224)
- Arrays (Section 5.4.6.10 on page 224)
- Sequences (Section 5.4.6.11 on page 225)

#### 5.4.6.1 Example SQL Filter Expressions

Assume that you have a `Topic` with two floats, X and Y, which are the coordinates of an object moving inside a rectangle measuring 200 x 200 units. This object moves quite a bit, generating lots of DDS samples that you are not interested in. Instead you only want to receive DDS samples outside the middle of the rectangle, as seen in Filtering Example (Section Figure 5.5 on the next page). That is, you want to filter out data points in the gray box.
The filter expression would look like this (remember the expression is written so that DDS samples that we do want will pass):

```
"(X < 50 or X > 150) and (Y < 50 or Y > 150)"
```

While this filter works, it cannot be changed after the ContentFilteredTopic has been created. Suppose you would like the ability to adjust the coordinates that are considered outside the acceptable range (changing the size of the gray box). You can achieve this by using filter parameters. An more flexible way to write the expression is this:

```
"(X < %0 or X > %1) and (Y < %2 or Y > %3)"
```

Recall that when you create a ContentFilteredTopic (see Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209)), you pass a `expression_parameters` string sequence as one of the parameters. Each element in the string sequence corresponds to one argument.

See the **String** and **Sequence Support** sections of the API Reference HTML documentation (from the Modules page, select RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module).

In C++, the filter parameters could be assigned like this:

```c
FilterParameter[0] = "50";
FilterParameter[1] = "150";
FilterParameter[2] = "50";
FilterParameter[3] = "150";
```
With these parameters, the filter expression is identical to the first approach. However, it is now possible to change the parameters by calling `set_expression_parameters()`. For example, perhaps you decide that you only want to see data points where \( X < 10 \) or \( X > 190 \). To make this change:

```plaintext
FilterParameter[0] = 10
FilterParameter[1] = 190
set_expression_parameters(...)  
```

The new filter parameters will affect all `DataReaders` that have been created with this `ContentFilteredTopic`.

### 5.4.6.2 SQL Grammar

This section describes the subset of SQL syntax, in Backus–Naur Form (BNF), that you can use to form filter expressions.

The following notational conventions are used:

- **NonTerminals** are typeset in italics.
- 'Terminals' are quoted and typeset in a fixed-width font. They are written in upper case in most cases in the BNF-grammar below, but should be case insensitive.
- **TOKENS** are typeset in bold.

The notation (element `//`,`) represents a non-empty, comma-separated list of elements.

```plaintext
Expression ::= FilterExpression
            | TopicExpression
            | QueryExpression

FilterExpression ::= Condition

TopicExpression ::= SelectFrom { Where } ';

QueryExpression ::= { Condition }{ 'ORDER BY' (FIELDNAME // ',') }

SelectFrom ::= 'SELECT' Aggregation 'FROM' Selection

Aggregation ::= '*'
              | (SubjectFieldSpec // ',')

SubjectFieldSpec ::= FIELDNAME
                   | FIELDNAME AS IDENTIFIER
                   | FIELDNAME IDENTIFIER

Selection ::= TOPICNAME
            | TOPICNAME NaturalJoin JoinItem

JoinItem ::= TOPICNAME
           | TOPICNAME NaturalJoin JoinItem
           | '(' TOPICNAME NaturalJoin JoinItem ')'

NaturalJoin ::= 'INNER JOIN'
```
INNER JOIN, INNER NATURAL JOIN, NATURAL JOIN, and NATURAL INNER JOIN are all aliases, in the sense that they have the same semantics. They are all supported because they all are part of the SQL standard.

### 5.4.6.3 Token Expressions

The syntax and meaning of the tokens used in SQL grammar is described as follows:

**IDENTIFIER**—An identifier for a FIELDNAME, defined as any series of characters 'a', ..., 'z', 'A', ..., 'Z', '0', ..., '9', '_' but may not start with a digit.

```
IDENTIFIER: LETTER (PART_LETTER)*
```

where

- LETTER: ['A'-'Z','_'','a'-'z']
- PART_LETTER: ['A'-'Z','_'','a'-'z','0'-'9']
FIELDNAME—A reference to a field in the data structure. A dot '.' is used to navigate through nested structures. The number of dots that may be used in a FIELDNAME is unlimited. The FIELDNAME can refer to fields at any depth in the data structure. The names of the field are those specified in the IDL definition of the corresponding structure, which may or may not match the fieldnames that appear on the language-specific (e.g., C/C++, Java) mapping of the structure. To reference the n+1 element in an array or sequence, use the notation ' [ n ] ', where n is a natural number (zero included). FIELDNAME must resolve to a primitive IDL type; that is either boolean, octet, (unsigned) short, (unsigned) long, (unsigned) long long, float double, char, wchar, string, wstring, or enum.

FIELDNAME: FieldNamePart ( "." FieldNamePart )*

where FieldNamePart : IDENTIFIER ( "[" Index "]" )* Index> : (["0"-"9"])+ | ["0x","0X"](["0"-"9", "A"-"F", "a"-"f"])+

Primitive IDL types referenced by FIELDNAME are treated as different types in Predicate according to the following table:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Predicate Data Type</th>
<th>IDL Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>BOOLEANVALUE</td>
<td>boolean</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGRERVALUE</td>
<td>octet, (unsigned) short, (unsigned) long, (unsigned) long long</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOATVALUE</td>
<td>float, double</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHARVALUE</td>
<td>char, wchar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STRING</td>
<td>string, wstring</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENUMERATEDVALUE</td>
<td>enum</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

TOPICNAME—An identifier for a topic, and is defined as any series of characters 'a', ..., 'z', 'A', ..., 'Z', '0', ..., '9', '_' but may not start with a digit.

TOPICNAME : IDENTIFIER

INTEGERVALUE—Any series of digits, optionally preceded by a plus or minus sign, representing a decimal integer value within the range of the system. 'L' or 'T' must be used for long long, otherwise long long is assumed. A hexadecimal number is preceded by 0x and must be a valid hexadecimal expression.

INTEGERVALUE : (["+","-"))? (["0"-"9"])+ | (["0x","0X"](["0"-"9", "A"-"F", "a"-"f"])+
               | (["L","1"])?

CHARVALUE—A single character enclosed between single quotes.

CHARVALUE : "'" (~["'"])? "'"
FLOATVALUE—Any series of digits, optionally preceded by a plus or minus sign and optionally including a floating point (‘.’). 'F' or 'f' must be used for float, otherwise double is assumed. A power-of-ten expression may be postfixed, which has the syntax en or En, where n is a number, optionally preceded by a plus or minus sign.

WHERE EXPONENT: ['e','E'] (['+','-']?) ([0-9]+)?

STRING—Any series of characters encapsulated in single quotes, except the single quote itself.

STRING: "'" (~"'")* "'"

ENUMERATEDVALUE—A reference to a value declared within an enumeration. Enumerated values consist of the name of the enumeration label enclosed in single quotes. The name used for the enumeration label must correspond to the label names specified in the IDL definition of the enumeration.

ENUMERATEDVALUE: "'" ["A" - "Z", "a" - "z", '_' , "0" - "9"]* "'"

BOOLEANVALUE—Can either be TRUE or FALSE, and is case insensitive.

BOOLEANVALUE: ["TRUE","FALSE"]

PARAMETER—Takes the form %n, where n represents a natural number (zero included) smaller than 100. It refers to the (n + 1)th argument in the given context. This argument can only be in primitive type value format. It cannot be a FIELDNAME.

PARAMETER: "%n" ([0-9]+)

5.4.6.4 Type Compatibility in the Predicate

As seen in Table 5.6 Valid Type Comparisons, only certain combinations of type comparisons are valid in the Predicate.

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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>INTEGERVALUE</td>
<td>YES</td>
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5.4.6.5 SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching

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MATCH is case-sensitive. These characters have special meaning: , / ? * [ ] ^ ! \ %

The pattern allows limited "wild card" matching under the rules in Table 5.7 Wild Card Matching.

The syntax is similar to the POSIX® fnmatch syntax\(^5\). The MATCH syntax is also similar to the 'subject' strings of TIBCO Rendezvous®. Some example expressions include:

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<td>YES</td>
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<tr>
<td>STRING</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES(^1)</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENUMERATED VALUE</td>
<td></td>
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<td>YES(^2)</td>
<td>YES(^3)</td>
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<td>,</td>
<td>A , separates a list of alternate patterns. The field string is matched if it matches one or more of the patterns.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/</td>
<td>A / in the pattern string matches a / in the field string. It separates a sequence of mandatory substrings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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\(^a\)See SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 below).

\(^2\)Because of the formal notation of the Enumeration values, they are compatible with string and char literals, but they are not compatible with string or char variables, i.e., "MyEnum=EnumValue" is correct, but "MyEnum=MyString" is not allowed.

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\(^4\)Only for same-type Enums.

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>*</td>
<td>A * in the pattern string matches 0 or more non-special characters in field string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>%</td>
<td>This special character is used to designate filter expression parameters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\</td>
<td>(Not supported) Escape character for special characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[charlist]</td>
<td>Matches any one of the characters in charlist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[^charlist]</td>
<td>(Not supported) Matches any one of the characters not in charlist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[s-e]</td>
<td>Matches any character from s to e, inclusive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[^s-e]</td>
<td>(Not supported) Matches any character not in the interval s to e.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5.4.6.6 Composite Members

Any member can be used in the filter expression, with the following exceptions:

- 128-bit floating point numbers (long doubles) are not supported
- bitfields are not supported
- LIKE is not supported

Composite members are accessed using the familiar dot notation, such as "x.y.z > 5". For unions, the notation is special due to the nature of the IDL union type.

On the publishing side, you can access the union discriminator with myunion._d and the actual member with myunion._u.mymember. If you want to use a ContentFilteredTopic on the subscriber side and filter a DDS sample with a top-level union, you can access the union discriminator directly with _d and the actual member with mymember in the filter expression.

5.4.6.7 Strings

The filter expression and parameters can use IDL strings. String constants must appear between single quotation marks (').

For example:

```
"fish = 'salmon'"
```
Strings used as parameter values must contain the enclosing quotation marks (') within the parameter value; do not place the quotation marks within the expression statement. For example, the expression " symbol MATCH %0 " with parameter 0 set to " IBM " is legal, whereas the expression " symbol MATCH '%0' " with parameter 0 set to " IBM " will not compile.

5.4.6.8 Enumerations

A filter expression can use enumeration values, such as GREEN, instead of the numerical value. For example, if x is an enumeration of GREEN, YELLOW and RED, the following expressions are valid:

```
x = 'GREEN'
x < 'RED'
```

5.4.6.9 Pointers

Pointers can be used in filter expressions and are automatically dereferenced to the correct value.

For example:

```c
struct Point {  
    long x;  
    long y;  
};
struct Rectangle {  
    Point *u_l;  
    Point *l_r;  
};
```

The following expression is valid on a `Topic` of type `Rectangle`:

```
u_l.x > l_r.x
```

5.4.6.10 Arrays

Arrays are accessed with the familiar [] notation.

For example:

```c
struct ArrayType {  
    long value[255][5];  
};
```

The following expression is valid on a `Topic` of type `ArrayType`:

```
value[244][2] = 5
```
In order to compare an array of bytes (octets in IDL), instead of comparing each individual element of the array using [] notation, Connext DDS provides a helper function, `hex()`. The `hex()` function can be used to represent an array of bytes (octets in IDL). To use the `hex()` function, use the notation `&hex()` and pass the byte array as a sequence of hexadecimal values.

For example:

```
&hex  {07 08 09 0A 0B 0c 0D 0E 10 11 12 13 14 15 16}
```

Here the leftmost-pair represents the byte and index 0.

**Note:** If the length of the octet array represented by the `hex()` function does not match the length of the field being compared, it will result in a compilation error.

For example:

```
struct ArrayType {
  octet value[2];
};
```

The following expression is valid:

```
"value = &hex(12 0A)"
```

### 5.4.6.11 Sequences

Sequence elements can be accessed using the () or [] notation.

For example:

```
struct SequenceType {
  sequence<long> s;
};
```

The following expressions are valid on a `Topic` of type `SequenceType`:

```
"s(1) = 5"
"s[1] = 5"
```

### 5.4.7 STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation

The STRINGMATCH Filter is a subset of the SQL filter; it only supports the MATCH relational operator on a single string field. It is introduced mainly for the use case of partitioning data according to channels in the `DataWriter's MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) in Market Data applications.

A STRINGMATCH filter expression has the following syntax:

```
<field name> MATCH <string pattern>
```
The STRINGMATCH filter is provided to support the narrow use case of filtering a single string field of the DDS sample against a comma-separated list of matching string values. It is intended to be used in conjunction with ContentFilteredTopic helper routines `append_to_expression_parameter()` (Appending a String to an Expression Parameter (Section 5.4.5.3 on page 214)) and `remove_from_expression_parameter()` (Removing a String from an Expression Parameter (Section 5.4.5.4 on page 215)), which allow you to easily append and remove individual string values from the comma-separated list of string values.

The STRINGMATCH filter must contain only one `<field name>`, and a single occurrence of the MATCH operator. The `<string pattern>` must be either the single parameter `%0`, or a single, comma-separated list of strings without intervening spaces.

During creation of a STRINGMATCH filter, the `<string pattern>` is automatically parameterized. That is, during creation, if the `<string pattern>` specified in the filter expression is not the parameter `%0`, then the comma-separated list of strings is copied to the initial contents of parameter 0 and the `<string pattern>` in the filter expression is replaced with the parameter `%0.

The initial matching string list is converted to an explicit parameter value so that subsequent additions and deletions of string values to and from the list of matching strings may be performed with the `append_to_expression_parameter()` and `remove_from_expression_parameter()` operations mentioned above.

**5.4.7.1 Example STRINGMATCH Filter Expressions**

This expression evaluates to TRUE if the value of `symbol` is equal to `NASDAQ/MSFT`:
```
symbol MATCH 'NASDAQ/MSFT'
```

This expression evaluates to TRUE if the value of `symbol` is equal to `NASDAQ/IBM` or `NASDAQ/MSFT`:
```
symbol MATCH 'NASDAQ/IBM,NASDAQ/MSFT'
```

This expression evaluates to TRUE if the value of `symbol` corresponds to `NASDAQ` and starts with a letter between M and Y:
```
symbol MATCH 'NASDAQ/[M-Y]*'
```

**5.4.7.2 STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Parameters**

In the builtin STRINGMATCH filter, there is one, and only one, parameter: parameter 0. (If you want to add more parameters, see `Appending a String to an Expression Parameter (Section 5.4.5.3 on page 214)`.) The parameter can be specified explicitly using the same syntax as the SQL filter or implicitly by using a constant string pattern. For example:
```
symbol MATCH %0 (Explicit parameter)

symbol MATCH 'IBM' (Implicit parameter initialized to IBM)
```
Strings used as parameter values must contain the enclosing quotation marks ('') within the parameter value; do not place the quotation marks within the expression statement. For example, the expression " symbol MATCH %0 " with parameter 0 set to " IBM " is legal, whereas the expression " symbol MATCH 'IBM ' with parameter 0 set to " IBM " will not compile.

### 5.4.8 Custom Content Filters

By default, a ContentFilteredTopic will use a SQL-like content filter, DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME (see SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216)), which implements a superset of the content filter. There is another builtin filter, DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME (see STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225)). Both of these are automatically registered.

If you want to use a different filter, **you must register it first**, then create the ContentFilteredTopic using create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter() (see Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209)).

One reason to use a custom filter is that the default filter can only filter based on relational operations between topic members, not on a computation involving topic members. For example, if you want to filter based on the sum of the members, you must create your own filter.

**Notes:**

- The API for using a custom content filter is subject to change in a future release.
- Custom content filters are not supported when using the .NET APIs

### 5.4.8.1 Filtering on the Writer Side with Custom Filters

There are two approaches for performing writer-side filtering. The first approach is to evaluate each written DDS sample against filters of all the readers that have content filter specified and identify the readers whose filter passes the DDS sample.

The second approach is to evaluate the written DDS sample once for the writer and then rely on the filter implementation to provide a set of readers whose filter passes the DDS sample. This approach allows the filter implementation to cache the result of filtering, if possible. For example, consider a scenario where the data is described by the struct shown below, where $10 < x < 20$:

```c
struct MyData {
    int x;
    int y;
};
```

If the filter expression is based only on the $x$ field, the filter implementation can maintain a hash map for all the different values of $x$ and cache the filtering results in the hash map. Then any future evaluations will only be $O(1)$, because it only requires a lookup in the hash map.
But if in the same example, a reader has a content filter that is based on both \( x \) and \( y \), or just \( y \), the filter implementation cannot cache the result—because the filter was only maintaining a hash map for \( x \). In this case, the filter implementation can inform Connext DDS that it will not be caching the result for those DataReaders. The filter can use DDS_ExpressionProperty to indicate to the middleware whether or not it will cache the results for DataReader. Table 5.8 DDS_ExpressionProperty describes DDS_ExpressionProperty.

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<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>key_only_filter</td>
<td>Indicates if the filter expression is based only on key fields. In this case, Connext DDS itself can cache the filtering results.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>writer_side_filter_optimization</td>
<td>Indicates if the filter implementation can cache the filtering result for the expression provided. If this is true then Connext DDS will do no caching or explicit filter evaluation for the associated DataReader. It will instead rely on the filter implementation to provide appropriate results.</td>
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### 5.4.8.2 Registering a Custom Filter

To use a custom filter, it must be registered in the following places:

- Register the custom filter in any subscribing application in which the filter is used to create a ContentFilteredTopic and corresponding DataReader.
- In each publishing application, you only need to register the custom filter if you want to perform writer-side filtering. A DataWriter created with an associated filter will use that filter if it discovers a matched DataReader that uses the same filter.

For example, suppose Application A on the subscription side creates a Topic named \( X \) and a ContentFilteredTopic named \( \text{filteredX} \) (and a corresponding DataReader), using a previously registered content filter, \( \text{myFilter} \). With only that, you will have filtering on the subscription side. If you also want to perform filtering in any application that publishes \( X \), then you also need to register the same definition of the ContentFilter \( \text{myFilter} \) in that application.

To register a new filter, use the DomainParticipant’s `register_contentfilter()` operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t register_contentfilter(
    const char * filter_name,
    const DDSContentFilter * contentfilter)
```

---

1This operation is an extension to the DDS standard.
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- **filter_name**
  The name of the filter. The name must be unique within the DomainParticipant. The filter_name cannot have a length of 0. The same filtering functions and handle can be registered under different names.

- **content_filter**
  This class specifies the functions that will be used to process the filter.

You must derive from the DDSContentFilter base class and implement the virtual compile (Section below), evaluate (Section below), and finalize (Section below) functions described below.

Optionally, you can derive from the DDSWriterContentFilter base class instead, to implement additional filtering operations that will be used by the DataWriter. When performing writer-side filtering, these operations allow a DDS sample to be evaluated once for the DataWriter, instead of evaluating the DDS sample for every DataReader that is matched with the DataWriter. An instance of the derived class is then used as an argument when calling register_contentfilter().

- **compile**
  The function that will be used to compile a filter expression and parameters. Connext DDS will call this function when a ContentFilteredTopic is created and when the filter parameters are changed. This parameter cannot be NULL. See Compile Function (Section 5.4.8.5 on page 231). This is a member of DDSContentFilter and DDSWriterContentFilter.

- **evaluate**
  The function that will be called by Connext DDS each time a DDS sample is received. Its purpose is to evaluate the DDS sample based on the filter. This parameter cannot be NULL. See Evaluate Function (Section 5.4.8.6 on page 232). This is a member of DDSContentFilter and DDSWriterContentFilter.

- **finalize**
  The function that will be called by Connext DDS when an instance of the custom content filter is no longer needed. This parameter may be NULL. See Finalize Function (Section 5.4.8.7 on page 233). This is a member of DDSContentFilter and DDSWriterContentFilter.

- **writer_attach**
  The function that will be used to create some state required to perform filtering on the writer side using the operations provided in DDSWriterContentFilter. Connext DDS will call this function for every DataWriter; it will be called only the first time the DataWriter matches a DataReader using the specified filter. This function will not be called for any subsequent DataReaders that match the DataWriter and are using the same filter. See Writer Attach Function (Section 5.4.8.8 on page 233). This is a member of DDSWriterContentFilter.
5.4.8.3 Unregistering a Custom Filter

To unregister a filter, use the DomainParticipant’s unregister_contentfilter() operation\(^1\), which is useful if you want to reuse a particular filter name. (Note: You do not have to unregister the filter before deleting the parent DomainParticipant. If you do not need to reuse the filter name to register another filter, there is no reason to unregister the filter.)

\[
\text{DDS\_ReturnCode\_t unregister\_contentfilter(const char * filter\_name)}
\]

**filter\_name** The name of the previously registered filter. The name must be unique within

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\(^1\)This operation is an extension to the DDS standard.
the DomainParticipant. The filter_name cannot have a length of 0.

If you attempt to unregister a filter that is still being used by a ContentFilteredTopic, unregister_contentfilter() will return PRECONDITION_NOT_MET.

If there are still existing discovered DataReaders with the same filter_name and the filter's compile function has previously been called on the discovered DataReaders, the filter’s finalize function will be called on those discovered DataReaders before the content filter is unregistered. This means filtering will be performed on the application that is creating the DataReader.

### 5.4.8.4 Retrieving a ContentFilter

If you know the name of a ContentFilter, you can get a pointer to its structure. If the ContentFilter has not already been registered, this operation will return NULL.

```
DDS_ContentFilter *lookup_contentfilter (const char * filter_name)
```

### 5.4.8.5 Compile Function

The compile function specified in the ContentFilter will be used to compile a filter expression and parameters. Please note that the term ‘compile’ is intentionally defined very broadly. It is entirely up to you, as the user, to decide what this function should do. The only requirement is that the error_code parameter passed to the compile function must return OK on successful execution. For example:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t sample_compile_function(  
    void ** new_compile_data, const char * expression,  
    const DDS_StringSeq & parameters,  
    const DDS_TypeCode * type_code,  
    const char * type_class_name,  
    void * old_compile_data)
{
    *new_compile_data = (void*)DDS_String_dup(parameters[0]);
    return DDS_RETCODE_OK;
}
```

Where:

- **new_compile_data** A user-specified opaque pointer of this instance of the content filter. This value is passed to the evaluate and finalize functions

- **expression** An ASCIIZ string with the filter expression the ContentFilteredTopic was created with. Note that the memory used by the parameter pointer is owned by Connext DDS. If you want to manipulate this string, you must make a copy of it first. Do not free the memory for this string.

- **parameters** A string sequence of expression parameters used to create the ContentFilteredTopic. The string sequence is equal (but not identical) to the string sequence passed to create_contentfilteredtopic() (see expression_parameters in Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209)).
The sequence passed to the compile function is owned by Connext DDS and must not be referred to outside the compile function.

A pointer to the type code of the related Topic. A type code is a description of the topic members, such as their type (long, octet, etc.), but does not contain any information with respect to the memory layout of the structures. The type code can be used to write filters that can be used with any type. See Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone) (Section 3.6 on page 127). [Note: If you are using the Java API, this parameter will always be NULL.]

type_code

type_class name

The new_compile_data value from a previous call to this instance of a content filter. If compile is called more than once for an instance of a ContentFilteredTopic (such as if the expression parameters are changed), then the new_compile_data value returned by the previous invocation is passed in the old_compile_data parameter (which can be NULL). If this is a new instance of the filter, NULL is passed. This parameter is useful for freeing or reusing previously allocated resources.

old_compile_data

5.4.8.6 Evaluate Function

The evaluate function specified in the ContentFilter will be called each time a DDS sample is received. This function’s purpose is to determine if a DDS sample should be filtered out (not put in the receive queue).

For example:

```
DDS_Boolean sample_evaluate_function(
    void* compile_data,
    const void* sample,
    struct DDS_FilterSampleInfo * meta_data) {
    char *parameter = (char*)compile_data;
    DDS_Long x;
    Foo *foo_sample = (Foo*)sample;
    sscanf(parameter, "%d", &x);
    return (foo_sample->x > x ? DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE : DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE);
}
```

The function may use the following parameters:

compile_data The last return value from the compile function for this instance of the content filter. Can be NULL.

sample A pointer to a C structure with the data to filter. Note that the evaluate function always receives deserialized data.

meta_data A pointer to the meta data associated with the DDS sample.

Note: Currently the meta_data field only supports related_sample_identity (described in Table 6.16 DDS_WriteParams_).
5.4.8.7 Finalize Function

The finalize function specified in the ContentFilter will be called when an instance of the custom content filter is no longer needed. When this function is called, it is safe to free all resources used by this particular instance of the custom content filter.

For example:

```c
void sample_finalize_function ( void* compile_data) {
    /* free parameter string from compile function */
    DDS_String_free((char *)compile_data);
}
```

The finalize function may use the following optional parameters:

- **system_key** See Compile Function (Section 5.4.8.5 on page 231).
- **handle** This is the opaque returned by the last call to the compile function.

5.4.8.8 Writer Attach Function

The writer_attach function specified in the WriterContentFilter will be used to create some state that can be used by the filter to perform writer-side filtering more efficiently. It is entirely up to you, as the implementer of the filter, to decide if the filter requires this state.

The function has the following parameter:

- **writer_filter_data** A user-specified opaque pointer to some state created on the writer side that will help perform writer-side filtering efficiently.

5.4.8.9 Writer Detach Function

The writer_detach function specified in the WriterContentFilter will be used to free up any state that was created using the writer_attach function.

The function has the following parameter:

- **writer_filter_data** A pointer to the state created using the writer_attach function.

5.4.8.10 Writer Compile Function

The writer_compile function specified in the WriterContentFilter will be used by a DataWriter to compile a filter expression and parameters associated with a DataReader for which the DataWriter is performing filtering. The function will receive as input a DDS_Cookie_t that uniquely identifies the DataReader for which the function was invoked.

The function has the following parameters:
**writer_filter_data**  A pointer to the state created using the **writer_attach** function.

**prop**  A pointer to DDS ExpressionProperty. This is an output parameter. It allows you to indicate to Connext DDS if a filter expression can be optimized (as described in Filtering on the Writer Side with Custom Filters (Section 5.4.8.1 on page 227)).

**expression**  An ASCIIZ string with the filter expression the ContentFilteredTopic was created with. Note that the memory used by the parameter pointer is owned by Connext DDS. If you want to manipulate this string, you must make a copy of it first. Do not free the memory for this string.

**parameters**  A string sequence of expression parameters used to create the ContentFilteredTopic. The string sequence is equal (but not identical) to the string sequence passed to **create_contentfilteredtopic()** (see **expression_parameters** in Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209)).

The sequence passed to the **compiled** function is owned by Connext DDS and must not be referred to outside the **writer_compile** function.

**type_code**  A pointer to the type code of the related Topic. A type code is a description of the topic members, such as their type (long, octet, etc.), but does not contain any information with respect to the memory layout of the structures. The type code can be used to write filters that can be used with any type. See Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone) (Section 3.6 on page 127). [Note: If you are using the Java API, this parameter will always be NULL.]

**type_class_name**  The fully qualified class name of the related Topic.

**cookie**  A DDS_Cookie_t to uniquely identify the DataReader for which the **writer_compile** function was called.

### 5.4.8.11 Writer Evaluate Function

The **writer_evaluate** function specified in the WriterContentFilter will be used by a DataWriter to retrieve the list of DataReaders whose filter passed the DDS sample. The **writer_evaluate** function returns a sequence of cookies which identifies the set of DataReaders whose filter passes the DDS sample.

The function has the following parameters:

**writer_filter_data**  A pointer to the state created using the **writer_attach** function.

**sample**  A pointer to the data to be filtered. Note that the **writer_evaluate** function always receives deserialized data.

**meta_data**  A pointer to the meta-data associated with the DDS sample.

**Note:** Currently the **meta_data** field only supports **related_sample_identity** (described in Table 6.16 DDS_WriteParams_t).
5.4.8.12 Writer Return Loan Function

Connext DDS uses the `writer_return_loan` function specified in the WriterContentFilter to indicate to the filter implementation that it has finished using the sequence of cookies returned by the filter’s `writer_evaluate` function. Your filter implementation should not free the memory associated with the cookie sequence before the `writer_return_loan` function is called.

The function has the following parameters:

- `writer_filter_data` A pointer to the state created using the `writer_attach` function.
- `cookies` The sequence of cookies for which the `writer_return_loan` function was called.

5.4.8.13 Writer Finalize Function

The `writer_finalize` function specified in the WriterContentFilter will be called when the `DataWriter` no longer matches with a `DataReader` that was created with ContentFilteredTopic. This will allow the filter implementation to delete any state it was maintaining for the `DataReader`.

The function has the following parameters:

- `writer_filter_data` A pointer to the state created using the `writer_attach` function.
- `cookie` A `DDS_Cookie_t` to uniquely identify the `DataReader` for which the `writer_finalize` was called.
Chapter 6 Sending Data

This section discusses how to create, configure, and use Publishers and DataWriters to send data. It describes how these Entities interact, as well as the types of operations that are available for them.

This section includes the following sections:

The goal of this section is to help you become familiar with the Entities you need for sending data. For up-to-date details such as formal parameters and return codes on any mentioned operations, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.

6.1 Preview: Steps to Sending Data

To send DDS samples of a data instance:

1. Create and configure the required Entities:
   a. Create a DomainParticipant (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554)).
   b. Register user data types\(^1\) with the DomainParticipant. For example, the ‘FooDataType’. (This step is not necessary in the Modern C++ API--the Topic instantiation automatically registers the type)
   c. Use the DomainParticipant to create a Topic with the registered data type.
   d. Optionally\(^2\), use the DomainParticipant to create a Publisher.

\(^1\)Type registration is not required for built-in types (see Registering Built-in Types (Section 3.2.1 on page 30)).

\(^2\)You are not required to explicitly create a Publisher; instead, you can use the 'implicit Publisher' created from the DomainParticipant. See Creating Publishers Explicitly vs. Implicitly (Section 6.2.1 on page 245).
e. Use the Publisher or DomainParticipant to create a DataWriter for the Topic.

f. Use a type-safe method to cast the generic DataWriter created by the Publisher to a type-specific DataWriter. For example, ‘FooDataWriter’. (This step doesn't apply to the Modern C++ API where you directly instantiate a type-safe ‘DataWriter<Foo>’.)

g. Optionally, register data instances with the DataWriter. If the Topic’s user data type contain key fields, then registering a data instance (data with a specific key value) will improve performance when repeatedly sending data with the same key. You may register many different data instances; each registration will return an instance handle corresponding to the specific key value. For non-keyed data types, instance registration has no effect. See DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14) for more information on keyed data types and instances.

2. Every time there is changed data to be published:
   a. Store the data in a variable of the correct data type (for instance, variable ‘Foo’ of the type ‘FooDataType’).
   
   b. Call the FooDataWriter’s write() operation, passing it a reference to the variable ‘Foo’.
      
      i. For non-keyed data types or for non-registered instances, also pass in DDS_HANDLE_NIL.
      
      ii. For keyed data types, pass in the instance handle corresponding to the instance stored in ‘Foo’, if you have registered the instance previously. This means that the data stored in ‘Foo’ has the same key value that was used to create instance handle.

   c. The write() function will take a snapshot of the contents of ‘Foo’ and store it in Connext DDS internal buffers from where the DDS data sample is sent under the criteria set by the Publisher’s and DataWriter’s QosPolicies. If there are matched DataReaders, then the DDS data sample will have been passed to the physical transport plug-in/device driver by the time that write() returns.

6.2 Publishers

An application that intends to publish information needs the following Entities: DomainParticipant, Topic, Publisher, and DataWriter. All Entities have a corresponding specialized Listener and a set of QosPolicies. A Listener is how Connext DDS notifies your application of status changes relevant to the Entity. The QosPolicies allow your application to configure the behavior and resources of the Entity.

- A DomainParticipant defines the DDS domain in which the information will be made available.

- A Topic defines the name under which the data will be published, as well as the type (format) of the data itself.

- An application writes data using a DataWriter. The DataWriter is bound at creation time to a Topic, thus specifying the name under which the DataWriter will publish the data and the type associated
with the data. The application uses the DataWriter’s `write()` operation to indicate that a new value of the data is available for dissemination.

- A Publisher manages the activities of several DataWriters. The Publisher determines when the data is actually sent to other applications. Depending on the settings of various QosPolicies of the Publisher and DataWriter, data may be buffered to be sent with the data of other DataWriters or not sent at all. By default, the data is sent as soon as the DataWriter’s `write()` function is called.

You may have multiple Publishers, each managing a different set of DataWriters, or you may choose to use one Publisher for all your DataWriters.

For more information, see Creating Publishers Explicitly vs. Implicitly (Section 6.2.1 on page 245).

Figure 6.1 Publication Module below shows how these Entities are related, as well as the methods defined for each Entity.

**Figure 6.1 Publication Module**

Publisher are used to perform the operations listed in Table 6.1 Publisher Operations on page 240. You can find more information about the operations by looking in the section listed under the Reference.
column. For details such as formal parameters and return codes, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.

Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).
Table 6.1 **Publisher Operations**

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<td>begin_coherent_changes</td>
<td>Indicates that the application will begin a coherent set of modifications.</td>
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<td>create_datawriter</td>
<td>Creates a <strong>DataWriter</strong> that will belong to the Publisher.</td>
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<td>create_datawriter_with_profile</td>
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<td>Copies relevant QoS Policies from a <em>Topic</em> into a DataWriterQoS structure.</td>
<td>Other Publisher QoS-Related Operations (Section 6.2.4.6 on page 254)</td>
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<td>delete_contained_entities</td>
<td>Deletes all of the <em>DataWriters</em> that were created by the <em>Publisher</em>.</td>
<td>Deleting Contained DataWriters (Section 6.2.3.1 on page 248)</td>
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<td>delete_datawriter</td>
<td><em>Deletes a DataWriter</em> that belongs to the <em>Publisher</em>.</td>
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<td>end_coherent_changes</td>
<td>Ends the coherent set initiated by <code>begin_coherent_changes()</code>.</td>
<td>Writing Coherent Sets of DDS Data Samples (Section 6.3.10 on page 284)</td>
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<td>get_all_datawriters</td>
<td>Retrieves all the <em>DataWriters</em> created from this <em>Publisher</em>.</td>
<td>Getting All DataWriters (Section 6.3.2 on page 265)</td>
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<td>get_default_datawriter_qos</td>
<td>Copies the <em>Publisher’s</em> default DataWriterQoS values into a DataWriterQoS structure.</td>
<td>Setting DataWriter QoS Policies (Section 6.3.15 on page 297)</td>
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<td>get_status_changes</td>
<td>Will always return 0 since there are no Statuses currently defined for <em>Publishers</em>.</td>
<td>Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)</td>
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<td>lookup_datawriter</td>
<td>Retrieves a <em>DataWriter</em> previously created for a specific <em>Topic</em>.</td>
<td>Finding a Publisher’s Related DDS Entities (Section 6.2.6 on page 256)</td>
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<td>set_default_datawriter_qos</td>
<td>Sets or changes the default DataWriterQos values.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for DataWriters (Section 6.2.4.5 on page 253)</td>
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<td>set_default_datawriter_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets or changes the default DataWriterQos values based on a QoS profile.</td>
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<td>wait_for_acknowledgments</td>
<td>Blocks until all data written by the <em>Publisher’s</em> reliable <em>DataWriters</em> are acknowledged by all matched reliable <em>DataReaders</em>, or until the a specified timeout duration, <code>max_wait</code>, elapses.</td>
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|                 | is_sample_app_acknowledged | Indicates if a sample has been application-acknowledged by all the matching DataReaders that were alive when the sample was written.  
If a DataReader does not enable application acknowledgment (by setting the ReliabilityQosPolicy's acknowledgment_kind to a value other than DDS_PROTOCOL_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE), the sample is considered application-acknowledged for that DataReader. | Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Libraries and Profiles | get_default_library | Gets the Publisher’s default QoS profile library.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Getting and Setting the Publisher’s Default QoS Profile and Library (Section 6.2.4.4 on page 252)                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                  | get_default_profile | Gets the Publisher’s default QoS profile.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                  | get_default_profile_library | Gets the library that contains the Publisher’s default QoS profile.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                  | set_default_library | Sets the default library for a Publisher.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                  | set_default_profile | Sets the default profile for a Publisher.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Participants    | get_participant | Gets the DomainParticipant that was used to create the Publisher.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Finding a Publisher’s Related DDS Entities (Section 6.2.6 on page 256)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
6.2.1 Creating Publishers Explicitly vs. Implicitly

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<td>Enables the Publisher.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>equals</td>
<td>Compares two Publisher’s QoS structures for equality.</td>
<td>Comparing QoS Values (Section 6.2.4.2 on page 251)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_qos</td>
<td>Gets the Publisher’s current QosPolicy settings. This is most often used in preparation for calling set_qos().</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos</td>
<td>Sets the Publisher’s QoS. You can use this operation to change the values for the Publisher’s QosPolicies. Note, however, that not all QosPolicies can be changed after the Publisher has been created.</td>
<td>Setting Publisher QosPolicies (Section 6.2.4 on page 248)</td>
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<td>get_listener</td>
<td>Gets the currently installed Listener.</td>
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<td>set_listener</td>
<td>Sets the Publisher’s Listener. If you created the Publisher without a Listener, you can use this operation to add one later.</td>
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<td>suspend_publications</td>
<td>Provides a hint that multiple data-objects within the Publisher are about to be written. Connext DDS does not currently use this hint.</td>
<td>Suspending and Resuming Publications (Section 6.2.9 on page 258)</td>
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<td>resume_publications</td>
<td>Reverses the action of suspend_publications().</td>
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6.2.1 Creating Publishers Explicitly vs. Implicitly

To send data, your application must have a Publisher. However, you are not required to explicitly create one. If you do not create one, the middleware will implicitly create a Publisher the first time you create a DataWriter using the DomainParticipant’s operations. It will be created with default QoS (DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT) and no Listener.

A Publisher (implicit or explicit) gets its own default QoS and the default QoS for its child DataWriters from the DomainParticipant. These default QoS are set when the Publisher is created. (This is true for Subscribers and DataReaders, too.)

The ‘implicit Publisher’ can be accessed using the DomainParticipant’s get_implicit_publisher() operation (see Getting the Implicit Publisher or Subscriber (Section 8.3.9 on page 567)). You can use this ‘implicit Publisher’ just like any other Publisher (it has the same operations, QosPolicies, etc.). So you can change the mutable QoS and set a Listener if desired.
6.2.2 Creating Publishers

DataWriters are created by calling `create_datawriter()` or `create_datawriter_with_profile()`—these operations exist for DomainParticipants and Publishers. If you use the DomainParticipant to create a DataWriter, it will belong to the implicit Publisher. If you use a Publisher to create a DataWriter, it will belong to that Publisher.

The middleware will use the same implicit Publisher for all DataWriters that are created using the DomainParticipant’s operations.

Having the middleware implicitly create a Publisher allows you to skip the step of creating a Publisher. However, having all your DataWriters belong to the same Publisher can reduce the concurrency of the system because all the write operations will be serialized.

### 6.2.2 Creating Publishers

Before you can explicitly create a Publisher, you need a DomainParticipant (see DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)). To create a Publisher, use the DomainParticipant’s `create_publisher()` or `create_publisher_with_profile()` operations.

A QoS profile is way to use QoS settings from an XML file or string. With this approach, you can change QoS settings without recompiling the application. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Note: The Modern C++ API Publishers provide constructors whose first and only required argument is the DomainParticipant.

```cpp
DDSPublisher * create_publisher (  
    const DDS_PublisherQos &qos,  
    DDSPublisherListener *listener,  
    DDS_StatusMask mask)

DDSPublisher * create_publisher_with_profile (  
    const char *library_name,  
    const char *profile_name,  
    DDSPublisherListener *listener,  
    DDS_StatusMask mask)
```

Where:

- **qos**
  
  If you want the default QoS settings (described in the API Reference HTML documentation), use `DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT` for this parameter (see Creating a Publisher with Default QosPolicies (Section Figure 6.2 on the next page)).

  If you want to customize any of the QosPolicies, supply a QoS structure (see Creating a Publisher with Non-Default QosPolicies (not from a profile) (Section Figure 6.3 on page 250)). The QoS structure for a Publisher is described in Publisher/Subscriber QosPolicies (Section 6.4 on page 310).

  **Note:** If you use `DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT`, it is not safe to create the Publisher while another thread may be simultaneously calling `set_default_publisher_qos()`.
**6.2.3 Deleting Publishers**

*listener*  
*Listeners* are callback routines. Connext DDS uses them to notify your application when specific events (status changes) occur with respect to the *Publisher* or the *DataWriters* created by the *Publisher*.

The *listener* parameter may be set to NULL if you do not want to install a *Listener*. If you use NULL, the *Listener* of the *DomainParticipant* to which the *Publisher* belongs will be used instead (if it is set). For more information on *PublisherListeners*, see Setting Up *PublisherListeners* (Section 6.2.5 on page 254).

*mask*  
This bit-mask indicates which status changes will cause the *Publisher’s* *Listener* to be invoked. The bits set in the mask must have corresponding callbacks implemented in the *Listener*.

If you use NULL for the *Listener*, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE for this parameter. If the *Listener* implements all callbacks, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL. For information on statuses, see *Listeners* (Section 4.4 on page 169).

*library_name*  
A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813). If NULL is used for *library_name*, the *DomainParticipant’s* default library is assumed (see Getting and Setting the Publisher’s Default QoS Profile and Library (Section 6.2.4.4 on page 252)).

*profile_name*  
A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813). If NULL is used for *profile_name*, the *DomainParticipant’s* default profile is assumed and *library_name* is ignored.

**Figure 6.2 Creating a Publisher with Default QoS Policies**

```c
// create the publisher
DDSPublisher* publisher =
    participant->create_publisher(
        DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT,
        NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (publisher == NULL) {
    // handle error
};
```

For more examples, see Configuring QoS Settings when the Publisher is Created (Section 6.2.4.1 on page 249).

After you create a *Publisher*, the next step is to use the *Publisher* to create a *DataWriter* for each *Topic*, see Creating DataWriters (Section 6.3.1 on page 263). For a list of operations you can perform with a *Publisher*, see Table 6.1 Publisher Operations.

**6.2.3 Deleting Publishers**

(Note: in the Modern C++ API, *Entities* are automatically destroyed, see Creating and Deleting DDS Entities (Section 4.1.1 on page 142))

This section applies to both implicitly and explicitly created *Publishers*. 

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To delete a Publisher:

1. You must first delete all DataWriters that were created with the Publisher. Use the Publisher’s delete_datawriter() operation to delete them one at a time, or use the delete_contained_entities() operation (Deleting Contained DataWriters (Section 6.2.3.1 below)) to delete them all at the same time.

   ```c
   DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_datawriter (DDSDataWriter *a_datawriter)
   ```

2. Delete the Publisher by using the DomainParticipant’s delete_publisher() operation.

   ```c
   DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_publisher (DDSPublisher *p)
   ```

**Note:** A Publisher cannot be deleted within a Listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

### 6.2.3.1 Deleting Contained DataWriters

The Publisher’s delete_contained_entities() operation deletes all the DataWriters that were created by the Publisher.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_contained_entities ()
```

After this operation returns successfully, the application may delete the Publisher (see Deleting Publishers (Section 6.2.3 on the previous page)).

### 6.2.4 Setting Publisher QosPolicies

A Publisher’s QosPolicies control its behavior. Think of the policies as the configuration and behavior ‘properties’ of the Publisher. The DDS_PublisherQos structure has the following format:

```c
DDS_PublisherQos struct {
    DDS_PresentationQosPolicy presentation;
    DDS_PartitionQosPolicy partition;
    DDS_GroupDataQosPolicy group_data;
    DDS_EntityFactoryQosPolicy entity_factory;
    DDS_AsyncPublisherQosPolicy asynchronous_publisher;
    DDS_ExclusiveAreaQosPolicy exclusive_area;
    DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy publisher_name;
} DDS_PublisherQos;
```

**Note:** set_qos() cannot always be used in a listener callback; see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

Table 6.2 Publisher QosPolicies summarizes the meaning of each policy. (They appear alphabetically in the table.) For information on why you would want to change a particular QosPolicy, see the referenced
section. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation for each policy.

### Table 6.2 Publisher QosPolicies

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</td>
<td>Configures the mechanism that sends user data in an external middleware thread.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENTITY_FACTORY QosPolicy</td>
<td>Controls whether or not child Entities are created in the enabled state.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</td>
<td>Assigns a name and role_name to a Publisher.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</td>
<td>Configures multi-thread concurrency and deadlock prevention capabilities.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)</td>
<td>Along with TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204) and USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415), this QosPolicy is used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS's discovery meta-data.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321)</td>
<td>Adds string identifiers that are used for matching DataReaders and DataWriters for the same Topic.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)</td>
<td>Controls how Connext DDS presents data received by an application to the DataReaders of the data.</td>
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### 6.2.4.1 Configuring QoS Settings when the Publisher is Created

As described in Creating Publishers (Section 6.2.2 on page 246), there are different ways to create a Publisher, depending on how you want to specify its QoS (with or without a QoS Profile).

- In Creating a Publisher with Default QosPolicies (Section Figure 6.2 on page 247) we saw an example of how to explicitly create a Publisher with default QosPolicies. It used the special constant **DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT**, which indicates that the default QoS values for a Publisher should be used. Default Publisher QosPolicies are configured in the DomainParticipant; you can change them with the DomainParticipant’s `set_default_publisher_qos()` or `set_default_publisher_qos_with_profile()` operation (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)).

- To create a Publisher with non-default QoS settings, without using a QoS profile, see Figure 6.3 Creating a Publisher with Non-Default QosPolicies (not from a profile) on the facing page. It uses the DomainParticipant’s `get_default_publisher_qos()` method to initialize a DDS_PublisherQos
structure. Then the policies are modified from their default values before the QoS structure is passed to `create_publisher()`.

- You can also create a Publisher and specify its QoS settings via a QoS Profile. To do so, call `create_publisher_with_profile()`, as seen in Figure 6.4 Creating a Publisher with a QoS Profile below.
- If you want to use a QoS profile, but then make some changes to the QoS before creating the Publisher, call the DomainParticipantFactory’s `get_publisher_qos_from_profile()`, modify the QoS and use the modified QoS structure when calling `create_publisher()`, as seen in Figure 6.5 Getting QoS Values from a Profile, Changing QoS Values, Creating a Publisher with Modified QoS Values on the next page.

For more information, see Creating Publishers (Section 6.2.2 on page 246) and Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Figure 6.3 Creating a Publisher with Non-Default QosPolicies (not from a profile)

```c
DDS_PublisherQos publisher_qos;  // get defaults
if (participant->get_default_publisher_qos(publisher_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// make QoS changes here
// for example, this changes the ENTITY_FACTORY QoS
publisher_qos.entity_factory.autoenable_created_entities = DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE;
    // create the publisher
    DDSPublisher* publisher = participant->create_publisher(publisher_qos,
            NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (publisher == NULL) {
    // handle error
}
```

Figure 6.4 Creating a Publisher with a QoS Profile

```c
// create the publisher with QoS profile
DDSPublisher* publisher = participant->create_publisher_with_profile(
    "MyPublisherLibrary", "MyPublisherProfile",
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (publisher == NULL) {
    // handle error
}
```

---

1For the C API, you need to use DDS_PublisherQos_INITIALIZER or DDS_PublisherQos_initialize(). See Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159)
6.2.4.2 Comparing QoS Values

The equals() operation compares two Publisher’s DDS_PublisherQos structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two Publisher’s QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE is they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

6.2.4.3 Changing QoS Settings After the Publisher Has Been Created

There are 2 ways to change an existing Publisher’s QoS after it is has been created—again depending on whether or not you are using a QoS Profile.

- To change an existing Publisher’s QoS programmatically (that is, without using a QoS profile): get_qos() and set_qos(). See the example code in Figure 6.6 Changing the Qos of an Existing Publisher on the facing page. It retrieves the current values by calling the Publisher’s get_qos() operation. Then it modify the value and call set_qos() to apply the new value. Note, however, that some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the Publisher has been enabled—this restriction is noted in the descriptions of the individual QosPolicies.

- You can also change a Publisher’s (and all other Entities’) QoS by using a QoS Profile and calling set_qos_with_profile(). For an example, see Figure 6.7 Changing the QoS of an Existing Publisher with a QoS Profile on the facing page. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

1For the C API, you need to use DDS_PublisherQos_INITIALIZER or DDS_PublisherQos_initialize(). See Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159)
6.2.4.4 Getting and Setting the Publisher’s Default QoS Profile and Library

You can retrieve the default QoS profile used to create Publishers with the `get_default_profile()` operation.

You can also get the default library for Publishers, as well as the library that contains the Publisher’s default profile (these are not necessarily the same library); these operations are called `get_default_library()` and `get_default_library_profile()`, respectively. These operations are for informational purposes only (that is, you do not need to use them as a precursor to setting a library or profile.) For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

There are also operations for setting the Publisher’s default library and profile:

```c
virtual const char * get_default_library ()
const char * get_default_profile ()
const char * get_default_profile_library ()
```

For the C API, you need to use DDS_PublisherQos_INITIALIZER or DDS_PublisherQos_initialize(). See Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159)
These operations only affect which library/profile will be used as the default the next time a default Publisher library/profile is needed during a call to one of this Publisher’s operations.

When calling a Publisher operation that requires a profile_name parameter, you can use NULL to refer to the default profile. (This same information applies to setting a default library.) If the default library/profile is not set, the Publisher inherits the default from the DomainParticipant.

set_default_profile() does not set the default QoS for DataWriters created by the Publisher; for this functionality, use the Publisher’s set_default_datawriter_qos_with_profile(), see Getting and Setting Default QoS for DataWriters (Section 6.2.4.5 below) (you may pass in NULL aftercalling the Publisher’s set_default_profile()).

set_default_profile() does not set the default QoS for newly created Publishers; for this functionality, use the DomainParticipant’s set_default_publisher_qos_with_profile() operation, see Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566).

### 6.2.4.5 Getting and Setting Default QoS for DataWriters

These operations set the default QoS that will be used for new DataWriters if create_datawriter() is called with DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_datawriter_qos (const DDS_DataWriterQos &qos)
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_datawriter_qos_with_profile ( 
  const char *library_name, 
  const char *profile_name)
```

The above operations may potentially allocate memory, depending on the sequences contained in some QoS policies.

To get the default QoS that will be used for creating DataWriters if create_datawriter() is called with DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_default_datawriter_qos (DDS_DataWriterQos & qos)
```

This operation gets the QoS settings that were specified on the last successful call to set_default_datawriter_qos() or set_default_datawriter_qos_with_profile(), or if the call was never made, the default values listed in DDS_DataWriterQos.

**Note:** It is not safe to set the default DataWriter QoS values while another thread may be simultaneously calling get_default_datawriter_qos(), set_default_datawriter_qos(), or create_datawriter() with DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter. It is also not safe to get the default DataWriter QoS values while another thread may be simultaneously calling set_default_datawriter_qos().
6.2.4.6 Other Publisher QoS-Related Operations

- **Copying a Topic’s QoS into a DataWriter’s QoS**

  This method is provided as a convenience for setting the values in a `DataWriterQos` structure before using that structure to create a `DataWriter`. As explained in Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198), most of the policies in a `TopicQos` structure do not apply directly to the `Topic` itself, but to the associated `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` of that `Topic`. The `TopicQos` serves as a single container where the values of QosPolicies that must be set compatibly across matching `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` can be stored.

  Thus instead of setting the values of the individual QosPolicies that make up a `DataWriterQos` structure every time you need to create a `DataWriter` for a `Topic`, you can use the Publisher’s `copy_from_topic_qos()` operation to “import” the `Topic’s` QosPolicies into a `DataWriterQos` structure. This operation copies the relevant policies in the `TopicQos` to the corresponding policies in the `DataWriterQos`.

  This copy operation will often be used in combination with the Publisher’s `get_default_datawriter_qos()` and the `Topic’s` `get_qos()` operations. The `Topic’s` QoS values are merged on top of the Publisher’s default `DataWriter` QosPolicies with the result used to create a new `DataWriter`, or to set the QoS of an existing one (see Setting DataWriter QosPolicies (Section 6.3.15 on page 297)).

- **Copying a Publisher’s QoS**

  C API users should use the `DDS_PublisherQos_copy()` operation rather than using structure assignment when copying between two QoS structures. The `copy()` operation will perform a deep copy so that policies that allocate heap memory such as sequences are copied correctly. In C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java, a copy constructor is provided to take care of sequences automatically.

- **Clearing QoS-Related Memory**

  Some QosPolicies contain sequences that allocate memory dynamically as they grow or shrink. The C API’s `DDS_PublisherQos_finalize()` operation frees the memory used by sequences but otherwise leaves the QoS unchanged. C API users should call `finalize()` on all DDS_PublisherQos objects before they are freed, or for QoS structures allocated on the stack, before they go out of scope. In C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java, the memory used by sequences is freed in the destructor.

6.2.5 Setting Up PublisherListeners

Like all Entities, Publishers may optionally have Listeners. Listeners are user-defined objects that implement a DDS-defined interface (i.e. a pre-defined set of callback functions). Listeners provide the means for Connext DDS to notify applications of any changes in Statuses (events) that may be relevant to it. By writing the callback functions in the Listener and installing the Listener into the Publisher, applications can be notified to handle the events of interest. For more general information on Listeners and Statuses, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).
Note: Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

As illustrated in Publication Module (Section Figure 6.1 on page 238), the PublisherListener interface extends the DataWriterListener interface. In other words, the PublisherListener interface contains all the functions in the DataWriterListener interface. There are no Publisher-specific statuses, and thus there are no Publisher-specific functions.

Instead, the methods of a PublisherListener will be called back for changes in the Statuses of any of the DataWriters that the Publisher has created. This is only true if the DataWriter itself does not have a DataWriterListener installed, see Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266). If a DataWriterListener has been installed and has been enabled to handle a Status change for the DataWriter, then Connext DDS will call the method of the DataWriterListener instead.

If you want a Publisher to handle status events for its DataWriters, you can set up a PublisherListener during the Publisher’s creation or use the set_listener() method after the Publisher is created. The last parameter is a bit-mask with which you should set which Status events that the PublisherListener will handle. For example,

```
DDS_StatusMask mask = DDS_OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS |
                      DDS_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS;
publisher = participant->create_publisher( 
    DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT, listener, mask);
```

or

```
DDS_StatusMask mask = DDS_OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS |
                      DDS_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS;
publisher->set_listener(listener, mask);
```

As previously mentioned, the callbacks in the PublisherListener act as ‘default’ callbacks for all the DataWriters contained within. When Connext DDS wants to notify a DataWriter of a relevant Status change (for example, PUBLICATION_MATCHED), it first checks to see if the DataWriter has the corresponding DataWriterListener callback enabled (such as the on_publication_matched() operation). If so, Connext DDS dispatches the event to the DataWriterListener callback. Otherwise, Connext DDS dispatches the event to the corresponding PublisherListener callback.

A particular callback in a DataWriter is not enabled if either:

- The application installed a NULL DataWriterListener (meaning there are no callbacks for the DataWriter at all).
- The application has disabled the callback for a DataWriterListener. This is done by turning off the associated status bit in the mask parameter passed to the set_listener() or create_datawriter() call when installing the DataWriterListener on the DataWriter. For more information on DataWriter-Listeners, see Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266).
Similarly, the callbacks in the `DomainParticipantListener` act as ‘default’ callbacks for all the `Publishers` that belong to it. For more information on `DomainParticipantListeners`, see Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558).

For example, Example Code to Create a Publisher with a Simple Listener (Section Figure 6.8 below) shows how to create a `Publisher` with a `Listener` that simply prints the events it receives.

### Figure 6.8 Example Code to Create a Publisher with a Simple Listener

```cpp
class MyPublisherListener : public DDSPublisherListener {
public:
  virtual void on_offered_deadline_missed(
    DDSDataWriter* writer,
    const DDS_OfferedDeadlineMissedStatus& status);
  virtual void on_liveliness_lost(
    DDSDataWriter* writer,
    const DDS_LivelinessLostStatus& status);
  virtual void on_offered_incompatible_qos(
    DDSDataWriter* writer,
    const DDS_OfferedIncompatibleQosStatus& status);
  virtual void on_publication_matched(
    DDSDataWriter* writer,
    const DDS_PublicationMatchedStatus& status);
  virtual void on_reliable_writer_cache_changed(
    DDSDataWriter* writer,
    const DDS_ReliableWriterCacheChangedStatus& status);
  virtual void on_reliable_reader_activity_changed(
    DDSDataWriter* writer,
    const DDS_ReliableReaderActivityChangedStatus& status);
};
void MyPublisherListener::on_offered_deadline_missed(
  DDSDataWriter* writer,
  const DDS_OfferedDeadlineMissedStatus& status)
{
  printf("on_offered_deadline_missed\n");
}
// ...Implement all remaining listeners in a similar manner...
DDSPublisherListener *myPubListener = new MyPublisherListener();
DDSPublisher* publisher =
  participant->create_publisher(DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT,
                              myPubListener, DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL);
```

### 6.2.6 Finding a Publisher’s Related DDS Entities

These `Publisher` operations are useful for obtaining a handle to related `Entities`:

- **get_participant()**: Gets the `DomainParticipant` with which a `Publisher` was created.
- **lookup_datawriter()**: Finds a `DataWriter` created by the `Publisher` with a `Topic` of a particular name. Note that in the event that multiple `DataWriters` were created by the same `Publisher` with the
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In the same Topic, any one of them may be returned by this method. (In the Modern C++ API this method is a freestanding function, `dds::pub::find()`)  

- **DDS_Publisher_as_Entity()**: This method is provided for C applications and is necessary when invoking the parent class `Entity` methods on `Publishers`. For example, to call the `Entity` method `get_status_changes()` on a `Publisher`, `my_pub`, do the following:

  ```
  DDS_Entity_get_status_changes(DDS_Publisher_as_Entity(my_pub))
  ```

`DDS_Publisher_as_Entity()` is not provided in the C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java APIs because the object-oriented features of those languages make it unnecessary.

### 6.2.7 Waiting for Acknowledgments in a Publisher

The Publisher’s `wait_for_acknowledgments()` operation blocks the calling thread until either all data written by the Publisher’s reliable `DataWriters` is acknowledged or the duration specified by the `max_wait` parameter elapses, whichever happens first.

Note that if a thread is blocked in the call to `wait_for_acknowledgments()` on a `Publisher` and a different thread writes new DDS samples on any of the Publisher’s reliable `DataWriters`, the new DDS samples must be acknowledged before unblocking the thread that is waiting on `wait_for_acknowledgments()`.

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t wait_for_acknowledgments (const DDS_Duration_t & max_wait)
```

This operation returns `DDS_RETCODE_OK` if all the DDS samples were acknowledged, or `DDS_RETCODE_TIMEOUT` if the `max_wait` duration expired first.

There is a similar operation available for individual `DataWriters`, see Waiting for Acknowledgments in a `DataWriter` (Section 6.3.11 on page 285).

The reliability protocol used by Connext DDS is discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

### 6.2.8 Statuses for Publishers

There are no statuses specific to the Publisher itself. The following statuses can be monitored by the `PublisherListener` for the Publisher’s `DataWriters`.

- `OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED` Status (Section 6.3.6.5 on page 274)
- `LIVELINESS_LOST` Status (Section 6.3.6.4 on page 273)
- `OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS` Status (Section 6.3.6.6 on page 274)
- `PUBLICATION_MATCHED` Status (Section 6.3.6.7 on page 275)
- `RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED` Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276)
6.2.9 Suspending and Resuming Publications

The operations **suspend_publications()** and **resume_publications()** provide a *hint* to Connext DDS that multiple data-objects within the Publisher are about to be written. Connext DDS does not currently use this hint.

### 6.3 DataWriters

To create a *DataWriter*, you need a *DomainParticipant* and a *Topic*.

You need a *DataWriter* for each *Topic* that you want to publish. Once you have a *DataWriter*, you can use it to perform the operations listed in Table 6.3 DataWriter Operations. The most important operation is **write()**, described in Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279). For more details on all operations, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

*DataWriters* are created by using operations on a *DomainParticipant* or a *Publisher*, as described in Creating DataWriters (Section 6.3.1 on page 263). If you use the *DomainParticipant’s* operations, the *DataWriter* will belong to an implicit *Publisher* that is automatically created by the middleware. If you use a *Publisher’s* operations, the *DataWriter* will belong to that *Publisher*. So either way, the *DataWriter* belongs to a *Publisher*.

**Note:** Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).
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<td>Compares two DataWriter’s QoS structures for equality.</td>
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<td>Gets the QoS.</td>
<td>Setting DataWriter QosPolicies (Section 6.3.15 on page 297)</td>
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<td>Gets a handle, given an instance. (Useful for keyed data types only.)</td>
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<td>Disposing of Data (Section 6.3.14.2 on page 296)</td>
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<td>Same as dispose, but allows the application to override the automatic source_timestamp. (Useful for keyed data types only.)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>flush</td>
<td>Makes the batch available to be sent on the network.</td>
<td>Flushing Batches of DDS Data Samples (Section 6.3.9 on page 284)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_key_value</td>
<td>Maps an instance_handle to the corresponding key.</td>
<td>Getting the Key Value for an Instance (Section 6.3.14.4 on page 297)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>narrow</td>
<td>A type-safe way to cast a pointer. This takes a DDSDataWriter pointer and ‘narrows’ it to a ‘FooDataWriter’ where ‘Foo’ is the related data type.</td>
<td>Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter) (Section 6.3.7 on page 278)</td>
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<td>register_instance</td>
<td>States the intent of the DataWriter to write values of the data-instance that matches a specified key. Improves the performance of subsequent writes to the instance. (Useful for keyed data types only.)</td>
<td>Registering and Unregistering Instances (Section 6.3.14.1 on page 294)</td>
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<td>Reverses register_instance. Relinquishes the ownership of the instance. (Useful for keyed data types only.)</td>
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<td>write</td>
<td>Writes a new value for a data-instance.</td>
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<td>write_w_ timestamp</td>
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<td></td>
<td>unregister_w_params</td>
<td>Same as unregister, but allows the application to specify parameters such as source timestamp, and instance handle.</td>
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<td>Matched Subscriptions</td>
<td>get_matched_subscriptions</td>
<td>Gets a list of subscriptions that have a matching Topic and compatible QoS. These are the subscriptions currently associated with the DataWriter.</td>
<td>Finding Matching Subscriptions (Section 6.3.16.1 on page 307)</td>
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<td>get_matched_subscription_data</td>
<td>Gets information on a subscription with a matching Topic and compatible QoS.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_matched_subscription_locators</td>
<td>Gets a list of locators for subscriptions that have a matching Topic and compatible QoS. These are the subscriptions currently associated with the DataWriter.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_matched_subscription_participant_data</td>
<td>Gets information about the DomainParticipant of a matching subscription.</td>
<td>Finding the Matching Subscription’s ParticipantBuiltinTopicData (Section 6.3.16.2 on page 308)</td>
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<td>get_status_changes</td>
<td>Gets a list of statuses that have changed since the last time the application read the status or the listeners were called.</td>
<td>Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Status</td>
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<td>Gets LIVELINESS_LOST status.</td>
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<td>get_offered_deadline_missed_status</td>
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<td>get_datawriter_protocol_status</td>
<td>Gets DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL status</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status</td>
<td>Gets DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL status for this DataWriter, per matched subscription identified by the subscription_handle.</td>
<td>Statuses for DataWriters (Section 6.3.6 on page 268)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status_by_locator</td>
<td>Gets DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL status for this DataWriter, per matched subscription as identified by a locator.</td>
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### 6.3.1 Creating DataWriters

Before you can create a **DataWriter**, you need a **DomainParticipant**, a **Topic**, and optionally, a **Publisher**. **DataWriters** are created by calling `create_datawriter()` or `create_datawriter_with_profile()`—these operations exist for **DomainParticipants** and **Publishers**. If you use the **DomainParticipant** to create a **DataWriter**, it will belong to the implicit **Publisher** described in Creating Publishers Explicitly vs. Implicitly (Section 6.2.1 on page 245). If you use a **Publisher’s** operations to create a **DataWriter**, it will belong to that **Publisher**.

A **QoS profile** is a way to use QoS settings from an XML file or string. With this approach, you can change QoS settings without recompiling the application. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

**Note:** In the Modern C++ API **DataWriters** provide constructors whose first argument is a **Publisher**. The only required arguments are the publisher and the topic.

```c++
DDSDataWriter* create_datawriter (    DDSTopic *topic,    const DDS_DataWriterQos &qos,    DDSDataWriterListener *listener,    DDS_StatusMask mask)
DDSDataWriter * create_datawriter_with_profile (    DDSTopic * topic,    const char * library_name,    const char * profile_name,    DDSDataWriterListener * listener,    DDS_StatusMask mask)
```

Where:

- **topic** The **Topic** that the **DataWriter** will publish. This must have been previously created by the same **DomainParticipant**.
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**qos**
If you want the default QoS settings (described in the API Reference HTML documentation), use the constant DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT for this parameter (see Figure 6.9 Creating a DataWriter with Default QoS Policies and a Listener on the next page). If you want to customize any of the QoS policies, supply a QoS structure (see Setting DataWriter QoS Policies (Section 6.3.15 on page 297)).

**Note:** If you use DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT for the qos parameter, it is not safe to create the DataWriter while another thread may be simultaneously calling the Publisher’s set_default_datawriter_qos() operation.

**listener**
Listeners are callback routines. Connext DDS uses them to notify your application of specific events (status changes) that may occur with respect to the DataWriter. The listener parameter may be set to NULL; in this case, the PublisherListener (or if that is NULL, the DomainParticipantListener) will be used instead. For more information, see Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266).

**mask**
This bit-mask indicates which status changes will cause the Listener to be invoked. The bits set in the mask must have corresponding callbacks implemented in the Listener. If you use NULL for the Listener, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE for this parameter. If the Listener implements all callbacks, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL. For information on statuses, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

**library_name**
A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

**profile_name**
A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

For more examples on how to create a DataWriter, see Configuring QoS Settings when the DataWriter is Created (Section 6.3.15.1 on page 301).

After you create a DataWriter, you can use it to write data. See Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279).

**Note:** When a DataWriter is created, only those transports already registered are available to the DataWriter. The built-in transports are implicitly registered when (a) the DomainParticipant is enabled, (b) the first DataWriter is created, or (c) you look up a built-in data reader, whichever happens first.
6.3.2 Getting All DataWriters

To retrieve all the DataWriters created by the Publisher, use the Publisher’s get_all_datawriters() operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_all_datawriters(DDS_Publisher* self, struct DDS_DataWriterSeq* writers);
```

In the Modern C++ API, use the freestanding function rti::pub::find_datawriters().

6.3.3 Deleting DataWriters

(Note: in the Modern C++ API, Entities are automatically destroyed, see Creating and Deleting DDS Entities (Section 4.1.1 on page 142))

To delete a single DataWriter, use the Publisher’s delete_datawriter() operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_datawriter (DDSDataWriter *a_datawriter)
```

**Note:** A DataWriter cannot be deleted within its own writer listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177)

To delete all of a Publisher’s DataWriters, use the Publisher’s delete_contained_entities() operation (see Deleting Contained DataWriters (Section 6.2.3.1 on page 248)).

6.3.3.1 Special Instructions for deleting DataWriters if you are using the ‘Timestamp’ APIs and BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP Destination Order:

This section only applies when the DataWriter’s DestinationOrderQosPolicy’s kind is BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP.
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Calls to `delete_datawriter()` may fail if your application has previously used the “with timestamp” APIs (`write_w_timestamp()`, `register_instance_w_timestamp()`, `unregister_instance_w_timestamp()`, or `dispose_w_timestamp()`) with a timestamp that is larger than the time at which `delete_datawriter()` is called.

To prevent `delete_datawriter()` from failing in this situation, either:

- Change the WriterDataLifeCycle QoS Policy so that Connext DDS will not auto-disco...registered instances:

```plaintext
writer_qos.writer_data_lifecycle.
    autodisable_unregistered_instances = DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE;
```

or

- Explicitly call `unregister_instance_w_timestamp()` for all instances modified with the *
  `w_`
  `timestamp()` APIs before calling `delete_datawriter()`.

6.3.4 Setting Up DataWriterListeners

*DataWriters* may optionally have *Listeners*. *Listeners* are essentially callback routines and provide the means for Connext DDS to notify your application of the occurrence of events (status changes) relevant to the *DataWriter*. For more general information on *Listeners*, see *Listeners* (Section 4.4 on page 169).

**Note:** Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see *Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks* (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

If you do not implement a *DataWriterListener*, the associated *PublisherListener* is used instead. If that *Publisher* also does not have a *Listener*, then the *DomainParticipant’s Listener* is used if one exists (see *Setting Up PublisherListeners* (Section 6.2.5 on page 254) and *Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners* (Section 8.3.5 on page 558)).

*Listeners* are typically set up when the *DataWriter* is created (see *Publishers* (Section 6.2 on page 237)). You can also set one up after creation by using the `set_listener()` operation. Connext DDS will invoke a *DataWriter’s Listener* to report the status changes listed in *Table 6.4 DataWriterListener Callbacks* (if the Listener is set up to handle the particular status, see *Setting Up DataWriterListeners* (Section 6.3.4 above)).

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<td>A replacement of an existing instance by a new instance; see <em>Configuring DataWriter Instance Replacement</em> (Section 6.5.20.2 on page 404)</td>
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6.3.5 Checking DataWriter Status

You can access an individual communication status for a DataWriter with the operations shown in Table 6.5 DataWriter Status Operations.

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<td>A change to OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status (Section 6.3.6.5 on page 274)</td>
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<td>on_offered_incompatible_qos</td>
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<td>on_publication_matched</td>
<td>A change to PUBLICATION_MATCHED Status (Section 6.3.6.7 on page 275)</td>
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<tr>
<td>on_reliable_writer_cache_changed</td>
<td>A change to RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276)</td>
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<td>on_reliable_reader_activity_changed</td>
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<td>DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS (Section 6.3.6.3 on page 270)</td>
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<td>get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status</td>
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<td>get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status_by_locator</td>
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### 6.3.6 Statuses for DataWriters

There are several types of statuses available for a `DataWriter`. You can use the `get_*_status()` operations (Setting DataWriter QosPolicies (Section 6.3.15 on page 297)) to access them, or use a `DataWriter-Listener` (Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266)) to listen for changes in their values. Each status has an associated data structure and is described in more detail in the following sections.

- **APPLICATION_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_STATUS** (Section 6.3.6.1 on the next page)
- **DATA_WRITER_CACHE_STATUS** (Section 6.3.6.2 on the next page)
- **DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS** (Section 6.3.6.3 on page 270)
- **LIVELINESS_LOST Status** (Section 6.3.6.4 on page 273)
- **OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status** (Section 6.3.6.5 on page 274)
- **OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS Status** (Section 6.3.6.6 on page 274)
- **PUBLICATION_MATCHED Status** (Section 6.3.6.7 on page 275)
- **RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276)
- **RELIABLE_READER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED Status** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.9 on page 278)

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</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_status_changes</code></td>
<td>A list of what changed in all of the above.</td>
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These methods are useful in the event that no `Listener` callback is set to receive notifications of status changes. If a `Listener` is used, the callback will contain the new status information, in which case calling these methods is unlikely to be necessary.

The `get_status_changes()` operation provides a list of statuses that have changed since the last time the status changes were ‘reset.’ A status change is reset each time the application calls the corresponding `get_*_status()`, as well as each time Connext DDS returns from calling the `Listener` callback associated with that status.

For more on status, see Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266), Statuses for DataWriters (Section 6.3.6 below), and Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).
6.3.6.1 APPLICATION_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_STATUS

This status indicates that a DataWriter has received an application-level acknowledgment for a DDS sample, and triggers a DataWriter callback:

```c
void DDSDataWriterListener::on_application_acknowledgment(
    DDSDataWriter * writer,
    const DDS_AcknowledgmentInfo & info)
```

**on_application_acknowledgment()** is called when a DDS sample is application-level acknowledged. It provides identities of the DDS sample and the acknowledgingDataReader, as well as user-specified response data sent from the DataReader by the acknowledgment message—see Table 6.6 DDS_AcknowledgmentInfo.

**Table 6.6 DDS_AcknowledgmentInfo**

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<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>subscription_handle</td>
<td>Subscription handle of the acknowledging DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_SampleIdentity_t</td>
<td>sample_identity</td>
<td>Identity of the DDS sample being acknowledged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>valid_response_data</td>
<td>Flag indicating validity of the user response data in the acknowledgment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_AckResponseData_t</td>
<td>response_data</td>
<td>User data payload of application-level acknowledgment message.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This status is only applicable when the DataWriter’s Reliability QosPolicy’s acknowledgment_kind is DDS_APPLICATION_AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE or DDS_APPLICATION_EXPLICIT_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE.

6.3.6.2 DATA_WRITER_CACHE_STATUS

This status keeps track of the number of DDS samples in the DataWriter’s queue.

This status does not have an associated Listener. You can access this status by calling the DataWriter’s get_datawriter_cache_status() operation, which will return the status structure described in Table 6.7 DDS_DataWriterCacheStatus.

**Table 6.7 DDS_DataWriterCacheStatus**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>sample_count_peak</td>
<td>Highest number of DDS samples in the DataWriter’s queue over the lifetime of the DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>sample_count</td>
<td>Current number of DDS samples in the DataWriter’s queue (including DDS unregister and dispose samples)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6.3.6.3 DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS

This status includes internal protocol related metrics (such as the number of DDS samples pushed, pulled, filtered) and the status of wire-protocol traffic.

- **Pulled DDS samples** are DDS samples sent for repairs (that is, DDS samples that had to be resent), for late joiners, and all DDS samples sent by the local DataWriter when `push_on_write` (in DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)) is DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE.

- **Pushed DDS samples** are DDS samples sent on `write()` when `push_on_write` is DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE.

- **Filtered DDS samples** are DDS samples that are not sent due to DataWriter filtering (time-based filtering and ContentFilteredTopics).

This status does not have an associated Listener. You can access this status by calling the following operations on the DataWriter (all of which return the status structure described in Table 6.8 DDS_DataWriter-ProtocolStatus):

- `get_datawriter_protocol_status()` returns the sum of the protocol status for all the matched subscriptions for the DataWriter.

- `get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status()` returns the protocol status of a particular matched subscription, identified by a subscription_handle.

- `get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status_by_locator()` returns the protocol status of a particular matched subscription, identified by a locator. (See Locator Format (Section 14.2.1.1 on page 713).)

**Note:** Status for a remote entity is only kept while the entity is alive. Once a remote entity is no longer alive, its status is deleted. If you try to get the matched subscription status for a remote entity that is no longer alive, the ‘get status’ call will return an error.
### Table 6.8 DDS_DataWriterProtocolStatus

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<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pushed_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of user DDS samples pushed on write from a local DataWriter to a matching remote DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pushed_sample_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of user DDS samples pushed on write from a local DataWriter to a matching remote DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pushed_sample_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of user DDS samples pushed on write from a local DataWriter to a matching remote DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pushed_sample_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of user DDS samples pushed on write from a local DataWriter to a matching remote DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_heartbeat_count</td>
<td>The number of Heartbeats sent between a local DataWriter and matching remote DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_heartbeat_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of Heartbeats sent between a local DataWriter and matching remote DataReaders since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_heartbeat_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of Heartbeats sent between a local DataWriter and matching remote DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_heartbeat_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of Heartbeats sent between a local DataWriter and matching remote DataReaders since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pulled_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of user DDS samples pulled from local DataWriter by matching DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pulled_sample_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of user DDS samples pulled from local DataWriter by matching DataReaders since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pulled_sample_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of user DDS samples pulled from local DataWriter by matching DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>pulled_sample_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of user DDS samples pulled from local DataWriter by matching DataReaders since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_ack_count</td>
<td>The number of ACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_ack_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of ACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_ack_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of ACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_ack_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of ACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_nack_count</td>
<td>The number of NACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_nack_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of NACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_nack_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of NACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_nack_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of NACKs from a remote DataReader received by a local DataWriter since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_gap_count</td>
<td>The number of GAPs sent from local DataWriter to matching remote DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_gap_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of GAPs sent from local DataWriter to matching remote DataReaders since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_gap_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of GAPs sent from local DataWriter to matching remote DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_gap_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of GAPs sent from local DataWriter to matching remote DataReaders since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>rejected_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of times a DDS sample is rejected for unanticipated reasons in the send path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>rejected_sample_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of times a DDS sample is rejected due to exceptions in the send path since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>send_window_size</td>
<td>Current maximum number of outstanding DDS samples allowed in the DataWriter’s queue.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 6.8 DDS_DataWriterProtocolStatus

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SequenceNumber_</td>
<td>first_available_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the first available DDS sample in the DataWriter's reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>first_unacknowledged_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the first unacknowledged DDS sample in the DataWriter's reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>first_available_sample_virtual_sequence_number</td>
<td>Virtual sequence number of the first available DDS sample in the DataWriter's reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>last_available_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the last available DDS sample in the DataWriter's reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>last_available_sample_virtual_sequence_number</td>
<td>Virtual sequence number of the last available DDS sample in the DataWriter's reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>first_unacknowledged_sample_virtual_sequence_number</td>
<td>Virtual sequence number of the first unacknowledged DDS sample in the DataWriter's reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>first_unelapsed_keep_duration_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Instance Handle of the matching remote DataReader for which the DataWriter has kept the first available DDS sample in the reliability queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>first_unacknowledged_sample_subscription_handle</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>first_unelapsed_keep_duration_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the first DDS sample kept in the DataWriter’s queue whose keep_duration (applied when disable_positive_acks is set) has not yet elapsed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.3.6.4 LIVELINESS_LOST Status

A change to this status indicates that the DataWriter failed to signal its liveness within the time specified by the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).

It is different than the RELIABLE_READER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.9 on page 278) status that provides information about the liveliness of a DataWriter’s matched DataReaders; this status reflects the DataWriter’s own liveliness.
6.3.6.5 OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status

The structure for this status appears in Table 6.9 DDS_LivelinessLostStatus.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field_Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times the DataWriter failed to explicitly signal its liveliness within the liveliness period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataWriterListener’s on_liveliness_lost() callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataWriter’s get_liveliness_lost_status() operation.

6.3.6.5 OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status

A change to this status indicates that the DataWriter failed to write data within the time period set in its DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361).

The structure for this status appears in Table 6.10 DDS_OfferedDeadlineMissedStatus.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field_Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times the DataWriter failed to write within its offered deadline.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>last_instance_handle</td>
<td>Handle to the last data-instance in the DataWriter for which an offered deadline was missed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataWriterListener’s on_offered_deadline_missed() operation is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataWriter’s get_deadline_missed_status() operation.

6.3.6.6 OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS Status

A change to this status indicates that the DataWriter discovered a DataReader for the same Topic, but that DataReader had requested QoS settings incompatible with this DataWriter’s offered QoS.

The structure for this status appears in Table 6.11 DDS_OfferedIncompatibleQoSStatus.
6.3.6.7 PUBLICATION_MATCHED Status

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times the DataWriter discovered a DataReader for the same Topic with a requested QoS that is incompatible with that offered by the DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_QosPolicyId_</td>
<td>last_policy_id</td>
<td>The ID of the QosPolicy that was found to be incompatible the last time an incompatibility was detected. (Note: if there are multiple incompatible policies, only one of them is reported here.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_QosPolicyCountSeq</td>
<td>policies</td>
<td>A list containing—for each policy—the total number of times that the DataWriter discovered a DataReader for the same Topic with a requested QoS that is incompatible with that offered by the DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataWriterListener’s on_offered_incompatible_qos() callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataWriter’s get_offered_incompatible_qos_status() operation.

### 6.3.6.7 PUBLICATION_MATCHED Status

A change to this status indicates that the DataWriter discovered a matching DataReader.

A ‘match’ occurs only if the DataReader and DataWriter have the same Topic, same data type (implied by having the same Topic), and compatible QosPolicies. In addition, if user code has directed Connext DDS to ignore certain DataReaders, then those DataReaders will never be matched. See Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions (Section 16.4.2 on page 785) for more on setting up a DomainParticipant to ignore specific DataReaders.

The structure for this status appears in Table 6.12 DDS_PublicationMatchedStatus.
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<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times the DataWriter discovered a &quot;match&quot; with a DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count</td>
<td>The number of DataReaders currently matched to the DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count_peak</td>
<td>The highest value that current_count has reached until now.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count_change</td>
<td>The change in current_count since the last time the listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>last_subscription_handle</td>
<td>Handle to the last DataReader that matched the DataWriter causing the status to change.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataWriterListener’s on_publication_matched() callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataWriter’s get_publication_match_status() operation.

6.3.6.8 RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension)

A change to this status indicates that the number of unacknowledged DDS samples\(^1\) in a reliable DataWriter's cache has reached one of these trigger points:

- The cache is empty (contains no unacknowledged DDS samples)
- The cache is full (the number of unacknowledged DDS samples has reached the value specified in DDS_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy::max_samples)
- The number of unacknowledged DDS samples has reached a high or low watermark. See the high_watermark and low_watermark fields in Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t of the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

For more about the reliable protocol used by Connext DDS and specifically, what it means for a DDS sample to be ‘unacknowledged,’ see Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

The structure for this status appears in Table 6.13 DDS_ReliableWriterCacheChangedStatus. The supporting structure, DDS_ReliableWriterCacheEventCount, is described in Table 6.14 DDS_ReliableWriterCacheEventCount.

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\(^1\)If batching is enabled, this still refers to a number of DDS samples, not batches.
### Table 6.13 DDS_ReliableWriterCacheChangedStatus

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ReliableWriterCacheEventCount</td>
<td>empty_reliable_writer_cache</td>
<td>How many times the reliable DataWriter’s cache of unacknowledged DDS samples has become empty.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>full_reliable_writer_cache</td>
<td>How many times the reliable DataWriter’s cache of unacknowledged DDS samples has become full.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>low_watermark_reliable_writer_cache</td>
<td>How many times the reliable DataWriter’s cache of unacknowledged DDS samples has fallen to the low watermark.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>high_watermark_reliable_writer_cache</td>
<td>How many times the reliable DataWriter’s cache of unacknowledged DDS samples has risen to the high watermark.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>unacknowledged_sample_count</td>
<td>The current number of unacknowledged DDS samples in the DataWriter’s cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unacknowledged_sample_count_peak</td>
<td>The highest value that unacknowledged_sample_count has reached until now.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Table 6.14 DDS_ReliableWriterCacheEventCount

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>The total number of times the event has occurred.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The number of times the event has occurred since the Listener was last invoked or the status read.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataWriterListener’s `on_reliable_writer_cache_changed()` callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataWriter’s `get_reliable_writer_cache_changed_status()` operation.

If a reliable DataWriter's send window is finite, with both `RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t.min_send_window_size` and `RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t.max_send_window_size` set to positive values, then `full_reliable_writer_cache_status` counts the number of times the unacknowledged DDS sample count reaches the send window size.
6.3.6.9 RELIABLEREADER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension)

This status indicates that one or more reliable DataReaders has become active or inactive.

This status is the reciprocal status to the LIVELINESS_CHANGED Status (Section 7.3.7.4 on page 473) on the DataReader. It is different than LIVELINESS_LOST Status (Section 6.3.6.4 on page 273) status on the DataWriter, in that the latter informs the DataWriter about its own liveness; this status informs the DataWriter about the liveliness of its matched DataReaders.

A reliable DataReader is considered active by a reliable DataWriter with which it is matched if that DataReader acknowledges the DDS samples that it has been sent in a timely fashion. For the definition of "timely" in this context, see DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

This status is only used for DataWriters whose RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) is set to RELIABLE. For best-effort DataWriters, all counts in this status will remain at zero.

The structure for this status appears in Table 6.15 DDS_ReliableReaderActivityChangedStatus.

Table 6.15 DDS_ReliableReaderActivityChangedStatus

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>active_count</td>
<td>The current number of reliable readers currently matched with this reliable DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>inactive_count</td>
<td>The number of reliable readers that have been dropped by this reliable DataWriter because they failed to send acknowledgments in a timely fashion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>active_count_change</td>
<td>The change in the number of active reliable DataReaders since the Listener was last invoked or the status read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>inactive_count_change</td>
<td>The change in the number of inactive reliable DataReaders since the Listener was last invoked or the status read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_</td>
<td>last_instance_handle</td>
<td>The instance handle of the last reliable DataReader to be determined to be inactive.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataWriterListener’s on_reliable_reader_activity_changed() callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataWriter’s get_reliable_reader_activity_changed_status() operation.

6.3.7 Using a Type-Specific DataWriter (FooDataWriter)

(Note: this section does not apply to the Modern C++ API where a DataWriter's data type is part of its template definition: DataWriter<Foo>)
Recall that a *Topic* is bound to a data type that specifies the format of the data associated with the *Topic*. Data types are either defined dynamically or in code generated from definitions in IDL or XML; see Data Types and DDS Data Samples (Section Chapter 3 on page 23). For each of your application's generated data types, such as 'Foo', there will be a FooDataWriter class (or a set of functions in C). This class allows the application to use a type-safe interface to interact with DDS samples of type 'Foo'. You will use the FooDataWriter's *write()* operation used to send data. For dynamically defined data-types, you will use the DynamicDataWriter class.

In fact, you will use the FooDataWriter any time you need to perform type-specific operations, such as registering or writing instances. Table 6.3 DataWriter Operations indicates which operations must be called using FooDataWriter. For operations that are not type-specific, you can call the operation using either a FooDataWriter or a DDSDataWriter object.

You may notice that the Publisher’s *create_datawriter()* operation returns a pointer to an object of type DDSDataWriter; this is because the *create_datawriter()* method is used to create DataWriters of any data type. However, when executed, the function actually returns a specialization (an object of a derived class) of the DataWriter that is specific for the data type of the associated *Topic*. For a *Topic* of type 'Foo', the object actually returned by *create_datawriter()* is a FooDataWriter.

To safely cast a generic DDSDataWriter pointer to a FooDataWriter pointer, you should use the static narrow() method of the FooDataWriter class. The narrow() method will return NULL if the generic DDSDataWriter pointer is not pointing at an object that is really a FooDataWriter.

For instance, if you create a *Topic* bound to the type ‘Alarm’, all DataWriters created for that *Topic* will be of type ‘AlarmDataWriter.’ To access the type-specific methods of AlarmDataWriter, you must cast the generic DDSDataWriter pointer returned by *create_datawriter()* For example:

```cpp
DDSDataWriter* writer = publisher->create_datawriter(topic, writer_qos, NULL, NULL);
AlarmDataWriter *alarm_writer = AlarmDataWriter::narrow(writer);

if (alarm_writer == NULL) {
    // ... error
}
```

In the C API, there is also a way to do the opposite of narrow(). *FooDataWriter_as_datawriter()* casts a FooDataWriter as a DDSDataWriter, and *FooDataReader_as_datareader()* casts a FooDataReader as a DDSDataReader.

### 6.3.8 Writing Data

The *write()* operation informs Connext DDS that there is a new value for a data-instance to be published for the corresponding *Topic*. By default, calling *write()* will send the data immediately over the network.

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1In the C API, the non type-specific operations must be called using a DDS_DataWriter pointer.
(assuming that there are matched DataReaders). However, you can configure and execute operations on the DataWriter’s Publisher to buffer the data so that it is sent in a batch with data from other DataWriters or even to prevent the data from being sent. Those sending “modes” are configured using the PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328) as well as the Publisher’s suspend/resume_publications() operations. The actual transport-level communications may be done by a separate, lower-priority thread when the Publisher is configured to send the data for its DataWriters. For more information on threads, see Connext DDS Threading Model (Section Chapter 19 on page 836).

When you call write(), Connext DDS automatically attaches a stamp of the current time that is sent with the DDS data sample to theDataReader(s). The timestamp appears in the source_timestamp field of the DDS_SampleInfo structure that is provided along with your data using DataReaders (see The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503)).

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t write (const Foo &instance_data,
                        const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &handle)
```

You can use an alternate DataWriter operation called write_w_timestamp(). This performs the same action as write(), but allows the application to explicitly set the source_timestamp. This is useful when you want the user application to set the value of the timestamp instead of the default clock used by Connext DDS.

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t write_w_timestamp (const Foo &instance_data,
                                    const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &handle,
                                    const DDS_Time_t &source_timestamp)
```

Note that, in general, the application should not mix these two ways of specifying timestamps. That is, for each DataWriter, the application should either always use the automatic timestamping mechanism (by calling the normal operations) or always specify a timestamp (by calling the “w_timestamp” variants of the operations). Mixing the two methods may result in not receiving sent data.

You can also use an alternate DataWriter operation, write_w_params(), which performs the same action as write(), but allows the application to explicitly set the fields contained in the DDS_WriteParams structure, see Table 6.16 DDS_WriteParams_t.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>replace auto</td>
<td>Allows retrieving the actual value of those fields that were automatic.</td>
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<td>When this field is set to true, the fields that were configured with an</td>
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<td>automatic value (for example, DDS_AUTO_SAMPLE.IDENTITY in identity)</td>
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<td>receive their actual value after write_w_params is called.</td>
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| DDS_SampleIdentity_t | identity              | Identity of the DDS sample being written. The identity consists of a pair (Virtual Writer GUID, Virtual Sequence Number). When the value DDS_AUTO_SAMPLE_IDENTITY is used, the `write_w_params()` operation will determine the DDS sample identity as follows:  
  * The Virtual Writer GUID (writer_guid) is the virtual GUID associated with the `DataWriter` writing the DDS sample. This virtual GUID is configured using the member `virtual_guid` in `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS` (Section 6.3.6.3 on page 270).  
  * The Virtual Sequence Number (sequence_number) is increased by one with respect to the previous value.  
  The virtual sequence numbers for a given virtual GUID must be strictly monotonically increasing. If you try to write a DDS sample with a sequence number smaller or equal to the last sequence number, the write operation will fail.  
  A `DataReader` can inspect the identity of a received DDS sample by accessing the fields `original_publication_virtual_guid` and `original_publication_virtual_sequence_number` in the `SampleInfo` Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503). |
| DDS_SampleIdentity_t | related_sample_identity | The identity of another DDS sample related to this one. The value of this field identifies another DDS sample that is logically related to the one that is written.  
  For example, the `DataWriter` created by a Replier (sets `Introduction to the Request-Reply Communication Pattern` (Section Chapter 22 on page 873)) uses this field to associate the identity of the DDS request sample to the response sample.  
  To specify that there is no related DDS sample identity use the value DDS_UNKNOWN_SAMPLE_IDENTITY.  
  A `DataReader` can inspect the related DDS sample identity of a received DDS sample by accessing the fields `related_original_publication_virtual_guid` and `related_original_publication_virtual_sequence_number` in the `SampleInfo` Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503). |
| DDS_Time            | source_timestamp      | Source timestamp that will be associated to the DDS sample that is written.  
  If `source_timestamp` is set to DDS_TIMER_INVALID, the middleware will assign the value.  
  A `DataReader` can inspect the source_timestamp value of a received DDS sample by accessing the field `source_timestamp` in the `SampleInfo` Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503). |
| DDS_InstanceHandle_t | handle                | The instance handle. This value can be either the handle returned by a previous call to `register_instance()` or the special value DDS_HANDLE_NIL. |
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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>priority</td>
<td>Positive integer designating the relative priority of the DDS sample, used to determine the transmission order of pending transmissions.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>To use publication priorities, the DataWriter’s PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) must be set for asynchronous publishing and the DataWriter must use a FlowController with a highest-priority first scheduling_policy.</td>
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<td>For Multi-channel DataWriters, the publication priority of a DDS sample may be used as a filter criteria for determining channel membership.</td>
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<td>For more information, see Prioritized DDS Samples (Section 6.6.4 on page 425).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>flag</td>
<td>Flags for the DDS sample, represented as a 32-bit integer, of which only the 16 least-significant bits are used.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>RTI reserves least-significant bits [0-7] for middleware-specific usage. The application can use least-significant bits [8-15].</td>
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<td>The first bit, REDELIVERED_SAMPLE, is reserved to mark a DDS sample as redelivered when using RTI Queuing Service.</td>
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<td>The second bit, INTERMEDIATE_REPLY_SEQUENCE_SAMPLE, is used to indicate that a response DDS sample is not the last response DDS sample for a given request. This bit is usually set by Connext DDS Repliers sending multiple responses for a request.</td>
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<td>The third bit, REPLICATE_SAMPLE, indicates if a sample must be broadcast by one Queuing Service replica to other replicas.</td>
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<td>The fourth bit, LAST_SHARED_READER_QUEUE_SAMPLE, indicates that a sample is the last sample in a SharedReaderQueue for a QueueConsumer DataReader.</td>
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<td>An application can inspect the flags associated with a received DDS sample by checking the field flag field in The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503).</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Default 0 (no flags are set)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>source_guid</td>
<td>Identifies the application logical data source associated with the sample being written.</td>
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<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>related_source_guid</td>
<td>Identifies the application logical data source that is related to the sample being written.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>related_reader_guid</td>
<td>Identifies aDataReader that is logically related to the sample that is being written.</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** Prioritized DDS samples are not supported when using the Java, Ada, or .NET APIs. Therefore the priority field in DDS_WriteParams_t does not exist when using these APIs.

When using the C API, a newly created variable of type DDS_WriteParams_t should be initialized by setting it to DDS_WRITEPARAMS_DEFAULT.
6.3.8.1 Blocking During a write()

The \texttt{write()} operation also asserts liveness on the \textit{DataWriter}, the associated \textit{Publisher}, and the associated \textit{DomainParticipant}. It has the same effect with regards to liveness as an explicit call to \texttt{assert_liveliness()}, see Asserting Liveliness (Section 6.3.17 on page 309) and the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380). Maintaining liveness is important for \textit{DataReaders} to know that the \textit{DataWriter} still exists and for the proper behavior of the OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387).

See also: Clock Selection (Section 8.6 on page 618).

\section*{6.3.8.1 Blocking During a write()}

The \texttt{write()} operation may block if the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) \textit{kind} is set to Reliable and the modification would cause data to be lost or cause one of the limits specified in the RESOURCE\_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) to be exceeded. Specifically, \texttt{write()} may block in the following situations (note that the list may not be exhaustive), even if its HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) is KEEP\_LAST:

- If \texttt{max\_samples} < \texttt{max\_instances}, the \textit{DataWriter} may block regardless of the \texttt{depth} field in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).

- If \texttt{max\_samples} < (\texttt{max\_instances} * \texttt{depth}), in the situation where the \texttt{max\_samples} resource limit is exhausted, Connext DDS may discard DDS samples of some other instance, as long as at least one DDS sample remains for such an instance. If it is still not possible to make space available to store the modification, the writer is allowed to block.

- If \texttt{min\_send\_window\_size} < \texttt{max\_samples}, it is possible for the \texttt{send\_window\_size} limit to be reached before Connext DDS is allowed to discard DDS samples, in which case the \textit{DataWriter} will block.

This operation may also block when using BEST\_EFFORT Reliability (RESOURCE\_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)) and ASYNCHRONOUS Publish Mode (PUBLISH\_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394)) QoS settings. In this case, the \textit{DataWriter} will queue DDS samples until they are sent by the asynchronous publishing thread. The number of DDS samples that can be stored is determined by the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374). If the asynchronous thread does not send DDS samples fast enough (such as when using a slow FlowController (FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419))), the queue may fill up. In that case, subsequent write calls will block.

If this operation does block for any of the above reasons, the RELIABILITY \texttt{max\_blocking\_time} configures the maximum time the write operation may block (waiting for space to become available). If \texttt{max\_blocking\_time} elapses before the \textit{DataWriter} can store the modification without exceeding the limits, the operation will fail and return RETCODE\_TIMEOUT.

\footnote{\texttt{max\_samples} in is DDS\_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy}
6.3.9 Flushing Batches of DDS Data Samples

The `flush()` operation makes a batch of DDS data samples available to be sent on the network.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t flush()
```

If the `DataWriter`’s `PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) `kind` is **not** **ASYNCHRONOUS**, the batch will be sent on the network immediately in the context of the calling thread.

If the `DataWriter`’s `PublishModeQosPolicy kind` is **ASYNCHRONOUS**, the batch will be sent in the context of the asynchronous publishing thread.

The `flush()` operation may block based on the conditions described in **Blocking During a write()** (Section 6.3.8.1 on the previous page).

If this operation does block, the `max_blocking_time` in the `RELIABILITY QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) configures the maximum time the write operation may block (waiting for space to become available). If `max_blocking_time` elapses before the `DataWriter` is able to store the modification without exceeding the limits, the operation will fail and return `TIMEOUT`.

For more information on batching, see the `BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.2 on page 339).

6.3.10 Writing Coherent Sets of DDS Data Samples

A publishing application can request that a set of DDS data-sample changes be propagated in such a way that they are interpreted at the receivers' side as a cohesive set of modifications. In this case, the receiver will only be able to access the data after all the modifications in the set are available at the subscribing end.

This is useful in cases where the values are inter-related. For example, suppose you have two data-instances representing the ‘altitude’ and ‘velocity vector’ of the same aircraft. If both are changed, it may be important to ensure that reader see both together (otherwise, it may erroneously interpret that the aircraft is on a collision course).

To use this mechanism in C, Traditional C++, Java and .NET:

1. Call the `Publisher's begin_coherent_changes()` operation to indicate the start a coherent set.
2. For each DDS sample in the coherent set: call the `FooDataWriter's write()` operation.
3. Call the `Publisher's end_coherent_changes()` operation to terminate the set.

In the Modern C++ API:
1. Instantiate a `dds::pub::CoherentSet` passing a publisher to the constructor
2. For each DDS sample in the coherent set call `dds::pub::DataWriter<Foo>::write()`.
3. Let the `dds::pub::CoherentSet` destructor terminate the set or explicitly call `dds::pub-::CoherentSet::end()`

Calls to `begin_coherent_changes()` and `end_coherent_changes()` can be nested.

See also: the coherent_access field in the PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328).

### 6.3.11 Waiting for Acknowledgments in a DataWriter

The `DataWriter`'s `wait_for_acknowledgments()` operation blocks the calling thread until either all data written by the reliable `DataWriter` is acknowledged by (a) all reliable `DataReaders` that are matched and alive and (b) by all required subscriptions (see Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291)), or until the duration specified by the `max_wait` parameter elapses, whichever happens first.

Note that if a thread is blocked in the call to `wait_for_acknowledgments()` on a `DataWriter` and a different thread writes new DDS samples on the same `DataWriter`, the new DDS samples must be acknowledged before unblocking the thread waiting on `wait_for_acknowledgments()`.

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t wait_for_acknowledgments (const DDS_Duration_t & max_wait)
```

This operation returns `DDS_RETCODE_OK` if all the DDS samples were acknowledged, or `DDS_RETCODE_TIMEOUT` if the `max_wait` duration expired first.

If the `DataWriter` does not have its RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) kind set to RELIABLE, the operation will immediately return `DDS_RETCODE_OK`.

There is a similar operation available at the `Publisher` level, see Waiting for Acknowledgments in a Publisher (Section 6.2.7 on page 257).

The reliability protocol used by Connext DDS is discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628). The application acknowledgment mechanism is discussed in Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 below) and Guaranteed Delivery of Data (Section Chapter 13 on page 694).

### 6.3.12 Application Acknowledgment

The RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) determines whether or not data published by a `DataWriter` will be reliably delivered by Connext DDS to matching `DataReaders`. The reliability protocol used by Connext DDS is discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

With protocol-level reliability alone, the producing application knows that the information is received by the protocol layer on the consuming side. However, the producing application cannot be certain that the consuming application read that information or was able to successfully understand and process it. The information could arrive in the consumer’s protocol stack and be placed in the `DataReader` cache but the
consuming application could either crash before it reads it from the cache, not read its cache, or read the cache using queries or conditions that prevent that particular DDS data sample from being accessed. Furthermore, the consuming application could access the DDS sample, but not be able to interpret its meaning or process it in the intended way.

The mechanism to let a DataWriter know to keep the DDS sample around, not just until it has been acknowledged by the reliability protocol, but until the application has been able to process the DDS sample is aptly called Application Acknowledgment. A reliable DataWriter will keep the DDS samples until the application acknowledges the DDS samples. When the subscriber application is restarted, the middleware will know that the application did not acknowledge successfully processing the DDS samples and will resend them.

6.3.12.1 Application Acknowledgment Kinds

Connext DDS supports three kinds of application acknowledgment, which is configured in the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397):

1. DDS_PROTOCOL_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE (Default): In essence, this mode is identical to using no application-level acknowledgment. DDS samples are acknowledged according to the Real-Time Publish-Subscribe (RTPS) reliability protocol. RTPS AckNack messages will acknowledge that the middleware received the DDS sample.

2. DDS_APPLICATION_AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE: DDS samples are automatically acknowledged by the middleware after the subscribing application accesses them, either through calling take() or read() on the DDS sample. The DDS samples are acknowledged after return_loan() is called.

3. DDS_APPLICATION_EXPLICIT_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE: DDS samples are acknowledged after the subscribing application explicitly calls acknowledge on the DDS sample. This can be done by either calling the DataReader’s acknowledge_sample() or acknowledge_all() operations. When using acknowledge_sample(), the application will provide the DDS_SampleInfo to identify the DDS sample being acknowledged. When using acknowledge_all, all the DDS samples that have been read or taken by the reader will be acknowledged.

Note: Even in DDS_APPLICATION_EXPLICIT_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE, some DDS samples may be automatically acknowledged. This is the case when DDS samples are filtered out by the reader using time-based filter, or using content filters. Additionally, when the reader is explicitly configured to use KEEP_LAST history kind, DDS samples may be replaced in the reader queue due to resource constraints. In that case, the DDS sample will be automatically acknowledged by the middleware if it has not been read by the application before it was replaced. To truly guarantee successful processing of DDS samples, it is recommended to use KEEP_ALL history kind.
6.3.12.2 Explicitly Acknowledging a Single DDS Sample (C++)

```c++
void MyReaderListener::on_data_available(DDSDataReader *reader)
{
    Foo sample;
    DDS_SampleInfo info;
    FooDataReader* fooReader = FooDataReader::narrow(reader);
    DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode = fooReader->take_next_sample(
        sample, info);
    if (retcode == DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        if (info.valid_data) {
            // Process sample
            ...
            retcode = reader->acknowledge_sample(info);
            if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
                // Error
            }
        } else {
            // Not OK or NO DATA
        }
    } else {
        // Not OK or NO DATA
    }
}
```

6.3.12.3 Explicitly Acknowledging All DDS samples (C++)

```c++
void MyReaderListener::on_data_available(DDSDataReader *reader)
{
    ...
    // Loop while samples available
    for(;;) {
        retcode = string_reader->take_next_sample(
            sample, info);
        if (retcode == DDS_RETCODE_NO_DATA) {
            // No more samples
            break;
        }
        // Process sample
        ...
    }
    retcode = reader->acknowledge_all();
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        // Error
    }
}
```

6.3.12.4 Notification of Delivery with Application Acknowledgment

A `DataWriter` can get notification of delivery with Application Acknowledgment using two different mechanisms:
6.3.12.5 Application-Level Acknowledgment Protocol

- **DataWriter's `wait_for_acknowledgments()` operation**

A `DataWriter` can use the `wait_for_acknowledgments()` operation to be notified when all the DDS samples in the `DataWriter`'s queue have been acknowledged. See Waiting for Acknowledgments in a `DataWriter` (Section 6.3.11 on page 285).

```c
retCode = fooWriter->write(sample, DDS_HANDLE_NIL);
if (retCode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // Error
}
retcode = writer->wait_for_acknowledgments(timeout);
if (retCode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    if (retCode == DDS_RETCODE_TIMEOUT) {
        // Timeout: Sample not acknowledged yet
    } else {
        // Error
    }
}
```

Using `wait_for_acknowledgments()` does not provide a way to get delivery notifications on a per `DataReader` and DDS sample basis. If your application requires acknowledgment of message receipt, use the the second mechanism described below.

- **DataWriter's listener callback `on_application_acknowledgment()`**

An application can install a `DataWriter` listener callback `on_application_acknowledgment()` to receive a notification when a DDS sample is acknowledged by a `DataReader`. As part of this notification, you can access:

- The subscription handle of the acknowledging `DataReader`.
- The Identity of the DDS sample being acknowledged.
- The response data associated with the DDS sample being acknowledged.

For more information, see `APPLICATION_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_STATUS` (Section 6.3.6.1 on page 269).

6.3.12.5 Application-Level Acknowledgment Protocol

When the subscribing application confirms it has successfully processed a DDS sample, an AppAck RTPS message is sent to the publishing application. This message will be resent until the publishing application confirms receipt of the AppAck message by sending an AppAckConf RTPS message. See Figures Figure 6.10 AppAck RTPS Messages Sent when Application Acknowledges a DDS Sample on the next page through Figure 6.12 AppAck RTPS Messages Sent as a Sequence of Intervals, Combined to Optimize for Bandwidth on page 290.
6.3.12.5 Application-Level Acknowledgment Protocol

Figure 6.10 AppAck RTPS Messages Sent when Application Acknowledges a DDS Sample

Figure 6.11 AppAck RTPS Messages Resent Until Acknowledged Through AppAckConf RTPS Message
6.3.12.6 Periodic and Non-Periodic AppAck Messages

You can configure whether AppAck RTPS messages are sent immediately or periodically through the DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509). The samples_per_app_ack (Section on page 513) (in Table 7.20 DDS_RtpsReliableReaderProtocol_t) determines the minimum number of DDS samples acknowledged by one application-level message. The middleware will not send an AppAck message until it has at least this many DDS samples pending acknowledgment. By default, samples_per_app_ack is 1 and the AppAck RTPS message is sent immediately. Independently, the app_ack_period (Section on page 512) (in Table 7.20 DDS_RtpsReliableReaderProtocol_t) determines the rate at which a DataReader will send AppAck messages.

6.3.12.7 Application Acknowledgment and Persistence Service

Application Acknowledgment is fully supported by RTI Persistence Service. The combination of Application Acknowledgment and Persistence Service is actually a common configuration. In addition to keeping DDS samples available until fully acknowledged, Persistence Service, when used in peer-to-peer mode, can take advantage of AppAck messages to avoid sending duplicate messages to the subscribing application. Because AppAck messages are sent to all matching writers, when the subscriber acknowledges the original publisher, Persistence Service will also be notified of this event and will not send out duplicate messages. This is illustrated in Figure 6.13 Application Acknowledgment and Persistence Service on the next page.
6.3.12.8 Application Acknowledgment and Routing Service

Application Acknowledgment is supported by RTI Routing Service: That is, Routing Service will acknowledge the DDS sample it has processed. Routing Service is an active participant in the Connext DDS system and not transparent to the publisher or subscriber. As such, Routing Service will acknowledge to the publisher, and the subscriber will acknowledge to Routing Service. However, the publisher will not get a notification from the subscriber directly.

6.3.13 Required Subscriptions

The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) specifies whether acknowledged DDS samples need to be kept in the DataWriter’s queue and made available to late-joining applications. When a late joining application is discovered, available DDS samples will be sent to the late joiner. With the Durability QoS alone, there is no way to specify or characterize the intended consumers of the information and you do not have control over which DDS samples will be kept for late-joining applications. If while waiting for late-joining applications, the middleware needs to free up DDS samples, it will reclaim DDS samples if they have been previously acknowledged by active/matching readers.

There are scenarios where you know a priori that a particular set of applications will join the system: e.g., a logging service or a known processing application. The Required Subscription feature is designed to keep data until these known late joining applications acknowledge the data.
Another use case is when DataReaders become temporarily inactive due to not responding to heartbeats, or when the subscriber temporarily became disconnected and purged from the discovery database. In both cases, the DataWriter will no longer keep the DDS sample for this DataReader. The Required Subscription feature will keep the data until these known DataReaders have acknowledged the data.

To use Required Subscriptions, the DataReaders and DataWriters must have their RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) kind set to RELIABLE.

6.3.13.1 Named, Required and Durable Subscriptions

Before describing the Required Subscriptions, it is important to understand a few concepts:

- **Named Subscription**: Through the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372), each DataReader can be given a specific name. This name can be used by tools to identify a specific DataReader. Additionally, the DataReader can be given a role_name. For example: LOG_APP_1 DataReader belongs to the logger applications (role_name = “LOGGER”).

- **Required Subscription** is a named subscription to which a DataWriter is configured to deliver data to. This is true even if the DataReaders serving those subscriptions are not available yet. The DataWriter must store the DDS sample until it has been acknowledged by all active reliable DataReaders and acknowledged by all required subscriptions. The DataWriter is not waiting for a specific DataReader, rather it is waiting for DataReaders belonging to the required subscription by setting their role_name to the subscription name.

- **Durable Subscription** is a required subscription where DDS samples are stored and forwarded by an external service. In this case, the required subscription is served by RTI Persistence Service. See Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service (Section 26.9 on page 954).

6.3.13.2 Durability QoS and Required Subscriptions

The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) and the Required Subscriptions feature complement each other.

The DurabilityQosPolicy determines whether or not Connext DDS will store and deliver previously acknowledged DDS samples to new DataReaders that join the network later. You can specify to either not make the DDS samples available (DDS_VOLATILE_DURABILITY_QOS kind), or to make them available and declare you are storing the DDS samples in memory (DDS_TRANSIENT_LOCAL_DURABILITY_QOS or DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS kind) or in permanent storage (DDS_PERSISTENT_DURABILITY_QOS).

Required subscriptions help answer the question of when a DDS sample is considered acknowledged before the DurabilityQosPolicy determines whether to keep it. When required subscriptions are used, a DDS sample is considered acknowledged by a DataWriter when both the active DataReaders and a quorum of required subscriptions have acknowledged the DDS sample. (Acknowledging a DDS sample
can be done either at the protocol or application level—see Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285).

6.3.13.3 Required Subscriptions Configuration

Each DataReader can be configured to be part of a named subscription, by giving it a role_name using the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372). A DataWriter can then be configured using the AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335) (required_matched_endpoint_groups) with a list of required named subscriptions identified by the role_name. Additionally, the DataWriter can be configured with a quorum or minimum number of DataReaders from a given named subscription that must receive a DDS sample.

When configured with a list of required subscriptions, a DataWriter will store a DDS sample until the DDS sample is acknowledged by all active reliable DataReaders, as well as all required subscriptions. When a quorum is specified, a minimum number of DataReaders of the required subscription must acknowledge a DDS sample in order for the DDS sample to be considered acknowledged. Specifying a quorum provides a level of redundancy in the system as multiple applications or services acknowledge they have received the DDS sample. Each individual DataReader is identified using its own virtual GUID (see DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)).

6.3.14 Managing Data Instances (Working with Keyed Data Types)

This section applies only to data types that use keys, see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14). Using the following operations for non-keyed types has no effect.

Topics come in two flavors: those whose associated data type has specified some fields as defining the ‘key,’ and those whose associated data type has not. An example of a data-type that specifies key fields is shown in Data Type with a Key (Section Figure 6.14 below).

Figure 6.14 Data Type with a Key

typedef struct Flight {
    long flightId; //key
    string departureAirport;
    string arrivalAirport;
    Time_t departureTime;
    Time_t estimatedArrivalTime;
    Location_t currentPosition;
};

If the data type has some fields that act as a ‘key,’ the Topic essentially defines a collection of data-instances whose values can be independently maintained. In Figure 6.14 Data Type with a Key above, the flightId is the ‘key’. Different flights will have different values for the key. Each flight is an instance of the
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*Topic.* Each **write()** will update the information about a single flight. **DataReaders** can be informed when new flights appear or old ones disappear.

Since the key fields are contained within the data structure, Connext DDS could examine the key fields each time it needs to determine which data-instance is being modified. However, for performance and semantic reasons, it is better for your application to declare all the data-instances it intends to modify—prior to actually writing any DDS samples. This is known as **registration**, described below in **Registering and Unregistering Instances** (Section 6.3.14.1 below).

The **register_instance()** operation provides a handle to the instance (of type **DDS_InstanceHandle_t**) that can be used later to refer to the instance.

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If your data type has a key, you may improve performance by registering an instance (data associated with a particular value of the key) before you write data for the instance. You can do this for any number of instances up the maximum number of instances configured in the **DataWriter**’s **RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.20 on page 402). Instance registration is completely optional.

Registration tells Connext DDS that you are about to modify (write or dispose of) a specific instance. This allows Connext DDS to pre-configure itself to process that particular instance, which can improve performance.

If you write without registering, you can pass the NIL instance handle as part of the **write()** call.

If you register the instance first, Connext DDS can look up the instance beforehand and return a handle to that instance. Then when you pass this handle to the **write()** operation, Connext DDS no longer needs to analyze the data to check what instance it is for. Instead, it can directly update the instance pointed to by the instance handle.

In summary, by registering an instance, all subsequent **write()** calls to that instance become more efficient. If you only plan to write once to a particular instance, registration does not ‘buy’ you much in performance, but in general, it is good practice.

To register an instance, use the **DataWriter**’s **register_instance()** operation. For best performance, it should be invoked prior to calling any operation that modifies the instance, such as **write()**, **write_w_timestamp()**, **dispose()**, or **dispose_w_timestamp()**.

When you are done using that instance, you can unregister it. To unregister an instance, use the **DataWriter**'s **unregister_instance()** operation. Unregistering tells Connext DDS that the **DataWriter** does not intend to modify that data-instance anymore, allowing Connext DDS to recover any resources it allocated for the instance. It does not delete the instance; that is done with the **dispose_instance()** operation, see **Disposing of Data** (Section 6.3.14.2 on page 296). **autodispose_unregistered_instances** (Section on page 417) in the **WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy** (Section 6.5.27 on page 417) controls whether instances are automatically disposed when they are unregistered.
unregister_instance() should only be used on instances that have been previously registered. The use of these operations is illustrated in Figure 6.15 Registering an Instance below.

Figure 6.15 Registering an Instance

```c
Flight myFlight;
// writer is a previously-created FlightDataWriter
myFlight.flightId = 265;
DDS_InstanceHandle_t f1265Handle =
writer->register_instance(myFlight);
...
// Each time we update the flight, we can pass the handle
myFlight.departureAirport = "SJC";
myFlight.arrivalAirport = "LAX";
myFlight.departureTime = {120000, 0};
myFlight.estimatedArrivalTime = {130200, 0};
myFlight.currentPosition = {{37, 20}, {121, 53}};
if (writer->write(myFlight, f1265Handle) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... handle error
}
// After updating the flight, it can be unregistered
if (writer->unregister_instance(myFlight, f1265Handle) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... handle error
}
```

Once an instance has been unregistered, and assuming that no other DataWriters are writing values for the instance, the matched DataReaders will eventually get an indication that the instance no longer has any DataWriters. This is communicated to the DataReaders by means of the DDS_SampleInfo that accompanies each DDS data-sample (see The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503)). Once there are no DataWriters for the instance, the DataReader will see the value of DDS_InstanceStateKind for that instance to be NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS.

The unregister_instance() operation may affect the ownership of the data instance (see the OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)). If the DataWriter was the exclusive owner of the instance, then calling unregister_instance() relinquishes that ownership, and another DataWriter can become the exclusive owner of the instance.

The unregister_instance() operation indicates only that a particular DataWriter no longer has anything to say about the instance.

Note that this is different than the dispose() operation discussed in the next section, which informs DataReaders that the data-instance is no longer “alive.” The state of an instance is stored in the DDS_SampleInfo structure that accompanies each DDS sample of data that is received by a DataReader. User code can access the instance state to see if an instance is “alive”—meaning there is at least one DataWriter that is publishing DDS samples for the instance, see Instance States (Section 7.4.6.4 on page 505).
See also:

- Unregistering vs. Disposing: (Section on page 418).
- Use Cases for Unregistering without Disposing: (Section on page 418).

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The `dispose()` operation informs `DataReaders` that, as far as the `DataWriter` knows, the data-instance no longer exists and can be considered “not alive.” When the `dispose()` operation is called, the instance state stored in the `DDS_SampleInfo` structure, accessed through `DataReaders`, will change to `NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED` for that particular instance.

See Unregistering vs. Disposing: (Section on page 418).

*By default, instances are automatically disposed when they are unregistered.* This behavior is controlled by the `autodispose_unregistered_instances` (Section on page 417) field in the `WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE` QoS Policy (Section 6.5.27 on page 417).

For example, in a flight tracking system, when a flight lands, a `DataWriter` may dispose the data-instance corresponding to the flight. In that case, all `DataReaders` who are monitoring the flight will see the instance state change to `NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED`, indicating that the flight has landed.

If a particular instance is never disposed, its instance state will eventually change from `ALIVE` to `NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS` once all the `Data Writers` that were writing that instance unregister the instance or lose their liveness. For more information on `DataWriter` liveness, see the `LIVELINESS` QoS Policy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).

See also:

- Propagating Serialized Keys with Disposed-Instance Notifications (Section 6.5.3.5 on page 354).
- Use Cases for Unregistering without Disposing: (Section on page 418).

### 6.3.14.3 Looking Up an Instance Handle

Some operations, such as `write()`, require an `instance_handle` parameter. If you need to get such a handle, you can call the `FooDataWriter`’s `lookup_instance()` operation, which takes an instance as a parameter and returns a handle to that instance. This is useful for keyed data types.

```c
DDS_InstanceHandle_t lookup_instance (const Foo & key_holder)
```

The instance must have already been registered (see Registering and Unregistering Instances (Section 6.3.14.1 on page 294)). If the instance is not registered, this operation returns `DDS_HANDLE_NIL`. 
6.3.14.4 Getting the Key Value for an Instance

Once you have an instance handle (using `register_instance()` or `lookup_instance()`), you can use the DataWriter’s `get_key_value()` operation to retrieve the value of the key of the corresponding instance. The key fields of the data structure passed into `get_key_value()` will be filled out with the original values used to generate the instance handle. The key fields are defined when the data type is defined, see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14) for more information.

Following our example in Figure 6.15 Registering an Instance on page 295, `register_instance()` returns a `DDS_InstanceHandle_t (fl265Handle)` that can be used in the call to the FlightDataWriter’s `get_key_value()` operation. The value of the key is returned in a structure of type `Flight` with the `flightId` field filled in with the integer 265.

See also: Propagating Serialized Keys with Disposed-Instance Notifications (Section 6.5.3.5 on page 354).

6.3.15 Setting DataWriter QosPolicies

The DataWriter’s QosPolicies control its resources and behavior.

The DDS_DataWriterQos structure has the following format:

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos struct {
    DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy durability;
    DDS_DurabilityServiceQosPolicy durability_service;
    DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy deadline;
    DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy latency_budget;
    DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy liveliness;
    DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy reliability;
    DDS_DestinationOrderQosPolicy destination_order;
    DDS_HistoryQosPolicy history;
    DDS_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy resource_limits;
    DDS_TransportPriorityQosPolicy transport_priority;
    DDS_LifespanQosPolicy lifespan;
    DDS_UserDataQosPolicy user_data;
    DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy ownership;
    DDS_OwnershipStrengthQosPolicy ownership_strength;
    DDS_WriterDataLifecycleQosPolicy writer_data.lifecycle;
    // extensions to the DDS standard:
    DDS_DataWriterResourceLimitsQosPolicy writer_resource_limits;
    DDS_DataWriterProtocolQosPolicy protocol;
    DDS_TransportSelectionQosPolicy transport_selection;
    DDS_TransportUnicastQosPolicy unicast;
    DDS_PublishModeQosPolicy publish_mode;
    DDS_PropertyQosPolicy property;
    DDS_ServiceQosPolicy service;
    DDS_BatchQosPolicy batch;
    DDS_MultiChannelQosPolicy multi_channel;
    DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy availability;
    DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy publication_name;
    DDS_TypeSupportQosPolicy type_support;
} DDS_DataWriterQos;
```
Note: set_qos() cannot always be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

Table 6.17 DataWriter QosPolicies summarizes the meaning of each policy. (They appear alphabetically in the table.) For information on why you would want to change a particular QosPolicy, see the referenced section. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

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| Availability       | This QoS policy is used in the context of two features:  
|                    | Availability QoS Policy and Collaborative DataWriters (Section 6.5.1.1 on page 336)  
|                    | AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335)  
|                    | For Collaborative DataWriters, Availability specifies the group of DataWriters expected to collaboratively provide data and the timeouts that control when to allow data to be available that may skip DDS samples.  
|                    | For Required Subscriptions, Availability configures a set of Required Subscriptions on a DataWriter.  
|                    | See AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335) |
| Batch              | Specifies and configures the mechanism that allows Connext DDS to collect multiple DDS user data samples to be sent in a single network packet, to take advantage of the efficiency of sending larger packets and thus increase effective throughput. See BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339). |
| DataWriterProtocol | This QosPolicy configures the Connext DDS on-the-network protocol, RTPS. See DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345). |
| DataWriterResourceLimits | Controls how many threads can concurrently block on a write() call of this DataWriter. See DATA_WRITER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.4 on page 357). |
| Deadline           | For a DataReader, it specifies the maximum expected elapsed time between arriving DDS data samples.  
|                    | For a DataWriter, it specifies a commitment to publish DDS samples with no greater elapsed time between them.  
|                    | See DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361). |
| DestinationOrder   | Controls how Connext DDS will deal with data sent by multiple DataWriters for the same topic. Can be set to "by reception timestamp" or to "by source timestamp". See DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy (Section 6.5.6 on page 363). |
| Durability         | Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will store and deliver data that were previously published to new DataReaders. See DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366). |
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<td>DurabilityService</td>
<td>Various settings to configure the external Persistence Service(^1) used by Connext DDS for DataWriters with a Durability QoS setting of Persistent Durability. See DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityName</td>
<td>Assigns a name to a DataWriter. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>History</td>
<td>Specifies how much data must to stored by Connext DDS for the DataWriter or DataReader. This QosPolicy affects the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) as well as the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366). See HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LatencyBudget</td>
<td>Suggestion to Connext DDS on how much time is allowed to deliver data. See LATENCYBUDGET Qos Policy (Section 6.5.11 on page 378).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lifespan</td>
<td>Specifies how long Connext DDS should consider data sent by an user application to be valid. See LIFESPAN Qos Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liveliness</td>
<td>Specifies and configures the mechanism that allows DataReaders to detect when DataWriters become disconnected or &quot;dead.&quot; See LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MultiChannel</td>
<td>Configures a DataWriter’s ability to send data on different multicast groups (addresses) based on the value of the data. See MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ownership</td>
<td>Along with OwnershipStrength, specifies if DataReaders for a topic can receive data from multiple DataWriters at the same time. See OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OwnershipStrength</td>
<td>Used to arbitrate among multiple DataWriters of the same instance of a Topic when Ownership QosPolicy is EXCLUSIVE. See OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 on page 390).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Partition</td>
<td>Adds string identifiers that are used for matching DataReaders and DataWriters for the same Topic. See PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Stores name/value (string) pairs that can be used to configure certain parameters of Connext DDS that are not exposed through formal QoS policies. It can also be used to store and propagate application-specific name/value pairs, which can be retrieved by user code during discovery. See PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PublishMode</td>
<td>Specifies how Connext DDS sends application data on the network. By default, data is sent in the user thread that calls the DataWriter’s write() operation. However, this QosPolicy can be used to tell Connext DDS to use its own thread to send the data. See PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394).</td>
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\(^{1}\)Persistence Service is provided with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types.
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<td>Reliability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will deliver data reliably. See RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ResourceLimits</td>
<td>Controls the amount of physical memory allocated for Entities, if dynamic allocations are allowed, and how they occur. Also controls memory usage among different instance values for keyed topics. See RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>Intended for use by RTI infrastructure services. User applications should not modify its value. See SERVICE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.21 on page 406).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportPriority</td>
<td>Set by a DataWriter to tell Connext DDS that the data being sent is a different &quot;priority&quot; than other data. See TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportSelection</td>
<td>Allows you to select which physical transports a DataWriter or DataReader may use to send or receive its data. See TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportUnicast</td>
<td>Specifies a subset of transports and port number that can be used by an Entity to receive data. See TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TypeSupport</td>
<td>Used to attach application-specific value(s) to a DataWriter or DataReader. These values are passed to the serialization or deserialization routine of the associated data type. Also controls whether padding bytes are set to 0 during serialization. See TYPESUPPORT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.25 on page 413).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserData</td>
<td>Along with Topic Data QosPolicy and Group Data QosPolicy, used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS's discovery meta-data. See USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WriterDataLifeCycle</td>
<td>Controls how a DataWriter handles the lifecycle of the instances (keys) that the DataWriter is registered to manage. See WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.27 on page 417).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Many of the DataWriter QosPolicies also apply to DataReaders (see DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)). For a DataWriter to communicate with a DataReader, their QosPolicies must be compatible. Generally, for the QosPolicies that apply both to the DataWriter and the DataReader, the setting in the DataWriter is considered an “offer” and the setting in the DataReader is a “request.” Compatibility means that what is offered by the DataWriter equals or surpasses what is requested by the DataReader. Each policy’s description includes compatibility restrictions. For more information on compatibility, see QoS Requested vs. Offered Compatibility—the RxO Property (Section 4.2.1 on page 158).

Some of the policies may be changed after the DataWriter has been created. This allows the application to modify the behavior of the DataWriter while it is in use. To modify the QoS of an already-created DataWriter, use the get_qos() and set_qos() operations on the DataWriter. This is a general pattern for all Entities, described in Changing the QoS for an Existing Entity (Section 4.1.7.3 on page 152).
6.3.15.1 Configuring QoS Settings when the DataWriter is Created

As described in Creating DataWriters (Section 6.3.1 on page 263), there are different ways to create a DataWriter, depending on how you want to specify its QoS (with or without a QoS Profile).

- In Creating a DataWriter with Default QosPolicies and a Listener (Section Figure 6.9 on page 265), there is an example of how to create a DataWriter with default QosPolicies by using the special constant, DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT, which indicates that the default QoS values for a DataWriter should be used. The default DataWriter QoS values are configured in the Publisher or DomainParticipant; you can change them with set_default_datawriter_qos() or set_default_datawriter_qos_with_profile(). Then any DataWriters created with the Publisher will use the new default values. As described in Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149), this is a general pattern that applies to the construction of all Entities.

- To create a DataWriter with non-default QoS without using a QoS Profile, see the example code in Figure 6.16 Creating a DataWriter with Modified QosPolicies (not from a profile) on the facing page. It uses the Publisher’s get_default_writer_qos() method to initialize a DDS_DataWriterQos structure. Then the policies are modified from their default values before the structure is used in the create_datawriter() method.

- You can also create a DataWriter and specify its QoS settings via a QoS Profile. To do so, you will call create_datawriter_with_profile(), as seen in Figure 6.17 Creating a DataWriter with a QoS Profile on the facing page.

- If you want to use a QoS profile, but then make some changes to the QoS before creating the DataWriter, call get_datawriter_qos_from_profile() and create_datawriter() as seen in Figure 6.18 Getting QoS Values from a Profile, Changing QoS Values, Creating a DataWriter with Modified QoS Values on page 303.

For more information, see Creating DataWriters (Section 6.3.1 on page 263) and Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).
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Figure 6.16 Creating a DataWriter with Modified QoS Policies (not from a profile)

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos writer_qos;\(^1\)
// initialize writer_qos with default values
publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(writer_qos);
// make QoS changes
writer_qos.history.depth = 5;
// Create the writer with modified qos
DDSDataWriter * writer = publisher->create_datawriter(
    topic, writer_qos, NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (writer == NULL) {
    // ... error
}
// narrow it for your specific data type
FooDataWriter* foo_writer = FooDataWriter::narrow(writer);
```

Figure 6.17 Creating a DataWriter with a QoS Profile

```c
// Create the datawriter
DDSDataWriter * writer =
    publisher->create_datawriter_with_profile(
        topic, "MyWriterLibrary", "MyWriterProfile",
        NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (writer == NULL) {
    // ... error
};
// narrow it for your specific data type
FooDataWriter* foo_writer = FooDataWriter::narrow(writer);
```

\(^1\)Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QoS Policy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
6.3.15.2 Comparing QoS Values

The `equals()` operation compares two `DataWriter`’s DDS_DataWriterQos structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two `DataWriter`’s QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE is they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

### 6.3.15.3 Changing QoS Settings After the DataWriter Has Been Created

There are two ways to change an existing `DataWriter`’s QoS after it is has been created—again depending on whether or not you are using a QoS Profile.

- To change QoS programmatically (that is, without using a QoS Profile), use `get_qos()` and `set_qos()` . See the example code in Figure 6.19 Changing the QoS of an Existing DataWriter (without a QoS Profile) on the facing page. It retrieves the current values by calling the `DataWriter`’s `get_qos()` operation. Then it modifies the value and calls `set_qos()` to apply the new value. Note, however, that some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the `DataWriter` has been enabled—this restriction is noted in the descriptions of the individual QosPolicies.

- You can also change a `DataWriter`’s (and all other `Entities’`) QoS by using a QoS Profile and calling `set_qos_with_profile()` . For an example, see Figure 6.20 Changing the QoS of an Existing DataWriter with a QoS Profile on the facing page. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

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1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
6.3.15.4 Using a Topic’s QoS to Initialize a DataWriter’s QoS

Several DataWriter QoS Policies can also be found in the QoS Policies for Topics (see Setting Topic QoS Policies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198)). The QoS Policies set in the Topic do not directly affect the DataWriters (or DataReaders) that use that Topic. In many ways, some QoS Policies are a Topic-level concept, even though the DDS standard allows you to set different values for those policies for different DataWriters and DataReaders of the same Topic. Thus, the policies in the DDS TopicQos structure exist as a way to help centralize and annotate the intended or suggested values of those QoS Policies. Connext DDS does not check to see if the actual policies set for a DataWriter is aligned with those set in the Topic to which it is bound.

There are many ways to use the QoS Policies’ values set in the Topic when setting the QoS Policies’ values in a DataWriter. The most straightforward way is to get the values of policies directly from the Topic and use them in the policies for the DataWriter, as shown in Figure 6.21 Copying Selected QoS from a Topic when Creating a DataWriter on the next page.

1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QoS Policy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
Figure 6.21 Copying Selected QoS from a Topic when Creating a DataWriter

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos writer_qos;
DDS_TopicQos topic_qos;
// topic and publisher already created
// get current QoS for the topic, default QoS for the writer
if (topic->get_qos(topic_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
if (publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(writer_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Copy specific policies from topic QoS to writer QoS
writer_qos.deadline = topic_qos.deadline;
writer_qos.reliability = topic_qos.reliability;
// Create the DataWriter with the modified QoS
DDSDataWriter* writer = publisher->create_datawriter(topic,
    writer_qos, NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

\(^1\)Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QoS Policy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
You can use the `Publisher’s copy_from_topic_qos()` operation to copy all of the common policies from the `Topic` QoS to a `DataWriter` QoS. This is illustrated in Figure 6.22 Copying all QoS from a Topic when Creating a DataWriter below.

**Figure 6.22 Copying all QoS from a Topic when Creating a DataWriter**

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos writer_qos;
DDS.TopicQos topic_qos;
// topic, publisher, writer_listener already created
if (topic->get_qos(topic_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
if (publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(writer_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK)
    { // handle error
    }
// copy relevant QoS from topic into writer’s qos
publisher->copy_from_topic_qos(writer_qos, topic_qos);
// Optionally, modify policies as desired
writer_qos.deadline.duration.sec = 1;
writer_qos.deadline.duration.nanosec = 0;
// Create the DataWriter with the modified QoS
DDSDataWriter* writer = publisher->create_datawriter(topic,
    writer_qos, writer_listener, DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL);
```

In another design pattern, you may want to start with the default QoS values for a `DataWriter` and override them with the QoS values of the `Topic`. Figure 6.23 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 1) on the next page gives an example of how to do this.

Because this is a common pattern, Connext DDS provides a special macro, `DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_USE_TOPIC_QOS`, that can be used to indicate that the `DataWriter` should be created with the set of QoS values that results from modifying the default `DataWriter` QosPolicies with the QoS values specified by the `Topic`. Figure 6.24 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 2) on the next page shows how the macro is used.

The code fragments shown in Figure 6.23 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 1) on the next page and Figure 6.24 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 2) on the next page result in identical QoS settings for the created `DataWriter`.

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1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
Figure 6.23 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 1)

```c
DDS_DataWriterQos writer_qos;
DDS_TopicQos topic_qos;
// topic, publisher, writer_listener already created
if (topic->get_qos(topic_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
if (publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(writer_qos)
    != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
if (publisher->copy_from_topic_qos(writer_qos, topic_qos)
    != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Create the DataWriter with the combined QoS
DDSDataWriter* writer =
    publisher->create_datawriter(topic, writer_qos,
    writer_listener, DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL);
```

Figure 6.24 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 2)

```c
// topic, publisher, writer_listener already created
DDSDataWriter* writer = publisher->create_datawriter (topic,
    DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_USE_TOPIC_QOS,
    writer_listener, DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL);
```

For more information on the general use and manipulation of QosPolicies, see Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149).

### 6.3.16 Navigating Relationships Among DDS Entities

#### 6.3.16.1 Finding Matching Subscriptions

The following `DataWriter` operations can be used to get information on the `DataReader`s that are currently associated with the `DataWriter` (that is, the `DataReader`s to which Connext DDS will send the data written by the `DataWriter`).

- `get_matched_subscriptions()`
- `get_matched_subscription_data()`

1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
get_matched_subscription_locators() retrieves a list of locators for subscriptions currently "associated" with the DataWriter. Matched subscription locators include locators for all those subscriptions in the same DDS domain that have a matching Topic, compatible QoS, and a common partition that the DomainParticipant has not indicated should be "ignored." These are the locators that Connext DDS uses to communicate with matching DataReaders. (See Locator Format (Section 14.2.1.1 on page 713).)

Note: In the Modern C++ API these operations are freestanding functions in the dds::pub or rti::pub namespaces.

You can also get the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS for matching subscriptions with these operations (see DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_STATUS (Section 6.3.6.3 on page 270)):

- get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status()
- get_matched_subscription_datawriter_protocol_status_by_locator()

Notes:

- Status/data for a matched subscription is only kept while the matched subscription is alive. Once a matched subscription is no longer alive, its status is deleted. If you try to get the status/data for a matched subscription that is no longer alive, the 'get status' or 'get data' call will return an error.
- DataReaders that have been ignored using the DomainParticipant's ignore_subscription() operation are not considered to be matched even if the DataReader has the same Topic and compatible QoS. Policies. Thus, they will not be included in the list of DataReaders returned by get_matched_subscriptions() or get_matched_subscription_locators(). See Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions (Section 16.4.2 on page 785) for more on ignore_subscription().
- The get_matched_subscription_data() operation does not retrieve the following information from built-in-topic data structures: type_code, property, and content_filter_property. This information is available through the on_data_available() callback (if a DataReaderListener is installed on the SubscriptionBuiltInTopicDataDataReader). (bug 11914)

See also: Finding the Matching Subscription’s ParticipantBuiltInTopicData (Section 6.3.16.2 below)

6.3.16.2 Finding the Matching Subscription’s ParticipantBuiltInTopicData

get_matched_subscription_participant_data() allows you to get the DDS_ParticipantBuiltInTopicData (see Table 16.1 Participant Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_ParticipantBuiltInTopicData)) of a matched
subscription using a subscription handle.

This operation retrieves the information on a discovered DomainParticipant associated with the subscription that is currently matching with the DataWriter. The subscription handle passed into this operation must correspond to a subscription currently associated with the DataWriter. Otherwise, the operation will fail with RETCODE_BAD_PARAMETER. The operation may also fail with RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET if the subscription corresponds to the same DomainParticipant to which the DataWriter belongs.

Use get_matched_subscriptions() (see Finding Matching Subscriptions (Section 6.3.16.1 on page 307)) to find the subscriptions that are currently matched with the DataWriter.

### 6.3.16.3 Finding Related DDS Entities

These operations are useful for obtaining a handle to various related Entities:

- `get_publisher()`
- `get_topic()`

`get_publisher()` returns the Publisher that created the DataWriter. `get_topic()` returns the Topic with which the DataWriter is associated.

### 6.3.17 Asserting Liveliness

The `assert_liveliness()` operation can be used to manually assert the liveliness of the DataWriter without writing data. This operation is only useful if the kind of LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) is MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT or MANUAL_BY_TOPIC.

How DataReaders determine if DataWriters are alive is configured using the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380). The lease_duration parameter of the LIVELINESS QosPolicy is a contract by the DataWriter to all of its matched DataReaders that it will send a packet within the time value of the lease_duration to state that it is still alive.

There are three ways to assert liveliness. One is to have Connext DDS itself send liveliness packets periodically when the kind of LIVELINESS QosPolicy is set to AUTOMATIC. The other two ways to assert liveliness, used when liveliness is set to MANUAL, are to call write() to send data or to call the assert_liveliness() operation without sending data.

### 6.3.18 Turbo Mode and Automatic Throttling for DataWriter Performance—Experimental Features

This section describes two experimental features. The DataWriter has many QoS settings that can affect the latency and throughput of outgoing data. There are QoS settings to control send window size (see Understanding the Send Queue and Setting its Size (Section 10.3.2.1 on page 638)) and settings that
allow to aggregate multiple DDS samples together to reduce CPU and bandwidth utilization (see BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339) and FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419)). The choice of settings that provide the best performance depends on several factors, such as the frequency of writing data, the size of the data, or the condition of the network. If these factors do not change over time, you can choose values for those QoS settings that best suit your system. If these factors do change over time in your system, you can use the following properties to let Connext DDS automatically adjust the QoS settings as system conditions change:

- **dds.domain_participant.auto_throttle.enable**: Configures the DomainParticipant to gather internal measurements (during DomainParticipant creation) that are required for the Auto Throttle feature. This allows DataWriters belonging to this DomainParticipant to use the Auto Throttle feature. Default: false.

- **dds.data_writer.auto_throttle.enable**: Enables automatic throttling in the DataWriter so it can automatically adjust the writing rate and the send window size; this minimizes the need for repair DDS samples and improves latency. Default: false. For additional information on automatic throttling, see Turbo Mode: Automatically Adjusting the Number of Bytes in a Batch—Experimental Feature (Section 6.5.2.4 on page 342).

**Note**: This property takes effect only in DataWriters that belong to a DomainParticipant that has set the property **dds.domain_participant.auto_throttle.enable** (described above) to true.

- **dds.data_writer.enable_turbo_mode**: Enables Turbo Mode and adjusts the batch max_data_bytes (Section on page 340) (see BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)) based on how frequently the DataWriter writes data. Default: false. For additional information, see Turbo Mode: Automatically Adjusting the Number of Bytes in a Batch—Experimental Feature (Section 6.5.2.4 on page 342).

The Built-in QoS profile **BuiltinQosLibExp::Generic.AutoTuning** enables both Turbo Mode and Auto Throttling.

### 6.4 Publisher/Subscriber QosPolicies

This section provides detailed information on the QosPolicies associated with a Publisher. Note that Subscribers have the exact same set of policies. Table 6.2 Publisher QosPolicies provides a quick reference. They are presented here in alphabetical order.

- **ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER** QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on the next page)
- **ENTITYFACTORY** QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313)
- **EXCLUSIVE_AREA** QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.3 on page 316)
- **GROUP_DATA** QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)
6.4.1 ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

- PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321)
- PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)

This QosPolicy is used to enable or disable asynchronous publishing and asynchronous batch flushing for the Publisher.

This QosPolicy can be used to reduce amount of time spent in the user thread to send data. You can use it to send large data reliably. Large in this context means that the data cannot be sent as a single packet by a transport. For example, to send data larger than 63K reliably using UDP/IP, you must configure Connext DDS to send the data using asynchronous Publishers.

If so configured, the Publisher will spawn two threads, one for asynchronous publishing and one for asynchronous batch flushing. The asynchronous publisher thread will be shared by all DataWriters (belonging to this Publisher) that have their PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) kind set to ASYNCHRONOUS. The asynchronous publishing thread will then handle the data transmission chores for those DataWriters. This thread will only be spawned when the first of these DataWriters is enabled.

The asynchronous batch flushing thread will be shared by all DataWriters (belonging to this Publisher) that have batching enabled and max_flush_delay different than DURATION_INFINITY in BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339). This thread will only be spawned when the first of these DataWriters is enabled.

This QosPolicy allows you to adjust the asynchronous publishing and asynchronous batch flushing threads independently.

Batching and asynchronous publication are independent of one another. Flushing a batch on an asynchronous DataWriter makes it available for sending to the DataWriter's FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419). From the point of view of the FlowController, a batch is treated like one large DDS sample.

Connext DDS will sometimes coalesce multiple DDS samples into a single network datagram. For example, DDS samples buffered by a FlowController or sent in response to a negative acknowledgement (NACK) may be coalesced. This behavior is distinct from DDS sample batching. DDS data samples sent by different asynchronous DataWriters belonging to the same Publisher to the same destination will not be coalesced into a single network packet. Instead, two separate network packets will be sent. Only DDS samples written by the same DataWriter and intended for the same destination will be coalesced.

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 6.18 DDS_AsynchronousPublisherQosPolicy.
### 6.4.1.1 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Publisher is created.

Since it is only for Publishers, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

#### 6.4.1.2 Related QosPolicies

- If `disable_asynchronous_write` is TRUE (not the default), then any DataWriters created from this Publisher must have their PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) kind set to SYNONOMOUS. (Otherwise create_datawriter() will return INCONSISTENT_QOS.)

- If `disable_asynchronous_batch` is TRUE (not the default), then any DataWriters created from this Publisher must have max_flush_delay in BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339) set to DURATION_INFINITE. (Otherwise create_datawriter() will return INCONSISTENT_QOS.)

- DataWriters configured to use the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) do not support asynchronous publishing; an error is returned if a multi-channel DataWriter is configured for asynchronous publishing.

#### 6.4.1.3 Applicable DDS Entities

Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
6.4.1.4 System Resource Considerations

Two threads can potentially be created:

- For asynchronous publishing, system resource usage depends on the activity of the asynchronous thread controlled by the FlowController (see FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419)).
- For asynchronous batch flushing, system resource usage depends on the activity of the asynchronous thread controlled by max\_flush\_delay in BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339).

6.4.2 ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy

This QosPolicy controls whether or not child Entities are created in the enabled state.

This QosPolicy applies to the DomainParticipantFactory, DomainParticipants, Publishers, and Subscribers, which act as ‘factories’ for the creation of subordinate Entities. A DomainParticipantFactory is used to create DomainParticipants. A DomainParticipant is used to create both Publishers and Subscribers. A Publisher is used to create DataWriters, similarly a Subscriber is used to create DataReaders.

Entities can be created either in an ‘enabled’ or ‘disabled’ state. An enabled entity can actively participate in communication. A disabled entity cannot be discovered or take part in communication until it is explicitly enabled. For example, Connext DDS will not send data if the write() operation is called on a disabled DataWriter, nor will Connext DDS deliver data to a disabled DataReader. You can only enable a disabled entity. Once an entity is enabled, you cannot disable it, see Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145) about the enable() method.

The ENTITYFACTORY contains only one member, as illustrated in Table 6.19 DDS\_EntityFactoryQosPolicy.

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<td>autoenable_created_entities</td>
<td>DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE: enable Entities when they are created</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE: do not enable Entities when they are created</td>
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The ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy controls whether the Entities created from the factory are automatically enabled upon creation or are left disabled. For example, if a Publisher is configured to auto-enable created Entities, then all DataWriters created from that Publisher will be automatically enabled.

Note: if an entity is disabled, then all of the child Entities it creates are also created in a disabled state, regardless of the setting of this QosPolicy. However, enabling a disabled entity will enable all of its children if this QosPolicy is set to autoenable child Entities.
Note: an entity can only be enabled; it cannot be disabled after it's been enabled.

See Example (Section 6.4.2.1 below) for an example of how to set this policy.

There are various reasons why you may want to create Entities in the disabled state:

- To get around a “chicken and egg”-type issue. Where you need to have an entity in order to modify it, but you don’t want the entity to be used by Connext DDS until it has been modified.

For example, if you create a DomainParticipant in the enabled state, it will immediately start sending packets to other nodes trying to discover if other Connext DDS applications exist. However, you may want to configure the built-in topic reader listener before discovery occurs. To do this, you need to create a DomainParticipant in the disabled state because once enabled, discovery will occur. If you set up the built-in topic reader listener after the DomainParticipant is enabled, you may miss some discovery traffic.

- You may want to create Entities without having them automatically start to work. This especially pertains to DataReaders. If you create a DataReader in an enabled state and you are using DataReaderListeners, Connext DDS will immediately search for matching DataWriters and call-back the listener as soon as data is published. This may not be what you want to happen if your application is still in the middle of initialization when data arrives.

So typically, you would create all Entities in a disabled state, and then when all parts of the application have been initialized, one would enable all Entities at the same time using the enable() operation on the DomainParticipant, see Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145).

- An entity’s existence is not advertised to other participants in the network until the entity is enabled. Instead of sending an individual declaration packet to other applications announcing the existence of the entity, Connext DDS can be more efficient in bundling multiple declarations into a single packet when you enable all Entities at the same time.

See Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145) for more information about enabled/disabled Entities.

**6.4.2.1 Example**

The code in Figure 6.25 Configuring a Publisher so that New DataWriters are Disabled on the next page illustrates how to use the ENTITYFACTORY QoS.
6.4.2.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be modified at any time.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

6.4.2.3 Related QosPolicies

This QosPolicy does not interact with any other policies.

6.4.2.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipantFactory (Section 8.2 on page 537)
- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)
- Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
- Subscribers (Section 7.2 on page 436)

6.4.2.5 System Resource Considerations

This QosPolicy does not significantly impact the use of system resources.

\[1\text{Note in C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).}\]
6.4.3 EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy controls the creation and use of Exclusive Areas. An exclusive area (EA) is a mutex with built-in deadlock protection when multiple EAs are in use. It is used to provide mutual exclusion among different threads of execution. Multiple EAs allow greater concurrency among the internal and user threads when executing Connext DDS code.

EAs allow Connext DDS to be multi-threaded while preventing threads from a classical deadlock scenario for multi-threaded applications. EAs prevent a DomainParticipant's internal threads from deadlocking with each other when executing internal code as well as when executing the code of user-registered listener callbacks.

Within an EA, all calls to the code protected by the EA are single threaded. Each DomainParticipant, Publisher and Subscriber represents a separate EA. All DataWriters of the same Publisher and all DataReaders of the same Subscriber share the EA of its parent. This means that the DataWriters of the same Publisher and theDataReader's of the same Subscriber are inherently single threaded.

Within an EA, there are limitations on how code protected by a different EA can be accessed. For example, when data is being processed by user code received in the DataReaderListener of a Subscriber EA, the user code may call the write() function of a DataWriter that is protected by the EA of its Publisher. So you can send data in the function called to process received data. However, you cannot create Entities or call functions that are protected by the EA of the DomainParticipant. See Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 on page 174) for the complete documentation on Exclusive Areas.

With this QoS, you can force a Publisher or Subscriber to share the same EA as its DomainParticipant. Using this capability, the restriction of not being to create Entities in a DataReaderListener's on_data_available() callback is lifted. However, the trade-off is that the application has reduced concurrency through the Entities that share an EA.

Note that the restrictions on calling methods in a different EA only exists for user code that is called in registered Listeners by internal DomainParticipant threads. User code may call all Connext DDS functions for any Entities from their own threads at any time.

The EXCLUSIVE_AREA includes a single member, as listed in Table 6.20 DDS_ExclusiveAreaQosPolicy. For the default value, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<td>DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE: subordinates will not use the same EA</td>
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<td>DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE: subordinates will use the same EA</td>
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The implications and restrictions of using a private or shared EA are discussed in Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 on page 174). The basic trade-off is concurrency versus restrictions on which methods can be called in user, listener, callback functions. To summarize:

**Behavior when the Publisher or Subscriber’s use_shared_exclusive_area is set to FALSE:**

- The creation of the Publisher/Subscriber will create an EA that will be used only by the Publisher/Subscriber and the DataWriters/DataReaders that belong to them.
- Consequences: This setting maximizes concurrency at the expense of creating a mutex for the Publisher or Subscriber. In addition, using a separate EA may restrict certain Connext DDS operations (see Operations Allowed within Listener Callbacks (Section 4.4.5 on page 174)) from being called from the callbacks of Listeners attached to those Entities and the Entities that they create. This limitation results from a built-in deadlock protection mechanism.

**Behavior when the Publisher or Subscriber’s use_shared_exclusive_area is set to TRUE:**

- The creation of the Publisher/Subscriber does not create a new EA. Instead, the Publisher/Subscriber, along with the DataWriters/DataReaders that they create, will use a common EA shared with the DomainParticipant.
- Consequences: By sharing the same EA among multiple Entities, you may decrease the amount of concurrency in the application, which can adversely impact performance. However, this setting does use less resources and allows you to call almost any operation on any Entity within a listener callback (see Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 on page 174) for full details).

**6.4.3.1 Example**

The code in Figure 6.26 Creating a Publisher with a Shared Exclusive Area on the facing page illustrates how to change the EXCLUSIVE_AREA policy.
6.4.3.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity has been created. It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

6.4.3.3 Related QosPolicies

This QosPolicy does not interact with any other policies.

6.4.3.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
- Subscribers (Section 7.2 on page 436)

6.4.3.5 System Resource Considerations

This QosPolicy affects the use of operating-system mutexes. When `use_shared_exclusive_area` is `FALSE`, the creation of a Publisher or Subscriber will create an operating-system mutex.

6.4.4 GROUP_DATA QosPolicy

This QosPolicy provides an area where your application can store additional information related to the Publisher and Subscriber. This information is passed between applications during discovery (see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708)) using built-in-topics (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)). How this information is used will be up to user code. Connext DDS does not do anything with the information stored as GROUP_DATA except to pass it to other applications.

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1Note in C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
Use cases are often application-to-application identification, authentication, authorization, and encryption purposes. For example, applications can use this QosPolicy to send security certificates to each other for RSA-type security.

The value of the GROUP_DATA QosPolicy is sent to remote applications when they are first discovered, as well as when the Publisher or Subscriber’s set_qos() method is called after changing the value of the GROUP_DATA. User code can set listeners on the built-in DataReaders of the built-in Topics used by Connext DDS to propagate discovery information. Methods in the built-in topic listeners will be called whenever new DomainParticipants, DataReaders, and DataWriters are found. Within the user callback, you will have access to the GROUP_DATA that was set for the associated Publisher or Subscriber.

Currently, GROUP_DATA of the associated Publisher or Subscriber is only propagated with the information that declares a DataWriter orDataReader. Thus, you will need to access the value of GROUP_DATA through DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicData or DDS_SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)).

The structure for the GROUP_DATA QosPolicy includes just one field, as seen in Table 6.21 DDS_GroupDataQosPolicy. The field is a sequence of octets that translates to a contiguous buffer of bytes whose contents and length is set by the user. The maximum size for the data are set in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592).

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This policy is similar to the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415) and TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204) that apply to other types of Entities.

**6.4.4.1 Example**

One possible use of GROUP_DATA is to pass some credential or certificate that your subscriber application can use to accept or reject communication with the DataWriters that belong to the Publisher (or vice versa, where the publisher application can validate the permission of DataReaders of a Subscriber to receive its data). The value of the GROUP_DATA of the Publisher is propagated in the ‘group_data’ field of the DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicData that is sent with the declaration of each DataWriter. Similarly, the value of the GROUP_DATA of the Subscriber is propagated in the ‘group_data’ field of the DDS_SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData that is sent with the declaration of each DataReader.

When Connext DDS discovers a DataWriter/DataReader, the application can be notified of the discovery of the new entity and retrieve information about the DataWriter/DataReader QoS by reading the DCPSPublication or DCPSSubscription built-in topics (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)). Your application can then examine the GROUP_DATA field in the built-in Topic and decide
whether or not the DataWriter/DataReader should be allowed to communicate with local DataReaders/DataWriters. If communication is not allowed, the application can use the DomainParticipant’s ignore_publication() or ignore_subscription() operation to reject the newly discovered remote entity as one with which the application allows Connext DDS to communicate. See Figure 16.2, “Ignoring Publications,” on page 16-12 for an example of how to do this.

The code in Figure 6.27 Creating a Publisher with GROUP_DATA below illustrates how to change the GROUP_DATA policy.

Figure 6.27 Creating a Publisher with GROUP_DATA

```c
DDS_PublisherQos publisher_qos;
int i = 0;
// Bytes that will be used for the group data. In this case, 8 bytes
// of some information that is meaningful to the user application
char myGroupData[GROUP_DATA_SIZE] =
    { 0x34, 0xaa, 0xfe, 0x31, 0x7a, 0xf2, 0x34, 0xaa};
// assume domainparticipant and publisher_listener already created
if (participant->get_default_publisher_qos(publisher_qos) !=
    DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Must set the size of the sequence first
publisher_qos.group_data.value.maximum(GROUP_DATA_SIZE);
publisher_qos.group_data.value.length(GROUP_DATA_SIZE);
for (i = 0; i < GROUP_DATA_SIZE; i++) {
    publisher_qos.group_data.value[i] = myGroupData[i]
}
DDSPublisher* publisher = participant->create_publisher( publisher_qos,
publisher_listener, DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL);
```

### 6.4.4.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be modified at any time.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

### 6.4.4.3 Related QosPolicies

- TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)
- USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)

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1 Note in C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
6.4.4.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
- Subscribers (Section 7.2 on page 436)

6.4.4.5 System Resource Considerations

The maximum size of the GROUP_DATA is set in the `publisher_group_data_max_length` and `subscriber_group_data_max_length` fields of the `DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 8.5.4 on page 592). Because Connext DDS will allocate memory based on this value, you should only increase this value if you need to. If your system does not use GROUP_DATA, then you can set this value to zero to save memory. Setting the value of the GROUP_DATA QosPolicy to hold data longer than the value set in the `[publisher/subscriber]_group_data_max_length` fields will result in failure and an `INCONSISTENT_QOS_POLICY` return code.

However, should you decide to change the maximum size of GROUP_DATA, you must make certain that all applications in the DDS domain have changed the value of `[publisher/subscriber]_group_data_max_length` to be the same. If two applications have different limits on the size of GROUP_DATA, and one application sets the GROUP_DATA QosPolicy to hold data that is greater than the maximum size set by another application, then the matching `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` of the `Publisher` and `Subscriber` between the two applications will not connect. This is also true for the TOPIC_DATA (TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)) and USER_DATA (USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) QosPolicies.

6.4.5 PARTITION QosPolicy

The PARTITION QoS provides another way to control which `DataWriters` will match—and thus communicate with—which `DataReaders`. It can be used to prevent `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` that would have otherwise matched with the same `Topic` and compatible QosPolicies from talking to each other. Much in the same way that only applications within the same DDS domain will communicate with each other, only `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` that belong to the same partition can talk to each other.

The PARTITION QoS applies to `Publishers` and `Subscribers`, therefore the `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` belong to the partitions as set on the `Publishers` and `Subscribers` that created them. The mechanism implementing the PARTITION QoS is relatively lightweight, and membership in a partition can be dynamically changed. Unlike the creation and destruction of `DomainParticipants`, there is no spawning and killing of threads or allocation and deallocation of memory when `Publishers` and `Subscribers` add or remove themselves from partitions.

The PARTITION QoS consists of a set of partition names that identify the partitions of which the Entity is a member. These names are simply strings, and `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` are considered to be in the
same partition if they have at least one partition name in common in the PARTITION QoS set on their Publishers or Subscribers. By default, Publishers and Subscribers belong to a single partition whose name is the empty string, "".

Conceptually each partition name can be thought of as defining a “visibility plane” within the DDS domain. DataWriters will make their data available on all the visibility planes that correspond to its Publisher’s partition names, and the DataReaders will see the data that is placed on any of the visibility planes that correspond to its Subscriber’s partition names.

Figure 6.28 Controlling Visibility of Data with the PARTITION QoS below illustrates the concept of PARTITION QoS. In this figure, all DataWriters and DataReaders belong to the same DDS domain and refer to the same Topic. DataWriter1 is configured to belong to three partitions: partition_A, partition_B, and partition_C. DataWriter2 belongs to partition_C and partition_D.

Figure 6.28 Controlling Visibility of Data with the PARTITION QoS

Similarly, DataReader1 is configured to belong to partition_A and partition_B, and DataReader2 belongs only to partition_C. Given this topology, the data written by DataWriter1 is visible in partitions A, B, and C. The oval tagged with the number “1” represents one DDS data sample written by DataWriter1.

Similarly, the data written by DataWriter2 is visible in partitions C and D. The oval tagged with the number “2” represents one DDS data sample written by DataWriter2.

The result is that the data written by DataWriter1 will be received by both DataReader1 and DataReader2, but the data written by DataWriter2 will only be visible by DataReader2.

Publishers and Subscribers always belong to a partition. By default, Publishers and Subscribers belong to a single partition whose name is the empty string, "". If you set the PARTITION QoS to be an empty set, Connext DDS will assign the Publisher or Subscriber to the default partition, "". Thus, for the example above, without using the PARTITION QoS, DataReaders 1 and 2 would have received all DDS data DDS samples written by DataWriters 1 and 2.
6.4.5.1 Rules for PARTITION Matching

On the Publisher side, the PARTITION QosPolicy associates a set of strings (partition names) with the Publisher. On the Subscriber side, the application also uses the PARTITION QoS to associate partition names with the Subscriber.

Taking into account the PARTITION QoS, a DataWriter will communicate with a DataReader if and only if the following conditions apply:

1. The DataWriter and DataReader belong to the same DDS domain. That is, their respective DomainParticipants are bound to the same DDS domain ID (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554)).
2. The DataWriter and DataReader have matching Topics. That is, each is associated with a Topic with the same topic_name and data type.
3. The QoS offered by the DataWriter is compatible with the QoS requested by the DataReader.
4. The application has not used the ignore_participant(), ignore_datareader(), or ignore_datawriter() APIs to prevent the association (see Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783)).
5. The Publisher to which the DataWriter belongs and the Subscriber to which the DataReader belongs must have at least one matching partition name.

The last condition reflects the visibility of the data introduced by the PARTITION QoS. Matching partition names is done by string comparison, thus partition names are case sensitive.

Note: Failure to match partitions is not considered an incompatible QoS and does not trigger any listeners or change any status conditions.

6.4.5.2 Pattern Matching for PARTITION Names

You may also add strings that are regular expressions1 to the PARTITION QosPolicy. A regular expression does not define a set of partitions to which the Publisher or Subscriber belongs, as much as it is used in the partition matching process to see if a remote entity has a partition name that would be matched with the regular expression. That is, the regular expressions in the PARTITION QoS of a Publisher are never matched against those found in the PARTITION QoS of a Subscriber. Regular expressions are always matched against “concrete” partition names. Thus, a concrete partition name may not contain any reserved characters that are used to define regular expressions, for example ‘*’, ‘.’, ‘+’, etc.

For more on regular expressions, see SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222).

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1As defined by the POSIX fnmatch API (1003.2-1992 section B.6).
If a PARTITION QoS only contains regular expressions, then the Publisher or Subscriber will be assigned automatically to the default partition with the empty string name (""). Thus, do not be fooled into thinking that a PARTITION QoS that only contains the string "*" matches another PARTITION QoS that only contains the string "*". Yes, the Publisher will match the Subscriber, but it is because they both belong to the default "" partition.

DataWriters and DataReaders are considered to have a partition in common if the sets of partitions that their associated Publishers and Subscribers have defined have:

At least one concrete partition name in common

A regular expression in one Entity that matches a concrete partition name in another Entity

The programmatic representation of the PARTITION QoS is shown in Table 6.22 DDS_PartitionQosPolicy. The QoSPolicy contains the single string sequence, name. Each element in the sequence can be a concrete name or a regular expression. The Entity will be assigned to the default "" partition if the sequence is empty.

Table 6.22 DDS_PartitionQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>name</td>
<td>Empty by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>There can be up to 64 names, with a maximum of 256 characters summed across all names.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can have one long partition string of 256 chars, or multiple shorter strings that add up to 256 or less characters. For example, you can have one string of 4 chars and one string of 252 chars.

### 6.4.5.3 Example

Since the set of partitions for a Publisher or Subscriber can be dynamically changed, the Partition QoSPolicy is useful to control which DataWriters can send data to which DataReaders and vice versa—even if all of the DataWriters and DataReaders are for the same topic. This facility is useful for creating temporary separation groups among Entities that would otherwise be connected to and exchange data each other.

Note when using Partitions and Durability: If a Publisher changes partitions after startup, it is possible for a reliable, late-joining DataReader to receive data that was written for both the original and the new partition. For example, suppose a DataWriter with TRANSIENT_LOCAL Durability initially writes DDS samples with Partition A, but later changes to Partition B. In this case, a reliable, late-joining DataReader configured for Partition B will receive whatever DDS samples have been saved for the DataWriter. These may include DDS samples which were written when the DataWriter was using Partition A.

The code in Figure 6.29 Setting Partition Names on a Publisher on the next page illustrates how to change the PARTITION policy.
The ability to dynamically control which DataWriters are matched to which DataReaders (of the same Topic) offered by the PARTITION QoS can be used in many different ways. Using partitions, connectivity can be controlled based on location-based partitioning, access-control groups, purpose, or a combination of these and other application-defined criteria. We will examine some of these options via concrete examples.

Example of location-based partitions. Assume you have a set of Topics in a traffic management system such as “TrafficAlert,” “AccidentReport,” and “CongestionStatus.” You may want to control the visibility of these Topics based on the actual location to which the information applies. You can do this by placing the Publisher in a partition that represents the area to which the information applies. This can be done using a string that includes the city, state, and country, such as “USA/California/Santa Clara.” A Subscriber can then choose whether it wants to see the alerts in a single city, the accidents in a set of states, or the congestion status across the US. Some concrete examples are shown in Table 6.23 Example of Using Location-Based Partitions.

Table 6.23 Example of Using Location-Based Partitions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Publisher Partitions</th>
<th>Subscriber Partitions</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify a single partition name using the pattern: “&lt;country&gt;/&lt;state&gt;/&lt;city&gt;”</td>
<td>Specify multiple partition names, one per region of interest</td>
<td>Limits the visibility of the data to Subscribers that express interest in the geographical region.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note in C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
Table 6.23 Example of Using Location-Based Partitions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Publisher Partitions</th>
<th>Subscriber Partitions</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>“USA/California/Santa Clara”</td>
<td>(Subscriber participant is irrelevant here.)</td>
<td>Send only information for Santa Clara, California.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“USA/California/Santa Clara”</td>
<td>Receive only information for Santa Clara, California.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“USA/California/Santa Clara”</td>
<td>Receive information for Santa Clara or Sunnyvale, California.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“USA/California/*”</td>
<td>Receive information for California or Nevada.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“USA/California/*”</td>
<td>Receive information for California and two cities in Nevada.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example of access-control group partitions. Suppose you have an application where access to the information must be restricted based on reader membership to access-control groups. You can map this group-controlled visibility to partitions by naming all the groups (e.g. executives, payroll, financial, general-staff, consultants, external-people) and assigning the Publisher to the set of partitions that represents which groups should have access to the information. The Subscribers specify the groups to which they belong, and the partition-matching behavior will ensure that the information is only distributed to Subscribers belonging to the appropriate groups. Some concrete examples are shown in Table 6.24 Example of Access-Control Group Partitions.

Table 6.24 Example of Access-Control Group Partitions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Publisher Partitions</th>
<th>Subscriber Partitions</th>
<th>Result</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Specify several partition names, one per group that is allowed access:</td>
<td>Specify multiple partition names, one per group to which the Subscriber belongs.</td>
<td>Limits the visibility of the data to Subscribers that belong to the access-groups specified by the Publisher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“payroll”</td>
<td>(Subscriber participant is irrelevant here.)</td>
<td>Makes information available only to Subscribers that have access to either financial or payroll information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“financial”</td>
<td>“executives”</td>
<td>Gain access to information that is intended for executives or people with access to the finances.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A slight variation of this pattern could be used to confine the information based on security levels.

Example of purpose-based partitions: Assume an application containing subsystems that can be used for multiple purposes, such as training, simulation, and real use. In some occasions it is convenient to be able
to dynamically switch the subsystem from operating in the “simulation world” to the “training world” or to the “real world.” For supervision purposes, it may be convenient to observe multiple worlds, so that you can compare the each one’s results. This can be accomplished by setting a partition name in the Publisher that represents the “world” to which it belongs and a set of partition names in the Subscriber that model the worlds that it can observe.

6.4.5.4 Properties

This QosPolicy can be modified at any time.

Strictly speaking, this QosPolicy does not have request-offered semantics, although it is matched between DataWriters and DataReaders, and communication is established only if there is a match between partition names.

6.4.5.5 Related QosPolicies

- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592).

6.4.5.6 Applicable DDS Entities

- Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
- Subscribers (Section 7.2 on page 436)

6.4.5.7 System Resource Considerations

Partition names are propagated along with the declarations of the DataReaders and the DataWriters and can be examined by user code through built-in topics (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)). Thus the sum-total length of the partition names will impact the bandwidth needed to transmit those declarations, as well as the memory used to store them.

The maximum number of partitions and the maximum number of characters that can be used for the sum-total length of all partition names are configured using the max_partitions and max_partition_cumulative_characters fields of the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592). Setting more partitions or using longer names than allowed by those limits will result in failure and an INCONSISTENT_QOS_POLICY return code.

However, should you decide to change the maximum number of partitions or maximum cumulative length of partition names, then you must make certain that all applications in the DDS domain have changed the values of max_partitions and max_partition_cumulative_characters to be the same. If two applications have different values for those settings, and one application sets the PARTITION QosPolicy to hold more partitions or longer names than set by another application, then the matching DataWriters and DataReaders of the Publisher and Subscriber between the two applications will not connect. This similar to the restrictions for the GROUP_DATA (GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)), USER_
6.4.6 PRESENTATION QosPolicy

Usually *DataReaders* will receive data in the order that it was sent by a *DataWriter*. In addition, data is presented to the *DataReader* as soon as the application receives the next value expected.

Sometimes, you may want a set of data for the same *DataWriter* to be presented to the receiving *DataReader* only after ALL the elements of the set have been received, but not before. You may also want the data to be presented in a different order than it was received. Specifically, for keyed data, you may want Connext DDS to present the data in keyed or instance order.

The Presentation QosPolicy allows you to specify different scopes of presentation: within a *DataWriter*, across instances of a *DataWriter*, and even across different *DataWriters* of a publisher. It also controls whether or not a set of changes within the scope must be delivered at the same time or delivered as soon as each element is received.

There are three components to this QoS, the boolean flag coherent_access, the boolean flag ordered_access, and an enumerated setting for the access_scope. The structure used is shown in Table 6.25 DDS_PresentationQosPolicy.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PresentationQosPolicyAccessScopeKind</td>
<td>access_scope</td>
<td>Controls the granularity used when coherent_access and/or ordered_access are TRUE. If both coherent_access and ordered_access are FALSE, access_scope's setting has no effect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- DDS_INSTANCE_PRESENTATION_QOS: Queue is ordered/sorted per instance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- DDS_TOPIC_PRESENTATION_QOS: Queue is ordered/sorted per topic (across all instances)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- DDS_GROUP_PRESENTATION_QOS: Queue is ordered/sorted per topic across all instances belonging to DataWriter (or DataReaders) within the same Publisher (or Subscriber). Not supported for coherent_access = TRUE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>- DDS_HIGHEST_OFFERED_PRESENTATION_QOS: Only applies to Subscribers. With this setting, the Subscriber will use the access scope specified by each remote Publisher.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 6.25 DDS_PresentationQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>coherent_access</td>
<td>Controls whether Connext DDS will preserve the groupings of changes made by the publishing application by means of begin_coherent_changes() and end_coherent_changes().</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE: Coherency is not preserved. The value of access_scope is ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE: Changes made to instances within each DataWriter will be available to the DataReader as a coherent set, based on the value of access_scope. Not supported for access_scope = GROUP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>ordered_access</td>
<td>Controls whether Connext DDS will preserve the order of changes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE: The order of DDS samples is only preserved for each instance, not across instances. The value of access_scope is ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE: The order of DDS samples from a DataWriter is preserved, based on the value set in access_scope.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.4.6.1 Coherent Access

A 'coherent set' is a set of DDS data-sample modifications that must be propagated in such a way that they are interpreted at the receiver's side as a consistent set; that is, the receiver will only be able to access the data after all the modifications in the set are available at the subscribing end.

Coherency enables a publishing application to change the value of several data-instances and have those changes be seen atomically (as a cohesive set) by the readers.

Setting coherent_access to TRUE only behaves as described in the DDS specification when the DataWriter and DataReader are configured for reliable delivery. Non-reliable DataReaders will never receive DDS samples that belong to a coherent set.

To send a coherent set of DDS data samples, the publishing application uses the Publisher’s begin_coherent_changes() and end_coherent_changes() operations (see Writing Coherent Sets of DDS Data Samples (Section 6.3.10 on page 284)).

- If coherent_access is TRUE, then the access_scope controls the maximum extent of the coherent changes, as follows:
  - If access_scope is INSTANCE, the use of begin_coherent_changes() and end_coherent_changes() has no effect on how the subscriber can access the data. This is because, with the scope limited to
each instance, changes to separate instances are considered independent and thus cannot be grouped by a coherent change.

- If `access_scope` is TOPIC, then coherent changes (indicated by their enclosure within calls to `begin_coherent_changes()` and `end_coherent_changes()`) will be made available as such to each remote `DataReader` independently. That is, changes made to instances within the each individual `DataWriter` will be available as a coherent set with respect to other changes to instances in that same `DataWriter`, but will not be grouped with changes made to instances belonging to a different `DataWriter`.

If `access_scope` is GROUP, coherent changes made to instances through a `DataWriter` attached to a common `Publisher` are made available as a unit to remote subscribers. Coherent access with GROUP access scope is currently not supported.

### 6.4.6.2 Ordered Access

If `ordered_access` is TRUE, then `access_scope` controls the scope of the order in which DDS samples are presented to the subscribing application, as follows:

- If `access_scope` is INSTANCE, the relative order of DDS samples sent by a `DataWriter` is only preserved on an per-instance basis. If two DDS samples refer to the same instance (identified by `Topic` and a particular value for the key) then the order in which they are stored in the `DataReader`’s queue is consistent with the order in which the changes occurred. However, if the two DDS samples belong to different instances, the order in which they are presented may or may not match the order in which the changes occurred.

- If `access_scope` is TOPIC, the relative order of DDS samples sent by a `DataWriter` is preserved for all DDS samples of all instances. The coherent grouping and/or order in which DDS samples appear in the `DataReader`’s queue is consistent with the grouping/order in which the changes occurred—even if the DDS samples affect different instances.

- If `access_scope` is GROUP, the scope spans all instances belonging to `DataWriters` within the same `Publisher`—even if they are instances of different topics. Changes made to instances via `DataWriters` attached to the same `Publisher` are made available to `Subscribers` on the same order they occurred.

- If `access_scope` is HIGHEST_OFFERED, the `Subscriber` will use the access scope specified by each remote `Publisher`.

The data stored in the `DataReader` is accessed by the `DataReader`’s `read()`/`take()` APIs. The application does not have to access the DDS data samples in the same order as they are stored in the queue. How the application actually gets the data from the `DataReader` is ultimately under the control of the user code, see Using DataReaders to Access Data (Read & Take) (Section 7.4 on page 489).
6.4.6.3 Example

Coherency is useful in cases where the values are inter-related (for example, if there are two data-instances representing the altitude and velocity vector of the same aircraft and both are changed, it may be useful to communicate those values in a way the reader can see both together; otherwise, it may e.g., erroneously interpret that the aircraft is on a collision course).

Ordered access is useful when you need to ensure that DDS samples appear on the DataReader’s queue in the order sent by one or multiple DataWriters within the same Publisher.

To illustrate the effect of the PRESENTATION QosPolicy with TOPIC and INSTANCE access scope, assume the following sequence of DDS samples was written by the DataWriter: \{A1, B1, C1, A2, B2, C2\}. In this example, A, B, and C represent different instances (i.e., different keys). Assume all of these DDS samples have been propagated to the DataReader’s history queue before your application invokes the read() operation. The DDS data-sample sequence returned depends on how the PRESENTATION QoS is set, as shown in Table 6.26 Effect of ordered_access for access_scope INSTANCE and TOPIC.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PRESENTATION QoS</th>
<th>Sequence retrieved via “read()”.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Order sent was {A1, B1, C1, A2, B2, C2}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Order received was {A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **ordered_access = FALSE**
  - access_scope = <any>
    - \{A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2\}

- **ordered_access = TRUE**
  - access_scope = INSTANCE
    - \{A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2\}

- **ordered_access = TRUE**
  - access_scope = TOPIC
    - \{A1, B1, C1, A2, B2, C2\}

To illustrate the effect of a PRESENTATION QosPolicy with GROUP access_scope, assume the following sequence of DDS samples was written by two DataWriters, W1 and W2, within the same Publisher: \{(W1,A1), (W2,B1), (W1,C1), (W2,A2), (W1,B2), (W2,C2)\}. As in the previous example, A, B, and C represent different instances (i.e., different keys). With access_scope set to INSTANCE or TOPIC, the middleware cannot guarantee that the application will receive the DDS samples in the same order they were published by W1 and W2. With access_scope set to GROUP, the middleware is able to provide the DDS samples in order to the application as long as the read()/take() operations are invoked within a begin_access()/end_access() block (see Beginning and Ending Group-Ordered Access (Section 7.2.5 on page 451)).
Table 6.27 Effect of ordered_access for access_scope GROUP

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PRESENTATION QoS</th>
<th>Sequence retrieved via “read()”.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ordered_access = FALSE or access_scope = TOPIC or INSTANCE</td>
<td>The order across DataWriters will not be preserved. DDS samples may be delivered in multiple orders. For example:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{(W1,A1), (W1,C1), (W1,B2), (W2,A2), (W2,C2)}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ordered_access = TRUE access_scope = GROUP</td>
<td>DDS samples are delivered in the same order they were published:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>{(W1,A1), (W1,B1), (W1,C1), (W2,A2), (W2,C2)}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.4.6.4 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Publisher or Subscriber is enabled.

This QoS must be set compatibly between the DataWriter’s Publisher and the DataReader’s Subscriber. The compatible combinations are shown in Table 6.28 Valid Combinations of ordered_access and access_scope, with Subscriber’s ordered_access = False and Table 6.29 Valid Combinations of ordered_access and access_scope, with Subscriber’s ordered_access = True for ordered_access and Table 6.30 Valid Combinations of Presentation Coherent Access and Access Scope for coherent_access.

Table 6.28 Valid Combinations of ordered_access and access_scope, with Subscriber’s ordered_access = False

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>{ordered_access/access_scope}</th>
<th>Subscriber Requests:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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6.4.6.5 Related QosPolicies

- The DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy (Section 6.5.6 on page 363) is closely related and also affects the ordering of DDS data samples on a per-instance basis when there are multiple DataWriters.

- The DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509) may be used to configure the DDS sample ordering process in the Subscribers configured with GROUP or HIGHEST_OFFERED access_scope.

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**Table 6.29 Valid Combinations of ordered_access and access_scope, with Subscriber's ordered_access = True**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>{ordered_access/access_scope}</th>
<th>Subscriber Requests:</th>
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<th>True/Group</th>
<th>True/Highest</th>
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**Table 6.30 Valid Combinations of Presentation Coherent Access and Access Scope**

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</table>

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6.4.6.6 Applicable DDS Entities

- Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
- Subscribers (Section 7.2 on page 436)

6.4.6.7 System Resource Considerations

The use of this policy does not significantly impact the usage of resources.

6.5 DataWriter QosPolicies

This section provides detailed information about the QosPolicies associated with a DataWriter. Table 6.17 DataWriter QosPolicies provides a quick reference. They are presented here in alphabetical order.

- AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on the next page)
- BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)
- DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)
- DATA_WRITERRESOURCE_LIMITQS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.4 on page 357)
- DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361)
- DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy (Section 6.5.6 on page 363)
- DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366)
- DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370)
- ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372)
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- LATENCYBUDGET QoS Policy (Section 6.5.11 on page 378)
- LIFESPAN QoS Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379)
- LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)
- MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384)
- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)
- OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 on page 390)
- PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391)
- PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394)
- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)
- RESOURCE_LIMITQS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)
6.5.1 AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

- SERVICE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.21 on page 406)
- TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407)
- TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409)
- TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410)
- TYPESUPPORT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.25 on page 413)
- USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)
- WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy (Section 6.5.27 on page 417)

### 6.5.1 AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QoS policy configures the availability of data and it is used in the context of two features:

- Collaborative DataWriters (Availability QoS Policy and Collaborative DataWriters (Section 6.5.1.1 on the facing page))
- Required Subscriptions (Availability QoS Policy and Required Subscriptions (Section 6.5.1.2 on page 337))

It contains the members listed in Table 6.31 DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy.

#### Table 6.31 DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>enable_required_subscriptions</td>
<td>Enables support for required subscriptions in a DataWriter. For Collaborative DataWriters: Not applicable. For Required Subscriptions: See Table 6.34 Configuring Required Subscriptions with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>max_data_availability_waiting_time</td>
<td>Defines how much time to wait before delivering a DDS sample to the application without having received some of the previous DDS samples. For Collaborative DataWriters: See Table 6.33 Configuring Collaborative DataWriters with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy. For Required Subscriptions: Not applicable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>max_endpoint_availability_waiting_time</td>
<td>Defines how much time to wait to discover DataWriters providing DDS samples for the same data source. For Collaborative DataWriters: See Table 6.33 Configuring Collaborative DataWriters with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy. For Required Subscriptions: Not applicable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Field Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_Endpoint-GroupSeq</td>
<td>required_matched_endpoint_groups</td>
<td>A sequence of endpoint groups, described in Table 6.32 struct DDS_EndpointGroup_t. For Collaborative DataWriters: See Table 6.33 Configuring Collaborative DataWriters with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy. For Required Subscriptions: See Table 6.34 Configuring Required Subscriptions with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 6.32 struct DDS_EndpointGroup_t**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>role_name</td>
<td>Defines the role name of the endpoint group. If used in the AvailabilityQosPolicy on a DataWriter, it specifies the name that identifies a Required Subscription.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int</td>
<td>quorum_count</td>
<td>Defines the minimum number of members that satisfies the endpoint group. If used in the AvailabilityQosPolicy on a DataWriter, it specifies the number of DataReaders with a specific role name that must acknowledge a DDS sample before the DDS sample is considered to be acknowledged by the Required Subscription.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 6.5.1.1 Availability QoS Policy and Collaborative DataWriters

The Collaborative DataWriters feature allows you to have multiple DataWriters publishing DDS samples from a common logical data source. The DataReaders will combine the DDS samples coming from the DataWriters in order to reconstruct the correct order at the source. The Availability QosPolicy allows you to configure the DDS sample combination (synchronization) process in the DataReader.

Each DDS sample published in a DDS domain for a given logical data source is uniquely identified by a pair (virtual GUID, virtual sequence number). DDS samples from the same data source (same virtual GUID) can be published by different DataWriters.

A DataReader will deliver a DDS sample (VGUIDn, VSNm) to the application if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (GUIDn, SNm-1) has already been delivered to the application.
- All the known DataWriters publishing VGUIDn have announced that they do not have (VGUIDn, VSNm-1).
None of the known Data Writers publishing VGUIDn have announced potential availability of (VGUIDn, VSNm-1) and both timeouts in this QoS policy have expired.

A DataWriter announces potential availability of DDS samples by using virtual heartbeats. The frequency at which virtual heartbeats are sent is controlled by the protocol parameters virtual_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) and samples_per_virtual_heartbeat (Section on page 348) (see Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t).

Table 6.33 Configuring Collaborative DataWriters with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy describes the fields of this policy when used for a Collaborative DataWriter.

For further information, see Collaborative DataWriters (Section Chapter 11 on page 669).

Table 6.33 Configuring Collaborative DataWriters with DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description for Collaborative DataWriters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>max_data_availability_waiting_time</td>
<td>Defines how much time to wait before delivering a DDS sample to the application without having received some of the previous DDS samples.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A DDS sample identified by (VGUIDn, VSNm) will be delivered to the application if this timeout expires for the DDS sample and the following two conditions are satisfied:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>None of the known Data Writers publishing VGUIDn have announced potential availability of (VGUIDn, VSNm-1).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The Data Writers for all the endpoint groups specified in required_matched_endpoint_groups (Section on the previous page) have been discovered or max_endpoint_availability_waiting_time (Section on the facing page) has expired.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max_endpoint_availability_waiting_time</td>
<td>Defines how much time to wait to discover DataWriters providing DDS samples for the same data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The set of endpoint groups that are required to provide DDS samples for a data source can be configured using required_matched_endpoint_groups (Section on the previous page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A non-consecutive DDS sample identified by (GUIDn, SNm) cannot be delivered to the application unless the DataWriters for all the endpoint groups in required_matched_endpoint_groups (Section on the previous page) are discovered or this timeout expires.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>required_matched_endpoint_groups</td>
<td>Specifies the set of endpoint groups that are expected to provide DDS samples for the same data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The quorum count in a group represents the number of DataWriters that must be discovered for that group before theDataReader is allowed to provide non-consecutive DDS samples to the application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A DataWriter becomes a member of an endpoint group by configuring the role_name in the DataWriter’s ENTITY_NAME_QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The DataWriters created by RTI Persistence Service have a predefined role_name of ‘PERSISTENCE_SERVICE’. For other DataWriters, the role_name is not set by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.5.1.2 Availability QoS Policy and Required Subscriptions

In the context of Required Subscriptions, the Availability QosPolicy can be used to configure a set of required subscriptions on a DataWriter.
**Required Subscriptions** are preconfigured, named subscriptions that may leave and subsequently rejoin the network from time to time, at the same or different physical locations. Any time a required subscription is disconnected, any DDS samples that would have been delivered to it are stored for delivery if and when the subscription rejoins the network.

Table 6.34 Configuring Required Subscriptions with DDS AvailabilityQosPolicy describes the fields of this policy when used for a Required Subscription.

For further information, see Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description for Required Subscriptions</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>enable_required_subscriptions</td>
<td>Enables support for Required Subscriptions in a DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max_data_availability_waiting_time</td>
<td>Not applicable to Required Subscriptions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max_endpoint_availability_waiting_time</td>
<td>A sequence of endpoint groups that specify the Required Subscriptions on a DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>required_matched_endpoint_groups</td>
<td>Each Required Subscription is specified by a name and a quorum count.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The quorum count represents the number of DataReaders that have to acknowledge the DDS sample before it can be considered fully acknowledged for that Required Subscription.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A DataReader is associated with a Required Subscription by configuring the role_name in the DataReader’s ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.5.1.3 Properties

For DataWriters, all the members in this QosPolicy can be changed after the DataWriter is created except for the member enable_required_subscriptions.

For DataReaders, this QosPolicy cannot be changed after the DataReader is created.

There are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

6.5.1.4 Related QosPolicies

- ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372)
- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4)
6.5.1.5 Applicable DDS Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.1.6 System Resource Considerations

The resource limits for the endpoint groups in required_matched_endpoint_groups are determined by two values in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592):

- max_endpoint_groups
- max_endpoint_group_cumulative_characters

The maximum number of virtual writers (identified by a virtual GUID) that can be managed by a DataReader is determined by the max_remote_virtual_writers in DATA_READERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515). When the Subscriber’s access_scope is GROUP, max_remote_virtual_writers determines the maximum number of DataWriter groups supported by the Subscriber. Since the Subscriber may contain more than one DataReader, only the setting of the first applies.

6.5.2 BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy can be used to decrease the amount of communication overhead associated with the transmission and (in the case of reliable communication) acknowledgement of small DDS samples, in order to increase throughput.

It specifies and configures the mechanism that allows Connext DDS to collect multiple user data DDS samples to be sent in a single network packet, to take advantage of the efficiency of sending larger packets and thus increase effective throughput.

This QosPolicy can be used to increase effective throughput dramatically for small data DDS samples. Throughput for small DDS samples (size < 2048 bytes) is typically limited by CPU capacity and not by network bandwidth. Batching many smaller DDS samples to be sent in a single large packet will increase network utilization and thus throughput in terms of DDS samples per second.

It contains the members listed in Table 6.35 DDS_BatchQosPolicy.
Table 6.35 DDS_BatchQosPolicy

<table>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>enable</td>
<td>Enables/disables batching.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_data_bytes</td>
<td>Sets the maximum cumulative length of all serialized DDS samples in a batch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Before or when this limit is reached, the batch is automatically flushed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The size does not include the meta-data associated with the batch DDS samples.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_samples</td>
<td>Sets the maximum number of DDS samples in a batch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When this limit is reached, the batch is automatically flushed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_Duration_1</td>
<td>max_flush_delay</td>
<td>Sets the maximum flush delay.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When this duration is reached, the batch is automatically flushed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The delay is measured from the time the first DDS sample in the batch is written by the application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_Duration_1</td>
<td>source_timestamp_resolution</td>
<td>Sets the batch source timestamp resolution. The value of this field determines how the source timestamp is associated with the DDS samples in a batch. A DDS sample written with timestamp 't' inherits the source timestamp 't2' associated with the previous DDS sample, unless ('t' - 't2') is greater than source_timestamp_resolution. If source_timestamp_resolution is DURATION_INFINITY, every DDS sample in the batch will share the source timestamp associated with the first DDS sample. If source_timestamp_resolution is zero, every DDS sample in the batch will contain its own source timestamp corresponding to the moment when the DDS sample was written. The performance of the batching process is better when source_timestamp_resolution is set to DURATION_INFINITY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>thread_safe_write</td>
<td>Determines whether or not the write operation is thread-safe. If TRUE, multiple threads can call write on the DataWriter concurrently. A setting of FALSE can be used to increase batching throughput for batches with many small DDS samples.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If batching is enabled (not the default), DDS samples are not immediately sent when they are written. Instead, they get collected into a "batch." A batch always contains whole number of DDS samples—a DDS sample will never be fragmented into multiple batches.

A batch is sent on the network ("flushed") when one of the following things happens:

- User-configurable flushing conditions
  - A batch size limit (max_data_bytes) is reached.
  - A number of DDS samples are in the batch (max_samples).
6.5.2.1 Synchronous and Asynchronous Flushing

- A time-limit (max_flush_delay) is reached, as measured from the time the first DDS sample in the batch is written by the application.
- The application explicitly calls a DataWriter's flush() operation.
- Non-user configurable flushing conditions:
  - A coherent set starts or ends.
  - The number of DDS samples in the batch is equal to max_samples in RESOURCE_LIMITS for unkeyed topics or max_samples_per_instance in RESOURCE_LIMITS for keyed topics.

Additional batching configuration takes place in the Publisher's ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311).

The flush() operation is described in Flushing Batches of DDS Data Samples (Section 6.3.9 on page 284).

6.5.2.1 Synchronous and Asynchronous Flushing

Usually, a batch is flushed synchronously:

- When a batch reaches its application-defined size limit (max_data_bytes or max_samples) because the application called write(), the batch is flushed immediately in the context of the writing thread.
- When an application manually flushes a batch, the batch is flushed immediately in the context of the calling thread.
- When the first DDS sample in a coherent set is written, the batch in progress (without including the DDS sample in the coherent set) is immediately flushed in the context of the writing thread.
- When a coherent set ends, the batch in progress is immediately flushed in the context of the calling thread.
- When the number of DDS samples in a batch is equal to max_samples in RESOURCE_LIMITS for unkeyed topics or max_samples_per_instance in RESOURCE_LIMITS for keyed topics, the batch is flushed immediately in the context of the writing thread.

However, some behavior is asynchronous:

- To flush batches based on a time limit (max_flush_delay), enable asynchronous batch flushing in the ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311) of the DataWriter's Publisher. This will cause the Publisher to create an additional thread that will be used to flush batches of that Publisher's DataWriters. This behavior is analogous to the way asynchronous publishing works.
You may also use batching alongside asynchronous publication with FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419). These features are independent of one another. Flushing a batch on an asynchronous DataWriter makes it available for sending to the DataWriter's FlowController. From the point of view of the FlowController, a batch is treated like one large DDS sample.

### 6.5.2.2 Batching vs. Coalescing

Even when batching is disabled, Connext DDS will sometimes coalesce multiple DDS samples into a single network datagram. For example, DDS samples buffered by a FlowController or sent in response to a negative acknowledgement (NACK) may be coalesced. This behavior is distinct from DDS sample batching.

DDS samples that are sent individually (not part of a batch) are always treated as separate DDS samples by Connext DDS. Each DDS sample is accompanied by a complete RTPS header on the network (although DDS samples may share UDP and IP headers) and (in the case of reliable communication) a unique physical sequence number that must be positively or negatively acknowledged.

In contrast, batched DDS samples share an RTPS header and an entire batch is acknowledged—positively or negatively—as a unit, potentially reducing the amount of meta-traffic on the network and the amount of processing per individual DDS sample.

Batching can also improve latency relative to simply coalescing. Consider two use cases:

1. A DataWriter is configured to write asynchronously with a FlowController. Even if the FlowController's rules would allow it to publish a new DDS sample immediately, the send will always happen in the context of the asynchronous publishing thread. This context switch can add latency to the send path.

2. A DataWriter is configured to write synchronously but with batching turned on. When the batch is full, it will be sent on the wire immediately, eliminating a thread context switch from the send path.

### 6.5.2.3 Batching and ContentFilteredTopics

When batching is enabled, content filtering is always done on the reader side.

### 6.5.2.4 Turbo Mode: Automatically Adjusting the Number of Bytes in a Batch—Experimental Feature

Turbo Mode is an experimental feature that uses an intelligent algorithm that automatically adjusts the number of bytes in a batch at run time according to current system conditions, such as write speed (or write frequency) and DDS sample size. This intelligence is what gives it the ability to increase throughput at high message rates and avoid negatively impacting message latency at low message rates.

To enable Turbo mode, set the DataWriter's property `dds.data_writer.enable_turbo_mode` to true. Turbo mode is not enabled by default.
Note: If you explicitly enable batching by setting enable to TRUE in BatchQosPolicy, the value of the turbo mode property is ignored and turbo mode is not used.

### 6.5.2.5 Performance Considerations

The purpose of batching is to increase throughput when writing small DDS samples at a high rate. In such cases, throughput can be increased several-fold, approaching much more closely the physical limitations of the underlying network transport.

However, collecting DDS samples into a batch implies that they are not sent on the network immediately when the application writes them; this can potentially increase latency. However, if the application sends data faster than the network can support, an increased proportion of the network's available bandwidth will be spent on acknowledgements and DDS sample resends. In this case, reducing that overhead by turning on batching could decrease latency while increasing throughput.

As a general rule, to improve batching throughput:

- Set `thread_safe_write` to FALSE when the batch contains a big number of small DDS samples. If you do not use a thread-safe write configuration, asynchronous batch flushing must be disabled.
- Set `source_timestamp_resolution` to `DURATION_INFINITE`. Note that you set this value, every DDS sample in the batch will share the same source timestamp.

Batching affects how often piggyback heartbeats are sent; see `heartbeats_per_max_samples` in Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t.

### 6.5.2.6 Maximum Transport Datagram Size

Batches cannot be fragmented. As a result, the maximum batch size (`max_data_bytes`) must be set no larger than the maximum transport datagram size. For example, a UDP datagram is limited to 64 KB, so any batches sent over UDP must be less than or equal to that size.

### 6.5.2.7 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the `DataWriter` is enabled.

Since it is only for `DataWriters`, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

*All batching configuration occurs on the publishing side.* A subscribing application does not configure anything specific to receive batched DDS samples, and in many cases, it will be oblivious to whether the DDS samples it processes were received individually or as part of a batch.

Consistency rules:
6.5.2.8 Related QosPolicies

- **max_samples** must be consistent with **max_data_bytes**: they cannot both be set to LENGTH_UNLIMITED.
- If **max_flush_delay** is not DURATION_INFINITE, **disable_asynchronous_batch** in the ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311) must be FALSE.
- If **thread_safe_write** is FALSE, **source_timestamp_resolution** must be DURATION_INFINITE.

6.5.2.9 Applicable DDS Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

6.5.2.10 System Resource Considerations

- Batching requires additional resources to store the meta-data associated with the DDS samples in the batch.
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- For unkeyed topics, the meta-data will be at least 8 bytes, with a maximum of 20 bytes.
- For keyed topics, the meta-data will be at least 8 bytes, with a maximum of 52 bytes.
- Other resource considerations are described in Related QosPolicies (Section 6.5.2.8 on the previous page).

6.5.3 DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

Connext DDS uses a standard protocol for packet (user and meta data) exchange between applications. The DataWriterProtocol QosPolicy gives you control over configurable portions of the protocol, including the configuration of the reliable data delivery mechanism of the protocol on a per DataWriter basis.

These configuration parameters control timing and timeouts, and give you the ability to trade off between speed of data loss detection and repair, versus network and CPU bandwidth used to maintain reliability.

It is important to tune the reliability protocol on a per DataWriter basis to meet the requirements of the end-user application so that data can be sent between DataWriters and DataReaders in an efficient and optimal manner in the presence of data loss. You can also use this QosPolicy to control how Connext DDS responds to "slow" reliable DataReaders or ones that disconnect or are otherwise lost.

This policy includes the members presented in Table 6.36 DDS_DataWriterProtocolQosPolicy and Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

For details on the reliability protocol used by Connext DDS, see Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628). See the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) for more information on per-DataReader/DataWriter reliability configuration. The HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) also play important roles in the DDS reliability protocol.
6.5.3 DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

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<tr>
<td>DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>virtual_guid</td>
<td>The virtual GUID (Global Unique Identifier) is used to uniquely identify the same DataWriter across multiple incarnations. In other words, this value allows Connext DDS to remember information about a DataWriter that may be deleted and then recreated. Connext DDS uses the virtual GUID to associate a durable writer history to a DataWriter. Persistence Service(^1) uses the virtual GUID to send DDS samples on behalf of the original DataWriter. A DataReader persists its state based on the virtual GUIDs of matching remote DataWriters. For more information, see Durability and Persistence Based on Virtual GUIDs (Section 12.2 on page 679). By default, Connext DDS will assign a virtual GUID automatically. If you want to restore the state of the durable writer history after a restart, you can retrieve the value of the writer's virtual GUID using the DataWriter's get_qos() operation, and set the virtual GUID of the restarted DataWriter to the same value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDSUnsigned-Long</td>
<td>rtps_object_id</td>
<td>Determines the DataWriter's RTPS object ID, according to the DDS-RTPS Interoperability Wire Protocol. Only the last 3 bytes are used; the most significant byte is ignored. The rtps_host_id, rtps_app_id, and rtps_instance_id in the WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609), together with the 3 least significant bytes in rtps_object_id, and another byte assigned by Connext DDS to identify the entity type, forms the BuiltinTopicKey in PublicationBuiltinTopicData.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>push_on_write</td>
<td>Controls when a DDS sample is sent after write() is called on a DataWriter. If TRUE, the DDS sample is sent immediately; if FALSE, the DDS sample is put in a queue until an ACK/NACK is received from a reliable DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks</td>
<td>Determines whether matching DataReaders send positive acknowledgements (ACKs) to the DataWriter. When TRUE, the DataWriter will keep DDS samples in its queue for ACK-disabled readers for a minimum keep duration (see Disabling Positive Acknowledgements (Section 6.5.3.3 on page 352)). When strict reliability is not required, setting this to TRUE reduces overhead network traffic.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\)Persistence Service is included with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types. It saves DDS data samples so they can be delivered to subscribing applications that join the system at a later time (see Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)).
Table 6.36 DDS_DataWriterProtocolQosPolicy

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>disable_inline_keyhash</td>
<td>Controls whether or not the key-hash is propagated on the wire with DDS samples. This field only applies to keyed writers. Connext DDS associates a key-hash (an internal 16-byte representation) with each key. When FALSE, the key-hash is sent on the wire with every data instance. When TRUE, the key-hash is not sent on the wire (so the readers must compute the value using the received data). If the reader is CPU bound, sending the key-hash on the wire may increase performance, because the reader does not have to get the key-hash from the data. If the writer is CPU bound, sending the key-hash on the wire may decrease performance, because it requires more bandwidth (16 more bytes per DDS sample). Setting disable_inline_keyhash to TRUE is not compatible with using RTI Database Integration Service or RTI Recording Service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>serialize_key_with_dispose</td>
<td>Controls whether or not the serialized key is propagated on the wire with dispose notifications. This field only applies to keyed writers. RTI recommends setting this field to TRUE if there are DataReaders with propagate_dispose_of_unregistered_instances (in the DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)) also set to TRUE. Important: When this field TRUE, batching will not be compatible with RTI Data Distribution Service 4.3e, 4.4b, or 4.4c—the DataReaders will receive incorrect data and/or encounter deserialization errors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>propagate_app_ack_with_no_response</td>
<td>Controls whether or not a DataWriter receives on_application_acknowledgment() notifications with an empty or invalid response. When FALSE, on_application_acknowledgment() will not be invoked if the DDS sample being acknowledged has an empty or invalid response.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t</td>
<td>rtps_reliable_writer</td>
<td>This structure includes the fields in Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t.</td>
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### Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>low_watermark</td>
<td>Queue levels that control when to switch between the regular and fast heartbeat rates (heartbeat_period (Section below) and fast_heartbeat_period (Section below)). See High and Low Watermarks (Section 6.5.3.1 on page 350).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>high_watermark</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>heartbeat_period</td>
<td>Rates at which to send heartbeats to DataReaders with unacknowledged DDS samples. See Normal, Fast, and Late-Joiner Heartbeat Periods (Section 6.5.3.2 on page 351) and How Often Heartbeats are Resent (heartbeat_period) (Section 10.3.4.1 on page 644).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>fast_heartbeat_period</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>late_joiner_heartbeat_period</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>virtual_heartbeat_period</td>
<td>The rate at which a reliable DataWriter will send virtual heartbeats. Virtual heartbeat informs the reliable DataReader about the range of DDS samples currently present for each virtual GUID in the reliable writer's queue. See Virtual Heartbeats (Section 6.5.3.6 on page 355).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>samples_per_virtual_heartbeat</td>
<td>The number of DDS samples that a reliable DataWriter must publish before sending a virtual heartbeat. See Virtual Heartbeats (Section 6.5.3.6 on page 355).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_heartbeat_retries</td>
<td>Maximum number of periodic heartbeats sent without receiving an ACK/NACK packet before marking a DataReader ‘inactive.’ When a DataReader has not acknowledged all the DDS samples the reliable DataWriter has sent to it, and max_heartbeat_retries number of periodic heartbeats have been sent without receiving any ACK/NACK packets in return, the DataReader will be marked as inactive (not alive) and be ignored until it resumes sending ACK/NACKs. Note that piggyback heartbeats do not count towards this value. See Controlling How Many Times Heartbeats are Resent (max_heartbeat_retries) (Section 10.3.4.4 on page 649).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>inactivate_nonprogressing_readers</td>
<td>Allows the DataWriter to treat DataReaders that send successive non-progressing NACK packets as inactive. See Treating Non-Progressing Readers as Inactive Readers (inactivate_nonprogressing_readers) (Section 10.3.4.5 on page 649).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>heartbeats_per_max_samples</td>
<td>A piggyback heartbeat is sent every [current send-window size/heartbeats_per_max_samples] number of DDS samples written. If set to zero, no piggyback heartbeat will be sent. If the current send-window size is LENGTH_UNLIMITED, 100 million is assumed as the value in the calculation. See Configuring the Send Window Size (Section 6.5.3.4 on page 353).</td>
</tr>
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### Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>min_nack_response_delay</td>
<td>Minimum delay to respond to an ACK/NACK. When a reliable DataWriter receives an ACK/NACK from a DataReader, the DataWriter can choose to delay a while before it sends repair DDS samples or a heartbeat. This set the value of the minimum delay. See Coping with Redundant Requests for Missing DDS Samples (max_nack_response_delay) (Section 10.3.4.6 on page 650).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>max_nack_response_delay</td>
<td>Maximum delay to respond to a ACK/NACK. This sets the value of maximum delay between receiving an ACK/NACK and sending repair DDS samples or a heartbeat. A longer wait can help prevent storms of repair packets if many DataReaders send NACKs at the same time. However, it delays the repair, and hence increases the latency of the communication. See Coping with Redundant Requests for Missing DDS Samples (max_nack_response_delay) (Section 10.3.4.6 on page 650).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>nack_suppression_duration</td>
<td>How long consecutive NACKs are suppressed. When a reliable DataWriter receives consecutive NACKs within a short duration, this may trigger the DataWriter to send redundant repair messages. This value sets the duration during which consecutive NACKs are ignored, thus preventing redundant repairs from being sent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_bytes_per_nack_response</td>
<td>Maximum bytes in a repair package. When a reliable DataWriter resends DDS samples, the total package size is limited to this value. Note: The reliable DataWriter will always send at least one sample. See Controlling Packet Size for Resent DDS Samples (max_bytes_per_nack_response) (Section 10.3.4.3 on page 648).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration</td>
<td>Minimum duration that a DDS sample will be kept in the DataWriter’s queue for ACK-disabled DataReaders. See Disabling Positive Acknowledgements (Section 6.5.3.3 on page 352) and Disabling Positive Acknowledgements (disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration) (Section 10.3.4.7 on page 651).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks_max_sample_keep_duration</td>
<td>Maximum duration that a DDS sample will be kept in the DataWriter’s queue for ACK-disabled readers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks_enable_adaptive_sample_keep_duration</td>
<td>Enables automatic dynamic adjustment of the ‘keep duration’ in response to network congestion.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks_increase_sample_keep_duration_factor</td>
<td>When the ‘keep duration’ is dynamically controlled, the lengthening of the ‘keep duration’ is controlled by this factor, which is expressed as a percentage. When the adaptive algorithm determines that the keep duration should be increased, this factor is multiplied with the current keep duration to get the new longer keep duration. For example, if the current keep duration is 20 milliseconds, using the default factor of 150% would result in a new keep duration of 30 milliseconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks_decrease_sample_keep_duration_factor</td>
<td>When the ‘keep duration’ is dynamically controlled, the shortening of the ‘keep duration’ is controlled by this factor, which is expressed as a percentage. When the adaptive algorithm determines that the keep duration should be decreased, this factor is multiplied with the current keep duration to get the new shorter keep duration. For example, if the current keep duration is 20 milliseconds, using the default factor of 95% would result in a new keep duration of 19 milliseconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>min_send_window_size</td>
<td>Minimum and maximum size for the window of outstanding DDS samples. See Configuring the Send Window Size (Section 6.5.3.4 on page 353).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_send_window_size</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>send_window_decrease_factor</td>
<td>Scales the current send-window size down by this percentage to decrease the effective send-rate in response to received negative acknowledgement. See Configuring the Send Window Size (Section 6.5.3.4 on page 353).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>enable_multicast_periodic_heartbeat</td>
<td>Controls whether or not periodic heartbeat messages are sent over multicast. When enabled, if a reader has a multicast destination, the writer will send its periodic HEARTBEAT messages to that destination. Otherwise, if not enabled or the reader does not have a multicast destination, the writer will send its periodic HEARTBEATs over unicast.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>multicast_resend_threshold</td>
<td>Sets the minimum number of requesting readers needed to trigger a multicast resend. See Resending Over Multicast (Section 6.5.3.7 on page 355).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>send_window_increase_factor</td>
<td>Scales the current send-window size up by this percentage to increase the effective send-rate when a duration has passed without any received negative acknowledgements. See Configuring the Send Window Size (Section 6.5.3.4 on page 353)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration</td>
<td>send_window_update_period</td>
<td>Period in which DataWriter checks for received negative acknowledgements and conditionally increases the send-window size when none are received. See Configuring the Send Window Size (Section 6.5.3.4 on page 353)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 6.5.3.1 High and Low Watermarks

When the number of unacknowledged DDS samples in the current send-window of a reliable DataWriter meets or exceeds high_watermark (Section on page 348), the RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_
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CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276) will be changed appropriately, a listener callback will be triggered, and the DataWriter will start heartbeating its matched DataReaders at fast_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348)

When the number of DDS samples meets or falls below low_watermark (Section on page 348), the RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276) will be changed appropriately, a listener callback will be triggered, and the heartbeat rate will return to the "normal" rate (heartbeat_period (Section on page 348)).

Having both high and low watermarks (instead of one) helps prevent rapid flickering between the rates, which could happen if the number of DDS samples hovers near the cut-off point.

Increasing the high and low watermarks will make the DataWriters less aggressive about seeking acknowledgments for sent data, decreasing the size of traffic spikes but slowing performance.

Decreasing the watermarks will make the DataWriters more aggressive, increasing both network utilization and performance.

If batching is used, high_watermark (Section on page 348) and low_watermark (Section on page 348) refer to batches, not DDS samples.

When min_send_window_size (Section on the previous page) and max_send_window_size (Section on the previous page) are not equal, the low and high watermarks are scaled down linearly to stay within the current send-window size. The value provided by configuration corresponds to the high and low watermarks for the max_send_window_size (Section on the previous page).

6.5.3.2 Normal, Fast, and Late-Joiner Heartbeat Periods

The normal heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) is used until the number of DDS samples in the reliable DataWriter’s queue meets or exceeds high_watermark (Section on page 348); then fast_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) is used. Once the number of DDS samples meets or drops below low_watermark (Section on page 348), the normal rate (heartbeat_period (Section on page 348)) is used again.

- fast_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) must be <= heartbeat_period (Section on page 348)

Increasing fast_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) increases the speed of discovery, but results in a larger surge of traffic when the DataWriter is waiting for acknowledgments.

Decreasing heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) decreases the steady state traffic on the wire, but may increase latency by decreasing the speed of repairs for lost packets when the writer does not have very many outstanding unacknowledged DDS samples.

Having two periodic heartbeat rates, and switching between them based on watermarks:
• Ensures that all DataReaders receive all their data as quickly as possible (the sooner they receive a heartbeat, the sooner they can send a NACK, and the sooner the DataWriter can send repair DDS samples);

• Helps prevent the DataWriter from overflowing its resource limits (as its queue starts the fill, the DataWriter sends heartbeats faster, prompting the DataReaders to acknowledge sooner, allowing the DataWriter to purge these acknowledged DDS samples from its queue);

• Tunes the amount of network traffic. (Heartbeats and NACKs use up network bandwidth like any other traffic; decreasing the heartbeat rates, or increasing the threshold before the fast rate starts, can smooth network traffic—at the expense of discovery performance).

The late_joiner_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) is used when a reliableDataReader joins after a reliable DataWriter (with non-volatile Durability) has begun publishing DDS samples. Once the late-joining DataReader has received all cached DDS samples, it will be serviced at the same rate as other reliable DataReaders.

• late_joiner_heartbeat_period (Section on page 348) must be <= heartbeat_period (Section on page 348)

6.5.3.3 Disabling Positive Acknowledgements

When strict reliable communication is not required, you can configure Connext DDS so that it does not send positive acknowledgements (ACKs). In this case, reliability is maintained solely based on negative acknowledgements (NACKs). The removal of ACK traffic may improve middleware performance. For example, when sending DDS samples over multicast, ACK-storms that previously may have hindered DataWriters and consumed overhead network bandwidth are now precluded.

By default, DataWriters and DataReaders are configured with positive ACKS enabled. To disable ACKs, either:

• Configure the DataWriter to disable positive ACKs for all matching DataReaders (by setting disable_positive_acks to TRUE in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)).

• Disable ACKs for individual DataReaders (by setting disable_positive_acks to TRUE in the DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)).

If ACKs are disabled, instead of the DataWriter holding a DDS sample in its send queue until all of its DataReaders have ACKed it, the DataWriter will hold a DDS sample for a configurable duration. This “keep-duration" starts when a DDS sample is written. When this time elapses, the DDS sample is logically considered as acknowledged by its ACK-disabled readers.

The length of the "keep-duration" can be static or dynamic, depending on how rtps_reliable_writer-.disable_positive_acks_enable_adaptive_sample_keep_duration is set.
• When the length is static, the "keep-duration" is set to the minimum (`rtps_reliable_writer.disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration`).

• When the length is dynamic, the "keep-duration" is dynamically adjusted between the minimum and maximum durations (`rtps_reliable_writer.disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration` and `rtps_reliable_writer.disable_positive_acks_max_sample_keep_duration`).

Dynamic adjustment maximizes throughput and reliability in response to current network conditions: when the network is congested, durations are increased to decrease the effective send rate and relieve the congestion; when the network is not congested, durations are decreased to increase the send rate and maximize throughput.

You should configure the minimum "keep-duration" to allow at least enough time for a possible NACK to be received and processed. When a `DataWriter` has both matching ACK-disabled and ACK-enabled `DataReaders`, it holds a DDS sample in its queue until all ACK-enabled `DataReaders` have ACKed it and the "keep-duration" has elapsed.

See also: Disabling Positive Acknowledgements (`disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration`) (Section 10.3.4.7 on page 651).

6.5.3.4 Configuring the Send Window Size

When a reliable `DataWriter` writes a DDS sample, it keeps the DDS sample in its queue until it has received acknowledgements from all of its subscribing `DataReaders`. The number of these outstanding DDS samples is referred to as the `DataWriter's "send window." Once the number of outstanding DDS samples has reached the send window size, subsequent writes will block until an outstanding DDS sample is acknowledged.

Configuration of the send window sets a minimum and maximum size, which may be unlimited. The min and max send windows can be the same. When set differently, the send window will dynamically change in response to detected network congestion, as signaled by received negative acknowledgements. When NACKs are received, the DataWriter responds to the slowed reader by decreasing the send window by the `send_window_decrease_factor` to throttle down its effective send rate. The send window will not be decreased to less than the `min_send_window_size`. After a period (`send_window_update_period`) during which no NACKs are received, indicating that the reader is catching up, the `DataWriter` will increase the send window size to increase the effective send rate by the percentage specified by `send_window_increase_factor`. The send window will increase to no greater than the `max_send_window_size`.

When both `min_send_window_size` and `max_send_window_size` are unlimited, either the resource limits `max_samples` in `RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) (for non-batching) or `max_batches` in `DATA_WRITER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.4 on page 357) (for batching) serves as the effective `max_send_window_size`.
When either \texttt{max\_samples} (for non-batching) or \texttt{max\_batches} (for batching) is less than \texttt{max\_send\_window\_size}, it serves as the effective \texttt{max\_send\_window\_size}. If it is also less than \texttt{min\_send\_window\_size}, then effectively both min and max send-window sizes are equal to \texttt{max\_samples} or \texttt{max\_batches}.

### 6.5.3.5 Propagating Serialized Keys with Disposed-Instance Notifications

This section describes the interaction between these two fields:

- \texttt{serialize\_key\_with\_dispose} in \texttt{DATA\_WRITER\_PROTOCOL QosPolicy} (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)
- \texttt{propagate\_dispose\_of\_unregistered\_instances} in \texttt{DATA\_READER\_PROTOCOL QosPolicy} (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)

RTI recommends setting \texttt{serialize\_key\_with\_dispose} to TRUE if there are DataReaders with \texttt{propagate\_dispose\_of\_unregistered\_instances} also set to TRUE. However, it is permissible to set one to TRUE and the other to FALSE. The following examples will help you understand how these fields work.

See also: Disposing of Data (Section 6.3.14.2 on page 296).

**Example 1**

1. \textit{DataWriter’s} \texttt{serialize\_key\_with\_dispose} = FALSE
2. \textit{DataReader’s} \texttt{propagate\_dispose\_of\_unregistered\_instances} = TRUE
3. \texttt{DataWriter} calls \texttt{dispose()} before writing any DDS samples
4. \textit{DataReader} calls \texttt{take()} and receives a disposed-instance notification (without a key)
5. \textit{DataReader} calls \texttt{get\_key\_value()}, which returns an error because there is no key associated with the disposed-instance notification

**Example 2**

1. \textit{DataWriter’s} \texttt{serialize\_key\_with\_dispose} = TRUE
2. \textit{DataReader’s} \texttt{propagate\_dispose\_of\_unregistered\_instances} = FALSE
3. \texttt{DataWriter} calls \texttt{dispose()} before writing any DDS samples
4. \texttt{DataReader} calls \texttt{take()}, which does not return any DDS samples because none were written, and it does not receive any disposed-instance notifications because \texttt{propagate\_dispose\_of\_unregistered\_instances} = FALSE
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Example 3

1. DataWriter’s `serialize_key_with_dispose = TRUE`
2. DataReader’s `propagate_dispose_of_unregistered_instances = TRUE`
3. DataWriter calls `dispose()` before writing any DDS samples
4. DataReader calls `take()` and receives the disposed-instance notification
5. DataReader calls `get_key_value()` and receives the key for the disposed-instance notification

Example 4

1. DataWriter’s `serialize_key_with_dispose = TRUE`
2. DataReader’s `propagate_dispose_of_unregistered_instances = TRUE`
3. DataWriter calls `write()`, which writes a DDS sample with a key
4. DataWriter calls `dispose()`, which writes a disposed-instance notification with a key
5. DataReader calls `take()` and receives a DDS sample and a disposed-instance notification; both have keys
6. DataReader calls `get_key_value()` with no errors

6.5.3.6 Virtual Heartbeats

Virtual heartbeats announce the availability of DDS samples with the Collaborative DataWriters feature described in `DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 7.6.1 on page 509), where multiple DataWriters publish DDS samples from a common logical data-source (identified by a virtual GUID).

When `PRESENTATION QosPolicy` (Section 6.4.6 on page 328) `access_scope` is set to `TOPIC` or `INSTANCE` on the `Publisher`, the virtual heartbeat contains information about the DDS samples contained in the `DataWriter` queue.

When presentation `access_scope` is set to `GROUP` on the `Publisher`, the virtual heartbeat contains information about the DDS samples in the queues of all `DataWriters` that belong to the `Publisher`.

6.5.3.7 Resending Over Multicast

Given `DataReaders` with multicast destinations, when a `DataReader` sends a NACK to request for DDS samples to be resent, the `DataWriter` can either resend them over unicast or multicast. Though resending over multicast would save bandwidth and processing for the `DataWriter`, the potential problem is that there could be `DataReaders` of the multicast group that did not request for any resends, yet they would have to process, and drop, the resent DDS samples.
Thus, to make each multicast resend more efficient, the `multicast_resend_threshold` is set as the minimum number of `DataReader`s of the same multicast group that the `DataWriter` must receive NACKs from within a single response-delay duration. This allows the `DataWriter` to coalesce near-simultaneous unicast resends into a multicast resend, and it allows a "vote" from `DataReader`s of a multicast group to exceed a threshold before resending over multicast.

The `multicast_resend_threshold` must be set to a positive value. Note that a threshold of 1 means that all resends will be sent over multicast. Also, note that a `DataWriter` with a zero NACK response-delay (i.e., both `min_nack_response_delay` and `min_nackresponse_delay` are zero) will resend over multicast only if the threshold is 1.

**6.5.3.8 Example**

For information on how to use the fields in Table 6.37 `DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t`, see Controlling Heartbeats and Retries with `DataWriterProtocol QosPolicy` (Section 10.3.4 on page 644).

The following describes a use case for when to change `push_on_write` to `DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE`. Suppose you have a system in which the data packets being sent is very small. However, you want the data to be sent reliably, and the latency between the time that data is sent to the time that data is received is not an issue. However, the total network bandwidth between the `DataWriter` and `DataReader` applications is limited.

If the `DataWriter` sends a burst of data at a high rate, it is possible that it will overwhelm the limited bandwidth of the network. If you allocate enough space for the `DataWriter` to store the data burst being sent (see `RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)), then you can use the `push_on_write` parameter of the `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy` to delay sending the data until the reliable `DataReader` asks for it.

By setting `push_on_write` to `DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE`, when `write()` is called on the `DataWriter`, no data is actually sent. Instead data is stored in the `DataWriter`’s send queue. Periodically, Connext DDS will be sending heartbeats informing the `DataReader` about the data that is available. So every heartbeat period, the `DataReader` will realize that the `DataWriter` has new data, and it will send an ACK/NACK, asking for them.

When `DataWriter` receives the ACK/NACK packet, it will put together a package of data, up to the size set by the parameter `max_bytes_per_nack_response`, to be sent to the `DataReader`. This method not only self-throttles the send rate, but also uses network bandwidth more efficiently by eliminating redundant packet headers when combining several small packets into one larger one. Please note that the `DataWriter` will always send at least one sample.

**6.5.3.9 Properties**

This `QosPolicy` cannot be modified after the `DataWriter` is created.
Since it is only for DataWriters, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

When setting the fields in this policy, the following rules apply. If any of these are false, Connext DDS returns DDS_RETCODE_INCONSISTENT_POLICY:

- \( \text{min\_nack\_response\_delay} \leq \text{max\_nack\_response\_delay} \)
- \( \text{fast\_heartbeat\_period} \leq \text{heartbeat\_period} \)
- \( \text{late\_joiner\_heartbeat\_period} \leq \text{heartbeat\_period} \)
- \( \text{low\_watermark} < \text{high\_watermark} \)
- If batching is disabled:
  - \( \text{heartbeats\_per\_max\_samples} \leq \text{writer\_qos\_resource\_limits\_max\_samples} \)
- If batching is enabled:
  - \( \text{heartbeats\_per\_max\_samples} \leq \text{writer\_qos\_resource\_limits\_max\_batches} \)

### 6.5.3.10 Related QosPolicies

- DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)

### 6.5.3.11 Applicable DDS Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

### 6.5.3.12 System Resource Considerations

A high \( \text{max\_bytes\_per\_nack\_response} \) may increase the instantaneous network bandwidth required to send a single burst of traffic for resending dropped packets.

### 6.5.4 DATA_WRITERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy defines various settings that configure how DataWriters allocate and use physical memory for internal resources.

It includes the members in Table 6.38 DDS_DataWriterResourceLimitsQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
### 6.5.4 DATA_WRITER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

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<thead>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_concurrent_blocking_threads</td>
<td>Initial number of threads that are allowed to concurrently block on the <code>write()</code> call on the same <code>DataWriter</code>.</td>
</tr>
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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_concurrent_blocking_threads</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_remote_reader_filters</td>
<td>Maximum number of remote <code>DataReader</code> for which this <code>DataWriter</code> will perform content-based filtering.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_batches</td>
<td>Initial number of batches that a <code>DataWriter</code> will manage if batching is enabled.</td>
</tr>
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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_batches</td>
<td>Maximum number of batches that a <code>DataWriter</code> will manage if batching is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>instance_replacement</td>
<td>Sets the kinds of instances allowed to be replaced when a <code>DataWriter</code> reaches instance resource limits. (See Configuring DataWriter Instance Replacement (Section 6.5.20.2 on page 404))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>replace_empty_instances</td>
<td>Whether to replace empty instances during instance replacement. (See Configuring DataWriter Instance Replacement (Section 6.5.20.2 on page 404))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>autoregister_instances</td>
<td>Whether to register automatically instances written with non-NIL handle that are not yet registered, which will otherwise return an error. This can be especially useful if the instance has been replaced.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_virtual_writers</td>
<td>Initial number of virtual writers supported by a <code>DataWriter</code>.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 6.38 DDS_DataWriterResourceLimitsQosPolicy

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_virtual_writers</td>
<td>Maximum number of virtual writers supported by a DataWriter. Sets the maximum number of unique virtual writers supported by a DataWriter, where virtual writers are added when DDS samples are written with the virtual writer GUID. This field is especially relevant in the configuration of Persistence Service(^1) DataWriters, since they publish information on behalf of multiple virtual writers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_remote_readers</td>
<td>The maximum number of remote readers supported by a DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_app_ack_remote_readers</td>
<td>The maximum number of application-level acknowledging remote readers supported by a DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DataWriters must allocate internal structures to handle the simultaneous blocking of threads trying to call write() on the same DataWriter, for the storage used to batch small DDS samples, and for content-based filters specified by DataReaders.

Most of these internal structures start at an initial size and by default, will grow as needed by dynamically allocating additional memory. You may set fixed, maximum sizes for these internal structures if you want to bound the amount of memory that a DataWriter can use. By setting the initial size to the maximum size, you will prevent Connext DDS from dynamically allocating any memory after the creation of the DataWriter.

When setting the fields in this policy, the following rule applies. If this is false, Connext DDS returns DDS_RETCODE_INCONSISTENT_POLICY:

- \( \text{max\_concurrent\_blocking\_threads} \geq \text{initial\_concurrent\_blocking\_threads} \)

The initial_concurrent_blocking_threads is used to allocate necessary initial system resources. If necessary, it will be increased automatically up to the max_concurrent_blocking_threads limit.

Every user thread calling write() on a DataWriter may use a semaphore that will block the thread when the DataWriter’s send queue is full. Because user code may set a timeout, each thread must use a different semaphore. See the max_blocking_time parameter of the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on...)

\(^1\) Persistence Service is included with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types. It saves DDS data samples so they can be delivered to subscribing applications that join the system at a later time (see Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)).
This QoS is offered so that the user application can control the dynamic allocation of system resources by Connext DDS.

If you do not mind if Connext DDS dynamically allocates semaphores when needed, then you can set the `max_concurrent_blocking_threads` parameter to some large value like `MAX_INT`. However, if you know exactly how many threads will be calling `write()` on the same `DataWriter`, and you do not want Connext DDS to allocate any system resources or memory after initialization, then you should set:

```
max_concurrent_blocking_threads = initial_concurrent_blocking_threads = NUM
```

(where `NUM` is the number of threads that could possibly block concurrently).

Each `DataWriter` can perform content-based data filtering for up to `max_remote_reader_filters` number of `DataReader`s.

Values for `max_remote_reader_filters` may be:

- **0**: The `DataWriter` will not perform filtering for any `DataReader`, which means the `DataReader` will have to filter the data itself.
- **1 to (2^{31}-2)**: The `DataWriter` will filter for up to the specified number of `DataReaders`. In addition, the `Datawriter` will store the result of the filtering per DDS sample per `DataReader`.
- **`DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED`**: The `DataWriter` will filter for up to (2^{31})-2 `DataReaders`. However, in this case, the `DataWriter` will not store the filtering result per DDS sample per `DataReader`. Thus, if a DDS sample is resent (such as due to a loss of reliable communication), the DDS sample will be filtered again.

For more information, see ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4 on page 206).

### 6.5.4.1 Example

If there are multiple threads that can write on the same `DataWriter`, and the `write()` operation may block (based on `reliability_qos.max_blocking_time` and HISTORY settings), you may want to set `initial_concurrent_blocking_threads` to the most likely number of threads that will block on the same `DataWriter` at the same time, and set `max_concurrent_blocking_threads` to the maximum number of threads that could potentially block in the worst case.

### 6.5.4.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the `DataWriter` is created.

Since it is only for `DataWriters`, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.
6.5.4.3 Related QosPolicies

- BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)
- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)

6.5.4.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

6.5.4.5 System Resource Considerations

Increasing the values in this QosPolicy will cause more memory usage and more system resource usage.

6.5.5 DEADLINE QosPolicy

On a DataWriter, this QosPolicy states the maximum period in which the application expects to call write() on the DataWriter, thus publishing a new DDS sample. The application may call write() faster than the rate set by this QosPolicy.

On a DataReader, this QosPolicy states the maximum period in which the application expects to receive new values for the Topic. The application may receive data faster than the rate set by this QosPolicy.

The DEADLINE QosPolicy has a single member, shown in Table 6.39 DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy. For the default and valid range, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<tr>
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<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>period</td>
<td>For DataWriters: maximum time between writing a new value of an instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For DataReaders: maximum time between receiving new values for an instance.</td>
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</table>

You can use this QosPolicy during system integration to ensure that applications have been coded to meet design specifications. You can also use it during run time to detect when systems are performing outside of design specifications. Receiving applications can take appropriate actions to prevent total system failure when data is not received in time. For topics on which data is not expected to be periodic, the deadline period should be set to an infinite value.

For keyed topics, the DEADLINE QoS applies on a per-instance basis. An application must call write() for each known instance of the Topic within the period specified by the DEADLINE on the DataWriter or receive a new value for each known instance within the period specified by the DEADLINE on the DataReader. For a DataWriter, the deadline period begins when the instance is first written or registered. For a DataReader, the deadline period begins when the first DDS sample is received.
Connext DDS will modify the `OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS` and call the associated method in the `DataReaderListener` (see `OFFERED_DEADLINE_MISSED` Status (Section 6.3.6.5 on page 274)) if the application fails to `write()` a value for an instance within the period set by the `DEADLINE QosPolicy` of the `DataReader`.

Similarly, Connext DDS will modify the `REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS` and call the associated method in the `DataReaderListener` (see `REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED` Status (Section 7.3.7.5 on page 474)) if the application fails to receive a value for an instance within the period set by the `DEADLINE QosPolicy` of the `DataReader`.

For `DataReaders`, the `DEADLINE QosPolicy` and the `TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy` (Section 7.6.4 on page 524) may interact such that even though the `DataWriter` writes DDS samples fast enough to fulfill its commitment to its own `DEADLINE QosPolicy`, the `DataReader` may see violations of its `DEADLINE QosPolicy`. This happens because Connext DDS will drop any packets received within the `minimum_separation` set by the `TIME_BASED_FILTER`—packets that could satisfy the `DataReader’s deadline`.

To avoid triggering the `DataReader’s deadline` even though the matched `DataWriter` is meeting its own deadline, set your QoS parameters to meet the following relationship:

```
reader deadline period >= reader minimum separation + writer deadline period
```

Although you can set the `DEADLINE QosPolicy` on `Topics`, its value can only be used to initialize the `DEADLINE QosPolicies` of either a `DataWriter` or `DataReader`. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

### 6.5.5.1 Example

Suppose you have a time-critical piece of data that should be updated at least once every second. You can set the `DEADLINE period` to 1 second on both the `DataWriter` and `DataReader`. If there is no update within that time, the `DataWriter` will get an `on_offered_deadline_missed` `Listener` callback, and the `DataReader` will get `on_requested_deadline_missed`, so that both sides can handle the error situation properly.

Note that in practice, there will be latency and jitter in the time between when data is send and when data is received. Thus even if the `DataWriter` is sending data at exactly 1 second intervals, the `DataReader` may not receive the data at exactly 1 second intervals. More likely, it will `DataReader` will receive the data at 1 second plus a small variable quantity of time. Thus you should accommodate this practical reality in choosing the `DEADLINE period` as well as the actual update period of the `DataWriter` or your application may receive false indications of failure.

The `DEADLINE QosPolicy` also interacts with the `OWNERSHIP QosPolicy` when `OWNERSHIP` is set to `EXCLUSIVE`. If a `DataReader` fails to receive data from the highest strength `DataWriter` within its requested `DEADLINE`, then the `DataReaders` can fail-over to lower strength `DataWriters`, see the `OWNERSHIP QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.15 on page 387).
6.5.5.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be changed at any time.

The deadlines on the two sides must be compatible.

DataWriter’s DEADLINE period <= the DataReader’s DEADLINE period.

That is, the DataReader cannot expect to receive DDS samples more often than the DataWriter commits to sending them.

If the DataReader and DataWriter have compatible deadlines, Connext DDS monitors this “contract” and informs the application of any violations. If the deadlines are incompatible, both sides are informed and communication does not occur. The ON_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS and the ON_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS statuses will be modified and the corresponding Listeners called for the DataWriter and DataReader respectively.

6.5.5.3 Related QosPolicies

- LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)
- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)
- TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy (Section 7.6.4 on page 524)

6.5.5.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.5.5 System Resource Considerations

A Connext DDS-internal thread will wake up at least by the DEADLINE period to check to see if the deadline was missed. It may wake up faster if the last DDS sample that was published or sent was close to the last time that the deadline was checked. Therefore a short period will use more CPU to wake and execute the thread checking the deadline.

6.5.6 DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy

When multiple DataWriters send data for the same topic, the order in which data from different DataWriters are received by the applications of different DataReaders may be different. Thus different DataReaders may not receive the same "last" value when DataWriters stop sending data.

This policy controls how each subscriber resolves the final value of a data instance that is written by multiple DataWriters (which may be associated with different Publishers) running on different nodes.
This QosPolicy can be used to create systems that have the property of "eventual consistency." Thus intermediate states across multiple applications may be inconsistent, but when DataWriters stop sending changes to the same topic, all applications will end up having the same state.

Each DDS sample includes two timestamps: a source timestamp and a destination timestamp. The source timestamp is recorded by the DataWriter application when the data was written. The destination timestamp is recorded by the DataReader application when the data was received.

This QoS includes the member in Table 6.40 DDS_DestinationOrderQosPolicy.

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<td>kind</td>
<td>Can be either:</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DDS_BY_RECEPTION_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DDS_BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>source_timestamp_tolerance</td>
<td>Allowed tolerance between source timestamps of consecutive DDS samples.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Only applies when kind (above) is DDS_BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS</td>
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</table>

Each DataReader can set this QoS to:

- **DDS_BY_RECEPTION_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS**
  
  Assuming the OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH allows it, the latest received value for the instance should be the one whose value is kept. Data will be delivered by a DataReader in the order in which it was received (which may lead to inconsistent final values).

- **DDS_BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS**
  
  Assuming the OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH allows it, within each instance, the source_timestamp shall be used to determine the most recent information. This is the only setting that, in the case of concurrent same-strength DataWriters updating the same instance, ensures all subscribers will end up with the same final value for the instance.

Data will be delivered by a DataReader in the order in which it was sent. If data arrives on the network with a source timestamp earlier than the source timestamp of the last data delivered, the new data will be dropped. This ordering therefore works best when system clocks are relatively synchronized among writing machines.

Not all data sent by multiple DataWriters may be delivered to a DataReader and not all DataReaders will see the same data sent by DataWriters. However, all DataReaders will see the same "final" data when DataWriters "stop" sending data.
• For a *DataWriter* with **kind** DDS_BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS:
  When writing a DDS sample, its timestamp must not be less than the timestamp of the previously written DDS sample. However, if it is less than the timestamp of the previously written DDS sample but the difference is less than this tolerance, the DDS sample will use the previously written DDS sample's timestamp as its timestamp. Otherwise, if the difference is greater than this tolerance, the write will fail.

  See also: Special Instructions for deleting DataWriters if you are using the ‘Timestamp’ APIs and BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP Destination Order: (Section 6.3.3.1 on page 265).

• A *DataReader* with **kind** DDS_BY_SOURCE_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS will accept a DDS sample only if only if the source timestamp is no farther in the future from the reception timestamp than this tolerance. Otherwise, the DDS sample is rejected.

Although you can set the DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicies of either a *DataWriter* or *DataReader*. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

### 6.5.6.1 Properties

This QosPolicy **cannot** be modified after the *Entity* is enabled.

This QoS must be set compatibly between the *DataWriter* and the *DataReader*. The compatible combinations are shown in **Table 6.41 Valid Reader/Writer Combinations of DestinationOrder**.

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataWriter offers:</td>
<td>BY_SOURCE</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>BY_RECEPTION</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If this QosPolicy is set incompatibly, the **ON_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS** and **ON_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS** statuses will be modified and the corresponding *Listeners* called for the *DataWriter* and *DataReader* respectively.
6.5.6.2 Related QosPolicies

- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)

6.5.6.3 Applicable DDS Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.6.4 System Resource Considerations

The use of this policy does not significantly impact the use of resources.

6.5.7 DURABILITY QosPolicy

Because the publish-subscribe paradigm is connectionless, applications can create publications and subscriptions in any way they choose. As soon as a matching pair of DataWriters and DataReaders exist, then data published by the DataWriter will be delivered to theDataReader. However, a DataWriter may publish data before a DataReader has been created. For example, before you subscribe to a magazine, there have been past issues that were published.

The DURABILITY QosPolicy controls whether or not, and how, published DDS samples are stored by the DataWriter application for DataReaders that are found after the DDS samples were initially written. DataReaders use this QoS to request DDS samples that were published before they were created. The analogy is for a new subscriber to a magazine to ask for issues that were published in the past. These are known as ‘historical’ DDS data samples. (Reliable DataReaders may wait for these historical DDS samples, see Checking DataReader Status and StatusConditions (Section 7.3.5 on page 466).)

This QosPolicy can be used to help ensure that DataReaders get all data that was sent by DataWriters, regardless of when it was sent. This QosPolicy can increase system tolerance to failure conditions.

Exactly how many DDS samples are stored by the DataWriter or requested by the DataReader is controlled using the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).

For more information, please see Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence (Section Chapter 12 on page 674).

The possible settings for this QoS are:

- **DDS_VOLATILE_DURABILITY_QOS**
  
  Connext DDS is not required to send and will not deliver any DDS data samples to DataReaders
that are discovered after the DDS samples were initially published.

- **DDS_TRANSIENT_LOCAL_DURABILITY_QOS**

  Connext DDS will store and send previously published DDS samples for delivery to newly discovered DataReaders as long as the DataWriter still exists. For this setting to be effective, you must also set the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) kind to Reliable (not Best Effort). Which particular DDS samples are kept depends on other QoS settings such as HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).

- **DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS**

  Connext DDS will store previously published DDS samples in memory using Persistence Service, which will send the stored data to newly discovered DataReaders. Which particular DDS samples are kept and sent by Persistence Service depends on the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) of the Persistence Service Data Writers. These QosPolicies can be configured in the Persistence Service configuration file or through the DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370) of the Data Writers configured with DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS.

- **DDS_PERSISTENT_DURABILITY_QOS**

  Connext DDS will store previously published DDS samples in permanent storage, like a disk, using Persistence Service, which will send the stored data to newly discovered DataReaders. Which particular DDS samples are kept and sent by Persistence Service depends on the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) in the Persistence Service Data Writers. These QosPolicies can be configured in the Persistence Service configuration file or through the DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370) of the Data Writers configured with DDS_PERSISTENT_DURABILITY_QOS.

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 6.42 DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy. For default settings, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
Table 6.42 DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DurabilityQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td><em>DDS_VOLATILE_DURABILITY_QOS:</em> Do not save or deliver old DDS samples.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>DDS_TRANSIENT_LOCAL_DURABILITY_QOS:</em> Save and deliver old DDS samples if the DataWriter still exists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS:</em> Save and deliver old DDS samples using a memory-based service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>DDS_PERSISTENCE_DURABILITY_QOS:</em> Save and deliver old DDS samples using disk-based service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>direct_</td>
<td>Whether or not a TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT DataReader should receive DDS samples directly from a TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>communication</td>
<td>When TRUE, a TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT DataReader will receive DDS samples directly from the original DataWriter. The DataReader may also receive DDS samples from Persistence Service but the duplicates will be filtered by the middleware.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When FALSE, a TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT DataReader will receive DDS samples only from the DataWriter created by Persistence Service. This 'relay communication' pattern provides a way to guarantee eventual consistency.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>See RTI Persistence Service (Section 12.5.1 on page 691).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This field only applies to DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

With this QoS policy alone, there is no way to specify or characterize the intended consumers of the information. With TRANSIENT_LOCAL, TRANSIENT, or PERSISTENT durability a DataWriter can be configured to keep DDS samples around for late-joiners. However, there is no way to know when the information has been consumed by all the intended recipients.

Information durability can be combined with required subscriptions in order to guarantee that DDS samples are delivered to a set of required subscriptions. For additional details on required subscriptions see Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291) and AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335).

6.5.7.1 Example

Suppose you have a DataWriter that sends data sporadically and its DURABILITY kind is set to VOLATILE. If a new DataReader joins the system, it won’t see any data until the next time that write() is called on the DataWriter. If you want the DataReader to receive any data that is valid, old or new, both

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1Persistence Service is included with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types. It saves DDS data samples so they can be delivered to subscribing applications that join the system at a later time (see Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)).
sides should set their DURABILITY kind to TRANSIENT_LOCAL. This will ensure that the DataReader gets some of the previous DDS samples immediately after it is enabled.

6.5.7.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity has been created.

The DataWriter and DataReader must use compatible settings for this QosPolicy. To be compatible, the DataWriter and DataReader must use one of the valid combinations shown in Table 6.43 Valid Combinations of Durability ‘kind’.

If this QosPolicy is found to be incompatible, the ON_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS and ON_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS statuses will be modified and the corresponding Listeners called for the DataWriter and DataReader respectively.

Table 6.43 Valid Combinations of Durability ‘kind’

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DataWriter offers:</th>
<th>VOLATILE</th>
<th>TRANSIENT_LOCAL</th>
<th>TRANSIENT</th>
<th>PERSISTENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VOLATILE</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSIENT_LOCAL</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSIENT</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PERSISTENT</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.5.7.3 Related QosPolicies

- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)
- DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on the facing page)
- AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335)

6.5.7.4 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)
6.5.7.5 System Resource Considerations

Using this policy with a setting other than VOLATILE will cause Connext DDS to use CPU and network bandwidth to send old DDS samples to matching, newly discovered DataReaders. The actual amount of resources depends on the total size of data that needs to be sent.

The maximum number of DDS samples that will be kept on the DataWriter’s queue for late-joiners and/or required subscriptions is determined by max_samples in RESOURCE_LIMITS Qos Policy.

System Resource Considerations With Required Subscriptions”

By default, when TRANSIENT_LOCAL durability is used in combination with required subscriptions, a DataWriter configured with KEEP_ALL in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) will keep the DDS samples in its cache until they are acknowledged by all the required subscriptions. After the DDS samples are acknowledged by the required subscriptions they will be marked as reclaimable, but they will not be purged from the DataWriter’s queue until the DataWriter needs these resources for new DDS samples. This may lead to a non efficient resource utilization, specially when max_samples is high or even UNLIMITED.

The DataWriter’s behavior can be changed to purge DDS samples after they have been acknowledged by all the active/matching DataReaders and all the required subscriptions configured on the DataWriter. To do so, set the dds.data_writer.history.purge_samples_after_acknowledgment property to 1 (see PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391)).

6.5.8 DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy

This QosPolicy is only used if the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) is PERSISTENT or TRANSIENT and you are using Persistence Service, which is included with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types. It is used to store and possibly forward the data sent by the DataWriter to DataReaders that are created after the data was initially sent.

This QosPolicy configures certain parameters of Persistence Service when it operates on the behalf of the DataWriter, such as how much data to store. Specifically, this QosPolicy configures the HISTORY and RESOURCE_LIMITS used by the fictitious DataReader and DataWriter used by Persistence Service.

Note however, that by default, Persistence Service will ignore the values in the DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 above) and must be configured to use those values.

For more information, please see:

- Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence (Section Chapter 12 on page 674)
- Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)
- Configuring Persistence Service (Section Chapter 26 on page 933)
This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 6.44 DDS_DurabilityServiceQosPolicy. For default values, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

### Table 6.44 DDS_DurabilityServiceQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>service_cleanup_delay</td>
<td>How long to keep all information regarding an instance. Can be:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Zero (default): Purge disposed instances from Persistence Service immediately.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>However, this will only happen if use_durability_service = 1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>INFINITE: Do not purge disposed instances.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_HistoryQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>history_kind</td>
<td>Settings to use for the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) when recouping durable data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>history_depth</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_samples</td>
<td>Settings to use for the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) when feeding data to a late joiner.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_instances</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_samples_per_instance</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The `service_cleanup_delay` in this QosPolicy controls when Persistence Service may remove all information regarding a data-instance. Information on a data-instance is maintained until all of the following conditions are met:

1. The instance has been explicitly disposed
   \( \text{instance\_state} = \text{NOT\_ALIVE\_DISPOSED} \).
2. All samples for the disposed instance have been acknowledged, including the dispose sample itself.
3. A time interval longer that DurabilityService QosPolicy’s `service_cleanup_delay` has elapsed since the time that Connext DDS detected that the previous two conditions were met. (Note: Only values of zero or INFINITE are currently supported for `service_cleanup_delay`.)

The `service_cleanup_delay` field is useful in the situation where your application disposes an instance and it crashes before it has a chance to complete additional tasks related to the disposition. Upon restart, your application may ask for initial data to regain its state and the delay introduced by `service_cleanup_delay` will allow your restarted application to receive the information about the disposed instance and complete any interrupted tasks.
Although you can set the DURABILITY_SERVICE QosPolicy on a Topic, this is only useful as a means to initialize the DURABILITY_SERVICE QosPolicy of a DataWriter. A Topic’s DURABILITY_SERVICE setting does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

6.5.8.1 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity has been enabled.

It does not apply to DataReaders, so there is no requirement for setting it compatibly on the sending and receiving sides.

6.5.8.2 Related QosPolicies

- DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366)
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)

6.5.8.3 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

6.5.8.4 System Resource Considerations

Since this QosPolicy configures the HISTORY and RESOURCE_LIMITS used by the fictitious DataReader and DataWriter used by Persistence Service, it does have some impact on resource usage.

6.5.9 ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy assigns a name and role name to a DomainParticipant, Publisher, Subscriber, DataReader, or DataWriter.

How the name is used is strictly application-dependent.

It is useful to attach names that are meaningful to the user. These names (except for Publishers and Subscribers) are propagated during discovery so that applications can use these names to identify, in a user-context, the entities that it discovers. Also, Connext DDS tools will print the names of discovered entities (except for Publishers and Subscribers).

The role_name identifies the role of the entity. It is used by the Collaborative DataWriter feature (see Availability QoS Policy and Collaborative DataWriters (Section 6.5.1.1 on page 336)). With Durable Subscriptions, role_name is used to specify to which Durable Subscription the DataReader belongs. (see Availability QoS Policy and Required Subscriptions (Section 6.5.1.2 on page 337).
This QosPolicy contains the members listed in Table 6.45 DDS_EntityNameQoS Policy.

Table 6.45 DDS_EntityNameQoS Policy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>name</td>
<td>A null-terminated string up to 255 characters in length. To set this in XML, see Entity Names (Section 17.4.8 on page 808).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>role_name</td>
<td>A null-terminated string up to 255 characters in length. To set this in XML, see Entity Names (Section 17.4.8 on page 808). For Collaborative DataWriters, this name is used to specify to which endpoint group the DataWriter belongs. See Availability QoS Policy and Collaborative DataWriters (Section 6.5.1.1 on page 336). For Required and Durable Subscriptions this name is used to specify to which Subscription the DataReader belongs. See Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

These names will appear in the built-in topic for the entity (see the tables in Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772)).

Prior to get_qos(), if the name and/or role_name field in this QoS Policy is not null, Connext DDS assumes the memory to be valid and big enough and may write to it. If that is not desired, set name and/or role_name to NULL before calling get_qos() and Connext DDS will allocate adequate memory for name.

When you call the destructor of entity’s QoS structure (DomainParticipantQos, DataReaderQos, or DataWriterQos) (in C++, C++/CLI, and C#) or <entity>Qos_finalize() (in C), Connext DDS will attempt to free the memory used for name and role_name if it is not NULL. If this behavior is not desired, set name and/or role_name to NULL before you call the destructor of entity’s QoS structure or DomainParticipantQos_finalize().

6.5.9.1 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the entity is enabled.

6.5.9.2 Related QosPolicies

- None

6.5.9.3 Applicable Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)
- Publishers (Section 6.2 on page 237)
- Subscribers (Section 7.2 on page 436)
6.5.9.4 System Resource Considerations

- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

6.5.9.4 System Resource Considerations

If the value of name in this QosPolicy is not NULL, some memory will be consumed in storing the information in the database, but should not significantly impact the use of resource.

6.5.10 HISTORY QosPolicy

This QosPolicy configures the number of DDS samples that Connext DDS will store locally for DataWriters and DataReaders. For keyed Topics, this QosPolicy applies on a per instance basis, so that Connext DDS will attempt to store the configured value of DDS samples for every instance (see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14) for a discussion of keys and instances).

It includes the members seen in Table 6.46 DDS_HistoryQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

Table 6.46 DDS_HistoryQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_HistoryQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>DDS_KEEP_LAST_HISTORY_QOS: keep the last depth number of DDS samples per instance. DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS: keep all DDS samples.(^1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>depth</td>
<td>If kind = DDS_KEEP_LAST_HISTORY_QOS, this is how many DDS samples to keep per instance.(^2) If kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS, this value is ignored.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\)Connext DDS will store up to the value of the max_samples_per_instance parameter of the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).

\(^2\)depth must be <= max_samples_per_instance parameter of the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)
Table 6.46 DDS_HistoryQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_RefilterQos-PolicyKind refilter</td>
<td>Specifies how a DataWriter should handle previously written DDS samples for a new DataReader. When a new DataReader matches a DataWriter, the DataWriter can be configured to perform content-based filtering on previously written DDS samples stored in the DataWriter queue for the new DataReader. May be:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_NONE_REFILTER_QOS Do not filter existing DDS samples for a new DataReader. The DataReader will do the filtering.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_ALL_REFILTER_QOS Filter all existing DDS samples for a newly matched DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_ON_DEMAND_REFILTER_QOS Filter existing DDS samples only when they are requested by the DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(An extension to the DDS standard.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The kind determines whether or not to save a configured number of DDS samples or all DDS samples. It can be set to either of the following:

- **DDS_KEEP_LAST_HISTORY_QOS** Connext DDS attempts to keep the latest values of the data-instance and discard the oldest ones when the limit as set by the depth parameter is reached; new data will overwrite the oldest data in the queue. Thus the queue acts like a circular buffer of length depth.
  - For a DataWriter: Connext DDS attempts to keep the most recent depth DDS samples of each instance (identified by a unique key) managed by the DataWriter.
  - For a DataReader: Connext DDS attempts to keep the most recent depth DDS samples received for each instance (identified by a unique key) until the application takes them via the DataReader's take() operation. See Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492) for a discussion of the difference between read() and take().

- **DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS** Connext DDS attempts to keep all of the DDS samples of a Topic.
  - For a DataWriter: Connext DDS attempts to keep all DDS samples published by the DataWriter.
  - For a DataReader: Connext DDS attempts to keep all DDS samples received by the DataReader for a Topic (both keyed and non-keyed) until the application takes them via the DataReader's take() operation. See Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Sec-
6.5.10 HISTORY QosPolicy

...tion 7.4.3 on page 492) for a discussion of the difference between read() and take().

- The value of the depth parameter is ignored.

The above descriptions say “attempts to keep” because the actual number of DDS samples kept is subject to the limitations imposed by the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402). All of the DDS samples of all instances of a Topic share a single physical queue that is allocated for a DataWriter or DataReader. The size of this queue is configured by the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy. If there are many difference instances for a Topic, it is possible that the physical queue may run out of space before the number of DDS samples reaches the depth for all instances.

In the KEEP_ALL case, Connext DDS can only keep as many DDS samples for a Topic (independent of instances) as the size of the allocated queue. Connext DDS may or may not allocate more memory when the queue is filled, depending on the settings in the RESOURCE_LIMITS QoSPolicy of the DataWriter or DataReader.

This QosPolicy interacts with the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) by controlling whether or not Connext DDS guarantees that ALL of the data sent is received or if only the last N data values sent are guaranteed to be received (a reduced level of reliability using the KEEP_LAST setting). However, the physical sizes of the send and receive queues are not controlled by the History QosPolicy. The memory allocation for the queues is controlled by the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402). Also, the amount of data that is sent to new DataReaders who have configured their DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) to receive previously published data is controlled by the History QosPolicy.

What happens when the physical queue is filled depends both on the setting for the HISTORY QosPolicy as well as the RELIABILITY QosPolicy.

- **DDS_KEEP_LAST_HISTORY_QOS**
  - If RELIABILITY is BEST_EFFORT: When the number of DDS samples for an instance in the queue reaches the value of depth, a new DDS sample for the instance will replace the oldest DDS sample for the instance in the queue.
  - If RELIABILITY is RELIABLE: When the number of DDS samples for an instance in the queue reaches the value of depth, a new DDS sample for the instance will replace the oldest DDS sample for the instance in the queue—even if the DDS sample being overwritten has not been fully acknowledged as being received by all reliable DataReaders. This implies that the discarded DDS sample may be lost by some reliable DataReaders. Thus, when using the KEEP_LAST setting, strict reliability is not guaranteed. See Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628) for a complete discussion on Connext DDS’s reliable protocol.

- **DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS**
  - If RELIABILITY is BEST_EFFORT: If the number of DDS samples for an instance in the queue reaches the value of the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on
page 402)’s **max_samples_per_instance** field, a new DDS sample for the instance will replace the oldest DDS sample for the instance in the queue (regardless of instance).

- If RELIABILITY is **RELIABLE**: When the number of DDS samples for an instance in the queue reaches the value of the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)’s **max_samples_per_instance** field, then:
  - For a **DataWriter**—a new DDS sample for the instance will replace the oldest DDS sample for the instance in the sending queue—only if the DDS sample being overwritten has been fully acknowledged as being received by all reliable **DataReaders**. If the oldest DDS sample for the instance has not been fully acknowledged, the **write()** operation trying to enter a new DDS sample for the instance into the sending queue will block (for the **max_blocking_time** specified in the RELIABLE QosPolicy).
  - For a **DataReader**—a new DDS sample received by the **DataReader** will be discarded. Because the **DataReader** will not acknowledge the discarded DDS sample, the **DataWriter** is forced to resend the DDS sample. Hopefully, the next time the DDS sample is received, there is space for the instance in the **DataReader**’s queue to store (and accept, thus acknowledge) the DDS sample. A DDS sample will remain in the **DataReader**’s queue for one of two reasons. The more common reason is that the user application has not removed the DDS sample using the **DataReader**’s **take()** method. Another reason is that the DDS sample has been received out of order and is not available to be taken or read by the user application until all older DDS samples have been received.

Although you can set the HISTORY QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the HISTORY QosPolicies of either a **DataWriter** or **DataReader**. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

### 6.5.10.1 Example

To achieve strict reliability, you must (1) set the **DataWriter**’s and **DataReader**’s HISTORY QosPolicy to **KEEP_ALL**, and (2) set the **DataWriter**’s and **DataReader**’s RELIABILITY QosPolicy to **RELIABLE**.

See Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628) for a complete discussion on Connext DDS’s reliable protocol.

See Controlling Queue Depth with the History QosPolicy (Section 10.3.3 on page 643).

### 6.5.10.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the *Entity* has been enabled.

There is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.
6.5.10.3 Related QosPolicies

- **BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension)** (Section 6.5.2 on page 339) Do not configure the `DataReader`'s **depth** to be shallower than the `DataWriter`'s maximum batch size (**batch_max_data_size**). Because batches are acknowledged as a group, a `DataReader` that cannot process an entire batch will lose the remaining DDS samples in it.

- **RELIABILITY QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)

- **RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)

6.5.10.4 Applicable Entities

- **Topics** (Section 5.1 on page 194)

- **DataWriters** (Section 6.3 on page 258)

- **DataReaders** (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.10.5 System Resource Considerations

While this QosPolicy does not directly affect the system resources used by Connext DDS, the **RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) that must be used in conjunction with the **HISTORY QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) will affect the amount of memory that Connext DDS will allocate for a `DataWriter` or `DataReader`.

### 6.5.11 LATENCYBUDGET QoS Policy

This QosPolicy can be used by a DDS implementation to change how it processes and sends data that has low latency requirements. The DDS specification does not mandate whether or how this parameter is used. Connext DDS uses it to prioritize the sending of asynchronously published data; see **ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311).

This QosPolicy also applies to **Topics**. The **Topic**’s setting for the policy is ignored unless you explicitly make the `DataWriter` use it.

It contains the single member listed in **Table 6.47 DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy**.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration</td>
<td>duration</td>
<td>Provides a hint as to the maximum acceptable delay from the time the data is written to the time it is received by the subscribing applications.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6.5.11.1 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.12 LIFESPAN QoS Policy

The purpose of this QoS is to avoid delivering stale data to the application. Each DDS sample written by a DataWriter has an associated expiration time, beyond which the data should not be delivered to any application. Once the DDS sample expires, the data will be removed from the DataReader caches, as well as from the transient and persistent information caches.

The middleware attaches timestamps to all data sent and received. The expiration time of each DDS sample is computed by adding the duration specified by this QoS to the destination timestamp. To avoid inconsistencies, if you have multiple DataWriters of the same instance, they should all use the same value for this QoS.

When you specify a finite Lifespan for your data, Connext DDS will compare the current time with those timestamps and drop data when your specified Lifespan expires.

The Lifespan QosPolicy can be used to control how much data is stored by Connext DDS. Even if it is configured to store "all" of the data sent or received for a topic (see the HISTORY QosPolicy), the total amount of data it stores may be limited by the Lifespan QosPolicy.

You may also use the Lifespan QosPolicy to ensure that applications do not receive or act on data, commands or messages that are too old and have "expired."

It includes the single member listed in Table 6.48 DDS_LifespanQosPolicy. For default and valid range, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>duration</td>
<td>Maximum duration for the data's validity.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Although you can set the LIFESPAN QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the LIFESPAN QosPolicies of DataWriters. The Topic’s setting for this QosPolicy does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

6.5.12.1 Properties

This QoS policy can be modified after the entity is enabled.
It does not apply to *DataReaders*, so there is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

### 6.5.12.2 Related QoS Policies

- **BATCH QoS Policy (DDS Extension)** (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)
  Be careful when configuring a *DataWriter* with a Lifespan **duration** shorter than the batch flush period (**batch_flush_delay**). If the batch does not fill up before the flush period elapses, the short **duration** will cause the DDS samples to be lost without being sent.

- **DURABILITY QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.7 on page 366)

### 6.5.12.3 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

### 6.5.12.4 System Resource Considerations

The use of this policy does not significantly impact the use of resources.

### 6.5.13 LIVELINESS QosPolicy

The LIVELINESS QosPolicy specifies how Connext DDS determines whether a *DataWriter* is “alive.” A *DataWriter*’s liveliness is used in combination with the **OWNERSHIP QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.15 on page 387) to maintain ownership of an instance (note that the **DEADLINE QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.5 on page 361) is also used to change ownership when a *DataWriter* is still alive). That is, for a *DataWriter* to own an instance, the *DataWriter* must still be alive as well as honoring its DEADLINE contract.

It includes the members in Table 6.49 **DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy**. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

#### Table 6.49 **DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LivelinessQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>DDS_AUTOMATIC_LIVELINESS_QOS: Connext DDS will automatically assert liveliness for the <em>DataWriter</em> at least as often as the lease_duration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DDS_MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT_LIVELINESS_QOS: The <em>DataWriter</em> is assumed to be alive if any <em>Entity</em> within the same <em>DomainParticipant</em> has asserted its liveliness.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DDS_MANUAL_BY_TOPIC_LIVELINESS_QOS: Your application must explicitly assert the liveliness of the <em>DataWriter</em> within the lease_duration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6.5.13 LIVELINESS QosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>lease_duration</td>
<td>The timeout by which liveliness must be asserted for the DataWriter or the DataWriter will be considered inactive or not alive. Additionally, for DataReaders, the lease_duration also specifies the maximum period at which Connext DDS will check to see if the matching DataWriter is still alive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>assertions_per_lease_duration</td>
<td>The number of assertions a DataWriter will send during a lease_duration period. This field only applies to DataWriters using DDS_AUTOMATIC_LIVELINESS_QOS kind and it is not considered during QoS compatibility checks. The default value is 3. A higher value will make the liveliness mechanism more robust against packet losses, but it will also increase the network traffic.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Setting a DataWriter’s **kind** of LIVELINESS specifies the mechanism that will be used to assert liveliness for the DataWriter. The DataWriter’s **lease_duration** then specifies the maximum period at which packets that indicate that the DataWriter is still alive are sent to matching DataReaders.

The various mechanisms are:

- **DDS_AUTOMATIC_LIVELINESS_QOS:**

  The DomainParticipant is responsible for automatically sending packets to indicate that the DataWriter is alive; this will be done at the rate determined by the assertions_per_lease_duration and lease_duration values. This setting is appropriate when the primary failure mode is that the publishing application itself dies. It does not cover the case in which the application is still alive but in an erroneous state—allowing the DomainParticipant to continue to assert liveliness for the DataWriter but preventing threads from calling write() on the DataWriter.

  As long as the internal threads spawned by Connext DDS for a DomainParticipant are running, then the liveliness of the DataWriter will be asserted regardless of the state of the rest of the application.

  This setting is certainly the most convenient, if the least accurate, method of asserting liveliness for a DataWriter.

- **DDS_MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT_LIVELINESS_QOS:**

  Connext DDS will assume that as long as the user application has asserted the liveliness of at least one DataWriter belonging to the same DomainParticipant or the liveliness of the DomainParticipant itself, then this DataWriter is also alive.
This setting allows the user code to control the assertion of liveliness for an entire group of DataWriters with a single operation on any of the DataWriters or their DomainParticipant. Its a good balance between control and convenience.

- **DDS_MANUAL_BY_TOPIC_LIVELINESS_QOS:**

  The DataWriter is considered alive only if the user application has explicitly called operations that assert the liveliness for that particular DataWriter.

  This setting forces the user application to assert the liveliness for a DataWriter which gives the user application great control over when other applications can consider the DataWriter to be inactive, but at the cost of convenience.

With the MANUAL_BY [TOPIC, PARTICIPANT] settings, user application code can assert the liveliness of DataWriters either explicitly by calling the assert_liveliness() operation on the DataWriter (as well as the DomainParticipant for the MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT setting) or implicitly by calling write() on the DataWriter. If the application does not use either of the methods mentioned at least once every lease_duration, then the subscribing application may assume that the DataWriter is no longer alive. Sending data MANUAL_BY_TOPIC will cause an assert message to be sent between the DataWriter and its matched DataReaders.

Publishing applications will monitor their DataWriters to make sure that they are honoring their LIVELINESS QosPolicy by asserting their liveliness at least at the period set by the lease_duration. If Connext DDS finds that a DataWriter has failed to have its liveliness asserted by its lease_duration, an internal thread will modify the DataWriter’s LIVELINESS_LOST_STATUS and trigger its on_liveliness_lost() FileWriterListener callback if a listener exists, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

Setting theDataReader’s kind of LIVELINESS requests a specific mechanism for the publishing application to maintain the liveliness of DataWriters. The subscribing application may want to know that the publishing application is explicitly asserting the liveliness of the matching DataWriter rather than inferring its liveliness through the liveliness of its DomainParticipant or its sibling DataWriters.

The DataReader’s lease_duration specifies the maximum period at which matching DataWriters must have their liveliness asserted. In addition, in the subscribing application Connext DDS uses an internal thread that wakes up at the period set by the DataReader’s lease_duration to see if the DataWriter’s lease_duration has been violated.

When a matching DataWriter is determined to be dead (inactive), Connext DDS will modify the LIVELINESS_CHANGED_STATUS of each matching DataReader and trigger that DataReader’s on_liveliness_changed() FileWriterListener callback (if a listener exists).

Although you can set the LIVELINESS QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the LIVELINESS QosPolicies of either a DataWriter or DataReader. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).
For more information on Liveliness, see Maintaining DataWriter Liveliness for kinds AUTOMATIC and MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT (Section 14.3.1.2 on page 723).

### 6.5.13.1 Example

You can use LIVELINESS QosPolicy during system integration to ensure that applications have been coded to meet design specifications. You can also use it during run time to detect when systems are performing outside of design specifications. Receiving applications can take appropriate actions in response to disconnected *DataWriters*.

The LIVELINESS QosPolicy can be used to manage fail-over when the OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387) is set to **EXCLUSIVE**. This implies that the *DataReader* will only receive data from the highest strength *DataWriter* that is alive (active). When that *DataWriter*’s liveliness expires, then Connext DDS will start delivering data from the next highest strength *DataWriter* that is still alive.

### 6.5.13.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity has been enabled.

The *DataWriter* and *DataReader* must use compatible settings for this QosPolicy. To be compatible, *both* of the following conditions must be true:

The *DataWriter* and *DataReader* must use one of the valid combinations shown in Table 6.50 Valid Combinations of Liveliness ‘kind’.

*DataWriter*’s `lease_duration` <= *DataReader*’s `lease_duration`.

If this QosPolicy is found to be incompatible, the **ON_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS** and **ON_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS** statuses will be modified and the corresponding *Listeners* called for the *DataWriter* and *DataReader* respectively.

### Table 6.50 Valid Combinations of Liveliness 'kind'

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DataWriter offers:</th>
<th>DataReader requests:</th>
<th>MANUAL_BY_TOPIC</th>
<th>MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT</th>
<th>AUTOMATIC</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>MANUAL_BY_TOPIC</td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT</td>
<td></td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUTOMATIC</td>
<td></td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6.5.13.3 Related QosPolicies

- DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361)
- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)
- OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 on page 390)

6.5.13.4 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.13.5 System Resource Considerations

An internal thread in Connext DDS will wake up periodically to check the liveliness of all the DataWriters. This happens both in the application that contains the DataWriters at the lease_duration set on the DataWriters as well as the applications that contain the DataReaders at the lease_duration set on the DataReaders. Therefore, as lease_duration becomes smaller, more CPU will be used to wake up threads and perform checks. A short lease_duration (or a high assertions_per_lease_duration) set on DataWriters may also use more network bandwidth because liveliness packets are being sent at a higher rate—this is especially true when LIVELINESS kind is set to AUTOMATIC.

6.5.14 MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy is used to partition the data published by a DataWriter across multiple channels. A channel is defined by a filter expression and a sequence of multicast locators.

By using this QosPolicy, a DataWriter can be configured to send data to different multicast groups based on the content of the data. Using syntax similar to those used in Content-Based Filters, you can associate different multicast addresses with filter expressions that operate on the values of the fields within the data. When your application’s code calls write(), data is sent to any multicast address for which the data passes the filter.

See Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823) for complete documentation on multi-channel DataWriters.

Note: Durable writer history is not supported for multi-channel DataWriters (see Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823)); an error is reported if a multi-channel DataWriter tries to configure Durable Writer History.

This QosPolicy includes the members presented in Table 6.51 DDS_MultiChannelQosPolicy, Table 6.52 DDS_ChannelSettings_t, and Table 6.53 DDS_TransportMulticastSettings_t. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
Table 6.51 DDS_MultiChannelQosPolicy

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ChannelSettingsSeq</td>
<td>channels</td>
<td>A sequence of channel settings used to configure the channels’ properties. If the length of the sequence is zero, the QosPolicy will be ignored. See Table 6.52 DDS_ChannelSettings_t.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>filter_name</td>
<td>Name of the filter class used to describe the filter expressions(^1). The following values are supported: DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME (see SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216)) DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME (see STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225))</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.52 DDS_ChannelSettings_t

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportMulticastSettingsSeq</td>
<td>multicast_settings</td>
<td>A sequence of multicast settings used to configure the multicast addresses associated with a channel. <strong>The sequence cannot be empty.</strong> The maximum number of multicast locators in a channel is limited to four. (A locator is defined by a transport alias, a multicast address and a port.) See Table 6.53 DDS_TransportMulticastSettings_t.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>filter_expression</td>
<td>A logical expression used to determine the data that will be published in the channel. <strong>This string cannot be NULL.</strong> An empty string always evaluates to TRUE. See SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216) and STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225) for expression syntax.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>priority</td>
<td>A positive integer designating the relative priority of the channel, used to determine the transmission order of pending transmissions. Larger numbers have higher priority. To use publication priorities, the DataWriter’s PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) must be set for asynchronous publishing and the DataWriter must use a FlowController that is configured for highest-priority-first (HPF) scheduling. See Prioritized DDS Samples (Section 6.6.4 on page 425). <strong>Note:</strong> Prioritized DDS samples are not supported when using the Java, Ada, or .NET APIs. Therefore the <strong>priority</strong> field does not exist when using these APIs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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\(^1\) In Java and C#, you can access the names of the built-in filters by using DomainParticipant.SQLFILTER_NAME and DomainParticipant.STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME.
### Table 6.53 DDS_TransportMulticastSettings_t

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_</td>
<td>transports</td>
<td>A sequence of transport aliases that specifies which transport should be used to publish multicast messages for this channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StringSeq</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>receive_</td>
<td>A multicast group address on which DataReaders subscribing to this channel will receive data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>address</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>receive_port</td>
<td>The multicast port on which DataReaders subscribing to this channel will receive data.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The format of the **filter_expression** should correspond to one of the following filter classes:

- DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME (see SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216))
- DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME (see STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225))

A DataReader can use the ContentFilteredTopic API (see Using a ContentFilteredTopic (Section 5.4.5 on page 213)) to subscribe to a subset of the channels used by a DataWriter.

**6.5.14.1 Example**

See Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823).

**6.5.14.2 Properties**

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DataWriter is created.

It does not apply to DataReaders, so there is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

**6.5.14.3 Related Qos Policies**

- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCELIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)

**6.5.14.4 Applicable Entities**

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
6.5.14.5 System Resource Considerations

The following fields in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592) configure the resources associated with the channels stored in the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy:

- channel_seq_max_length
- channel_filter_expression_max_length

For information about partitioning topic data across multiple channels, please refer to Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823).

6.5.15 OWNERSHIP QosPolicy

The OWNERSHIP QosPolicy specifies whether a DataReader receive data for an instance of a Topic sent by multiple DataWriters.

For non-keyed Topics, there is only one instance of the Topic.

This policy includes the single member shown in Table 6.54 DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy.

Table 6.54 DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OwnershipQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>DDS_SHARED_OWNERSHIP_QOS or DDS_EXCLUSIVE_OWNERSHIP_QOS</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The kind of OWNERSHIP can be set to one of two values:

* **SHARED Ownership**
  
  When OWNERSHIP is SHARED, and multiple DataWriters for the Topic publishes the value of the same instance, all the updates are delivered to subscribing DataReaders. So in effect, there is no “owner;” no single DataWriter is responsible for updating the value of an instance. The subscribing application will receive modifications from all DataWriters.

* **EXCLUSIVE Ownership**
  
  When OWNERSHIP is EXCLUSIVE, each instance can only be owned by one DataWriter at a time. This means that a single DataWriter is identified as the exclusive owner whose updates are allowed to modify the value of the instance for matching DataWriters. Other DataWriters may submit modifications for the instance, but only those made by the current owner are passed on to the
DataReaders. If a non-owner DataWriter modifies an instance, no error or notification is made; the modification is simply ignored. The owner of the instance can change dynamically.

Note for non-keyed Topics, EXCLUSIVE ownership implies that DataReaders will pay attention to only one DataWriter at a time because there is only a single instance. For keyed Topics, DataReaders may actually receive data from multiple DataWriters when different DataWriters own different instances of the Topic.

This QosPolicy is often used to help users build systems that have redundant elements to safeguard against component or application failures. When systems have active and hot standby components, the Ownership QosPolicy can be used to ensure that data from standby applications are only delivered in the case of the failure of the primary.

The Ownership QosPolicy can also be used to create data channels or topics that are designed to be taken over by external applications for testing or maintenance purposes.

Although you can set the OWNERSHIP QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the OWNERSHIP QosPolicies of either a DataWriter or DataReader. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

6.5.15.1 How Connext DDS Selects which DataWriter is the Exclusive Owner

When OWNERSHIP is EXCLUSIVE, the owner of an instance at any given time is the DataWriter with the highest OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 on page 390) that is “alive” as defined by the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) and has not violated the DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361) of the DataReader. OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH is simply an integer set by the DataWriter.

If the Topic’s data type is keyed (see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14)), EXCLUSIVE ownership is determined on a per-instance basis. That is, the DataWriter owner of each instance is considered separately. A DataReader can receive values written by a lower strength DataWriter as long as those values are for instances that are not being written by a higher-strength DataWriter.

If there are multiple DataWriters with the same OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH writing to the same instance, Connext DDS resolves the tie by choosing the DataWriter with the smallest GUID (Globally Unique Identifier, see Simple Participant Discovery (Section 14.1.1 on page 709)). This means that different DataReaders (in different applications) of the same Topic will all choose the same DataWriter as the owner when there are multiple DataWriters with the same strength.

The owner of an instance can change when:
• A *DataWriter* with a higher OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH publishes a value for the instance.

• The OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH of the owning *DataWriter* is dynamically changed to be less than the strength of an existing *DataWriter* of the instance.

• The owning *DataWriter* stops asserting its LIVENESS (the *DataWriter* dies).

• The owning *DataWriter* violates the DEADLINE QosPolicy by not updating the value of the instance within the period set by the DEADLINE.

Note however, the change of ownership is not synchronous across different *DataReaders* in different participants. That is, *DataReaders* in different applications may not determine that the ownership of an instance has changed at exactly the same time.

**6.5.15.2 Example**

OWNERSHIP is really a property that is shared between *DataReaders* and *DataWriters* of a *Topic*. However, in a system, some *Topics* will be exclusively owned and others will be shared. System requirements will determine which are which.

An example of a *Topic* that may be shared is one that is used by applications to publish alarm messages. If the application detects an anomalous condition, it will use a *DataWriter* to write a *Topic* “Alarm.” Another application that records alarms into a system log file will have a *DataReader* that subscribes to “Alarm.” In this example, any number of applications can publish the “Alarm” message. There is no concept that only one application at a time is allowed to publish the “Alarm” message, so in this case, the OWNERSHIP of the *DataWriters* and *DataReaders* should be set to **SHARED**.

In a different part of the system, **EXCLUSIVE** OWNERSHIP may be used to implement redundancy in support of fault tolerance. Say, the distributed system controls a traffic system. It monitors traffic and changes the information posted on signs, the operation of metering lights, and the timing of traffic lights. This system must be tolerant to failure of any part of the system including the application that actually issues commands to change the lights at a particular intersection.

One way to implement fault tolerance is to create the system redundantly both in hardware and software. So if a piece of the running system fails, a backup can take over. In systems where failover from the primary to backup system must be seamless and transparent, the actual mechanics of failover must be fast, and the redundant component must immediately pickup where the failed component left off. For the network connections of the component, Connext DDS can provided redundant *DataWriter* and *DataReaders*.

In this case, you would not want the *DataReaders* to receive redundant messages from the redundant *DataWriters*. Instead you will want the *DataReaders* to only receive messages from the primary application and only from a backup application if a failure occurs. To continue our example, if we have redundant applications that all try to control the lights at an intersection, we would want the *DataReaders* on the light to receive messages only from the primary application. To do so, we should configure the *DataWriters* and *DataReaders* to have **EXCLUSIVE** OWNERSHIP and set the OWNERSHIP_
STRENGTH differently on different redundant applications to distinguish between primary and backup systems.

6.5.15.3 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity is enabled.

It must be set to the same kind on both the publishing and subscribing sides. If a DataWriter and DataReader of the same topic are found to have different kinds set for the OWNERSHIP QoS, the ON_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS and ON_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS statuses will be modified and the corresponding Listeners called for the DataWriter and DataReader respectively.

6.5.15.4 Related QosPolicies

- DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361)
- LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)
- OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 below)

6.5.15.5 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.15.6 System Resource Considerations

This QosPolicy does not significantly impact the use of system resources.

6.5.16 OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy

The OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy is used to rank DataWriters of the same instance of a Topic, so that Connext DDS can decide which DataWriter will have ownership of the instance when the OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387) is set to EXCLUSIVE.

It includes the member in Table 6.55 DDS_OwnershipStrengthQosPolicy. For the default and valid range, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

Table 6.55 DDS_OwnershipStrengthQosPolicy

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>The strength value used to arbitrate among multiple DataWriters.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
This QosPolicy only applies to DataWriters when EXCLUSIVE OWNERSHIP is used. The strength is simply an integer value, and the DataWriter with the largest value is the owner. A deterministic method is used to decide which DataWriter is the owner when there are multiple DataWriters that have equal strengths. See How Connext DDS Selects which DataWriter is the Exclusive Owner (Section 6.5.15.1 on page 388) for more details.

6.5.16.1 Example

Suppose there are two DataWriters sending DDS samples of the same Topic instance, one as the main DataWriter, and the other as a backup. If you want to make sure the DataReader always receive from the main one whenever possible, then set the main DataWriter to use a higher ownership_strength value than the one used by the backup DataWriter.

6.5.16.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be changed at any time.

It does not apply to DataReaders, so there is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

6.5.16.3 Related QosPolicies

- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)

6.5.16.4 Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

6.5.16.5 System Resource Considerations

The use of this policy does not significantly impact the use of resources.

6.5.17 PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The PROPERTY QosPolicy stores name/value (string) pairs that can be used to configure certain parameters of Connext DDS that are not exposed through formal QoS policies.

It can also be used to store and propagate application-specific name/value pairs that can be retrieved by user code during discovery. This is similar to the USER_DATA QosPolicy, except this policy uses (name, value) pairs, and you can select whether or not a particular pair should be propagated (included in the built-in topic).

It includes the member in Table 6.56 DDS_PropertyQosPolicy.
The Property QoS stores name/value pairs for an Entity. Both the name and value are strings. Certain configurable parameters for Entities that do not have a formal DDS QoS definition may be configured via this QoS by using a pre-defined name and the desired setting in string form.

You can manipulate the sequence of properties (name, value pairs) with the standard methods available for sequences. You can also use the helper class, DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper, which provides another way to work with a PropertyQosPolicy object.

The PropertyQosPolicy may be used to configure:

- Durable writer history (see How To Configure Durable Writer History (Section 12.3.2 on page 682))
- Durable reader state (see How To Configure a DataReader for Durable Reader State (Section 12.4.4 on page 689))
- Built-in and extension Transport Plugins (see Setting Builtin Transport Properties with the PropertyQosPolicy (Section 15.6 on page 747), Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS (Section 25.2 on page 914), Configuring the TCP Transport (Section 33.4 on page 990)).
- Automatic registration of built-in types (see Registering Built-in Types (Section 3.2.1 on page 30))
- Clock Selection (Section 8.6 on page 618)
- Turbo Mode and Automatic Throttling for DataWriter Performance—Experimental Features (Section 6.3.18 on page 309)
- Location or content of your license from RTI (see License Management, in the Getting Started Guide)

In addition, you can add your own name/value pairs to the Property QoS of an Entity. You may also use this QosPolicy to direct Connext DDS to propagate these name/value pairs with the discovery information for the Entity. Applications that discover the Entity can then access the user-specific name/value pairs in the discovery information of the remote Entity. This allows you to add meta-information about an Entity for application-specific use, for example, authentication/authorization certificates (which can also be done using the User or Group Data QoS).

Reasons for using the PropertyQosPolicy include:
Some features can only be configured through the PropertyQosPolicy, not through other QoS or APIs. For example, Durable Reader State, Durable Writer History, Built-in Types, Monotonic Clock.

Alternative way to configure built-in transports settings. For example, to use non-default values for the built-in transports without using the PropertyQosPolicy, you would have to create a `DomainParticipant` disabled, change the built-in transport property settings, then enable the `DomainParticipant`. Using the PropertyQosPolicy to configure built-in transport settings will save you the work of enabling and disabling the `DomainParticipant`. Also, transport settings are not a QoS and therefore cannot be configured through an XML file. By configuring built-in transport settings through the PropertyQosPolicy instead, XML files can be used.

**Table 6.57 PropertyQosPolicyHelper Operations**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>get_number_of_properties</td>
<td>Gets the number of properties in the input policy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>assert_property</td>
<td>Asserts the property identified by name in the input policy. (Either adds it, or replaces an existing one.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When using the Java or .NET APIs, transport configuration must take place through the PropertyQosPolicy (not through the transport property structures).

- Alternative way to support multiple instances of built-in transports (without using Transport API).
- Alternative way to dynamically load extension transports (such as `RTI Secure WAN Transport`\(^1\) or `RTI TCP Transport`\(^2\)) or user-created transport plugins in C/C++ language bindings. If the extension or user-created transport plugin is installed using the transport API instead, the library that extra transport library/code will need to be linked into your application and may require reccompilation.
- Allows full pluggable transport configuration for non-C/C++ language bindings (Java, C++/CLI, C#, etc.) The pluggable transport API is not available in those languages. Without using PropertyQosPolicy, you cannot use extension transports (such as `RTI Secure WAN Transport`) and you cannot create your own custom transport.
- Alternative way to provide a license for platforms that do not support a file system, or if a default license location is not feasible and environment variables are not supported.

The PropertyQosPolicyHelper operations are described in **Table 6.57 PropertyQosPolicyHelper Operations**. For more information, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

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1. `RTI Secure WAN Transport` is an optional component that is installed separately.
2. `RTI TCP Transport` is included with your Connext DDS distribution but is not a built-in transport and therefore not enabled by default.
### Properties

This QosPolicy can be changed at any time.

There is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

#### Related QosPolicies

- `DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)

#### Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)
- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

#### System Resource Considerations

The `DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 8.5.4 on page 592) contains several fields for configuring the resources associated with the properties stored in this QosPolicy.

### PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy determines the `DataWriter`'s publishing mode, either asynchronous or synchronous.

The publishing mode controls whether data is written synchronously—in the context of the user thread when calling `write()`, or asynchronously—in the context of a separate thread internal to Connext DDS.

**Note:** Asynchronous `DataWriters` do not perform sender-side filtering. Any filtering, such as time-based or content-based filtering, takes place on the `DataReader` side.
Each Publisher spawns a single asynchronous publishing thread (set in its ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311)) to serve all its asynchronous DataWriters.

When data is written asynchronously, a FlowController (FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419)), identified by flow_controller_name, can be used to shape the network traffic. The FlowController's properties determine when the asynchronous publishing thread is allowed to send data and how much.

The fastest way for Connext DDS to send data is for the user thread to execute the middleware code that actually sends the data itself. However, there are times when user applications may need or want an internal middleware thread to send the data instead. For instance, for sending large data reliably, an asynchronous thread must be used (see ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311)).

This QosPolicy can select a FlowController to prioritize or shape the data flow sent by a DataWriter to DataReaders. Shaping a data flow usually means limiting the maximum data rates with which the middleware will send data for a DataWriter. The FlowController will buffer data sent faster than the maximum rate by the DataWriter, and then only send the excess data when the user send rate drops below the maximum rate.

If kind is set to DDSASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISH_MODE_QOS, the flow controller referred to by flow_controller_name must exist. Otherwise, the setting will be considered inconsistent.

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 6.58 DDS_PublishModeQosPolicy. For the defaults, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PublishModeQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>Either:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDSASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISH_MODE_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_SYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISH_MODE_QOS</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### Table 6.58 DDS_PublishModeQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char*</td>
<td>flow_controller_name</td>
<td>Name of the associated flow controller. There are three built-in FlowControllers:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_DEFAULT_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_FIXED_RATE_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_ON_DEMAND_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You may also create your own FlowControllers. See FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>priority</td>
<td>A positive integer designating the relative priority of the DataWriter, used to determine the transmission order of pending writes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>To use publication priorities, this QosPolicy’s kind must be DDS ASYNCHRONOUS PUBLISH MODE_QOS and the DataWriter must use a FlowController with a highest-priority first (HPF) scheduling policy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>See Prioritized DDS Samples (Section 6.6.4 on page 425).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Note: Prioritized DDS samples are not supported when using the Java, Ada, or .NET APIs. Therefore the priority field does not exist when using these APIs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The maximum number of DDS samples that will be coalesced depends on `NDDS_Transport_Property_t::gather_send_buffer_count_max` (each DDS sample requires at least 2-4 gather-send buffers). Performance can be improved by increasing `NDDS_Transport_Property_t::gather_send_buffer_count_max`. Note that the maximum value is operating system dependent.

Connext DDS queues DDS samples until they can be sent by the asynchronous publishing thread (as determined by the corresponding FlowController).

The number of DDS samples that will be queued is determined by the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374): when using KEEP_LAST, the most recent depth DDS samples are kept in the queue.

Once unsent DDS samples are removed from the queue, they are no longer available to the asynchronous publishing thread and will therefore never be sent.

Unless `flow_controller_name` points to one of the built-in FlowControllers, finalizing the DataWriterQos will also free the string pointed to by `flow_controller_name`. Therefore, you should use `DDS_String_dup()` before passing the string to `flow_controller_name`, or reset `flow_controller_name` to NULL before the destructing /finalizing the QoS.

**Advantages of Asynchronous Publishing:**
Asynchronous publishing may increase latency, but offers the following advantages:

- The `write()` call does not make any network calls and is therefore faster and more deterministic. This becomes important when the user thread is executing time-critical code.
- When data is written in bursts or when sending large data types as multiple fragments, a flow controller can throttle the send rate of the asynchronous publishing thread to avoid flooding the network.
- Asynchronously written DDS samples for the same destination will be coalesced into a single network packet which reduces bandwidth consumption.

### 6.5.18.1 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the `Publisher` is created. Since it is only for `DataWriters`, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

### 6.5.18.2 Related QosPolicies

- ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311)
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)

### 6.5.18.3 Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)

### 6.5.18.4 System Resource Considerations

See Configuring Resource Limits for Asynchronous DataWriters (Section 6.5.20.1 on page 404). System resource usage depends on the settings in the corresponding FlowController (see FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419)).

### 6.5.19 RELIABILITY QosPolicy

This RELIABILITY QosPolicy determines whether or not data published by a `DataWriter` will be reliably delivered by Connext DDS to matching `DataReaders`. The reliability protocol used by Connext DDS is discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

The reliability of a connection between a `DataWriter` and `DataReader` is entirely user configurable. It can be done on a per `DataWriter/DataReader` connection. A connection may be configured to be "best effort" which means that Connext DDS will not use any resources to monitor or guarantee that the data sent by a `DataWriter` is received by a `DataReader`. 
For some use cases, such as the periodic update of sensor values to a GUI displaying the value to a person, "best effort" delivery is often good enough. It is certainly the fastest, most efficient, and least resource-intensive (CPU and network bandwidth) method of getting the newest/latest value for a topic from DataWriters to DataReaders. But there is no guarantee that the data sent will be received. It may be lost due to a variety of factors, including data loss by the physical transport such as wireless RF or even Ethernet. Packets received out of order are dropped and a SAMPLE_LOST Status (Section 7.3.7.7 on page 476) is generated.

However, there are data streams (topics) in which you want an absolute guarantee that all data sent by a DataWriter is received reliably by DataReaders. This means that Connext DDS must check whether or not data was received, and repair any data that was lost by resending a copy of the data as many times as it takes for the DataReader to receive the data.

Connext DDS uses a reliability protocol configured and tuned by these QoS policies:

- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374),
- DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345),
- DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509),
- RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)

The Reliability QoS policy is simply a switch to turn on the reliability protocol for a DataWriter/DataReader connection. The level of reliability provided by Connext DDS is determined by the configuration of the aforementioned QoS policies.

You can configure Connext DDS to deliver ALL data in the order they were sent (also known as absolute or strict reliability). Or, as a trade-off for less memory, CPU, and network usage, you can choose a reduced level of reliability where only the last N values are guaranteed to be delivered reliably to DataReaders (where N is user-configurable). With the reduced level of reliability, there are no guarantees that the data sent before the last N are received. Only the last N data packets are monitored and repaired if necessary.

It includes the members in Table 6.59 DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
### Table 6.59 DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>Can be either:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_BEST_EFFORT_RELIABILITY_QOS:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DDS data samples are sent once and missed samples are acceptable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_blocking_time</td>
<td>How long a DataWriter can block on a write() when the send queue is full due to unacknowledged messages. (Has no meaning for DataReaders.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicyAcknowledgmentModeKind</td>
<td>acknowledgment_kind</td>
<td>Kind of reliable acknowledgment. Only applies when kind is RELIABLE. Sets the kind of acknowledgments supported by a DataWriter and sent by DataReader. Possible values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_PROTOCOL_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_APPLICATION_AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* DDS_APPLICATION_EXPLICIT_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The **kind** of RELIABILITY can be either:

- **BEST_EFFORT**
  
  Connext DDS will send DDS data samples only once to DataReaders. No effort or resources are spent to track whether or not sent DDS samples are received. Minimal resources are used. This is the most deterministic method of sending data since there is no indeterministic delay that can be introduced by buffering or resending data. DDS data samples may be lost. This setting is good for periodic data.

- **RELIABLE**
  
  Connext DDS will send DDS samples reliably to DataReaders—buffering sent data until they have been acknowledged as being received by DataReaders and resending any DDS samples that may
have been lost during transport. Additional resources configured by the HISTORY and RESOURCE_limits QosPolicies may be used. Extra packets will be sent on the network to query (heartbeat) and acknowledge the receipt of DDS samples by the DataReader. This setting is a good choice when guaranteed data delivery is required; for example, sending events or commands.

To send large data reliably, you will also need to set the PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) kind to DDSASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISH_MODE_QOS. Large in this context means that the data cannot be sent as a single packet by a transport (for example, data larger than 63K when using UDP/IP).

While a DataWriter sends data reliably, the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_limits QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) determine how many DDS samples can be stored while waiting for acknowledgements from DataReaders. A DDS sample that is sent reliably is entered in the DataWriter’s send queue awaiting acknowledgement from DataReaders. How many DDS samples that the DataWriter is allowed to store in the send queue for a data-instance depends on the kind of the HISTORY QoS as well as the max_samples_per_instance and max_samples parameter of the RESOURCE_limits QoS.

If the HISTORY kind is KEEP_LAST, then the DataWriter is allowed to have the HISTORY depth number of DDS samples per instance of the Topic in the send queue. Should the number of unacknowledged DDS samples in the send queue for a data-instance reach the HISTORY depth, then the next DDS sample written by the DataWriter for the instance will overwrite the oldest DDS sample for the instance in the queue. This implies that an unacknowledged DDS sample may be overwritten and thus lost. So even if the RELIABILITY kind is RELIABLE, if the HISTORY kind is KEEP_LAST, it is possible that some data sent by the DataWriter will not be delivered to the DataReader. What is guaranteed is that if the DataWriter stops writing, the last N DDS samples that the DataWriter wrote will be delivered reliably; where n is the value of the HISTORY depth.

However, if the HISTORY kind is KEEP_ALL, then when the send queue is filled with acknowledged DDS samples (either due to the number of unacknowledged DDS samples for an instance reaching the RESOURCE_limits max_samples_per_instance value or the total number of unacknowledged DDS samples have reached the size of the send queue as specified by RESOURCE_limits max_samples), the next write() operation on the DataWriter will block until either a DDS sample in the queue has been fully acknowledged by DataReaders and thus can be overwritten or a timeout of RELIABILITY max_blocking_period has been reached.

If there is still no space in the queue when max_blocking_time is reached, the write() call will return a failure with the error code DDS_RETCODE_TIMEOUT.

Thus for strict reliability—a guarantee that all DDS data samples sent by a DataWriter are received by DataReaders—you must use a RELIABILITY kind of RELIABLE and a HISTORY kind of KEEP_ALL for both the DataWriter and the DataReader.
Although you can set the RELIABILITY QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the RELIABILITY QosPolicies of either a DataWriter or DataReader. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

### 6.5.19.1 Example

This QosPolicy is used to achieve reliable communications, which is discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628) and Enabling Reliability (Section 10.3.1 on page 636).

### 6.5.19.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity has been enabled.

The DataWriter and DataReader must use compatible settings for this QosPolicy. To be compatible, the DataWriter and DataReader must use one of the valid combinations for the Reliability kind (see Table 6.60 Valid Combinations of Reliability ‘kind’), and one of the valid combinations for the acknowledgment_kind (see Table 6.61 Valid Combinations of Reliability ‘acknowledgment_kind’):

**Table 6.60 Valid Combinations of Reliability ’kind’**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DataWriter offers:</th>
<th>DataReader requests:</th>
<th>BEST_EFFORT</th>
<th>RELIABLE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BEST_EFFORT</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELIABLE</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 6.61 Valid Combinations of Reliability ‘acknowledgment_kind’**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>DataWriter offers:</th>
<th>DataReader requests:</th>
<th>PROTOCOL</th>
<th>APPLICATION_ AUTO</th>
<th>APPLICATION_ EXPLICIT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PROTOCOL</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td>incompatible</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APPLICATION_ AUTO</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>APPLICATION_ EXPLICIT</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If this QosPolicy is found to be incompatible, statuses `ON_OFFERED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS` and `ON_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS` will be modified and the corresponding `Listeners` called for the `DataWriter` and `DataReader`, respectively.

There are no compatibility issues regarding the value of `max_blocking_wait`, since it does not apply to `DataReaders`.

### 6.5.19.3 Related QosPolicies

- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394)
- RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 below)

### 6.5.19.4 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

### 6.5.19.5 System Resource Considerations

Setting the `kind` to `RELIABLE` will cause Connext DDS to use up more resources to monitor and maintain a reliable connection between a `DataWriter` and all of its reliable `DataReaders`. This includes the use of extra CPU and network bandwidth to send and process heartbeat, ACK/NACK, and repair packets (see Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628)).

Setting `max_blocking_time` to a non-zero number may block the sending thread when the RELIABILITY kind is `RELIABLE`.

### 6.5.20 RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy

For the reliability protocol (and the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366)), this QosPolicy determines the actual maximum queue size when the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) is set to `KEEP_ALL`.

In general, this QosPolicy is used to limit the amount of system memory that Connext DDS can allocate. For embedded real-time systems and safety-critical systems, pre-determination of maximum memory usage is often required. In addition, dynamic memory allocation could introduce non-deterministic latencies in time-critical paths.

This QosPolicy can be set such that an entity does not dynamically allocate any more memory after its initialization phase.
It includes the members in Table 6.62 DDS_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_samples</td>
<td>Maximum number of live DDS samples that Connext DDS can store for a DataWriter/DataReader. This is a physical limit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_instances</td>
<td>Maximum number of instances that can be managed by a DataWriter/DataReader. For DataReaders, max_instances must be &lt;= max_total_instances in the DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>See also: Example (Section 6.5.20.3 on page 405).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_samples_per_instance</td>
<td>Maximum number of DDS samples of any one instance that Connext DDS will store for a DataWriter/DataReader. For keyed types and DataReaders, this value only applies to DDS samples with an instance state of DDS_ALIVE_INSTANCE_STATE. If a keyed Topic is not used, then max_samples_per_instance must equal max_samples.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_samples</td>
<td>Initial number of DDS samples that Connext DDS will store for a DataWriter/DataReader. (DDS extension)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial Instances</td>
<td>Initial number of instances that can be managed by a DataWriter/DataReader. (DDS extension)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>instance_hash_buckets</td>
<td>Number of hash buckets, which are used by Connext DDS to facilitate instance lookup. (DDS extension).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

One of the most important fields is **max_samples**, which sets the size and causes memory to be allocated for the send or receive queues. For information on how this policy affects reliability, see Tuning Queue Sizes and Other Resource Limits (Section 10.3.2 on page 637).

When a DataWriter or DataReader is created, the **initial_instances** and **initial_samples** parameters determine the amount of memory first allocated for the those Entities. As the application executes, if more space is needed in the send/receive queues to store DDS samples or as more instances are created, then Connext DDS will automatically allocate memory until the limits of **max_instances** and **max_samples** are reached.

You may set **initial_instances = max_instances** and **initial_samples = max_samples** if you do not want Connext DDS to dynamically allocate memory after initialization.

For keyed Topics, the **max_samples_per_instance** field in this policy represents maximum number of DDS samples with the same key that are allowed to be stored by a DataWriter or DataReader. This is a
logical limit. The hard physical limit is determined by max_samples. However, because the theoretical number of instances may be quite large (as set by max_instances), you may not want Connext DDS to allocate the total memory needed to hold the maximum number of DDS samples per instance for all possible instances (max_samples_per_instance * max_instances) because during normal operations, the application will never have to hold that much data for the Entity.

So it is possible that an Entity will hit the physical limit max_samples before it hits the max_samples_per_instance limit for a particular instance. However, Connext DDS must be able to store max_samples_per_instance for at least one instance. Therefore, max_samples_per_instance must be <= max_samples.

If a keyed data type is not used, there is only a single instance of the Topic, so max_samples_per_instance must equal max_samples.

Once a physical or logical limit is hit, then how Connext DDS deals with new DDS data samples being sent or received for a DataWriter orDataReader is described in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) setting of DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS. It is closely tied to whether or not a reliable connection is being maintained.

Although you can set the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy on Topics, its value can only be used to initialize the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicies of either a DataWriter orDataReader. It does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

### 6.5.20.1 Configuring Resource Limits for Asynchronous DataWriters

When using an asynchronous Publisher, if a call to write() is blocked due to a resource limit, the block will last until the timeout period expires, which will prevent others from freeing the resource. To avoid this situation, make sure that the DomainParticipant’s outstanding_asynchronous_sample_allocation in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592) is always greater than the sum of all asynchronous DataWriters’ max_samples.

### 6.5.20.2 Configuring DataWriter Instance Replacement

When the max_instances limit is reached, a DataWriter will try to make space for a new instance by replacing an existing instance according to the instance replacement kind set in instance_replacement. For the sake of instance replacement, an instance is considered to be unregistered, disposed, or alive. The oldest instance of the specified kind, if such an instance exists, would be replaced with the new instance. Also, all DDS samples of a replaced instance must already have been acknowledged, such that removing the instance would not deprive any existing reader from receiving them.

Since an unregistered instance is one that a DataWriter will not update any further, unregistered instances are replaced before any other instance kinds. This applies for all instance_replacement kinds; for example, the ALIVE_THEN_DISPOSED kind would first replace unregistered, then alive, and then disposed instances. The rest of the kinds specify one or two kinds (e.g DISPOSED and ALIVE_OR_
DISPOSED). For the single kind, if no unregistered instances are replaceable, and no instances of the specified kind are replaceable, then the instance replacement will fail. For the others specifying multiple kinds, it either specifies to look for one kind first and then another kind (e.g. ALIVE_THEN_DISPOSED), meaning if the first kind is found then that instance will be replaced, or it will replace either of the kinds specified (e.g. ALIVE_OR_DISPOSED), whichever is older as determined by the time of instance registering, writing, or disposing.

If an acknowledged instance of the specified kind is found, the DataWriter will reclaim its resources for the new instance. It will also invoke the DataWriterListener’s on_instance_replaced() callback (if installed) and notify the user with the handle of the replaced instance, which can then be used to retrieve the instance key from within the callback. If no replaceable instances are found, the new instance will fail to be registered; the DataWriter may block, if the instance registration was done in the context of a write, or it may return with an out-of-resources return code.

In addition, replace_empty_instances (in the DATA_WRITERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.4 on page 357)) configures whether instances with no DDS samples are eligible to be replaced. If this is set, then a DataWriter will first try to replace empty instances, even before replacing unregistered instances.

### 6.5.20.3 Example

If you want to be able to store max_samples_per_instance for every instance, then you should set

\[
\text{max_samples} \geq \text{max_instances} \times \text{max_samples_per_instance}
\]

But if you want to save memory and you do not expect that the running application will ever reach the case where it will see max_instances of instances, then you may use a smaller value for max_samples to save memory.

In any case, there is a lower limit for max_samples:

\[
\text{max_samples} \geq \text{max_samples_per_instance}
\]

If the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)’s kind is set to KEEP_LAST, then you should set:

\[
\text{max_samples_per_instance} = \text{HISTORY.depth}
\]

### 6.5.20.4 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity is enabled.

There are no requirements that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.
6.5.20.5 Related QosPolicies

- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)
- For DataReaders, max_instances must be <= max_total_instances in the DATA_READERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)

6.5.20.6 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.20.7 System Resource Considerations

Larger initial_* numbers will increase the initial system memory usage. Larger max_* numbers will increase the worst-case system memory usage.

Increasing instance_hash_buckets speeds up instance-lookup time but also increases memory usage.

6.5.21 SERVICE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The SERVICE QosPolicy is intended for use by RTI infrastructure services. User applications should not modify its value. It includes the member in Table 6.63 DDS_ServiceQosPolicy.

Table 6.63 DDS_ServiceQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ServiceQosPolicyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>Kind of service associated with the entity. Possible values: DDS_NO_SERVICE_QOS, DDS_PERSISTENCE_SERVICE_QOS, DDS_QUEUEING_SERVICE_QOS, DDS_ROUTING_SERVICE_QOS, DDS_RECORDING_SERVICE_QOS, DDS_REPLAY_SERVICE_QOS, DDS_DATABASE_INTEGRATION_SERVICE_QOS</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

An application can determine the kind of service associated with a discovered DataWriter and DataReader by looking at the service field in the PublicationBuiltinTopicData and SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData structures (see Chapter 16: Built-In Topics).
6.5.21.1 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity is enabled.

There are no requirements that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

6.5.21.2 Related QosPolicies

None

6.5.21.3 Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3)

6.5.21.4 System Resource Considerations

None.

6.5.22 TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy

The TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy is optional and only partially supported on certain OSs and transports by RTI. However, its intention is to allow you to specify on a per-DataWriter or per-DataReader basis that the data sent by a DataWriter or DataReader is of a different priority.

DDS does not specify how a DDS implementation shall treat data of different priorities. It is often difficult or impossible for DDS implementations to treat data of higher priority differently than data of lower priority, especially when data is being sent (delivered to a physical transport) directly by the thread that called DataWriter’s write() operation. Also, many physical network transports themselves do not have an end-user controllable level of data packet priority.

In Connext DDS, for the UDPv4 built-in transport, the value set in the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy is used in a setsockopt call to set the TOS (type of service) bits of the IPv4 header for data-grams sent by a DataWriter or DataReader. It is platform dependent on how and whether or not the setsockopt has an effect. On some platforms such as Windows and Linux, external permissions must be given to the user application in order to set the TOS bits.

It is incorrect to assume that using the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy will have any effect at all on the end-to-end delivery of data between a DataWriter and DataReader. All network elements such as switches and routers must have the capability and be enabled to actually use the TOS bits to treat higher-priority packets differently. Thus the ability to use the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy must be designed and configured at a system level; just turning it on in an application may have no effect at all.

It includes the member in Table 6.64 DDS_TransportPriorityQosPolicy. For the default and valid range, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
Table 6.64 DDS_TransportPriorityQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>Hint as to how to set the priority.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Connext DDS will propagate the value set on a per-DataWriter or per-DataReader basis to the transport when the DataWriter publishes data. It is up to the implementation of the transport to do something with the value, if anything.

You can set the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy on a Topic and use its value to initialize the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicies of DataWriters and DataReaders. The TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy of a Topic does not directly affect the operation of Connext DDS, see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198).

6.5.22.1 Example

Should Connext DDS be configured with a transport that can use and will honor the concept of a prioritized message, then you would be able to create a DataWriter of a Topic whose DDS data samples, when published, will be sent at a higher priority than other DataWriters that use the same transport.

6.5.22.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the entity is created.

6.5.22.3 Related QosPolicies

This QosPolicy does not interact with any other policies.

6.5.22.4 Applicable Entities

- Topics (Section 5.1 on page 194)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.22.5 System Resource Considerations

The use of this policy does not significantly impact the use of resources. However, if a transport is implemented to use the value set by this policy, then there may be transport-specific issues regarding the resources that the transport implementation itself uses.
6.5.23 TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy allows you to select the transports that have been installed with the DomainParticipant to be used by the DataWriter or DataReader.

An application may be simultaneously connected to many different physical transports, e.g., Ethernet, Infiniband, shared memory, VME backplane, and wireless. By default, the middleware will use up to 4 transports to deliver data from a DataWriter to a DataReader.

This QosPolicy can be used to both limit and control which of the application’s available transports may be used by a DataWriter to send data or by a DataReader to receive data.

It includes the member in Table 6.65 DDS_TransportSelectionQosPolicy. For more information, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

Table 6.65 DDS_TransportSelectionQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>enabled_transports</td>
<td>A sequence of aliases for the transports that may be used by the DataWriter or DataReader.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Connext DDS allows you to configure the transports that it uses to send and receive messages. A number of built-in transports, such as UDPv4 and shared memory, are available as well as custom ones that you may implement and install. Each transport will be installed in the DomainParticipant with one or more aliases.

To enable a DataWriter or DataReader to use a particular transport, add the alias to the enabled_transports sequence of this QosPolicy. An empty sequence is a special case, and indicates that all transports installed in the DomainParticipant can be used by the DataWriter or DataReader.

For more information on configuring and installing transports, please see the API Reference HTML documentation (from the Modules page, select RTI DDS API Reference, Pluggable Transports).

6.5.23.1 Example

Suppose a DomainParticipant has both UDPv4 and shared memory transports installed. If you want a particular DataWriter to publish its data only over shared memory, then you should use this QosPolicy to specify that restriction.

6.5.23.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity is created.

It can be set differently for the DataWriter and the DataReader.
6.5.23.3 Related QosPolicies

- TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 below)
- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527)
- TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)

6.5.23.4 Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

6.5.23.5 System Resource Considerations

By restricting DataWriters from sending or DataReaders from receiving over certain transports, you may decrease the load on those transports.

6.5.24 TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy allows you to specify unicast network addresses to be used by DomainParticipant, DataWriters and DataReaders for receiving messages.

Connext DDS may send data to a variety of Entities, not just DataReaders. DomainParticipants receive messages to support the discovery process discussed in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708). DataWriters may receive ACK/NACK messages to support the reliable protocol discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

During discovery, each Entity announces to remote applications a list of (up to 4) unicast addresses to which the remote application should send data (either user-data packets or reliable protocol meta-data such as ACK/NACK and Heartbeats).

By default, the list of addresses is populated automatically with values obtained from the enabled transport plugins allowed to be used by the Entity (see the TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605) and TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on the previous page)). Also, the associated ports are automatically determined (see Inbound Ports for User Traffic (Section 14.5.2 on page 739)).

Use TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy to manually set the receive address list for an Entity. You may optionally set a port to use a non-default receive port as well. Only the first 4 addresses will be used. Connext DDS will create a receive thread for every unique port number that it encounters (on a per transport basis).

The QosPolicy structure includes the members in Table 6.66 DDS_TransportUnicastQosPolicy. For more information and default values, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
Table 6.66 DDS_TransportUnicastQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportUnicastSettingsSeq (see Table 6.67 DDS_TransportUnicastSettings_t)</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>A sequence of up to 4 unicast settings that should be used by remote entities to address messages to be sent to this Entity.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.67 DDS_TransportUnicastSettings_t

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>transports</td>
<td>A sequence of transport aliases that specifies which transports should be used to receive unicast messages for this Entity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>receive_port</td>
<td>The port that should be used in the addressing of unicast messages destined for this Entity. A value of 0 will cause Connext DDS to use a default port number based on domain and participant ids. See Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A message sent to a unicast address will be received by a single node on the network (as opposed to a multicast address where a single message may be received by multiple nodes). This policy sets the unicast addresses and ports that remote entities should use when sending messages to the Entity on which the TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy is set.

Up to four “return” unicast addresses may be configured for an Entity. Instead of specifying addresses directly, you use the transports field of the DDS_TransportUnicastSetting_t to select the transports (using their aliases) on which remote entities should send messages destined for this Entity. The addresses of the selected transports will be the “return” addresses. See the API Reference HTML documentation about configuring transports and aliases (from the Modules page, select RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Pluggable Transports).

Note, a single transport may have more than one unicast address. For example, if a node has multiple network interface cards (NICs), then the UDPv4 transport will have an address for each NIC. When using the TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy to set the return addresses, a single value for the DDS_TransportUnicastSettingsSeq may provide more than the four return addresses that Connext DDS currently uses.

Whether or not you are able to configure the network interfaces that are allowed to be used by a transport is up to the implementation of the transport. For the built-in UDPv4 transport, you may restrict an instance of the transport to use a subset of the available network interfaces. See the API Reference HTML documentation for the built-in UDPv4 transport for more information.
For a DomainParticipant, this QoS policy sets the default list of addresses used by other applications to send user data for local DataReaders.

For a reliable DataWriter, if set, the other applications will use the specified list of addresses to send reliable protocol packets (ACKS/NACKS) on the behalf of reliable DataReaders. Otherwise, if not set, the other applications will use the addresses set by the DomainParticipant.

For a DataReader, if set, then other applications will use the specified list of addresses to send user data (and reliable protocol packets for reliable DataReaders). Otherwise, if not set, the other applications will use the addresses set by the DomainParticipant.

For a DataReader, if the port number specified by this QoS is the same as a port number specified by a TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QoS, then the transport may choose to process data received both via multicast and unicast with a single thread. Whether or not a transport must use different threads to process data received via multicast or unicast for the same port number depends on the implementation of the transport.

To use this QosPolicy, you also need to specify a port number. A port number of 0 will cause Connext DDS to automatically use a default value. As explained in Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737), the default port number for unicast addresses is based on the domain and participant IDs. Should you choose to use a different port number, then for every unique port number used by Entities in your application, depending on the transport, Connext DDS may create a thread to process messages received for that port on that transport. See Connext DDS Threading Model (Section Chapter 19 on page 836) for more about threads.

Threads are created on a per-transport basis, so if this QosPolicy specifies multiple transports for a receive port, then a thread may be created for each transport for that unique port. Some transports may be able to share a single thread for different ports, others can not. Different Entities can share the same port number, and thus, the same thread will process all of the data for all of the Entities sharing the same port number for a transport.

**Note:** If a DataWriter is using the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384), the unicast addresses specified in the TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy are ignored by that DataWriter. The DataWriter will not publish DDS samples on those locators.

### 6.5.24.1 Example

You may use this QosPolicy to restrict an Entity from receiving data through a particular transport. For example, on a multi-NIC (network interface card) system, you may install different transports for different NICs. Then you can balance the network load between network cards by using different values for the TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy for different DataReaders. Thus some DataReaders will receive their data from one NIC and other DataReaders will receive their data from another.

### 6.5.24.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the Entity is created.
It can be set differently for the DomainParticipant, the DataWriter and the DataReader.

### 6.5.24.3 Related QosPolicies

- MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384)
- TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409)
- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527)
- TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)

### 6.5.24.4 Applicable Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)
- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

### 6.5.24.5 System Resource Considerations

Because this QosPolicy changes the transports on which messages are received for different Entities, the bandwidth used on the different transports may be affected.

Depending on the implementation of a transport, Connext DDS may need to create threads to receive and process data on a unique-port-number basis. Some transports can share the same thread to process data received for different ports; others like UDPv4 must have different threads for different ports. In addition, if the same port is used for both unicast and multicast, the transport implementation will determine whether or not the same thread can be used to process both unicast and multicast data. For UDPv4, only one thread is needed per port—indepedent of whether the data was received via unicast or multicast data. See Receive Threads (Section 19.3 on page 838) for more information.

### 6.5.25 TYPESUPPORT QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This policy can be used to modify the code generated by RTI Code Generator so that the [de]serialization routines act differently depending on the information passed in via the object pointer. This policy also determines if padding bytes are set to zero during serialization.

It includes the members in Table 6.68 DDS_TypeSupportQosPolicy.
### Table 6.68 DDS_TypeSupportQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>void *</td>
<td>plugin_data</td>
<td>Value to pass into the type plug-in's serialization/deserialization function. See Note below.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_CdrPaddingKind</td>
<td>cdr_padding_kind</td>
<td>Determines whether or not the padding bytes will be set to zero during CDR serialization.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For a DomainParticipant: Configures how padding bytes are set when serializing data for the builtin topic DataWriters and DataReaders.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For DataWriters and DataReaders: Configures how padding bytes are set when serializing data for that entity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>May be:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* ZERO_CDR_PADDING (Padding bytes will be set to zero during CDR serialization)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* NOT_SET_CDR_PADDING (Padding bytes will not be set to any value during CDR serialization)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>* AUTO_CDR_PADDING (For a DomainParticipant, the default behavior is NOT_SET_CDR_PADDING. For a DataWriter or DataReader, the behavior is to inherit the value from the DomainParticipant.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** RTI generally recommends that you treat generated source files as compiler outputs (analogous to object files) and that you do not modify them. RTI cannot support user changes to generated source files. Furthermore, such changes would make upgrading to newer versions of Connext DDS more difficult, as this generated code is considered to be a part of the middleware implementation and consequently does change from version to version. *The plugin_data field in this QoS policy should be considered a back door, only to be used after careful design consideration, testing, and consultation with your RTI representative.*

### 6.5.25.1 Properties

This QoS policy may be modified after the DataWriter or DataReader is enabled. It can be set differently for the DataWriter and DataReader.

### 6.5.25.2 Related QoS Policies

None.

### 6.5.25.3 Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)
6.5.25.4 System Resource Considerations

None.

6.5.26 USER_DATA QosPolicy

This QosPolicy provides an area where your application can store additional information related to a DomainParticipant, DataWriter, or DataReader. This information is passed between applications during discovery (see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708)) using built-in-topics (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)). How this information is used will be up to user code. Connext DDS does not do anything with the information stored as USER_DATA except to pass it to other applications.

Use cases are usually for application-to-application identification, authentication, authorization, and encryption purposes. For example, applications can use Group or User Data to send security certificates to each other for RSA-type security.

The value of the USER_DATA QosPolicy is sent to remote applications when they are first discovered, as well as when the DomainParticipant, DataWriter or DataReader’s set_qos() methods are called after changing the value of the USER_DATA. User code can set listeners on the built-in DataReaders of the built-in Topics used by Connext DDS to propagate discovery information. Methods in the built-in topic listeners will be called whenever new DomainParticipants, DataReaders, and DataWriters are found. Within the user callback, you will have access to the USER_DATA that was set for the associated Entity.

Currently, USER_DATA of the associated Entity is only propagated with the information that declares a DomainParticipant, DataWriter or DataReader. Thus, you will need to access the value of USER_DATA through DDS_ParticipantBuiltInTopicData, DDS_PUBLICATION_BUILTIN_TOPIC_DATA or DDS_SUBSCRIPTION_BUILTIN_TOPIC_DATA (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)).

The structure for the USER_DATA QosPolicy includes just one field, as seen in Table 6.69 DDS_UserDataQosPolicy. The field is a sequence of octets that translates to a contiguous buffer of bytes whose contents and length is set by the user. The maximum size for the data are set in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592).

Table 6.69 DDS_UserDataQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OctetSeq</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>Default: empty</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This policy is similar to the GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318) and TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204) that apply to other types of Entities.
6.5.26.1 Example

One possible use of USER_DATA is to pass some credential or certificate that your subscriber application can use to accept or reject communication with the DataWriters (or vice versa, where the publisher application can validate the permission of DataReaders to receive its data). Using the same method, an application (DomainParticipant) can accept or reject all connections from another application. The value of the USER_DATA of the DomainParticipant is propagated in the ‘user_data’ field of the DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData that is sent with the declaration of each DomainParticipant. Similarly, the value of the USER_DATA of the DataWriter is propagated in the ‘user_data’ field of the DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicData that is sent with the declaration of each DataWriter, and the value of the USER_DATA of the DataReader is propagated in the ‘user_data’ field of the DDS_SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData that is sent with the declaration of each DataReader.

When Connext DDS discovers a DomainParticipant/DataWriter/DataReader, the application can be notified of the discovery of the new entity and retrieve information about the Entity’s QoS by reading the DCPSParticipant, DCPSPublication or DCPSSubscription built-in topics (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)). The user application can then examine the USER_DATA field in the built-in Topic and decide whether or not the remote Entity should be allowed to communicate with the local Entity. If communication is not allowed, the application can use the DomainParticipant’s ignore_participant(), ignore_publication() or ignore_subscriptions() operation to reject the newly discovered remote entity as one with which the application allows Connext DDS to communicate. See Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772) for an example of how to do this.

6.5.26.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be modified at any time. A change in the QosPolicy will cause Connext DDS to send packets containing the new USER_DATA to all of the other applications in the DDS domain.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

6.5.26.3 Related QosPolicies

- TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)
- GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)
- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)

6.5.26.4 Applicable Entities

- DataWriters (Section 6.3 on page 258)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)
- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)
6.5.26.5 System Resource Considerations

The maximum size of the USER_DATA is set in the `participant_user_data_max_length`, `writer_user_data_max_length`, and `reader_user_data_max_length` fields of the `DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIM...Section 8.5.4 on page 592). Because Connext DDS will allocated memory based on this value, you should only increase this value if you need to. If your system does not use USER_DATA, then you can set this value to 0 to save memory. Setting the value of the USER_DATA QosPolicy to hold data longer than the value set in the `participant,writer,reader_user_data_max_length` field will result in failure and an `INCONSISTENT_QOS_POLICY` return code.

However, should you decide to change the maximum size of USER_DATA, you must make certain that all applications in the DDS domain have changed the value of `participant,writer,reader_user_data_max_length` to be the same. If two applications have different limits on the size of USER_DATA, and one application sets the USER_DATA QosPolicy to hold data that is greater than the maximum size set by another application, then the DataReaders and DataWriters between the two applications will not connect. The DomainParticipants may also reject connections from each other entirely. This is also true for the GROUP_DATA (GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318) and TOPIC_DATA (TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)) QosPolicies.

6.5.27 WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy

This QoS policy controls how a `DataWriter` handles the lifecycle of the instances (keys) that the `DataWriter` is registered to manage. This QoS policy includes the members in Table 6.70 DDS_Writer-DataLifecycleQosPolicy.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>autodispose_</td>
<td>RTI_TRUE (default): Instance is disposed when unregistered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unregistered_instances</td>
<td>RTI_FALSE: Instance is not disposed when unregistered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS</td>
<td>autopurge_</td>
<td>Determines how long the <code>DataWriter</code> will maintain information regarding an instance that has been unregistered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duration</td>
<td>unregistered_instance_delay</td>
<td>By default, the <code>DataWriter</code> resources associated with an instance (e.g., the space needed to remember the Instance Key or KeyHash) are released lazily. This means the resources are only reclaimed when the space is needed for another instance because max_instances (Section on page 403) (see RESOURCE_LIM...QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)) is exceeded. This behavior can be changed by setting autopurge_unregistered_instance_delay to a value other than INFINITE. After this time elapses, the <code>DataWriter</code> will purge all internal information regarding the instance, including historical DDS samples even if max_instances (Section on page 403) has not been reached.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
You may use the DataWriter’s \texttt{unregister()} operation (Registering and Unregistering Instances (Section 6.3.14.1 on page 294)) to indicate that the DataWriter no longer wants to send data for a Topic. This QoS controls whether or not Connext DDS automatically also calls \texttt{dispose()} (Disposing of Data (Section 6.3.14.2 on page 296)) on the behalf of the DataWriter for the data.

\textbf{Unregistering vs. Disposing:}

- When an instance is unregistered, it means \textit{this particular DataWriter} has no more information/data on this instance.
- When an instance is disposed, it means the instance is "dead"—there will no more information/data from \textit{any DataWriter} on this instance.

The behavior controlled by this QoS applies on a per instance (key) basis for keyed Topics, so when a DataWriter unregisters an instance, Connext DDS also automatically disposes that instance. This is the default behavior since \texttt{autodispose_unregistered_instances} defaults to TRUE.

\textbf{Use Cases for Unregistering without Disposing:}

There are situations in which you may want to set \texttt{autodispose_unregistered_instances} to FALSE, so that unregistering will not automatically dispose the instance. For example:

- In many cases where the ownership of a Topic is EXCLUSIVE (see the \texttt{OWNERSHIP QosPolicy} (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)), DataWriters may want to relinquish ownership of a particular instance of the Topic to allow other DataWriters to send updates for the value of that instance. In this case, you may want a DataWriter to just unregister an instance—without disposing it (since there are other writers). Unregistering an instance implies that the DataWriter no longer owns that instance, but it is a stronger statement to say that instance no longer exists.
- User applications may be coded to trigger on the disposal of instances, thus the ability to unregister without disposing may be useful to properly maintain the semantic of disposal.

When you delete a DataWriter (Creating DataWriters (Section 6.3.1 on page 263)), all of the instances managed by the DataWriter are automatically unregistered. Therefore, this QoS policy determines whether or not all of the instances are disposed when the DataWriter is deleted when you call one of these operations:

- \textit{Publisher’s} \texttt{delete_datawriter()} (see Creating DataWriters (Section 6.3.1 on page 263))
- \textit{Publisher’s} \texttt{delete_contained_entities()} (see Deleting Contained DataWriters (Section 6.2.3.1 on page 248))
- \textit{DomainParticipant’s} \texttt{delete_contained_entities()} (see Deleting Contained Entities (Section 8.3.3 on page 557))
When `autodispose_unregistered_instances` is TRUE, the middleware will clean up all the resources associated with an unregistered instance (most notably, the DDS sample history of non-volatile `DataWriters`) when all the instance’s DDS samples have been acknowledged by all its live `DataReaders`, including the DDS sample that indicates the unregistration. By default, `autopurge_unregistered_instances_delay` is disabled (the delay is INFINITE). If the delay is set to zero, the `DataWriter` will clean up as soon as all the DDS samples are acknowledged after the call to `unregister()`. A non-zero value for the delay can be useful in two ways:

- To keep the historical DDS samples for late-joiners for a period of time.
- In the context of discovery, if the applications temporarily lose the connection before the unregistration (which represents the remote entity destruction), to provide the DDS samples that indicate the dispose and unregister actions once the connection is reestablished.

*This delay can also be set for discovery data through these fields in the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583):*

- `publication_writer_data_lifecycle.autopurge_unregistered_instances_delay`
- `subscription_writer_data_lifecycle.autopurge_unregistered_instances_delay`

### 6.5.27.1 Properties

It does not apply to `DataReaders`, so there is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

This QoS policy may be modified after the `DataWriter` is enabled.

### 6.5.27.2 Related QoS Policies

- None.

### 6.5.27.3 Applicable Entities

- `DataWriters` (Section 6.3 on page 258)

### 6.5.27.4 System Resource Considerations

None.

### 6.6 FlowControllers (DDS Extension)

This section does not apply when using the separate add-on product, *Ada Language Support*, which does not support FlowControllers.
A FlowController is the object responsible for shaping the network traffic by determining when attached asynchronous DataWriters are allowed to write data.

You can use one of the built-in FlowControllers (and optionally modify their properties), create a custom FlowController by using the DomainParticipant’s create_flowcontroller() operation (see Creating and Deleting FlowControllers (Section 6.6.6 on page 431)), or create a custom FlowController by using the DomainParticipant's PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391); see Creating and Configuring Custom FlowControllers with Property QoS (Section 6.6.5 on page 429).

To use a FlowController, you provide its name in the DataWriter’s PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394).

- **DDS_DEFAULT_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME**
  
  By default, flow control is disabled. That is, the built-in DDS_DEFAULT_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME flow controller does not apply any flow control. Instead, it allows data to be sent asynchronously as soon as it is written by the DataWriter.

- **DDS_FIXED_RATE_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME**
  
  The FIXED_RATE flow controller shapes the network traffic by allowing data to be sent only once every second. Any accumulated DDS samples destined for the same destination are coalesced into as few network packets as possible.

- **DDS_ON_DEMAND_FLOW_CONTROLLER_NAME**
  
  The ON_DEMAND flow controller allows data to be sent only when you call the FlowController’s trigger_flow() operation. With each trigger, all accumulated data since the previous trigger is sent (across all Publishers or DataWriters). In other words, the network traffic shape is fully controlled by the user. Any accumulated DDS samples destined for the same destination are coalesced into as few network packets as possible.

  This external trigger source is ideal for users who want to implement some form of closed-loop flow control or who want to only put data on the wire every so many DDS samples (e.g., with the number of DDS samples based on NDDS_Transport_Property_t’s gather_send_buffer_count_max).

The default property settings for the built-in FlowControllers are described in the API Reference HTML documentation.

DDS samples written by an asynchronous DataWriter are not sent in the context of the write() call. Instead, Connext DDS puts the DDS samples in a queue for future processing. The FlowController associated with each asynchronous DataWriter determines when the DDS samples are actually sent.
Each FlowController maintains a separate FIFO queue for each unique destination (remote application). DDS samples written by asynchronous DataWriters associated with the FlowController are placed in the queues that correspond to the intended destinations of the DDS sample.

When tokens become available, a FlowController must decide which queue(s) to grant tokens first. This is determined by the FlowController's scheduling_policy property (see Table 6.71 DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t). Once a queue has been granted tokens, it is serviced by the asynchronous publishing thread. The queued up DDS samples will be coalesced and sent to the corresponding destination. The number of DDS samples sent depends on the data size and the number of tokens granted.

Table 6.71 DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t lists the properties for a FlowController.

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_FlowControllerSchedulingPolicy</td>
<td>scheduling_policy</td>
<td>Round robin, earliest deadline first, or highest priority first. See Flow Controller Scheduling Policies (Section 6.6.1 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_FlowControllerTokenBucketProperty_t</td>
<td>token_bucket</td>
<td>See Token Bucket Properties (Section 6.6.3 on page 423).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.72 FlowController Operations lists the operations available for a FlowController.

Table 6.72 FlowController Operations

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Reference</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>get_property</td>
<td>Get and Set the FlowController properties.</td>
<td>Getting/Setting Properties for a Specific FlowController (Section 6.6.8 on page 432)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>set_property</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>trigger_flow</td>
<td>Provides an external trigger to the FlowController.</td>
<td>Adding an External Trigger (Section 6.6.9 on page 432)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_name</td>
<td>Returns the name of the FlowController.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_participant</td>
<td>Returns the DomainParticipant to which the FlowController belongs.</td>
<td>Other FlowController Operations (Section 6.6.10 on page 433)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.6.1 Flow Controller Scheduling Policies

- **Round Robin**
  (DDS_RR_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY) Perform flow control in a round-robin
(RR) fashion.

Whenever tokens become available, the FlowController distributes the tokens uniformly across all of its (non-empty) destination queues. No destinations are prioritized. Instead, all destinations are treated equally and are serviced in a round-robin fashion.

• Earliest Deadline First

(DDS_EDF_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY) Perform flow control in an earliest-deadline-first (EDF) fashion.

A DDS sample's deadline is determined by the time it was written plus the latency budget of the DataWriter at the time of the write call (as specified in the DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy). The relative priority of a flow controller's destination queue is determined by the earliest deadline across all DDS samples it contains.

When tokens become available, the FlowController distributes tokens to the destination queues in order of their priority. In other words, the queue containing the DDS sample with the earliest deadline is serviced first. The number of tokens granted equals the number of tokens required to send the first DDS sample in the queue. Note that the priority of a queue may change as DDS samples are sent (i.e., removed from the queue). If a DDS sample must be sent to multiple destinations or two DDS samples have an equal deadline value, the corresponding destination queues are serviced in a round-robin fashion.

With the default duration of 0 in the LatencyBudgetQosPolicy, using an EDF_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY FlowController preserves the order in which you call write() across the DataWriters associated with the FlowController.

Since the LatencyBudgetQosPolicy is mutable, a DDS sample written second may contain an earlier deadline than the DDS sample written first if the DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy’s duration is sufficiently decreased in between writing the two DDS samples. In that case, if the first DDS sample is not yet written (still in queue waiting for its turn), it inherits the priority corresponding to the (earlier) deadline from the second DDS sample.

In other words, the priority of a destination queue is always determined by the earliest deadline among all DDS samples contained in the queue. This priority inheritance approach is required in order to both honor the updated duration and to adhere to the DataWriter in-order data delivery guarantee.

• Highest Priority First

(DDS_HPF_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY) Perform flow control in an highest-priority-first (HPF) fashion.
Note: Prioritized DDS samples are not supported when using the Java, Ada, or .NET APIs. Therefore the Highest Priority First scheduling policy is not supported when using these APIs.

The next destination queue to service is determined by the publication priority of the DataWriter, the channel of a multi-channel DataWriter, or individual DDS sample.

The relative priority of a flow controller's destination queue is determined by the highest publication priority of all the DDS samples it contains.

When tokens become available, the FlowController distributes tokens to the destination queues in order of their publication priority. The queue containing the DDS sample with the highest publication priority is serviced first. The number of tokens granted equals the number of tokens required to send the first DDS sample in the queue. Note that a queue’s priority may change as DDS samples are sent (i.e., as they are removed from the queue). If a DDS sample must be sent to multiple destinations or two DDS samples have the same publication priority, the corresponding destination queues are serviced in a round-robin fashion.

This priority inheritance approach is required to both honor the designated publication priority and adhere to the DataWriter’s in-order data delivery guarantee.

See also: Prioritized DDS Samples (Section 6.6.4 on page 425).

6.6.2 Managing Fast DataWriters When Using a FlowController

If a DataWriter is writing DDS samples faster than its attached FlowController can throttle, Connext DDS may drop DDS samples on the writer’s side. This happens because the DDS samples may be removed from the queue before the asynchronous publisher’s thread has a chance to send them. To work around this problem, either:

- Use reliable communication to block the write() call and thereby throttle your application.
- Do not allow the queue to fill up in the first place.

The queue should be sized large enough to handle expected write bursts, so that no DDS samples are dropped. Then in steady state, the FlowController will smooth out these bursts and the queue will ideally have only one entry.

6.6.3 Token Bucket Properties

FlowControllers use a token-bucket approach for open-loop network flow control. The flow control characteristics are determined by the token bucket properties. The properties are listed in Table 6.73 DDS_FlowControllerTokenBucketProperty_t; see the API Reference HTML documentation for their defaults and valid ranges.
Table 6.73 DDS_FlowControllerTokenBucketProperty_t

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_tokens</td>
<td>Maximum number of tokens than can accumulate in the token bucket. See max_tokens (Section 6.6.3.1 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>tokens_added_per_period</td>
<td>The number of tokens added to the token bucket per specified period. See tokens_added_per_period (Section 6.6.3.2 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>tokens_leaked_per_period</td>
<td>The number of tokens removed from the token bucket per specified period. See tokens_leaked_per_period (Section 6.6.3.3 on the next page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>period</td>
<td>Period for adding tokens to and removing tokens from the bucket. See period (Section 6.6.3.4 on the next page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>bytes_per_token</td>
<td>Maximum number of bytes allowed to send for each token available. See bytes_per_token (Section 6.6.3.5 on the next page).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Asynchronously published DDS samples are queued up and transmitted based on the token bucket flow control scheme. The token bucket contains tokens, each of which represents a number of bytes. DDS samples can be sent only when there are sufficient tokens in the bucket. As DDS samples are sent, tokens are consumed. The number of tokens consumed is proportional to the size of the data being sent. Tokens are replenished on a periodic basis.

The rate at which tokens become available and other token bucket properties determine the network traffic flow.

Note that if the same DDS sample must be sent to multiple destinations, separate tokens are required for each destination. Only when multiple DDS samples are destined to the same destination will they be coalesced and sent using the same token(s). In other words, each token can only contribute to a single network packet.

**6.6.3.1 max_tokens**

The maximum number of tokens in the bucket will never exceed this value. Any excess tokens are discarded. This property value, combined with bytes_per_token, determines the maximum allowable data burst.

Use DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED to allow accumulation of an unlimited amount of tokens (and therefore potentially an unlimited burst size).

**6.6.3.2 tokens_added_per_period**

A FlowController transmits data only when tokens are available. Tokens are periodically replenished. This field determines the number of tokens added to the token bucket with each periodic replenishment.
Available tokens are distributed to associated DataWriters based on the scheduling policy. Use DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED to add the maximum number of tokens allowed by max_tokens.

6.6.3.3 tokens_leaked_per_period

When tokens are replenished and there are sufficient tokens to send all DDS samples in the queue, this property determines whether any or all of the leftover tokens remain in the bucket.

Use DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED to remove all excess tokens from the token bucket once all DDS samples have been sent. In other words, no token accumulation is allowed. When new DDS samples are written after tokens were purged, the earliest point in time at which they can be sent is at the next periodic replenishment.

6.6.3.4 period

This field determines the period by which tokens are added or removed from the token bucket.

The special value DDS_DURATION_INFINITE can be used to create an on-demand FlowController, for which tokens are no longer replenished periodically. Instead, tokens must be added explicitly by calling the FlowController’s trigger_flow() operation. This external trigger adds tokens_added_per_period tokens each time it is called (subject to the other property settings).

Once period is set to DDS_DURATION_INFINITE, it can no longer be reverted to a finite period.

6.6.3.5 bytes_per_token

This field determines the number of bytes that can actually be transmitted based on the number of tokens.

Tokens are always consumed in whole by each DataWriter. That is, in cases where bytes_per_token is greater than the DDS sample size, multiple DDS samples may be sent to the same destination using a single token (regardless of the scheduling policy).

Where fragmentation is required, the fragment size will be either (a) bytes_per_token or (b) the minimum of the largest message sizes across all transports installed with the DataWriter, whichever is less.

Use DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED to indicate that an unlimited number of bytes can be transmitted per token. In other words, a single token allows the recipient DataWriter to transmit all its queued DDS samples to a single destination. A separate token is required to send to each additional destination.

6.6.4 Prioritized DDS Samples

Note: This feature is not supported when using the Ada API.
The *Prioritized DDS Samples* feature allows you to prioritize traffic that is in competition for transmission resources. The granularity of this prioritization may be by *DataWriter*, by instance, or by individual DDS sample.

*Prioritized DDS Samples* can improve latency in the following cases:

- **Low-Availability Links**
  
  With low-availability communication, unsent DDS samples may accumulate while the link is unavailable. When the link is restored, a large number of DDS samples may be waiting for transmission. High priority DDS samples will be sent first.

- **Low-Bandwidth Links**
  
  With low-bandwidth communication, a temporary backlog may occur or the link may become congested with large DDS samples. High-priority DDS samples will be sent at the first available gap, between the fragments of a large low-priority DDS sample.

- **Prioritized Topics**
  
  With limited bandwidth communication, some topics may be deemed to be of higher priority than others on an ongoing basis, and DDS samples written to some topics should be given precedence over others on transmission.

- **High Priority Events**
  
  Due to external rules or content analysis (e.g., perimeter violation or identification as a threat), the priority of DDS samples is dynamically determined, and the priority assigned a given DDS sample will reflect the urgency of its delivery.

**To configure a *DataWriter* to use prioritized DDS samples:**

- Create a FlowController with the `scheduling_policy` property set to `DDS_HPF_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY`.

- Create a *DataWriter* with the `PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) `kind` set to `ASYNCHRONOUS` and `flow_controller_name` set to the name of the FlowController.

A single FlowController may perform traffic shaping for multiple *DataWriters* and multiple *DataWriter* channels. The FlowController’s configuration determines how often publication resources are scheduled, how much data may be sent per period, and other transmission characteristics that determine the ultimate performance of prioritized DDS samples.

When working with prioritized DDS samples, you should use these operations, which allow you to specify priority:
• write_w_params() (see Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279))
• unregister_instance_w_params() (see Registering and Unregistering Instances (Section 6.3.14.1 on page 294))
• dispose_w_params() (see Disposing of Data (Section 6.3.14.2 on page 296))

If you use write(), unregister(), or dispose() instead of the _w_params() versions, the affected DDS sample is assigned priority 0 (undefined priority). If you are using a multi-channel DataWriter with a priority filter, and you have no channel for priority 0, the DDS sample will be discarded.

6.6.4.1 Designating Priorities

For DataWriters and DataWriter channels, valid publication priority values are:

• DDS_PUBLICATION_PRIORITY_UNDEFINED
• DDS_PUBLICATION_PRIORITY_AUTOMATIC
• Positive integers excluding zero

For individual DDS samples, valid publication priority values are 0 and positive integers.

There are three ways to set the publication priority of a DataWriter or DataWriter channel:

1. For a DataWriter, publication priority is set in the priority field of its PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394). For a multi-channel DataWriter (see MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384)), this value will be the default publication priority for any member channel that has not been assigned a specific value.

2. For a channel of a Multi-channel DataWriter, publication priority can be set in the DataWriter’s MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) in channels[].priority.

3. If a DataWriter or a channel of a Multi-channel DataWriter is configured for publication priority inheritance (DDS_PUBLICATION_PRIORITY_AUTOMATIC), its publication priority is the highest priority among all the DDS samples currently in the publication queue. When using publication priority inheritance, the publication priorities of individual DDS samples are set by calling the write_w_params() operation, which takes a priority parameter.

The effective publication priority is determined from the interaction of the DataWriter, channel, and DDS sample publication priorities, as shown in Table 6.74 Effective Publication Priority.
Table 6.74 Effective Publication Priority

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>AUTOMATIC</th>
<th>Don’t care</th>
<th>Designated positive integer &gt; 0</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Channel Priority</td>
<td>Undef</td>
<td>AUTOMATIC</td>
<td>Undef</td>
<td>Designated positive integer &gt; 0</td>
<td>Undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS Sample Priority</td>
<td>Don’t care</td>
<td>Designated positive integer &gt; 0</td>
<td>Designated positive integer &gt; 0</td>
<td>Don’t care</td>
<td>Don’t care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Effective Priority</td>
<td>Lowest Priority</td>
<td>DDS Sample Priority(^1)</td>
<td>DDS Sample Priority(^2)</td>
<td>Channel Priority</td>
<td>Writer Priority</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6.6.4.2 Priority-Based Filtering

The configuration methods explained above are sufficient to create multiple DataWriters, each with its own assigned priority, all using the same FlowController configured for publication priority-based scheduling. Such a configuration is sufficient to assign different priorities to individual topics, but it does not allow different publication priorities to be assigned to published data within a Topic.

To assign different priorities to data within a DataWriter, you will need to use a Multi-channel DataWriter and configure the channels with different priorities. Configuring the publication priorities of DataWriter channels is explained above. To associate different priorities of data with different publication channels, configure the channel\[\].filter_expression in the DataWriter’s MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384). The filtering criteria that is available for evaluation by each channel is determined by the filter type, which is configured with the DataWriter’s filter_name (also in the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384)).

For example, using the built-in SQL-based content filter allows channel membership to be determined based on the content of each DDS sample.

If you do not want to embed priority criteria within each DDS sample, you can use a built-in filter named DDS_PRIFILTER_NAME that uses the publication priority that is provided when you call write_v_params() (see Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279)). The filter’s expression syntax is:

```sql
@priority OP VAL
```

where OP can be <, <=, >, >=, =, or <> (standard relational operators), and VAL is a positive integer.

The filter supports multiple expressions, combined with the conjunctions AND and OR. You can use parentheses to disambiguate combinations of AND and OR in the same expression. For example:

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\(^1\)Highest sample priority among all DDS samples currently in the publication queue.

\(^2\)Highest sample priority among all DDS samples currently in the publication queue.
6.6.5 Creating and Configuring Custom FlowControllers with Property QoS

You can create and configure FlowControllers using the PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391). The properties must have a prefix of “dds.flow_controller.token_bucket”, followed by the name of the FlowController being created or configured. For example, if you want to create/configure a FlowController named MyFC, all the properties for MyFC should have the prefix “dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFC”.

Table 6.75 FlowController Properties lists the properties that can be set for FlowControllers in the DomainParticipant's PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391). A FlowController with the name "dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.<your flow controllername>" will be implicitly created when at least one property using that prefix is specified. Then, to link a DataWriter to your FlowController, use "dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.<your flow controllername>" in the DataWriter’s publish_mode.flow_controller_name.

Table 6.75 FlowController Properties

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<th>Property Name prefix with ‘dds.flow_controller.token_bucket. &lt;your flow controller name&gt;’</th>
<th>Property Value Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>scheduling_policy</td>
<td>Specifies the scheduling policy to be used. (See Flow Controller Scheduling Policies (Section 6.6.1 on page 421)) May be: DDS_RR_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY DDS_EDF_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY DDS_HPF_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>token_bucket.max_tokens</td>
<td>Maximum number of tokens than can accumulate in the token bucket. Use -1 for unlimited.</td>
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<tr>
<td>token_bucket.tokens_added_per_period</td>
<td>Number of tokens added to the token bucket per specified period. Use -1 for unlimited.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>token_bucket.tokens_leaked_per_period</td>
<td>Number of tokens removed from the token bucket per specified period. Use -1 for unlimited.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>token_bucket.period.sec</td>
<td>Period for adding tokens to and removing tokens from the bucket in seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>token_bucket.period.nanosec</td>
<td>Period for adding tokens to and removing tokens from the bucket in nanoseconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>token_bucket.bytes_per_token</td>
<td>Maximum number of bytes allowed to send for each token available.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6.6.5.1 Example

The following example shows how to set FlowController properties.

Note: Some lines in this example, such as `dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.scheduling_policy`, are too long to fit on the page as one line; however in your XML file, they each need to be on a single line.

```xml
<participant_qos>
    <property>
        <value>
            <element>
                <name>dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.scheduling_policy</name>
                <value>DDS_RR_FLOW_CONTROLLER_SCHED_POLICY</value>
            </element>
            <element>
                <name>dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.token_bucket.period.sec</name>
                <value>100</value>
            </element>
            <element>
                <name>dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.token_bucket.period.nanosec</name>
                <value>0</value>
            </element>
            <element>
                <name>dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.token_bucket.tokens_added_per_period</name>
                <value>2</value>
            </element>
            <element>
                <name>dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.token_bucket.tokens_leaked_per_period</name>
                <value>2</value>
            </element>
            <element>
                <name>dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController.token_bucket.bytes_per_token</name>
                <value>1024</value>
            </element>
        </value>
    </property>
</participant_qos>
```

`<datawriter_qos>`

`<publish_mode>`

`<flow_controller_name>`

`dds.flow_controller.token_bucket.MyFlowController`
6.6.6 Creating and Deleting FlowControllers

(Note: in the Modern C++ API FlowControllers have reference semantics, see Creating and Deleting Entities)

If you do not want to use one of the three built-in FlowControllers described in FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419), you can create your own with the DomainParticipant’s create_flowcontroller() operation:

```cpp
DDSFlowController* create_flowcontroller
  (const char * name, const DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t & property)
```

To associate a FlowController with a DataWriter, you set the FlowController’s name in the PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394) (flow_controller_name).

A single FlowController may service multiple DataWriters, even if they belong to a different Publisher. The FlowController’s property structure determines how the FlowController shapes the network traffic.

- **name**: Name of the FlowController to create. A DataWriter is associated with a DDSFlowController by name. Limited to 255 characters.
- **property**: Properties to be used for creating the FlowController. The special value DDS_FLOW_CONTROLLERPROPERTY_DEFAULT can be used to indicate that the FlowController should be created with the default DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t set in the DomainParticipant.

**Note**: If you use DDS_FLOW_CONTROLLERPROPERTY_DEFAULT, it is not safe to create the FlowController while another thread may be simultaneously calling set_default_flowcontroller_property() or looking for that FlowController with lookup_flowcontroller().

To delete an existing FlowController, use the DomainParticipant’s delete_flowcontroller() operation:

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_flowcontroller (DDSFlowController * fc)
```

The FlowController must belong this the DomainParticipant and not have any attached DataWriters or the delete call will return an error (PRECONDITION_NOT_MET).

6.6.7 Getting/Setting Default FlowController Properties

To get the default DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t values, use this operation on the DomainParticipant:
### 6.6.8 Getting/Setting Properties for a Specific FlowController

The retrieved property will match the set of values specified on the last successful call to the `DomainParticipant`'s `set_default_flowcontroller_property()`, or if the call was never made, the default values listed in `DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t`.

To change the default `DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t` values used when a new FlowController is created, use this operation on the `DomainParticipant`:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_flowcontroller_property
  (const DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t & property)
```

The special value `DDS_FLOW_CONTROLLER_PROPERTY_DEFAULT` may be passed for the `property` to indicate that the default property should be reset to the default values the factory would use if `set_default_flowcontroller_property()` had never been called.

**Note:** It is not safe to set the default FlowController properties while another thread may be simultaneously calling `get_default_flowcontroller_property()`, `set_default_flowcontroller_property()`, or `create_flowcontroller()` with `DDS_FLOW_CONTROLLER_PROPERTY_DEFAULT` as the `qos` parameter. It is also not safe to get the default FlowController properties while another thread may be simultaneously calling `get_default_flowcontroller_property()`.

### 6.6.8 Getting/Setting Properties for a Specific FlowController

To get the properties of a FlowController, use the FlowController’s `get_property()` operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t DDSFlowController::get_property
  (struct DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t & property)
```

To change the properties of a FlowController, use the FlowController’s `set_property()` operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t DDSFlowController::set_property
  (const struct DDS_FlowControllerProperty_t & property)
```

Once a FlowController has been instantiated, only its `token_bucket` property can be changed. The `scheduling_policy` is immutable. A new `token.period` only takes effect at the next scheduled token distribution time (as determined by its previous value).

The special value `DDS_FLOW_CONTROLLER_PROPERTY_DEFAULT` can be used to match the current default properties set in the `DomainParticipant`.

### 6.6.9 Adding an External Trigger

Typically, a FlowController uses an internal trigger to periodically replenish its tokens. The period by which this trigger is called is determined by the `period` property setting.
The `trigger_flow()` function provides an additional, external trigger to the FlowController. This trigger adds `tokens_added_per_period` tokens each time it is called (subject to the other property settings of the FlowController).

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t trigger_flow()
```

An on-demand FlowController can be created with a DDS_DURATION_INFINITE as `period`, in which case the only trigger source is external (i.e. the FlowController is solely triggered by the user on demand).

`trigger_flow()` can be called on both a strict on-demand FlowController and a hybrid FlowController (internally and externally triggered).

### 6.6.10 Other FlowController Operations

If you have the FlowController object and need its name, call the FlowController’s `get_name()` operation:

```cpp
const char* DDSFlowController::get_name()
```

Conversely, if you have the name of the FlowController and need the FlowController object, call the `DomainParticipant’s lookup_flowcontroller()` operation:

```cpp
DDSFlowController* lookup_flowcontroller (const char * name)
```

To get a FlowController’s `DomainParticipant`, call the FlowController’s `get_participant()` operation:

```cpp
DDSDomainParticipant* get_participant()
```

**Note:** It is not safe to lookup a FlowController description while another thread is creating that FlowController.
Chapter 7 Receiving Data

This section discusses how to create, configure, and use Subscribers and DataReaders to receive data. It describes how these objects interact, as well as the types of operations that are available for them.

This section includes:

The goal of this section is to help you become familiar with the Entities you need for receiving data. For up-to-date details such as formal parameters and return codes on any mentioned operations, please see the Connext DDS API Reference HTML documentation.

7.1 Preview: Steps to Receiving Data

There are three ways to receive data:

- Your application can explicitly check for new data by calling a DataReader’s read() or take() operation. This method is also known as polling for data.

- Your application can be notified asynchronously whenever new DDS data samples arrive—this is done with a Listener on either the Subscriber or the DataReader. Connext DDS will invoke the Listener’s callback routine when there is new data. Within the callback routine, user code can access the data by calling read() or take() on the DataReader. This method is the way for your application to receive data with the least amount of latency.

- Your application can wait for new data by using Conditions and a WaitSet, then calling wait(). Connext DDS will block your application’s thread until the criteria (such as the arrival of DDS samples, or a specific status) set in the Condition becomes true. Then your application resumes and can access the data with read() or take().

The DataReader’s read() operation gives your application a copy of the data and leaves the data in the DataReader’s receive queue. The DataReader’s take() operation removes data from the receive queue before giving it to your application.
See **Using DataReaders to Access Data (Read & Take)** (Section 7.4 on page 489) for details on using *DataReaders* to access received data.

See **Conditions and WaitSets** (Section 4.6 on page 179) for details on using *Conditions* and *WaitSets*.

**To prepare to receive data, create and configure the required Entities:**

1. Create a *DomainParticipant*.
2. Register user data types\(^1\) with the *DomainParticipant*. For example, the ‘*FooDataType*’.
3. Use the *DomainParticipant* to create a *Topic* with the registered data type.
4. Optionally\(^2\), use the *DomainParticipant* to create a *Subscriber*.
5. Use the *Subscriber* or *DomainParticipant* to create a *DataReader* for the *Topic*.
6. Use a type-safe method to cast the generic *DataReader* created by the *Subscriber* to a type-specific *DataReader*. For example, ‘*FooDataReader*’.

Then use one of the following mechanisms to receive data.

- To receive DDS data samples by polling for new data:
  - Using a *FooDataReader*, use the *read()* or *take()* operations to access the DDS data samples that have been received and stored for the *DataReader*. These operations can be invoked at any time, even if the receive queue is empty.

- To receive DDS data samples asynchronously:
  - Install a *Listener* on the *DataReader* or *Subscriber* that will be called back by an internal Connext DDS thread when new DDS data samples arrive for the *DataReader*.

1. Create a *DDSDataReaderListener* for the *FooDataReader* or a *DDSSubscriberListener* for *Subscriber*. In C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java, you must derive your own *Listener* class from those base classes. In C, you must create the individual functions and store them in a structure.

   If you created a *DDSDataReaderListener* with the *on_data_available()* callback enabled: *on_data_available()* will be called when new data arrives for that *DataReader*.

   If you created a *DDSSubscriberListener* with the *on_data_on_readers()* callback enabled: *on_data_on_readers()* will be called when data arrives for any *DataReader* created by the *Subscriber*.

2. Install the *Listener* on either the *FooDataReader* or *Subscriber*.

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\(^1\)Type registration is not required for built-in types (see **Registering Built-in Types** (Section 3.2.1 on page 30)).

\(^2\)You are not required to explicitly create a *Subscriber*; instead, you can use the 'implicit *Subscriber*’ created from the *DomainParticipant*. See **Creating Subscribers Explicitly vs. Implicitly** (Section 7.2.1 on page 442).
For the **DataReader**, the **Listener** should be installed to handle changes in the **DATAAVAILABLE** status.

For the **Subscriber**, the **Listener** should be installed to handle changes in the **DATA_ON_READERS** status.

3. Only 1 **Listener** will be called back when new data arrives for a **DataReader**.

Connext DDS will call the **Subscriber**’s **Listener** if it is installed. Otherwise, the **DataReader**’s **Listener** is called if it is installed. That is, the **on_data_on_readers()** operation takes precedence over the **on_data_available()** operation.

If neither **Listeners** are installed or neither **Listeners** are enabled to handle their respective statuses, then Connext DDS will not call any user functions when new data arrives for the **DataReader**.

4. In the **on_data_available()** method of the **DDSDataReaderListener**, invoke **read()** or **take()** on the **FooDataReader** to access the data.

   If the **on_data_on_readers()** method of the **DDSSubscriberListener** is called, the code can invoke **read()** or **take()** directly on the **Subscriber**’s **DataReaders** that have received new data. Alternatively, the code can invoke the **Subscriber**’s **notify_datareaders()** operation. This will in turn call the **on_data_available()** methods of the **DataReaderListeners** (if installed and enabled) for each of the **DataReaders** that have received new DDS data samples.

**To wait (block) until DDS data samples arrive:**

1. Use the **DataReader** to create a **ReadCondition** that describes the DDS samples for which you want to wait. For example, you can specify that you want to wait for never-before-seen DDS samples from **DataReaders** that are still considered to be ‘alive.’

   Alternatively, you can create a **StatusCondition** that specifies you want to wait for the **ON_DATAAVAILABLE** status.

2. Create a **WaitSet**.

3. Attach the **ReadCondition** or **StatusCondition** to the **WaitSet**.

4. Call the **WaitSet**’s **wait()** operation, specifying how long you are willing to wait for the desired DDS samples. When **wait()** returns, it will indicate that it timed out, or that the attached **Condition** become true (and therefore the desired DDS samples are available).

5. Using a **FooDataReader**, use the **read()** or **take()** operations to access the DDS data samples that have been received and stored for the **DataReader**.

### 7.2 Subscribers

An application that intends to subscribe to information needs the following Entities: **DomainParticipant**, **Topic**, **Subscriber**, and **DataReader**. All Entities have a corresponding specialized **Listener** and a set of
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QosPolicies. The Listener is how Connext DDS notifies your application of status changes relevant to the Entity. The QosPolicies allow your application to configure the behavior and resources of the Entity.

- The DomainParticipant defines the DDS domain on which the information will be available.
- The Topic defines the name of the data to be subscribed, as well as the type (format) of the data itself.
- The DataReader is the Entity used by the application to subscribe to updated values of the data. The DataReader is bound at creation time to a Topic, thus specifying the named and typed data stream to which it is subscribed. The application uses the DataWriter’s read() or take() operation to access DDS data samples received for the Topic.
- The Subscriber manages the activities of several DataReader entities. The application receives data using a DataReader that belongs to a Subscriber. However, the Subscriber will determine when the data received from applications is actually available for access through the DataReader. Depending on the settings of various QosPolicies of the Subscriber and DataReader, data may be buffered until DDS data samples for associated DataReaders are also received. By default, the data is available to the application as soon as it is received.

For more information, see Creating Subscribers Explicitly vs. Implicitly (Section 7.2.1 on page 442).

The UML diagram in Subscription Module (Section Figure 7.1 on the facing page) shows how these Entities are related as well as the methods defined for each Entity.

Subscribers are used to perform the operations listed in Table 7.1 Subscriber Operations. For details such as formal parameters and return codes, please see the API Reference HTML documentation. Otherwise, you can find more information about the operations by looking in the section listed under the Reference (Section on page 439) column.
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Figure 7.1 Subscription Module

Note: Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).
Table 7.1 **Subscriber Operations**

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<td>begin_access</td>
<td>Indicates that the application is about to access the DDS data samples in the DataReaders of the Subscriber.</td>
<td>Beginning and Ending Group-Ordered Access (Section 7.2.5 on page 451)</td>
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<td>create_datareader</td>
<td>Creates a DataReader.</td>
<td>Creating DataReaders (Section 7.3.1 on page 461)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>create_datareader_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a DataReader with QoS from a specified QoS profile.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>copy_from_topic_qos</td>
<td>Copies relevant QosPolicies from a Topic into a DataReaderQos structure.</td>
<td>Subscriber QoS-Related Operations (Section 7.2.4.6 on page 451)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>deletecontained_entities</td>
<td>Deletes all the DataReaders that were created by the Subscriber. Also</td>
<td>Deleting Contained DataReaders (Section 7.2.3.1 on page 444)</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>deletes the corresponding ReadConditions created by the contained DataReaders.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>delete_datareader</td>
<td>Deletes a specific DataReader.</td>
<td>Deleting DataReaders (Section 7.3.3 on page 464)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>end_access</td>
<td>Indicates that the application is done accessing the DDS data samples in</td>
<td>Beginning and Ending Group-Ordered Access (Section 7.2.5 on page 451)</td>
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<td>the DataReaders of the Subscriber.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_all_datareaders</td>
<td>Retrieves all the DataReaders created from this Subscriber.</td>
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<td>get_datareaders</td>
<td>Returns a list of DataReaders that contain DDS samples with the specified</td>
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<td>sample_states, view_states and instance_states.</td>
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<td>get_default_datareader_qos</td>
<td>Copies the Subscriber’s default DataReaderQos values into a DataReaderQos</td>
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<td>structure.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_status_changes</td>
<td>Gets all status changes.</td>
<td>Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>lookup_datareader</td>
<td>Retrieves a DataReader previously created for a specific Topic.</td>
<td>Finding a Subscriber’s Related Entities (Section 7.2.8 on page 455)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>notify_datareaders</td>
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<td>Setting Up SubscriberListeners (Section 7.2.6 on page 452)</td>
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<td>set_default_datareader_qos</td>
<td>Sets or changes the Subscriber’s default DataReaderQos values.</td>
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<td>get_default_profile</td>
<td>Gets the Subscriber’s default QoS profile.</td>
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<td>get_default_profile_library</td>
<td>Gets the library that contains the Subscriber’s default QoS profile.</td>
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<td>set_default_library</td>
<td>Sets the default library for a Subscriber.</td>
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<td>set_default_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default profile for a Subscriber.</td>
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<td>Participants</td>
<td>get_participant</td>
<td>Gets the Subscriber’s DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Finding a Subscriber’s Related Entities (Section 7.2.8 on page 455)</td>
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<td>Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145)</td>
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<td>Comparing QoS Values (Section 7.2.4.2 on page 448)</td>
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<td>get_listener</td>
<td>Gets the currently installed Listener.</td>
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<td>get_qos</td>
<td>Gets the Subscriber’s current QosPolicy settings. This is most often used in preparation for calling set_qos.</td>
<td>Changing QoS Settings After Subscriber Has Been Created (Section 7.2.4.3 on page 448)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>set_listener</td>
<td>Sets the Subscriber’s Listener. If you created the Subscriber without a Listener, you can use this operation to add one later.</td>
<td>Setting Up SubscriberListeners (Section 7.2.6 on page 452)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>set_qos</td>
<td>Sets the Subscriber’s QoS. You can use this operation to change the values for the Subscriber’s QosPolicies. Note, however, that not all QosPolicies can be changed after the Subscriber has been created.</td>
<td>Changing QoS Settings After Subscriber Has Been Created (Section 7.2.4.3 on page 448)</td>
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<td>set_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the Subscriber’s QoS based on a QoS profile.</td>
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7.2.1 Creating Subscribers Explicitly vs. Implicitly

To receive data, your application must have a Subscriber. However, you are not required to explicitly create a Subscriber. If you do not create one, the middleware will implicitly create a Subscriber the first time you create a DataReader using the DomainParticipant’s operations. It will be created with default QoS (DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT) and no listener. The ‘implicit Subscriber’ can be accessed using the DomainParticipant’s get_implicit_subscriber() operation (see Getting the Implicit Publisher or Subscriber (Section 8.3.9 on page 567)). You can use this ‘implicit Subscriber’ just like any other Subscriber (it has the same operations, QosPolicies, etc.). So you can change the mutable QoS and set a listener if desired.

A Subscriber (implicit or explicit) gets its own default QoS and the default QoS for its child DataReaders from the DomainParticipant. These default QoS are set when the Subscriber is created. (This is true for Publishers and DataWriters, too.)

DataReaders are created by calling create_datareader() or create_datareader_with_profile()—these operations exist for DomainParticipants and Subscribers. If you use the DomainParticipant to create a DataReader, it will belong to the implicit Subscriber. If you use a Subscriber to create a DataReader, it will belong to that Subscriber.

The middleware will use the same implicit Subscriber for all DataReaders that are created using the DomainParticipant’s operations.

Having the middleware implicitly create a Subscriber allows you to skip the step of creating a Subscriber. However, having all your DataReaders belong to the same Subscriber can reduce the concurrency of the system because all the read operations will be serialized.

7.2.2 Creating Subscribers

Before you can explicitly create a Subscriber, you need a DomainParticipant (DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)). To create a Subscriber, use the DomainParticipant’s create_subscriber() or create_subscriber_with_profile() operation.

A QoS profile is way to use QoS settings from an XML file or string. With this approach, you can change QoS settings without recompiling the application. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Note: the Modern C++ API provides Subscriber constructors whose first, and only required argument is the DomainParticipant.

```cpp
DDSSubscriber* create_subscriber
(const DDS_SubscriberQos &qos,
 DDSSubscriberListener * listener,
 DDS_StatusMask mask)

DDSSubscriber* create_subscriber_with_profile
()
```

1In the Modern C++ API, you always use a DataReader constructor.
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```c
const char * library_name,
const char * profile_name,
DDSSubscriberListener * listener,
DDS_StatusMask mask }
```

Where:

- **qos**: If you want the default QoS settings (described in the API Reference HTML documentation), use DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT for this parameter (see Figure 7.2 Creating a Subscriber with Default QosPolicies on the facing page). If you want to customize any of the QosPolicies, supply a QoS structure (see Creating a Subscriber with Non-Default QosPolicies (not from a profile) (Section Figure 7.3 on page 447)). The QoS structure for a Subscriber is described in Subscriber QosPolicies (Section 7.5 on page 509).

  **Note**: If you use DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT, it is not safe to create the Subscriber while another thread may be simultaneously calling `set_default_subscriber_qos()`.

- **listener**: Listeners are callback routines. Connext DDS uses them to notify your application when specific events (new DDS data samples arrive and status changes) occur with respect to the Subscriber or the DataReaders created by the Subscriber. The `listener` parameter may be set to NULL if you do not want to install a Listener. If you use NULL, the Listener of the DomainParticipant to which the Subscriber belongs will be used instead (if it is set). For more information on SubscriberListeners, see Setting Up SubscriberListeners (Section 7.2.6 on page 452).

- **mask**: This bit-mask indicates which status changes will cause the Subscriber’s Listener to be invoked. The bits set in the mask must have corresponding callbacks implemented in the Listener. If you use NULL for the Listener, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE for this parameter. If the Listener implements all callbacks, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL. For information on Status, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

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- **library_name**: A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

- **profile_name**: A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).
# Deleting Subscribers

## 7.2.3 Deleting Subscribers

(Note: in the Modern C++ API, *Entities* are automatically destroyed, see Creating and Deleting DDS Entities (Section 4.1.1 on page 142))

This section applies to both implicitly and explicitly created *Subscribers*.

To delete a *Subscriber*:

1. You must first delete all *DataReaders* that were created with the *Subscriber*. Use the *Subscriber’s* `delete_datareader()` operation (Creating DataReaders (Section 7.3.1 on page 461)) to delete them one at a time, or use the `deletecontained_entities()` operation (Deleting Contained DataReaders (Section 7.2.3.1 below)) to delete them all at the same time.

   ```
   DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_datareader (DDSDataReader *a_datareader)
   ```

2. Delete the *Subscriber* by using the *DomainParticipant’s delete_subscriber()* operation ()

   **Note:** A *Subscriber* cannot be deleted within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

## 7.2.3.1 Deleting Contained DataReaders

The *Subscriber’s* `delete_contained_entities()` operation deletes all the *DataReaders* that were created by the *Subscriber*. It also deletes the *ReadConditions* created by each contained *DataReader*.
After this operation returns successfully, the application may delete the Subscriber (see Deleting Subscribers (Section 7.2.3 on the previous page)).

The operation will return **PRECONDITION_NOT_MET** if any of the contained entities cannot be deleted. This will occur, for example, if a contained DataReader cannot be deleted because the application has called **read()** but has not called the corresponding **return_loan()** operation to return the loaned DDS samples.

### 7.2.4 Setting Subscriber QosPolicies

A Subscriber’s QosPolicies control its behavior. Think of the policies as the configuration and behavior ‘properties’ for the Subscriber. The **DDS_SubscriberQos** structure has the following format:

```c
struct DDS_SubscriberQos {
  DDS_PresentationQosPolicy presentation;
  DDS_PartitionQosPolicy partition;
  DDS_GroupDataQosPolicy group_data;
  DDS_EntityFactoryQosPolicy entity_factory;
  DDS_ExclusiveAreaQosPolicy exclusive_area;
  DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy subscriber_name;
};
```

**Note:** **set_qos()** cannot always be used by a **Listener**, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

Table 7.2 Subscriber QosPolicies summarizes the meaning of each policy. Subscribers have the same set of QosPolicies as Publishers; they are described in detail in Publisher/Subscriber QosPolicies (Section 6.4 on page 310). For information on why you would want to change a particular QosPolicy, see the referenced section. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation for each policy.

**Table 7.2 Subscriber QosPolicies**

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<td>ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313)</td>
<td>Whether or not new entities created from this entity will start out as 'enabled.'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372)</td>
<td>Assigns a name and role_name to a Subscriber.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.3 on page 316)</td>
<td>Whether or not the entity uses a multi-thread safe region with deadlock protection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)</td>
<td>A place to pass group-level information among applications. Usage is application-dependent.</td>
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<td>Set of strings that introduces a logical partition among Topics visible by Publisher/Subscriber.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)</td>
<td>The order in which instance changes are presented to the Subscriber. By default, no order is used.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

7.2.4.1 Configuring QoS Settings when the Subscriber is Created

As described in Creating Subscribers (Section 7.2.2 on page 442), there are different ways to create a Subscriber, depending on how you want to specify its QoS (with or without a QoS Profile).

- In Creating Subscribers (Section 7.2.2 on page 442) is an example of how to explicitly create a Subscriber with default QoS policies. It used the special constant, DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT, which indicates that the default QoS values for a Subscriber should be used. The default Subscriber QoS policies are configured in the DomainParticipant; you can change them with the DomainParticipant’s set_default_subscriber_qos() or set_default_subscriber_qos_with_profile() operation (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)).

- To create a Subscriber with non-default QoS settings, without using a QoS profile, see Figure 7.3 Creating a Subscriber with Non-Default QoS Policies (not from a profile) on the next page. It uses the DomainParticipant’s get_default_subscriber_qos() method to initialize a DDS_SubscriberQos structure. Then the policies are modified from their default values before the QoS structure is passed to create_subscriber().

- You can also create a Subscriber and specify its QoS settings via a QoS Profile. To do so, call create_subscriber_with_profile(), as seen in Figure 7.4 Creating a Subscriber with a QoS Profile on the next page.

- If you want to use a QoS profile, but then make some changes to the QoS before creating the Subscriber, call get_subscriber_qos_from_profile(), modify the QoS and use the modified QoS structure when calling create_subscriber(), as seen in Figure 7.5 Getting QoS Values from a Profile, Changing QoS Values, Creating a Subscriber with Modified QoS Values on page 448.

For more information, see Creating Subscribers (Section 7.2.2 on page 442) and Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).
7.2.4.1 Configuring QoS Settings when the Subscriber is Created

Figure 7.3 Creating a Subscriber with Non-Default QosPolicies (not from a profile)

```c
DDS_SubscriberQos subscriber_qos; 1
// get defaults
if (participant->get_default_subscriber_qos(subscriber_qos) !=
    DDS_RETCODE_OK){
    // handle error
}
// make QoS changes here. for example, this changes the ENTITY_FACTORY QoS
subscriber_qos.entity_factory.autoenable_created_entities=DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE;
// create the subscriber
DDSSubscriber * subscriber = participant->create_subscriber(subscriber_qos,
            NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (subscriber == NULL) {
    // handle error
}
```

Figure 7.4 Creating a Subscriber with a QoS Profile

```c
// create the subscriber with QoS profile
DDSSubscriber * subscriber = participant->create_subscriber_with_profile(  
    "MySubscriberLibrary", "MySubscriberProfile", NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (subscriber == NULL) {
    // handle error
}
```

1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
### 7.2.4.2 Comparing QoS Values

The `equals()` operation compares two Subscriber’s DDS_SubscriberQos structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two Subscriber’s QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE if they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

#### 7.2.4.3 Changing QoS Settings After Subscriber Has Been Created

There are 2 ways to change an existing Subscriber’s QoS after it is has been created—again depending on whether or not you are using a QoS Profile.

- To change an existing Subscriber’s QoS programmatically (that is, without using a QoS profile), `get_qos()` and `set_qos()`. See the example code in Figure 7.6 Changing the Qos of an Existing Subscriber on the next page. It retrieves the current values by calling the Subscriber’s `get_qos()` operation. Then it modify the value and call `set_qos()` to apply the new value. Note, however, that some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the Subscriber has been enabled—this restriction is noted in the descriptions of the individual QosPolicies.

- You can also change a Subscriber’s (and all other Entities’) QoS by using a QoS Profile and calling `set_qos_with_profile()`. For an example, see Figure 7.7 Changing the QoS of an Existing Sub-

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1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
7.2.4.4 Getting and Settings Subscriber’s Default QoS Profile and Library

You can retrieve the default QoS profile used to create Subscribers with the \texttt{get_default_profile()} operation. You can also get the default library for Subscribers, as well as the library that contains the Subscriber’s default profile (these are not necessarily the same library); these operations are called \texttt{get_default_library()} and \texttt{get_default_library_profile()}, respectively. These operations are for informational purposes only (that is, you do not need to use them as a precursor to setting a library or profile.) For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

There are also operations for setting the Subscriber’s default library and profile:

\begin{verbatim}
virtual const char * get_default_library ()
const char * get_default_profile ()
const char * get_default_profile_library ()
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_library ( const char * library_name)
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_profile ( const char * library_name,
const char * profile_name)
\end{verbatim}
These operations only affect which library/profile will be used as the default the next time a default Subscriber library/profile is needed during a call to one of this Subscriber’s operations.

When calling a Subscriber operation that requires a profile_name parameter, you can use NULL to refer to the default profile. (This same information applies to setting a default library.)

If the default library/profile is not set, the Subscriber inherits the default from the DomainParticipant.

set_default_profile() does not set the default QoS for DataReaders created by the Subscriber; for this functionality, use the Subscriber’s set_default_datareader_qos_with_profile(), see Setting and Setting Default QoS for DataReaders (Section 7.2.4.5 below) (you may pass in NULL after having called the Subscriber’s set_default_profile()).

set_default_profile() does not set the default QoS for newly created Subscribers; for this functionality, use the DomainParticipant’s set_default_subscriber_qos_with_profile() operation, see Setting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566).

7.2.4.5 Getting and Setting Default QoS for DataReaders

These operations set the default QoS that will be used for new DataReaders if create_datareader() is called with DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT as the ‘qos’ parameter:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_datareader_qos (const DDS_DataReaderQos &qos)
```

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_datareader_qos_with_profile (const char *library_name, const char *profile_name)
```

The above operations may potentially allocate memory, depending on the sequences contained in some QoS policies.

To get the default QoS that will be used for creating DataReaders if create_datareader() is called with DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT as the ‘qos’ parameter:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_default_datareader_qos (DDS_DataReaderQos & qos)
```

The above operation gets the QoS settings that were specified on the last successful call to set_default_datareader_qos() or set_default_datareader_qos_with_profile(), or if the call was never made, the default values listed in DDS_DataReaderQos.

Note: It is not safe to set the default DataReader QoS values while another thread may be simultaneously calling get_default_datareader_qos(), set_default_datareader_qos() or create_datareader() with DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter. It is also not safe to get the default DataReader QoS values while another thread may be simultaneously calling set_default_datareader_qos().
7.2.4.6 Subscriber QoS-Related Operations

- Copying a Topic’s QoS into a DataReader’s QoS

This method is provided as a convenience for setting the values in a `DataReaderQos` structure before using that structure to create a `DataReader`. As explained in Setting Topic QoS Policies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198), most of the policies in a `TopicQos` structure do not apply directly to the `Topic` itself, but to the associated `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` of that `Topic`. The `TopicQos` serves as a single container where the values of QoS Policies that must be set compatibly across matching `DataWriters` and `DataReaders` can be stored.

Thus instead of setting the values of the individual QoS policies that make up a `DataReaderQos` structure every time you need to create a `DataReader` for a `Topic`, you can use the `Subscriber`’s `copy_from_topic_qos()` operation to “import” the `Topic`’s QoS Policies into a `DataReaderQos` structure. This operation copies the relevant policies in the `TopicQos` to the corresponding policies in the `DataReaderQos`.

This copy operation will often be used in combination with the `Subscriber`’s `get_default_datareader_qos()` and the `Topic`’s `get_qos()` operations. The `Topic`’s QoS values are merged on top of the `Subscriber`’s default `DataReader` QoS Policies with the result used to create a new `DataReader`, or to set the QoS of an existing one (see Setting DataReader QoS Policies (Section 7.3.8 on page 481)).

- Copying a Subscriber’s QoS

In the C API users should use the `DDS_SubscriberQos_copy()` operation rather than using structure assignment when copying between two QoS structures. The `copy()` operation will perform a deep copy so that policies that allocate heap memory such as sequences are copied correctly. In C++, C+/CLI, C# and Java, a copy constructor is provided to take care of sequences automatically.

- Clearing QoS-Related Memory

Some QoS policies contain sequences that allocate memory dynamically as they grow or shrink. The C API’s `DDS_SubscriberQos_finalize()` operation frees the memory used by sequences but otherwise leaves the QoS unchanged. C users should call `finalize()` on all `DDS_SubscriberQos` objects before they are freed, or for QoS structures allocated on the stack, before they go out of scope. In C++, C+/CLI, C# and Java, the memory used by sequences is freed in the destructor.

7.2.5 Beginning and Ending Group-Ordered Access

The `Subscriber`’s `begin_access()` operation indicates that the application is about to access the DDS data samples in any of the DataReaders attached to the `Subscriber`.

If the `Subscriber`’s `access_scope` (in the PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)) is GROUP or HIGHEST_OFFERED and `ordered_access` (also in the PRESENTATION QosPolicy
(Section 6.4.6 on page 328)) is TRUE, the application is required to use this operation to access the DDS samples in order across DataWriters of the same group (Publisher with access_scope GROUP).

In the above case, begin_access() must be called prior to calling any of the sample-accessing operations: get_datareaders() on the Subscriber, and read(), take(), read_w_condition(), and take_w_condition() on any DataReader.

Once the application has finished accessing the DDS data samples, it must call end_access().

The application is not required to call begin_access() and end_access() to access the DDS samples in order if the Publisher’s access_scope is something other than GROUP. In this case, calling begin_access() and end_access() is not considered an error and has no effect.

Calls to begin_access() and end_access() may be nested and must be balanced. That is, end_access() close a previous call to begin_access().

7.2.6 Setting Up SubscriberListeners

Like all Entities, Subscribers may optionally have Listeners. Listeners are user-defined objects that implement a DDS-defined interface (i.e. a pre-defined set of callback functions). Listeners provide the means for Connext DDS to notify applications of any changes in Statuses (events) that may be relevant to it. By writing the callback functions in the Listener and installing the Listener into the Subscriber, applications can be notified to handle the events of interest. For more general information on Listeners and Statuses, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

Note: Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

As illustrated in Subscription Module (Section Figure 7.1 on page 438), the SubscriberListener interface extends the DataReaderListener interface. In other words, the SubscriberListener interface contains all the functions in the DataReaderListener interface. In addition, a SubscriberListener has an additional function: on_data_on_readers(), corresponding to the Subscriber’s DATA_ON_READERS status. This is the only status that is specific to a Subscriber. This status is closely tied to the DATA_AVAILABLE status (DATA_AVAILABLE Status (Section 7.3.7.1 on page 469)) of DataReaders.

The Subscriber’s DATA_ON_READERS status is set whenever the DATA_AVAILABLE status is set for any of the DataReaders created by the Subscriber. This implies that one of its DataReaders has received new DDS data samples. When the DATA_AVAILABLE status is set, the SubscriberListener’s on_data_on_readers() method will be invoked.

The DATA_ON_READERS status of a Subscriber takes precedence over the DATA_AVAILABLE status of any of its DataReaders. Thus, when data arrives for a DataReader, the on_data_on_readers() operation of the SubscriberListener will be called instead of the on_data_available() operation of the DataReaderListener—assuming that the Subscriber has a Listener installed that is enabled to handle changes in the DATA_ON_READERS status. (Note however, that in the SubscriberListener’s on_
data_on_readers() operation, you may choose to call notify_datareaders(), which in turn may cause the DataReaderListener’s on_data_available() operation to be called.)

All of the other methods of a SubscriberListener will be called back for changes in the Statuses of Subscriber’s DataReaders only if the DataReader is not set up to handle the statuses itself.

If you want a Subscriber to handle status events for its DataReaders, you can set up a SubscriberListener during the Subscriber’s creation or use the set_listener() method after the Subscriber is created. The last parameter is a bit-mask with which you should set which Status events that the SubscriberListener will handle. For example,

```
DDS_StatusMask mask =
    DDS_REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS |
    DDS_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS;
subscriber = participant->create_subscriber(
    DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT, listener, mask);
```

or

```
DDS_StatusMask mask =
    DDS_REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS |
    DDS_REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS;
subscriber->set_listener(listener, mask);
```

As previously mentioned, the callbacks in the SubscriberListener act as ‘default’ callbacks for all the DataReaders contained within. When Connext DDS wants to notify a DataReader of a relevant Status change (for example, SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED), it first checks to see if the DataReader has the corresponding DataReaderListener callback enabled (such as the on_subscription_matched() operation). If so, Connext DDS dispatches the event to the DataReaderListener callback. Otherwise, Connext DDS dispatches the event to the corresponding SubscriberListener callback.

**NOTE**, the reverse is true for the DATA_ON_READERS/DATA_AVAILABLE status. When DATA_AVAILABLE changes for any DataReaders of a Subscriber, Connext DDS first checks to see if the SubscriberListener has DATA_ON_READERS enabled. If so, Connext DDS will invoke the on_data_on_readers() callback. Otherwise, Connext DDS dispatches the event to the Listener (on_data_available()) of the DataReader whose DATA_AVAILABLE status actually changed.

A particular callback in a DataReader is not enabled if either:

- The application installed a NULL DataReaderListener (meaning there are no callbacks for the DataReader at all).
- The application has disabled the callback for a DataReaderListener. This is done by turning off the associated status bit in the mask parameter passed to the set_listener() or create_datareader() call.
7.2.7 Getting DataReaders with Specific DDS Samples

when installing the `DataReaderListener` on the `DataReader`. For more information on `DataReaderListener`, see Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464).

Similarly, the callbacks in the `DomainParticipantListener` act as 'default' callbacks for all the `Subscribers` that belong to it. For more information on `DomainParticipantListeners`, see Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558).

The `Subscriber` also provides an operation called `notify_datareaders()` that can be used to invoke the `on_data_available()` callbacks of `DataReaders` who have new DDS data samples in their receive queues. Often `notify_datareaders()` will be used in the `on_data_on_readers()` callback to pass off the real processing of data from the `SubscriberListener` to the individual `DataReaderListeners`.

Calling `notify_datareaders()` causes the DATA_ON_READERS status to be reset.

Simple `SubscriberListener` (Section Figure 7.8 below) shows a `SubscriberListener` that simply notifies its `DataReaders` when new data arrives.

Figure 7.8 Simple `SubscriberListener`

```cpp
class MySubscriberListener : public DDSSubscriberListener {
public:
  void on_data_on_readers(DDSSubscriber *); /* For this example we take no action other operations */
};
void MySubscriberListener::on_data_on_readers (DDSSubscriber *subscriber) {
  // do global processing
  ... // now dispatch data arrival event to specific DataReaders
  subscriber->notify_datareaders();
}
```

7.2.7 Getting DataReaders with Specific DDS Samples

The `Subscriber`'s `get_datareaders()` operation retrieves a list of `DataReaders` that have DDS samples with specific `sample_states`, `view_states`, and `instance_states`.

If the application is outside a `begin_access()`/`end_access()` block, or if the `Subscriber`'s `access_scope` (in the `PRESENTATION QosPolicy` (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)) is `INSTANCE` or `TOPIC`, or `ordered_access` (also in the `PRESENTATION QosPolicy` (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)) is `FALSE`, the returned collection is a 'set' containing each `DataReader` at most once, in no specified order.

If the application is within a `begin_access()`/`end_access()` block, and the `Subscriber`'s `access_scope` is `GROUP` or `HIGHEST_OFFERED`, and `ordered_access` is `TRUE`, the returned collection is a 'list' of `DataReaders`, where a `DataReader` may appear more than one time.
To retrieve the DDS samples in the order in which they were published across DataWriters of the same group (a Publisher configured with GROUP access_scope), the application should read()/take() from each DataReader in the same order as appears in the output sequence. The application will move to the next DataReader when the read()/take() operation fails with NO_DATA.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_datareaders (DDSDataReaderSeq & readers,
        DDS_InstanceStateMask instance_states,
        DDS_ViewStateMask view_states,
        DDS_SampleStateMask sample_states)
```

For more information, see The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503).

### 7.2.8 Finding a Subscriber’s Related Entities

These Subscriber operations are useful for obtaining a handle to related entities:

- **get_participant()**: Gets the DomainParticipant with which a Subscriber was created.
- **lookup_datareader()**: Finds a DataReader created by the Subscriber with a Topic of a particular name. Note that if multiple DataReaders were created by the same Subscriber with the same Topic, any one of them may be returned by this method.

You can use this operation on a built-in Subscriber to access the built-in DataReaders for the built-in topics. The built-in DataReader is created when this operation is called on a built-in topic for the first time.

If you are going to modify the transport properties for the built-in DataReaders, do so before using this operation. Built-in transports are implicitly registered when the DomainParticipant is enabled or the first DataWriter/DataReader is created. To ensure that built-in DataReaders receive all the discovery traffic, you should lookup the DataReader before the DomainParticipant is enabled. Therefore the suggested sequence when looking up built-in DataReaders is:

1. Create a disabled DomainParticipant (see ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313)).
2. If you want to use non-default values, modify the built-in transport properties (see Setting Built-in Transport Properties of Default Transport Instance—get/set_builtin_transport_properties() (Section 15.5 on page 745)).
3. Call **get_builtin_subscriber()** (see Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772)).
4. Call **lookup_datareader()**.
5. Call **enable()** on the DomainParticipant (see Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145)).

- **DDS_Subscriber_as_Entity()**: This method is provided for C applications and is necessary when invoking the parent class Entity methods on Subscribers. For example, to call the Entity method get_
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status_changes() on a Subscriber, my_sub, do the following:

```csharp
DDS_Entity_get_status_changes(DDS_Subscriber_as_Entity(my_sub))
```

- DDS_Subscriber_as_Entity() is not provided in the C++, C++/CLI, C# and Java APIs because the object-oriented features of those languages make it unnecessary.

### 7.2.9 Statuses for Subscribers

The status indicators for a Subscriber are the same as those available for its DataReaders, with one additional status: DATA_ON_READERS (DATA_ON_READERS Status (Section 7.2.9.1 below)). The following statuses can be monitored by the SubscriberListener.

- DATA_ON_READERS Status (Section 7.2.9.1 below)
- DATA_AVAILABLE Status (Section 7.3.7.1 on page 469)
- LIVELINESS_CHANGED Status (Section 7.3.7.4 on page 473)
- REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status (Section 7.3.7.5 on page 474)
- REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS Status (Section 7.3.7.6 on page 475)
- SAMPLE_LOST Status (Section 7.3.7.7 on page 476)
- SAMPLE_REJECTED Status (Section 7.3.7.8 on page 477)
- SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED Status (Section 7.3.7.9 on page 480)

You can access Subscriber status by using a SubscriberListener or its inherited get_status_changes() operation (see Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)), which can be used to explicitly poll for the DATA_ON_READERS status of the Subscriber.

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The DATA_ON_READERS status, like the DATA_AVAILABLE status for DataReaders, is a read communication status, which makes it somewhat different from other plain communication statuses. (See Types of Communication Status (Section 4.3.1 on page 161) for more information on statuses and the difference between read and plain statuses.) In particular, there is no status-specific data structure; the status is either changed or not, there is no additional associated information.

The DATA_ON_READERS status indicates that there is new data available for one or more DataReaders that belong to this Subscriber. The DATA_AVAILABLE status for each such DataReader will also be updated.

The DATA_ON_READERS status is reset (the corresponding bit in the bitmask is turned off) when you call read(), take(), or one of their variations on any of the DataReaders that belong to the Subscriber. This
is true even if the DataReader on which you call read/take is not the same DataReader that caused the DATA_ON_READERS status to be set in the first place. This status is also reset when you call notify_datareaders() on the Subscriber, or after on_data_on_readers() is invoked.

If a SubscriberListener has both on_data_on_readers() and on_data_available() callbacks enabled (by turning on both status bits), only on_data_on_readers() is called.

### 7.3 DataReaders

To create a DataReader, you need a DomainParticipant, a Topic, and optionally, a Subscriber. You need at least one DataReader for each Topic whose DDS data samples you want to receive.

After you create a DataReader, you will be able to use the operations listed in Table 7.3 DataReader Operations. You are likely to use many of these operations from within your DataReader’s Listener, which is invoked when there are status changes or new DDS data samples. For more details on all operations, see the API reference HTML documentation. The DataReaderListener is described in Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464).

DataReaders are created by using operations on a DomainParticipant or a Subscriber, as described in Creating Subscribers Explicitly vs. Implicitly (Section 7.2.1 on page 442). If you use the DomainParticipant’s operations, the DataReader will belong to an implicit Subscriber that is automatically created by the middleware. If you use a Subscriber’s operations, the DataReader will belong to that Subscriber. So either way, the DataReader belongs to a Subscriber.

Note: Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

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<td>enable</td>
<td>Enables the DataReader.</td>
<td>Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Configuring the</td>
<td>equals</td>
<td>Compares two DataReader’s QoS structures for equality.</td>
<td>Comparing QoS Values (Section 7.3.8.2 on page 486)</td>
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<tr>
<td>DataReader</td>
<td>get_qos</td>
<td>Gets the QoS.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos</td>
<td>Modifies the QoS.</td>
<td>Setting DataReaderQosPolicies (Section 7.3.8 on page 481)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos_with_profiles</td>
<td>Modifies the QoS based on a QoS profile.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_listener</td>
<td>Gets the currently installed Listener.</td>
<td>Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>set_listener</td>
<td>Replaces the Listener.</td>
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<td>Accessing DDS Data Samples with &quot;Read&quot;</td>
<td>read</td>
<td>Reads (copies) a collection of DDS data samples from the DataReader.</td>
<td>Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Use FooData-Reader, see Accessing DDS Data</td>
<td>read_instance</td>
<td>Identical to read, but all DDS samples returned belong to a single instance, which you specify as a parameter.</td>
<td>read_instance and take_instance (Section 7.4.3.4 on page 496)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492))</td>
<td>read_instance_w_condition</td>
<td>Identical to read_instance, but all DDS samples returned belong to a single instance and satisfy a specific ReadCondition.</td>
<td>read_instance_w_condition and take_instance_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.7 on page 498)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>read_next_instance</td>
<td>Similar to read_instance, but the actual instance is not directly specified as a parameter. Instead, the DDS samples will all belong to instance ordered after the one previously read.</td>
<td>read_next_instance and take_next_instance (Section 7.4.3.5 on page 497)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>read_next_instance_w_condition</td>
<td>Accesses a collection of DDS data samples of the next instance that match a specific set of ReadConditions, from the DataReader.</td>
<td>read_next_instance_w_condition and take_next_instance_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.8 on page 499)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>read_next_sample</td>
<td>Reads the next not-previously-accessed data value from the DataReader.</td>
<td>read_next_sample and take_next_sample (Section 7.4.3.3 on page 495)</td>
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<td>read_w_condition</td>
<td>Accesses a collection of DDS data samples from the DataReader that match specific ReadCondition criteria.</td>
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<td>take</td>
<td>Like read, but the DDS samples are removed from the DataReader’s receive queue.</td>
<td>Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>take_instance</td>
<td>Identical to take, but all DDS samples returned belong to a single instance, which you specify as a parameter.</td>
<td>read_instance and take_instance (Section 7.4.3.4 on page 496)</td>
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<td>take_instance_w_condition</td>
<td>Identical to take_instance, but all DDS samples returned belong to a single instance and satisfy a specific ReadCondition.</td>
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<td>take_next_instance_w_condition</td>
<td>Accesses (and removes) a collection of DDS data samples of the next instance that match a specific set of ReadConditions, from the DataReader.</td>
<td>read_next_instance_w_condition and take_next_instance_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.8 on page 499)</td>
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<td>take_next_sample</td>
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<td>take_w_condition</td>
<td>Accesses (and removes) a collection of DDS data samples from the DataReader that match specific ReadCondition criteria.</td>
<td>read_w_condition and take_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.6 on page 498)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Working with DDS Data Samples</strong>&lt;br&gt;and FooData-Reader&lt;br&gt;(Use FooData-Reader, see Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492))</td>
<td>narrow</td>
<td>A type-safe way to cast a pointer. This takes a DDSDataReader pointer and ‘narrows’ it to a ‘FooDataReader’ where ‘Foo’ is the related data type.</td>
<td>Using a Type-Specific DataReader (FooDataReader) (Section 7.4.1 on page 490)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>return_loan</td>
<td>Returns buffers loaned in a previous read or take call.</td>
<td>Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences (Section 7.4.2 on page 490)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_key_value</td>
<td>Gets the key for an instance handle.</td>
<td>Getting the Key Value for an Instance (Section 7.3.9.5 on page 489)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>lookup_instance</td>
<td>Gets the instance handle that corresponds to an instance key.</td>
<td>Looking Up an Instance Handle (Section 7.3.9.4 on page 489)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Acknowledging DDS Samples</strong></td>
<td>acknowledge_all</td>
<td>Acknowledge all previously accessed DDS samples.</td>
<td>Acknowledging DDS Samples (Section 7.4.4 on page 500)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>acknowledge_sample</td>
<td>Acknowledge a single DDS sample.</td>
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<td>get_liveliness_changed_status</td>
<td>Gets LIVELINESS_CHANGED_STATUS status.</td>
<td>Statuses for DataReaders (Section 7.3.7 on page 468)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_requested_deadline_missed_status</td>
<td>Gets REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED_STATUS status.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_requested_incompatible_qos_status</td>
<td>Gets REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS_STATUS status.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_sample_lost_status</td>
<td>Gets SAMPLE_LOST_STATUS status.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_sample_rejected_status</td>
<td>Gets SAMPLE_REJECTED_STATUS status.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_subscription_matched_status</td>
<td>Gets SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED_STATUS status.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_status_changes</td>
<td>Gets a list of statuses that changed since last time the application read the status or the listeners were called.</td>
<td>Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_datareader_cache_status</td>
<td>Gets DATAREADER_CACHE_STATUS status.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_datareader_protocol_status</td>
<td>Gets DATAREADER_PROTOCOL_STATUS status.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_matched_publication_datareader_protocol_status</td>
<td>Get the protocol status for this DataReader, per matched publication identified by the publication handle.</td>
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<td>Navigating Relationships</td>
<td>get_instance_handle</td>
<td>Returns the DDS_InstanceHandle_t associated with the Entity.</td>
<td>Getting an Entity’s Instance Handle (Section 4.1.3 on page 148)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_matched_publication_data</td>
<td>Gets information on a publication with a matching Topic and compatible QoS.</td>
<td>Finding Matching Publications (Section 7.3.9.1 on page 488)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_matched_publications</td>
<td>Gets a list of publications that have a matching Topic and compatible QoS. These are the publications currently associated with the DataReader.</td>
<td>Finding the Matching Publication’s ParticipantBuiltinTopicData (Section 7.3.9.2 on page 488)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_matched_publication_participant_data</td>
<td>Gets information on a DomainParticipant of a matching publication.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_subscriber</td>
<td>Gets the Subscriber that created the DataReader.</td>
<td>Finding a DataReader’s Related Entities (Section 7.3.9.3 on page 489)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_topic_description</td>
<td>Gets the Topic associated with the DataReader.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working with Conditions</td>
<td>create_query-condition</td>
<td>Creates a QueryCondition.</td>
<td>ReadConditions and QueryConditions (Section 4.6.7 on page 188)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>create_read-condition</td>
<td>Creates a ReadCondition.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>delete_read-condition</td>
<td>Deletes a ReadCondition/QueryCondition attached to the DataReader.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>delete_contained_entities</td>
<td>Deletes all the ReadConditions/QueryConditions that were created by means of the &quot;create&quot; operations on the DataReader.</td>
<td>Deleting Contained ReadConditions (Section 7.3.3.1 on page 464)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_status_condition</td>
<td>Gets the StatusCondition associated with the Entity.</td>
<td>StatusConditions (Section 4.6.8 on page 191)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waiting for Historical Data</td>
<td>wait_for_historical_data</td>
<td>Waits until all &quot;historical&quot; (previously sent) data is received. Only valid for Reliable DataReaders with non-VOLATILE DURABILITY.</td>
<td>Waiting for Historical Data (Section 7.3.6 on page 467)</td>
</tr>
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### 7.3.1 Creating DataReaders

Before you can create a DataReader, you need a DomainParticipant and a Topic.

DataReaders are created by calling create_datareader() or create_datareader_with_profile()—these operations exist for DomainParticipants and Subscribers. If you use the DomainParticipant to create a DataReader, it will belong to the implicit Subscriber described in Creating Subscribers Explicitly vs. Impli-
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city (Section 7.2.1 on page 442). If you use a Subscriber’s operations to create a DataReader, it will belong to that Subscriber.

A QoS profile is way to use QoS settings from an XML file or string. With this approach, you can change QoS settings without recompiling the application. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Note: In the Modern C++ API, DataReaders provide constructors whose first argument is a Subscriber. The only required arguments are the subscriber and the topic.

```cpp
DDSDataReader* create_datareader(
    DDSTopicDescription *topic,
    const DDS_DataReaderQos &qos,
    DDSDataReaderListener *listener,
    DDS_StatusMask mask);

DDSDataReader * create_datareader_with_profile ( 
    DDSTopicDescription * topic,
    const char * library_name,
    const char * profile_name,
    DDSDataReaderListener * listener,
    DDS_StatusMask mask)
```

Where:

- **topic** The Topic to which the DataReader is subscribing. This must have been previously created by the same DomainParticipant.

- **qos** If you want the default QoS settings (described in the API Reference HTML documentation), use DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT for this parameter (see Creating a DataReader with Default QoS Policies (Section Figure 7.9 on the next page)). If you want to customize any of the QoS Policies, supply a QoS structure (see Setting DataReader QoS Policies (Section 7.3.8 on page 481)).

  **Note:** If you use DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT for the qos parameter, it is not safe to create the DataReader while another thread may be simultaneously calling the Subscriber’s set_default_datareader_qos() operation.

- **listener** A DataReader’s Listener is where you define the callback routine that will be notified when new DDS data samples arrive. Connext DDS also uses this Listener to notify your application of specific events (status changes) that may occur with respect to the DataReader. For more information, see Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464) and Statuses for DataReaders (Section 7.3.7 on page 468).

  The listener parameter is optional; you may use NULL instead. In that case, the Subscriber’s Listener (or if that is NULL, the DomainParticipant’s Listener) will receive the notifications instead. See Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464) for more on DataReaderListeners.
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This bit mask indicates which status changes will cause the Listener to be invoked. The bits in the mask must have corresponding callbacks implemented in the Listener. If you use NULL for the Listener, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE for this parameter. If the Listener implements all callbacks, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL. For information on statuses, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

library_name A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

profile_name A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

After you create a DataReader, you can use it to retrieve received data. See Using DataReaders to Access Data (Read & Take) (Section 7.4 on page 489).

Note: When a DataReader is created, only those transports already registered are available to the DataReader. The built-in transports are implicitly registered when (a) the DomainParticipant is enabled, (b) the first DataReader is created, or (c) you lookup a built-in DataReader, whichever happens first.

Creating a DataReader with Default QosPolicies (Section Figure 7.9 below) shows an example of how to create a DataReader with default QosPolicies.

Figure 7.9 Creating a DataReader with Default QosPolicies

```c++
// MyReaderListener is user defined, extends DDSDataReaderListener
DDSDaughterListener *reader_listener = new MyReaderListener();
DataReader* reader = subscriber->create_datareader(topic,
    DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT,
    reader_listener, DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL);
if (reader == NULL) {
    // ... error
}
// narrow it into your specific data type
FooDataReader* foo_reader = FooDataReader::narrow(reader);
```

For more examples on how to create a DataWriter, see Configuring QoS Settings when the DataReader is Created (Section 7.3.8.1 on page 484)

7.3.2 Getting All DataReaders

To retrieve all the DataReaders created by the Subscriber, use the Subscriber’s get_all_datareaders() operation:

```c++
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_all_datareaders(
    DDS_Subscriber* self,
    struct DDS_DataReaderSeq* readers);
```

In the Modern C++ API, use the freestanding function rti::sub::find_datareaders().
7.3.3 Deleting DataReaders

(Note: in the Modern C++ API, *Entities* are automatically destroyed, see Creating and Deleting DDS Entities (Section 4.1.1 on page 142))

To delete a *DataReader*:

Delete any *ReadConditions* and *QueryConditions* that were created with the *DataReader*. Use the *DataReader*’s `delete_readcondition()` operation to delete them one at a time, or use the `delete_contained_entities()` operation (Deleting Contained ReadConditions (Section 7.3.3.1 below)) to delete them all at the same time.

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_readcondition
(DDSReadCondition *condition)
```

Delete the *DataReader* by using the *Subscriber*’s `delete_datareader()` operation (Deleting Subscribers (Section 7.2.3 on page 444)).

**Note:** A *DataReader* cannot be deleted within its own reader listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

To delete all of a *Subscriber*’s *DataReaders*, use the *Subscriber*’s `delete_contained_entities()` operation (see Deleting Contained DataReaders (Section 7.2.3.1 on page 444)).

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The *DataReader*’s `delete_contained_entities()` operation deletes all the *ReadConditions* and *QueryConditions* (ReadConditions and QueryConditions (Section 4.6.7 on page 188)) that were created by the *DataReader*.

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t delete_contained_entities()
```

After this operation returns successfully, the application may delete the *DataReader* (see Deleting DataReaders (Section 7.3.3 above)).

7.3.4 Setting Up DataReaderListeners

*DataReaders* may optionally have *Listeners*. A *DataReaderListener* is a collection of callback methods; these methods are invoked by Connext DDS when DDS data samples are received or when there are status changes for the *DataReader*.

**Note:** Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

If you do not implement a *DataReaderListener*, the associated *Subscriber*’s *Listener* is used instead. If that *Subscriber* does not have a *Listener* either, then the *DomainParticipant*’s *Listener* is used if one exists (see Setting Up SubscriberListeners (Section 7.2.6 on page 452) and Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558)).
If you do not require asynchronous notification of data availability or status changes, you do not need to set a Listener for the DataReader. In that case, you will need to periodically call one of the read() or take() operations described in Using DataReaders to Access Data (Read & Take) (Section 7.4 on page 489) to access the data that has been received.

Listeners are typically set up when the DataReader is created (see Creating DataReaders (Section 7.3.1 on page 461)). You can also set one up after creation by using the DataReader’s get_listener() and set_listener() operations. Connext DDS will invoke a DataReader’s Listener to report the status changes listed in Table 7.4 DataReaderListener Callbacks (if the Listener is set up to handle the particular status, see Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on the previous page)).

### Table 7.4 DataReaderListener Callbacks

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<td>SAMPLE_REJECTED Status (Section 7.3.7.8 on page 477)</td>
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<tr>
<td>on_subscription_matched()</td>
<td>SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED Status (Section 7.3.7.9 on page 480)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that the same callbacks can be implemented in the SubscriberListener or DomainParticipantListener instead. There is only one SubscriberListener callback that takes precedence over a DataReaderListener’s. An on_data_on_readers() callback in the SubscriberListener (or DomainParticipantListener) takes precedence over the on_data_available() callback of a DataReaderListener.

If the SubscriberListener implements an on_data_on_readers() callback, it will be invoked instead of the DataReaderListener’s on_data_available() callback when new data arrives. The on_data_on_readers() operation can in turn cause the on_data_available() method of the appropriate DataReaderListener to be invoked by calling the Subscriber’s notify_datareaders() operation. For more information on status and Listeners, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

Simple DataReaderListener (Section Figure 7.10 on the facing page) shows a DataReaderListener that simply prints the data it receives.
7.3.5 Checking DataReader Status and StatusConditions

You can access individual communication status for a DataReader with the operations shown in Table 7.5 DataReader Status Operations.

```cpp
class MyReaderListener : public DDSDataReaderListener {
public:
    virtual void on_data_available(DDSDataReader* reader);
    // don’t do anything for the other callbacks
};
void MyReaderListener::on_data_available(DDSDataReader* reader)
{
    FooDataReader *Foo_reader = NULL;
    FooSeq data_seq; // In C, sequences have to be initialized
    DDS_SampleInfoSeq info_seq; // before use, see The Sequence Data Structure (Section 7.4.5 on page 501)
    DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode;
    int i;
    // Must cast generic reader into reader of specific type
    Foo_reader = FooDataReader::narrow(reader);
    if (Foo_reader == NULL) {
        printf("DataReader narrow error\n");
        return;
    }
    retcode = Foo_reader->take(data_seq, info_seq,
        DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED, DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
        DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE, DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
    if (retcode == DDS_RETCODE_NO_DATA) {
        return;
    } else if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        printf("take error %d\n", retcode);
        return;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
        // the data may not be valid if the DDS sample is
        // meta information about the creation or deletion
        // of an instance
        if (info_seq[i].valid_data) {
            FooTypeSupport::print_data(&data_seq[i]);
        }
    }
    // Connext DDS gave a pointer to internal memory via
    // take(), must return the memory when finished processing the data
    retcode = Foo_reader->return_loan(data_seq, info_seq);
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        printf("return loan error %d\n", retcode);
    }
}
```
7.3.6 Waiting for Historical Data

Table 7.5 DataReader Status Operations

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<th>Use this operation...</th>
<th>...to retrieve this status:</th>
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<td>DATA_READER_CACHE_STATUS (Section 7.3.7.2 on page 469)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_datareader_protocol_status</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td>get_matched_publication_datareader_protocol_status</td>
<td>DATA_READER_PROTOCOL_STATUS (Section 7.3.7.3 on page 470)</td>
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<td>get_liveliness_changed_status</td>
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<td>get_subscription_match_status</td>
<td>SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED Status (Section 7.3.7.9 on page 480)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_status_changes</td>
<td>All of the above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_statuscondition</td>
<td>See StatusConditions (Section 4.6.8 on page 191)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

These methods are useful in the event that no Listener callback is set to receive notifications of status changes. If a Listener is used, the callback will contain the new status information, in which case calling these methods is unlikely to be necessary.

The get_status_changes() operation provides a list of statuses that have changed since the last time the status changes were ‘reset.’ A status change is reset each time the application calls the corresponding get_*_status(), as well as each time Connext DDS returns from calling the Listener callback associated with that status.

For more on status, see Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464), Statuses for DataReaders (Section 7.3.7 on the facing page), and Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

7.3.6 Waiting for Historical Data

The wait_for_historical_data() operation waits (blocks) until all "historical" data is received from matched DataWriters. "Historical" data means DDS samples that were written before the DataReader joined the DDS domain.

This operation is intended only for DataReaders that have:
• **DURABILITY** QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) **kind** set to **TRANSIENT_LOCAL** (not VOLATILE)

• **RELIABILITY** QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) **kind** set to RELIABLE.

Calling **wait_for_history_data**() on a non-reliable **DataReader** will always return immediately, since Connext DDS will never deliver historical data to non-reliable **DataReaders**.

As soon as an application enables a non-VOLATILE **DataReader**, it will start receiving both "historical" data as well as any new data written by matching **DataWriters**. If you want the subscribing application to wait until all "historical" data is received, use this operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t wait_for_history_data (const DDS_Duration_t & max_wait)
```

The **wait_for_history_data**() operation blocks the calling thread until either all "historical" data is received or the duration specified by the **max_wait** parameter elapses, whichever happens first. A return value of OK indicates that all the "historical" data was received; a return value of TIMEOUT indicates that **max_wait** elapsed before all the data was received.

**wait_for_history_data**() will return immediately if no **DataWriters** have been discovered at the time the operation is called. Therefore it is advisable to make sure at least one **DataWriter** has been discovered before calling this operation; one way to do this is to use **get_subscription_matched_status**, like this:

```c
while (1) {
    DDS_SubscriptionMatchedStatus status;
    MyType_reader->get_subscription_matched_status(status);
    if (status.current_count > 0) { break; }
    NDDSUtil::sleep(sleep_period);
}
```

### 7.3.7 Statuses for DataReaders

There are several types of statuses available for a **DataReader**. You can use the **get_*_status**() operations (Checking DataReader Status and StatusConditions (Section 7.3.5 on page 466)) to access and reset them, use a **DataReaderListener** (Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464)) to listen for changes in their values (for those statuses that have Listeners), or use a **StatusCondition** and a **WaitSet** (StatusConditions (Section 4.6.8 on page 191)) to wait for changes. Each status has an associated data structure and is described in more detail in the following sections.

- **DATA_AVAILABLE** Status (Section 7.3.7.1 on the next page)
- **DATA_READER_CACHE_STATUS** (Section 7.3.7.2 on the next page)
- **DATA_READER_PROTOCOL_STATUS** (Section 7.3.7.3 on page 470)
- **LIVELINESS_CHANGED** Status (Section 7.3.7.4 on page 473)
- **REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED** Status (Section 7.3.7.5 on page 474)
7.3.7.1 DATA_AVAILABLE Status

This status indicates that new data is available for the DataReader. In most cases, this means that one new DDS sample has been received. However, there are situations in which more than one DDS samples for the DataReader may be received before the DATA_AVAILABLE status changes. For example, if the DataReader has the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) set to be non-VOLATILE, then the DataReader may receive a batch of old DDS data samples all at once. Or if data is being received reliably from DataWriters, Connext DDS may present several DDS samples of data simultaneously to the DataReader if they have been originally received out of order.

A change to this status also means that the DATA_ON_READERS status is changed for the DataReader’s Subscriber. This status is reset when you call read(), take(), or one of their variations.

Unlike most other statuses, this status (as well as DATA_ON_READERS for Subscribers) is a read communication status. See Statuses for Subscribers (Section 7.2.9 on page 456) and Types of Communication Status (Section 4.3.1 on page 161) for more information on read communication statuses.

The DataReaderListener’s on_data_available() callback is invoked when this status changes, unless the SubscriberListener (Setting Up SubscriberListeners (Section 7.2.6 on page 452)) or DomainParticipantListener (Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558)) has implemented an on_data_on_readers() callback. In that case, on_data_on_readers() will be invoked instead.

7.3.7.2 DATA_READER_CACHE_STATUS

This status keeps track of the number of DDS samples in the reader's cache.

This status does not have an associated Listener. You can access this status by calling the DataReader’s get_datareader_cache_status() operation, which will return the status structure described in Table 7.6 DDS_DataReaderCacheStatus; this operation will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

Table 7.6 DDS_DataReaderCacheStatus

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>sample_count_peak</td>
<td>Highest number of DDS samples in the DataReader’s queue over the lifetime of the DataReader.</td>
</tr>
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| DDS_Long | sample_count | Current number of DDS samples in the DataReader’s queue. Includes DDS samples that may not yet be available to be read or taken by the user due to DDS samples being received out of order or settings in the PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328).

7.3.7.3 DATA_READER_PROTOCOL_STATUS

The status of a DataReader’s internal protocol related metrics (such as the number of DDS samples received, filtered, rejected) and the status of wire protocol traffic. The structure for this status appears in Table 7.7 DDS_DataReaderProtocolStatus.

This status does not have an associated Listener. You can access this status by calling the following operations on the DataReader (which return the status structure described in Table 7.7 DDS_DataReaderProtocolStatus):

`get_datareader_protocol_status()` returns the sum of the protocol status for all the matched publications for the DataReader.

`get_matched_publication_datareader_protocol_status()` returns the protocol status of a particular matched publication, identified by a `publication_handle`.

The `get_*_status()` operations also reset the related status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

Note: Status for a remote entity is only kept while the entity is alive. Once a remote entity is no longer alive, its status is deleted. If you try to get the matched subscription status for a remote entity that is no longer alive, the ‘get status’ call will return an error.
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<td>received_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of DDS samples from a remote DataWriter received for the first time by a local DataReader.</td>
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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_sample_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of DDS samples from a remote DataWriter received for the first time by a local DataReader since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<td>received_sample_bytes</td>
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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>duplicate_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of DDS samples from a remote DataWriter received, not for the first time, by a local DataReader.</td>
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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>duplicate_sample_count_change</td>
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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>filtered_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of DDS samples filtered by the local DataReader due to ContentFilteredTopics or Time-Based Filter.</td>
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<td>received_heartbeat_count</td>
<td>The number of Heartbeats from a remote DataWriter received by a local DataReader.</td>
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<td>received_heartbeat_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of Heartbeats from a remote DataWriter received by a local DataReader since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<td>received_heartbeat_bytes</td>
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<td>received_heartbeat_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of Heartbeats from a remote DataWriter received by a local DataReader since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_ack_count</td>
<td>The number of ACKs sent from a local DataReader to a matching remote DataWriter.</td>
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<td>sent_ack_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of ACKs sent from a local DataReader to a matching remote DataWriter since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<td>sent_ack_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of ACKs sent from a local DataReader to a matching remote DataWriter.</td>
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<td>sent_ack_bytes_change</td>
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</tr>
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<td>sent_nack_count</td>
<td>The number of NACKs sent from a local DataReader to a matching remote DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>sent_nack_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of NACKs sent from a local DataReader to a matching remote DataWriter.</td>
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<td>sent_nack_bytes_change</td>
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#### 7.3.7.4 LIVELINESS_CHANGED Status

This status indicates that the liveliness of one or more matched DataWriters has changed (i.e., one or more DataWriters has become alive or not alive). The mechanics of determining liveliness between a DataWriter and a DataReader is specified in their LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).

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<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_gap_count</td>
<td>The number of GAPs received from remote DataWriter to this DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_gap_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of GAPs received from remote DataWriter since the last time the status was read.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_gap_bytes</td>
<td>The number of bytes of GAPs received from remote DataWriter to this DataReader.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>received_gap_bytes_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of bytes of GAPs received from remote DataWriter to this DataReader since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>rejected_sample_count</td>
<td>The number of times a DDS sample is rejected for unanticipated reasons in the receive path.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LongLong</td>
<td>rejected_sample_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental change in the number of times a DDS sample is rejected for unanticipated reasons in the receive path since the last time the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SequenceNumber_</td>
<td>first_available_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the first available DDS sample in a matched DataWriter's reliability queue. Applicable only when retrieving matched DataWriter statuses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>last_available_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the last available DDS sample in a matched DataWriter's reliability queue. Applicable only when retrieving matched DataWriter statuses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>last_committed_sample_sequence_number</td>
<td>Sequence number of the last committed DDS sample (i.e. available to be read or taken) in a matched DataWriter's reliability queue. Applicable only when retrieving matched DataWriter statuses. For best-effort DataReaders, this is the sequence number of the latest DDS sample received. For reliable DataReaders, this is the sequence number of the latest DDS sample that is available to be read or taken from the DataReader's queue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>uncommitted_sample_count</td>
<td>Number of received DDS samples that are not yet available to be read or taken due to being received out of order. Applicable only when retrieving matched DataWriter statuses.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The structure for this status appears in Table 7.8 DDS_LivelinessChangedStatus.

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>alive_count</td>
<td>Number of matched DataWriters that are currently alive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>not_alive_count</td>
<td>Number of matched DataWriters that are not currently alive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>alive_count_change</td>
<td>The change in the alive_count since the last time the Listener was called or status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>not_alive_count_change</td>
<td>The change in the not_alive_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>last_publication_handle</td>
<td>A handle to the last DataWriter to change its liveliness.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataReaderListener’s on_liveliness_changed() callback may be called for the following reasons:

- Liveliness is truly lost—a DDS sample has not been received within the time-frame specified in the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) lease_duration.
- Liveliness is recovered after being lost.
- A new matching entity has been discovered.
- A QoS has changed such that a pair of matching entities are no longer matching (such as a change to the PartitionQosPolicy). In this case, the middleware will no longer keep track of the entities’ liveliness. Furthermore:
  - If liveliness was maintained: alive_count will decrease and not_alive_count will remain the same.
  - If liveliness had been lost: alive_count will remain the same and not_alive_count will decrease.

You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataReader’s get_liveliness_changed_status() operation; this will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

This status is reciprocal to the RELIABLE_READER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.9 on page 278) for a DataWriter.

7.3.7.5 REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED Status

This status indicates that the DataReader did not receive a new DDS sample for an data-instance within the time period set in the DataReader’s DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361). For non-keyed Topics, this simply means that the DataReader did not receive data within the DEADLINE period.
For keyed *Topics*, this means that for one of the data-instances that the *DataReader* was receiving, it has not received a new DDS sample within the DEADLINE period. For more information about keys and instances, see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14).

The structure for this status appears in Table 7.9 DDS_RequestDeadlineMissedStatus.

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times that the deadline was violated for any instance read by the <em>DataReader</em>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the <em>Listener</em> was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>last_instance_handle</td>
<td>Handle to the last data-instance in the <em>DataReader</em> for which a requested deadline was missed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The *DataReaderListener*’s `on_requested_deadline_missed()` callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the *DataReader*’s `get_requested_deadline_missed_status()` operation; this will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

### 7.3.7.6 REQUESTED_INCOMPATIBLE_QOS Status

A change to this status indicates that the *DataReader* discovered a *DataWriter* for the same *Topic*, but that *DataReader* had requested QoS settings incompatible with this *DataWriter*’s offered QoS.

The structure for this status appears in Table 7.10 DDS_RequestDeadlnedCompatibleQosStatus.

Table 7.10 DDS_RequestDeadlnedCompatibleQosStatus

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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times the <em>DataReader</em> discovered a <em>DataWriter</em> for the same <em>Topic</em> with an offered QoS that is incompatible with that requested by the <em>DataReader</em>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the <em>Listener</em> was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_QosPolicyId_t</td>
<td>last_policy_id</td>
<td>The ID of the QosPolicy that was found to be incompatible the last time an incompatibility was detected. (Note: if there are multiple incompatible policies, only one of them is reported here.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_QosPolicyCountSeq</td>
<td>policies</td>
<td>A list containing—for each policy—the total number of times that the <em>DataReader</em> discovered a <em>DataWriter</em> for the same <em>Topic</em> with a offered QoS that is incompatible with that requested by the <em>DataReader</em>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The DataReaderListener’s on_requested_incompatible_qos() callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataReader’s get_requested_incompatible_qos_status() operation; this will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

### 7.3.7.7 SAMPLE_LOST Status

This status indicates that one or more DDS samples written by a matched DataWriter have failed to be received.

For a DataReader, when there are insufficient resources to accept incoming DDS samples of data, DDS samples may be dropped by the receiving application. Those DDS samples are considered to be REJECTED (see SAMPLE_REJECTED Status (Section 7.3.7.8 on the next page)). But DataWriters are limited in the number of published DDS data samples that they can store, so that if a DataWriter continues to publish DDS data samples, new data may overwrite old data that have not yet been received by the DataReader. The DDS samples that are overwritten can never be resent to the DataReader and thus are considered to be lost.

This status applies to reliable and best-effort DataReaders, see the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397).

The structure for this status appears in Table 7.11 DDS_SampleLostStatus.

**Table 7.11 DDS_SampleLostStatus**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative count of all the DDS samples that have been lost, across all instances of data written for the Topic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SampleLostStatusKind</td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental number of DDS samples lost since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SampleLostStatusKind</td>
<td>last_reason</td>
<td>The reason the last DDS sample was lost. See Table 7.12 DDS_SampleLostStatusKind.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The reason the DDS sample was lost appears in the last_reason field. The possible values are listed in Table 7.12 DDS_SampleLostStatusKind.

**Table 7.12 DDS_SampleLostStatusKind**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Reason Kind</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NOT_LOST</td>
<td>The DDS sample was not lost.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_AVAILABILITY_WAITING_TIME</td>
<td>AvailabilityQosPolicy’s max_data_availability_waiting_time expired.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 7.3.7.8 SAMPLE_REJECTED Status

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Reason Kind</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_INCOMPLETE_COHERENT_SET</td>
<td>A DDS sample is lost because it is part of an incomplete coherent set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_INSTANCES_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of instances was reached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_LARGE_COHERENT_SET</td>
<td>A DDS sample is lost because it is part of a large coherent set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_REMOTE_WRITER_SAMPLES_PER_VIRTUAL_QUEUE_LIMIT*</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of DDS samples published by a remote writer on behalf of a virtual writer that a DataReader may store was reached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_REMOTE_WRITERS_PER_INSTANCE_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of remote writers for a single instance from which a DataReader may read was reached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_REMOTE_WRITERS_PER_SAMPLE_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of remote writers per DDS sample was reached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_SAMPLES_PER_REMOTE_WRITER_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of DDS samples from a given remote writer that a DataReader may store was reached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_VIRTUAL_WRITERS_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of virtual writers from which a DataReader may read was reached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOST_BY_WRITER</td>
<td>DataWriter removed the DDS sample before being received by the DataReader.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The `DataReaderListener`’s `on_sample_lost()` callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the `DataReader’s get_sample_lost_status()` operation; this will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

### 7.3.7.8 SAMPLE_REJECTED Status

This status indicates that one or more DDS samples received from a matched DataWriter have been dropped by the DataReader because a resource limit would have been exceeded. For example, if the receive queue is full, the number of DDS samples in the queue is equal to the `max_samples` parameter of the `RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).

The structure for this status appears in Table 7.13 DDS_SampleRejectedStatus. The reason the DDS sample was rejected appears in the `last_reason` field. The possible values are listed in Table 7.14 DDS_SampleRejectedStatusKind.
### Table 7.13 DDS_SampleRejectedStatus

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative count of all the DDS samples that have been rejected by the DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The incremental number of DDS samples rejected since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count</td>
<td>The current number of writers with which the DataReader is matched.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count_change</td>
<td>The change in current_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SampleRejectedStatusKind</td>
<td>last_reason</td>
<td>Reason for rejecting the last DDS sample. See Table 7.14 DDS_SampleRejectedStatusKind.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>last_instance_handle</td>
<td>Handle to the data-instance for which the last DDS sample was rejected.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Table 7.14 DDS_SampleRejectedStatusKind

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Reason Kind</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Related QosPolicy</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_NOT_REJECTED</td>
<td>DDS sample was accepted.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_INSTANCES_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of instances that can be handled at the same time by the DataReader was reached.</td>
<td>RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 7.14 DDS_SampleRejectedStatusKind

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<tr>
<th>Reason Kind</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Related QosPolicy</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_REMOTE_WRITERS_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of <code>DataWriters</code> from which a <code>DataReader</code> may read was reached.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_REMOTE_WRITERS_PER_INSTANCE_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of <code>DataWriters</code> for a single instance from which a <code>DataReader</code> may read was reached.</td>
<td>DATA_READERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_SAMPLES_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the total number of DDS samples was reached.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_SAMPLES_PER_INSTANCE_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of DDS samples per instance was reached.</td>
<td>RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 7.14 DDS_SampleRejectedStatusKind

<table>
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<tr>
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</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_SAMPLES_PER_REMOTE_WRITER_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of DDS samples that a <code>DataReader</code> may store from a specific <code>DataWriter</code> was reached.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_VIRTUAL_WRITERS_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of virtual writers from which a <code>DataReader</code> may read was reached.</td>
<td>DATA_READERRESOURCELIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_REMOTE_WRITERS_PER_SAMPLE_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of remote writers per DDS sample was reached.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_REJECTED_BY_REMOTE_WRITER_SAMPLES_PER_VIRTUAL_QUEUE_LIMIT</td>
<td>A resource limit on the number of DDS samples published by a remote writer on behalf of a virtual writer that a <code>DataReader</code> may store was reached.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The `DataReaderListener`’s `on_sample_rejected()` callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the `DataReader`’s `get_sample_rejected_status()` operation; this will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

### 7.3.7.9 SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED Status

A change to this status indicates that the `DataReader` discovered a matching `DataWriter`. A ‘match’ occurs only if the `DataReader` and `DataWriter` have the same `Topic`, same data type (implied by having the same `Topic`), and compatible QosPolicies. In addition, if user code has directed Connext DDS to ignore certain `DataWriters`, then those `DataWriters` will never be matched. See Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions (Section 16.4.2 on page 785) for more on setting up a `DomainParticipant` to ignore specific `DataWriters`.

The structure for this status appears in Table 7.15 DDS_SubscriptionMatchedStatus.
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### Table 7.15 DDS_SubscriptionMatchedStatus

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>total_count</td>
<td>Cumulative number of times the DataReader discovered a &quot;match&quot; with a DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>total_count_change</td>
<td>The change in total_count since the last time the Listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count</td>
<td>The number of DataWriters currently matched to the concerned DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count_change</td>
<td>The change in current_count since the last time the listener was called or the status was read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>current_count_peak</td>
<td>The highest value that current_count has reached until now.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_</td>
<td>last_publication_handle</td>
<td>Handle to the last DataWriter that matched the DataReader causing the status to change.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The DataReaderListener’s `on_subscription_matched()` callback is invoked when this status changes. You can also retrieve the value by calling the DataReader’s `get_subscription_match_status()` operation; this will also reset the status so it is no longer considered “changed.”

### 7.3.8 Setting DataReader QosPolicies

A DataReader’s QosPolicies control its behavior. Think of QosPolicies as the ‘properties’ for the DataReader. The DDS_DataReaderQos structure has the following format:

```c
struct DDS_DataReaderQos {
    DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy durability;
    DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy deadline;
    DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy latency_budget;
    DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy liveliness;
    DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy reliability;
    DDS_DestinationOrderQosPolicy destination_order;
    DDS_HistoryQosPolicy history;
    DDS_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy resource_limits;
    DDS_UserDataQosPolicy user_data;
    DDS_TimeBasedFilterQosPolicy time_based_filter;
    DDS_ReaderDataLifecycleQosPolicy reader_data_lifecycle;
    DDS_TransportPriorityQosPolicy transport_priority;
    DDS_TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy type_consistency;
    // Extensions to the DDS standard:
    DDS_DataReaderResourceLimitsQosPolicy reader_resource_limits;
    DDS_DataReaderProtocolQosPolicy protocol;
    DDS_TransportSelectionQosPolicy transport_selection;
    DDS_TransportUnicastQosPolicy unicast;
    DDS_TransportMulticastQosPolicy multicast;
    DDS_PropertyQosPolicy property;
    DDS_ServiceQosPolicy service;
    DDS_AvailabilityQosPolicy availability;
};
```
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```c
DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy subscription_name;
DDS_TypeSupportQosPolicy type_support;
```

**Note:** `set_qos()` cannot always be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

Table 7.16 DataReader QosPolicies summarizes the meaning of each policy. (They appear alphabetically in the table.) For information on why you would want to change a particular QosPolicy, see the referenced section. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

**Table 7.16 DataReader QosPolicies**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>QosPolicy</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Availability</td>
<td>This QoS policy is used in the context of two features: For a Collaborative DataWriter, specifies the group of DataWriters expected to collaboratively provide data and the timeouts that control when to allow data to be available that may skip DDS samples. For a Durable Subscription, configures a set of Durable Subscriptions on a DataWriter. See AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataReaderProtocol</td>
<td>This QosPolicy configures the DDS on-the-network protocol, RTPS. See DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataReaderResourceLimits</td>
<td>Various settings that configure how DataReaders allocate and use physical memory for internal resources. See DATA_READER_RESOURCELIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deadline</td>
<td>For a DataReader, specifies the maximum expected elapsed time between arriving DDS data samples. For a DataWriter, specifies a commitment to publish DDS samples with no greater elapsed time between them. See DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DestinationOrder</td>
<td>Controls how Connext DDS will deal with data sent by multiple DataWriters for the same topic. Can be set to &quot;by reception timestamp&quot; or to &quot;by source timestamp&quot;. See DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy (Section 6.5.6 on page 363).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Durability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will store and deliver data that were previously published to new DataReaders. See DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityName</td>
<td>Assigns a name to a DataReader. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>History</td>
<td>Specifies how much data must be stored by Connext DDS for the DataWriter or DataReader. This QosPolicy affects the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) as well as the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366). See HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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<tr>
<td>LatencyBudget</td>
<td>Suggestion to Connext DDS on how much time is allowed to deliver data. See <a href="#">LATENCYBUDGET QoS Policy</a> (Section 6.5.11 on page 378).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liveliness</td>
<td>Specifies and configures the mechanism that allows DataReaders to detect when DataWriters become disconnected or &quot;dead.&quot; See <a href="#">LIVELINESS QosPolicy</a> (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Stores name/value (string) pairs that can be used to configure certain parameters of Connext DDS that are not exposed through formal QoS policies. It can also be used to store and propagate application-specific name/value pairs, which can be retrieved by user code during discovery. See <a href="#">PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</a> (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReaderDataLifeCycle</td>
<td>Controls how a DataReader manages the lifecycle of the data that it has received. See <a href="#">READER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy</a> (Section 7.6.3 on page 521).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reliability</td>
<td>Specifies whether or not Connext DDS will deliver data reliably. See <a href="#">RELIABILITY QosPolicy</a> (Section 6.5.19 on page 397).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ResourceLimits</td>
<td>Controls the amount of physical memory allocated for entities, if dynamic allocations are allowed, and how they occur. Also controls memory usage among different instance values for keyed topics. See <a href="#">RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy</a> (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>Intended for use by RTI infrastructure services. User applications should not modify its value. See <a href="#">SERVICE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</a> (Section 6.5.21 on page 406).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TimeBasedFilter</td>
<td>Set by a DataReader to limit the number of new data values received over a period of time. See <a href="#">TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy</a> (Section 7.6.4 on page 524).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportMulticast</td>
<td>Specifies the multicast address on which a DataReader wants to receive its data. Can specify a port number as well as a subset of the available transports with which to receive the multicast data. See <a href="#">TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</a> (Section 7.6.5 on page 527).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportPriority</td>
<td>Set on a DataReader to tell Connext DDS that the data being sent has a different &quot;priority&quot; than other data. For DataReaders, the data being sent refers to ACKNACK messages. See <a href="#">TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy</a> (Section 6.5.22 on page 407).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportSelection</td>
<td>Allows you to select which physical transports a DataWriter or DataReader may use to send or receive its data. See <a href="#">TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</a> (Section 6.5.23 on page 409).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportUnicast</td>
<td>Specifies a subset of transports and port number that can be used by an Entity to receive data. See <a href="#">TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</a> (Section 6.5.24 on page 410).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TypeSupport</td>
<td>Used to attach application-specific value(s) to a DataWriter or DataReader. These values are passed to the serialization or deserialization routine of the associated data type. See <a href="#">TYPESUPPORT QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</a> (Section 6.5.25 on page 413).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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<th>QosPolicy</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TypeConsistencyEnforcement</td>
<td>Defines rules that determine whether the type used to publish a given data stream is consistent with that used to subscribe to it. See TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT QosPolicy (Section 7.6.6 on page 530).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserData</td>
<td>Along with Topic Data QosPolicy and Group Data QosPolicy, used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS's discovery meta-data. See USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For a DataReader to communicate with a DataWriter, their corresponding QosPolicies must be compatible. For QosPolicies that apply both to the DataWriter and the DataReader, the setting in the DataWriter is considered what the DataWriter “offers” and the setting in the DataReader is what the DataReader “requests.” Compatibility means that what is offered by the DataWriter equals or surpasses what is requested by the DataReader. See QoS Requested vs. Offered Compatibility—the RxO Property (Section 4.2.1 on page 158).

Some of the policies may be changed after the DataReader has been created. This allows the application to modify the behavior of the DataReader while it is in use. To modify the Qos of an existing DataReader, use the get_qos() and set_qos() operations on the DataReader. This is a general pattern for all Entities, described in more detail in Changing the QoS for an Existing Entity (Section 4.1.7.3 on page 152).

### 7.3.8.1 Configuring QoS Settings when the DataReader is Created

As described in Creating DataReaders (Section 7.3.1 on page 461), there are different ways to create a DataReader, depending on how you want to specify its QoS (with or without a QoS Profile).

In Creating a DataReader with Default QosPolicies (Section Figure 7.9 on page 463), we saw an example of how to create a DataReader with default QosPolicies by using the special constant, DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT, which indicates that the default QoS values for a DataReader should be used. The default DataReader QoS values are configured in the Publisher or DomainParticipant; you can change them with set_default_datareader_qos() or set_default_datereader_qos_with_profile(). Then any DataReaders created with the Subscriber will use the new default values. As described in Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149), this is a general pattern that applies to the construction of all Entities.

To create a DataReader with non-default QoS without using a QoS Profile, see the example code in Figure 7.11 Creating a DataReader with Modified QosPolicies (not from a profile) on the next page. It uses the Publisher’s get_default_reader_qos() method to initialize a DDS_DataReaderQos structure. Then, the policies are modified from their default values before the structure is used in the create_datareader() method.
You can also create a DataReader and specify its QoS settings via a QoS Profile. To do so, you will call create_datareader_with_profile(), as seen in Figure 7.12 Creating a DataReader with a QoS Profile below.

If you want to use a QoS profile, but then make some changes to the QoS before creating the DataReader, call get_datareader_qos_from_profile() and create_datareader() as seen in Figure 7.13 Getting QoS Values from a Profile, Changing QoS Values, Creating a DataReader with Modified QoS Values on the facing page.

For more information, see Creating DataReaders (Section 7.3.1 on page 461) and Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Figure 7.11 Creating a DataReader with Modified QosPolicies (not from a profile)

```cpp
DDS_DataReaderQos reader_qos;
// initialize reader_qos with default values
subscriber->get_default_datareader_qos(reader_qos);
// make QoS changes here
reader_qos.history.depth = 5;
// Create the reader with modified qos
DDSDatReader * reader = subscriber->create_datareader(
    topic, reader_qos, NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (reader == NULL) {
    // ... error
}
// narrow it for your specific data type
FooDataReader* foo_reader = FooDataReader::narrow(reader);
```

Figure 7.12 Creating a DataReader with a QoS Profile

```cpp
// Create the datareader
DDSDatReader * reader =
    subscriber->create_datareader_with_profile(
        topic, "MyReaderLibrary", "MyReaderProfile", NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (reader == NULL) {
    // ... error
};
// narrow it for your specific data type
FooDataReader* foo_reader = FooDataReader::narrow(reader);
```

1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
7.3.8.2 Comparing QoS Values

The equals() operation compares two DataReader’s DDS_DataWriterQos structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two DataReader’s QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE if they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

7.3.8.3 Changing QoS Settings After DataReader Has Been Created

There are 2 ways to change an existing DataReader’s QoS after it is has been created—again depending on whether or not you are using a QoS Profile.

- To change QoS programmatically (that is, without using a QoS Profile), use get_qos() and set_qos(). See the example code in Figure 7.14 Changing the QoS of an Existing DataReader (without a QoS Profile) on the next page. It retrieves the current values by calling the DataReader’s get_qos() operation. Then it modifies the value and calls set_qos() to apply the new value. Note, however, that some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the DataReader has been enabled—this restriction is noted in the descriptions of the individual QosPolicies.

- You can also change a DataReader’s (and all other Entities’) QoS by using a QoS Profile and calling set_qos_with_profile(). For an example, see Figure 7.15 Changing the QoS of an Existing DataReader with a QoS Profile on the next page. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

1Note: In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
7.3.8.4 Using a Topic’s QoS to Initialize a DataWriter’s QoS

Several DataReader QosPolicies can also be found in the QosPolicies for Topics (see Setting Topic QosPolicies (Section 5.1.3 on page 198)). The QosPolicies set in the Topic do not directly affect the DataReaders (or DataWriters) that use that Topic. In many ways, some QosPolicies are a Topic-level concept, even though the DDS standard allows you to set different values for those policies for different DataReaders and DataWriters of the same Topic. Thus, the policies in the DDS_TOPICQos structure exist as a way to help centralize and annotate the intended or suggested values of those QoSs. Connext DDS does not check to see if the actual policies set for a DataReader is aligned with those set in the Topic to which it is bound.

There are many ways to use the QosPolicies’ values set in the Topic when setting the QosPolicies’ values in a DataReader. The most straightforward way is to get the values of policies directly from the Topic and use them in the policies for the DataReader. Figure 6.21 Copying Selected QoS from a Topic when Creating a DataWriter on page 305 shows an example of how to do this for a DataWriter; the pattern applies to DataReaders as well.

The Subscriber’s copy_from_topic_qos() operation can be used to copy all the common policies from the Topic QoS to a DataReaderQos, as illustrated in Figure 6.22 Copying all QoS from a Topic when Creating a DataWriter on page 306 for DataWriters.

The special macro, DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_USE_TOPIC_QOS, can be used to indicate that the DataReader should be created with the QoS that results from modifying the default DataReader QoS with the values specified by the Topic. See Figure 6.23 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option
1) on page 307 and Figure 6.24 Combining Default Topic and DataWriter QoS (Option 2) on page 307 for examples involving DataWriters. The same pattern applies to DataReaders. For more information on the use and manipulation of QoS, see Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149).

7.3.9 Navigating Relationships Among Entities

7.3.9.1 Finding Matching Publications

The following DataReader operations can be used to get information about the DataWriters that will send data to this DataReader.

- get_matched_publications()
- get_matched_publication_data()

The get_matched_publications() operation will return a sequence of handles to matched DataWriters. You can use these handles in the get_matched_publication_data() method to get information about the DataWriter such as the values of its QosPolicies.

Note that DataWriter that have been ignored using the DomainParticipant’s ignore_publication() operation are not considered to be matched even if the DataWriter has the same Topic and compatible QosPolicies. Thus, they will not be included in the list of DataWriters returned by get_matched_publications(). See Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions (Section 16.4.2 on page 785) for more on ignore_publication().

You can also get the DATA_READER_PROTOCOL_STATUS for matching publications with get_matched_publication_datareader_protocol_status() (see DATA_READER_PROTOCOL_STATUS (Section 7.3.7.3 on page 470)).

Note:

- Status/data for a matched publication is only kept while the matched publication is alive. Once a matched publication is no longer alive, its status is deleted. If you try to get the status/data for a matched publication that is no longer alive, the 'get data' or 'get status' call will return an error.

See also: Finding the Matching Publication’s ParticipantBuiltinTopicData (Section 7.3.9.2 below)

7.3.9.2 Finding the Matching Publication’s ParticipantBuiltinTopicData

get_matched_publication_participant_data() allows you to get the DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData (see Table 16.1 Participant Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData)) of a matched publication using a publication handle.
This operation retrieves the information on a discovered DomainParticipant associated with the publication that is currently matching with the DataReader.

The publication handle passed into this operation must correspond to a publication currently associated with the DataReader. Otherwise, the operation will fail with RETCODE_BAD_PARAMETER. The operation may also fail with RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET if the publication handle corresponds to the same DomainParticipant to which the DataReader belongs.

Use get_matched_publications() (see Finding Matching Publications (Section 7.3.9.1 on the previous page)) to find the publications that are currently matched with the DataReader.

**Note:** This operation does not retrieve the ParticipantBuiltinTopicData_property. This information is available through the on_data_available() callback (if a DataReaderListener is installed on the PublicationBuiltinTopicDataDataReader.

### 7.3.9.3 Finding a DataReader’s Related Entities

These DataReader operations are useful for obtaining a handle to various related entities:

- get_subscriber()
- get_topicdescription()

The get_subscriber() operation returns the Subscriber that created the DataReader. get_topicdescription() returns the Topic with which the DataReader is associated.

### 7.3.9.4 Looking Up an Instance Handle

Some operations, such as read_instance() and take_instance(), take an instance_handle parameter. If you need to get such as handle, you can call the lookup_instance() operation, which takes an instance as a parameter and returns a handle to that instance.

### 7.3.9.5 Getting the Key Value for an Instance

If you have a handle to a data-instance, you can use the FooDataReader’s get_key_value() operation to retrieve the key for that instance. The value of the key is decomposed into its constituent fields and returned in a Foo structure. For information on keys and keyed data types, please see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14).

### 7.4 Using DataReaders to Access Data (Read & Take)

For user applications to access the data received for a DataReader, they must use the type-specific derived class or set of functions in the C API. Thus for a user data type ‘Foo’, you must use methods of the FooDataReader class. The type-specific class or functions are automatically generated if you use RTI
7.4.1 Using a Type-Specific DataReader (FooDataReader)

(This section doesn't apply to the Modern C++ API, where a DataReader's data type is part of its template definition: DataReader<Foo>)

Using a Subscriber you will create a DataReader associating it with a specific data type, for example 'Foo'. Note that the Subscriber’s `create_datareader()` method returns a generic DataReader. When your code is ready to access DDS data samples received for the DataReader, you must use type-specific operations associated with the FooDataReader, such as `read()` and `take()`.

To cast the generic DataReader returned by `create_datareader()` into an object of type FooDataReader, you should use the type-safe `narrow()` method of the FooDataReader class. `narrow()` will make sure that the generic DataReader passed to it is indeed an object of the FooDataReader class before it makes the cast. Else, it will return NULL. Simple SubscriberListener (Section Figure 7.8 on page 454) shows an example:

```cpp
Foo_reader = FooDataReader::narrow(reader);
```

Table 7.3DataReader Operations lists type-specific operations using a FooDataReader. Also listed are generic, non-type specific operations that can be performed using the base class object DDSDataReader (or DDS_DataReader in C). In C, you must pass a pointer to a DDS_DataReader to those generic functions.

7.4.2 Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences

7.4.2.1 C, Traditional C++, Java and .NET

The `read()` and `take()` operations (and their variations) return information to your application in two sequences:

- Received DDS data samples in a sequence of the data type
- Corresponding information about each DDS sample in a SampleInfo sequence

These sequences are parameters that are passed by your code into the `read()` and `take()` operations. If you use empty sequences (sequences that are initialized but have a maximum length of 0), Connext DDS will fill those sequences with memory directly loaned from the receive queue itself. There is no copying of the data or of SampleInfo when the contents of the sequences are loaned. This is certainly the most efficient way for your code to retrieve the data.

However when you do so, your code must return the loaned sequences back to Connext DDS so that they can be reused by the receive queue. If your code does not return the loan by calling the
FoDataReader’s return_loan() method, then Connext DDS will eventually run out of memory to store DDS data samples received from the network for that DataReader. See Using Loaned Sequences in read() and take() (Section Figure 7.16 below) for an example of borrowing and returning loaned sequences.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t return_loan(
    FooSeq &received_data, DDS_SampleInfoSeq &info_seq);
```

Figure 7.16 Using Loaned Sequences in read() and take()

// In C++ and Java, sequences are automatically initialized // to be empty
FooSeq data_seq;
DDS_SampleInfoSeq info_seq;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode;
...
// with empty sequences, a take() or read() will return loaned // sequence elements
retcode = Foo_reader->take(data_seq, info_seq,
    DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED, DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
    DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE, DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
...
// must return the loaned sequences when done processing
Foo_reader->return_loan(data_seq, info_seq);
...

If your code provides its own sequences to the read/take operations, then Connext DDS will copy the data from the receive queue. In that case, you do not have to call return_loan() when you are finished with the data. However, you must make sure the following is true, or the read/take operation will fail with a return code of DDS_RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET:

- The received_data of type FooSeq and info_seq of type DDS_SampleInfoSeq passed in as parameters have the same maximum size (length).
- The maximum size (length) of the sequences are less than or equal to the passed in parameter, max_samples.

1For the C API, you must use the FooSeq_initialize() and DDS_SampleInfoSeq_initialize() operations or the macro DDSSEQUENCE_INITIALIZER to initialize the FooSeq and DDS_SampleInfoSeq to be empty. For example, DDS_SampleInfoSeq infoSeq; DDS_SampleInfoSeq_initialize(&infoSeq); or FooSeq fooSeq = DDSSEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;


7.4.2.2 Modern C++

The read() and take() operations (and their variations) return LoanedSamples, an iterable collection of loaned, read-only samples each containing the actual data and meta-information about the sample. A LoanedSamples collection automatically returns the loan to the middleware in its destructor. You can also explicitly call LoanedSamples::return_loan.

Figure 7.17 Using LoanedSamples to read data

```cpp
dds::sub::LoanedSamples<Foo> samples = reader.take();
for (auto sample : samples) { // process the data
    if (sample.info().valid()) {
        std::cout << sample.data() << std::endl;
    }
}
```

7.4.3 Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take

To access the DDS data samples that Connext DDS has received for a DataReader, you must invoke the read() or take() methods. These methods return a list (sequence) of DDS data samples and additional information about the DDS samples in a corresponding list (sequence) of SampleInfo structures. The contents of SampleInfo are described in The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503).

Calling read(), take(), or one of their variations resets the DATA_AVAILABLE status.

The way Connext DDS builds the collection of DDS samples depends on QoS policies set on the DataReader and Subscriber, the source_timestamp of the DDS samples, and the sample_states, view_states, and instance_states parameters passed to the read/take operation.

In read() and take(), you may enter parameters so that Connext DDS selectively returns DDS data samples currently stored in the DataReader’s receive queue. You may want Connext DDS to return all of the data in a single list or only a subset of the available DDS samples as configured using the sample_states, view_states, and instance_states masks. The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503) describes how these masks are used to determine which DDS data samples should be returned.

7.4.3.1 Read vs. Take

The difference between read() and take() is how Connext DDS treats the data that is returned. With take(), Connext DDS will remove the data from the DataReader’s receive queue. The data returned by Connext DDS is no longer stored by Connext DDS. With read(), Connext DDS will continue to store the data in the DataReader’s receive queue. The same data may be read again until it is taken in subsequent take() calls. Note that the data stored in the DataReader’s receive queue may be overwritten, even if it has not been read, depending on the setting of the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374).
The **read()** and **take()** operations are non-blocking calls, so that they may return no data (**DDS_RET_CODE_NO_DATA**) if the receive queue is empty or has no data that matches the criteria specified by the **StateMasks**.

The **read_w_condition()** and **take_w_condition()** operations take a ReadCondition as a parameter instead of DDS sample, view or instance states. The only DDS samples returned will be those for which the ReadCondition is TRUE. These operations, in conjunction with ReadConditions and a WaitSet, allow you to perform ‘waiting reads.’ For more information, see **ReadConditions and QueryConditions** (Section 4.6.7 on page 188).

As you will see, **read** and **take** have the same parameters:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t read( FooSeq &received_data_seq, 
   DDS_SampleInfoSeq &info_seq, 
   DDS_Long max_samples, 
   DDS_SampleStateMask sample_states, 
   DDS_ViewStateMask view_states, 
   DDS_InstanceStateMask instance_states);
```

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t take( FooSeq &received_data_seq, 
   DDS_SampleInfoSeq &info_seq, 
  DDS_Long max_samples, 
   DDS_SampleStateMask sample_states, 
   DDS_ViewStateMask view_states, 
   DDS_InstanceStateMask instance_states);
```

**Note:** These operations may loan internal Connext DDS memory, which must be returned with **return_loan()**. See **Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences** (Section 7.4.2 on page 490).

Both operations return an ordered collection of DDS data samples (in the **received_data_seq** parameter) and information about each DDS sample (in the **info_seq** parameter). Exactly how they are ordered depends on the setting of the **PRESENTATION QosPolicy** (Section 6.4.6 on page 328) and the **DESTINATION_ORDER QosPolicy** (Section 6.5.6 on page 363). For more details please see the API Reference HTML documentation for **read()** and **take()**.

In **read()** and **take()**, you can use the **sample_states**, **view_states**, and **instance_states** parameters to specify properties that are used to select the actual DDS samples that are returned by those methods. With different combinations of these three parameters, you can direct Connext DDS to return all DDS data samples, DDS data samples that you have not accessed before, the DDS data samples of instances that you have not seen before, DDS data samples of instances that have been disposed, etc. The possible values for the different states are described both in the API Reference HTML documentation and in The **SampleInfo Structure** (Section 7.4.6 on page 503).

Table 7.17 Read and Take Operations lists the variations of the **read()** and **take()** operations.
Table 7.17 Read and Take Operations

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<td>read</td>
<td>take</td>
<td>reader.read() or reader.select() .state(...) .read()</td>
<td>Reads/takes a collection of DDS data samples from the DataReader. Can be used for both keyed and non-keyed data types.</td>
<td>Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492)</td>
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<tr>
<td>read_instance</td>
<td>take_instance</td>
<td>reader.select() .instance(...) .read()</td>
<td>Identical to read() and take(), but all returned DDS samples belong to a single instance, which you specify as a parameter. Can only be used with keyed data types.</td>
<td>read_instance and take_instance (Section 7.4.3.4 on page 496)</td>
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<td>read_instance_w_condition</td>
<td>take_instance_w_condition</td>
<td>reader.select() .instance() .condition(...) .read()</td>
<td>Identical to read_instance() and take_instance(), but all returned DDS samples belong to the single specified instance and satisfy the specified ReadCondition.</td>
<td>read_instance_w_condition and take_instance_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.7 on page 498)</td>
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<td>read_next_instance</td>
<td>take_next_instance</td>
<td>reader.select().next_instance(...) .read()</td>
<td>Similar to read_instance() and take_instance(), but the actual instance is not directly specified as a parameter. Instead, the DDS samples will all belong to instance ordered after the instance that is specified by the previous_handle parameter.</td>
<td>read_next_instance and take_next_instance (Section 7.4.3.5 on page 497)</td>
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<td>read_next_instance_w_condition</td>
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<td>Accesses a collection of DDS data samples of the next instance that match a specific set of ReadConditions, from the DataReader.</td>
<td>read_next_instance_w_condition and take_next_instance_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.8 on page 499)</td>
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<tr>
<td>read_next_sample</td>
<td>take_next_sample</td>
<td>reader.select() .state(DataState::not_read())</td>
<td>Provides a convenient way to access the next DDS DDS sample in the receive queue that has not been accessed before.</td>
<td>read_next_sample and take_next_sample (Section 7.4.3.3 on the next page)</td>
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<td>take_w_condition</td>
<td>reader.select() .condition(...)</td>
<td>Accesses a collection of DDS data samples from the DataReader that match specific ReadCondition criteria.</td>
<td>read_w_condition and take_w_condition (Section 7.4.3.6 on page 498)</td>
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\(^1\)For the Modern C++, only the read() operation is shown; the take() variant is parallel.
7.4.3.2 General Patterns for Accessing Data

Once the DDS data samples are available to the data readers, the DDS samples can be read or taken by the application. The basic rule is that the application may do this in any order it wishes. This approach is very flexible and allows the application ultimate control.

To access data coherently, or in order, the PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328) must be set properly.

- **Accessing DDS samples If No Order or Coherence Is Required**

  Simply access the data by calling read/take on each DataReader in any order you want.

  You do not have to call begin_access() and end_access(). However, doing so is not an error and it will have no effect.

  You can call the Subscriber’s get_datareaders() operation to see which DataReaders have data to be read, but you do not need to read all of them or read them in a particular order. The get_datareaders() operation will return a logical 'set' in the sense that the same DataReader will not appear twice. The order of the DataReaders returned is not specified.

- **Accessing DDS samples within a SubscriberListener**

  This case describes how to access the data inside the listener's on_data_on_readers() operation (regardless of the PRESENTATION QoS policy settings).

  To do so, you can call read/take on each DataReader in any order. You can also delegate accessing of the data to the DataReaderListeners by calling the Subscriber’s notify_datareaders() operation.

  Similar to the previous case, you can still call the Subscriber’s get_datareaders() operation to determine which DataReaders have data to be read, but you do not have to read all of them, or read them in a particular order. get_datareaders() will return a logical 'set.'

  You do not have to call begin_access() and end_access(). However, doing so is not an error and it will have no effect.

7.4.3.3 read_next_sample and take_next_sample

The read_next_sample() or take_next_sample() operation is used to retrieve the next DDS sample that hasn’t already been accessed. It is a simple way to 'read' DDS samples and frees your application from managing sequences and specifying DDS sample, instance or view states. It behaves the same as calling read() or take() with max_samples = 1, sample_states = NOT_READ, view_states = ANY_VIEW_STATE, and instance_states = ANY_INSTANCE_STATE.
It copies the next, not-previously-accessed data value from the DataReader. It also copies the DDS sample’s corresponding DDS_SampleInfo structure.

If there is no unread data in the DataReader, the operation will return DDS_RETCODE_NO_DATA and nothing is copied.

Since this operation copies both the DDS data sample and the SampleInfo into user-provided storage, it does not allocate nor loan memory. You do not have to call return_loan() after this operation.

**Note:** If the received_data parameter references a structure that contains a sequence and that sequence has not been initialized, the operation will return DDS_RETCODE_ERROR.

### 7.4.3.4 read_instance and take_instance

The read_instance() and take_instance() operations are identical to read() and take(), but they are used to access DDS samples for just a specific instance (key value). The parameters are the same, except you must also supply an instance handle. These functions can only be used when the DataReader is tied to a keyed type, see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14) for more about keyed data types.

These operations may return BAD_PARAMETER if the instance handle does not correspond to an existing data-object known to the DataReader.

The handle to a particular data instance could have been cached from a previous read() operation (value taken from the SampleInfo struct) or created by using the DataReader’s lookup_instance() operation.

**Note:** This operation may loan internal Connext DDS memory, which must be returned with return_loan(). See Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences (Section 7.4.2 on page 490).
7.4.3.5  read_next_instance and take_next_instance

The read_next_instance() and take_next_instance() operations are similar to read_instance() and take_instance() in that they return DDS samples for a specific data instance (key value). The difference is that instead of passing the handle of the data instance for which you want DDS data samples, instead you pass the handle to a ‘previous’ instance. The returned DDS samples will all belong to the 'next' instance, where the ordering of instances is explained below.

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t read_next_instance(
    FooSeq &received_data,
    DDS_Long max_samples,
    const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &previous_handle
    DDS_InstanceStateMask sample_states,
    DDSViewStateMask view_states,
    DDS_InstanceStateMask instance_states)
```

Connext DDS orders all instances relative to each other.¹ This ordering depends on the value of the key as defined for the data type associated with the Topic. For the purposes of this discussion, it is 'as if' each instance handle is represented by a unique integer and thus different instance handles can be ordered by their value.

This operation will return values for the next instance handle that has DDS data samples stored in the receive queue (that meet the criteria specified by the StateMasks). The next instance handle will be ordered after the previous_handle that is passed in as a parameter.

The special value DDS_HANDLE_NIL can be passed in as the previous_handle. Doing so, you will receive values for the “smallest” instance handle that has DDS data samples stored in the receive queue that you have not yet accessed.

You can call the read_next_instance() operation with a previous_handle that does not correspond to an instance currently managed by the DataReader. For example, you could use this approach to iterate though all the instances, take all the DDS samples with a NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS instance_state, return the loans (at which point the instance information may be removed, and thus the handle becomes invalid), and then try to read the next instance.

The example below shows how to use take_next_instance() iteratively to process all the data received for an instance, one instance at a time. We always pass in DDS_HANDLE_NIL as the value of previous_handle. Each time through the loop, we will receive DDS samples for a different instance, since the previous time through the loop, all of the DDS samples of the previous instance were returned (and thus accessed).

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¹The ordering of the instances is specific to each implementation of the DDS standard; to maximize the portability of your code, do not assume any particular order. In the case of Connext DDS (and likely other DDS implementations as well), the order is not likely to be meaningful to you as a developer; it is simply important that some ordering exists.
7.4.3.6  read_w_condition and take_w_condition

The `read_w_condition()` and `take_w_condition()` operations are identical to `read()` and `take()`, but instead of passing in the `sample_states`, `view_states`, and `instance_states` mask parameters directly, you pass in a `ReadCondition` (which specifies these masks).

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t read_w_condition (  
  FooSeq &received_data,  
  DDS_SampleInfoSeq &info_seq,  
  DDS_Long max_samples,  
  DDSReadCondition *condition)

```

**Note:** This operation may loan internal Connext DDS memory, which must be returned with `return_loan()`. See Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences (Section 7.4.2 on page 490).

7.4.3.7  read_instance_w_condition and take_instance_w_condition

The `read_instance_w_condition()` and `take_instance_w_condition()` operations are similar to `read_instance()` and `take_instance()`, respectively, except that the returned DDS samples must also satisfy a specified `ReadCondition`.

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1In the C API, you must use the `FooSeq_initialize()` and `DDS_SampleInfoSeq_initialize()` operations or the macro `DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER` to initialize the `FooSeq` and `DDS_SampleInfoSeq` to be empty. For example, `DDS_SampleInfoSeq infoSeq; DDS_SampleInfoSeq_initialize(&infoSeq);` or `FooSeq fooSeq = DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER;`
The behavior of `read_instance_w_condition()` and `take_instance_w_condition()` follows the same rules as `read()` and `take()` regarding pre-conditions and post-conditions for the `received_data` and `sample_info` parameters.

These functions can only be used when the `DataReader` is tied to a keyed type, see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14) for more about keyed data types.

**Note:** These operations may loan internal Connext DDS memory, which must be returned with `return_loan()`. See Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences (Section 7.4.2 on page 490).

### 7.4.3.8 read_next_instance_w_condition and take_next_instance_w_condition

The `read_next_instance_w_condition()` and `take_next_instance_w_condition()` operations are identical to `read_next_instance()` and `take_next_instance()`, but instead of passing in the `sample_states`, `view_states`, and `instance_states` mask parameters directly, you pass in a ReadCondition (which specifies these masks).

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t read_next_instance_w_condition(  
    FooSeq & received_data,  
    DDS_SampleInfoSeq & info_seq,  
    DDS_Long max_samples,  
    const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & previous_handle,  
    DDSReadCondition * condition)
```

**Note:** This operation may loan internal Connext DDS memory, which must be returned with `return_loan()`. See Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences (Section 7.4.2 on page 490).

### 7.4.3.9 The select() API (Modern C++)

The Modern C++ API combines all the previous ways to read data into a single operation: `reader.select()`. This call is followed by one or more calls to functions that configure the query and always ends in a call to `read()` or `take()`. These are the functions that configure a `select()`:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t read_next_instance_w_condition(  
    FooSeq & received_data,  
    DDS_SampleInfoSeq & info_seq,  
    DDS_Long max_samples,  
    const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & previous_handle,  
    DDSReadCondition * condition)
```
### 7.4.4 Acknowledging DDS Samples

DDS samples can be acknowledged one at a time, or as a group.

To explicitly acknowledge a single DDS sample:

```cpp
DDSRReturnCode_t acknowledge_sample (  
    const DDS_SampleInfo & sample_info);
```

Or you may acknowledge all previously accessed DDS samples by calling:

```cpp
DDSRReturnCode_t acknowledge_sample (  
    const DDS_SampleInfo & sample_info,  
    const DDS_AckResponseData_t & response_data);
```
7.4.5 The Sequence Data Structure

The DDS specification uses sequences whenever a variable-length array of elements must be passed through the API. This includes passing QosPolicies into Connext DDS, as well as retrieving DDS data samples from Connext DDS. A sequence is an ordered collection of elements of the same type. The type of a sequence containing elements of type “Foo” (whether “Foo” is one of your types or a built-in Connext DDS type) is typically called “FooSeq.”

In all APIs except Java, FooSeq contains deep copies of Foo elements; in Java, which does not provide direct support for deep copy semantics, FooSeq contains references to Foo objects. In Java, sequences implement the java.util.List interface, and thus support all of the collection APIs and idioms familiar to Java programmers.

A sequence is logically composed of three things: an array of elements, a maximum number of elements that the array may contain (i.e. its allocated size), and a logical length indicating how many of the allocated elements are valid. The length may vary dynamically between 0 and the maximum (inclusive); it is not permissible to access an element at an index greater than or equal to the length.

A sequence may either “own” the memory associated with it, or it may “borrow” that memory. If a sequence owns its own memory, then the sequence itself will allocate the its memory and is permitted to grow and shrink that memory (i.e. change its maximum) dynamically.

Where:

- **sample_info** is of type DDS_SampleInfo, identifying the DDS sample being acknowledged
- **response_data** is response data sent to the DataWriter upon acknowledgment

These operations can only be used when the DataReader’s RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) has an **acknowledgment_kind** set to DDS_APPLICATION_EXPLICIT_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE. You must also set **max_app_ack_response_length** (in the DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)) to a value greater than zero.

See also: Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285) and Guaranteed Delivery of Data (Section Chapter 13 on page 694).

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(This section doesn't apply to the Modern C++ API)
You can also loan a sequence of memory using the sequence-specific operations `loan_contiguous()` or `loan_discontiguous()`. This is useful if you want Connext DDS to copy the received DDS data samples directly into data structures allocated in user space.

Please do not confuse (a) the user loaning memory to a sequence with (b) Connext DDS loaning internal memory from the receive queue to the user code via the `read()` or `take()` operations. For sequences of user data, these are complementary operations. `read()` and `take()` loan memory to the user, passing in a sequence that has been loaned memory with `loan_contiguous()` or `loan_discontiguous()`.

A sequence with loaned of memory may not change its maximum size.

**For C developers:**

In C, because there is no concept of a constructor, sequences must be initialized before they are used. You can either set a sequence equal to the macro `DDS_SEQUENCE_INITIALIZER` or use a sequence-specific method, `<type>Seq_initialize()`, to initialize sequences.

**For C++, C++/CLI, and C# developers:**

C++ sequence classes overload the [ ] operators to allow you to access their elements as if the sequence were a simple array. However, for code portability reasons, Connext DDS’s implementation of sequences does not use the Standard Template Library (STL).

**For Java developers:**

In Java, sequences implement the `List` interface, and typically, a `List` must contain `Objects`; it cannot contain primitive types directly. This restriction makes `Lists` of primitives types less efficient because each type must be wrapped and unwrapped into and from an `Object` as it is added to and removed from the `List`.

Connext DDS provides a more efficient implementation for sequences of primitive types. In Connext DDS, primitive sequence types (e.g., `IntSeq`, `FloatSeq`, etc.) are implemented as wrappers around arrays of primitive types. The wrapper also provides the usual `List` APIs; however, these APIs manipulate `Objects` that store the primitive type.

More efficient APIs are also provided that manipulate the primitive types directly and thus avoid unnecessary memory allocations and type casts. These additional methods are named according to the pattern `<standard method><primitive type>`; for example, the `IntSeq` class defines methods `addInt()` and `getInt()` that correspond to the `List` APIs `add()` and `get()`. `addInt()` and `getInt()` directly manipulate `int` values while `add()` and `get()` manipulate `Objects` that contain a single `int`.

For more information on sequence APIs in all languages, please consult the API Reference HTML documentation (from the main page, select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, Sequence Support).
7.4.6 The SampleInfo Structure

When you invoke the `read/take` operations, for every DDS data sample that is returned, a corresponding `SampleInfo` is also returned. `SampleInfo` structures provide you with additional information about the DDS data samples received by Connext DDS.

Table 7.18 `DDS_SampleInfo Structure` shows the format of the `SampleInfo` structure.

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_SampleStateKind</td>
<td>sample_state</td>
<td>See Sample States (Section 7.4.6.2 on page 505)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDSViewStateKind</td>
<td>view_state</td>
<td>See View States (Section 7.4.6.3 on page 505)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDSInstanceStateKind</td>
<td>instance_state</td>
<td>See Instance States (Section 7.4.6.4 on page 505)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Time_t</td>
<td>source_timestamp</td>
<td>Time stored by the <code>DataWriter</code> when the DDS sample was written.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>instance_handle</td>
<td>Handle to the data-instance corresponding to the DDS sample.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_InstanceHandle_t</td>
<td>publication_handle</td>
<td>Local handle to the <code>DataWriter</code> that modified the instance. This is the same instance handle returned by <code>get_matched_publications()</code>. You can use this handle when calling <code>get_matched_publication_data()</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>disposed_generation_count</td>
<td>See Generation Counts and Ranks (Section 7.4.6.5 on page 507).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>no_writers_generation_count</td>
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<td></td>
<td>sample_rank</td>
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<td></td>
<td>generation_rank</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>absolute_generation_rank</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>valid_data</td>
<td>Indicates whether the DDS data sample includes valid data. See Valid Data Flag (Section 7.4.6.6 on page 508).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 7.4.6.1 Reception Timestamp

In reliable communication, if DDS data samples are received out of order, Connext DDS will not deliver them until all the previous DDS data samples have been received. For example, if DDS sample 2 arrives before DDS sample 1, DDS sample 2 cannot be delivered until DDS sample 1 is received. The **reception_timestamp** is the time when all previous DDS samples has been received—the time at which the DDS sample is committed. If DDS samples are all received in order, the committed time will be same as reception time. However, if DDS samples are lost on the wire, then the committed time will be later than the initial reception time.

#### Table 7.18 DDS_SampleInfo Structure

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<td>DDS_Time_t</td>
<td>reception_timestamp</td>
<td>Time stored when the DDS sample was committed by the DataReader. See Reception Timestamp (Section 7.4.6.1 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SequenceNumber_t</td>
<td>publication_sequence_number</td>
<td>Publication sequence number assigned when the DDS sample was written by the DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_SequenceNumber_t</td>
<td>reception_sequence_number</td>
<td>Reception sequence number assigned when the DDS sample was committed by the DataReader. See Reception Timestamp (Section 7.4.6.1 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>original_publication_virtual_guid</td>
<td>Original publication virtual GUID. If the Publisher’s access_scope is GROUP, this field contains the Publisher virtual GUID that uniquely identifies the DataWriter group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_SequenceNumber_t</td>
<td>original_publication_virtual_sequence_number</td>
<td>Original publication virtual sequence number. If the Publisher’s access_scope is GROUP, this field contains the Publisher virtual sequence number that uniquely identifies a DDS sample within the DataWriter group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>flag</td>
<td>Flags associated with the DDS sample; set by using the flag field in DDS_WriteParams_t when writing a DDS sample with FooDataWriter_write_w_params() (see Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279)).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>source_guid</td>
<td>The application logical data source associated with the sample.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>related_source_guid</td>
<td>The application logical data source that is related to the sample.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>related_subscription_guid</td>
<td>The related_reader_guid associated with the sample.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
7.4.6.2 Sample States

For each DDS sample received, Connext DDS keeps a **sample_state** relative to each *DataReader*. The **sample_state** can be either:

- **READ**: The *DataReader* has already accessed that DDS sample by means of `read()`.
- **NOT_READ**: The *DataReader* has never accessed that DDS sample before.

The DDS samples retrieved by a `read()` or `take()` need not all have the same **sample_state**.

7.4.6.3 View States

For each instance (identified by a unique key value), Connext DDS keeps a **view_state** relative to each *DataReader*. The **view_state** can be either:

- **NEW**: Either this is the first time the *DataReader* has ever accessed DDS samples of the instance, or the *DataReader* has accessed previous DDS samples of the instance, but the instance has since been reborn (i.e. become not-alive and then alive again). These two cases are distinguished by examining the `disposed_generation_count` and the `no_writers_generation_count` (see *Generation Counts and Ranks* (Section 7.4.6.5 on page 507)).
- **NOT_NEW**: The *DataReader* has already accessed DDS samples of the same instance and the instance has not been reborn since.

The **view_state** in the **SampleInfo** structure is really a per-instance concept (as opposed to the **sample_state** which is per DDS sample). Thus all DDS data samples related to the same instance that are returned by `read()` or `take()` will have the same value for **view_state**.

7.4.6.4 Instance States

As seen in *Instance States* (Section Figure 7.18 on the facing page), Connext DDS keeps an **instance_state** for each instance; it can be:

- **ALIVE**: The following are all true: (a) DDS samples have been received for the instance, (b) there are live *DataWriters* writing the instance, and (c) the instance has not been explicitly disposed (or more DDS samples have been received after it was disposed).
- **NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED**: The instance was explicitly disposed by a *DataWriter* by means of the `dispose()` operation.
- **NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS**: The instance has been declared as not-alive by the *DataReader* because it has determined that there are no live *DataWriter* entities writing that instance.
The events that cause the instance state to change can depend on the setting of the OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387):

- If OWNERSHIP QoS is set to EXCLUSIVE, the instance state becomes NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED only if the DataWriter that currently “owns” the instance explicitly disposes it. The instance state will become ALIVE again only if the DataWriter that owns the instance writes it. Note that ownership of the instance is determined by a combination of the OWNERSHIP and OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicies. Ownership of an instance can dynamically change.

- If OWNERSHIP QoS is set to SHARED, the instance state becomes NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED if any DataWriter explicitly disposes the instance. The instance state becomes ALIVE as soon as any DataWriter writes the instance again.

Figure 7.18 Instance States
Since the instance_state in the SampleInfo structure is a per-instance concept, all DDS data samples related to the same instance that are returned by read() or take() will have the same value for instance_state.

### 7.4.6.5 Generation Counts and Ranks

Generation counts and ranks allow your application to distinguish DDS samples belonging to different ‘generations’ of the instance. It is possible for an instance to become alive, be disposed and become not-alive, and then to cycle again from alive to not-alive states during the operation of an application. Each time an instance becomes alive defines a new generation for the instance.

It is possible that an instance may cycle through alive and not-alive states multiple times before the application accesses the DDS data samples for the instance. This means that the DDS data samples returned by read() and take() may cross generations. That is, some DDS samples were published when the instance was alive in one generation and other DDS samples were published when the instance transitioned through the non-alive state into the alive state again. It may be important to your application to distinguish the DDS data samples by the generation in which they were published.

Each DataReader keeps two counters for each new instance it detects (recall that instances are distinguished by their key values):

- disposed_generation_count: Counts how many times the instance_state of the corresponding instance changes from NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED to ALIVE. The counter is reset when the instance resource is reclaimed.
- no_writers_generation_count: Counts how many times the instance_state of the corresponding instance changes from NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS to ALIVE. The counter is reset when the instance resource is reclaimed.

The disposed_generation_count and no_writers_generation_count fields in the SampleInfo structure capture a snapshot of the corresponding counters at the time the corresponding DDS sample was received.

The sample_rank and generation_rank in the SampleInfo structure are computed relative to the sequence of DDS samples returned by read() or take():

- sample_rank: Indicates how many DDS samples of the same instance follow the current one in the sequence. The DDS samples are always time-ordered, thus the newest DDS sample of an instance will have a sample_rank of 0. Depending on what you have configured read() and take() to return, a sample_rank of 0 may or may not be the newest DDS sample that was ever received. It is just the newest DDS sample in the sequence that was returned.
- generation_rank: Indicates the difference in ‘generations’ between the DDS sample and the newest DDS sample of the same instance as returned in the sequence. If a DDS sample belongs to the same
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generation as the newest DDS sample in the sequence returned by \texttt{read()} and \texttt{take()}, then \texttt{generation\_rank} will be 0.

- \texttt{absolute\_generation\_rank}: Indicates the difference in ‘generations’ between the DDS sample and the newest DDS sample of the same instance ever received by the DataReader. Recall that the data sequence returned by \texttt{read()} and \texttt{take()} may not contain all of the data in the DataReader’s receive queue. Thus, a DDS sample that belongs to the newest generation of the instance will have an \texttt{absolute\_generation\_rank} of 0.

Like the ‘generation count’ values, the ‘rank’ values are also reset to 0 if the instance resource is reclaimed.

By using the \texttt{sample\_rank}, \texttt{generation\_rank} and \texttt{absolute\_generation\_rank} information in the SampleInfo structure, your application can determine exactly what happened to the instance and thus make appropriate decisions of what to do with the DDS data samples received for the instance. For example:

- A DDS sample with \texttt{sample\_rank} = 0 is the newest DDS sample of the instance in the returned sequence.
- DDS samples that belong to the same generation will have the same \texttt{generation\_rank} (as well as \texttt{absolute\_generation\_rank}).
- DDS samples with \texttt{absolute\_generation\_rank} = 0 belong to the newest generation for the instance received by the DataReader.

7.4.6.6 Valid Data Flag

The SampleInfo structure’s \texttt{valid\_data} flag indicates whether the DDS sample contains data or is only used to communicate a change in the \texttt{instance\_state} of the instance.

Normally, each DDS sample contains both a SampleInfo structure and some data. However, there are situations in which the DDS sample only contains the SampleInfo and does not have any associated data. This occurs when Connext DDS notifies the application of a change of state for an instance that was caused by some internal mechanism (such as a timeout) for which there is no associated data. An example is whenConnext DDS detects that an instance has no writers and changes the corresponding \texttt{instance\_state} to NOT\_ALIVE\_NO\_WRITERS.

If this flag is TRUE, then the DDS sample contains valid Data. If the flag is FALSE, the Dds Sample contains no data.

To ensure correctness and portability, your application must check the \texttt{valid\_data} flag prior to accessing the data associated with the DDS sample, and only access the data if it is TRUE.
7.5 Subscriber QosPolicies

Subscribers have the same set of QosPolicies as Publishers; see Publisher/Subscriber QosPolicies (Section 6.4 on page 310).

- ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313)
- EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.3 on page 316)
- GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)
- PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321)
- PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)

7.6 DataReader QosPolicies

This section describes the QosPolicies that are strictly for DataReaders (not for DataWriters). For a complete list of QosPolicies that apply to DataReaders, see Table 7.16 DataReader QosPolicies.

- DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 below)
- DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)
- READER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy (Section 7.6.3 on page 521)
- TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy (Section 7.6.4 on page 524)
- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527)
- TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT QosPolicy (Section 7.6.6 on page 530)

7.6.1 DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy applies only to DataReaders that are set up for reliable operation (see RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)). This policy allows the application to fine-tune the reliability protocol separately for each DataReader. For details of the reliable protocol used by Connext DDS, see Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

Connext DDS uses a standard protocol for packet (user and meta data) exchange between applications. The DataReaderProtocol QosPolicy gives you control over configurable portions of the protocol, including the configuration of the reliable data delivery mechanism of the protocol on a per DataReader basis.

These configuration parameters control timing and timeouts, and give you the ability to trade off between speed of data loss detection and repair, versus network and CPU bandwidth used to maintain reliability.

It is important to tune the reliability protocol on a per DataReader basis to meet the requirements of the end-user application so that data can be sent between DataWriters and DataReaders in an efficient and optimal manner in the presence of data loss.
You can also use this QosPolicy to control how DDS responds to "slow" reliable DataReaders or ones that disconnect or are otherwise lost.

See the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) for more information on the per-DataReader/DataWriter reliability configuration. The HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) also play an important role in the DDS reliability protocol.

This policy includes the members presented in Table 7.19 DDS_DataReaderProtocolQosPolicy and Table 7.20 DDS_RtpsReliableReaderProtocol_t. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

When setting the fields in this policy, the following rule applies. If this is false, Connext DDS returns DDS_RETCODE_INCONSISTENT_POLICY when setting the QoS:

\[
\text{max}_\text{heartbeat}_\text{response}_\text{delay} \geq \text{min}_\text{heartbeat}_\text{response}_\text{delay}
\]

Table 7.19 DDS_DataReaderProtocolQosPolicy

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>virtual_guid</td>
<td>The virtual GUID (Global Unique Identifier) is used to uniquely identify the same DataReader across multiple incarnations. In other words, this value allows Connext DDS to remember information about a DataReader that may be deleted and then recreated. This value is used to provide durable reader state. For more information, see Durability and Persistence Based on Virtual GUIDs (Section 12.2 on page 679). By default, Connext DDS will assign a virtual GUID automatically. If you want to restore the DataReader’s state after a restart, you can get the DataReader’s virtual GUID using its get_qos() operation, then set the virtual GUID of the restarted DataReader to the same value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDSUnsignedLong</td>
<td>rtps_object_id</td>
<td>Determines the DataReader’s RTPS object ID, according to the DDS-RTPS Interoperability Wire Protocol. Only the last 3 bytes are used; the most significant byte is ignored. The rtps_host_id, rtps_app_id, rtps_instance_id in the WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609), together with the 3 least significant bytes in rtps_object_id, and another byte assigned by Connext DDS to identify the entity type, forms the BuiltinTopicKey in SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>expects_inline_qos</td>
<td>Specifies whether this DataReader expects inline QoS with every DDS sample. DataReaders usually rely on the discovery process to propagate QoS changes for matched DataWriters. Another way to get QoS information is to have it sent inline with a DDS sample. With Connext DDS, DataWriters and DataReaders cache discovery information, so sending inline QoS is typically unnecessary. The use of inline QoS is only needed for stateless implementations of DDS in which DataReaders do not cache Discovery information. The complete set of QoS that a DataWriter may send inline is specified by the Real-Time Publish-Subscribe (RTPS) Wire Interoperability Protocol. Note: The use of inline QoS creates an additional wire-payload, consuming extra bandwidth and serialization/deserialization time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks</td>
<td>Determines whether the DataReader sends positive acknowledgements (ACKs) to matching DataWriters. When TRUE, the matching DataWriter will keep DDS samples in its queue for this DataReader for a minimum keep duration (see Disabling Positive Acknowledgements (Section 6.5.3.3 on page 352)). When strict-reliability is not required and NACK-based reliability is sufficient, setting this field reduces overhead network traffic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>propagate_dispose_of_unregistered_instances</td>
<td>Indicates whether or not an instance can move to the DDS_NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED_INSTANCE_STATE state without being in the DDS_ALIVE_INSTANCE_STATE state. When set to TRUE, the DataReader will receive dispose notifications even if the instance is not alive. This field only applies to keyed DataReaders. To make sure the key is available to the FooDataReader’s get_key_value() operation, use this option in combination with setting the DataWriter’s serialize_key_with_dispose field (in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL_QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)) to TRUE. See Propagating Serialized Keys with Disposed-Instance Notifications (Section 6.5.3.5 on page 354).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>propagate_unregister_of_disposed_instances</td>
<td>Indicates whether or not an instance can move to the DDS_NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS_INSTANCE_STATE state without being in the DDS_ALIVE_INSTANCE_STATE state. When set to TRUE, the DataReader will receive unregister notifications even if the instance is not alive. This field only applies to keyed DataReaders.</td>
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<td>DDS_RtpsReliableReader-Protocol_t</td>
<td>rtps_reliable_reader</td>
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<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>heartbeat_suppression_duration</td>
<td>How long additionally received heartbeats are suppressed. When a reliable DataReader receives consecutive heartbeats within a short duration, this may trigger redundant NACKs. To prevent the DataReader from sending redundant NACKs, the DataReader may ignore the latter heartbeat(s) for this amount of time. See How Often Heartbeats are Resent (heartbeat_period) (Section 10.3.4.1 on page 644).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>min_heartbeat_response_delay</td>
<td>Minimum delay between when the DataReader receives a heartbeat and when it sends an ACK/NACK.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_heartbeat_response_delay</td>
<td>Maximum delay between when the DataReader receives a heartbeat and when it sends an ACK/NACK. Increasing this value helps prevent NACK storms, but increases latency.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>nack_period</td>
<td>Rate at which to send negative acknowledgements to new DataWriters. See Example (Section 7.6.1.3 on page 514).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>receive_window_size</td>
<td>The number of received out-of-order DDS samples a reader can keep at a time. See Receive Window Size (Section 7.6.1.1 on the next page)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>round_trip_time</td>
<td>The duration from sending a NACK to receiving a repair of a DDS sample. See Round-Trip Time For Filtering Redundant NACKs (Section 7.6.1.2 on page 514)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>app_ack_period</td>
<td>The period at which application-level acknowledgment messages are sent. A DataReader sends application-level acknowledgment messages to a DataWriter at this periodic rate, and will continue sending until it receives a message from the DataWriter that it has received and processed the acknowledgment.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Receive Window Size

A reliable `DataReader` presents DDS samples it receives to the user in-order. If it receives DDS samples out-of-order, it stores them internally until the other missing DDS samples are received. For example, if the `DataWriter` sends DDS samples 1 and 2, if the `DataReader` receives 2 first, it will wait until it receives 1 before passing the DDS samples to the user.

The number of out-of-order DDS samples that a `DataReader` can keep is set by the `receive_window_size`. A larger window allows more out-of-order DDS samples to be kept. When the window is full, any subsequent out-of-order DDS samples received will be dropped, and such drops would necessitate NACK repairs that would degrade throughput. So, in network environments where out-of-order samples are more probable or where NACK repairs are costly, this window likely should be increased.

By default, the window is set to 256, which is the maximum number of DDS samples a single NACK submessage can request.
7.6.1.2 Round-Trip Time For Filtering Redundant NACKs

When a DataReader requests for a DDS sample to be resent, there is a delay from when the NACK is sent, to when it receives the resent DDS sample. During that delay, the DataReader may receive HEARTBEATs that normally would trigger another NACK for the same DDS sample. Such redundant repairs waste bandwidth and degrade throughput.

The round_trip_time is a user-configured estimate of the delay between sending a NACK to receiving a repair. A DataReader keeps track of when a DDS sample has been NACK’d, and will prevent subsequent NACKs from redundantly requesting for the same DDS sample, until the round trip time has passed.

Note that the default value of 0 seconds means that the DataReader does not filter for redundant NACKs.

7.6.1.3 Example

For many applications, changing these values will not be necessary. However, the more nodes that your distributed application uses, and the greater the amount of network traffic it generates, the more likely it is that you will want to consider experimenting with these values.

When a reliable DataReader receives a heartbeat from a DataWriter, it will send an ACK/NACK packet back to the DataWriter. Instead of sending the packet out immediately, the DataReader can choose to send it after a delay. This policy sets the minimum and maximum time to delay; the actual delay will be a random value in between. (For more on heartbeats and ACK/NACK messages, see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).)

Why is a delay useful? For DataWriters that have multiple reliable DataReaders, an efficient way of heartbeating all of the DataReaders is to send a single heartbeat via multicast. In that case, all of the DataReaders will receive the heartbeat (approximately) simultaneously. If all DataReaders immediately respond with a ACK/NACK packet, the network may be flooded. While the size of a ACK/NACK packet is relatively small, as the number of DataReaders increases, the chance of packet collision also increases. All of these conditions may lead to dropped packets which forces the DataWriter to send out additional heartbeats that cause more simultaneous heartbeats to be sent, ultimately resulting a network packet storm.

By forcing each DataReader to wait for a random amount of time, bounded by the minimum and maximum values in this policy, before sending an ACK/NACK response to a heartbeat, the use of the network is spread out over a period of time, decreasing the peak bandwidth required as well as the likelihood of dropped packets due to collisions. This can increase the overall performance of the reliable connection while avoiding a network storm.

When a reliable DataReader first matches a reliable DataWriter, the DataReader sends periodic NACK messages at the specified period to pull historical data from the DataWriter. The DataReader will stop sending periodic NACKs when it has received all historical data available at the time that it matched the DataWriter. The DataReader ensures that at least one NACK is sent per period; for example, if, within a NACK period, the DataReader responds to a HEARTBEAT message with a NACK, then the DataReader will not send another periodic NACK.
7.6.1.4 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DataReader is created.

It only applies to DataReaders, so there are no restrictions for setting it compatibly with respect to DataWriters.

7.6.1.5 Related QosPolicies

- DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)
- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)

7.6.1.6 Applicable Dds Entities

- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

7.6.1.7 System Resource Considerations

Changing the values in this policy requires making tradeoffs between minimizing latency (decreasing min_heartbeat_response_delay), maximizing determinism (decreasing the difference between min_heartbeat_response_delay and max_heartbeat_response_delay), and minimizing network collisions/spreading out the ACK/NACK packets across a time interval (increasing the difference between min_heartbeat_response_delay and max_heartbeat_response_delay and/or shifting their values between different DataReaders).

If the values are poorly chosen with respect to the characteristics and requirements of a given application, the latency and/or throughput of the application may suffer.

7.6.2 DATA_READERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The DATA_READERRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy extends your control over the memory allocated by Connext DDS for DataReaders beyond what is offered by the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402). RESOURCE_LIMITS controls memory allocation with respect to the DataReader itself: the number of DDS samples that it can store in the receive queue and the number of instances that it can manage simultaneously. DATA_READERRESOURCE_LIMITS controls memory allocation on a per matched-DataWriter basis. The two are orthogonal.

This policy includes the members in Table 7.21 DDS_DataReaderResourceLimitsQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
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| DDS_Long  | max_remote_writers          | Maximum number of DataWriters from which a DataReader may receive DDS data samples, among all instances.
For unkeyed Topics: max_remote_writers must = max_remote_writers_per_instance |
|           | max_remote_writers_per_instance | Maximum number of DataWriters from which a DataReader may receive DDS data samples for a single instance.
For unkeyed Topics: max_remote_writers must = max_remote_writers_per_instance |
|           | max_samples_per_remote_writer | Maximum number of DDS samples received out-of-order that a DataReader can store from a single reliable DataWriter.
max_samples_per_remote_writer must be <= RESOURCE_LIMITS::max_samples |
|           | max_infos                   | Maximum number of DDS_SampleInfo structures that a DataReader can allocate.
max_infos must be >= RESOURCE_LIMITS::max_samples |
| DDS_Long  | initial_remote_writers      | Initial number of DataWriters from which a DataReader may receive DDS data samples, including all instances.
For unkeyed Topics: initial_remote_writers must = initial_remote_writers_per_instance |
|           | initial_remote_writers_per_instance | Initial number of DataWriters from which a DataReader may receive DDS data samples for a single instance.
For unkeyed Topics: initial_remote_writers must = initial_remote_writers_per_instance |
|           | initial_infos               | Initial number of DDS_SampleInfo structures that a DataReader will allocate. |
|           | initial_outstanding_reads   | Initial number of times in which memory can be concurrently loaned via read/take calls without being returned with return_loan(). |
|           | max_outstanding_reads       | Maximum number of times in which memory can be concurrently loaned via read/take calls without being returned with return_loan(). |
|           | max_samples_per_read        | Maximum number of DDS samples that can be read/taken on a DataReader. |
| DDS_Boolean | disable_fragmentation_support | Determines whether the DataReader can receive fragmented DDS samples.
When fragmentation support is not needed, disabling fragmentation support will save some memory resources. |
### Table 7.21 DDS_DataReaderResourceLimitsQosPolicy

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_fragmented_samples</td>
<td>The maximum number of DDS samples for which the <code>DataReader</code> may store fragments at a given point in time. At any given time, a <code>DataReader</code> may store fragments for up to max_fragmented_samples DDS samples while waiting for the remaining fragments. These DDS samples need not have consecutive sequence numbers and may have been sent by different <code>DataWriters</code>. Once all fragments of a DDS sample have been received, the DDS sample is treated as a regular DDS sample and becomes subject to standard QoS settings, such as max_samples. Connext DDS will drop fragments if the max_fragmented_samples limit has been reached. For best-effort communication, Connext DDS will accept a fragment for a new DDS sample, but drop the oldest fragmented DDS sample from the same remote writer. For reliable communication, Connext DDS will drop fragments for any new DDS samples until all fragments for at least one older DDS sample from that writer have been received. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_fragmented_samples</td>
<td>The initial number of DDS samples for which a <code>DataReader</code> may store fragments. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>max_fragmented_samples_per_remote_writer</td>
<td>The maximum number of DDS samples per remote writer for which a <code>DataReader</code> may store fragments. This is a logical limit, so a single remote writer cannot consume all available resources. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max.fragments_per_sample</td>
<td>Maximum number of fragments for a single DDS sample. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples</td>
<td>By default, the middleware does not allocate memory upfront, but instead allocates memory from the heap upon receiving the first fragment of a new sample. The amount of memory allocated equals the amount of memory needed to store all fragments in the sample. Once all fragments of a sample have been received, the sample is deserialized and stored in the regular receive queue. At that time, the dynamically allocated memory is freed again. This QoS setting is useful for large, but variable-sized data types where up-front memory allocation for multiple samples based on the maximum possible sample size may be expensive. The main disadvantage of not pre-allocation memory is that one can no longer guarantee the middleware will have sufficient resources at run-time. If dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples is FALSE, the middleware will allocate memory up-front for storing fragments for up to initial_fragmented_samples samples. This memory may grow up to max_fragmented_samples if needed. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_total_instances</td>
<td>Maximum number of instances for which a <code>DataReader</code> will keep state. See max_total_instances and max_instances (Section 7.6.2.1 on page 520)</td>
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### Table 7.21 DDS_DataReaderResourceLimitsQosPolicy

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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_remote_virtual_writers</td>
<td>The maximum number of virtual writers (identified by a virtual GUID) from which a <code>DataReader</code> may read, including all instances.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_remote_virtual_writers</td>
<td>The initial number of virtual writers from which a <code>DataReader</code> may read, including all instances.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_remote_virtual_writers_per_instance</td>
<td>Maximum number of virtual remote writers that can be associated with an instance. For unkeyed types, this value is ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The features of Durable Reader State and MultiChannel DataWriters, as well as Persistence Service⁸, require Connext DDS to keep some internal state per virtual writer and instance that is used to filter duplicate DDS samples. These duplicate DDS samples could be coming from different <code>DataWriter</code> channels or from multiple executions of Persistence Service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
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<td>Once an association between a remote virtual writer and an instance is established, it is permanent—it will not disappear even if the physical writer incarnating the virtual writer is destroyed.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>If <code>max_remote_virtual_writers_per_instance</code> is exceeded for an instance, Connext DDS will not associate this instance with new virtual writers. Duplicate DDS samples coming from these virtual writers will not be filtered on the reader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If you are not using Durable Reader State, MultiChannel <code>DataWriters</code> or Persistence Service, you can set this property to 1 to optimize resources.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>For additional information about the virtual writers see <a href="#">Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence</a> (Section Chapter 12 on page 674).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_remote_virtual_writers_per_instance</td>
<td>Initial number of virtual remote writers per instance. For unkeyed types, this value is ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_remote_writers_per_sample</td>
<td>Maximum number of remote writers that are allowed to write the same DDS sample.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>One scenario in which two DataWriters may write the same DDS sample is when using Persistence Service. The <code>DataReader</code> may receive the same DDS sample from the original DataWriter and from an Persistence Service DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

⁸Persistence Service is included with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types. It saves DDS data samples so they can be delivered to subscribing applications that join the system at a later time (see [Introduction to RTI Persistence Service](#) (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)).
**Table 7.21 DDS_DataReaderResourceLimitsQosPolicy**

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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_query_condition_filters</td>
<td>This value determines the maximum number of unique query condition content filters that a reader may create. Each query condition content filter is comprised of both its <code>query_expression</code> and <code>query_parameters</code>. Two query conditions that have the same <code>query_expression</code> will require unique query condition filters if their <code>query_parameters</code> differ. Query conditions that differ only in their state masks will share the same query condition filter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_app_ack_response_length</td>
<td>Maximum length of application-level acknowledgment response data. The maximum length of response data in an application-level acknowledgment. When set to zero, no response data is sent with application-level acknowledgments.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>keep_minimum_state_for_instances</td>
<td>Determines whether the DataReader keeps a minimum instance state for up to <code>max_total_instances</code>. The minimum state is useful for filtering samples in certain scenarios. See <code>max_total_instances</code> and <code>max_instances</code> (Section 7.6.2.1 on the facing page).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DataReaders must allocate internal structures to handle: the maximum number of DataWriters that may connect to it; whether or not a DataReader handles data fragmentation and how many data fragments that it may handle (for DDS data samples larger than the MTU of the underlying network transport); how many simultaneous outstanding loans of internal memory holding DDS data samples can be provided to user code; as well as others.

Most of these internal structures start at an initial size and, by default, will grow as needed by dynamically allocating additional memory. You may set fixed, maximum sizes for these internal structures if you want to bound the amount of memory that can be used by a DataReader. Setting the initial size to the maximum size will prevent Connext DDS from dynamically allocating any memory after the DataReader is created.

This policy also controls how the allocated internal data structure may be used. For example, DataReaders need data structures to keep track of all of the DataWriters that may be sending it DDS data samples. The total number of DataWriters that it can keep track of is set by the `initial_remote_writers` and `max_remote_writers` values. For keyed Topics, `initial_remote_writers_per_instance` and `max_remote_writers_per_instance` control the number of DataWriters allowed by the DataReader to modify the value of a single instance.

By setting the max value to be less than `max_remote_writers`, you can prevent instances with many DataWriters from using up the resources and starving other instances. Once the resources for keeping track of DataWriters are used up, the DataReader will not be able to accept “connections” from new DataWriters. The DataReader will not be able to receive data from new matching DataWriters which would be ignored.

In the reliable protocol used by Connext DDS to support a RELIABLE setting for the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397), the DataReader must temporarily store DDS data samples that have been received out-of-order from a reliable DataWriter. The storage of out-of-order DDS samples is
allocated from the DataReader’s receive queue and shared among all reliable DataWriters. The parameter max_samples_per_remote_writer controls the maximum number of out-of-order data DDS samples that the DataReader is allowed to store for a single DataWriter. This value must be less than the max_samples value set in the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).

max_samples_per_remote_writer allows Connext DDS to share the limited resources of the DataReader equitably so that a single DataWriter is unable to use up all of the storage of the DataReader while missing DDS data samples are being resent.

When setting the values of the members, the following rules apply:

- max_remote_writers >= initial_remote_writers
- max_remote_writers_per_instance >= initial_remote_writers_per_instance
- max_remote_writers_per_instance <= max_remote_writers
- max_infos >= initial_infos
  max_infos >= RESOURCE_LIMITS::max_samples
- max_outstanding_reads >= initial_outstanding_reads
- max_remote_writers >= max_remote_writers_per_instance
- max_samples_per_remote_writer <= RESOURCE_LIMITS::max_samples

If any of the above are false, Connext DDS returns the error code DDS_RETCODE_INCONSISTENT_POLICY when setting the DataReader’s QoS.

7.6.2.1 max_total_instances and max_instances

The features Durable Reader State (Section 12.4 on page 685), Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823), and Persistence Service (Part 6: RTI Persistence Service (Section on page 931)) require Connext DDS to keep some internal state even for instances without DataWriters or DDS samples in the DataReader’s queue or that have been purged due to a dispose. The additional state is used to filter duplicate DDS samples that could be coming from different DataWriter channels or from multiple executions of Persistence Service. The total maximum number of instances that will be managed by the middleware, including instances without associated DataWriters or DDS samples or that have been purged due to a dispose, is determined by max_total_instances. This additional state will only be kept for up to max_total_instances if keep_minimum_state_for_instances is TRUE, otherwise the additional state will not be kept for any instances.

7.6.2.2 Example

The max_samples_per_remote_writer value affects sharing and starvation. max_samples_per_remote_writer can be set to less than the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy’s max_samples to prevent a single DataWriter from starving others. This control is especially important for Topics that have their OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387) set to SHARED.
In the case of **EXCLUSIVE** ownership, a lower-strength remote *DataWriter* can "starve" a higher-strength remote *DataWriter* by making use of more of the *DataReader*'s resources, an undesirable condition. In the case of **SHARED** ownership, a remote *DataWriter* may starve another remote *DataWriter*, making the sharing not really equal.

### 7.6.2.3 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the *DataReader* is created.

It only applies to *DataReaders*, so there are no restrictions for setting it compatibly on the *DataWriter*.

### 7.6.2.4 Related QosPolicies

- RESOURCE_LIMTS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)
- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)

### 7.6.2.5 Applicable Dds Entities

- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

### 7.6.2.6 System Resource Considerations

Increasing any of the “initial” values in this policy will increase the amount of memory allocated by Connext DDS when a new *DataReader* is created. Increasing any of the “max” values will not affect the initial memory allocated for a new *DataReader*, but will affect how much additional memory may be allocated as needed over the *DataReader*’s lifetime.

Setting a max value greater than an initial value thus allows your application to use memory more dynamically and efficiently in the event that the size of the application is not well-known ahead of time. However, Connext DDS may dynamically allocate memory in response to network communications.

### 7.6.3 READER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy

This policy controls the behavior of the *DataReader* with regards to the lifecycle of the data instances it manages, that is, the data instances that have been received and for which the *DataReader* maintains some internal resources.

When a *DataReader* receives data, it is stored in a receive queue for the *DataReader*. The user application may either take the data from the queue or leave it there. This QoS controls whether or not Connext DDS will automatically remove data from the receive queue (so that user applications cannot access it afterwards) when Connext DDS detects that there are no more *DataWriters* alive for that data.

*DataWriters* may also call `dispose()` on its data, informing *DataReaders* that the data no longer exists. This QosPolicy also controls whether or not Connext DDS automatically removes disposed data from the receive queue.
For keyed Topics, the consideration of removing DDS data samples from the receive queue is done on a per instance (key) basis. Thus when Connext DDS detects that there are no longer DataWriters alive for a certain key value for a Topic (an instance of the Topic), it can be configured to remove all DDS data samples for a certain instance (key). DataWriters also can dispose its data on a per instance basis. Only the DDS data samples of disposed instances would be removed by Connext DDS if so configured.

This policy helps purge untaken DDS samples from not-alive-instances and thus may prevent a DataReader from reclaiming resources. With this policy, the untaken DDS samples from not-alive-instances are purged and treated as if the DDS samples were taken after the specified amount of time.

The DataReader internally maintains the DDS samples that have not been taken by the application, subject to the constraints imposed by other QoS policies such as HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) and RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).

The DataReader also maintains information regarding the identity, view-state, and instance-state of data instances, even after all DDS samples have been ‘taken’ (see Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492)). This is needed to properly compute the states when future DDS samples arrive.

Under normal circumstances, a DataReader can only reclaim all resources for instances for which there are no DataWriters and for which all DDS samples have been ‘taken.’ The last DDS sample taken by the DataReader for that instance will have an instance state of NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS or NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED_INSTANCE (depending on whether or not the instance was disposed by the last DataWriter that owned it.) If you are using the default (infinite) values for this QosPolicy, this behavior can cause problems if the application does not ‘take’ those DDS samples for some reason. The ‘untaken’ DDS samples will prevent the DataReader from reclaiming the resources and they would remain in the DataReader indefinitely.

A DataReader can also reclaim all resources for instances that have an instance state of NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED and for which all DDS samples have been ‘taken’. DataReaders will only reclaim resources in this situation when autopurge_disposed_instances_delay has been set to zero.

It includes the members in Table 7.22 DDS_ReaderDataLifecycleQosPolicy.

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<td>DDS_Duration</td>
<td>autopurge_nowriter_samples_delay</td>
<td>How long the DataReader maintains information about an instance once its instance_state becomes NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration</td>
<td>autopurge_disposed_samples_delay</td>
<td>How long the DataReader maintains information about an instance once its instance_state becomes NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED.</td>
</tr>
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7.6.3.1 Properties

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<tr>
<td>DDS_</td>
<td>duration_t</td>
<td>autopurge_disposed_instances_delay: How long the DataReader maintains information about and instance once its instance_state becomes NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED. (Note: only values of 0 or INFINITE are currently supported).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

** autopurge_nowriter_samples_delay:** This defines the minimum duration for which the DataReader will maintain information regarding an instance once its instance_state becomes NOT_ALIVE_NO_WRITERS. After this time elapses, the DataReader will purge all internal information regarding the instance, any untaken DDS samples will also be lost.

** autopurge_disposed_samples_delay:** This defines the minimum duration for which the DataReader will maintain DDS samples of an instance once its instance_state becomes NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED. After this time elapses, the DataReader will purge all internal information regarding the instance; any untaken DDS samples will also be lost.

** autopurge_disposed_instances_delay:** This defines the minimum duration for which the DataReader will maintain DDS samples of an instance once its instance_state becomes NOT_ALIVE_DISPOSED. After this time elapses, the DataReader will purge all internal information regarding the instance.

### 7.6.3.1 Properties

This QoS policy can be modified after the DataReader is enabled.

It only applies to DataReaders, so there are no RxO restrictions for setting it compatibly on the DataWriter.

### 7.6.3.2 Related QoS Policies

- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)
- LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)
- OWNERSHIP QosPolicy (Section 6.5.15 on page 387)
- RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)
- WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy (Section 6.5.27 on page 417)

### 7.6.3.3 Applicable Dds Entities

- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

### 7.6.3.4 System Resource Considerations

None.
7.6.4 TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy

The TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy allows you to specify that data should not be delivered more than once per specified period for data-instances of a DataReader—regardless of how fast DataWriters are publishing new DDS samples of the data-instance.

This QoS policy allows you to optimize resource usage (CPU and possibly network bandwidth) by only delivering the required amount of data to different DataReaders.

DataWriters may send data faster than needed by a DataReader. For example, a DataReader of sensor data that is displayed to a human operator in a GUI application does not need to receive data updates faster than a user can reasonably perceive changes in data values. This is often measure in tenths (0.1) of a second up to several seconds. However, a DataWriter of sensor information may have DataReaders that are processing the sensor information to control parts of the system and thus need new data updates in measures of hundredths (0.01) or thousandths (0.001) of a second.

With this QoS policy, different DataReaders can set their own time-based filters, so that data published faster than the period set by a DataReader will be dropped by the middleware and not delivered to the DataReader. Note that all filtering takes place on the reader side.

It includes the member in Table 7.23 DDS_TimeBasedFilterQosPolicy. For the default and valid range, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

### Table 7.23 DDS_TimeBasedFilterQosPolicy

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<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>minimum_separation</td>
<td>Minimum separation time between DDS samples of the same instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Must be &lt;= DEADLINE::period</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

As seen in Accepting Data for DataReaders (Section Figure 7.19 on the next page), it is inconsistent to set a DataReader’s minimum separation longer than its DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361) period.
Figure 7.19 Accepting Data for DataReaders

DDS data samples for a DataReader can be filtered out using the TIME_BASED_FILTER QoS (minimum_separation). Once a DDS sample for an instance has been received, Connext DDS will accept but drop any new data samples for the same instance that arrives within the time specified by minimum_separation. After the minimum_separation, a new DDS sample that arrives is accepted and stored in the receive queue, and the timer starts again. If no DDS samples arrive by the DEADLINE, the REQUESTED_DEADLINE_MISSED status will be changed and Listeners called back if installed.

This QosPolicy allows a DataReader to subsample the data being published for a data instance by DataWriters. If a user application only needs new DDS samples for a data instance to be received at a specified period, then there is no need for Connext DDS to deliver data faster than that period. However, whether or not data being published by a DataWriter at a faster rate than set by the TIME_BASED_FILTER QoS is sent on the wire depends on several factors, including whether the DataReader is receiving the data reliably and if the data is being sent via multicast for multiple DataReaders.

For best effort data delivery, if the data type is unkeyed and the DataWriter has an infinite liveliness lease_duration (LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)), Connext DDS will only send as many packets to a DataReader as required by the TIME_BASED_FILTER, no matter how fast the DataWriter’s write() function is called.

For multicast data delivery to multiple DataReaders, the DataReader with the lowest TIME_BASED_FILTER minimum_separation determines the DataWriter’s send rate. For example, if a DataWriter sends multicast to two DataReaders, one with minimum_separation of 2 seconds and one with minimum_separation of 1 second, the DataWriter will send every 1 second.

Other configurations (for example, when the DataWriter is reliable, or the data type is keyed, or the DataWriter has a finite liveliness lease_duration) must send all data published by the DataWriter. On reception, only the data that passes the TIME_BASED_FILTER will be stored in the DataReader’s
receive queue. Extra data will be accepted but dropped. Note that filtering is only applied on ‘alive’ DDS samples (that is, DDS samples that have not been disposed/unregistered).

7.6.4.1 Example

The purpose of this QosPolicy is to prevent fast DataWriters from overwhelming a DataReader that cannot process the data at the rate the data is being published. In certain configurations, the number of packets sent by Connext DDS can also be reduced thus minimizing the consumption of network bandwidth.

You may want to change the **minimum_separation** between DDS data samples for one or more of the following reasons:

- The DataReader is connected to the network via a low-bandwidth connection that is unable to sustain the amount of traffic generated by the matched DataWriter(s).
- The rate at which the matched DataWriter(s) can generate DDS samples is faster than the rate at which the DataReader can process them. Or faster than needed by the DataReader. For example, a graphical user interface seldom needs to be updated faster than 30 times a second, even if new data values are available much faster.
- The resource limits of the DataReader are constrained relative to the number of DDS samples that could be generated by the matched DataWriter(s). Too many packets coming at once will cause them to be exhausted before the DataReader has time to process them.

7.6.4.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be modified at any time.

It only applies to DataReaders, so there are no restrictions for setting it compatibly on the DataWriter.

7.6.4.3 Related QosPolicies

- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)
- DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361)
- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on the next page)

7.6.4.4 Applicable Dds Entities

- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

7.6.4.5 System Resource Considerations

Depending on the values of other QosPolicies such as RELIABILITY and TRANSPORT_MULTICAST, this policy may be able to decrease the usage of network bandwidth and CPU by preventing unneeded packets from being sent and processed.
This QosPolicy specifies the multicast address on which a DataReader wants to receive its data. It can also specify a port number as well as a subset of the available transports with which to receive the multicast data.

By default, DataWriters will send individually addressed packets for each DataReader that subscribes to the topic of the DataWriter—this is known as unicast delivery. Thus, as many copies of the data will be sent over the network as there are DataReaders for the data. The network bandwidth used by a DataWriter will thus increase linearly with the number of DataReaders.

Multicast is a concept supported by some transports, most notably UDP/IP, so that a single packet on the network can be addressed such that it is received by multiple nodes. This is more efficient when the same data needs to be sent to multiple nodes. By using multicast, the network bandwidth usage will be constant, independent of the number of DataReaders.

Coordinating the multicast address specified by DataReaders can help optimize network bandwidth usage in systems where there are multiple DataReaders for the same Topic.

The QosPolicy structure includes the members in Table 7.24 DDS_TransportMulticastQosPolicy.

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportMulticastSettingSeq (A sequence of the type shown in Table 7.25 DDS_TransportMulticastSetting_t)</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>A sequence of multicast locators. (See Locator Format (Section 14.2.1.1 on page 713).)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportMulticastKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>This field can be set to one of the following two values: DDS AUTOMATIC_TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_QOS or DDS UNICAST ONLY TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_QOS. If it is set to DDS AUTOMATIC_TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_QOS, the behavior depends on the content of DDS_TransportMulticastQosPolicy::value: If DDS_TransportMulticastQosPolicy::value does not have any elements, multicast will not be used. If DDS_TransportMulticastQosPolicy::value first element has an empty address, the address will be obtained from DDS_TransportMulticastMappingQosPolicy. If none of the elements in DDS_TransportMulticastQosPolicy::value are empty, and at least one element has a valid address, then that address will be used. If it is set to DDS UNICAST ONLY TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_QOS, then multicast will not be used.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### 7.6.5 TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QoSPolicy (DDS Extension)

#### Table 7.25 DDS_TransportMulticastSetting_t

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<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>transports</td>
<td>A sequence of transport aliases that specifies which transports should be used to receive multicast messages for this DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>receive_address</td>
<td>A multicast group address to which the DataWriter should send data for this DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>receive_port</td>
<td>The port that should be used in the addressing of multicast messages destined for this DataReader. A value of 0 will cause Connext DDS to use a default port number based on domain ID. See Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To take advantage of multicast, the value of this QoSPolicy must be coordinated among all of the applications on a network for DataReaders of the same Topic. For a DataWriter to send a single packet that will be received by all DataReaders simultaneously, the same multicast address must be used.

To use this QoSPolicy, you will also need to specify a port number. A port number of 0 will cause Connext DDS to automatically use a default value. As explained in Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737), the default port number for multicast addresses is based on the domain ID. Should you choose to use a different port number, then for every unique port number used by Entities in your application, depending on the transport, Connext DDS may create a thread to process messages received for that port on that transport. See Connext DDS Threading Model (Section Chapter 19 on page 836) for more about threads.

Threads are created on a per-transport basis, so if this QoSPolicy specifies multiple transports for a receive_port, then a thread may be created for each transport for that unique port. Some transports may be able to share a single thread for different ports, others can not. Note that different Entities can share the same port number, and thus, the same thread will process all of the data for all of the Entities sharing the same port number for a transport.

Also note that if the port number specified by this QoS is the same as a port number specified by a TRANSPORT_UNICAST QoS, then the transport may choose to process data received both via multicast and unicast with a single thread. Whether or not a transport must use different threads to process data received via multicast or unicast for the same port number depends on the implementation of the transport.

**Notes:**

- The same multicast address can be used by DataReaders of different Topics.
- Even though the TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QoS allows you to specify multiple multicast addresses for a DataReader, Connext DDS currently only uses one multicast address (the first in the sequence) per DataReader.
If a DataWriter is using the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384), the multicast addresses specified in the TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy are ignored by that DataWriter. The DataWriter will not publish DDS samples on those locators.

### 7.6.5.1 Example

In an airport, there may be many different monitors that display current flight information. Assuming each monitor is controlled by a networked application, network bandwidth would be greatly reduced if flight information was published using multicast.

**Figure 7.20 Setting Up a Multicast DataReader** below shows an example of how to set this QosPolicy.

**Figure 7.20 Setting Up a Multicast DataReader**

```java
...
DDS_DataReaderQos reader_qos;
reader_listener = new HelloWorldListener();
if (reader_listener == NULL) {
    // handle error
}
// Get default data reader QoS to customize
retcode = subscriber->get_default_datareader_qos(reader_qos);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Set up multicast reader
reader_qos.multicast.value.ensure_length(1,1);
reader_qos.multicast.value[0].receive_address =
    DDS_String_dup("239.192.0.1");
reader = subscriber->create_datareader(
    topic, reader_qos,
    reader_listener, DDS.Status_MASK_ALL);
```

### 7.6.5.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the *Entity* is created.

For compatibility between DataWriters and DataReaders, the DataWriter must be able to send to the multicast address that the DataReader has specified.

### 7.6.5.3 Related QosPolicies

- MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384)
- TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410)
- TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)
7.6.5.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)
- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

7.6.5.5 System Resource Considerations

On Ethernet-based systems, the number of multicast addresses that can be “listened” to by the network interface card is usually limited. The exact number of multicast addresses that can be monitored simultaneously by a NIC depends on its manufacturer. Setting a multicast address for a DataReader will use up one of the multicast-address slots of the NIC.

What happens if the number of different multicast addresses used by different DataReaders across different applications on the same node exceeds the total number supported by a NIC depends on the specific operating system. Some will prevent you from configuring too many multicast addresses to be monitored. Many operating systems will accommodate the extra multicast addresses by putting the NIC in promiscuous mode. This means that the NIC will pass every Ethernet packet to the operating system, and the operating system will pass the packets with the specified multicast addresses to the application(s). This results in extra CPU usage. We recommend that your applications do not use more multicast addresses on a single node than the NICs on that node can listen to simultaneously in hardware.

Depending on the implementation of a transport, Connext DDS may need to create threads to receive and process data on a unique-port-number basis. Some transports can share the same thread to process data received for different ports; others like UDPv4 must have different threads for different ports. In addition, if the same port is used for both unicast and multicast, the transport implementation will determine whether or not the same thread can be used to process both unicast and multicast data. For UDPv4, only one thread is needed per port–independent of whether the data was received via unicast or multicast data. See Receive Threads (Section 19.3 on page 838) for more information.

7.6.6 TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT QosPolicy

The TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy defines the rules that determine whether the type used to publish a given topic is consistent with the type used to subscribe to it.

The QosPolicy structure includes the member in Table 7.26 DDS_TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy.
### Table 7.26 DDS_TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy

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<th>Type</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_TypeConsistencyKind</td>
<td>kind</td>
<td>Can be either:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DISALLOW_TYPE_COERCION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• ALLOW_TYPE_COERCION (default)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

See Values for TypeConsistencyKind (Section below) for details.

The type-consistency enforcement rules consist of two steps:

1. If both the *DataWriter* and *DataReader* specify a TypeObject, it is considered first. If the *DataReader* allows type coercion, then its type must be assignable from the *DataWriter*’s type. If the *DataReader* does not allow type coercion, then its type must be structurally identical to the type of the *DataWriter*.

2. If either the *DataWriter* or the *DataReader* does not provide a TypeObject definition, then the registered type names are examined. The *DataReader’s* and *DataWriter’s* registered type names must match exactly.

If either Step 1 or Step 2 fails, the *Topics* associated with the *DataWriter* and *DataWriter* are considered to be inconsistent and the INCONSISTENT_TOPIC Status (Section 5.3.1 on page 206) is updated.

The default enforcement kind is DDS_ALLOW_TYPE_COERCION. However, when the middleware is introspecting the built-in topic data declaration of a remote *DataWriter* in order to determine whether it can match with a local *DataWriter*, if it observes that no TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy value is provided (as would be the case when communicating with a Service implementation not in conformance with this specification), it assumes a kind of DDS_DISALLOW_TYPE_COERCION.

**Values for TypeConsistencyKind**

- **DISALLOW_TYPE_COERCION**

With this setting, the *DataWriter* and *DataReader* must support the same data type in order for them to communicate. (This is the degree of enforcement required by the OMG DDS Specification prior to the OMG Extensible and Dynamic Topic Types for DDS Specification\(^1\).)

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\(^1\) [http://www.omg.org/spec/DDS-XTypes/](http://www.omg.org/spec/DDS-XTypes/)
When Connext DDS is introspecting the built-in topic data declaration of a remote DataWriter or DataReader, if no TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy value is provided (as would be the case when communicating with an implementation not in conformance with the Extensible and Dynamic Topic Types for DDS" (DDS-XTypes) specification), Connext DDS shall assume a kind of DISALLOW_TYPE_COERCION.

- **ALLOW_TYPE_COERCION** (default)

With this setting, the DataWriter and the DataReader need not support the same data type in order for them to communicate, as long as the DataReader’s type is assignable from the DataWriter’s type.

For example, the following two extensible types will be assignable to each other since MyDerivedType contains all the members of MyBaseType (member_1) plus an additional element (member_2).

```c
struct MyBaseType {
  long member_1;
};
struct MyDerivedType: MyBaseType {
  long member_2;
};
```

Even if MyDerivedType was not explicitly inherited from MyBaseType, the types would still be assignable. For example:

```c
struct MyBaseType {
  long member_1;
};
struct MyDerivedType {
  long member_1;
  long member_2;
};
```

For more information, see the RTI Core Libraries Getting Started Guide Addendum for Extensible Types and the OMG ‘Extensible and Dynamic Topic Types for DDS’ Specification\(^1\).

### 7.6.6.1 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DataReader is enabled.

It only applies to DataReaders, so there is no requirement that the publishing and subscribing sides use compatible values.

\(^1\)http://www.omg.org/spec/DDS-XTypes/
7.6.6.2 Related QoS Policies

- None.

7.6.6.3 Applicable Entities

- DataReaders (Section 7.3 on page 457)

7.6.6.4 System Resource Considerations

None.
Chapter 8 Working with DDS Domains

This section discusses how to use DomainParticipants. It describes the types of operations that are available for them and their QosPolicies.

This section includes:

The goal of this section is to help you become familiar with the objects you need for setting up your Connext DDS application. For specific details on any mentioned operations, see the API Reference HTML documentation.

8.1 Fundamentals of DDS Domains and DomainParticipants

DomainParticipants are the focal point for creating, destroying, and managing other Connext DDS objects. A DDS domain is a logical network of applications: only applications that belong to the same DDS domain may communicate using Connext DDS. A DDS domain is identified by a unique integer value known as a domain ID. An application participates in a DDS domain by creating a DomainParticipant for that domain ID.
Applications can belong to multiple DDS domains—A belongs to DDS domains 1 and 2. Applications in the same DDS domain can communicate with each other, such as A and B, or A and C. Applications in different DDS domains, such as B and C, are not even aware of each other and will not exchange messages.

As seen in Figure 8.1 Relationship between Applications and DDS Domains above, a single application can participate in multiple DDS domains by creating multiple DomainParticipants with different domain IDs. DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain form a logical network; they are isolated from DomainParticipants of other DDS domains, even those running on the same set of physical computers sharing the same physical network. DomainParticipants in different DDS domains will never exchange messages with each other. Thus, a DDS domain establishes a “virtual network” linking all DomainParticipants that share the same domain ID.

An application that wants to participate in a certain DDS domain will need to create a DomainParticipant. As seen in Figure 8.2 DDS Domain Module on the facing page, a DomainParticipant object is a container for all other Entities that belong to the same DDS domain. It acts as factory for the Publisher, Subscriber, and Topic entities. (As seen in Sending Data (Section Chapter 6 on page 236) and Receiving Data (Section Chapter 7 on page 434), in turn, Publishers are factories for DataWriters and Subscribers are factories for DataReaders.) DomainParticipants cannot contain other DomainParticipants.

Like all Entities, DomainParticipants have QosPolicies and Listeners. The DomainParticipant entity also allows you to set ‘default’ values for the QosPolicies for all the entities created from it or from the entities that it creates (Publishers, Subscribers, Topics, DataWriters, and DataReaders).
Figure 8.2 DDS Domain Module

Note: MultiTopics are not supported.
8.2 DomainParticipantFactory

- C, Traditional C++, Java and .NET APIs:

The main purpose of a DomainParticipantFactory is to create and destroy DomainParticipants.

In C++ terms, this is a singleton class; that is, you will only have a single DomainParticipantFactory in an application—no matter how many DomainParticipants the application may create. Figure 8.3 Instantiating a DomainParticipantFactory below shows how to instantiate a DomainParticipantFactory. Notice that there are no parameters to specify. Alternatively, in C++, C++/CLI, and C#, the predefined macro, DDSTheParticipantFactory,\(^1\) can also be used to retrieve the singleton factory.

Unlike the other Entities that you create, the DomainParticipantFactory does not have an associated Listener. However, it does have associated QosPolicies, see Setting DomainParticipantFactory QosPolicies (Section 8.2.1 on page 541). You can change them using the factory’s get_qos() and set_qos() operations. The DomainParticipantFactory also stores the default QoS settings that can be used when a DomainParticipant is created. These default settings can be changed as well, see Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566).

Figure 8.3 Instantiating a DomainParticipantFactory

```
DDSDomainParticipantFactory* factory = NULL;
factory = DDSDomainParticipantFactory::get_instance();
if (factory == NULL) {
    // ... error
}
```

\(^1\)In C, the macro is DDS_TheParticipantFactory. In Java, use the static class method DomainParticipantFactory.TheParticipantFactory.
- Modern C++ API:

In the Modern C++ API, there isn’t a explicit DomainParticipantFactory. DomainParticipants are created using their constructors and are automatically destroyed as a reference type (See Creating and Deleting DDS Entities (Section 4.1.1 on page 142)).

The operations to set and get the default DomainParticipantQos are static functions in DomainParticipant: DomainParticipant::default_participant_qos(). The operations to look up participants are freestanding functions in the dds::domain and rti::domain namespaces: dds::domain::find(), rti::domain::find_participant_by_name(), and rti::domain::find_participants(). The class QosProvider is responsible for managing QoS profiles (see How to Load XML-Specified QoS Settings (Section 17.5 on page 809)).

There is a DomainParticipantFactoryQos, but it only contains the ENTITY_FACTORY to indicate if a DomainParticipant should be enabled in its constructor or by calling enable(), and SYSTEM_RESOURCE_LIMITS. The DomainParticipantFactoryQos getter and setter are static functions in DomainParticipant: DomainParticipant::participant_factory_qos().

Another static function in DomainParticipant allows finalizing the implicit DomainParticipantFactory singleton: DomainParticipant::finalize_participant_factory().

Once you have a DomainParticipantFactory, you can use it to perform the operations listed in Table 8.1 DomainParticipantFactory Operations. The most important one is create_participant(), described in Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554). For more details on all operations, see the API Reference HTML documentation as well as the section of the manual listed in the Reference column.
## 8.2 DomainParticipantFactory

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<td>create_participant</td>
<td>Creates a <code>DomainParticipant</code>.</td>
<td>Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>create_participant_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a <code>DomainParticipant</code> based on a QoS profile.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>delete_participant</td>
<td>Deletes a <code>DomainParticipant</code>.</td>
<td>Deleting DomainParticipants (Section 8.3.2 on page 556)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_default_participant_qos</td>
<td>Gets the default QoS for <code>DomainParticipants</code>.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.2 on page 543)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_participants</td>
<td>Returns a sequence of pointers to all the <code>DomainParticipants</code> within the DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>lookup_participant</td>
<td>Finds a specific <code>DomainParticipant</code>, based on a domain ID.</td>
<td>Looking Up DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.4 on page 544)</td>
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<td>lookup_participant_by_name</td>
<td>Finds a specific <code>DomainParticipant</code>, based on a domain name.</td>
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<td>set_default_participant_qos</td>
<td>Sets the default QoS for <code>DomainParticipants</code>.</td>
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<td>set_default_participant_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default QoS for <code>DomainParticipants</code> based on a QoS profile.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Factory’s Instance</td>
<td>get_instance</td>
<td>Gets the singleton instance of this class.</td>
<td>Freeing Resources Used by the DomainParticipantFactory (Section 8.2.3 on page 544)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>finalize_instance</td>
<td>Destroys the singleton instance of this class.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Factory’s Own QoS</td>
<td>get_qos</td>
<td>Gets/sets the DomainParticipantFactory’s QoS.</td>
<td>Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>set_qos</td>
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<td></td>
<td>equals</td>
<td>Compares two DomainParticipantFactory’s QoS structures for equality.</td>
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<td>Threads</td>
<td>set_thread_factory</td>
<td>Specifies a ThreadFactory implementation that DomainParticipants will use to create and delete all threads.</td>
<td>User-Managed Threads (Section 19.7 on page 843)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>unregister_thread</td>
<td>Frees all resources related to a thread.</td>
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<td>This function is intended to be used at the end of any user-created threads that invoke Connext DDS APIs (not all users will have this situation). The best approach is to call it immediately before exiting such a thread, after all Connext DDS APIs have been called.</td>
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<td>get_default_library</td>
<td>Gets the default library for a DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting the DomainParticipantFactory’s Default QoS Profile and Library (Section 8.2.1.1 on the facing page)</td>
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<td>get_default_profile</td>
<td>Gets the default QoS profile for a DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
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<td>get_default_profile_library</td>
<td>Gets the library that contains the default QoS profile for a DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_&lt;entity&gt;_qos_from_profile</td>
<td>Gets the <code>&lt;entity&gt;</code> QoS values associated with a specified QoS profile. <code>&lt;entity&gt;</code> may be <code>topic</code>, <code>datareader</code>, <code>datawriter</code>, <code>subscriber</code>, <code>publisher</code>, or <code>participant</code>.</td>
<td>Getting QoS Values from a QoS Profile (Section 8.2.5 on page 545)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>get_&lt;entity&gt;_qos_from_profile_w_topic_name</td>
<td>Like get_&lt;entity&gt;_qos_from_profile(), but this operation allows you to specify a topic name associated with the entity. The topic filter expressions in the profile will be evaluated on the topic name. <code>&lt;entity&gt;</code> may be <code>topic</code>, <code>datareader</code>, or <code>datawriter</code>.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>get_qos_profiles</td>
<td>Gets the names of all XML QoS profiles associated with a specified XML QoS profile library.</td>
<td>Configuring QoS with XML (Section 17.4 on page 802)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>get_qos_profile_libraries</td>
<td>Gets the names of all XML QoS profile libraries associated with the DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
<td>Retrieving a List of Available Libraries (Section 17.10.1 on page 822)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>load_profiles</td>
<td>Explicitly loads or reloads the QoS profiles.</td>
<td>Loading, Reloading and Unloading Profiles (Section 17.5.1 on page 810)</td>
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<td>reload_profiles</td>
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<td>set_default_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default QoS profile for a DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting the DomainParticipantFactory’s Default QoS Profile and Library (Section 8.2.1.1 on the facing page)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>set_default_library</td>
<td>Sets the default library for a DomainParticipantFactory.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unload_profiles</td>
<td>Frees the resources associated with loading QoS profiles.</td>
<td>Loading, Reloading and Unloading Profiles (Section 17.5.1 on page 810)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 8.2.1 Setting DomainParticipantFactory QosPolicies

The DDS_DomainParticipantFactoryQos structure has the following format:
For information on why you would want to change a particular QosPolicy, see the section referenced in Table 8.2 DomainParticipantFactory QoS.

Table 8.2 DomainParticipantFactory QoS

<table>
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<th>QosPolicy</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>EntityFactory</td>
<td>Controls whether or not child entities are created in the enabled state. See ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logging</td>
<td>Configures the properties associated with Connext DDS logging. See LOGGING QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.1 on page 570).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Profile</td>
<td>Configures the way that XML documents containing QoS profiles are loaded by RTI. See PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SystemResource-Limits</td>
<td>Configures DomainParticipant-independent resources used by Connext DDS. Mainly used to change the maximum number of DomainParticipants that can be created within a single process (address space). See SYSTEMRESOURCE_LIMITS Qos Policy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.3 on page 574).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.2.1.1 Getting and Setting the DomainParticipantFactory’s Default QoS Profile and Library

You can retrieve the default QoS profile for the DomainParticipantFactory with the get_default_profile() operation. You can also get the default library for the DomainParticipantFactory, as well as the library that contains the DomainParticipantFactory’s default profile (these are not necessarily the same library); these operations are called get_default_library() and get_default_library_profile(), respectively. These operations are for informational purposes only (that is, you do not need to use them as a precursor to setting a library or profile.) For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

```cpp
virtual const char * get_default_library ()
const char * get_default_profile ()
const char * get_default_profile_library ()
```

There are also operations for setting the DomainParticipantFactory’s default library and profile:

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_library (const char * library_name)
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_profile (const char * library_name,
                                      const char * profile_name)
```
set_default_profile() specifies the profile that will be used as the default the next time a default DomainParticipantFactory profile is needed during a call to a DomainParticipantFactory operation.

When calling a DomainParticipantFactory operation that requires a profile_name parameter, you can use NULL to refer to the default profile. (This same information applies to setting a default library.)

set_default_profile() does not set the default QoS for the DomainParticipant that can be created by the DomainParticipantFactory. To set the default QoS using a profile, use the DomainParticipantFactory’s set_default_participant_qos_with_profile() operation (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.2 below)).

8.2.2 Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants

To get the default QoS that will be used for creating DomainParticipants if create_participant() is called with DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter, use this DomainParticipantFactory operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_default_participant_qos (DDS_DomainParticipantQos & qos)
```

This operation gets the QoS settings that were specified on the last successful call to set_default_participant_qos() or set_default_participant_qos_with_profile(), or if the call was never made, the default values listed in DDS_DomainParticipantQos.

To set the default QoS that will be used for new DomainParticipants, use the following operations. Then these default QoS will be used if create_participant() is called with DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT as the ‘qos’ parameter.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_participant_qos ( const DDS_DomainParticipantQos & qos)
```

or

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_participant_qos_with_profile ( const char *library_name, const char *profile_name)
```

Notes:

- These operations may potentially allocate memory, depending on the sequences contained in some QoS policies.

- It is not safe to set the default DomainParticipant QoS values while another thread may be simultaneously calling get_default_participant_qos(), set_default_participant_qos(), or create_participant() with DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT as the qos parameter. It is also not safe to
get the default DomainParticipant QoS values while another thread may be simultaneously calling set_default_participant_qos().

### 8.2.3 Freeing Resources Used by the DomainParticipantFactory

The `finalize_instance()` operation explicitly reclaims resources used by the participant factory singleton (including resources use for QoS profiles).

On many operating systems, these resources are automatically reclaimed by the OS when the program terminates. However, some memory-check tools will flag those resources as unreclaimed. This method provides a way to clean up all the memory used by the participant factory.

Before calling `finalize_instance()` on a `DomainParticipantFactory`, all of the participants created by the factory must have been deleted. For a `DomainParticipant` to be successfully deleted, all Entities created by the participant or by the `Entities` that the participant created must have been deleted. In essence, the `DomainParticipantFactory` cannot be deleted until all other Entities have been deleted in an application.

Except for Linux systems: `get_instance()` and `finalize_instance()` are UNSAFE on the FIRST call. It is not safe for two threads to simultaneously make the first call to get or finalize the factory instance. Subsequent calls are thread safe.

### 8.2.4 Looking Up DomainParticipants

The DomainParticipantFactory has these useful operations for retrieving its DomainParticipants:

- `get_participants()` returns a sequence of pointers to all the DomainParticipants within the DomainParticipantFactory.

```c
DDSDomainParticipantSeq & get_participants()
```

- `lookup_participant()` locates an existing DomainParticipant based on its domain ID.

```c
DDSDomainParticipant * lookup_participant (DDS_DomainId_t domainId)
```

- `lookup_participant_by_name()` locates an existing DomainParticipant based on its name.

```c
DDSDomainParticipant * lookup_participant_by_name(const char * participant_name)
```

Note: in the Modern C++ API these operations are freestanding functions `rti::domain::find_participants()`, `dds::domain::find()`, and `rti::domain::find_participant_by_name()` respectively.
8.2.5 Getting QoS Values from a QoS Profile

A QoS Profile may include configuration settings for all types of Entities. If you just want the settings for a specific type of Entity, call `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile()` (where `<entity>` may be `participant`, `publisher`, `subscriber`, `datawriter`, `datareader`, or `topic`). This is useful if you want to get the QoS values from the profile in a structure, make some changes, and then use that structure to create an entity.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_<entity>_qos_from_profile (  
    DDS_<Entity>Qos &qos,  
    const char *library_name,  
    const char *profile_name)
```

For an example, see Getting QoS Values from a Profile, Changing QoS Values, Creating a Publisher with Modified QoS Values (Section Figure 6.5 on page 251).

The `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile()` operations do not take into account the `topic_filter` attributes that may be set for `DataWriter`, `DataReader`, or `Topic` QoSs in profiles (see Topic Filters (Section 17.3.4 on page 798)). If there is a topic name associated with an entity, you can call `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile_w_topic_name()` (where `<entity>` can be datawriter, datareader, or topic) and the topic filter expressions in the profile will be evaluated on the topic name.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_<entity>_qos_from_profile_w_topic_name (  
    DDS_<Entity>Qos &qos,  
    const char *library_name,  
    const char *profile_name,  
    const char *topic_name)
```

`get_<entity>_qos_from_profile()` and `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile_w_topic_name()` may allocate memory, depending on the sequences contained in some QoS policies.

Note: in the Modern C++ API, the class QosProvider provides the functionality described in this section. Please see the API Reference HTML documentation: Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Configuring QoS Profiles with XML, QosProvider.

8.3 DomainParticipants

A `DomainParticipant` is a container for `Entity` objects that all belong to the same DDS domain. Each `DomainParticipant` has its own set of internal threads and internal data structures that maintain information about the `Entities` created by itself and other `DomainParticipants` in the same DDS domain. A `DomainParticipant` is used to create and destroy `Publishers`, `Subscribers` and `Topics`.

Once you have a `DomainParticipant`, you can use it to perform the operations listed in Table 8.3 `DomainParticipant Operations`. For more details on all operations, see the API Reference HTML documentation. Some of the first operations you’ll be interested in are `create_topic()`, `create_subscriber()`, and `create_publisher()`.
Note: Some operations cannot be used within a listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

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<td>get_builtin_subscriber</td>
<td>Returns the builtin Subscriber.</td>
<td>Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772)</td>
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<td>add_peer</td>
<td>Adds an entry to the peer list.</td>
<td>Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on page 580)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>enable</td>
<td>Enables the DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>equals</td>
<td>Compares two DomainParticipant’s QoS structures for equality.</td>
<td>Comparing QoS Values (Section 8.3.6.2 on page 563)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_discovered_participant_data</td>
<td>Provides the ParticipantBuiltinTopicData for a discovered DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Learning about Discovered DomainParticipants (Section 8.3.11 on page 569)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_discovered_participants</td>
<td>Provides a list of DomainParticipants that have been discovered.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>get_domain_id</td>
<td>Gets the domain ID of the DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Choosing a Domain ID and Creating Multiple DDS Domains (Section 8.3.4 on page 557)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>get_listener</td>
<td>Gets the currently installed DomainParticipantListener.</td>
<td>Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_qos</td>
<td>Gets the DomainParticipant QoS.</td>
<td>Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ignore_participant</td>
<td>Rejects the connection to a remote DomainParticipant.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>remove_peer</td>
<td>Removes an entry from the peer list.</td>
<td>Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on page 580)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_listener</td>
<td>Replaces the DomainParticipantListener.</td>
<td>Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos</td>
<td>Sets the DomainParticipant QoS.</td>
<td>Setting DomainParticipant QosPolicies (Section 8.3.6 on page 560)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the DomainParticipant QoS based on a QoS profile.</td>
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<td>Content-Filtered-Topics</td>
<td>create_contentfilteredtopic</td>
<td>Creates a ContentFilteredTopic that can be used to process content-based subscriptions.</td>
<td>Creating ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.3 on page 209)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>delete_contentfilteredtopic</td>
<td>Deletes a ContentFilteredTopic.</td>
<td>Deleting ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4.4 on page 213)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>register_contentfilter</td>
<td>Registers a new content filter.</td>
<td>Registering a Custom Filter (Section 5.4.8.2 on page 228)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unregister_contentfilter</td>
<td>Unregisters a new content filter.</td>
<td>Unregistering a Custom Filter (Section 5.4.8.3 on page 230)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>lookup_contentfilter</td>
<td>Gets a previously registered content filter.</td>
<td>Retrieving a ContentFilter (Section 5.4.8.4 on page 231)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataReaders</td>
<td>create_datareader</td>
<td>Creates a DataReader with a given DataReaderListener, and an implicit Subscriber.</td>
<td>Creating DataReaders (Section 7.3.1 on page 461)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>create_datareader_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a DataReader based on a QoS profile, with a given DataReaderListener, and an implicit Subscriber.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>delete_datareader</td>
<td>Deletes a DataReader that belongs to the ‘implicit Subscriber.’</td>
<td>Deleting DataReaders (Section 7.3.3 on page 464)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_default_datareader_qos</td>
<td>Copies the default DataReaderQoS values into the provided structure.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ignore_subscription</td>
<td>Rejects the connection to a DataReader</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_default_datareader_qos</td>
<td>Sets the default DataReaderQos values.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_default_datareader_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default DataReaderQos using values from a QoS profile.</td>
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<td>DataWriters</td>
<td>create_datawriter</td>
<td>Creates a <code>DataWriter</code> with a given DataWriterListener, and an implicit <code>Publisher</code>.</td>
<td>Creating Publishers (Section 6.2.2 on page 246)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>create_datawriter_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a <code>DataWriter</code> based on a QoS profile, with a given DataWriterListener, and an implicit <code>Publisher</code>.</td>
<td>Deleting Publishers (Section 6.2.3 on page 247)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>delete_datawriter</td>
<td>Deletes a <code>DataWriter</code> that belongs to the ‘implicit Publisher.’</td>
<td>Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>ignore_publication</td>
<td>Rejects the connection to a <code>DataWriter</code>.</td>
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<td>get_default_datawriter_qos</td>
<td>Copies the default DataWriterQos values into the provided DataWriterQos structure.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_default_datawriter_qos</td>
<td>Sets the default DataWriterQoS values.</td>
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<td>set_default_datawriter_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default DataWriterQos using values from a profile.</td>
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<td>Publishers</td>
<td>create_publisher</td>
<td>Creates a Publisher and a PublisherListener.</td>
<td>Creating Publishers (Section 6.2.2 on page 246)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>create_publisher_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a Publisher based on a QoS profile, and a PublisherListener.</td>
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<td>delete_publisher</td>
<td>Deletes a Publisher.</td>
<td>Deleting Publishers (Section 6.2.3 on page 247)</td>
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<td>get_default_publisher_qos</td>
<td>Copies the default PublisherQos values into the provided PublisherQos structure.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>get_implicit_publisher</td>
<td>Gets the Publisher that is implicitly created by the DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Getting the Implicit Publisher or Subscriber (Section 8.3.9 on page 567)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_publishers</td>
<td>Provides a list of all Publishers owned by the DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Getting All Publishers and Subscribers (Section 8.3.13.3 on page 570)</td>
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<td>set_default_publisher_qos</td>
<td>Sets the default PublisherQos values.</td>
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<td>set_default_publisher_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default PublisherQos using values from a QoS profile.</td>
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<td>Creates a Subscriber and a SubscriberListener.</td>
<td>Creating Subscribers (Section 7.2.2 on page 442)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>create_subscriber_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a Subscriber based on a QoS profile, and a SubscriberListener.</td>
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<td>delete_subscriber</td>
<td>Deletes a Subscriber.</td>
<td>Deleting Subscribers (Section 7.2.3 on page 444)</td>
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<td>get_default_subscriber_qos</td>
<td>Copies the default SubscriberQos values into the provided SubscriberQos structure.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)</td>
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<td>getImplicit_subscriber</td>
<td>Gets the Subscriber that is implicitly created by the DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Getting the Implicit Publisher or Subscriber (Section 8.3.9 on page 567)</td>
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<td>get_subscribers</td>
<td>Provides a list of all Subscribers owned by the DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>Getting All Publishers and Subscribers (Section 8.3.13.3 on page 570)</td>
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<td>set_default_subscriber_qos</td>
<td>Sets the default SubscriberQos values.</td>
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<td>set_default_subscriber_qos_with_profile</td>
<td>Sets the default SubscriberQos values using values from a QoS profile.</td>
<td>Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on page 566)</td>
</tr>
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<td>Durable Subscriptions</td>
<td>delete_durable_subscription</td>
<td>Deletes an existing Durable Subscription. The quorum of the existing DDS samples will be considered satisfied.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>register_durable_subscription</td>
<td>Creates a Durable Subscription that will receive all DDS samples published on a Topic, including those published while a DataReader is inactive or before it may be created. RTI Persistence Service will ensure that all the DDS samples on that Topic are retained until they are acknowledged by at least N DataReaders belonging to the Durable Subscription, where N is the quorum count. If the same Durable Subscription is created on a different Topic, RTI Persistence Service will implicitly delete the previous Durable Subscription and create a new one on the new Topic.</td>
<td>Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service (Section 26.9 on page 954)</td>
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<td>Creates a Topic and a TopicListener.</td>
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<td>create_topic_with_profile</td>
<td>Creates a Topic based on a QoS profile, and a TopicListener.</td>
<td>Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1 on page 196)</td>
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<td>delete_topic</td>
<td>Deletes a Topic.</td>
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<td>get_default_topic_qos</td>
<td>Copies the default TopicQos values into the provided TopicQos structure.</td>
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<td>get_discovered_topic_data</td>
<td>Retrieves the BuiltinTopicData for a discovered Topic.</td>
<td>Learning about Discovered Topics (Section 8.3.12 on page 569)</td>
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<td>get_discovered_topics</td>
<td>Returns a list of all (non-ignored) discovered Topics.</td>
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<td>ignore_topic</td>
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<td>Getting Status and Status Changes (Section 4.1.4 on page 148)</td>
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8.3.1 Creating a DomainParticipant

Typically, you will only need to create one DomainParticipant per DDS domain per application. (Although unusual, you can create multiple DomainParticipants for the same DDS domain in an application.)

To create a DomainParticipant, use the DomainParticipantFactory’s create_participant() or create_participant_with_profile() operation:

A QoS profile is way to use QoS settings from an XML file or string. With this approach, you can change QoS settings without recompiling the application. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Note: In the Modern C++ API, you will use the DomainParticipant constructors.

```cpp
DDSDomainParticipant * create_participant( 
    DDS_DomainId_t domainId, 
    const DDS_DomainParticipantQos &qos, 
    DDSDomainParticipantListener *listener, 
    DDS_StatusMask mask)

DDSDomainParticipant * create_participant_with_profile ( 
    DDS_DomainId_t domainId, 
    const char * library_name, 
    const char * profile_name, 
    DDSDomainParticipantListener *listener, 
    DDS_StatusMask mask)
```
Where:

- **domainId** The domain ID uniquely identifies the DDS domain that the DomainParticipant is in. It controls with which other DomainParticipants it will communicate. See Choosing a Domain ID and Creating Multiple DDS Domains (Section 8.3.4 on page 557) for more information on domain IDs.

- **qos** If you want the default QoS settings (described in the API Reference HTML documentation), use DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT for this parameter (see Creating a DomainParticipant with Default QosPolicies (Section Figure 8.4 on the facing page)). If you want to customize any of the QosPolicies, supply a DomainParticipantQos structure that is described in Setting DomainParticipant QosPolicies (Section 8.3.6 on page 560).

  **Note:** If you use DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT, it is not safe to create the DomainParticipant while another thread may simultaneously be calling the DomainParticipantFactory’s set_default_participant_qos() operation.

- **listener** Listeners are callback routines. Connext DDS uses them to notify your application of specific events (status changes) that may occur. The listener parameter may be set to NULL if you do not want to install a Listener. The DomainParticipant’s Listener is a catchall for all of the events of all of its Entities. If an event is not handled by an Entity’s Listener, then the DomainParticipantListener may be called in response to the event. For more information, see Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners (Section 8.3.5 on page 558).

- **mask** This bit mask indicates which status changes will cause the Listener to be invoked. The bits set in the mask must have corresponding callbacks implemented in the Listener. If you use NULL for the Listener, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE for this parameter. If the Listener implements all callbacks, use DDS_STATUS_MASK_ALL. For information on statuses, see Listeners (Section 4.4 on page 169).

- **library_name** A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

- **profile_name** A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

After you create a DomainParticipant, the next step is to register the data types that will be used by the application, see Using RTI Code Generator (rtiddsgen) (Section 3.5 on page 126). Then you will need to create the Topics that the application will publish and/or subscribe, see Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1 on page 196). Finally, you will use the DomainParticipant to create Publishers and/or Subscribers, see Creating Publishers (Section 6.2.2 on page 246) and Creating Subscribers (Section 7.2.2 on page 442).

**Note:** It is not safe to create one DomainParticipant while another thread may simultaneously be looking up (Looking Up DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.4 on page 544)) or deleting (Deleting DomainParticipants (Section 8.3.2 on the facing page)) the same DomainParticipant.

For more examples, see Configuring QoS Settings when DomainParticipant is Created (Section 8.3.6.1 on page 562).
8.3.2 Deleting DomainParticipants

If the application is no longer interested in communicating in a certain DDS domain, the DomainParticipant can be deleted. A DomainParticipant can be deleted only after all the Entities that were created by the DomainParticipant have been deleted (see Deleting Contained Entities (Section 8.3.3 on the next page)).

To delete a DomainParticipant:

You must first delete all Entities (Publishers, Subscribers, ContentFilteredTopics, and Topics) that were created with the DomainParticipant. Use the DomainParticipant’s delete_<entity>() operations to delete them one at a time, or use the delete_contained_entities() operation (Deleting Contained Entities (Section 8.3.3 on the next page)) to delete them all at the same time.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{DDS_ReturnCode_t} \ & \text{delete_publisher (DDSPublisher } *p) \\
\text{DDS_ReturnCode_t} \ & \text{delete_subscriber (DDSSubscriber } *s) \\
\text{DDS_ReturnCode_t} \ & \text{delete_contentfilteredtopic} \\
& \quad (\text{DDSCContentFilteredTopic } *a_{\text{contentfilteredtopic}}) \\
\text{DDS_ReturnCode_t} \ & \text{delete_topic (DDSTopic } *\text{topic})
\end{align*}
\]

Delete the DomainParticipant by using the DomainParticipantFactory’s delete_participant() operation.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{DDS_ReturnCode_t} \ & \text{delete_participant} \\
& \quad (\text{DDSDomainParticipant } *a_{\text{participant}})
\end{align*}
\]

Note: A DomainParticipant cannot be deleted within its Listener callback, see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

After a DomainParticipant has been deleted, all of the participant’s internal Connext DDS threads and allocated memory will have been deleted. You should delete the DomainParticipantListener only after the DomainParticipant itself has been deleted.

Note: In the Modern C++ API, Entities are automatically destroyed.
8.3.3 Deleting Contained Entities

The DomainParticipant’s delete_contained_entities() operation deletes all the Publishers (including an implicitly created one, if it exists), Subscribers (including an implicitly created one, if it exists), ContentFilteredTopics, MultiTopics, and Topics that have been created by the DomainParticipant.

Prior to deleting each contained entity, this operation recursively calls the corresponding delete_contained_entities() operation on each contained entity (if applicable). This pattern is applied recursively. Therefore, delete_contained_entities() on the DomainParticipant will end up deleting all the entities recursively contained in the DomainParticipant, that is also the DataWriter, DataReader, as well as the QueryCondition and ReadCondition objects belonging to the contained DataReader.

If delete_contained_entities() returns successfully, the application may delete the DomainParticipant knowing that it has no contained entities (see Deleting DomainParticipants (Section 8.3.2 on the previous page)).

8.3.4 Choosing a Domain ID and Creating Multiple DDS Domains

A domain ID identifies the DDS domain in which the DomainParticipant is communicating. DomainParticipants with the same domain ID are on the same communication “channel”. DomainParticipants with different domain IDs are completely isolated from each other.

The domain ID is a purely arbitrary value; you can use any integer 0 or higher, provided it does not violate the guidelines for the DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t structure (Ports Used for Discovery (Section 8.5.9.3 on page 612)). Domain IDs are typically between 0 and 232. Please see the API Reference HTML documentation for the DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t structure and in particular, DDS_INTEROPERABLE_RTPS_WELLKNOWN_PORTS.

Most distributed systems can use a single DDS domain for all of its applications. Thus a single domain ID is sufficient. Some systems may need to logically partition nodes to prevent them from communicating with each other directly, and thus will need to use multiple DDS domains. However, even in systems that only use a single DDS domain, during the testing and development phases, one may want to assign different users/testers different domain IDs for running their applications so that their tests do not interfere with each other.

To run multiple applications on the same node with the same domain ID, Connext DDS uses a participant ID to distinguish between the different DomainParticipants in the different applications. The participant ID is simply an integer value that must be unique across all DomainParticipants created on the same node that use the same domain ID. The participant_id is part of the WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609).

Although usually those DomainParticipants have been created in different applications, the same application can also create multiple DomainParticipants with the same domain ID. For optimal results, the par-
participant_id should be assigned sequentially to the different DomainParticipants, starting from the default value of 0.

Once you have a DomainParticipant, you can retrieve its domain ID with the get_domain_id() operation.

The domain ID and participant ID are mapped to port numbers that are used by transports for discovery traffic. For information on how port numbers are calculated, see Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737). How DomainParticipants discover each other is discussed in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).

8.3.5 Setting Up DomainParticipantListeners

DomainParticipants may optionally have Listeners. Listeners are essentially callback routines and are how Connext DDS will notify your application of specific events (changes in status) for entities Topics, Publishers, Subscribers, DataWriters, and DataReaders. Each Entity may have a Listener installed and enabled to process the events for itself and all of the sub-Entities created from it. If an Entity does not have a Listener installed or is not enabled to listen for a particular event, then Connext DDS will propagate the event to the Entity’s parent. If the parent Entity does not process the event, Connext DDS will continue to propagate the event up the object hierarchy until either a Listener is invoked or the event is dropped.

The DomainParticipantListener is the last chance that an event can be processed for the Entities descended from a DomainParticipant. The DomainParticipantListener is used only if an event is not handled by any of the Entities contained by the participant.

A Listener is typically set up when the DomainParticipant is created (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554)). You can also set one up after creation time by using the set_listener() operation, as illustrated in Setting up DomainParticipantListener (Section Figure 8.5 below). The get_listener() operation can be used to retrieve the current DomainParticipantListener.

Figure 8.5 Setting up DomainParticipantListener

```c++
// MyDomainParticipantListener only handles PUBLICATION_MATCHED and
// SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED status for DomainParticipant Entities
class MyDomainParticipantListener : public DDSDomainParticipantListener {
  public:
    virtual void on_publication_matched(DDSDataWriter *writer,
                                         const DDS_PublicationMatchedStatus &status);
    virtual void on_subscription_matched(DDSDataReader *reader,
                                          const DDS_SubscriptionMatchedStatus &status);
};
void MyDomainParticipantListener::on_publication_matched(
    DDSDataWriter *writer,
    const DDS_PublicationMatchedStatus &status)
{
    const char *name = writer->get_topic()->get_name();
    printf("Number of matching DataReaders for Topic %s is %d\n", name, status.current_count);
}
void MyDomainParticipantListener::on_subscription_matched(DDSDataReader *reader, const DDS_SubscriptionMatchedStatus &status)
{
    const char *name = reader->get_topicdescription()->get_name();
    printf("Number of matching DataWriters for Topic %s is %d\n", name, status.current_count);
};

// Set up participant listener
MyDomainParticipantListener* participant_listener = new MyDomainParticipantListener();
if (participant_listener == NULL) {
    // ... handle error
}

// Create the participant with a listener
DDSDomainParticipant* participant = factory->create_participant(
    domain_id, participant_qos, participant_listener,
    DDS_PUBLICATION_MATCHED_STATUS | DDS_SUBSCRIPTION_MATCHED_STATUS);
if (participant == NULL) {
    // ... handle error
}

If a Listener is set for a DomainParticipant, the Listener needs to exist as long as the DomainParticipant exists. It is unsafe to destroy the Listener while it is attached to a participant. However, you may remove the DomainParticipantListener from a DomainParticipant by calling set_listener() with a NULL value. Once the Listener has been removed from the participant, you may safely destroy it (see Types of Listeners (Section 4.4.1 on page 169)).

Notes:

- Due to a thread-safety issue, the destruction of a DomainParticipantListener from an enabled DomainParticipant should be avoided—even if the DomainParticipantListener has been removed from the DomainParticipant. (This limitation does not affect the Java API.)

- It is possible for multiple internal Connext DDS threads to call the same method of a DomainParticipantListener simultaneously. You must write the methods of a DomainParticipantListener to be multithread safe and reentrant. The methods of the Listener of other Entities do not have this constraint and are guaranteed to have single threaded access.

See also:

- Setting Up TopicListeners (Section 5.1.5 on page 202)
- Setting Up PublisherListeners (Section 6.2.5 on page 254)
• Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266)
• Setting Up SubscriberListeners (Section 7.2.6 on page 452)
• Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464)

8.3.6 Setting DomainParticipant QosPolicies

A DomainParticipant’s QosPolicies are used to configure discovery, database sizing, threads, information sent to other DomainParticipants, and the behavior of the DomainParticipant when acting as a factory for other Entities.

Note: set_qos() cannot always be used in a listener callback; see Restricted Operations in Listener Callbacks (Section 4.5.1 on page 177).

The DDS_DomainParticipantQos structure has the following format:

```c
struct DDS_DomainParticipantQos {
    DDS_UserDataQosPolicy user_data;
    DDS_EntityFactoryQosPolicy entity_factory;
    DDS_WireProtocolQosPolicy wire_protocol;
    DDS_TransportBuiltInQosPolicy transport_builtin;
    DDS_TransportUnicastQosPolicy default_unicast;
    DDS_DiscoveryQosPolicy discovery;
    DDS_DomainParticipantResourceLimitsQosPolicy resource_limits;
    DDS_EventQosPolicy event;
    DDS_ReceiverPoolQosPolicy receiver_pool;
    DDS_DatabaseQosPolicy database;
    DDS_DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy discovery_config;
    DDS_PropertyQosPolicy property;
    DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy participant_name;
    DDS_TransportMulticastMappingQosPolicy multicast_mapping;
    DDS_TypeSupportQosPolicy type_support;
};
```

Table 8.4 DomainParticipant QosPolicies summarizes the meaning of each policy (listed alphabetically). For information on why you would want to change a particular QosPolicy, see the section referenced in the table.

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<td>Various settings and resource limits used by Connext DDS to control its internal database. See DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on page 576).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Discovery</td>
<td>Configures the mechanism used by Connext DDS to automatically discover and connect with new remote applications. See DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578).</td>
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<td>Controls the amount of delay in discovering entities in the system and the amount of discovery traffic in the network. See DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DomainParticipantResourceLimits</td>
<td>Various settings that configure how DomainParticipants allocate and use physical memory for internal resources, including the maximum sizes of various properties. See DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityFactory</td>
<td>Controls whether or not child entities are created in the enabled state. See ENTITYFACTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.4.2 on page 313).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityName</td>
<td>Assigns a name to a DomainParticipant. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Event</td>
<td>Configures the DomainParticipant’s internal thread that handles timed events. See EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property</td>
<td>Stores name/value(string) pairs that can be used to configure certain parameters of Connext DDS that are not exposed through formal QoS policies. It can also be used to store and propagate application-specific name/value pairs, which can be retrieved by user code during discovery. See PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReceiverPool</td>
<td>Configures threads used by Connext DDS to receive and process data from transports (for example, UDP sockets). See RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportBuiltin</td>
<td>Specifies which built-in transport plugins are used. See TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportMulticastMapping</td>
<td>Specifies the automatic mapping between a list of topic expressions and multicast address that can be used by a DataReader to receive data for a specific topic. See TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_MAPPING QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.8 on page 607).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TransportUnicast</td>
<td>Specifies a subset of transports and port number that can be used by an Entity to receive data. See TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TypeSupport</td>
<td>Used to attach application-specific value(s) to a DataWriter or DataReader. These values are passed to the serialization or deserialization routine of the associated data type. See TYPESUPPORT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.25 on page 413).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserData</td>
<td>Along with Topic QoS Policy and Group QoS Policy, used to attach a buffer of bytes to Connext DDS’s discovery meta-data. See USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WireProtocol</td>
<td>Specifies IDs used by the RTPS wire protocol to create globally unique identifiers. See WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609).</td>
</tr>
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8.3.6.1 Configuring QoS Settings when DomainParticipant is Created

As described in Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554), there are different ways to create a DomainParticipant, depending on how you want to specify its QoS (with or without a QoS Profile).

- **Figure 8.4 Creating a DomainParticipant with Default QosPolicies** on page 556 has an example of how to create a DomainParticipant with default QosPolicies by using the special constant, DDS_PARTicipant_QOS_DEFAULT, which indicates that the default QoS values for a DomainParticipant should be used. The default DomainParticipant QoS values are configured in the DomainParticipantFactory; you can change them with `set_default_participant_qos()` or `set_default_participant_qos_with_profile()` (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.2 on page 543)). Then any DomainParticipants created with the DomainParticipantFactory will use the new default values. As described in Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149), this is a general pattern that applies to the construction of all Entities.

- To create a DomainParticipant with non-default QoS without using a QoS Profile, see the example code in **Figure 8.6 Creating DomainParticipant with Modified QosPolicies** (not from profile) below. It uses the DomainParticipantFactory’s `get_default_participant_qos()` method to initialize a DDS_ParticipantQos structure. Then, the policies are modified from their default values before the structure is used in the `create_participant()` method.

- You can also create a DomainParticipant and specify its QoS settings via a QoS Profile. To do so, you will call `create_participant_with_profile()`, as seen in **Figure 8.7 Creating DomainParticipant with QoS Profile** on the next page.

- If you want to use a QoS profile, but then make some changes to the QoS before creating the DomainParticipant, call `get_participant_qos_from_profile()` and `create_participant()` as seen in **Figure 8.8 Getting QoS from Profile, Creating DomainParticipant with Modified QoS Values** on the next page.

For more information, see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554) and Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

**Figure 8.6 Creating DomainParticipant with Modified QosPolicies** (not from profile)

```c
DDS_DomainId_t domain_id = 10;
DDS_DomainParticipantQos participant_qos;  
// initialize participant_qos with default values
factory->get_default_participant_qos(participant_qos);
// make QoS changes here
participant_qos.wire_protocol.participant_id = 2;
```

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1In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
8.3.6.2 Comparing QoS Values

The `equals()` operation compares two `DomainParticipant`'s DDS_DomainParticipantQos structures for equality. It takes two parameters for the two `DomainParticipant`'s QoS structures to be compared, then returns TRUE is they are equal (all values are the same) or FALSE if they are not equal.

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1In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
8.3.6.3 Changing QoS Settings After DomainParticipant Has Been Created

There are two ways to change an existing DomainParticipant’s QoS after it is has been created—again depending on whether or not you are using a QoS Profile.

- To change QoS programmatically (that is, without using a QoS Profile), use `get_qos()` and `set_qos()`. See the example code in Figure 8.9 Changing QoS of Existing Participant (without QoS Profile) below. It retrieves the current values by calling the DomainParticipant’s `get_qos()` operation. Then it modifies the value and calls `set_qos()` to apply the new value. Note, however, that some QosPolicies cannot be changed after the DomainParticipant has been enabled—this restriction is noted in the descriptions of the individual QosPolicies.

- You can also change a DomainParticipant’s (and all other Entities’) QoS by using a QoS Profile and calling `set_qos_with_profile()`. For an example, see Figure 8.10 Changing QoS of Existing Participant with QoS Profile below. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

Figure 8.9 Changing QoS of Existing Participant (without QoS Profile)

```c
DDS_DomainParticipantQos participant_qos;
// Get current QoS
//participant points to an existing DDSDomainParticipant
if (participant->get_qos(participant_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Make QoS changes
participant_qos.entity_factory.autoenable_created_entities = DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE;
// Set the new QoS
if (participant->set_qos(participant_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {  
    // handle error
}
```

Figure 8.10 Changing QoS of Existing Participant with QoS Profile

```c
DDS_DomainParticipantQos participant_qos;
// Get current QoS
//participant points to an existing DDSDomainParticipant
if (participant->get_qos(participant_qos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // handle error
}
// Make QoS changes
```

1In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).

2In C, you must initialize the QoS structures before they are used, see Special QosPolicy Handling Considerations for C (Section 4.2.2 on page 159).
8.3.6.4 Getting and Setting DomainParticipant’s Default QoS Profile and Library

You can get the default QoS profile for the DomainParticipant with the `get_default_profile()` operation. You can also get the default library for the DomainParticipant, as well as the library that contains the DomainParticipant’s default profile (these are not necessarily the same library); these operations are called `get_default_library()` and `get_default_library_profile()`, respectively. These operations are for informational purposes only (that is, you do not need to use them as a precursor to setting a library or profile.) For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

```
virtual const char * get_default_library ()
const char * get_default_profile ()
const char * get_default_profile_library ()
```

There are also operations for setting the DomainParticipant’s default library and profile:

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_library (  
    const char * library_name)  
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_profile (  
    const char * library_name,  
    const char * profile_name)
```

If the default profile/library is not set, the DomainParticipant inherits the default from the DomainParticipantFactory.

- **set_default_profile()** specifies the profile that will be used as the default the next time a default DomainParticipant profile is needed during a call to one of this DomainParticipant’s operations. When calling a DomainParticipant operation that requires a profile_name parameter, you can use NULL to refer to the default profile. (This same information applies to setting a default library.)

- **set_default_profile()** does not set the default QoS for entities created by the DomainParticipant; for this functionality, use the DomainParticipant’s `set_default_<entity>_qos_with_profile()` operation (you may pass in NULL after having called `set_default_profile()`, see Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities (Section 8.3.6.5 on the facing page)).

- **set_default_profile()** does not set the default QoS for newly created DomainParticipants; for this functionality, use the DomainParticipantFactory’s `set_default_participant_qos_with_profile()`, see Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.2 on page 543)).
8.3.6.5 Getting and Setting Default QoS for Child Entities

The `set_default_<entity>_qos()` and `set_default_<entity>_qos_with_profile()` operations set the default QoS that will be used for newly created entities (where `<entity>` may be `publisher`, `subscriber`, `datawriter`, `datareader`, or `topic`). The new QoS settings will only be used if DDS_<entity>_QOS_DEFAULT is specified as the `qos` parameter when `create_<entity>()` is called. For example, for a `Publisher`, you can use either:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_publisher_qos (  
    const DDS_PublisherQos &qos)

DDS_ReturnCode_t set_default_publisher_qos_with_profile (  
    const char *library_name,  
    const char *profile_name)
```

The following operation gets the default QoS that will be used for creating `Publishers` if DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT is specified as the ‘`qos`’ parameter when `create_publisher()` is called:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t get_default_publisher_qos (  
    DDS_PublisherQos &qos)
```

There are similar operations for `Subscribers`, `DataWriters`, `DataReaders` and `Topics`. These operations, `get_default_<entity>_qos()`, get the QoS settings that were specified on the last successful call to `set_default_<entity>_qos()` or `set_default_<entity>_qos_with_profile()`, or if the call was never made, the default values listed in DDS_<entity>Qos. They may potentially allocate memory depending on the sequences contained in some QoS policies.

**Note:** It is not safe to set default QoS values for an entity while another thread may be simultaneously getting or setting them, or using the QOS_DEFAULT constant to create the entity.

8.3.7 Looking up Topic Descriptions

The `lookup_topicdescription()` operation allows you to access a locally created DDSTopicDescription based on the `Topic`’s name.

```c
DDSTopicDescription* lookup_topicdescription(const char *topic_name)
```

`DDSTopicDescription` is the base class for `Topics`, `MultiTopics`¹ and `ContentFilteredTopics`. You can narrow the `DDSTopicDescription` returned from `lookup_topicdescription()` to a `Topic` or `ContentFilteredTopic` as appropriate.

Unlike `find_topic()` (see Finding a Topic (Section 8.3.8 on the next page)), which logically returns a new `Topic` that must be independently deleted, this operation returns a reference to the original local object.

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¹`Multitopics` are not supported.
If no TopicDescription has been created yet with the given Topic name, this method will return a NULL value.

The DomainParticipant does not have to be enabled when you call lookup_topicdescription().

Note: It is not safe to create or delete a topic while another thread is calling lookup_topicdescription() for that same topic.

8.3.8 Finding a Topic

The find_topic() operation finds an existing (or ready to exist) Topic, based on its name. This call can be used to block for a specified duration to wait for the Topic to be created.

DDSTopic* DDSDomainParticipant::find_topic (const char * topic_name, const DDS_Duration_t & timeout)

If the requested Topic already exists, it is returned. Otherwise, find_topic() waits until either another thread creates it, or returns when the specified timeout occurs.

find_topic() is useful when multiple threads are concurrently creating and looking up topics. In that case, one thread can call find_topic() and, if another thread has not yet created the topic being looked up, it can wait for some period of time for it to do so. In almost all other cases, it is more straightforward to call lookup_topicdescription() (see Looking up Topic Descriptions (Section 8.3.7 on the previous page)).

The DomainParticipant must be enabled when you call find_topic().

Note: Each DDSTopic obtained by find_topic() must also be deleted by calling the DomainParticipant’s delete_topic() operation (see Deleting Topics (Section 5.1.2 on page 198)).

8.3.9 Getting the Implicit Publisher or Subscriber

The get_implicit_publisher() operation allows you to access the DomainParticipant’s implicit Publisher. If one does not already exist, this operation creates an implicit Publisher.

There is a similar operation for implicit Subscribers:

DDSPublisher * get_implicit_publisher ()

DDSSubscriber * get_implicit_subscriber() 

There can only be one implicit Publisher and one implicit Subscriber per DomainParticipant. They are created with default QoS values (DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT) and no Listener. For more information, see Creating Publishers Explicitly vs. Implicitly (Section 6.2.1 on page 245). You can use an implicit Publisher or implicit Subscriber just like an explicitly created one.

An implicit Publisher/Subscriber is deleted automatically when delete_contained_entities() is called. It can also be deleted by calling delete_publisher/subscriber() with the implicit Publisher/Subscriber as a parameter.
When a \textit{DomainParticipant} is deleted, if there are no attached \textit{DataReaders} that belong to the implicit \textit{Subscriber} or no attached \textit{DataWriters} that belong to the implicit \textit{Publisher}, any implicit \textit{Publisher/Subscriber} will be deleted by the middleware implicitly.

\textbf{Note:} It is not safe to create an implicit \textit{Publisher/Subscriber} while another thread may be simultaneously calling \texttt{set_default_[publisher/subscriber]_qos()}. 

\textbf{How to get the implicit Publisher/Subscriber.} (For simplicity, error handling is not shown.)

\begin{verbatim}
using namespace DDS;
...
Publisher * publisher = NULL;
Subscriber * subscriber = NULL;
PublisherQos publisher_qos;
SubscriberQos subscriber_qos;
...
publisher = participant->get_implicit_publisher();
/* Change implicit publisher QoS */
publisher->get_qos(publisher_qos);
publisher_qos.partition.name.maximum(3);
publisher_qos.partition.name.length(3);
publisher_qos.partition.name[0] = DDS_String_dup("partition_A");
publisher_qos.partition.name[1] = DDS_String_dup("partition_B");
publisher_qos.partition.name[2] = DDS_String_dup("partition_C");
publisher->set_qos(publisher_qos);
/* Get implicit subscriber */
subscriber = participant->get_implicit_subscriber();
/* Change implicit subscriber QoS */
subscriber_qos.partition.name.maximum(3);
subscriber_qos.partition.name.length(3);
subscriber_qos.partition.name[0] = DDS_String_dup("partition_A");
subscriber_qos.partition.name[1] = DDS_String_dup("partition_B");
subscriber_qos.partition.name[2] = DDS_String_dup("partition_C");
subscriber->set_qos(subscriber_qos);
\end{verbatim}

\section*{8.3.10 Asserting Liveliness}

The \texttt{assert_liveliness()} operation manually asserts the liveliness of all the \textit{DataWriters} created by this \textit{DomainParticipant} that has \texttt{LIVELINESS QosPolicy} (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) kind set to \texttt{MANUAL\_BY\_PARTICIPANT}. When \texttt{assert_liveliness()} is called, then for those \textit{DataWriters} who have their \texttt{LIVELINESS} set to \texttt{MANUAL\_BY\_PARTICIPANT}, Connext DDS will send a packet to all matched \textit{DataReaders} that indicates that the \textit{DataWriter} is still alive.

However, the \texttt{LIVELINESS} contract of periodically sending liveliness packets to \textit{DataReaders} is also fulfilled when the \texttt{write()}, \texttt{assert_liveliness()}, \texttt{unregister_instance()} and \texttt{dispose()} operations on a \textit{DataWriter} itself is called. Those calls will also cause Connext DDS to send packets that indicate the liveliness of the \textit{DataWriter}. Therefore, it is necessary for the application to call \texttt{assert_liveliness()} on the \textit{DomainParticipant} only if those operations on a \textit{DataWriter} are not being invoked within the period specified by the \texttt{LIVELINESS QosPolicy} (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)
8.3.11 Learning about Discovered DomainParticipants

The `get_discovered_participants()` operation provides you with a list of `DomainParticipants` that have been discovered in the DDS domain (except any that you have said to ignore via the `ignore_participant()` operation (see Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783)).

Once you have a list of discovered `DomainParticipants`, you can get more information about them by calling the `get_discovered_participant_data()` operation. This operation can only be used on `DomainParticipants` that are in the same DDS domain and have not been marked as ‘ignored.’ Otherwise, the operation will fail and return DDS_RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET. The returned information is of type DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData, described in Table 16.1 Participant Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData).

8.3.12 Learning about Discovered Topics

The `get_discovered_topics()` operation provides you with a list of `Topics` that have been discovered in the DDS domain (except any that you have said to ignore via the `ignore_topic()` operation (see Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783))).

Once you have a list of discovered `Topics`, you can get more information about them by calling the `get_discovered_topic_data()` operation. This operation can only be used on `Topics` that have been created by a `DomainParticipant` in the same DDS domain as the participant on which this operation is invoked and must not have been "ignored" by means of the `DomainParticipant ignore_topic()` operation. Otherwise, the operation will fail and return DDS_RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET. The returned information is of type DDS_TopicBuiltinTopicData, described in Table 16.4 Topic Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_TopicBuiltinTopicData) (Note: (Section on page 778)).

8.3.13 Other DomainParticipant Operations

8.3.13.1 Verifying Entity Containment

If you have a handle to an `Entity`, and want to see if that `Entity` was created from your `DomainParticipant` (or any of its `Publishers` or `Subscribers`), use the `contains_entity()` operation, which returns a boolean.

An `Entity`’s instance handle may be obtained from built-in topic data (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)), various statuses, or from the `get_instance_handle()` operation (see Getting an Entity’s Instance Handle (Section 4.1.3 on page 148)).

8.3.13.2 Getting the Current Time

The `get_current_time()` operation returns the current time value from the same time-source (clock) that Connext DDS uses to timestamp the data published by `DataWriters` (source_timestamp of the `SampleInfo` structure, see The SampleInfo Structure (Section 7.4.6 on page 503)). The time-sources used by Connext DDS do not have to be synchronized nor are they synchronized by Connext DDS.
8.3.13.3 Getting All Publishers and Subscribers

See also: Clock Selection (Section 8.6 on page 618).

8.3.13.3 Getting All Publishers and Subscribers

The get_publishers() and get_subscribers() operations will provide you with a list of the DomainParticipant’s Publishers and Subscribers, respectively.

8.4 DomainParticipantFactory QosPolicies

This section describes QosPolicies that are strictly for the DomainParticipantFactory (not the DomainParticipant). For a complete list of QosPolicies that apply to DomainParticipantFactory, see Table 8.2 DomainParticipantFactory QoS.

- LOGGING QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.1 below)
- PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on the next page)
- SYSTEM_RESOURCE_LIMITS QoS Policy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.3 on page 574)

8.4.1 LOGGING QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy configures the properties associated with the Connext DDS logging facility.

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 8.5 DDS_LoggingQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

See also: Controlling Messages from Connext DDS (Section 21.2 on page 864) and Configuring Logging via XML (Section 21.2.2 on page 870).

Table 8.5 DDS_LoggingQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NDDS_ConfigLogVerbosity</td>
<td>verbosity</td>
<td>Specifies the verbosity at which Connext DDS diagnostic information will be logged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NDDS_Config_LogCategory</td>
<td>category</td>
<td>Specifies the category for which logging needs to be enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NDDS_Config_LogPrintFormat</td>
<td>print_format</td>
<td>Specifies the format to be used to output the Connext DDS diagnostic information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>output_file</td>
<td>Specifies the file to which the logged output is redirected.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.4.1.1 Example

```c
DSDomainParticipantFactory *factory = 
  DDSDomainParticipantFactory::get_instance();
DDS_DomainParticipantFactoryQos factoryQos;
DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode = factory->get_qos(factoryQos);
```
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // error
}

factoryQos.logging.output_file = DDS_String_dup("myOutput.txt");
factoryQos.logging.verbosity = NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_VERBOSITY_STATUS_LOCAL;
factory->set_qos(factoryQos);

8.4.1.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be changed at any time.

Since it is only configuring logging, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

8.4.1.3 Related QosPolicies

- None

8.4.1.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipantFactory (Section 8.2 on page 537)

8.4.1.5 System Resource Considerations

Because the output_file will be freed by Connext DDS, you should use DDS_String_dup() to allocate the string when providing an output_file.

8.4.2 PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

This QosPolicy determines the way that XML documents containing QoS profiles are loaded.

All QoS values for Entities can be configured with QoS profiles defined in XML documents. XML documents can be passed to Connext DDS in string form, or more likely, through files found on a file system. This QoS configures how a DomainParticipantFactory loads the QoS profiles defined in XML. QoS profiles may be stored in this QoS as XML documents as a string. The location of XML files defining QoS profiles may be configured via this QoS. There are also default locations where the DomainParticipantFactory will look for files to load QoS profiles. You may disable any or all of these default locations using the Profile QoS. For more information about QoS profiles and libraries, please see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 8.6 DDS_ProfileQosPolicy. For the defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
### Table 8.6 DDS_ProfileQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>string_profile</td>
<td>Sequence of strings (empty by default) containing a XML document to load. The concatenation of the strings in this sequence must be a valid XML document according to the XML QoS profile schema.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>url_profile</td>
<td>A sequence of URL groups (empty by default) containing a set of XML documents to load. See URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>ignore_user_profile</td>
<td>When TRUE, the QoS profiles contained in the file USER_QOS_PROFILES.xml in the current working directory will be ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ignore_environment_profile</td>
<td>When TRUE, the value of the environment variable NDDS_QOS_PROFILES will be ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ignore_resource_profile</td>
<td>When TRUE, the QoS profiles in the file SNDDSHOME/resource/xml/NDDS_QOS_PROFILES.xml will be ignored. NDDS_QOS_PROFILES.xml does not exist by default. However, NDDS_QOS_PROFILES.example.xml is shipped with the host bundle of the product; you can copy it to NDDS_QOS_PROFILES.xml and modify it for your own use.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In the Modern C++ API, there is not a PROFILE QosPolicy, because the class that manages QoS profiles is dds::core::QosProvider—not the DomainParticipantFactory. A QosProvider can receive a QosProviderParams instance, which encapsulates the fields described before.

#### 8.4.2.1 Example

**Traditional C++:**

```cpp
defined
DDSDomainParticipantFactory *factory =
    DDSDomainParticipantFactory::get_instance();

DDS_DomainParticipantFactoryQos factoryQos;

DDS_ReturnCode_t retcode = factory->get_qos(factoryQos);

if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // error
}

const char *url_profiles[2] = {
    "file://usr/local/default.dds.xml",
    "file://usr/local/alternative_default.dds.xml"};

factoryQos.profile.url_profile.from_array(url_profiles, 2);
```
8.4.2.2 Properties

This QosPolicy can be changed at any time.

Since it is only for the DomainParticipantFactory, there are no compatibility restrictions for how it is set on the publishing and subscribing sides.

8.4.2.3 Related QosPolicies

- None

8.4.2.4 Applicable Entities

- DomainParticipantFactory (Section 8.2 on page 537)

8.4.2.5 System Resource Considerations

Once the QoS profiles are loaded, the DomainParticipantFactory will keep one copy of each QoS in the QoS profiles in memory.
You can free the memory associated with the XML QoS profiles by calling the DomainParticipantFactory’s `unload_profiles()` operation.

### 8.4.3 SYSTEM_RESOURCE_LIMITS QoS Policy (DDS Extension)

The SYSTEM_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy configures `DomainParticipant`-independent resources used by Connext DDS. Its main use is to change the maximum number of `DomainParticipants` that can be created within a single process (address space).

It contains the single member as shown in Table 8.7 `DDS_SystemResourceLimitsQosPolicy`. For the default and valid range, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_objects_per_thread</td>
<td>Sizes the thread storage that is allocated on a per-thread basis when the thread calls Connext DDS APIs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The only parameter that you can set, `max_objects_per_thread`, controls the size of thread-specific storage that is allocated by Connext DDS for every thread that invokes a Connext DDS API. This storage is used to cache objects that have to be created on a per-thread basis when a thread traverses different portions of Connext DDS internal code.

Thus instead of dynamically creating and destroying the objects as a thread enters and leaves different parts of the code, Connext DDS caches the objects by storing them in thread-specific storage. We assume that a thread will repeatedly call Connext DDS APIs so that the objects cached will be needed again and again.

The number of objects that will be stored in the cache depends the number of APIs (sections of Connext DDS code) that a thread invokes. It also depends on the number of different `DomainParticipants` with which the thread interacts. For a single `DomainParticipant`, the maximum number of objects that could be stored is a constant–independent of the number of `Entities` created in or by the participant. A safe number to use is 200 objects per `DomainParticipant`.

A user thread that only interacts with a single `DomainParticipant` or the `Entities` thereof, would never have more than 200 objects stored in its cache. However, if the same thread invokes Connext DDS APIs on other `Entities` of other `DomainParticipants`, the maximum number of objects that may be stored will increase with the number of participants involved.

The default setting of this resource should work for most user applications. However, if your application uses more than 4 `DomainParticipants`, you may need to increase the value of `max_objects_per_thread`. 
8.4.3.1 Example

Say an application uses 10 DomainParticipants. If a single thread was used to create all 10 DomainParticipants, or a single thread is used to call write() on DataWriters belonging to all 10 participants, it is possible to run out of thread-specific storage. Either the creation of the participant or the write() will fail.

In that case, you will need to increase the value of max_objects_per_thread.

8.4.3.2 Properties

This QoS policy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipantFactory is used to create the first DomainParticipant or WaitSet in an application.

This QoS can be set differently in different applications.

8.4.3.3 Related QoS Policies

There are no interactions with other QosPolicies.

8.4.3.4 Applicable Dds Entities

- DomainParticipantFactory (Section 8.2 on page 537)

8.4.3.5 System Resource Considerations

Increasing the value of max_objects_per_thread will increase the amount of memory allocated by Connext DDS for every thread that access Connext DDS code. This includes internal Connext DDS threads as well as user threads. Each object uses about 32 bytes of memory.

8.5 DomainParticipant QosPolicies

This section describes the QosPolicies that are strictly for DomainParticipants (and no other types of Entities). For a complete list of QosPolicies that apply to DomainParticipant, see Table 8.4 DomainParticipant QosPolicies.

- DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on the facing page)
- DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)
- DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583)
- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)
- EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601)
- RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603)
8.5.1 DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The Database QosPolicy configures how Connext DDS manages its internal database, including how often it cleans up the priority of the database thread, and limits on resources that may be allocated by the database. RTI uses an internal in-memory database to store information about entities created locally as well as remote entities found during the discovery process. This database uses a background thread to garbage-collect records related to deleted entities. When the DomainParticipant that maintains this database is deleted, it shuts down this thread.

It includes the members in Table 8.8 DDS_DatabaseQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ThreadSettings_t</td>
<td>thread.mask</td>
<td>Thread settings for the database thread used by Connext DDS to periodically remove deleted records from the database. The values used for these settings are OS-dependent; see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes for details. Note: thread.cpu_list and thread.cpu_rotation are not relevant in this QoS policy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>thread.priority</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>thread.stack_size</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>shutdown_timeout</td>
<td>The maximum time that the DomainParticipant will wait for the database thread to terminate when the participant is destroyed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>cleanup_period</td>
<td>The period at which the database thread wakes up to removed deleted records.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>shutdown_cleanup_period</td>
<td>The period at which the database thread wakes up to removed deleted records when the DomainParticipant is being destroyed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_records</td>
<td>The number of records that is initially created for the database. These records hold information for both local and remote entities that are dynamically created or discovered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_skiplist_level</td>
<td>This is a performance tuning parameter that optimizes the time it takes to search the database for a record. A ‘Skip List’ is an algorithm for maintaining a list that is faster to search than a binary tree. This value should be set to log2(N), where N is the maximum number of elements that will be stored in a single list. The list that stores the records for remote DataReaders or the one for remote DataWriters tend to have the most entries. So, the number of DataWriters or DataReaders in a system across all DomainParticipants in a single DDS domain, which ever is greater, can be used to set this parameter.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
You may be interested in modifying the `shutdown_timeout` and `shutdown_cleanup_period` parameters to decrease the time it takes to delete a `DomainParticipant` when your application is shutting down.

The `DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 8.5.4 on page 592) controls the memory allocation for elements stored in the database.

Real-time programmers will probably want to adjust the priorities of all of the threads created by Connext DDS relative to each other as well as relative to non-Connext DDS threads in their applications. Connext DDS Threading Model (Section Chapter 19 on page 836), EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601), and RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603) discuss the other threads that are created by Connext DDS.

A record in the database can be deleted only when no threads are using it. Connext DDS uses a thread that periodically checks the database if records that have been marked for deletion can be removed. This period is set by `cleanup_period`. When a `DomainParticipant` is being destroyed, the thread will wake up faster at the `shutdown_cleanup_period` as other threads delete and release records in preparation for shutting down.

On Windows and VxWorks systems, the thread that is destroying the `DomainParticipant` may block up to `shutdown_timeout` seconds while waiting for the database thread to finish removing all records and terminating. On other operating systems, the thread destroying the `DomainParticipant` will block as long as required for the database thread to terminate.

The default values for those and the rest of the parameters in this QosPolicy should be sufficient for most applications.
8.5.1.1 Example

The priority of the database thread should be set to the lowest priority among all threads in a real-time system. Although, the database thread should not be permitted to starve, the work that it performs is non-time-critical.

8.5.1.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

8.5.1.3 Related QosPolicies

- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)
- EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601)
- RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603)

8.5.1.4 Applicable Dds Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.1.5 System Resource Considerations

Setting the thread parameters correctly on a real-time operating system is usually critical to the proper overall functionality of the applications on that system. Larger values for the thread.stack.size parameter will use up more memory.

Smaller values for the cleanup_period and shutdown_cleanup_period will cause the database thread to wake up more frequently using more CPU.

Connext DDS is permitted to use up more memory for larger values of max_skiplist_level and max_weak_references. Whether or not more memory is actually used depends on actual operating conditions.

8.5.2 DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The DISCOVERY QoS configures how DomainParticipants discover each other on the network. It identifies where on the network this application can potentially discover other applications with which to communicate. The middleware will periodically send network packets to these locations, announcing itself to any remote applications that may be present, and will listen for announcements from those applications. The discovery process is described in detail in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 8.9 DDS_DiscoveryQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
Table 8.9 DDS_DiscoveryQosPolicy

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<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>enabled_transports</td>
<td>Transports available for use by the discovery process. See Transports Used for Discovery (Section 8.5.2.1 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>initial_peers</td>
<td>Unicast locators (address/indices) of potential participants with which this DomainParticipant will attempt to establish communications. See Setting the ‘Initial Peers’ List (Section 8.5.2.2 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_StringSeq</td>
<td>multicast_receive_addresses</td>
<td>List of multicast addresses on which Discovery-related messages can be received by the DomainParticipant. See Configuring Multicast Receive Addresses (Section 8.5.2.4 on the facing page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>metatrafic_transport_priority</td>
<td>Transport priority to be used for sending Discovery messages. See Meta-Traffic Transport Priority (Section 8.5.2.5 on page 581).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>accept_unknown_peers</td>
<td>Whether to accept a participant discovered via unicast that is not in the initial_peers list. See Controlling Acceptance of Unknown Peers (Section 8.5.2.6 on page 581).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>enable_endpoint_discovery</td>
<td>Whether endpoint discovery will automatically occur with discovered DomainParticipants. See Supervising Endpoint Discovery (Section 16.4.5 on page 787).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.5.2.1 Transports Used for Discovery

The enabled_transports field allows you to specify the set of installed and enabled transports that can be used to discover other DomainParticipants. This field is a sequence of strings where each string specifies an alias of a registered (and thus installed and enabled) transport. Please see the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Pluggable Transports) for more information.

8.5.2.2 Setting the ‘Initial Peers’ List

When a DomainParticipant is created, it needs to find other participants in the same DDS domain—this is known as the ‘discovery process’ which is discussed in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708). One way to do so is to use this QosPolicy to specify a list of potential participants. This is the role of the parameter initial_peers. The strings containing peer descriptors are stored in the initial_peers string sequence. The format of a string discussed in Peer Descriptor Format (Section 14.2.1 on page 712).

The peers stored in initial_peers are merely potential peers—there is no requirement that the peer DomainParticipants are actually up and running or even will eventually exist. The Connext DDS discovery process will try to contact all potential peer participants in the list periodically using unicast transports (as configured by the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583)).
8.5.2.3 Adding and Removing Peers List Entries

The initial_peers parameter can be modified in source code or it can be initialized from an environment variable, NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS or from a text file, see Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery (Section 14.2 on page 710).

8.5.2.3 Adding and Removing Peers List Entries

The DomainParticipant’s add_peer() operation adds a peer description to the internal peer list that was initialized by the initial_peers field of the DISCOVERY QosPolicy.

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t DDSDomainParticipant::add_peer(
  const char* peer_desc)
```

The peer_desc string must be formatted as specified in Peer Descriptor Format (Section 14.2.1 on page 712).

You can call this operation any time after the DomainParticipant has been enabled. An attempt will be made to contact the new peer immediately.

Adding peers with this operation has no effect on the initial_peers list. After a DomainParticipant has been created, the contents of the initial_peers field merely shows what the internal peer list was initialized to be. Therefore, initial_peers may not reflect the actual potential peer list used by a DomainParticipant. Furthermore, if you call get_qos(), the returned list of peers will not include the added peer—get_qos() will only show you what is set in the initial_peers list.

A peer added with add_peer() is not considered to be “unknown.” (That is, you may have accept_unknown_peers (Controlling Acceptance of Unknown Peers (Section 8.5.2.6 on the next page)) set to FALSE and still use add_peer().)

You can remove an entry from the list with remove_peer().

You can ignore data from a participant by using the ignore_participant() operation described in Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783).

8.5.2.4 Configuring Multicast Receive Addresses

The multicast_receive_addresses field in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy is a sequence of strings that specifies a set of multicast group addresses on which the DomainParticipant will listen for discovery meta-traffic. Each string must have a valid multicast address in either IPv4 dot notation or IPv6 presentation format. Please look at publicly available documentation of the IPv4 and IPv6 standards for the definition and valid address ranges for multicast.

The multicast_receive_addresses field can be initialized from multicast addresses that appear in the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS environment variable or text file, see Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery (Section 14.2 on page 710). A multicast address found in the environment variable or text file will be added both to the initial_peers and multicast_receive_addresses fields. Note that the addresses in ini-
multicast_receive_addressesDomainParticipant will send discovery meta-traffic, and the ones in multicast_receive_addresses are used for receiving discovery meta-traffic.

If NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS does not contain a multicast address, then multicast_receive_addresses is cleared and the RTI discovery process will not listen for discovery messages via multicast.

If NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS contains one or more multicast addresses, the addresses are stored in multicast_receive_addresses, starting at element 0. They will be stored in the order in which they appear in NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS.

Note: Currently, Connext DDS will only listen for discovery traffic on the first multicast address (element 0) in multicast_receive_addresses.

If you want to send discovery meta-traffic on a different set of multicast addresses than you want to receive discovery meta-traffic, set initial_peers and multicast_receive_addresses via the QosPolicy API.

8.5.2.5 Meta-Traffic Transport Priority

The metatraffic_transport_priority field is used to specify the transport priority to be used for sending all discovery meta-traffic. See the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407) for details on how transport priorities may be used.

8.5.2.6 Controlling Acceptance of Unknown Peers

The accept_unknown_peers field controls whether or not a DomainParticipant is allowed to communicate with other DomainParticipants found via unicast transport that are not in its peers list (which is the combination of the initial_peers list and any peers added with the add_peer() operation described in Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on the previous page)).

Suppose Participant A is included in Participant B’s initial peers list, but Participant B is not in Participant A’s list. When Participant B contacts Participant A by sending it a unicast discovery packet, then Participant A has a choice:

- If accept_unknown_peers is DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE, then Participant A will reply to Participant B, and communications will be established.
- If accept_unknown_peers is DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE, then Participant A will ignore Participant B, and A and B will never talk.

Note that Participants do not exchange peer lists. So if Participant A knows about Participant B, and Participant B knows about Participant C, Participant A will not discover Participant C.

Note: If accept_unknown_peers is false and shared memory is disabled, applications on the same node will not communicate if only ‘localhost’ is specified in the peer list. If shared memory is disabled or ‘shm://’ is not specified in the peer list, if you want to communicate with other applications on the same
node through the loopback interface, you must put the actual node address or hostname in NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS.

8.5.2.7 Example

You will always use this policy to set the participant_id when you want to run more than one DomainParticipant in the same DDS domain on the same host.

The easiest way to set the initial peers list is to use the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS environment variable. However, should you want asymmetric multicast addresses for sending or receiving meta-traffic, you will need to use this QosPolicy directly.

A reason to use asymmetric multicast addresses is to take advantage of the efficiency provided by using multicast, while at the same time preventing all participants from discovering each other. For example, suppose you have a system in which you have a single server node and a hundred client nodes. The client nodes do not publish or subscribe to each other’s data and thus never need to know about each others existence.

If we did not use multicast, we would have to populate the server application’s peer list with 100 peer descriptors for each of the client nodes. Each client application would only need to have the server application in its peer list. The maintenance of the list is unwieldy, especially if nodes are constantly reconfigured and addresses changed. In addition, the server will send out discovery packets on a per client basis since the peer list essentially holds 100 unicast addresses.

Instead, if we used a single multicast address in the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS environment variable, the server and all of the clients would discover each other. Certainly, the list is easier to maintain, but the total amount of traffic has actually increased since the clients are now exchanging packets with each other uselessly.

To keep the list maintainable, as well as to minimize discovery traffic, we can have the server send out packets on a multicast address by modifying its initial_peer field. The clients would have their multicast_receive_addresses field set to the same address used by the server. The initial_peers of the clients would only need the single unicast peer descriptor of the server as before.

Now, the server can send a single packet that will be received by all of the clients, but the clients will not discover each other because they never send out a multicast packet themselves.

8.5.2.8 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.
8.5.2.9 Related QosPolicies

- DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 below)
- TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)

8.5.2.10 Applicable Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.2.11 System Resource Considerations

For every entry in the initial_peers list, Connext DDS will periodically send a discovery packet to see if that participant exists. If the list has many potential participants that are never started, then CPU and network bandwidth may be wasted in sending out packets that will never be received.

8.5.3 DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy is used to tune the discovery process. It controls how often to send discovery packets, how to determine when participants are alive or dead, and resources used by the discovery mechanism.

The amount of network traffic required by the discovery process can vary widely based on how your application has chosen to configure the middleware's network addressing (e.g. unicast vs. multicast, multicast TTL, etc.), the size of the system, whether all applications are started at the same time or whether start times are staggered, and other factors. Your application can use this policy to make trade-offs between discovery completion time and network bandwidth utilization. In addition, you can introduce random back-off periods into the discovery process to decrease the probability of network contention when many applications start simultaneously.

This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 8.10 DDS_DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy. Many of these members are described in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708). For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<td>remote_participant_purge_kind</td>
<td>Controls the DomainParticipant's behavior for purging records of remote participants (and their contained entities) with which discovery communication has been lost. See Controlling Purging of Remote Participants (Section 8.5.3.2 on page 590).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>max_liveliness_loss_detection_period</td>
<td>The maximum amount of time between when a remote entity stops maintaining its liveliness and when the matched local entity realizes that fact.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_participant_announcements</td>
<td>Sets how many initial liveliness announcements the DomainParticipant will send when it is first enabled, or after discovering a new remote participant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>min_initial_participant_announcement_period</td>
<td>Sets the minimum and maximum times between liveliness announcements. When a participant is first enabled, or after discovering a new remote participant, Connext DDS sends initial_participant_announcements number of discovery messages. These messages are sent with a sleep period between them that is a random duration between min_initial_participant_announcement_period and max_initial_participant_announcement_period.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicReaderResourceLimits_t (Section 8.11 on page 588)</td>
<td>participant_reader_resource_limits</td>
<td>Configures the resource for the built-in DataReaders used to access discovery information; see Resource Limits for Builtin-Topic DataReaders (Section 8.5.3.1 on page 588) and Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771).</td>
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<td>WRITER_DATA_LIFECYCLE QoS Policy</td>
<td>publication_writer_data_</td>
<td>Configures writer data-lifecycle settings for a built-in publication writer.</td>
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<td>builtin_discovery_plugins</td>
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<td>DDS_Duration_t</td>
<td>default_domain_announcement_period</td>
<td>The period at which a participant will announce itself to the default DDS domain 0 using the default UDPv4 multicast group address for discovery traffic on that DDS domain.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>For DDS domain 0, the default discovery multicast address is 239.255.0.1:7400.</td>
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<td>To disable announcement to the default DDS domain, set this to DURATION_INFINITE.</td>
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<td>When this period is set to a value other than DURATION_INFINITE and ignore_default_domain_announcements (see below) is FALSE, you can get information about participants running in different DDS domains by creating a participant in DDS domain 0 and implementing the on_data_available callback (see DATA_AVAILABLE Status (Section 7.3.7.1 on page 469)) in the ParticipantBuiltinTopicData built-in DataReader's listener (see Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772)).</td>
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<td>You can learn the domain ID associated with a participant by looking at the domain_id (Section on page 773) in the ParticipantBuiltinTopicData.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>ignore_default_domain_announcements</td>
<td>When TRUE, ignores the announcements received by a participant on the default DDS domain 0 corresponding to participants running on domains IDs other than 0.</td>
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<td>This setting only applies to participants running on the default DDS domain 0 and using the default port mapping.</td>
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<td>When TRUE, a participant running on the default DDS domain 0 will ignore announcements from participants running on different DDS domain IDs.</td>
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<td>When FALSE, a participant running on the default DDS domain 0 will provide announcements from participants running on different DDS domain IDs to the application via the ParticipantBuiltinTopicData built-in DataReader (see Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772)).</td>
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<td>DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicyKind</td>
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<td>Reliability kind configuration setting for a built-in participant message reader (default: best-effort).</td>
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<td>publication_writer_publish_mode</td>
<td>Determines whether the Discovery built-in publication DataWriter publishes data synchronously or asynchronously and how.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PUBLISH_MODE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.18 on page 394)</td>
<td>subscription_writer_publish_mode</td>
<td>Determines whether the Discovery built-in subscription DataWriter publishes data synchronously or asynchronously and how.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311)</td>
<td>asynchronous_publisher</td>
<td>Asynchronous publishing settings for the Discovery Publisher and all entities that are created by it.</td>
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A DomainParticipant needs to send a message periodically to other DomainParticipants to let the other participants know that it is still alive. These liveliness messages are sent to all peers in the peer list that was initialized by the initial_peers parameter of the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578). Peer participants on the peer list may or may not be alive themselves. The peer DomainParticipants that already know about this DomainParticipant will use the participant_liveliness_lease_duration provided by this participant to declare the participant dead, if they have not received a liveliness message for the specified time.

The participant_liveliness_assert_period is the periodic rate at which this DomainParticipant will be sending liveliness messages. Since these liveliness messages are not sent reliably and can get dropped by the transport, it is important to set:

\[
\text{participant\_liveliness\_assert\_period} < \text{participant\_liveliness\_lease\_duration}/N
\]

where N is the number of liveliness messages that other DomainParticipants must miss before they decide that this DomainParticipant is dead.

DomainParticipants that receive a liveliness message from a participant that they did not know about previously will have “discovered” the participant. When one DomainParticipant discovers another, the discoverer will immediately send its own liveliness packets back. initial_participant_announcements controls how many of these initial liveliness messages are sent, and max_initial_participant_announcement_period controls the time period in between each message.

After the initial set of liveliness messages are sent, the DomainParticipant will return to sending liveliness packets to all peers in its peer list at the rate governed by participant_liveliness_assert_period.

For more information on the discovery process, see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).
8.5.3.1 Resource Limits for Builtin-Topic DataReaders

The DDS_BuiltinTopicReaderResourceLimits_t structure is shown in Table 8.11 DDS_BuiltinTopicReaderResourceLimits_t. This structure contains several fields that are used to configure the resource limits of the builtin-topic DataReaders used to receive discovery meta-traffic from other DomainParticipants.

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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_samples</td>
<td>Initial number of meta-traffic DDS data samples that can be stored by a builtin-topic DataReader.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_samples</td>
<td>Maximum number of meta-traffic DDS data samples that can be stored by a builtin-topic DataReader.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_infos</td>
<td>Initial number of DDS_SampleInfo structures allocated for the builtin-topic DataReader.</td>
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</table>
| DDS_Long | max_infos                       | Maximum number of DDS_SampleInfo structures that can be allocated for the built-in topic DataReader.  
  max_infos must be >= max_samples |
| DDS_Boolean | initial_outstanding_ reads      | Initial number of times in which memory can be concurrently loaned via read/take calls on the builtin-topic DataReader without being returned with return_loan(). |
| DDS_Boolean | max_outstanding_reads           | Maximum number of times in which memory can be concurrently loaned via read/take calls on the builtin-topic DataReader without being returned with return_loan(). |
| DDS_Boolean | max_samples_per_read            | Maximum number of DDS samples that can be read/taken on a same built-in topic DataReader. |
| DDS_Boolean | disable_fragmentation_support   | Determines whether the builtin-topic DataReader can receive fragmented DDS samples.  
  When fragmentation support is not needed, disabling fragmentation support will save some memory resources. |
| DDS_Long   | max_fragmented_samples          | The maximum number of DDS samples for which the DataReader may store fragments at a given point in time.  
  At any given time, a DataReader may store fragments for up to max_fragmented_samples DDS samples while waiting for the remaining fragments. These DDS samples need not have consecutive sequence numbers and may have been sent by different DataWriters. Once all fragments of a DDS sample have been received, the DDS sample is treated as a regular DDS sample and becomes subject to standard QoS settings, such as max_samples. Connext DDS will drop fragments if the max_fragmented_samples limit has been reached.  
  For best-effort communication, Connext DDS will accept a fragment for a new DDS sample, but drop the oldest fragmented DDS sample from the same remote writer.  
  For reliable communication, Connext DDS will drop fragments for any new DDS samples until all fragments for at least one older DDS sample from that writer have been received.  
  Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support is FALSE. |
Table 8.11 DDS_BuiltinTopicReaderResourceLimits_t

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<td>initial_fragmented_samples</td>
<td>The initial number of DDS samples for which a builtin-topic DataReader may store fragments. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support (Section on the previous page) is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_fragmented_samples_per_remote_writer</td>
<td>The maximum number of DDS samples per remote writer for which a builtin-topic DataReader may store fragments. Logical limit so a single remote writer cannot consume all available resources. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support (Section on the previous page) is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max.fragments_per_sample</td>
<td>Maximum number of fragments for a single DDS sample. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support (Section on the previous page) is FALSE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples</td>
<td>By default, the middleware does not allocate memory upfront, but instead allocates memory from the heap upon receiving the first fragment of a new sample. The amount of memory allocated equals the amount of memory needed to store all fragments in the sample. Once all fragments of a sample have been received, the sample is deserialized and stored in the regular receive queue. At that time, the dynamically allocated memory is freed again. This QoS setting is useful for large, but variable-sized data types where up-front memory allocation for multiple samples based on the maximum possible sample size may be expensive. The main disadvantage of not pre-allocating memory is that one can no longer guarantee the middleware will have sufficient resources at run-time. If dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples is FALSE, the middleware will allocate memory up-front for storing fragments for up to initial_fragmented_samples samples. This memory may grow up to max_fragmented_samples if needed. Only applies if disable_fragmentation_support (Section on the previous page) is FALSE.</td>
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There are builtin-topics for exchanging data about DomainParticipants, for publications (Publisher/DataWriter combination) and for subscriptions (Subscriber/DataReader combination). The DataReaders for the publication and subscription builtin-topics are reliable. The DataReader for the participant builtin-topic is best effort.

You can set listeners on these DataReaders that are created automatically when a DomainParticipant is created. With these listeners, your code can be notified when remote DomainParticipants, Publishers/DataWriters, and Subscriber/DataReaders are discovered. You can always check the receive queues of those DataReaders for the same information about discovered entities at any time. Please see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771) for more details.

The initial_samples and max_samples, and related initial_infos and max_infos, fields size the amount of declaration messages can be stored in each builtin-topic DataReader.
8.5.3.2 Controlling Purging of Remote Participants

When discovery communication with a remote participant has been lost, the local participant must make a decision about whether to continue attempting to communicate with that participant and its contained entities. The `remote_participant_purge_kind` is used to select the desired behavior.

This does not pertain to the situation in which a remote participant has been gracefully deleted and notification of that deletion has been successfully received by its peers. In that case, the local participant will immediately stop attempting to communicate with those entities and will remove the associated remote entity records from its internal database.

The `remote_participant_purge_kind` can be set to the following values:

**DDS_LIVELINESS_BASED_REMOTE_PARTICIPANT_PURGE**

This value causes Connext DDS to keep the state of a remote participant and its contained entities for as long as the participant maintains its liveliness contract (as specified by its `participant_liveliness_lease_duration` in the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583)).

A participant will maintain its own liveliness to any remote participant via inter-participant liveliness traffic (see LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380)).

The default Simple Discovery Protocol described in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708) automatically maintains this liveliness, whereas other discovery mechanisms may or may not.

**DDS_NO_REMOTE_PARTICIPANT_PURGE**

With this value, Connext DDS will never purge the records of a remote participant with which discovery communication has been lost.

- If the remote participant is later rediscovered, the records that remain in the database will be re-used.
- If the remote participant is not rediscovered, the records will continue to take up space in the database for as long as the local participant remains in existence.

In most cases, you will not need to change this value from its default, DDS_LIVELINESS_BASED_REMOTE_PARTICIPANT_PURGE.

However, DDS_NO_REMOTE_PARTICIPANT_PURGE may be a good choice if the following conditions apply:

Discovery communication with a remote participant may be lost while data communication remains intact. This will not be the typical case if discovery takes place over the Simple Discovery Protocol, but may occur if you are using RTI Enterprise Discovery Service. ¹

¹RTI Enterprise Discovery Service is an optional package that provides participant-matching services for Connext DDS applications.
Extensive and prolonged lack of discovery communication between participants is not expected to be common, either because loss of the participant will be rare, or because participants may be lost sporadically but will typically return again.

Maintaining inter-participant liveliness is problematic, perhaps because a participant has no writers with the appropriate LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) kind.

### 8.5.3.3 Controlling the Reliable Protocol Used by Built-in-Topic DataWriters/DataReaders

The connection between the DataWriters and DataReaders for the publication and subscription built-in-topics are reliable. The publication_writer, subscription_writer, publication_reader, and subscription_reader parameters of the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583) configure the reliable messaging protocol used by Connext DDS for those topics. Connext DDS’s reliable messaging protocol is discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

See also:

- DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)
- DATAREADER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509).

### 8.5.3.4 Example

Users will be most interested in setting the participant_liveliness_lease_duration and participant_liveliness_assert_period values for their DomainParticipants. Basically, the lease duration governs how fast an application realizes another application dies unexpectedly. The shorter the periods, the quicker a DomainParticipant can determine that a remote participant is dead and act accordingly by declaring all of the remote DataWriters and DataReaders of that participant dead as well.

However, you should realize that the shorter the period the more liveliness packets will sent by the DomainParticipant. How many packets is also determined by the number of peers in the peer list of the participant—whether or not the peers on the list are actually alive.

### 8.5.3.5 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

### 8.5.3.6 Related QosPolicies

- DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)
- DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on the facing page)
8.5.3.7 Applicable Dds Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.8 System Resource Considerations

Setting smaller values for time periods can increase the CPU and network bandwidth usage. Setting larger values for maximum limits can increase the maximum memory that Connext DDS may allocate for a DomainParticipant while increasing the initial values will increase the initial memory allocated for a DomainParticipant.

8.5.4 DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy includes various settings that configure how DomainParticipants allocate and use physical memory for internal resources, including the maximum sizes of various properties.

This QosPolicy sets maximum size limits on variable-length parameters used by the participant and its contained Entities. It also controls the initial and maximum sizes of data structures used by the participant to store information about locally-created and remotely-discovered entities (such as DataWriters/DataReaders), as well as parameters used by the internal database to size the hash tables used by the data structures.

By default, a DomainParticipant is allowed to dynamically allocate memory as needed as users create local Entities such as DataWriters and DataReaders or as the participant discovers new applications to store their information. By setting fixed values for the maximum parameters in this QosPolicy, you can bound the memory that can be allocated by a DomainParticipant. In addition, by setting the initial values to the maximum values, you can prevent DomainParticipants from allocating memory after the initialization period.

The maximum sizes of several variable-length parameters—such as the number of partitions that can be stored in the PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321), the maximum length of data store in the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415) and GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318), and many others—can be changed from their defaults using this QoS. However, it is important that all DomainParticipants that need to communicate with each other use the same set of maximum values. Otherwise, when these parameters are propagated from one DomainParticipant to another, a DomainParticipant with a smaller maximum length may reject the parameter resulting in an error.
This QosPolicy includes the members in Table 8.12 DDS_DomainParticipantResourceLimitsQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<td>local_writer_allocation</td>
<td>Each allocation structure configures how many objects of each type, <code>&lt;object&gt;_allocation</code>, will be allocated by the DomainParticipant.</td>
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<td>See Configuring Resource Limits for Asynchronous DataWriters (Section 8.5.4.1 on page 599).</td>
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<td>DDS_DomainParticipant ResourceLimits</td>
<td>ignored_entity_replacement_kind</td>
<td>Sets the kinds of entities allowed to be replaced when a DomainParticipant reaches ignored_entity_allocation_max_count. See Resource Limits Considerations for Ignored Entities (Section 16.4.4 on page 787).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>local_writer_hash_buckets</td>
<td>Used to configure the hash tables used for database searches. If these numbers are too large then memory is wasted. If these numbers are too small, searching for an object will be less efficient.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_gather_destinations</td>
<td>Configures the maximum number of destinations that a message can be addressed in a single network send operation. Can improve efficiency if the underlying transport support can send to multiple destinations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>participant_user_data_max_length</td>
<td>Controls the maximum lengths of USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415), TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204) and GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318) for different entities. Must be configured to be the same values on all DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain.</td>
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<td>topic_data_max_length</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_partitions</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of partitions that can be assigned to a Publisher or Subscriber with the PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321). Must be configured to be the same value on all DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_partition_cumulative_characters</td>
<td>Controls the maximum number of combined characters among all partition names in the PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321). Must be configured to be the same value on all DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>type_code_max_serialized_length</td>
<td>Maximum size of serialized string for type code. If your data type has an especially complex type code, you may need to increase this value. See Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone) (Section 3.6 on page 127).</td>
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<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>type_object_max_serialized_length</td>
<td>Maximum length, in bytes, that the buffer to serialize TypeObject can consume. This parameter limits the size of the TypeObject that a DomainParticipant is able to propagate. Since TypeObjects contain all of the information of a data structure, including the strings that define the names of the members of a structure, complex data-structures can result in TypeObjects larger than the default maximum. This field allows you to specify a larger value. Cannot be unlimited.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>type_object_max_deserialized_length</td>
<td>Maximum number of bytes that a deserialized TypeObject can consume. This parameter limits the size of the TypeObject that a DomainParticipant is able to store.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>deserialized_type_object_dynamic_allocation_threshold</td>
<td>Threshold, in bytes, for dynamic memory allocation for the deserialized TypeObject. Above it, the memory for a TypeObject is allocated dynamically. Below it, the memory is obtained from a pool of fixed-size buffers. The size of the buffers is equal to this threshold.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>contentfilter_property_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum length of all data related to ContentFilteredTopics (Section 5.4 on page 206).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>channel_seq_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum number of channels that can be specified in a DataWriter’s MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>channel_filter_expression_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum length of a channel filter_expression in a DataWriter’s MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>participant_property_list_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum number of properties ((name, value) pairs) that can be stored in the DomainParticipant’s PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>participant_property_string_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum cumulative length (in bytes, including the null terminating characters) of all the (name, value) pairs in a DomainParticipant’s Property QosPolicy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>writer_property_list_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum number of properties ((name, value) pairs) that can be stored in a DataWriter’s Property QosPolicy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>writer_property_string_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum cumulative length (in bytes, including the null terminating characters) of all the (name, value) pairs in a DataWriter’s Property QosPolicy.</td>
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8.5.4 DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

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<td>reader_property_list_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum number of properties ((name, value) pairs) that can be stored in a DataReader’s Property QosPolicy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>reader_property_string_max_length</td>
<td>Maximum cumulative length (in bytes, including the null terminating characters) of all the (name, value) pairs in a DataReader’s Property QosPolicy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_endpoint_groups</td>
<td>Maximum number of endpoint groups allowed in an DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_endpoint_group_cumulative_characters</td>
<td>Maximum number of combined role_name characters allowed in all endpoint groups in an AvailabilityQosPolicy. The maximum number of combined characters should account for a terminating NULL (') character for each role_name string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>transport_info_list_max_length</td>
<td>When sending DomainParticipant discovery information, this value defines the maximum number of transports whose properties will be announced to other DomainParticipants. If a DomainParticipant has three transports installed and this value is two, the DomainParticipant will only announce information about the first two transports. When receiving DomainParticipant information, this value defines the maximum size of the list containing information about the transports installed in a remote DomainParticipant. The information about the transports installed in a DomainParticipant is made available to remote DomainParticipants through the sequence field transport_info in the Participant Built-in Topic’s Data (see Table 16.1 Participant Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_ParticipantBuiltInTopicData)). Setting this value to 0 disables the capability of Connext DDS to detect and report transport misconfigurations. However, it does not affect the capability of reaching a given DomainParticipant in all transports available on that DomainParticipant.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Most of the parameters for this QosPolicy are described in the Description column of the table. However, you may need to refer to the sections listed in the column to fully understand the context in which the parameter is used.

An important parameter in this QosPolicy that is often changed by users is the type_code_max_serialized_length. This parameter limits the size of the type code that a DomainParticipant is able to store and propagate for user data types. Type codes can be used by external applications to understand user data types without having the data type predefined in compiled form. However, since type codes contain all of the information of a data structure including the strings that define the names of the members of a structure, complex data structures can result in type codes larger than the default maximum of 2048 bytes. Thus it is common for users to set this parameter to a larger value. However, as with all parameters in this QosPolicy
8.5.4.1 Configuring Resource Limits for Asynchronous DataWriters

When using an asynchronous Publisher, if a call to write() is blocked due to a resource limit, the block will last until the timeout period expires, which will prevent others from freeing the resource. To avoid this situation, make sure that the DomainParticipant’s resource_limits.outstanding_asynchronous_sample_allocation is always greater than the sum of all asynchronous DataWriters’ resource_limits.max_samples (see RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)).

8.5.4.2 Configuring Memory Allocation

The <object type>_allocation configures the number of <object type>’s that can be stored in the internal Connext DDS database. For example, local_writer_allocation configures how many local DataWriters can be created for the DomainParticipant.

The DDS_AllocationSettings_t structure sets the initial and maximum number of each object type that can be stored. Memory is allocated for the storage of the objects, thus initial_count will determine how much memory is initially allocated, and max_count will determine the maximum amount of memory that Connext DDS is allowed to allocate. The incremental_count is used to allocate more memory in chunks when the number of objects created exceed the initial_count.

You should modify these parameters only if you want to decrease the initial memory used by Connext DDS when a DomainParticipant is created or increase the maximum number of local and remote Entities that can be stored in a DomainParticipant.

How Connext DDS is allowed to allocate memory for a DomainParticipant after initialization depends on how you set these parameters.
1. Static memory allocation

No memory is allocated by Connext DDS after creation. Set `initial_count = max_count`. The `incremental_count` should be set to 0.

- Advantage: All memory allocation is done when creating the `DomainParticipant`; no dynamic allocation during run-time. You know immediately if you have enough memory to run in that configuration.
- Disadvantage: Requires a fairly static system and/or good estimates on the number of `Entities` in the distributed system. Connext DDS will fail to execute properly once the number of `Entities` exceed the configure bounds.

2. Dynamic, bounded allocation

Set `initial_count` to configure the initial amount of memory to be allocated. Set `max_count` to the maximum allowable upper bound (see the API Reference HTML documentation).

- Advantage: Initial memory usage may be lower and memory is allocated as needed and only if needed.
- Disadvantage: Connext DDS may allocate memory dynamically which may have an impact on performance.

If you allow Connext DDS to allocate memory dynamically, you can either:

- Use fixed-size increments (set `incremental_count` to the desired fixed size).
  - Advantage: well known amount of memory allocated each time.
  - Disadvantage: may require more frequent allocations.

- Double the amount of extra memory allocated each time memory is needed (set `incremental_count` to -1).
  - Advantage: requires fewer allocations.
  - Disadvantage: may allocate considerably more memory than is really needed.

### 8.5.4.3 Example

For most applications, the default values for this QosPolicy may be sufficient. However, if an application uses the `PARTITION`, `USER_DATA`, `TOPIC_DATA`, or `GROUP_DATA` QosPolicies, the default maximum sizes of the data associated with those policies may need to be adjusted as required by the application. As noted previously, you must make sure that all `DomainParticipants` in the same DDS domain use the same sets of values or it is possible that Connext DDS will not successfully connect two `Entities`.

### 8.5.4.4 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the `DomainParticipant` is created.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.
8.5.4.5 Related QosPolicies

- DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on page 576)
- DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583)
- MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384)
- USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)
- TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)
- GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)
- PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321)
- PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391)

8.5.4.6 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.4.7 System Resource Considerations

Memory and CPU usage are directly affected by the values set for parameters of this QosPolicy. See the detailed descriptions above for specifics.

8.5.5 EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The EVENT QosPolicy configures the internal Connext DDS Event thread.

This QoS allows the you to configure thread properties such as priority level and stack size. You can also configure the maximum number of events that can be posted to the event thread. It contains the members in Table 8.13 DDS_EventQoSPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ThreadSettings_t</td>
<td>thread.mask</td>
<td>Thread settings for the event thread used by Connext DDS to wake up for a timed event and possibly execute listener callbacks. The values used for these settings are OS-dependent; see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes for details. Note: thread.cpu_list and thread.cpu_rotation are not relevant in this QoS policy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>thread.priority</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>thread.stack_size</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>initial_count</td>
<td>Initial number of events that can be stored simultaneously.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>max_count</td>
<td>Maximum number of events that can be stored simultaneously.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Event thread is used to wake up and execute timed events posted to the event queue. In a DomainParticipant, different Entities may have constraints that have to be checked at periodic intervals or at specific times. If the constraint is violated, a callback function may need to be executed. Timed events include checking for timeouts and deadlines, and executing internal and user timeout or exception handling routines/callbacks. A combination of a time, constraint, and callback can be considered to be an event. For more information, see Event Thread (Section 19.2 on page 837).

For example, a DataReader may have a constraint that requires data to be received within a period of time specified by the DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361). For that DataReader, an event is stored by the Event thread so that it will wake up periodically to check to see if data has arrived in time. If not, the Event thread will execute the on_requested_deadline_missed() Listener callback of the DataReader (if it was installed and enabled).

A reliable connection between a DataWriter and DataReader will also post events for sending heartbeats used in the reliable protocol discussed in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

This QoS configures the parameters associated with thread creation as well as the number of events that can be simultaneously stored by the Event thread.

### 8.5.5.1 Example

In a real-time operating system, the priority of the Event thread should be set relative to the priority of the events that it must handle. For example, you may want the Event thread to have a high priority if the deadlines and callbacks that it handles are time or safety critical. It may be critical that the data of a particular DataReader arrives on time or if not, alternative action is taken with minimal latency.

If you create many Entities in a DomainParticipant with QosPolicies that will post events that check deadlines, liveliness or send heartbeats, then you may need to increase the maximum number of events that can be stored by the Event thread.

If your application is sending a lot of reliable data, you should increase the event thread priority to be higher than the sending thread priority.

### 8.5.5.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

### 8.5.5.3 Related QosPolicies

- DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on page 576)
- RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on the next page)
8.5.5.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.5.5 System Resource Considerations

Increasing initial_count and max_count will increase initial and maximum memory used for storing events.

Setting the thread parameters correctly on a real-time operating system is usually critical to the proper overall functionality of the applications on that system. Larger values for the thread.stack_size parameter will use up more memory.

By default, a DomainParticipant will dynamically allocate memory as needed for events posted to the event thread. However, by setting an maximum value or setting the initial and maximum value to be the same, you can either bound the amount of memory allocated for the event thread or prevent a DomainParticipant from dynamically allocating memory for the event thread after initialization.

8.5.6 RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy configures the internal Connext DDS thread used to process the data received from a transport. The Receive thread is described in detail in Receive Threads (Section 19.3 on page 838).

This QosPolicy contains the members in Table 8.14 DDS_ReceiverPoolQoSPolicy.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>struct DDS_ThreadSettings_t</td>
<td>thread.mask</td>
<td>Thread settings for the receive thread(s) used by Connext DDS to process data received from a transport. The values used for these settings are OS-dependent; see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes for details. See also: Controlling CPU Core Affinity for RTI Threads (Section 19.5 on page 840).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 8.14 DDS_ReceiverPoolQoSPolicy

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>buffer_size</td>
<td>Size of the receive buffer in bytes. For the default and valid range, see the API Reference HTML documentation. buffer_size must always be at least as large as the maximum message_size_max of any installed non-zero-copy transport.¹ The buffer_size can be adjusted automatically by the middleware by configuring its value to DDS_LENGTH_AUTO (in C/C++) or ReceiverPoolQosPolicy.LENGTH_AUTO (in .NET and Java). When set to this AUTO default value, the effective value will automatically be set to the largest message_size_max of all installed transports, without needing any other configuration. Therefore you should not need to change this value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>buffer_alignment</td>
<td>Byte-alignment of the receive buffer. For the default and valid range, see the API Reference HTML documentation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This QosPolicy sets the thread properties, like priority level and stack size, for the threads used to receive and process data from transports. Connext DDS uses a separate receive thread per port per transport plugin. To force Connext DDS to use a separate thread to process the data for a DataReader, you should set a unique port for the TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410) or TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527) for the DataReader.

Connext DDS creates at least one thread for every transport that is installed and enabled for use by the DomainParticipant for receiving data. These threads are used to process data DDS samples received for the participant’s DataReaders, as well as messages used by Connext DDS itself in support of the application discovery process discussed in Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).

The user application may configure Connext DDS to create many more threads for receiving data sent via multicast or even to dedicate a thread to process the DDS data samples of a single DataReader received on a particular transport. This QosPolicy is used in the creation of all receive threads.

8.5.6.1 Example

When new data arrives on a transport, the receive thread may invoke the on_data_available() of the Listener callback of a DataReader. Thus, you may want to adjust the priority of the receive threads with respect to the other threads in the application as appropriate for the proper operation of the system.

¹A “zero-copy transport” does not use the receive buffer. A transport is zero-copy if the properties_bitmap property in the DDS_Transport_Property_t is NDDS_TRANSPORTPROPERTY_BIT_BUFFER_ALWAYS_LOANE. The only built-in transport that supports zero-copy is the UDPv4 transport on VxWorks platforms.
8.5.6.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created. It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

8.5.6.3 Related QosPolicies

- DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on page 576)
- EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601)

8.5.6.4 Applicable Dds Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.6.5 System Resource Considerations

Increasing the buffer_size will increase memory used by a receive thread.

Setting the thread parameters correctly on a real-time operating system is usually critical to the proper overall functionality of the applications on that system. Larger values for the thread.stack_size parameter will use up more memory.

8.5.7 TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

Connext DDS comes with three different transport plugins built into the core libraries (for most supported target platforms). These are plugins for UDPv4, shared memory, and UDPv6.

This QosPolicy allows you to control which built-in transport plugins are used by a DomainParticipant. By default, only the UDPv4 and shared memory plugins are enabled (for most platforms; on some platforms, the shared memory plugin is not available). You can disable one or all of the builtin transports.

In some cases, users will disable the shared memory transport when they do not want applications to use shared memory to communicate when running on the same node.

If one application is configured to use UDPv4 and shared memory, while another application is only configured for UDPv4, and these two applications run on the same node, they will not communicate. This is due to an internal optimization which will default to use shared memory instead of loopback. However if the other peer application does not enable shared memory, there is no common transport; therefore they will not communicate.

It contains the member in Table 8.15 DDS_TransportBuiltinQosPolicy. For the default and valid values, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
Table 8.15 DDS_TransportBuiltinQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportBuiltinKindMask</td>
<td>mask</td>
<td>A mask with bits that indicate which built-in transports will be installed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please see the API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Pluggable Transports, Using Transport Plugins and Built-in Transport Plugins) for more information.

Note: Currently, Connext DDS will only listen for discovery traffic on the first multicast address (element 0) in multicast_receive_addresses.

8.5.7.1 Example

See System Resource Considerations (Section 8.5.7.5 below) for an example of why you may want to use this QosPolicy.

In addition, customers may wish to install and use their own custom transport plugins instead of any of the builtin transports. In that case, this QosPolicy may be used to disable all builtin transports.

8.5.7.2 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

It can be set differently on the publishing and subscribing sides.

8.5.7.3 Related QosPolicies

- TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409)
- TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410)
- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527)

8.5.7.4 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.7.5 System Resource Considerations

You can save memory and other system resources if you disable the built-in transports that your application will not use. For example, if you only run a single application with a single DomainParticipant on each machine in your network, then you can disable the shared memory transport since your applications will never use it to send or receive messages.
8.5.8 TRANSPORT_MULTICAST_MAPPING QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The multicast address on which a DataReader wants to receive its data can be explicitly configured using the TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527). However in systems with many multicast addresses, managing the multicast configuration can become cumbersome. The TransportMulticastMapping QosPolicy is designed to make configuration and assignment of the DataReader's multicast addresses more manageable. When using this QosPolicy, the middleware will automatically assign a multicast receive address for a DataReader from a range by using configurable mapping rules.

DataReaders can be assigned a single multicast receive address using the rules defined in this QosPolicy on the DomainParticipant. This multicast receive address is exchanged during simple discovery in the same manner used when the multicast receive address is defined explicitly. No additional configuration on the writer side is needed.

Mapping within a range is done through a mapping function. The middleware provides a default hash (md5) mapping function. This interface is also pluggable, so you can specify a custom mapping function to minimize collisions.

To use this QosPolicy, you must set the kind in the TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527) to AUTOMATIC.

This QosPolicy contains the member in Table 8.16 DDS_TransportMulticastMappingQosPolicy.

### Table 8.16 DDS_TransportMulticastMappingQosPolicy

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportMappingSettingsSeq</td>
<td>value</td>
<td>A sequence of multicast communication settings, each of which has the format shown in Table 8.17 DDS_TransportMulticastSettings_t.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Table 8.17 DDS_TransportMulticastSettings_t

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>addresses</td>
<td>A string containing a comma-separated list of IP addresses or IP address ranges to be used to receive multicast traffic for the entity with a topic that matches the topic_expression. See Formatting Rules for Addresses (Section 8.5.8.1 on the facing page).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
8.5.8.1 Formatting Rules for Addresses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>topic_expression</td>
<td>A regular expression used to map topic names to corresponding addresses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>See SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>mapping_function</td>
<td>Optional. Defines a user-provided pluggable mapping function. See Table 8.18 DDS_TransportMulticastMappingFunction_t.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 8.18 DDS_TransportMulticastMappingFunction_t

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>dll</td>
<td>Specifies a dynamic library that contains a mapping function. You may specify a relative or absolute path. If the name is specified as &quot;foo&quot;, the library name on Linux systems will be libfoo.so; on Windows systems it will be foo.dll.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>function_name</td>
<td>Specifies the name of a mapping function in the library specified in the above dll. The function must implement the following interface: int function(const char* topic_name, int numberOfAddresses); The function must return an integer that indicates the index of the address to use for the given topic_name. For example, if the first address in the list should be used, it must return 0; if the second address in the list should be used, it must return 1, etc.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.5.8.1 Formatting Rules for Addresses

- The string must contain IPv4 or IPv6 addresses separated by commas. For example: "239.255.100.1,239.255.100.2,239.255.100.3"
- You may specify ranges of addresses by enclosing the start and end addresses in square brackets. For example: "[239.255.100.1,239.255.100.3]".
- You may combine the two approaches. For example: "239.255.200.1,[239.255.100.1,239.255.100.3], 239.255.200.3"
- IPv4 addresses must be specified in Dot-decimal notation.
IPv6 addresses must be specified using 8 groups of 16-bit hexadecimal values separated by colons. For example: FF00:0000:0000:0202:B3FF:FE1E:8329.

Leading zeroes can be skipped. For example: FF00:0:0:0:202:B3FF:FE1E:8329.

You may replace a consecutive number of zeroes with a double colon, but only once within an address. For example: FF00::202:B3FF:FE1E:8329.

8.5.8.2 Example

This QoS policy configures the multicast ranges and mapping rules at the DomainParticipant level. You can configure a large set of multicast addresses on the DomainParticipant.

In addition, you can configure a mapping between topic names and multicast addresses. For example, topic "A" can be assigned to address 239.255.1.1 and topic "B" can be assigned to address 239.255.1.2.

This configuration is quite flexible. For example, you can specify mappings between a subset of topics to a range of multicast addresses. For example, topics "X", "Y" and "Z" can be mapped to [239.255.1.1, 239.255.1.255], or using regular expressions, "X*" and "B-Z" can be mapped to a sub-range of addresses. See SQL Extension: Regular Expression Matching (Section 5.4.6.5 on page 222).

8.5.8.3 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

8.5.8.4 Related QosPolicies

- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527)

8.5.8.5 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.8.6 System Resource Considerations

See System Resource Considerations (Section 7.6.5.5 on page 530).

8.5.9 WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)

The WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy configures some global Real-Time Publish Subscribe (RTPS) protocol-related properties for the DomainParticipant. The RTPS OMG-standard, interoperability protocol is used by Connext DDS to format and interpret messages between DomainParticipants.

It includes the members in Table 8.19 DDS_WireProtocolQosPolicy. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation. (The default values contain the correctly initialized wire protocol attributes. They should not be modified without an understanding of the underlying Real-Time Publish Subscribe (RTPS) wire protocol.)
### 8.5.9.1 Choosing Participant IDs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>participant_id</td>
<td>Unique identifier for participants that belong to the same DDS domain on the same host. See Choosing Participant IDs (Section 8.5.9.1 below).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_UnsignedLong</td>
<td>rtps_host_id</td>
<td>A machine/OS-specific host ID, unique in the DDS domain. See Host, App, and Instance IDs (Section 8.5.9.2 on page 612).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>rtps_app_id</td>
<td>A participant-specific ID, unique within the scope of the rtps_host_id. See Host, App, and Instance IDs (Section 8.5.9.2 on page 612).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>rtps_instance_id</td>
<td>An instance-specific ID of the DomainParticipant that, together with the rtps_app_id, is unique within the scope of the rtps_host_id. See Host, App, and Instance IDs (Section 8.5.9.2 on page 612).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t</td>
<td>rtps_well_known_ports</td>
<td>Determines the well-known multicast and unicast ports for discovery and user traffic. See Ports Used for Discovery (Section 8.5.9.3 on page 612).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_RtpsReservedPortKindMask</td>
<td>rtps_reserved_ports_mask</td>
<td>Specifies which well-known multicast and unicast ports to reserve when enabling the DomainParticipant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_WireProtocolQosPolicyAutoKind</td>
<td>rtps_auto_id_kind</td>
<td>Kind of auto mechanism used to calculate the GUID prefix.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) and DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509) configure RTPS and reliability properties on a per DataWriter and DataReader basis.

#### 8.5.9.1 Choosing Participant IDs

When you create a DomainParticipant, you must specify a domain ID, which identifies the communication channel across the whole system. Each DomainParticipant in the same DDS domain on the same host also needs a unique integer, known as the participant_id.

The participant_id uniquely identifies a DomainParticipant from other DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain on the same host. You can use the same participant_id value for DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain but running on different hosts.

The participant_id is also used to calculate the default unicast user-traffic and the unicast meta-traffic port numbers, as described in Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737). If you only have one DomainParticipant in the same DDS domain on the same host, you will not need to modify this value.
You can either allow Connext DDS to select a participant ID automatically (by setting `participant_id` to -1), or choose a specific participant ID (by setting `participant_id` to the desired value).

- **Automatic Participant ID Selection**

  The default value of `participant_id` is -1, which means Connext DDS will select a participant ID for you.

  Connext DDS will pick the smallest participant ID, based on the unicast ports available on the transports enabled for discovery, based on the unicast and/or multicast ports available on the transports enabled for discovery and/or user traffic.

  The `rtps_reserved_ports_mask` field determines which ports to check when picking the next available participant ID. The reserved ports are calculated based on the formula specified in Inbound Ports for Meta-Traffic (Section 14.5.1 on page 738) and Inbound Ports for User Traffic (Section 14.5.2 on page 739). By default, Connext DDS will reserve the meta-traffic unicast port, the meta-traffic multicast port, and the user traffic unicast port.

  Connext DDS will attempt to resolve an automatic port ID either when a `DomainParticipant` is enabled, or when a `DataReader` or a `DataWriter` is created. Therefore, all the transports enabled for discovery must have been registered by this time. Otherwise, the discovery transports registered after resolving the automatic port index may produce port conflicts when the `DomainParticipant` is enabled.

  To see what value Connext DDS has selected, either:
  
  - Change the verbosity level of the `NDDS_CONFIG_LOGCATEGORY_API` category to `NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_verbosity_STATUS_LOCAL` (see Controlling Messages from Connext DDS (Section 21.2 on page 864)).
  
  - Call `get_qos()` and look at the `participant_id` value in the `WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 8.5.9 on page 609) after the `DomainParticipant` is enabled.

- **Manual Participant ID Selection**

  If you do have multiple `DomainParticipants` on the same host, you should use consecutively numbered participant indices start from 0. This will make it easier to specify the discovery peers using the `initial_peers` parameter of this QosPolicy or the `NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS` environment variable. See Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery (Section 14.2 on page 710) for more information.

  Do not use random participant indices since this would make DISCOVERY incredibly difficult to configure. In addition, the `participant_id` has a maximum value of 120 (and will be less for domain IDs other than 0) when using an IP-based transport since the `participant_id` is used to create the port number (see Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737)), and for IP, a port number cannot be larger than 65536.
For details, see Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737).

8.5.9.2 Host, App, and Instance IDs

The rtps_host_id, rtps_app_id, and rtps_instance_id values are used by the RTPS protocol to allow Connext DDS to distinguish messages received from different DomainParticipants. Their combined values must be globally unique across all existing DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain. In addition, if an application dies unexpectedly and is restarted, the IDs used by the new instance of DomainParticipants should be different than the ones used by the previous instances. A change in these values allows other DomainParticipants to know that they are communicating with a new instance of an application, and not the previous instance.

If the value of rtps_host_id is set to DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID, the IPv4 address of the host is used as the host ID. If the host does not have an IPv4 address, the host-id will be automatically set to 0x7F000001.

If the value of rtps_app_id is set to DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID, the process (or task) ID is used. There can be at most 256 distinct participants in a shared address space (process) with a unique rtps_app_id.

If the value of rtps_instance_id is set to DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID, a counter is assigned that is incremented per new participant. Thus, together with rtps_app_id, there can be at most 2^64 distinct participants in a shared address space with a unique RTPS Globally Unique Identifier (GUID).

8.5.9.3 Ports Used for Discovery

The rtps_well_known_ports structure allows you to configure the ports that are used for discovery of inbound meta-traffic (discovery data internal to Connext DDS) and user traffic (from your application).

It includes the members in Table 8.20 DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t. For defaults and valid ranges, please refer to the API Reference HTML documentation.
8.5.9.4 Controlling How the GUID is Set (rtps_auto_id_kind)

Table 8.20 DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>port_base</td>
<td>The base port offset. All mapped well-known ports are offset by this value. Resulting ports must be within the range imposed by the underlying transport.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>domain_id_gain</td>
<td>Tunable gain parameters. See Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>participant_id_gain</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>builtin_multicast_port_offset</td>
<td>Additional offset for meta-traffic port. See Inbound Ports for Meta-Traffic (Section 14.5.1 on page 738).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>builtin_unicast_port_offset</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>user_multicast_port_offset</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>user_unicast_port_offset</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

8.5.9.4 Controlling How the GUID is Set (rtps_auto_id_kind)

In order for the discovery process to work correctly, each DomainParticipant must have a unique identifier. This QoS policy specifies how that identifier should be generated.

RTPS defines a 96-bit prefix to this identifier; each DomainParticipant must have a unique value of this prefix relative to all other participants in its DDS domain. In order to make it easier to control how this 96-bit value is generated, Connext DDS divides it into three integers: a host ID, the value of which is based on the identity of the machine on which the participant is executing, an application ID (whose value is based on the process or task in which the participant is contained), and an instance ID which identifies the participant itself.

This QoS policy provides you with a choice of algorithms for generating these values automatically. In case none of these algorithms suit your needs, you may also choose to specify some or all of them yourself.

The following three fields compose the GUID prefix and by default are set to DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID. The meaning of this flag depends on the value assigned to rtps_auto_id_kind.

- rtps_host_id
- rtps_app_id
- rtps_instance_id
Depending on the `rtps_auto_id_kind` value, there are two different scenarios:

1. In the default and most common scenario, `rtps_auto_id_kind` is set to DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_IP. Doing so, each field is interpreted as follows:
   - `rtps_host_id`: the 32 bit value of the IPv4 of the first up and running interface of the host machine is assigned
   - `rtps_app_id`: the process (or task) ID is assigned
   - `rtps_instance_id`: A counter is assigned that is incremented per new participant

   **Note:** If the IP address assigned to the interface is not unique within the network (for instance, if it is not configured), then it is possible that the GUID (specifically, the `rtps_host_id` portion) may also not be unique.

2. In this scenario, Connext DDS provides a different value for `rtps_auto_id_kind`: DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC. As the name suggests, this alternative mechanism uses the MAC address instead of the IPv4 address. Since the MAC address size is up to 64 bits, the logical mapping of the host information, the application ID, and the instance identifiers has to change.

   **Note to Solaris Users:** To use DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC, you must run the Connext DDS application while logged in as 'root.'

Using DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC, the default value of each field is interpreted as follows:
   - `rtps_host_id`: the first 32 bits of the MAC address of the first up and running interface of the host machine are assigned
   - `rtps_app_id`: the last 32 bits of the MAC address of the first up and running interface of the host machine are assigned
   - `rtps_instance_id`: this field is split into two different parts. The process (or task) ID is assigned to the first 24 bits. A counter is assigned to the last 8 bits. This counter is incremented per new participant. In both scenarios, you can change the value of each field independently.

If DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC is used, the `rtps_instance_id` has been logically split into two parts: 24 bits for the process/task ID and 8 bits for the per new participant counter. To give users the ability to manually set the two parts independently, a bit field mechanism has been introduced for the `rtps_instance_id` field when it is used in combination with DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC. If one of the two parts is set to 0, only this part will be handled by Connext DDS and you will be able to handle the other one manually.

Some examples are provided to better explain the behavior of this QoS Policy in case you want to change the default behavior with DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC.
8.5.9.4 Controlling How the GUID is Set (rtps_auto_id_kind)

1. Get the `DomainParticipant` QoS from the DomainParticipantFactory:

   ```c
   DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_get_default_participant_qos(
       DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_get_instance(),
       &participant_qos);
   ```

2. Change the WireProtocolQosPolicy using one of the following options.
8.5.9.4 Controlling How the GUID is Set (rtps_auto_id_kind)

- Use DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC to explicitly set just the application/task identifier portion of the rtps_instance_id field:

```c
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_auto_id_kind = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_host_id = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_app_id = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_instance_id =
    (/* App ID */ (12 << 8) | /* Instance ID*/ (DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID));
```

- Only set the per participant counter and let Connext DDS handle the application/task identifier:

```c
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_auto_id_kind = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_host_id = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_app_id = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_instance_id =
    (/* App ID */ (DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID) | /* Instance ID*/ (12));
```

- Set the entire rtps_instance_id field yourself:

```c
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_auto_id_kind = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_host_id = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_app_id = DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID;
participant_qos.wire_protocol.rtps_instance_id =
    ( /* App ID */ (12 << 8) ) | /* Instance ID */ (9 )
```

**Note:** If you are using DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID_FROM_MAC as rtps_auto_id_kind and you decide to manually handle the rtps_instance_id field, you must ensure that both parts are non-zero (otherwise Connext DDS will take responsibility for them).

RTI recommends that you always specify the two parts separately in order to avoid errors.

- Let Connext DDS handle the entire rtps_instance_id field:
8.5.9.5 Example

On many real-time operating systems, and even on some non-real-time operating systems, when a node is rebooted, and applications are automatically started, process ids are deterministically assigned. That is, when the system restarts or if an application dies and is restarted, the application will be reassigned the same process or task ID.

This means that Connext DDS’s automatic algorithm for creating unique rtps_app_id’s will produce the same value between sequential instances of the same application. This will confuse the other DomainParticipants on the network into thinking that they are communicating with the previous instance of the application instead of a new instance. Errors usually resulting in a failure to communicate will ensue.

Thus for applications running on nodes that may be rebooted without letting the application shutdown appropriately (destroying the DomainParticipant), especially on nodes running real-time operating systems like VxWorks or LynxOS, you will want to set the rtps_app_id manually. We suggest that a strictly incrementing counter is stored either on a file system or in non-volatile RAM is used for the rtps_app_id.

Whatever method you use, you should make sure that the rtps_app_id is unique across all DomainParticipants running on a host as well as DomainParticipants that were recently running on the host. After a period configured through the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy existing applications will eventually flush old DomainParticipants that did not properly shutdown from their databases. When that is done, then rtps_app_id may be reused.

8.5.9.6 Properties

This QosPolicy cannot be modified after the DomainParticipant is created.

If manually set, it must be set differently for every DomainParticipant in the same DDS domain across all applications. The value of rtps_app_id should also change between different invocations of the same application (for example, when an application is restarted).
8.5.9.7 Related QosPolicies

- DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583)

8.5.9.8 Applicable DDS Entities

- DomainParticipants (Section 8.3 on page 545)

8.5.9.9 System Resource Considerations

The use of this policy does not significantly impact the use of resources.

8.6 Clock Selection

Connext DDS uses clocks to measure time and generate timestamps.

The middleware uses two clocks: an internal clock and an external clock.

- The internal clock measures time and handles all timing in the middleware.
- The external clock is used solely to generate timestamps (such as the source timestamp and the reception timestamp), in addition to providing the time given by the DomainParticipant’s get_current_time() operation (see Getting the Current Time (Section 8.3.13.2 on page 569)).

8.6.1 Available Clocks

Two clock implementations are generally available: the real-time clock and the monotonic clock.

The real-time clock provides the real time of the system. This clock may generally be monotonic, but may not be guaranteed to be so. It is adjustable and may be subject to small and large changes in time. The time obtained from this clock is generally a meaningful time, in that it is the amount of time from a known epoch. For the purposes of clock selection, this clock can be referenced by the names "realtime" or "system"—both names map to the same real-time clock.

The monotonic clock provides times that are monotonic from a clock that is not adjustable. This clock is not subject to changes in the system or real-time clock, which may be adjusted by the user or via time synchronization protocols. However, this clock’s time generally starts from an arbitrary point in time, such as system start-up. Note that the monotonic clock is not available for all architectures. Please see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes for the architectures on which it is supported. For the purposes of clock selection, this clock can be referenced by the name "monotonic".

8.6.2 Clock Selection Strategy

To configure the clock selection, use the DomainParticipant’s PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391). Table 8.21 Clock Selection Properties lists the supported properties.
Table 8.21 Clock Selection Properties

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<td>dds.clock.external_clock</td>
<td>Comma-delimited list of clocks to use for the external clock, in the order of preference. Valid clock names are “realtime”, “system”, or “monotonic”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.clock.internal_clock</td>
<td>Comma-delimited list of clocks to use for the internal clock, in the order of preference. Valid clock names are “realtime”, “system”, or “monotonic”.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

By default, both the internal and external clocks use the realtime clock.

If you want your application to be robust to changes in the system time, you may use the monotonic clock as the internal clock, and leave the system clock as the external clock. However, note that this may slightly diminish performance, in that both the send and receive paths may need to get times from both clocks.

Since the monotonic clock is not available on all architectures, you may want to specify "monotonic, realtime" for the internal_clock property (see Table 8.21 Clock Selection Properties). By doing so, the middleware will attempt to use the monotonic clock if it is available, and will fall back to the realtime clock if the monotonic clock is not available.

If you want the application to be robust to changes in the system time, you are not relying on source timestamps, and you want to avoid obtaining times from both clocks, you may use the monotonic clock for both the internal and external clocks.

8.7 System Properties

Connext DDS uses the DomainParticipant’s PropertyQosPolicy to maintain a set of properties that provide system information, such as the hostname.

Unless the default the DDS_DomainParticipantQos structure (see Setting DomainParticipant QosPolicies (Section 8.3.6 on page 560)) is overwritten, the system properties are automatically set in the DDS_DomainParticipantQos structure that is obtained by calling the DomainParticipantFactory’s get_default_participant_qos() operation or by using the constant DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT.

System properties are also automatically set in the DDS_DomainParticipantQos structure loaded from an XML QoS profile unless you disable property inheritance using the attribute inherit in the XML tag <property>.

By default, the system properties are propagated to other DomainParticipants in the system and can be accessed through the property field in the Table 16.1 Participant Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData).
You can disable propagation of individual properties by setting the property’s *propagate* flag to FALSE or by removing the property using the PropertyQosPolicyHelper operation, *remove_property()* (see Table 6.57 PropertyQoSPolicyHelper Operations).

The number of system properties that are initialized for a *DomainParticipant* is platform specific: only *process_id* and *os_arch* are supported on all platforms.

These properties will only be created if Connext DDS can obtain the information for them; see Table 8.22 System Properties.

System properties are affected by the *DomainParticipantResourceLimitsQosPolicy*’s *participant_property_list_max_length* and *participant_property_string_max_length*.

### Table 8.22 System Properties

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<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.creation_timestamp</td>
<td>Time when the executable was created.¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.executable_filepath</td>
<td>Name and full path of the executable.²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.execution_timestamp</td>
<td>Time when the execution started.³</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.hostname</td>
<td>Hostname⁴</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.target</td>
<td>Architecture for which the library was compiled (for example, x64Darwin10gcc4.2.1).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.process_id</td>
<td>Process ID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.sys_info.username</td>
<td>Username that is running the process.⁵</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

¹Only supported on Windows and Linux architectures.
²Only supported on Windows and Linux architectures.
³Only supported on Windows and Linux architectures.
⁴Only supported on Windows and Linux architectures.
⁵Only supported on Windows and Linux architectures.
Chapter 9 Building Applications

This chapter provides instructions on how to build Connext DDS applications for the following platforms:

- UNIX-Based Platforms (Section 9.3 on page 623) (including Solaris™, Red Hat® and Yellow Dog™ Linux, QNX®, and LynxOS® systems)
- Windows Platforms (Section 9.4 on page 624)
- Java Platforms (Section 9.5 on page 626)

While you can create applications for other operating systems, the platforms presented in this chapter are a good starting point. We recommend that you first build and test your application on one of these systems.

Instructions for other supported target platforms are provided in the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes.

To build a non-Java application using Connext DDS, you must specify the following items:

- NDDSHOME environment variable
- Connext DDS header files
- Connext DDS libraries to link
- Compatible system libraries
- Compiler options

To build Java applications using Connext DDS, you must specify the following items:

- NDDSHOME environment variable
- Connext DDS JAR file
9.1 Running on a Computer Not Connected to a Network

This chapter describes the basic steps you will take to build an application on the above-mentioned platforms. Specific details, such as exactly which libraries to link, compiler flags, etc. are in the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes.

9.1 Running on a Computer Not Connected to a Network

If you want to run Connext DDS applications on the same computer, and that computer is not connected to a network, you must set NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS so that it will only use shared memory. For example:

```bash
set NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS=4@shmem://
```

(The number 4 is only an example. This is the maximum participant ID.)

9.2 Connext DDS Header Files – All Architectures

You must include the appropriate Connext DDS header files, which are listed in Table 9.1 Header Files to Include for Connext DDS (All Architectures). The header files that need to be included depend on the API being used.

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<tr>
<th>Connext DDS API</th>
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<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td><code>#include “ndds/ndds_c.h”</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C++</td>
<td><code>#include “ndds/ndds_cpp.h”</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C++/CLI, C#, Java</td>
<td>none</td>
</tr>
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</table>

For the compiler to find the included files, the path to the appropriate include directories must be provided. Table 9.2 Include Paths for Compilation (All Architectures) lists the appropriate include path for use with the compiler. The exact path depends on where you installed Connext DDS. See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38).
Table 9.2 Include Paths for Compilation (All Architectures)

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<th>Connext DDS API</th>
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<td>C and C++</td>
<td>&lt;NDDSHOME&gt;/include</td>
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<td>&lt;NDDSHOME&gt;/include/ndds</td>
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<tr>
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</table>

The header files that define the data types you want to use within the application also need to be included. For example, Table 9.3 Header Files to Include for Data Types (All Architectures) lists the files to be include for type “Foo” (these are the filenames generated by RTI Code Generator, described in Data Types and DDS Data Samples (Section Chapter 3 on page 23)).

Table 9.3 Header Files to Include for Data Types (All Architectures)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Connext DDS API</th>
<th>User Data Type Header Files</th>
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<td>C and C++</td>
<td>#include “Foo.h”</td>
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<td></td>
<td>#include “FooSupport.h”</td>
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<tr>
<td>C++/CLI, C#, Java</td>
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</table>

9.3 UNIX-Based Platforms

Before building a Connext DDS application for a UNIX-based platform (including Solaris, Red Hat and Yellow Dog Linux, QNX, and LynxOS systems), make sure that:

- A supported version of your architecture is installed. See the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes for supported architectures.
- Connext DDS 5.x.y is installed (where 5.x.y stands for the version number of the current release). For installation instructions, refer to the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide.
- A “make” tool is installed. RTI recommends GNU Make. If you do not have it, you may be able to download it from your operating system vendor. Learn more at www.gnu.org/software/make/ or download from ftpmirror.gnu.org/make as source code.
- The NDDSHOME environment variable is set to the root directory of the Connext DDS installation (such as /home/user/rti_connext_dds-5.x.y).
9.3.1 Required Libraries

To confirm, type this at a command prompt:

```bash
echo $NDDSHOME
env | grep NDDSHOME
```

If it is not set or is set incorrectly, type:

```bash
setenv NDDSHOME <correct directory>
```

To compile a Connext DDS application of any complexity, either modify the auto-generated makefile created by running `RTI Code Generator` or write your own makefile.

### 9.3.1 Required Libraries

All required system and Connext DDS libraries are listed in the [RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes](#).

You must choose between dynamic (shared) and static libraries. Do not mix the different types of libraries during linking. The benefit of linking against the dynamic libraries is that your final executables’ sizes will be significantly smaller. You will also use less memory when you are running several Connext DDS applications on the same node. However, shared libraries require more set-up and maintenance during upgrades and installations.

To see if dynamic libraries are supported for your target architecture, see the [RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes](#).

### 9.3.2 Compiler Flags

See the [RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes](#) for information on compiler flags.

### 9.4 Windows Platforms

Before building an application for a Microsoft Windows® platform, make sure that:

- Supported versions of Windows and Visual Studio are installed. See the [Windows section of the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes](#).
- Connext DDS 5.x.y is installed (where 5.x.y stands for the version numbers of the current release). For installation instructions, refer to the [Installation section of the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide](#).

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1 In the Platform Notes, see the “Building Instructions…” table for your target architecture.
The `NDDSHOME` environment variable is set to the root directory of the Connext DDS installation (such as `C:\Program Files\rti_connext_dds-5.x.y`). To confirm, type this at a command prompt:

```
echo %NDDSHOME%
```

Use the *dynamic* MFC Library (not static).

To avoid communication problems in your Connext DDS application, use the dynamic MFC library, not the static version. (If you use the static version, your Connext DDS application may stop receiving DDS samples once the Windows sockets are initialized.)

To compile a Connext DDS application of any complexity, use a project file in Microsoft Visual Studio. The project settings are described below. The [Windows section of the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes](#) contains more information.

### 9.4.1 Using Visual Studio

1. Select the multi-threaded project setting:
   a. From the **Project** menu, select **Properties**.
   b. Select the C/C++ folder.
   c. Select Code Generation.
   d. Set the **Runtime Library** field to one of the options from [Table 9.4 Runtime Library Settings for Visual Studio](#).

2. Link against the Connext DDS libraries:
   a. Select the Linker folder on the Project, Properties dialog box.
   b. Select the Input properties.
   c. See [Windows section of the Platform Notes](#) for a list of required libraries. You have a choice of whether to link with Connext DDS’s static or dynamic libraries. Decide whether or not you want debugging symbols on. In either case, be sure to use a `space` as a delimiter between libraries, *not* a comma. Add the libraries to the *beginning* of the Additional Dependencies field.
   d. Select the **General** properties.
   e. Add the following to the Additional library path field (replace `<architecture>` to match your installed system):

```
$(NDDSHOME)\lib\<architecture>
```
3. Specify the path to Connext DDS’s header file:
   a. Select the C/C++ folder.
   b. Select the General properties.
   c. In the Additional include directories: field, add paths to the “include” and “include\ndds” directories.
      For example: (your paths may differ, depending on where you installed Connext DDS)

   `c:\Program Files\rti_connext_dds-5.x.y\include\`
   `c:\Program Files\rti_connext_dds-5.x.y\include\ndds`

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<th>If You are using this Library Format...</th>
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<td>Release version of static libraries</td>
<td>Multi-threaded (/MT)</td>
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<td>Debug version of static libraries</td>
<td>Multi-threaded Debug (/MTd)</td>
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</table>

### 9.5 Java Platforms

Before building an application for a Windows or UNIX Java platform, make sure that:

- Connext DDS 5.x.y is installed (where 5.x.y stands for the version numbers of the current release).
- A supported version of the Java 2 software development kit (J2SDK) is installed. See the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes.

#### 9.5.1 Java Libraries

Connext DDS requires that certain Java archive (JAR) files be on your classpath when running Connext DDS applications. See the Platform Notes for more details.

#### 9.5.2 Native Libraries

Connext DDS for Java is implemented using Java Native Interface (JNI), so it is necessary to provide your Connext DDS distributed applications access to certain native shared libraries. See the Platform Notes for more details.
Part 3: Advanced Concepts

This part of the manual will guide you through some of the more advanced concepts:

- Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628)
- Collaborative DataWriters (Section Chapter 11 on page 669)
- Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence (Section Chapter 12 on page 674)
- Guaranteed Delivery of Data (Section Chapter 13 on page 694)
- Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708)
- Transport Plugins (Section Chapter 15 on page 742)
- Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)
- Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790)
- Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823)
- Connext DDS Threading Model (Section Chapter 19 on page 836)
- DDS Sample-Data and Instance-Data Memory Management (Section Chapter 20 on page 845)
- Troubleshooting (Section Chapter 21 on page 862)
Chapter 10 Reliable Communications

Connext DDS uses best-effort delivery by default. The other type of delivery that Connext DDS supports is called reliable. This chapter provides instructions on how to set up and use reliable communication.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Sending Data Reliably (Section 10.1 below)
- Overview of the Reliable Protocol (Section 10.2 on page 630)
- Using QosPolicies to Tune the Reliable Protocol (Section 10.3 on page 634)

10.1 Sending Data Reliably

The DCPS reliability model recognizes that the optimal balance between time-determinism and data-delivery reliability varies widely among applications and can vary among different publications within the same application. For example, individual DDS samples of signal data can often be dropped because their value disappears when the next DDS sample is sent. However, each DDS sample of command data must be received and it must be received in the order sent.

The QosPolicies provide a way to customize the determinism/reliability trade-off on a per Topic basis, or even on a per DataWriter/DataReader basis.

There are two delivery models:

- Best-effort delivery mode“I’m not concerned about missed or unordered DDS samples.”
- Reliable delivery model“Make sure all DDS samples get there, in order.”

10.1.1 Best-effort Delivery Model

By default, Connext DDS uses the best-effort delivery model: there is no effort spent ensuring in-order delivery or resending lost DDS samples. Best-effort DataReaders ignore lost DDS samples
in favor of the latest DDS sample. Your application is only notified if it does not receive a new DDS sample within a certain time period (set in the DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361)).

The best-effort delivery model is best for time-critical information that is sent continuously. For instance, consider a DataWriter for the value of a sensor device (such as a the pressure inside a tank), and assume the DataWriter sends DDS samples continuously. In this situation, a DataReader for this Topic is only interested in having the latest pressure reading available—older DDS samples are obsolete.

## 10.1.2 Reliable Delivery Model

Reliable delivery means the DDS samples are guaranteed to arrive, in the order published.

The DataWriter maintains a send queue with space to hold the last $X$ number of DDS samples sent. Similarly, a DataReader maintains a receive queue with space for consecutive $X$ expected DDS samples.

The send and receive queues are used to temporarily cache DDS samples until Connext DDS is sure the DDS samples have been delivered and are not needed anymore. Connext DDS removes DDS samples from a publication’s send queue after the DDS sample has been acknowledged by all reliable subscriptions. When positive acknowledgements are disabled (see DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) and DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)), DDS samples are removed from the send queue after the corresponding keep-duration has elapsed (see Table 6.37 DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t).

If an out-of-order DDS sample arrives, Connext DDS speculatively caches it in the DataReader’s receive queue (provided there is space in the queue). Only consecutive DDS samples are passed on to the DataReader.

DataWriters can be set up to wait for available queue space when sending DDS samples. This will cause the sending thread to block until there is space in the send queue. (Or, you can decide to sacrifice sending DDS samples reliably so that the sending rate is not compromised.) If the DataWriter is set up to ignore the full queue and sends anyway, then older cached DDS samples will be pushed out of the queue before all DataReaders have received them. In this case, the DataReader (or its Subscriber) is notified of the missing DDS samples through its Listener and/or Conditions.

Connext DDS automatically sends acknowledgments (ACKNACKs) as necessary to maintain reliable communications. The DataWriter may choose to block for a specified duration to wait for these acknowledgments (see Waiting for Acknowledgments in a DataWriter (Section 6.3.11 on page 285)).

Connext DDS establishes a virtual reliable channel between the matching DataWriter and all DataReaders. This mechanism isolates DataReaders from each other, allows the application to control memory usage, and provides mechanisms for the DataWriter to balance reliability and determinism. Moreover, the use of send and receive queues allows Connext DDS to be implemented efficiently without introducing unnecessary delays in the stream.
Note that a successful return code (DDS_RETCODE_OK) from write() does not necessarily mean that all DataReaders have received the data. It only means that the DDS sample has been added to the DataWriter’s queue. To see if all DataReaders have received the data, look at the RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276) to see if any DDS samples are unacknowledged.

Suppose DataWriter A reliably publishes a Topic to which DataReaders B and C reliably subscribe. B has space in its queue, but C does not. Will DataWriter A be notified? Will DataReader C receive any error messages or callbacks? The exact behavior depends on the QoS settings:

- If HISTORY_KEEP_ALL is specified for C, C will reject DDS samples that cannot be put into the queue and request A to resend missing DDS samples. The Listener is notified with the on_sample_rejected() callback (see SAMPLE_REJECTED Status (Section 7.3.7.8 on page 477)). If A has a queue large enough, or A is no longer writing new DDS samples, A won’t notice unless it checks the RELIABLE_WRITER_CACHE_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.8 on page 276).

- If HISTORY_KEEP_LAST is specified for C, C will drop old DDS samples and accept new ones. To A, it is as if all DDS samples have been received by C (that is, they have all been acknowledged).

### 10.2 Overview of the Reliable Protocol

An important advantage of Connext DDS is that it can offer the reliability and other QoS guarantees mandated by DDS on top of a very wide variety of transports, including packet-based transports, unreliable networks, multicast-capable transports, bursty or high-latency transports, etc. Connext DDS is also capable of maintaining liveliness and application-level QoS even in the presence of sporadic connectivity loss at the transport level, an important benefit in mobile networks. Connext DDS accomplishes this by implementing a reliable protocol that sequences and acknowledges application-level messages and monitors the liveliness of the link. This is called the Real-Time Publish-Subscribe (RTPS) protocol; it is an open, international standard.1

In order to work in this wide range of environments, the reliable protocol defined by RTPS is highly configurable with a set of parameters that let the application fine-tune its behavior to trade-off latency, responsiveness, liveliness, throughput, and resource utilization. This section describes the most important features to the extent needed to understand how the configuration parameters affect its operation.

The most important features of the RTPS protocol are:

- Support for both push and pull operating modes
- Support for both positive and negative acknowledgments

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1For a link to the RTPS specification, see the RTI website, www.rti.com.
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- Support for high data-rate DataWriters
- Support for multicast DataReaders
- Support for high-latency environments

In order to support these features, RTPS uses several types of messages: Data messages (DATA), acknowledgments (ACKNACKs), and heartbeats (HBs).

- **DATA** messages contain snapshots of the value of data-objects and associate the snapshot with a sequence number that Connext DDS uses to identify them within the DataWriter’s history. These snapshots are stored in the history as a direct result of the application calling write() on the DataWriter. Incremental sequence numbers are automatically assigned by the DataWriter each time write() is called. In Basic RTPS Reliable Protocol (Section Figure 10.1 on the facing page) through Using QosPolicies to Tune the Reliable Protocol (Section 10.3 on page 634), these messages are represented using the notation DATA(<value>, <sequenceNum>). For example, DATA(A,1) represents a message that communicates the value ‘A’ and associates the sequence number ‘1’ with this message. A DATA is used for both keyed and non-keyed data types.

- **HB** messages announce to the DataReader that it should have received all snapshots up to the one tagged with a range of sequence numbers and can also request the DataReader to send an acknowledgement back. For example, HB(1-3) indicates to the DataReader that it should have received snapshots tagged with sequence numbers 1, 2, and 3 and asks the DataReader to confirm this.

- **ACKNACK** messages communicate to the DataWriter that particular snapshots have been successfully stored in the DataReader’s history. ACKNACKs also tell the DataWriter which snapshots are missing on the DataReader side. The ACKNACK message includes a set of sequence numbers represented as a bit map. The sequence numbers indicate which ones the DataReader is missing. (The bit map contains the base sequence number that has not been received, followed by the number of bits in bit map and the optional bit map. The maximum size of the bit map is 256.) All numbers up to (not including) those in the set are considered positively acknowledged. They are represented in Figure 10.1 Basic RTPS Reliable Protocol on the facing page through Figure 10.7 Use of heartbeat_period on page 646 as ACKNACK(<first-missing>) or ACKNACK(<first-missing>-<last-missing>). For example, ACKNACK(4) indicates that the snapshots with sequence numbers 1, 2, and 3 have been successfully stored in the DataReader history, and that 4 has not been received.

It is important to note that Connext DDS can bundle multiple of the above messages within a single network packet. This ‘submessage bundling’ provides for higher performance communications.
Basic RTPS Reliable Protocol (Section Figure 10.1 above) illustrates the basic behavior of the protocol when an application calls the write() operation on a DataWriter that is associated with a DataReader. As mentioned, the RTPS protocol can bundle multiple submessages into a single network packet. In Basic RTPS Reliable Protocol (Section Figure 10.1 above) this feature is used to piggyback a HB message to the DATA message. Note that before the message is sent, the data is given a sequence number (1 in this case) which is stored in the DataWriter’s send queue. As soon as the message is received by the DataReader, it places it into the DataReader’s receive queue. From the sequence number the DataReader can tell that it has not missed any messages and therefore it can make the data available immediately to the user (and call the DataReaderListener). This is indicated by the “4” symbol. The reception of the HB(1) causes the DataReader to check that it has indeed received all updates up to and including the one with sequenceNumber=1. Since this is true, it replies with an ACKNACK(2) to positively acknowledge all messages up to (but not including) sequence number 2. The DataWriter notes that the update has been acknowledged, so it no longer needs to be retained in its send queue. This is indicated by the “4” symbol.
Figure 10.2 RTPS Reliable Protocol in the Presence of Message Loss

RTPS Reliable Protocol in the Presence of Message Loss (Section Figure 10.2 above) illustrates the behavior of the protocol in the presence of lost messages. Assume that the message containing DATA(A,1) is dropped by the network. When the DataReader receives the next message (DATA(B,2); HB(1-2)) the DataReader will notice that the data associated with sequence number 1 was never received. It realizes this because the heartbeat HB(1-2) tells the DataReader that it should have received all messages up to and including the one with sequence number 2. This realization has two consequences:
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- The data associated with sequence number 2 (B) is tagged with ‘X’ to indicate that it is not deliverable to the application (that is, it should not be made available to the application, because the application needs to receive the data associated with DDS sample 1 (A) first).
- An ACKNACK(1) is sent to the DataWriter to request that the data tagged with sequence number 1 be resent.

Reception of the ACKNACK(1) causes the DataWriter to resend DATA(A,1). Once the DataReader receives it, it can ‘commit’ both A and B such that the application can now access both (indicated by the “✓”) and call the DataReaderListener. From there on, the protocol proceeds as before for the next data message (C) and so forth.

A subtle but important feature of the RTPS protocol is that ACKNACK messages are only sent as a direct response to HB messages. This allows the DataWriter to better control the overhead of these ‘administrative’ messages. For example, if the DataWriter knows that it is about to send a chain of DATA messages, it can bundle them all and include a single HB at the end, which minimizes ACKNACK traffic.

10.3 Using QosPolicies to Tune the Reliable Protocol

Reliability is controlled by the QosPolicies in Table 10.1 QosPolicies for Reliable Communications. To enable reliable delivery, read the following sections to learn how to change the QoS for the DataWriter and DataReader:

- Enabling Reliability (Section 10.3.1 on page 636)
- Tuning Queue Sizes and Other Resource Limits (Section 10.3.2 on page 637)
- Controlling Heartbeats and Retries with DataWriterProtocol QosPolicy (Section 10.3.4 on page 644)
- Avoiding Message Storms with DataReaderProtocol QosPolicy (Section 10.3.5 on page 652)
- Resending DDS Samples to Late-Joiners with the Durability QosPolicy (Section 10.3.6 on page 652)

Then see Use Cases (Section 10.3.7 on page 653) to explore example use cases:
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<tr>
<td>Reliability</td>
<td>To establish reliable communication, this QoS must be set to <strong>DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</strong> for the DataWriter and its DataReaders.</td>
<td>DW, DR</td>
<td>Enabling Reliability (Section 10.3.1 on the facing page), RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ResourceLimits</td>
<td>This QoS determines the amount of resources each side can use to manage instances and DDS samples of instances. Therefore it controls the size of the DataWriter’s send queue and the DataReader’s receive queue. The send queue stores DDS samples until they have been ACKed by all DataReaders. The DataReader’s receive queue stores DDS samples for the user’s application to access.</td>
<td>DW, DR</td>
<td>Tuning Queue Sizes and Other Resource Limits (Section 10.3.2 on page 637), RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>This QoS affects how a DataWriter/DataReader behaves when its send/receive queue fills up.</td>
<td>DW, DR</td>
<td>Controlling Queue Depth with the History QosPolicy (Section 10.3.3 on page 643), HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)</td>
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<td>DataWriterProtocol</td>
<td>This QoS configures DataWriter-specific protocol. The QoS can disable positive ACKs for its DataReaders.</td>
<td>DW</td>
<td>Controlling Heartbeats and Retries with DataWriterProtocol QosPolicy (Section 10.3.4 on page 644), DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)</td>
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<tr>
<td>DataReaderProtocol</td>
<td>When a reliable DataReader receives a heartbeat from a DataWriter and needs to return an ACKNACK, the DataReader can choose to delay a while. This QoS sets the minimum and maximum delay. It can also disable positive ACKs for the DataReader.</td>
<td>DR</td>
<td>Avoiding Message Storms with DataReaderProtocol QosPolicy (Section 10.3.5 on page 652), DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509)</td>
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1DW = DataWriter, DR = DataReader
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<td>DataReaderResourceLimits</td>
<td>This QoS determines additional amounts of resources that the DataReader can use to manage DDS samples (namely, the size of the DataReader’s internal queues, which cache DDS samples until they are ordered for reliability and can be moved to the DataReader’s receive queue for access by the user’s application).</td>
<td>DR</td>
<td>Tuning Queue Sizes and Other Resource Limits (Section 10.3.2 on the next page), DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Durability</td>
<td>This QoS affects whether late-joining DataReaders will receive all previously-sent data or not.</td>
<td>DW, DR</td>
<td>Resending DDS Samples to Late-Joiners with the Durability QosPolicy (Section 10.3.6 on page 652), DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366)</td>
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10.3.1 Enabling Reliability

You must modify the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) of the DataWriter and each of its reliable DataReaders. Set the kind field to DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS:

- **DataWriter**

```c
writer_qos.reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
```

- **DataReader**

```c
reader_qos.reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
```

10.3.1.1 Blocking until the Send Queue Has Space Available

The max_blocking_time property in the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) indicates how long a DataWriter can be blocked during a write().

If max_blocking_time is non-zero and the reliability send queue is full, the write is blocked (the DDS sample is not sent). If max_blocking_time has passed and the DDS sample is still not sent, write() returns DDS_RETCODE_TIMEOUT and the DDS sample is not sent.

1\(^{1}\)DW = DataWriter, DR = DataReader
If the number of unacknowledged DDS samples in the reliability send queue drops below \textit{max\_samples} (set in the RESOURCE\_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)) before \textit{max\_blocking\_time}, the DDS sample is sent and \texttt{write()} returns DDS\_RETCODE\_OK.

If \textit{max\_blocking\_time} is zero and the reliability send queue is full, \texttt{write()} returns DDS\_RETCODE\_TIMEOUT and the DDS sample is not sent.

### 10.3.2 Tuning Queue Sizes and Other Resource Limits

Set the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) appropriately to accommodate however many DDS samples should be saved in the DataWriter’s send queue or the DataReader’s receive queue. \textit{The defaults may suit your needs; if so, you do not have to modify this QosPolicy.}

Set the DDS\_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol\_t in the DATA\_WRITER\_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) appropriately to accommodate the number of unacknowledged DDS samples that can be in-flight at a time from a DataWriter.

For more information, see the following sections:

- Understanding the Send Queue and Setting its Size (Section 10.3.2.1 on the facing page)
- Understanding the Receive Queue and Setting Its Size (Section 10.3.2.2 on page 641)

**Note:** The HistoryQosPolicy’s \texttt{depth} must be less than or equal to the ResourceLimitsQosPolicy’s \texttt{max\_samples\_per\_instance}; \texttt{max\_samples\_per\_instance} must be less than or equal to the ResourceLimitsQosPolicy’s \texttt{max\_samples} (see RESOURCE\_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)), and \texttt{max\_samples\_per\_remote\_writer} (see DATA\_READER\_RESOURCE\_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515)) must be less than or equal to \texttt{max\_samples}.

- \texttt{depth <= max\_samples\_per\_instance <= max\_samples}
- \texttt{max\_samples\_per\_remote\_writer <= max\_samples}

**Examples:**

\textit{DataWriter}

```c
writer_qos.resource_limits.initial_instances = 10;
writer_qos.resource_limits.initial_samples = 200;
writer_qos.resource_limits.max_instances = 100;
writer_qos.resource_limits.max_samples = 2000;
writer_qos.resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance = 20;
writer_qos.history.depth = 20;
```

\textit{DataReader}

```c
reader_qos.resource_limits.initial_instances = 10;
reader_qos.resource_limits.initial_samples = 200;
```
reader_qos.resource_limits.max_instances = 100;
reader_qos.resource_limits.max_samples = 2000;
reader_qos.resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance = 20;
reader_qos.history.depth = 20;
reader_qos.reader_resource_limits.max_samples_per_remote_writer = 20;

### 10.3.2.1 Understanding the Send Queue and Setting its Size

A *DataReader*’s send queue is used to store each DDS sample it writes. A DDS sample will be removed from the send queue after it has been acknowledged (through an ACKNACK) by all the reliable *DataReaders*. A *DataReader* can request that the *DataWriter* resend a missing DDS sample (through an ACKNACK). If that DDS sample is still available in the send queue, it will be resent. To elicit timely ACKNACKs, the *DataWriter* will regularly send heartbeats to its reliable *DataReaders*.

A *DataWriter*’s send queue size is determined by its `RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.20 on page 402), specifically the `max_samples` field. The appropriate value depends on application parameters such as how fast the publication calls `write()`.

A *DataWriter* has a "send window" that is the maximum number of unacknowledged DDS samples allowed in the send queue at a time. The send window enables configuration of the number of DDS samples queued for reliability to be done independently from the number of DDS samples queued for history. This is of great benefit when the size of the history queue is much different than the size of the reliability queue. For example, you may want to resend a large history to late-joining *DataReaders*, so the send queue size is large. However, you do not want performance to suffer due to a large send queue; this can happen when the send rate is greater than the read rate, and the *DataWriter* has to resend many DDS samples from its large historical send queue. If the send queue size was both the historical and reliability queue size, then both these goals could not be met. Now, with the send window, having a large history with good live reliability performance is possible.

The send window is determined by the *DataWriterProtocolQosPolicy*, specifically the fields `min_send_window_size` and `max_send_window_size` within the `rtps_reliable_writer` field of type DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t. Other fields control a dynamic send window, where the send window size changes in response to network congestion to maximize the effective send rate. Like for `max_samples`, the appropriate values depend on application parameters.

**Strict reliability**: If a *DataWriter* does not receive ACKNACKs from one or more reliable *DataReaders*, it is possible for the reliability send queue—either its finite send window, or `max_samples` if its send window is infinite—to fill up. If you want to achieve strict reliability, the `kind` field in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) for both the *DataReader* and *DataWriter* must be set to `KEEP_ALL`, positive acknowledgments must be enabled for both the *DataReader* and *DataWriter*, and your publishing application should wait until space is available in the reliability queue before writing any more DDS samples. Connext DDS provides two mechanisms to do this:
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- Allow the \texttt{write()} operation to block until there is space in the reliability queue again to store the DDS sample. The maximum time this call blocks is determined by the \texttt{max\_blocking\_time} field in the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397) (also discussed in Blocking until the Send Queue Has Space Available (Section 10.3.1.1 on page 636)).

- Use the \textit{DataReader’s Listener} to be notified when the reliability queue fills up or empties again.

When the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) on the \textit{DataWriter} is set to KEEP\_LAST, strict reliability is not guaranteed. When there are \texttt{depth} number of DDS samples in the queue (set in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374), see Controlling Queue Depth with the History QosPolicy (Section 10.3.3 on page 643)) the oldest DDS sample will be dropped from the queue when a new DDS sample is written. \textit{Note that in such a reliable mode, when the send window is larger than \texttt{max\_samples}, the DataWriter will never block, but strict reliability is no longer guaranteed.} If there is a request for the purged DDS sample from any \textit{DataReaders}, the \textit{DataWriter} will send a heartbeat that no longer contains the sequence number of the dropped DDS sample (it will not be able to send the DDS sample).

Alternatively, a \textit{DataWriter} with KEEP\_LAST may block on \texttt{write()} when its send window is smaller than its send queue. The \textit{DataWriter} will block when its send window is full. Only after the blocking time has elapsed, the \textit{DataWriter} will purge a DDS sample, and then strict reliability is no longer guaranteed.

The send queue size is set in the \texttt{max\_samples} field of the RESOURCE\_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402). The appropriate size for the send queue depends on application parameters (such as the send rate), channel parameters (such as end-to-end delay and probability of packet loss), and quality of service requirements (such as maximum acceptable probability of DDS sample loss).

The \textit{DataReader’s receive queue size should generally be larger than the DataWriter’s send queue size}. Receive queue size is discussed in Understanding the Receive Queue and Setting Its Size (Section 10.3.2.2 on page 641).

A good rule of thumb, based on a simple model that assumes individual packet drops are not correlated and time-independent, is that the size of the reliability send queue, \(N\), is as shown in Calculating Minimum Send Queue Size for a Desired Level of Reliability (Section Figure 10.3 below).

**Figure 10.3 Calculating Minimum Send Queue Size for a Desired Level of Reliability**

\[ N = 2RT\log(1-Q)/\log(p) \]

Simple formula for determining the minimum size of the send queue required for strict reliability

In the above equation, \(R\) is the rate of sending DDS samples, \(T\) is the round-trip transmission time, \(p\) is the probability of a packet loss in a round trip, and \(Q\) is the required probability that a DDS sample is eventually successfully delivered. Of course, network-transport dropouts must also be taken into account and may influence or dominate this calculation.
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Table 10.2 Required Size of the Send Queue for Different Network Parameters gives the required size of the send queue for several common scenarios.

Table 10.2 Required Size of the Send Queue for Different Network Parameters

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<td>1%</td>
<td>0.001⁶ sec</td>
<td>100 Hz</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Note: Packet loss on a network frequently happens in bursts, and the packet loss events are correlated. This means that the probability of a packet being lost is much higher if the previous packet was lost because it indicates a congested network or busy receiver. For this situation, it may be better to use a queue size that can accommodate the longest period of network congestion, as illustrated in Calculating Minimum Send Queue Size for Networks with Dropouts (Section Figure 10.4 below).

Figure 10.4 Calculating Minimum Send Queue Size for Networks with Dropouts

\[
N = RD (Q)
\]

Send queue size as a function of send rate "R" and maximum dropout time D

¹"Q" is the desired level of reliability measured as the probability that any data update will eventually be delivered successfully. In other words, percentage of DDS samples that will be successfully delivered.

²"p" is the probability that any single packet gets lost in the network.

³"T" is the round-trip transport delay in the network.

⁴"R" is the rate at which the publisher is sending updates.

⁵"N" is the minimum required size of the send queue to accomplish the desired level of reliability "Q".

⁶The typical round-trip delay for a dedicated 100 Mbit/second ethernet is about 0.001 seconds.
In the above equation \( R \) is the rate of sending DDS samples, \( D(Q) \) is a time such that \( Q \) percent of the dropouts are of equal or lesser length, and \( Q \) is the required probability that a DDS sample is eventually successfully delivered. The problem with the above formula is that it is hard to determine the value of \( D(Q) \) for different values of \( Q \).

For example, if we want to ensure that 99.9% of the DDS samples are eventually delivered successfully, and we know that the 99.9% of the network dropouts are shorter than 0.1 seconds, then we would use \( N = 0.1 \times R \). So for a rate of 100Hz, we would use a send queue of \( N = 10 \); for a rate of 2000Hz, we would use \( N = 200 \).

### 10.3.2.2 Understanding the Receive Queue and Setting Its Size

DDS samples are stored in the *DataReader’s* receive queue, which is accessible to the user’s application. A DDS sample is removed from the receive queue after it has been accessed by take(), as described in *Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take* (Section 7.4.3 on page 492). Note that read() does not remove DDS samples from the queue.

A *DataReader’s* receive queue size is limited by its `RESOURCE_LIMI茨s QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.20 on page 402), specifically the `max_samples` field. The storage of out-of-order DDS samples for each *DataWriter* is also allocated from the *DataReader’s* receive queue; this DDS sample resource is shared among all reliable *DataWriters*. That is, `max_samples` includes both ordered and out-of-order DDS samples.

A *DataReader* can maintain reliable communications with multiple *DataWriters* (e.g., in the case of the `OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.16 on page 390) setting of `SHARED`). The maximum number of out-of-order DDS samples from any one *DataWriter* that can occupy in the receive queue is set in the `max_samples_per_remote_writer` field of the `DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMI茨s QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.2 on page 515); this value can be used to prevent a single *DataWriter* from using all the space in the receive queue. `max_samples_per_remote_writer` must be set to be \( \leq \) `max_samples`.

The *DataReader* will cache DDS samples that arrive out of order while waiting for missing DDS samples to be resent. (Up to 256 DDS samples can be resent; this limitation is imposed by the wire protocol.) If there is no room, the *DataReader* has to reject out-of-order DDS samples and request them again later after the missing DDS samples have arrived.

The appropriate size of the receive queue depends on application parameters, such as the *DataWriter’s* sending rate and the probability of a dropped DDS sample. However, the receive queue size should generally be larger than the send queue size. Send queue size is discussed in *Understanding the Send Queue and Setting its Size* (Section 10.3.2.1 on page 638).

**Effect of Receive-Queue Size on Performance:** Large Queue Size (Section Figure 10.5 on the facing page) and Effect of Receive Queue Size on Performance: Small Queue Size (Section Figure 10.6 on page 643) compare two hypothetical *DataReaders*, both interacting with the same *DataWriter*. The queue on the left
represents an ordering cache, allocated from receive queue—DDS samples are held here if they arrive out of order. The DataReader in Effect of Receive-Queue Size on Performance: Large Queue Size (Section Figure 10.5 below) has a sufficiently large receive queue (max_samples) for the given send rate of the DataWriter and other operational parameters. In both cases, we assume that all DDS samples are taken from the DataReader in the Listener callback. (See Accessing DDS Data Samples with Read or Take (Section 7.4.3 on page 492) for information on take() and related operations.)

In Effect of Receive Queue Size on Performance: Small Queue Size (Section Figure 10.6 on the next page), max_samples is too small to cache out-of-order DDS samples for the same operational parameters. In both cases, the DataReaders eventually receive all the DDS samples in order. However, the DataReader with the larger max_samples will get the DDS samples earlier and with fewer transactions. In particular, DDS sample “4” is never resent for the DataReader with the larger queue size.

Figure 10.5 Effect of Receive-Queue Size on Performance: Large Queue Size
10.3.3 Controlling Queue Depth with the History QosPolicy

If you want to achieve strict reliability, set the kind field in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) for both the DataReader and DataWriter to KEEP_ALL; in this case, the depth does not matter.

Or, for non-strict reliability, you can leave the kind set to KEEP_LAST (the default). This will provide non-strict reliability; some DDS samples may not be delivered if the resource limit is reached.

The depth field in the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) controls how many DDS samples Connext DDS will attempt to keep on the DataWriter’s send queue or the DataReader’s receive
Controlling Heartbeats and Retries with DataWriterProtocol QosPolicy

In the Connext DDS reliability model, the DataWriter sends DDS data samples and heartbeats to reliable DataReaders. A DataReader responds to a heartbeat by sending an ACKNACK, which tells the DataWriter what the DataReader has received so far.

In addition, the DataReader can request missing DDS samples (by sending an ACKNACK) and the DataWriter will respond by resending the missing DDS samples. This section describes some advanced timing parameters that control the behavior of this mechanism. Many applications do not need to change these settings. These parameters are contained in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

The protocol described in Overview of the Reliable Protocol (Section 10.2 on page 630) uses very simple rules such as piggybacking HB messages to each DATA message and responding immediately to ACKNACKs with the requested repair messages. While correct, this protocol would not be capable of accommodating optimum performance in more advanced use cases.

This section describes some of the parameters configurable by means of the rtps_reliable_writer structure in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) and how they affect the behavior of the RTPS protocol.

**10.3.4.1 How Often Heartbeats are Resent (heartbeat_period)**

If a DataReader does not acknowledge a DDS sample that has been sent, the DataWriter resends the heartbeat. These heartbeats are resent at the rate set in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345), specifically its heartbeat_period field.

For example, a heartbeat_period of 3 seconds means that if a DataReader does not receive the latest DDS sample (for example, it gets dropped by the network), it might take up to 3 seconds before the
**DataReader** realizes it is missing data. The application can lower this value when it is important that recovery from packet loss is very fast.

The basic approach of sending HB messages as a piggyback to DATA messages has the advantage of minimizing network traffic. However, there is a situation where this approach, by itself, may result in large latencies. Suppose there is a **DataWriter** that writes bursts of data, separated by relatively long periods of silence. Furthermore assume that the last message in one of the bursts is lost by the network. This is the case shown for message DATA(B, 2) in Use of heartbeat_period (Section Figure 10.7 on the facing page). If HBs were only sent piggybacked to DATA messages, the **DataReader** would not realize it missed the ‘B’ DATA message with sequence number ‘2’ until the **DataWriter** wrote the next message. This may be a long time if data is written sporadically. To avoid this situation, Connext DDS can be configured so that HBs are sent periodically as long as there are DDS samples that have not been acknowledged even if no data is being sent. The period at which these HBs are sent is configurable by setting the **rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeat_period** field in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

Note that a small value for the **heartbeat_period** will result in a small worst-case latency if the last message in a burst is lost. This comes at the expense of the higher overhead introduced by more frequent HB messages.

Also note that the heartbeat_period should not be less than the **rtps_reliable_reader.heartbeat_suppression_duration** in the DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509); otherwise those HBs will be lost.
10.3.4.2 How Often Piggyback Heartbeats are Sent (heartbeats_per_max_samples)

A DataWriter will automatically send heartbeats with new DDS samples to request regular ACKNACKs from the DataReader. These are called “piggyback” heartbeats.

A piggyback heartbeat is sent every \( \left( \frac{\text{current send-window size}}{\text{heartbeats_per_max_samples}} \right) \) number of DDS samples written.
The `heartbeats_per_max_samples` field is part of the `rtps_reliable_writer` structure in the `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL` QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345). If `heartbeats_per_max_samples` is set equal to `max_send_window_size`, this means that a heartbeat will be sent with each DDS sample. A value of 8 means that a heartbeat will be sent with every 'current send-window size/8' DDS samples. Say current send window is 1024, then a heartbeat will be sent once every 128 DDS samples. If you set this to zero, DDS samples are sent without any piggyback heartbeat. The `max_send_window_size` field is part of the `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL` QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

Figure 10.1 Basic RTPS Reliable Protocol and Figure 10.2 RTPS Reliable Protocol in the Presence of Message Loss seem to imply that a heartbeat (HB) is sent as a piggyback to each DATA message. However, in situations where data is sent continuously at high rates, piggybacking a HB to each message may result in too much overhead; not so much on the HB itself, but on the ACKNACKs that would be sent back as replies by the `DataReader`.

There are two reasons to send a HB:

- To request that a `DataReader` confirm the receipt of data via an ACKNACK, so that the `DataWriter` can remove it from its send queue and therefore prevent the `DataWriter`'s history from filling up (which could cause the `write()` operation to temporarily block).
- To inform the `DataReader` of what data it should have received, so that the `DataReader` can send a request for missing data via an ACKNACK.

The `DataWriter`'s send queue can buffer many DDS data samples while it waits for ACKNACKs, and the `DataReader`'s receive queue can store out-of-order DDS samples while it waits for missing ones. So it is possible to send HB messages much less frequently than DATA messages. The ratio of piggyback HB messages to DATA messages is controlled by the `rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeats_per_max_samples` field in the `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL` QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

A HB is used to get confirmation from `DataReader`s so that the `DataWriter` can remove acknowledged DDS samples from the queue to make space for new DDS samples. Therefore, if the queue size is large, or new DDS samples are added slowly, HBs can be sent less frequently.

In Use of `heartbeats_per_max_samples` (Section Figure 10.8 on the facing page), the `DataWriter` sets the `heartbeats_per_max_samples` to certain value so that a piggyback HB will be sent for every three DDS samples. The `DataWriter` first writes DDS sample A and B. The `DataReader` receives both. However, since no HB has been received, the `DataReader` won’t send back an ACKNACK. The `DataWriter` will still keep all the DDS samples in its queue. When the `DataWriter` sends DDS sample C, it will send a piggyback HB along with the DDS sample. Once the `DataReader` receives the HB, it will send back an

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1Note that data could also be removed from the `DataWriter`'s send queue if it is no longer relevant due to some other QoS such a HISTORY KEEP_LAST (HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374)) or LIFESPAN (LIFESPAN QoS Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379)).
10.3.4.3 Controlling Packet Size for Resent DDS Samples (max_bytes_per_nack_response)

ACKNACK for DDS samples up to sequence number 3, such that the DataWriter can remove all three DDS samples from its queue.

Figure 10.8 Use of heartbeats_per_max_samples

A DataWriter may resend multiple missed DDS samples in the same packet. The max_bytes_per_nack_response field in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) limits the size of this ‘repair’ packet. The reliable DataWriter will include at least one sample in the repair packet.
For example, if the DataReader requests 20 DDS samples, each 10K, and the max_bytes_per_nack_response is set to 100K, the DataWriter will only send the first 10 DDS samples at most. The DataReader will have to ACKNACK again to receive the other DDS samples.

Regardless of this setting, the maximum number of samples that can be part of a repair packet is limited to 32. This limit cannot be changed by configuration. In addition, the number of samples is limited by the value of NDDS_Transport_Property_t’s gather_send_buffer_count_max (see Setting the Maximum Gather-Send Buffer Count for UDPv4 and UDPv6 (Section 15.6.1 on page 762)).

### 10.3.4.4 Controlling How Many Times Heartbeats are Resent (max_heartbeat_retries)

If a DataReader does not respond within max_heartbeat_retries number of heartbeats, it will be dropped by the DataWriter and the reliable DataWriter’s Listener will be called with a RELIABLEREADER_ACTIVITY_CHANGED Status (DDS Extension) (Section 6.3.6.9 on page 278).

If the dropped DataReader becomes available again (perhaps its network connection was down temporarily), it will be added back to the DataWriter the next time the DataWriter receives some message (ACKNACK) from the DataReader.

When a DataReader is ‘dropped’ by a DataWriter, the DataWriter will not wait for the DataReader to send an ACKNACK before any DDS samples are removed. However, the DataWriter will still send data and HBs to this DataReader as normal.

The max_heartbeat_retries field is part of the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

### 10.3.4.5 Treating Non-Progressing Readers as Inactive Readers (inactivate_nonprogressing_readers)

In addition to max_heartbeat_retries, if inactivate_nonprogressing_readers is set, then not only are non-responsive DataReaders considered inactive, but DataReaders sending non-progressing NACKs can also be considered inactive. A non-progressing NACK is one which requests the same oldest DDS sample as the previously received NACK. In this case, the DataWriter will not consider a non-progressing NACK as coming from an active reader, and hence will inactivate the DataReader if no new NACKs are received before max_heartbeat_retries number of heartbeat periods has passed.

One example for which it could be useful to turn on inactivate_nonprogressing_readers is when a DataReader’s (keep-all) queue is full of untaken historical DDS samples. Each subsequent heartbeat would trigger the same NACK, and nominally the DataReader would not be inactivated. A user not requiring strict-reliability could consider setting inactivate_nonprogressing_readers to allow the DataWriter to progress rather than being held up by this non-progressing DataReader.
10.3.4.6 Coping with Redundant Requests for Missing DDS Samples (max_nack_response_delay)

When a DataWriter receives a request for missing DDS samples from a DataReader and responds by resending the requested DDS samples, it will ignore additional requests for the same DDS samples during the time period max_nack_response_delay.

The rtps_reliable_writer.max_nack_response_delay field is part of the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

If your send period is smaller than the round-trip delay of a message, this can cause unnecessary DDS sample retransmissions due to redundant ACKNACKs. In this situation, an ACKNACK triggered by an out-of-order DDS sample is not received before the next DDS sample is sent. When a DataReader receives the next message, it will send another ACKNACK for the missing DDS sample. As illustrated in Resending Missing Samples due to Duplicate ACKNACKs (Section Figure 10.9 below), duplicate ACKNACK messages cause another resending of missing DDS sample “2” and lead to wasted CPU usage on both the publication and the subscription sides.

Figure 10.9 Resending Missing Samples due to Duplicate ACKNACKs
While these redundant messages provide an extra cushion for the level of reliability desired, you can conserve the CPU and network bandwidth usage by limiting how often the same ACKNACK messages are sent; this is controlled by **min_nack_response_delay**.

Reliable subscriptions are prevented from resending an ACKNACK within **min_nack_response_delay** seconds from the last time an ACKNACK was sent for the same DDS sample. Our testing shows that the default **min_nack_response_delay** of 0 seconds achieves an optimal balance for most applications on typical Ethernet LANs.

However, if your system has very slow computers and/or a slow network, you may want to consider increasing **min_nack_response_delay**. Sending an ACKNACK and resending a missing DDS sample inherently takes a long time in this system. So you should allow a longer time for recovery of the lost DDS sample before sending another ACKNACK. In this situation, you should increase **min_nack_response_delay**.

If your system consists of a fast network or computers, and the receive queue size is very small, then you should keep **min_nack_response_delay** very small (such as the default value of 0). If the queue size is small, recovering a missing DDS sample is more important than conserving CPU and network bandwidth (new DDS samples that are too far ahead of the missing DDS sample are thrown away). A fast system can cope with a smaller **min_nack_response_delay** value, and the reliable DDS sample stream can normalize more quickly.

### 10.3.4.7 Disabling Positive Acknowledgements (disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration)

When ACKNACK storms are a primary concern in a system, an alternative to tuning heartbeat and ACKNACK response delays is to disable positive acknowledgments (ACKs) and rely just on NACKs to maintain reliability. Systems with non-strict reliability requirements can disable ACKs to reduce network traffic and directly solve the problem of ACK storms. ACKs can be disabled for the *DataWriter* and the *DataReader*, when disabled for the *DataWriter*, none of its *DataReaders* will send ACKs, whereas disabling it at the *DataReader* allows per-*DataReader* configuration.

Normally when ACKs are enabled, strict reliability is maintained by the *DataWriter*, guaranteeing that a DDS sample stays in its send queue until all *DataReaders* have positively acknowledged it (aside from relevant DURABILITY, HISTORY, and LIFESPAN QoS policies). When ACKs are disabled, strict reliability is no longer guaranteed, but the *DataWriter* should still keep the DDS sample for a sufficient duration for ACK-disabled *DataReaders* to have a chance to NACK it. Thus, a configurable “keep-duration” (**disable_positive_acks_min_sample_keep_duration**) applies for DDS samples written for ACK-disabled *DataReaders*, where DDS samples are kept in the queue for at least that keep-duration. After the keep-duration has elapsed for a DDS sample, the DDS sample is considered to be “acknowledged” by its ACK-disabled *DataReaders*.

The keep duration should be configured for the expected worst-case from when the DDS sample is written to when a NACK for the DDS sample could be received. If set too short, the DDS sample may no longer be queued when a NACK requests it, which is the cost of not enforcing strict reliability.
If the peak send rate is known and writer resources are available, the writer queue can be sized so that writes will not block. For this case, the queue size must be greater than the send rate multiplied by the keep duration.

### 10.3.5 Avoiding Message Storms with DataReaderProtocol QosPolicy

DataWriters send DDS data samples and heartbeats to DataReaders. A DataReader responds to a heartbeat by sending an acknowledgement that tells the DataWriter what the DataReader has received so far and what it is missing. If there are many DataReaders, all sending ACKNACKs to the same DataWriter at the same time, a message storm can result. To prevent this, you can set a delay for each DataReader, so they don’t all send ACKNACKs at the same time. This delay is set in the DATA_READER протокол QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509).

If you have several DataReaders per DataWriter, varying this delay for each one can avoid ACKNACK message storms to the DataWriter. If you are not concerned about message storms, you do not need to change this QosPolicy.

Example:

```plaintext
reader_qos.protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;
reader qos.protocol rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
reader qos.protocol rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;
reader qos.protocol rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0.5 * 1000000000UL; // 0.5 sec
```

As the name suggests, the minimum and maximum response delay bounds the random wait time before the response. Setting both to zero will force immediate response, which may be necessary for the fastest recovery in case of lost DDS samples.

### 10.3.6 Resending DDS Samples to Late-Joiners with the Durability QosPolicy

The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) is also somewhat related to Reliability. Connext DDS requires a finite time to "discover" or match DataReaders to DataWriters. If an application attempts to send data before the DataReader and DataWriter "discover" one another, then the DDS sample will not actually get sent. Whether or not DDS samples are resent when the DataReader and DataWriter eventually "discover" one another depends on how the DURABILITY and HISTORY QoS are set. The default setting for the Durability QosPolicy is VOLATILE, which means that the DataWriter will not store DDS samples for redelivery to late-joining DataReaders.

Connext DDS also supports the TRANSIENT_LOCAL setting for the Durability, which means that the DDS samples will be kept stored for redelivery to late-joining DataReaders, as long as the DataWriter is
around and the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) allows. The DDS samples are not stored beyond the lifecycle of the DataWriter.

See also: Waiting for Historical Data (Section 7.3.6 on page 467).

10.3.7 Use Cases

This section contains advanced material that discusses practical applications of the reliability related QoS.

10.3.7.1 Importance of Relative Thread Priorities

For high throughput, the Connext DDS Event thread’s priority must be sufficiently high on the sending application. Unlike an unreliable writer, a reliable writer relies on internal Connext DDS threads: the Receive thread processes ACKNACKs from the DataReaders, and the Event thread schedules the events necessary to maintain reliable data flow.

- When DDS samples are sent to the same or another application on the same host, the Receive thread priority should be higher than the writing thread priority (priority of the thread calling write() on the DataWriter). This will allow the Receive thread to process the messages as they are sent by the writing thread. A sustained reliable flow requires the reader to be able to process the DDS samples from the writer at a speed equal to or faster than the writer emits.

- The default Event thread priority is low. This is adequate if your reliable transfer is not sustained; queued up events will eventually be processed when the writing thread yields the CPU. The Connext DDS can automatically grow the event queue to store all pending events. But if the reliable communication is sustained, reliable events will continue to be scheduled, and the event queue will eventually reach its limit. The default Event thread priority is unsuitable for maintaining a fast and sustained reliable communication and should be increased through the participant_qos.event-thread.priority. This value maps directly to the OS thread priority, see EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601)).

The Event thread should also be increased to minimize the reliable latency. If events are processed at a higher priority, dropped packets will be resent sooner.

Now we consider some practical applications of the reliability related QoS:

- Aperiodic Use Case: One-at-a-Time (Section 10.3.7.2 on the facing page)
- Aperiodic, Bursty (Section 10.3.7.3 on page 658)
- Periodic (Section 10.3.7.4 on page 663)
10.3.7.2 Aperiodic Use Case: One-at-a-Time

Suppose you have aperiodically generated data that needs to be delivered reliably, with minimum latency, such as a series of commands (“Ready,” “Aim,” “Fire”). If a writing thread may block between each DDS sample to guarantee reception of the just-sent DDS sample on the reader’s middleware end, a smaller queue will provide a smaller upper bound on the DDS sample delivery time. Adequate writer QoS for this use case are presented in Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer below.

Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer

```
1. qos->reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
2. qos->history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
3. qos->protocol.push_on_write = DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE;
4.
5. //use these hard coded value unless you use a key
6. qos->resource_limits.initial_samples = qos->resource_limits.max_samples = 1;
7. qos->resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance =
8. qos->resource_limits.max_samples;
9. qos->resource_limits.initial_instances =
10. qos->resource_limits.max_instances = 1;
11.
12. // want to piggyback HB w/ every sample.
13. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeats_per_max_samples =
14. qos->resource_limits.max_samples;
15.
16. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.high_watermark = 1;
17. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.low_watermark = 0;
18. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.min_nack_response_delay.sec = 0;
19. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.min_nack_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
20. //consider making non-zero for reliable multicast
21. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.max_nack_response_delay.sec = 0;
22. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.max_nack_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
23.
24. // should be faster than the send rate, but be mindful of OS resolution
25. 25 qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.fast_heartbeat_period.sec = 0;
26. 26 qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.fast_heartbeat_period.nanosec =
```
27. `alertReaderWithinThisMs * 1000000;`

28.

29. `qos->reliability.max_blocking_time = blockingTime;`

30. `qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.max_heartbeat_retries = 7;`

31.

32. `// essentially turn off slow HB period`

33. `qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeat_period.sec = 3600 * 24 * 7;`

Line 1 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on the previous page): This is the default setting for a writer, shown here strictly for clarity.

Line 2 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on the previous page): Setting the History kind to KEEP_ALL guarantees that no DDS sample is ever lost.

Line 3 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on the previous page): This is the default setting for a writer, shown here strictly for clarity. ‘Push’ mode reliability will yield lower latency than ‘pull’ mode reliability in normal situations where there is no DDS sample loss. (See `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).`) Furthermore, it does not matter that each packet sent in response to a command will be small, because our data sent with each command is likely to be small, so that maximizing throughput for this data is not a concern.

Line 5 - Line 10 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on the previous page): For this example, we assume a single writer is writing DDS samples one at a time. If we are not using keys (see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14)), there is no reason to use a queue with room for more than one DDS sample, because we want to resolve a DDS sample completely before moving on to the next. While this negatively impacts throughput, it minimizes memory usage. In this example, a written DDS sample will remain in the queue until it is acknowledged by all active readers (only 1 for this example).

Line 12 - Line 14 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on the previous page): The fastest way for a writer to ensure that a reader is up-to-date is to force an acknowledgment with every DDS sample. We do this by appending a Heartbeat with every DDS sample. This is akin to a certified mail; the writer learns—as soon as the system will allow—that a reader has received the letter, and can take corrective action if the reader has not. As with certified mail, this model has significant overhead compared to the unreliable case, trading off lower packet efficiency in favor of latency and fast recovery.

Line 16-Line 17 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on the previous page): Since the writer takes responsibility for pushing the DDS samples out to the reader, a writer will go into a “heightened alert” mode as soon as the high water mark is reached (which is when any DDS sample is written for this writer) and only come out of this mode when the low water mark is reached (when all DDS samples have been acknowledged for this writer). Note that the selected high and low watermarks are actually the default values.
Line 18-Line 22 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on page 654): When a reader requests a lost DDS sample, we respond to the reader immediately in the interest of faster recovery. If the readers receive packets on unicast, there is no reason to wait, since the writer will eventually have to feed individual readers separately anyway. In case of multicast readers, it makes sense to consider further. If the writer delayed its response enough so that all or most of the readers have had a chance to NACK a DDS sample, the writer may coalesce the requests and send just one packet to all the multicast readers. Suppose that all multicast readers do indeed NACK within approximately 100 µsec. Setting the minimum and maximum delays at 100 µsec will allow the writer to collect all these NACKs and send a single response over multicast. (See DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) for information on setting min_nack_response_delay and max_nack_response_delay.) Note that Connext DDS relies on the OS to wait for this 100 µsec. Unfortunately, not all operating systems can sleep for such a fine duration. On Windows systems, for example, the minimum achievable sleep time is somewhere between 1 to 20 milliseconds, depending on the version. On VxWorks systems, the minimum resolution of the wait time is based on the tick resolution, which is 1/system clock rate (thus, if the system clock rate is 100 Hz, the tick resolution is 10 milliseconds). On such systems, the achievable minimum wait is actually far larger than the desired wait time. This could have an unintended consequence due to the delay caused by the OS; at a minimum, the time to repair a packet may be longer than you specified.

Line 24-Line 27 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on page 654): If a reader drops a DDS sample, the writer recovers by notifying the reader of what it has sent, so that the reader may request resending of the lost DDS sample. Therefore, the recovery time depends primarily on how quickly the writer pings the reader that has fallen behind. If commands will not be generated faster than one every few seconds, it may be acceptable for the writer to ping the reader several hundred milliseconds after the DDS sample is sent.

- Suppose that the round-trip time of fairly small packets between the writer and the reader application is 50 microseconds, and that the reader does not delay response to a Heartbeat from the writer (see DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509) for how to change this). If a DDS sample is dropped, the writer will ping the reader after a maximum of the OS delay resolution discussed above and alertReaderWithinThisMs (let’s say 10 ms for this example). The reader will request the missing DDS sample immediately, and with the code set as above, the writer will feed the missing DDS sample immediately. Neglecting the processing time on the writer or the reader end, and assuming that this retry succeeds, the time to recover the DDS sample from the original publication time is: alertReaderWithinThisMs + 50 µsec + 25 µsec.

If the OS is capable of micro-sleep, the recovery time can be within 100 µsec, barely noticeable to a human operator. If the OS minimum wait resolution is much larger, the recovery time is dominated by the wait resolution of the OS. Since ergonomic studies suggest that delays in excess of a 0.25 seconds start hampering operations that require low latency data, even a 10 ms limitation seems to be acceptable.
10.3.7.2 Aperiodic Use Case: One-at-a-Time

- What if two packets are dropped in a row? Then the recovery time would be
  \[ 2 \times \text{alertReaderWithinThisMs} + 2 \times 50 \mu\text{sec} + 25 \mu\text{sec} \]. If `alertReaderWithinThisMs` is 100 ms, the recovery time now exceeds 200 ms, and can perhaps degrade user experience.

Line 29-Line 30 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on page 654): What if another command (like another button press) is issued before the recovery? Since we must not drop this new DDS sample, we block the writer until the recovery completes. If `alertReaderWithinThisMs` is 10 ms, and we assume no more than 7 consecutive drops, the longest time for recovery will be just above (`alertReaderWithinThisMs * max_heartbeat_retries`), or 70 ms.

So if we set `blockingTime` to about 80 ms, we will have given enough chance for recovery. Of course, in a dynamic system, a reader may drop out at any time, in which case `max_heartbeat_retries` will be exceeded, and the unresponsive reader will be dropped by the writer. In either case, the writer can continue writing. Inappropriate values will cause a writer to prematurely drop a temporarily unresponsive (but otherwise healthy) reader, or be stuck trying unsuccessfully to feed a crashed reader. In the unfortunate case where a reader becomes temporarily unresponsive for a duration exceeding (`alertReaderWithinThisMs * max_heartbeat_retries`), the writer may issue gaps to that reader when it becomes active again; the dropped DDS samples are irrecoverable. So estimating the worst case unresponsive time of all potential readers is critical if DDS sample drop is unacceptable.

Line 33 (Figure 10.10 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Writer on page 654): Since the command may not be issued for hours or even days on end, there is no reason to keep announcing the writer’s state to the readers.

Figure 10.11 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Reader below shows how to set the QoS for the reader side, followed by a line-by-line explanation.

**Figure 10.11  QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Reader**

1. `qos->reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;`
2. `qos->history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;`
3. 
4. `// 1 is ok for normal use. 2 allows fast infinite loop`
5. `qos->reader_resource_limits.max_samples_per_remote_writer = 2;`
6. `qos->resource_limits.initial_samples = 2;`
7. `qos->resource_limits.initial_instances = 1;`
8. 
9. `qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;`
10. `qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0;`
11. `qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;`
10.3.7.3 Aperiodic, Bursty

Line 1-Line 2 (Figure 10.11 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Reader on the previous page): Unlike a writer, the reader’s default reliability setting is best-effort, so reliability must be turned on. Since we don’t want to drop anything, we choose KEEP_ALL history.

Line 4-Line 6 (Figure 10.11 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Reader on the previous page): Since we enforce reliability on each DDS sample, it would be sufficient to keep the queue size at 1, except in the following case: suppose that the reader takes some action in response to the command received, which in turn causes the writer to issue another command right away. Because Connext DDS passes the user data up to the application even before acknowledging the DDS sample to the writer (for minimum latency), the first DDS sample is still pending for acknowledgement in the writer’s queue when the writer attempts to write the second DDS sample, and will cause the writing thread to block until the reader completes processing the first DDS sample and acknowledges it to the writer; all are as they should be. But if you want to run this infinite loop at full throttle, the reader should buffer one more DDS sample. Let’s follow the packets flow under a normal circumstance:

1. The sender application writes DDS sample 1 to the reader. The receiver application processes it and sends a user-level response 1 to the sender application, but has not yet ACK’d DDS sample 1.
2. The sender application writes DDS sample 2 to the receiving application in response to response 1. Because the reader’s queue is 2, it can accept DDS sample 2 even though it may not yet have acknowledged DDS sample 1. Otherwise, the reader may drop DDS sample 2, and would have to recover it later.
3. At the same time, the receiver application acknowledges DDS sample 1, and frees up one slot in the queue, so that it can accept DDS sample 3, which it on its way.

The above steps can be repeated ad-infinatum in a continuous traffic.

Line 7 (Figure 10.11 QoS for an Aperiodic, One-at-a-time Reliable Reader on the previous page): Since we are not using keys, there is just one instance.

Line 9-Line 12 (Use Cases (Section 10.3.7 on page 653)): We choose immediate response in the interest of fastest recovery. In high throughput, multicast scenario, delaying the response (with event thread priority set high of course) may decrease the likelihood of NACK storm causing a writer to drop some NACKs. This random delay reduces this chance by staggering the NACK response. But the minimum delay achievable once again depends on the OS.

10.3.7.3 Aperiodic, Bursty

Suppose you have aperiodically generated bursts of data, as in the case of a new aircraft approaching an airport. The data may be the same or different, but if they are written by a single writer, the challenge to this writer is to feed all readers as quickly and efficiently as possible when this burst of hundreds or thousands of DDS samples hits the system.
If you use an unreliable writer to push this burst of data, some of them may be dropped over an unreliable transport such as UDP.

If you try to shape the burst according to however much the slowest reader can process, the system throughput may suffer, and places an additional burden of queueing the DDS samples on the sender application.

If you push the data reliably as fast they are generated, this may cost dearly in repair packets, especially to the slowest reader, which is already burdened with application chores.

Connext DDS pull mode reliability offers an alternative in this case by letting each reader pace its own data stream. It works by notifying the reader what it is missing, then waiting for it to request only as much as it can handle. As in the aperiodic one-at-a-time case (Aperiodic Use Case: One-at-a-Time (Section 10.3.7.2 on page 654)), multicast is supported, but its performance depends on the resolution of the minimum delay supported by the OS. At the cost of greater latency, this model can deliver reliability while using far fewer packets than in the push mode. The writer QoS is given in Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer below, with a line-by-line explanation below.

**Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer**

```plaintext
1. qos->reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
2. qos->history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
3. qos->protocol.push_on_write = DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE;
4. 
5. // use these hard coded value until you use key
6. qos->resource_limits.initial_instances =
7. qos->resource_limits.max_instances = 1;
8. qos->resource_limits.initial_samples = qos->resource_limits.max_samples
9.     = worstBurstInSample;
10. qos->resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance =
11. qos->resource_limits.max_samples;
12. 
13. // piggyback HB not used
14. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeats_per_max_samples = 0;
15. 
16. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.high_watermark = 1;
17. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.low_watermark = 0;
18. 
19. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.min_nack_response_delay.sec = 0;
```
Line 1 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on the previous page): This is the default setting for a writer, shown here strictly for clarity.

Line 2 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on the previous page): Since we do not want any data lost, we want the History kind set to KEEP_ALL.

Line 3 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on the previous page): The default Connext DDS reliable writer will push, but we want the reader to pull instead.

Line 5-Line 11 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on the previous page): We assume a single instance, in which case the maximum DDS sample count will be the same as the maximum DDS sample count per writer. In contrast to the one-at-a-time case discussed in Aperiodic Use Case: One-at-a-Time (Section 10.3.7.2 on page 654), the writer’s queue is large; as big as the burst size in fact, but no more because this model tries to resolve a burst within a reasonable period, to be computed shortly. Of course, we could block the writing thread in the middle of the burst, but that might complicate the design of the sending application.

Line 13-Line 14 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on the previous page): By a ‘piggyback’ Heartbeat, we mean only a Heartbeat that is appended to data being pushed from the writer. Strictly speaking, the writer will also append a Heartbeat with each reply to a reader’s lost DDS sample request, but we call that a ‘framing’ Heartbeat. Since data is pulled, heartbeats_per_max_samples is ignored.

Line 16-Line 17 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on the previous page): Similar to the previous aperiodic writer, this writer spends most of its time idle. But as the name suggests, even a single new DDS sample implies more DDS sample to follow in a burst. Putting the writer into a fast mode quickly will allow readers to be notified soon. Only when all DDS samples have been delivered, the writer can rest.
Line 19- Line 23 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on page 659): Similar to the one-at-a-time case, there is no reason to delay response with only one reader. In this case, we can estimate the time to resolve a burst with only a few parameters. Let’s say that the reader figures it can safely receive and process 20 DDS samples at a time without being overwhelmed, and that the time it takes a writer to fetch these 20 DDS samples and send a single packet containing these 20 DDS samples, plus the time it takes a reader to receive and process these DDS samples, and send another request back to the writer for the next 20 DDS samples is 11 ms. Even on the same hardware, if the reader’s processing time can be reduced, this time will decrease; other factors such as the traversal time through Connext DDS and the transport are typically in microseconds range (depending on machines of course).

For example, let’s also say that the worst case burst is 1000 DDS samples. The writing thread will of course not block because it is merely copying each of the 1000 DDS samples to the Connext DDS queue on the writer side; on a typical modern machine, the act of writing these 1000 DDS samples will probably take no more than a few ms. But it would take at least 1000/20 = 50 resend packets for the reader to catch up to the writer, or 50 times 11 ms = 550 ms. Since the burst model deals with one burst at a time, we would expect that another burst would not come within this time, and that we are allowed to block for at least this period. Including a safety margin, it would appear that we can comfortably handle a burst of 1000 every second or so.

But what if there are multiple readers? The writer would then take more time to feed multiple readers, but with a fast transport, a few more readers may only increase the 11 ms to only 12 ms or so. Eventually, however, the number of readers will justify the use of multicast. Even in pull mode, Connext DDS supports multicast by measuring how many multicast readers have requested DDS sample repair. If the writer does not delay response to NACK, then repairs will be sent in unicast. But a suitable NACK delay allows the writer to collect potentially NACKs from multiple readers, and feed a single multicast packet. But as discussed in Aperiodic Use Case: One-at-a-Time (Section 10.3.7.2 on page 654), by delaying reply to coalesce response, we may end up waiting much longer than desired. On a Windows system with 10 ms minimum sleep achievable, the delay would add at least 10 ms to the 11 ms delay, so that the time to push 1000 DDS samples now increases to 50 times 21 ms = 1.05 seconds. It would appear that we will not be able to keep up with incoming burst if it came at roughly 1 second, although we put fewer packets on the wire by taking advantage of multicast.

Line 25-Line 28 (Use Cases (Section 10.3.7 on page 653)): We now understand how the writer feeds the reader in response to the NACKs. But how does the reader realize that it is behind? The writer notifies the reader with a Heartbeat to kick-start the exchange. Therefore, the latency will be lower bound by the writer’s fast heartbeat period. If the application is not particularly sensitive to latency, the minimum wait time supported by the OS (10 ms on Windows systems, for example) might be a reasonable value.

Line 29 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on page 659): With a fast heartbeat period of 50 ms, a writer will take 500 ms (50 ms times the default max_heartbeat_retries of 10) to write-off an unresponsive reader. If a reader crashes while we are writing a lot of DDS samples per second, the writer queue may completely fill up before the writer has a chance to drop the crashed reader. Lowering max_heartbeat_retries will prevent that scenario.
Line 31-Line 32 (Figure 10.12 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Writer on page 659): For an aperiodic writer, turning off slow periodic Heartbeats will remove unwanted traffic from the network.

Figure 10.13 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Reader below shows example code for a corresponding aperiodic, bursty reader.

Figure 10.13 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Reader

```c
1. qos->reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
2. qos->history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
3. qos->resource_limits.initial_samples =
4. qos->resource_limits.max_samples =
5. qos->reader_resource_limits.max_samples_per_remote_writer = 32;
6.
7. // use these hard coded value until you use key
8. qos->resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance =
9. qos->resource_limits.max_samples;
10. qos->resource_limits.initial_instances =
11. qos->resource_limits.max_instances = 1;
12.
13. // the writer probably has more for the reader; ask right away
14. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;
15. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
16. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;
17. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
```

Line 1-Line 2 (Figure 10.13 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Reader above): Unlike a writer, the reader’s default reliability setting is best-effort, so reliability must be turned on. Since we don’t want to drop anything, we choose KEEP_ALL for the History QoS kind.

Line 3-Line 5 (Figure 10.13 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Reader above): Unlike the writer, the reader’s queue can be kept small, since the reader is free to send ACKs for as much as it wants anyway. In general, the larger the queue, the larger the packet needs to be, and the higher the throughput will be. When the reader NACKs for lost DDS sample, it will only ask for this much.

Line 7-Line 11 (Figure 10.13 QoS for an Aperiodic, Bursty Reader above): We do not use keys in this example.
10.3.7.4 Periodic

In a periodic reliable model, we can use the writer and the reader queue to keep the data flowing at a smooth rate. The data flows from the sending application to the writer queue, then to the transport, then to the reader queue, and finally to the receiving application. Unless the sending application or any one of the receiving applications becomes unresponsive (including a crash) for a noticeable duration, this flow should continue uninterrupted.

The latency will be low in most cases, but will be several times higher for the recovered and many subsequent DDS samples. In the event of a disruption (e.g., loss in transport, or one of the readers becoming temporarily unresponsive), the writer’s queue level will rise, and may even block in the worst case. If the writing thread must not block, the writer’s queue must be sized sufficiently large to deal with any fluctuation in the system. Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer below shows an example, with line-by-line analysis below.

**Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer**

```
1. qos->reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
2. qos->history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
3. qos->protocol.push_on_write = DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE;
4.
5. //use these hard coded value until you use key
6. qos->resource_limits.initial_instances =
7. qos->resource_limits.max_instances = 1;
8.
9. int unresolvedSamplePerRemoteWriterMax =
10.   worstCaseApplicationDelayTimeInMs * dataRateInHz / 1000;
11. qos->resource_limits.max_samples = unresolvedSamplePerRemoteWriterMax;
12. qos->resource_limits.initial_samples = qos->resource_limits.max_samples/2;
13. qos->resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance =
14.   qos->resource_limits.max_samples;
15.
16. int piggybackEvery = 8;
17. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeats_per_max_samples =
```
18.   qos->resource_limits.max_samples / piggybackEvery;
19.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.high_watermark = piggybackEvery * 4;
20.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.low_watermark = piggybackEvery * 2;
21.   qos->reliability.max_blocking_time = blockingTime;
22.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.min_nack_response_delay.sec = 0;
23.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.min_nack_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
24.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.max_nack_response_delay.sec = 0;
25.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.max_nack_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
26.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.fast_heartbeat_period.sec = 0;
27.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.fast_heartbeat_period.nanosec =
28.   `  alertReaderWithinThisMs * 1000000;
29.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.max_heartbeat_retries = 7;
30.   // essentially turn off slow HB period
31.   qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_writer.heartbeat_period.sec = 3600 * 24 * 7;

Line 1 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on the previous page): This is the default setting for a writer, shown here strictly for clarity.

Line 2 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on the previous page): Since we do not want any data lost, we set the History kind to KEEP_ALL.

Line 3 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on the previous page): This is the default setting for a writer, shown here strictly for clarity. Pushing will yield lower latency than pulling.

Line 5-Line 7 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on the previous page): We do not use keys in this example, so there is only one instance.

Line 9-Line 11 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on the previous page): Though a simplistic model of queue, this is consistent with the idea that the queue size should be proportional to the data rate and the worst case jitter in communication.

Line 12 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on the previous page): Even though we have sized the queue according to the worst case, there is a possibility for saving some memory in the normal case. Here, we initially size the queue to be only half of the worst case, hoping that the worst case will not occur. When it does, Connext DDS will keep increasing the queue size as necessary to accommodate new DDS samples, until the maximum is reached. So when our optimistic initial queue size is breached, we
will incur the penalty of dynamic memory allocation. Furthermore, you will wind up using more memory, as the initially allocated memory will be orphaned (note: does not mean a memory leak or dangling pointer); if the initial queue size is \( M_i \) and the maximal queue size is \( M_m \), where \( M_m = M_i \times 2^n \), the memory wasted in the worst case will be \( (M_m - 1) \times \text{sizeofDDS sample} \) bytes. Note that the memory allocation can be avoided by setting the initial queue size equal to its max value.

**Line 13-Line 14 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on page 663):** If there is only one instance, maximum DDS samples per instance is the same as maximum DDS samples allowed.

**Line 16-Line 18 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on page 663):** Since we are pushing out the data at a potentially rapid rate, the piggyback heartbeat will be useful in letting the reader know about any missing DDS samples. The `piggybackEvery` can be increased if the writer is writing at a fast rate, with the cost that more DDS samples will need to queue up for possible resend. That is, you can consider the piggyback heartbeat to be taking over one of the roles of the periodic heartbeat in the case of a push. So sending fewer DDS samples between piggyback heartbeats is akin to decreasing the fast heartbeat period seen in previous sections. Please note that we cannot express `piggybackEvery` directly as its own QoS, but indirectly through the maximum DDS samples.

**Line 20-Line 22 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on page 663):** If `piggybackEvery` was exactly identical to the fast heartbeat, there would be no need for fast heartbeat or the high watermark. But one of the important roles for the fast heartbeat period is to allow a writer to abandon inactive readers before the queue fills. If the high watermark is set equal to the queue size, the writer would not doubt the status of an unresponsive reader until the queue completely fills—blocking on the next write (up to `blockingTime`). By lowering the high watermark, you can control how vigilant a writer is about checking the status of unresponsive readers. By scaling the high watermark to `piggybackEvery`, the writer is expressing confidence that an alive reader will respond promptly within the time it would take a writer to send 4 times `piggybackEvery` DDS samples. If the reader does not delay the response too long, this would be a good assumption. Even if the writer estimated on the low side and does go into fast mode (suspecting that the reader has crashed) when a reader is temporarily unresponsive (e.g., when it is performing heavy computation for a few milliseconds), a response from the reader in question will resolve any doubt, and data delivery can continue uninterrupted. As the reader catches up to the writer and the queue level falls below the low watermark, the writer will pop out to the normal, relaxed mode.

**Line 24-Line 28 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on page 663):** When a reader is behind (including a reader whose Durability QoS is non-VOLATILE and therefore needs to catch up to the writer as soon as it is created), how quickly the writer responds to the reader’s request will determine the catch-up rate. While a multicast writer (that is, a writer with multicast readers) may consider delaying for some time to take advantage of coalesced multicast packets. Keep in mind the OS delay resolution issue discussed in the previous section.

**Line 30-Line 33 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on page 663):** The fast heartbeat mechanism allows a writer to detect a crashed reader and move along with the remaining readers when a reader does not respond to any of the `max_heartbeat_retries` number of heartbeats sent at the `fast_heartbeat_
period rate. So if you want a more cautious writer, decrease either numbers; conversely, increasing either number will result in a writer that is more reluctant to write-off an unresponsive reader.

Line 35-Line 36 (Figure 10.14 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Writer on page 663): Since this a periodic model, a separate periodic heartbeat to notify the writer's status would seem unwarranted; the piggyback heartbeat sent with DDS samples takes over that role.

Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader below shows how to set the QoS for a matching reader, followed by a line-by-line explanation.

Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader

1. qos->reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
2. qos->history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
3. qos->resource_limits.initial_samples =
4. qos->resource_limits.max_samples =
5. qos->reader_resource_limits.max_samples_per_remote_writer =
6. ((2*piggybackEvery - 1) + dataRateInHz * delayInMs / 1000);
7. 
8. //use these hard coded value until you use key
9. qos->resource_limits.max_samples_per_instance =
10.     qos->resource_limits.max_samples;
11. qos->resource_limits.initial_instances =
12.     qos->resource_limits.max_instances = 1;
13. 
14. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;
15. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0;
16. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.sec = 0;
17. qos->protocol.rtps_reliable_reader.max_heartbeat_response_delay.nanosec = 0;

Line 1-Line 2 (Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader above): Unlike a writer, the reader’s default reliability setting is best-effort, so reliability must be turned on. Since we don’t want to drop anything, we choose KEEP_ALL for the History QoS.

Line 3-Line 6 (Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader above) Unlike the writer, the reader queue is sized not according to the jitter of the reader, but rather how many DDS samples you want to cache speculatively in case of a gap in sequence of DDS samples that the reader must recover. Remember
that a reader will stop giving a sequence of DDS samples as soon as an unintended gap appears, because
the definition of strict reliability includes in-order delivery. If the queue size were 1, the reader would have
no choice but to drop all subsequent DDS samples received until the one being sought is recovered. Con-
next DDS uses speculative caching, which minimizes the disruption caused by a few dropped DDS
samples. Even for the same duration of disruption, the demand on reader queue size is greater if the writer
will send more rapidly. In sizing the reader queue, we consider 2 factors that comprise the lost DDS
sample recovery time:

- How long it takes a reader to request a resend to the writer.

The piggyback heartbeat tells a reader about the writer’s state. If only DDS samples between two
piggybacked DDS samples are dropped, the reader must cache piggybackEvery DDS samples
before asking the writer for resend. But if a piggybacked DDS sample is also lost, the reader will not
get around to asking the writer until the next piggybacked DDS sample is received. Note that in this
worst case calculation, we are ignoring stand-alone heartbeats (i.e., not piggybacked heartbeat from
the writer). Of course, the reader may drop any number of heartbeats, including the stand-alone
heartbeat; in this sense, there is no such thing as the absolute worst case—just reasonable worst case,
where the probability of consecutive drops is acceptably low. For the majority of applications, even
two consecutive drops is unlikely, in which case we need to cache at most \((2^{\text{piggybackEvery} - 1})\)
DDS samples before the reader will ask the writer to resend, assuming no delay (Line 14-Line 17,
Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader on the previous page).

- How long it takes for the writer to respond to the request.

Even ignoring the flight time of the resend request through the transport, the writer takes a finite time
to respond to the repair request—mostly if the writer delays reply for multicast readers. In case of
immediate response, the processing time on the writer end, as well as the flight time of the messages
to and from the writer do not matter unless very larger data rate; that is, it is the product term that mat-
ters. In case the delay for multicast is random (that is, the minimum and the maximum delay are not
equal), one would have to use the maximum delay to be conservative.

Line 8-Line 12 (Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader on the previous page): Since we are not
using keys, there is just one instance.

Line 14-Line 17 (Figure 10.15 QoS for a Periodic Reliable Reader on the previous page): If we are not
using multicast, or the number of readers being fed by the writer, there is no reason to delay.

10.4 Auto Throttling for DataWriter Performance—Experimental Feature

Auto Throttling is an experimental feature that allows you to configure a DataWriter to automatically
adjust its writing rate and send window size to provide the best latency/throughput tradeoff as system con-
ditions change.
When *DataWriters* and *DataReaders* are configured to be reliable, lost DDS samples are repaired automatically by *Connext DDS*. However, the repair path consumes bandwidth and increases latency. A high number of lost DDS samples can reduce the throughput and increase the communication latency. With Auto Throttling, the number of repair (lost) DDS samples is reduced by using feedback provided by *DataReaders* in terms of ACK and NACK messages to adjust the *DataWriter’s* write rate and send window size.

To configure Auto Throttling, use the following properties:

**dds.domain_participant.auto_throttle.enable**: Configures the *DomainParticipant* to gather internal measurements (during *DomainParticipant* creation) that are required for the Auto Throttle feature. This allows *DataWriters* belonging to this *DomainParticipant* to use the Auto Throttle feature. Default: false.

**dds.data_writer.auto_throttle.enable**: Enables automatic throttling in the *DataWriter* so it can automatically adjust the writing rate and the send window size; this minimizes the need for repair DDS samples and improves latency. Default: false.

**Note**: This property takes effect only in *DataWriters* that belong to a *DomainParticipant* that has set the property **dds.domain_participant.auto_throttle.enable** (described above) to true.

When Auto throttling is enabled, the size of the send window size is adjusted within the interval \([\text{min}\_\text{send}_\text{window}_\text{size}, \text{max}\_\text{send}_\text{window}_\text{size}]\) configured in **DATA_W RCATURE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)
Chapter 11 Collaborative DataWriters

The Collaborative DataWriters feature allows you to have multiple DataWriters publishing DDS samples from a common logical data source. The DataReaders will combine the DDS samples coming from these DataWriters in order to reconstruct the correct order in which they were produced at the source. This combination process for the DataReaders can be configured using the AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335). It requires the middleware to provide a way to uniquely identify every DDS sample published in a DDS domain independently of the actual DataWriter that published the DDS sample.

In Connext DDS, every modification (DDS sample) to the global dataspace made by a DataWriter within a DDS domain is identified by a pair (virtual GUID, sequence number).

The virtual GUID (Global Unique Identifier) is a 16-byte character identifier associated with the logical data source. DataWriters can be assigned a virtual GUID using virtual_guid in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).

The virtual sequence number is a 64-bit integer that identifies changes within the logical data source.

Several DataWriters can be configured with the same virtual GUID. If each of these DataWriters publishes a DDS sample with sequence number '0', the DDS sample will only be received once by the DataReaders subscribing to the content published by the DataWriters (see Figure 11.1 Global Dataspace Changes on the next page).
11.1 Collaborative DataWriters Use Cases

- Ordered delivery of DDS samples in high availability scenarios

One example of this is RTI Persistence Service\(^1\). When a late-joining DataReader configured with DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) set to PERSISTENT or TRANSIENT joins a DDS domain, it will start receiving DDS samples from multiple DataWriters. For example, if the original DataWriter is still alive, the newly created DataReader will receive DDS samples from the original DataWriter and one or more RTI Persistence Service DataWriters (PRSTDataWriters).

- Ordered delivery of DDS samples in load-balanced scenarios

Multiple instances of the same application can work together to process and deliver DDS samples. When the DDS samples arrive through different data-paths out of order, the DataReader will be able to reconstruct the order at the source. An example of this is when multiple instances of RTI Persistence Service are used to persist the data. Persisting data to a database on disk can impact performance. By dividing the workload (e.g., DDS samples larger than 10 are persisted by Persistence Service 1, DDS samples smaller or equal to 10 are persisted by Persistence Service 2) across different instances of RTI Persistence Service using different databases the user can improve scalability and performance.

- Ordered delivery of DDS samples with Group Ordered Access

The Collaborative DataWriters feature can also be used to configure the DDS sample ordering process when the Subscriber is configured with PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on

\(^1\) For more information on Persistence Service, see Part 6: RTI Persistence Service (Section on page 931).
access_scope set to GROUP. In this case, the Subscriber must deliver in order the DDS samples published by a group of DataWriters that belong to the same Publisher and have access_scope set to GROUP.

Figure 11.2 Load-Balancing with Persistence Service

### 11.2 DDS Sample Combination (Synchronization) Process in a DataReader

A DataReader will deliver a DDS sample (VGUIDn, VSNm) to the application only when if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (GUIDn, SNm-1) has already been delivered to the application.
- All the known DataWriters publishing VGUIDn have announced that they do not have (VGUIDn, VSNm-1).
- None of the known DataWriters publishing VGUIDn have announced potential availability of (VGUIDn, VSNm-1) and a configurable timeout (max_data_availability_waiting_time) expires.

For additional details on how the reconstruction process works see the AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335).
11.3 Configuring Collaborative DataWriters

11.3.1 Associating Virtual GUIDs with DDS Data Samples

There are two ways to associate a virtual GUID with the DDS samples published by a DataWriter:

- Per DataWriter: Using virtual_guid in DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).
- Per DDS Sample: By setting the writer_guid in the identity field of the WriteParams_t structure provided to the write_w_params operation (see Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279)). Since the writer_guid can be set per DDS sample, the same DataWriter can potentially write DDS samples from independent logical data sources. One example of this is RTI Persistence Service where a single persistence service DataWriter can write DDS samples on behalf of multiple original DataWriters.

11.3.2 Associating Virtual Sequence Numbers with DDS Data Samples

You can associate a virtual sequence number with a DDS sample published by a DataWriter by setting the sequence_number in the identity field of the WriteParams_t structure provided to the write_w_params operation (see Writing Data (Section 6.3.8 on page 279)). Virtual sequence numbers for a given virtual GUID must be strictly monotonically increasing. If you try to write a DDS sample with a sequence number less than or equal to the last sequence number, the write operation will fail.

11.3.3 Specifying which DataWriters will Deliver DDS Samples to the DataReader from a Logical Data Source

The required_matched_endpoint_groups field in the AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335) can be used to specify the set of DataWriter groups that are expected to provide DDS samples for the same data source (virtual GUID). The quorum count in a group represents the number of DataWriters that must be discovered for that group before the DataReader is allowed to provide non-consecutive DDS samples to the application.

A DataWriter becomes a member of an endpoint group by configuring the role_name in ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).

11.3.4 Specifying How Long to Wait for a Missing DDS Sample

A DataReader’s AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335) specifies how long to wait for a missing DDS sample. For example, this is important when the first DDS sample is received: how long do you wait to determine the lowest sequence number available in the system?

- The max_data_availability_waiting_time defines how much time to wait before delivering a DDS sample to the application without having received some of the previous DDS samples.
• The `max_endpoint_availability_waiting_time` defines how much time to wait to discover `DataWriters` providing DDS samples for the same data source (virtual GUID).

### 11.4 Collaborative DataWriters and Persistence Service

The `DataWriters` created by persistence service are automatically configured to do collaboration:

• Every DDS sample published by the `Persistence Service DataWriter` keeps its original identity.

• `Persistence Service` associates the role name `PERSISTENCE_SERVICE` with all the `DataWriters` that it creates. You can overwrite that setting by changing the `DataWriter` QoS configuration in persistence service.

For more information, see `Part 6: RTI Persistence Service` (Section on page 931).
Chapter 12 Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence

12.1 Introduction

Connext DDS offers the following mechanisms for achieving durability and persistence:

- **Durable Writer History** This feature allows a DataWriter to persist its historical cache, perhaps locally, so that it can survive shutdowns, crashes and restarts. When an application restarts, each DataWriter that has been configured to have durable writer history automatically load all of the data in this cache from disk and can carry on sending data as if it had never stopped executing. To the rest of the system, it will appear as if the DataWriter had been temporarily disconnected from the network and then reappeared.

- **Durable Reader State** This feature allows a DataReader to persist its state and remember which data it has already received. When an application restarts, each DataReader that has been configured to have durable reader state automatically loads its state from disk and can carry on receiving data as if it had never stopped executing. Data that had already been received by the DataReader before the restart will be suppressed so that it is not even sent over the network.

- **Data Durability** This feature is a full implementation of the OMG DDS Persistence Profile. The [DURABILITY QosPolicy](#) allows an application to configure a DataWriter so that the information written by the DataWriter survives beyond the lifetime of the DataWriter. In this manner, a late-joining DataReader can subscribe to and receive the information even after the DataWriter application is no longer executing. To use this feature, you need Persistence Service, a separate application described in [Introduction to RTI Persistence Service](#).
These features can be configured separately or in combination. To use Durable Writer State and Durable Reader State, you need a relational database, which is not included with Connext DDS. Supported databases are listed in the Release Notes. Persistence Service does not require a database when used in TRANSIENT mode (see RTI Persistence Service (Section 12.5.1 on page 691)) or in PERSISTENT mode with file-system storage (see RTI Persistence Service (Section 12.5.1 on page 691) and Configuring Remote Administration (Section 26.5 on page 941)).

To understand how these features interact we will examine the behavior of the system using the following scenarios:

- Scenario 1. DataReader Joins after DataWriter Restarts (Durable Writer History) (Section 12.1.1 below)
- Scenario 2: DataReader Restarts While DataWriter Stays Up (Durable Reader State) (Section 12.1.2 on the facing page)
- Scenario 3. DataReader Joins after DataWriter Leaves Domain (Durable Data) (Section 12.1.3 on page 678)

### 12.1.1 Scenario 1. DataReader Joins after DataWriter Restarts (Durable Writer History)

In this scenario, a DomainParticipant joins the domain, creates a DataWriter and writes some data, then the DataWriter shuts down (gracefully or due to a fault). The DataWriter restarts and a DataReader joins the domain. Depending on whether the DataWriter is configured with durable history, the late-joining DataReader may or may not receive the data published already by the DataWriter before it restarted. This is illustrated in Figure 12.1 Durable Writer History on the facing page. For more information, see Durable Writer History (Section 12.3 on page 680)
12.1.2 Scenario 2: DataReader Restarts While DataWriter Stays Up (Durable Reader State)

In this scenario, two DomainParticipants join a domain; one creates a DataWriter and the other a DataReader on the same Topic. The DataWriter publishes some data ("a" and "b") that is received by the
**Scenario 2: DataReader Restarts While DataWriter Stays Up (Durable Reader State)**

*DataReader*. After this, the *DataReader* shuts down (gracefully or due to a fault) and then restarts—all while the *DataWriter* remains present in the domain.

Depending on whether the *DataReader* is configured with Durable Reader State, the *DataReader* may or may not receive a duplicate copy of the data it received before it restarted. This is illustrated in *Figure 12.2 Durable Reader State* below. For more information, see *Durable Reader State* (Section 12.4 on page 685).

**Figure 12.2 Durable Reader State**

Without *Durable Reader State*: the *DataReader* will receive the data that was already received before the restart.

With *Durable Reader State*: the *DataReader* remembers that it already received the data and does not request it again.
12.1.3 Scenario 3. DataReader Joins after DataWriter Leaves Domain (Durable Data)

In this scenario, a DomainParticipant joins a domain, creates a DataWriter, publishes some data on a Topic and then shuts down (gracefully or due to a fault). Later, a DataReader joins the domain and subscribes to the data. Persistence Service is running.

Depending on whether Durable Data is enabled for the Topic, the DataReader may or may not receive the data previous published by the DataWriter. This is illustrated in Figure 12.3 Durable Data below. For more information, see Data Durability (Section 12.5 on page 691)

Figure 12.3 Durable Data

Without Durable Data:
the late-joining DataReader
will not receive data (a and b)
that was published before the
DataWriter quit.

With Durable Data:
Persistence Service
remembers what data was
published and delivers it to
the late-joining DataReader.
This third scenario is similar to Scenario 1. DataReader Joins after DataWriter Restarts (Durable Writer History) (Section 12.1.1 on page 675) except that in this case the DataWriter does not need to restart for the DataReader to get the data previously written by the DataWriter. This is because Persistence Service acts as an intermediary that stores the data so it can be given to late-joining DataReaders.

12.2 Durability and Persistence Based on Virtual GUIDs

Every modification to the global dataspace made by a DataWriter is identified by a pair (virtual GUID, sequence number).

- The virtual GUID (Global Unique Identifier) is a 16-byte character identifier associated with a DataWriter or DataReader; it is used to uniquely identify this entity in the global data space.
- The sequence number is a 64-bit identifier that identifies changes published by a specific DataWriter.

Several DataWriters can be configured with the same virtual GUID. If each of these DataWriters publishes a sample with sequence number '0', the sample will only be received once by the DataReaders subscribing to the content published by the DataWriters (see Figure 12.4 Global Dataspase Changes below).

Figure 12.4 Global Dataspase Changes

Additionally, Connext DDS uses the virtual GUID to associate a persisted state (state in permanent storage) to the corresponding Entity.

For example, the history of a DataWriter will be persisted in a database table with a name generated from the virtual GUID of the DataWriter. If the DataWriter is restarted, it must have associated the same virtual GUID to restore its previous history.
Likewise, the state of a *DataReader* will be persisted in a database table whose name is generated from the *DataReader* virtual GUID (see Figure 12.5 History/State Persistence Based on Virtual GUID below).

**Figure 12.5 History/State Persistence Based on Virtual GUID**

- A *DataWriter*'s virtual GUID can be configured using the member `virtual_guid` in the `DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345).
- A *DataReader*'s virtual GUID can be configured using the member `virtual_guid` in the `DATA_READER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.1 on page 509).

The `DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicData` and `DDS_SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData` structures include the virtual GUID associated with the discovered publication or subscription (see Built-in DataReaders (Section 16.2 on page 772)).

### 12.3 Durable Writer History

The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) controls whether or not, and how, published samples are stored by the *DataWriter* application for *DataReaders* that are found after the samples were initially written. The samples stored by the *DataWriter* constitute the *DataWriter*'s history.

Connext DDS provides the capability to make the *DataWriter* history durable, by persisting its content in a relational database. This makes it possible for the history to be restored when the *DataWriter* restarts. See the *Release Notes* for the list of supported relational databases.
The association between the history stored in the database and the DataWriter is done using the virtual GUID.

12.3.1 Durable Writer History Use Case

The following use case describes the durable writer history functionality:

1. A DataReader receives two samples with sequence number 1 and 2 published by a DataWriter with virtual GUID 1.

   1, 2
   DataWriter (vg: 1) 1, 2 DataReader (vg: 1) 1, 2

2. The process running the DataWriter is stopped and a new late-joining DataReader is created.

   The new DataReader with virtual GUID 2 does not receive samples 1 and 2 because the original DataWriter has been destroyed. If the samples must be available to late-joining DataReaders after the DataWriter deletion, you can use Persistence Service, described in Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932).

   DataWriter (vg: 1) DataReader (vg: 2)

3. The DataWriter is restarted using the same virtual GUID.

   After being restarted, the DataWriter restores its history. The late-joining DataReader will receive samples 1 and 2 because they were not received previously. The DataReader with virtual GUID 1 will not receive samples 1 and 2 because it already received them.
4. The *DataWriter* publishes two new samples.

The two new samples with sequence numbers 3 and 4 will be received by both *DataReaders*.

### 12.3.2 How To Configure Durable Writer History

Connext DDS allows a *DataWriter*’s history to be stored in a relational database that provides an ODBC driver.

For each *DataWriter* history that is configured to be durable, Connext DDS will create a maximum of two tables:

- The first table is used to store the samples associated with the writer history. The name of that table is *WS<32 uuencoding of the writer virtual GUID>*.
- The second table is only created for keyed-topic and it is used to store the instances associated with the writer history. The name of the second table is *WI<32 uuencoding of the writer virtual GUID>*.

To configure durable writer history, use the PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391) associated with *DataWriters* and *DomainParticipants*.

A ‘durable writer history’ property defined in the *DomainParticipant* will be applicable to all the *DataWriters* belonging to the *DomainParticipant* unless it is overwritten by the *DataWriter*. Table 12.1 Durable Writer History Properties lists the supported ‘durable writer history’ properties.
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<td><code>dds.data_writer.history.plugin_name</code></td>
<td>Required. Must be set to &quot;dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.builtin&quot; to enable durable writer history in the <code>DataWriter</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.dsn</code></td>
<td>Required. The ODBC DSN (Data Source Name) associated with the database where the writer history must be persisted.</td>
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<td><code>dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.driver</code></td>
<td>Tells Connext DDS which ODBC driver to load. If the property is not specified, Connext DDS will try to use the standard ODBC driver manager library (UnixOdbc on UNIX/Linux systems, the Windows ODBC driver manager on Windows systems).</td>
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<td><code>dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.username</code></td>
<td>Configures the username/password used to connect to the database. Default: No password or username</td>
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<td><code>dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.password</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.shared</code></td>
<td>When set to 1, Connext DDS will create a single connection per DSN that will be shared across <code>DataWriters</code> within the same <code>Publisher</code>. A <code>DataWriter</code> can be configured to create its own database connection by setting this property to 0 (the default).</td>
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| dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.instance_cache_max_size | These properties configure the resource limits associated with the ODBC writer history caches. To minimize the number of accesses to the database, Connext DDS uses two caches, one for samples and one for instances. The initial size and the maximum size of these caches are configured using these properties. The resource limits, initial_instances, max_instances, initial_samples, max_samples, and max_samples_per_instance defined in RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) are used to configure the maximum number of samples and instances that can be stored in the relational database. Defaults:  
  - instance_cache_max_size: max_instances in RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)  
  - instance_cache_init_size: initial_instances in RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)  
  - sample_cache_max_size: 32  
  - sample_cache_init_size: 32  
  If in_memory_state (see below in this table) is 1, instance_cache_max_size is always equal to max_instances in RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)—it cannot be changed. |
| dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.instance_cache_init_size | |
| dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.sample_cache_max_size | |
| dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.sample_cache_init_size | |
| dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.restore | This property indicates whether or not the persisted writer history must be restored once the DataWriter is restarted. If this property is 0, the content of the database associated with the DataWriter being restarted will be deleted. If it is 1, the DataWriter will restore its previous state from the database content. Default: 1 |
| dds.data_writer.history.odbc_plugin.in_memory_state | This property determines how much state will be kept in memory by the ODBC writer history in order to avoid accessing the database. If this property is 1, then the property instance_cache_max_size (see above in this table) is always equal to max_instances in RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402)—it cannot be changed. In addition, the ODBC writer history will keep in memory a fixed state overhead of 24 bytes per sample. This mode provides the best ODBC writer history performance. However, the restore operation will be slower and the maximum number of samples that the writer history can manage is limited by the available physical memory. If it is 0, all the state will be kept in the underlying database. In this mode, the maximum number of samples in the writer history is not limited by the physical memory available. Default: 1 |

Durable Writer History is not supported for Multi-channel DataWriters (see Multi-channel DataWriters (Section Chapter 18 on page 823)) or when Batching is enabled (see BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)); an error is reported if this type of DataWriter tries to configure Durable Writer History.
12.4 Durable Reader State

Durable reader state allows a DataReader to locally store its state in disk and remember the data that has already been processed by the application\(^1\). When an application restarts, each DataReader configured to have durable reader state automatically reads its state from disk. Data that has already been processed by the application before the restart will not be provided to the application again.

**Important:** The DataReader does not persist the full contents of the data in its historical cache; it only persists an identification (e.g. sequence numbers) of the data the application has processed. This distinction is not meaningful if your application always uses the ‘take’ methods to access your data, since these methods remove the data from the cache at the same time they deliver it to your application. (See Read vs. Take

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\(^1\)The circumstances under which a data sample is considered “processed by the application” are described in the sections that follow.
(Section 7.4.3.1 on page 492) However, if your application uses the ‘read’ methods, leaving the data in the DataReader’s cache after you’ve accessed it for the first time, those previously viewed samples will not be restored to the DataReader's cache in the event of a restart.

Connext DDS requires a relational database to persist the state of a DataReader. This database is accessed using ODBC. See the Release Notes for the list of supported relational databases.

12.4.1 Durable Reader State With Protocol Acknowledgment

For each DataReader configured to have durable state, Connext DDS will create one database table with the following naming convention: RS<32 uuencoding of the reader virtual GUID>. This table will store the last sequence number processed from each virtual GUID. For DataReaders on keyed topics requesting instance-ordering (see PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328)), this state will be stored per instance per virtual GUID.

Criteria to consider a sample “processed by the application”

- For the read/take methods that require calling return_loan(), a sample 's1' with sequence number 's1_seq_num' and virtual GUID ‘vg1’ is considered processed by the application when the DataReader’s return_loan() operation is called for sample 's1' or any other sample with the same virtual GUID and a sequence number greater than 's1_seq_num'. For example:

```c
retcode = Foo_reader->take(data_seq, info_seq,
   DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED, DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
   DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE, DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE);
if (retcode == DDS_RETCODE_NO_DATA) {
   return;
} else if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
   /* report error */
   return;
}
for (i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
   /* Operate with the data */
}
/* Return the loan */
retcode = Foo_reader->return_loan(data_seq, info_seq);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
   /* Report and error */
}
/* At this point the samples contained in data_seq
will be considered as received. If the DataReader
restarts, the samples will not be received again */
```

- For the read/take methods that do not require calling return_loan(), a sample 's1' with sequence number 's1_seq_num' and virtual GUID ‘vg1’ will be considered processed after the application
reads or takes the sample 's1' or any other sample with the same virtual GUID and with a sequence number greater than 's1_seq_num'. For example:

```c
retcode = Foo_reader->take_next_sample(data,info);
/* At this point the sample contained in data will be
considered as received. All the samples with a sequence
number smaller than the sequence number associated with
data will also be considered as received.
If the DataReader restarts, these sample will not
be received again */
```

If you access the samples in the **DataReader** cache out of order—for example via QueryCondition, specifying an instance state, or reading by instance when the **PRESENTATION** QoS is not set to **INSTANCE_PRESENTATION_QOS**—then the samples that have not yet been taken or read by the application may still be considered as ”processed by the application”.

### 12.4.1.1 Bandwidth Utilization

To optimize network usage, if a **DataReader** configured with durable reader state is restarted and it discovers a **DataWriter** with a virtual GUID ‘vg’, the **DataReader** will ACK all the samples with a sequence number smaller than ‘sn’, where ‘sn’ is the first sequence number that has not been being processed by the application for ‘vg’.

Notice that the previous algorithm can significantly reduce the number of duplicates on the wire. However, it does not suppress them completely in the case of keyed **DataReaders** where the durable state is kept per (instance, virtual GUID). In this case, and assuming that the application has read samples out of order (e.g., by reading different instances), the ACK is sent for the lowest sequence number processed across all instances and may cause samples already processed to flow on the network again. These redundant samples waste bandwidth, but they will be dropped by the **DataReader** and not be delivered to the application.

### 12.4.2 Durable Reader State with Application Acknowledgment

This section assumes you are familiar with the concept of **Application Acknowledgment** as described in Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285).

For each **DataReader** configured to be durable and that uses application acknowledgement (see Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285)), Connext DDS will create one database table with the following naming convention: **RS<32 uuencoding of the reader virtual GUID>**. This table will store the list of sequence number intervals that have been acknowledged for each virtual GUID. The size of the column that stores the sequence number intervals is limited to 32767 bytes. If this size is exceeded for a given virtual GUID, the operation that persists the **DataReader** state into the database will fail.
12.4.2.1 Bandwidth Utilization

To optimize network usage, if a DataReader configured with durable reader state is restarted and it discovers a DataWriter with a virtual GUID ‘vg’, the DataReader will send an APP_ACK message with all the samples that were auto-acknowledged or explicitly acknowledged in previous executions.

Notice that this algorithm can significantly reduce the number of duplicates on the wire. However, it does not suppress them completely since the DataReader may send a NACK and receive some samples from the DataWriter before the DataWriter receives the APP_ACK message.

12.4.3 Durable Reader State Use Case

The following use case describes the durable reader state functionality:

1. A DataReader receives two samples with sequence number 1 and 2 published by a DataWriter with virtual GUID 1. The application takes those samples.

2. After the application returns the loan on samples 1 and 2, the DataReader considers them as processed and it persists the state change.

3. The process running the DataReader is stopped.
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4. The DataReader is restarted.

Because all the samples with sequence number smaller or equal than 2 were considered received, the reader will not ask for these samples from the DataWriter.

12.4.4 How To Configure a DataReader for Durable Reader State

To configure a DataReader with durable reader state, use the PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391) associated with DataReaders and DomainParticipants.

A property defined in the DomainParticipant will be applicable to all the DataReaders contained in the participant unless it is overwritten by the DataReaders. Table 12.2 Durable Reader State Properties lists the supported properties.

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<td>dds.data_reader.state.odbc.dsn</td>
<td>Required. The ODBC DSN (Data Source Name) associated with the database where the DataReader state must be persisted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>dds.data_reader.state.filter_redundant_samples</td>
<td>To enable durable reader state, this property must be set to 1. When set to 0, the reader state is not maintained and Connext DDS does not filter duplicate samples that may be coming from the same virtual writer. Default: 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>dds.data_reader.state.odbc.driver</td>
<td>This property indicates which ODBC driver to load. If the property is not specified, Connext DDS will try to use the standard ODBC driver manager library (UnixOdbc on UNIX/Linux systems, the Windows ODBC driver manager on Windows systems).</td>
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<td>These two properties configure the username and password used to connect to the database. Default: No password or username</td>
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<td>dds.data_reader.state.restore</td>
<td>This property indicates if the persisted DataReader state must be restored or not once the DataReader is restarted. If this property is 0, the previous state will be deleted from the database. If it is 1, the DataReader will restore its previous state from the database content. Default: 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>dds.data_reader.state.checkpoint_frequency</td>
<td>This property controls how often the reader state is stored into the database. A value of N means store the state once every N samples. A high frequency will provide better performance. However, if the reader is restarted it may receive some duplicate samples. These samples will be filtered by Connext DDS and they will not be propagated to the application. Default: 1</td>
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<td>dds.data_reader.state.persistence_service.request_depth</td>
<td>This property indicates how many of the most recent historical samples the persisted DataReader wants to receive upon start-up. Default: 0</td>
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Example (C++ code):

```cpp
/* Get default QoS */

...
retcode = DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property(
    readerQos.property,
    "dds.data_reader.state.odbc.dsn",
    "<user DSN>", DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    /* Report error */
}
retcode = DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property(readerQos.property,
    "dds.data_reader.state.odbc.driver",
    "<ODBC library>", DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    /* Report error */
}
retcode = DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property(readerQos.property,
    "dds.data_reader.state.restore",
    "<0|1>", DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    /* Report error */
}
```
12.5 Data Durability

The data durability feature is an implementation of the OMG DDS Persistence Profile. The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) allows an application to configure a DataWriter so that the information written by the DataWriter survives beyond the lifetime of the DataWriter.

Connext DDS implements TRANSIENT and PERSISTENT durability using an external service called Persistence Service, available for purchase as a separate RTI product.

Persistence Service receives information from DataWriters configured with TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT durability and makes that information available to late-joining DataReaders—even if the original DataWriter is not running.

The samples published by a DataWriter can be made durable by setting the kind field of the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) to one of the following values:

- DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS: Connext DDS will store previously published samples in memory using Persistence Service, which will send the stored data to newly discovered DataReaders.
- DDS_PERSISTENT_DURABILITY_QOS: Connext DDS will store previously published samples in permanent storage, like a disk, using Persistence Service, which will send the stored data to newly discovered DataReaders.

A DataReader can request TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT data by setting the kind field of the corresponding DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366). A DataReader requesting PERSISTENT data will not receive data from DataWriters or Persistence Service applications that are configured with TRANSIENT durability.

12.5.1 RTI Persistence Service

Persistence Service is a Connext DDS application that is configured to persist topic data. Persistence Service is included with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types. For each one of the topics that must be persisted for a specific domain, the service will create a DataWriter (known as PRSTDDataWriter) and a DataReader (known as PRSTDDataReader). The samples received by the PRSTDDataReaders will be published by the corresponding PRSTDDataWriters to be available for late-joining DataReaders.

For more information on Persistence Service, please see:
12.5.1 RTI Persistence Service

- Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)
- Configuring Persistence Service (Section Chapter 26 on page 933)
- Running RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 27 on page 960)

Persistence Service can be configured to operate in PERSISTENT or TRANSIENT mode:

- **TRANSIENT mode** The PRSTDataReaders and PRSTDataWriters will be created with TRANSIENT durability and Persistence Service will keep the received samples in memory. Samples published by a TRANSIENT *DataWriter* will survive the *DataWriter* lifecycle but will not survive the lifecycle of Persistence Service (unless you are running multiple copies).

- **PERSISTENT mode** The PRSTDataWriters and PRSTDataReaders will be created with PERSISTENT durability and Persistence Service will store the received samples in files or in an external relational database. Samples published by a PERSISTENT *DataWriter* will survive the *DataWriter* lifecycle as well as any restarts of Persistence Service.

**Peer-to-Peer Communication:**

By default, a PERSISTENT/TRANSIENT *DataReader* will receive samples directly from the original *DataWriter* if it is still alive. In this scenario, the *DataReader* may also receive the same samples from Persistence Service. Duplicates will be discarded at the middleware level. This Peer-To-Peer communication pattern is illustrated in Figure 12.6 Peer-to-Peer Communication below. To use this peer-to-peer communication pattern, set the `direct_communication` field in the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) to TRUE. A PERSISTENT/TRANSIENT *DataReader* will receive information directly from PERSISTENT/TRANSIENT *DataWriters*.

Figure 12.6 Peer-to-Peer Communication

![Peer-to-Peer Communication Diagram](image-url)
Relay Communication

A PERSISTENT/TRANSIENT DataReader may also be configured to not receive samples from the original DataWriter. In this case the traffic is relayed by Persistence Service. This ‘relay communication’ pattern is illustrated in Figure 12.7 Relay Communication below. To use relay communication, set the direct_communication field in the DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) to FALSE. A PERSISTENT/TRANSIENT DataReader will receive all the information from Persistence Service.

Figure 12.7 Relay Communication
Chapter 13 Guaranteed Delivery of Data

13.1 Introduction

Some application scenarios need to ensure that the information produced by certain producers is delivered to all the intended consumers. This chapter describes the mechanisms available in Connext DDS to guarantee the delivery of information from producers to consumers such that the delivery is robust to many kinds of failures in the infrastructure, deployment, and even the producing/consuming applications themselves.

Guaranteed information delivery is not the same as protocol-level reliability (described in Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628)) or information durability (described in Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence (Section Chapter 12 on page 674)). Guaranteed information delivery is an end-to-end application-level QoS, whereas the others are middleware-level QoS. There are significant differences between these two:

- With protocol-level reliability alone, the producing application knows that the information is received by the protocol layer on the consuming side. However the producing application cannot be certain that the consuming application read that information or was able to successfully understand and process it. The information could arrive in the consumer’s protocol stack and be placed in the DataReader cache but the consuming application could either crash before it reads it from the cache, not read its cache, or read the cache using queries or conditions that prevent that particular DDS data sample from being accessed. Furthermore, the consuming application could access the DDS sample, but not be able to interpret its meaning or process it in the intended way.

- With information durability alone, there is no way to specify or characterize the intended consumers of the information. Therefore the infrastructure has no way to know when the information has been consumed by all the intended recipients. The information may be persisted such that it is not lost and is available to future applications, but the infrastructure and producing applications have no way to know that all the intended consumers have joined the system, received the information, and processed it successfully.
The guaranteed data-delivery mechanism provided in *Connext DDS* overcomes the limitations described above by providing the following features:

- **Required subscriptions.** This feature provides a way to configure, identify and detect the applications that are intended to consume the information. See Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291).

- **Application-level acknowledgments.** This feature provides the means ensure that the information was successfully processed by the application-layer in a consumer application. See Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285).

- **Durable subscriptions.** This feature leverages the RTI Persistence Service to persist DDS DDS samples intended for the required subscriptions such that they are delivered even if the originating application is not available. See Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service (Section 26.9 on page 954).

These features used in combination with the mechanisms provided for Information Durability and Persistence (see Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence (Section Chapter 12 on page 674)) enable the creation of applications where the information delivery is guaranteed despite application and infrastructure failures. Scenarios (Section 13.2 on page 699) describes various guaranteed-delivery scenarios and how to configure the applications to achieve them.

When implementing an application that needs guaranteed data delivery, we have to consider three key aspects:

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13.1.1 Identifying the Required Consumers of Information

The first step towards ensuring that information is processed by the intended consumers is the ability to specify and recognize those intended consumers. This is done using the required subscriptions feature (Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291)) configured via the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372) and AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335).

Connext DDS DataReader entities (as well as DataWriter and DomainParticipant entities) can have a 
name and a role_name. These names are configured using the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372), which is propagated via DDS discovery and is available as part of the builtin-topic data for the Entity (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)).

The DDS DomainParticipant, DataReader and DataWriter entities created by RTI-provided applications and services, specifically services such as RTI Persistence Service, automatically configure the ENTITY_NAME QoS policy according to their function. For example the DataReaders created by RTI Persistence Service have their role_name set to “PERSISTENCE_SERVICE”.

Unless explicitly set by the user, the DomainParticipant, DataReader and DataWriter entities created by end-user applications have their name and role_name set to NULL. However applications may modify this using the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).

Connext DDS uses the role_name of DataReaders to identify the consumer’s logical function. For this reason Connext DDS’s required subscriptions feature relies on the role_name to identify intended consumers of information. The use of the DataReader’s role_name instead of the name is intentional. From the point of view of the information producer, the important thing is not the concrete DataReader (identified by its name, for example, “Logger123”) but rather its logical function in the system (identified by its role_name, for example “LoggingService”).

A DataWriter that needs to ensure its information is delivered to all the intended consumers uses the AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335) to configure the role names of the consumers that must receive the information.

The AVAILABILITY QoS Policy set on a DataWriter lets an application configure the required consumers of the data produced by the DataWriter. The required consumers are specified in the required_matched_endpoint_groups attribute within the AVAILABILITY QoS Policy. This attribute is a sequence of DDS EndpointGroup structures. Each EndpointGroup represents a required information consumer characterized by the consumer’s role_name and quorum_count. The role_name identifies a logical consumer; the quorum_count specifies the minimum number of consumers with that role_name that must acknowledge the DDS sample before the DataWriter can consider it delivered to that required consumer.

For example, an application that wants to ensure data written by a DataWriter is delivered to at least two Logging Services and one Display Service would configure the DataWriter’s AVAILABILITY QoS Policy with a required_matched_endpoint_groups consisting of two elements. The first element would specify a required consumer with the role_name “LoggingService” and a quorum_count of 2. The
second element would specify a required consumer with the role_name “DisplayService” and a quorum_count of 1. Furthermore, the application would set the logging service DataReader ENTITY_NAME policy to have a role_name of “LoggingService” and similarly the display service DataReader ENTITY_NAME policy to have the role_name of “DisplayService.”

A DataWriter that has been configured with an AVAILABILITY QoS policy will not remove DDS samples from the DataWriter cache until they have been “delivered” to both the already-discovered DataReaders and the minimum number (quorum_count) of DataReaders specified for each role. In particular, DDS samples will be retained by the DataWriter if the quorum_count of matched DataReaders with a particular role_name have not been discovered yet.

We used the word “delivered” in quotes above because the level of assurance a DataWriter has that a particular DDS sample has been delivered depends on the setting of the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397). We discuss this next in Ensuring Consumer Applications Process the Data Successfully (Section 13.1.2 below).

13.1.2 Ensuring Consumer Applications Process the Data Successfully

Identifying the Required Consumers of Information (Section 13.1.1 on the previous page) described mechanisms by which an application could configure who the required consumers of information are. This section is about the criteria, mechanisms, and assurance provided by Connext DDS to ensure consumers have the information delivered to them and process it in a successful manner.

RTI provides four levels of information delivery guarantee. You can set your desired level using the RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397). The levels are:

- **Best-effort, relying only on the underlying transport** The DataWriter considers the DDS sample delivered/acknowledged as soon as it is given to the transport to send to the DataReader’s destination. Therefore, the only guarantee is the one provided by the underlying transport itself. Note that even if the underlying transport is reliable (e.g., shared memory or TCP) the reliability is limited to the transport-level buffers. There is no guarantee that the DDS sample will arrive to the DataReader cache because after the transport delivers to the DataReader’s transport buffers, it is possible for the DDS sample to be dropped because it exceeds a resource limit, fails to deserialize properly, the receiving application crashes, etc.

- **Reliable with protocol acknowledgment** The DDS-RTPS reliability protocol used by Connext DDS provides acknowledgment at the RTPS protocol level: a DataReader will acknowledge it has deserialized the DDS sample correctly and stored it in the DataReader’s cache. However, there is no guarantee the application actually processed the DDS sample. The application might crash before processing the DDS sample, or it might simply fail to read it from the cache.

- **Reliable with Application Acknowledgment (Auto)** Application Acknowledgment in Auto mode causes Connext DDS to send an additional application-level acknowledgment (above and beyond the RTPS protocol level acknowledgment) after the consuming application has read the DDS
sample from the *DataReader* cache and the application has subsequently called the *DataReader’s return_loan()* operation (see Loaning and Returning Data and SampleInfo Sequences (Section 7.4.2 on page 490)) for that DDS sample. This mode guarantees that the application has fully read the DDS sample all the way until it indicates it is done with it. However it does not provide a guarantee that the application was able to successfully interpret or process the DDS sample. For example, the DDS sample could be a command to execute a certain action and the application may read the DDS sample and not understand the command or may not be able to execute the action.

- **Reliable with Application Acknowledgment (Explicit)** Application Acknowledgment in Explicit mode causes Connext DDS to send an application-level acknowledgment only after the consuming application has read the DDS sample from the *DataReader* cache and subsequently called the *DataReader’s acknowledge_sample()* operation (see Acknowledging DDS Samples (Section 7.4.4 on page 500)) for that DDS sample. This mode guarantees that the application has fully read the DDS sample and completed operating on it as indicated by explicitly calling *acknowledge_sample()* . In contrast with the Auto mode described above, the application can delay the acknowledgment of the DDS sample beyond the time it holds onto the data buffers, allowing it to be process in a more flexible manner. Similar to the Auto mode, it does not provide a guarantee that the application was able to successfully interpret or process the DDS sample. For example, the DDS sample could be a command to execute a certain action and the application may read the DDS sample and not understand the command or may not be able to execute the action. Applications that need guarantees that the data was successfully processed and interpreted should use a request-reply interaction, which is available as part of the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types (see Part 4: Request-Reply Communication Pattern (Section on page 872)).

### 13.1.3 Ensuring Information is Available to Late-Joining Applications

The third aspect of guaranteed data delivery addresses situations where the application needs to ensure that the information produced by a particular *DataWriter* is available to *DataReaders* that join the system after the data was produced. The need for data delivery may even extend beyond the lifetime of the producing application; that is, it may be required that the information is delivered to applications that join the system after the producing application has left the system.

Connext DDS provides four mechanisms to handle these scenarios:

- **The DDS Durability QoS Policy.** The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) specifies whether DDS samples should be available to late joiners. The policy is set on the *DataWriter* and the *DataReader* and supports four kinds: VOLATILE, TRANSIENT_LOCAL, TRANSIENT, or PERSISTENT. If the *DataWriter’s* Durability QoS policy is set to VOLATILE kind, the *DataWriter’s* DDS samples will not be made available to any late joiners. If the *DataWriter’s* Durability QoS policy is set to TRANSIENT_LOCAL, TRANSIENT, or PERSISTENT, the DDS samples will be made available for late-joining *DataReaders* who also set their DURABILITY QoS policy kind to something other than VOLATILE.
• **Durable Writer History.** A *DataWriter* configured with a DURABILITY QoS policy kind other than VOLATILE keeps its data in a local cache so that it is available when the late-joining application appears. The data is maintained in the *DataWriter’s* cache until it is considered to be no longer needed. The precise criteria depends on the configuration of additional QoS policies such as LIFESPAN QoS Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379), HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374), RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402), etc. For the purposes of guaranteeing information delivery it is important to note that the *DataWriter’s* cache can be configured to be a memory cache or a durable (disk-based) cache. A memory cache will not survive an application restart. However, a durable (disk-based) cache can survive the restart of the producing application. The use a durable writer history, including the use of an external ODBC database as a cache is described in Durable Writer History (Section 12.3 on page 680).

• **RTI Persistence Service.** This service allows the information produced by a *DataWriter* to survive beyond the lifetime of the producing application. Persistence Service is an stand-alone application that runs on many supported platforms. This service complies with the Persistent Profile of the OMG DDS specification. The service uses DDS to subscribe to the *DataWriters* that specify a DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) kind of TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT. Persistence Service receives the data from those *DataWriters*, stores the data in its internal caches, and makes the data available via *DataReaders* (which are automatically created by Persistence Service) to late-joining *DataReaders* that specify a Durability kind of TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT. Persistence Service can operate as a relay for the information from the original writer, preserving the source_timestamp of the data, as well as the original DDS sample virtual writer GUID (see RTI Persistence Service (Section 12.5.1 on page 691)). In addition, you can configure Persistence Service itself to use a memory-based cache or a durable (disk-based or database-based) cache. See Configuring Persistent Storage (Section 26.6 on page 942). Configuration of redundant and load-balanced persistence services is also supported.

• **Durable Subscriptions.** This is a Persistence Service configuration setting that allows configuration of the required subscriptions (Identifying the Required Consumers of Information (Section 13.1.1 on page 696)) for the data stored by Persistence Service (Managing Data Instances (Working with Keyed Data Types) (Section 6.3.14 on page 293)). Configuring required subscriptions for Persistence Service ensures that the service will store the DDS samples until they have been delivered to the configured number (quorum_count) of *DataReaders* that have each of the specified roles.

### 13.2 Scenarios

In each of the scenarios below, we assume both the *DataWriter* and *DataReader* are configured for strict reliability (RELIABLE ReliabilityQosPolicyKind and KEEP_ALL HistoryQosPolicyKind, see Controlling Queue Depth with the History QosPolicy (Section 10.3.3 on page 643)). As a result, when the *DataWriter’s* cache is full of unacknowledged DDS samples, the write() operation will block until DDS samples are acknowledged by all the intended consumers.
13.2.1 Scenario 1: Guaranteed Delivery to a-priori Known Subscribers

A common use case is to guarantee delivery to a set of known subscribers. These subscribers may be already running and have been discovered, they may be temporarily non-responsive, or it could be that some of those subscribers are still not present in the system. See Figure 13.1 Guaranteed Delivery Scenario 1 on the next page.

To guarantee delivery, the list of required subscribers should be configured using the AVAILABILITY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.1 on page 335) on the DataWriters to specify the role_name and quorum_count for each required subscription. Similarly the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372) should be used on the DataReaders to specify their role_name. In addition we use Application Acknowledgment (Section 6.3.12 on page 285) to guarantee the DDS sample was delivered and processed by the DataReader.
The **DataWriter's** and **DataReader's** RELIABILITY QoS Policy can be configured for either AUTO or EXPLICIT application acknowledgment kind. As the **DataWriter** publishes the DDS sample, it will await acknowledgment from the **DataReader** (through the protocol-level acknowledgment) and from the
subscriber application (though the additional application-level acknowledgment). The DataWriter will only consider the DDS sample acknowledged when it has been acknowledged by all discovered activeDataReader and also by the quorum_count of each required subscription.

In this specific scenario, DataReader #1 is configured for EXPLICIT application acknowledgment. After reading and processing the DDS sample, the subscribing application calls acknowledge_sample() or acknowledge_all() (see Acknowledging DDS Samples (Section 7.4.4 on page 500)). As a result, Connext DDS will send an application-level acknowledgment to the DataWriter, which will in its turn confirm the acknowledgment.

If the DDS sample was lost in transit, the reliability protocol will repair the DDS sample. Since it has not been acknowledged, it remains available in the writer’s queue to be automatically resent by Connext DDS. The DDS sample will remain available until acknowledged by the application. If the subscribing application crashes while processing the DDS sample and restarts, Connext DDS will repair the unacknowledged DDS sample. DDS samples which already been processed and acknowledged will not be resent.

In this scenario, DataReader #2 may be a late joiner. When it starts up, because it is configured with TRANSIENT_LOCAL Durability, the reliability protocol will re-send the DDS samples previously sent by the writer. These DDS samples were considered unacknowledged by the DataWriter because they had not been confirmed yet by the required subscription (identified by its role_name: ‘logger’).

DataReader #2 does not explicitly acknowledge the DDS samples it reads. It is configured to use AUTO application acknowledgment, which will automatically acknowledge DDS samples that have been read or taken after the application calls the DataReader return_loan operation.

This configuration works well for situations where the DataReader may not be immediately available or may restart. However, this configuration does not provide any guarantee if the DataWriter restarts. When the DataWriter restarts, DDS samples previously unacknowledged are lost and will no longer be available to any late joining DataReaders.

13.2.2 Scenario 2: Surviving a Writer Restart when Delivering DDS Samples to a priori Known Subscribers

Scenario 1 describes a use case where DDS samples are delivered to a list of a priori known subscribers. In that scenario, Connext DDS will deliver DDS samples to the late-joining or restarting subscriber. However, if the producer is re-started the DDS samples it had written will no longer be available to future subscribers.

To handle a situation where the producing application is restarted, we will use the Durable Writer History (Section 12.3 on page 680) feature. See Figure 13.2 Guaranteed Delivery Scenario 2 on the next page.

A DataWriter can be configured to maintain its data and state in durable storage. This configuration is done using the PROPERTY QoS policy as described in How To Configure Durable Writer History (Section 12.3.2 on page 682). With this configuration the DDS data samples written by the DataWriter and
any necessary internal state is persisted by the DataWriter into durable storage. As a result, when the DataWriter restarts, DDS samples which had not been acknowledged by the set of required subscriptions will be resent and late-joining DataReaders specifying DURABILITY kind different from VOLATILE will receive the previously-written DDS samples.

Figure 13.2 Guaranteed Delivery Scenario 2

13.2.3 Scenario 3: Delivery Guaranteed by Persistence Service (Store and Forward) to a priori Known Subscribers

Previous scenarios illustrated that using the DURABILITY, RELIABILITY, and AVAILABILITY QoS policies we can ensure that as long as the DataWriter is present in the system, DDS samples written by a DataWriter will be delivered to the intended consumers. The use of the durable writer history in the previous scenario extended this guarantee even in the presence of a restart of the application writing the data.

This scenario addresses the situation where the originating application that produced the data is no longer available. For example, the network could have become partitioned, the application could have been terminated, it could have crashed and not have been restarted, etc.
In order to deliver data to applications that appear after the producing application is no longer available on the network it is necessary to have another service that stores those DDS samples and delivers them. This is the purpose of the RTI Persistence Service.

The RTI Persistence Service can be configured to automatically discover DataWriters that specify a DURABILITY QoS with kind TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT and automatically create pairs (DataReader, DataWriter) that receive and store that information (see Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on page 932)). All the DataReaders created by the RTI Persistence Service have the ENTITY_QOS policy set with the role_name of “PERSISTENCE_SERVICE”. This allows an application to specify Persistence Service as one of the required subscriptions for its DataWriters.

In this third scenario, we take advantage of this capability to configure the DataWriter to have the RTI Persistence Service as a required subscription. See Figure 13.3 Guaranteed Delivery Scenario 3 below.

Figure 13.3 Guaranteed Delivery Scenario 3

The RTI Persistence Service can also have its DataWriters configured with required subscriptions. This feature is known as Persistence Service “durable subscriptions”. DataReader #1 is pre configured in Persistence Service as a Durable Subscription. (Alternatively, DataReader #1 could have registered itself dynamically as Durable Subscription using the DomainParticipant register_durable_subscription() operation).
We also configure the RELIBILITY QoS policy setting of the AcknowledgmentKind to APPLICATION_AUTO_ACKNOWLEDGMENT_MODE in order to ensure DDS samples are stored in the Persistence Service and properly processed on the consuming application prior to them being removed from the DataWriter cache.

With this configuration in place the DataWriter will deliver DDS samples to the DataReader and to the Persistence Service reliably and wait for the Application Acknowledgment from both. Delivery of DDS samples to DataReader #1 and the Persistence Service occurs concurrently. The Persistence Service in turn takes responsibility to deliver the DDS samples to the configured “logger” durable subscription. If the original publisher is no longer available, DDS samples can still be delivered by the Persistence Service. to DataReader #1 and any other late-joining DataReaders.

When DataReader #1 acknowledges the DDS sample through an application-acknowledgment message, both the original DataWriter and Persistence Service will receive the application-acknowledgment. Next DDS takes advantage of this to reduce or eliminate delivery if duplicate DDS samples, that is, the Persistence Service can notice that DataReader #1 has acknowledged a DDS sample and refrain from separately sending the same DDS sample to DataReader #1.

### 13.2.3.1 Variation: Using Redundant Persistence Services

Using a single Persistence Service to guarantee delivery can still raise concerns about having the Persistence Service as a single point of failure. To provide a level of added redundancy, the publisher may be configured to await acknowledgment from a quorum of multiple persistence services (role_name remains PERSISTENCE). Using this configuration we can achieve higher levels of redundancy.
13.2.3.2 Variation: Using Load-Balanced Persistent Services

The RTI Persistence Services will automatically share information to keep each other synchronized. This includes both the data and also the information on the durable subscriptions. That is, when a Persistence Service discovers a durable subscription, information about durable subscriptions is automatically replicated and synchronized among persistence services (CITE: New section to be written in Persistence Service Chapter).

**Figure 13.4 Guaranteed Delivery Scenario 3 with Redundant Persistence Service**

The data to be persisted can be partitioned among the persistence services by specifying different Topics to be persisted by each Persistence Service. If a single Topic has more data that can be handled by a single Persistence Service it is also possible to specify a content-filter so that only the data within that Topic that
matches the filter will be stored by the Persistence Service. For example assume the Topic being persisted has an member named “x” of type float. It is possible to configure two Persistence Services one with the filter “x>10”, and the other “x <=10”, such that each only stores a subject of the data published on the Topic. See also: Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service (Section 26.9 on page 954).
Chapter 14 Discovery

This section discusses how Connext DDS objects on different nodes find out about each other using the default Simple Discovery Protocol (SDP). It describes the sequence of messages that are passed between Connext DDS on the sending and receiving sides.

This section includes:

- What is Discovery? (Section 14.1 on the next page)
- Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery (Section 14.2 on page 710)
- Discovery Implementation (Section 14.3 on page 716)
- Debugging Discovery (Section 14.4 on page 734)
- Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737)

The discovery process occurs automatically, so you do not have to implement any special code. We recommend that all users read What is Discovery? (Section 14.1 on the next page) and Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery (Section 14.2 on page 710). The remaining sections contain advanced material for those who have a particular need to understand what is happening ‘under the hood.’ This information can help you debug a system in which objects are not communicating.

You may also be interested in reading Transport Plugins (Section Chapter 15 on page 742), as well as learning about these QosPolicies:

- TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409)
- TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)
- TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410)
- TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527)
14.1 What is Discovery?

Discovery is the behind-the-scenes way in which Connext DDS objects (DomainParticipants, DataWriters, and DataReaders) on different nodes find out about each other. Each DomainParticipant maintains a database of information about all the active DataReaders and DataWriters that are in the same DDS domain. This database is what makes it possible for DataWriters and DataReaders to communicate. To create and refresh the database, each application follows a common discovery process.

This chapter describes the default discovery mechanism known as the Simple Discovery Protocol, which includes two phases: Simple Participant Discovery (Section 14.1.1 below) and Simple Endpoint Discovery (Section 14.1.2 on the facing page). (Discovery can also be performed using the Enterprise Discovery Protocol—this requires a separately purchased package, RTI Enterprise Discovery Service.)

The goal of these two phases is to build, for each DomainParticipant, a complete picture of all the entities that belong to the remote participants that are in its peers list. The peers list is the list of nodes with which a participant may communicate. It starts out the same as the initial_peers list that you configure in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578). If the accept_unknown_peers flag in that same QosPolicy is TRUE, then other nodes may also be added as they are discovered; if it is FALSE, then the peers list will match the initial_peers list, plus any peers added using the DomainParticipant’s add_peer() operation.

14.1.1 Simple Participant Discovery

This phase of the Simple Discovery Protocol is performed by the Simple Participant Discovery Protocol (SPDP).

During the Participant Discovery phase, DomainParticipants learn about each other. The DomainParticipant’s details are communicated to all other DomainParticipants in the same DDS domain by sending participant declaration messages, also known as participant DATA submessages. The details include the DomainParticipant’s unique identifying key (GUID or Globally Unique ID described below), transport locators (addresses and port numbers), and QoS. These messages are sent on a periodic basis using best-effort communication.

Participant DATAs are sent periodically to maintain the liveness of the DomainParticipant. They are also used to communicate changes in the DomainParticipant’s QoS. Only changes to QosPolicies that are part of the DomainParticipant’s built-in data (namely, the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) need to be propagated.

When a DomainParticipant is deleted, a participant DATA (delete) submessage with the DomainParticipant's identifying GUID is sent.

The GUID is a unique reference to an entity. It is composed of a GUID prefix and an Entity ID. By default, the GUID prefix is calculated from the IP address and the process ID. (For more on how the GUID is calculated, see Controlling How the GUID is Set (rtps_auto_id_kind) (Section 8.5.9.4 on page 613.) The IP address and process ID are stored in the DomainParticipant’s WIRE_PROTOCOL
QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609). The entityID is set by Connext DDS (you may be able to change it in a future version).

Once a pair of remote participants have discovered each other, they can move on to the Endpoint Discovery phase, which is how DataWriters and DataReaders find each other.

14.1.2 Simple Endpoint Discovery

This phase of the Simple Discovery Protocol is performed by the Simple Endpoint Discovery Protocol (SEDP).

During the Endpoint Discovery phase, Connext DDS matches DataWriters and DataReaders. Information (GUID, QoS, etc.) about your application’s DataReaders and DataWriters is exchanged by sending publication/subscription declarations in DATA messages that we will refer to as publication DATAs and subscription DATAs. The Endpoint Discovery phase uses reliable communication.

As described in Discovery Implementation (Section 14.3 on page 716), these declaration or DATA messages are exchanged until each DomainParticipant has a complete database of information about the participants in its peers list and their entities. Then the discovery process is complete and the system switches to a steady state. During steady state, participant DATAs are still sent periodically to maintain the liveliness status of participants. They may also be sent to communicate QoS changes or the deletion of a DomainParticipant.

When a remote DataWriter/DataReader is discovered, Connext DDS determines if the local application has a matching DataReader/DataWriter. A ‘match’ between the local and remote entities occurs only if the DataReader and DataWriter have the same Topic, same data type, and compatible QoS policies (which includes having the same partition name string, see PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321)). Furthermore, if the DomainParticipant has been set up to ignore certain DataWriters/DataReaders, those entities will not be considered during the matching process. See Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions (Section 16.4.2 on page 785) for more on ignoring specific publications and subscriptions.

This ‘matching’ process occurs as soon as a remote entity is discovered, even if the entire database is not yet complete: that is, the application may still be discovering other remote entities.

A DataReader and DataWriter can only communicate with each other if each one’s application has hooked up its local entity with the matching remote entity. That is, both sides must agree to the connection. Discovery Implementation (Section 14.3 on page 716) describes the details about the discovery process.

14.2 Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery

As part of the participant phase of the discovery process, Connext DDS will announce itself within the DDS domain. Connext DDS will try to contact all possible participants in the ‘initial peers list,’ specified in the DomainParticipant’s DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578). Note, however, it is not known if there are actually Connext DDS applications running on the hosts in the initial peers list. The initial peers list may include both unicast and multicast peer locators.
After startup, you can add to the ‘peers list’ with the \texttt{add_peer()} operation (see \textit{Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on page 580)}). The ‘peers list’ may also grow as peers are automatically discovered (if \texttt{accept_unknown_peers} is \texttt{TRUE}, see \textit{Controlling Acceptance of Unknown Peers (Section 8.5.2.6 on page 581)}).

When you call \texttt{get_default_participant_qos()} for a \textit{DomainParticipantFactory}, the values used for the DiscoveryQosPolicy’s initial\_peers and \texttt{multicast\_receive\_addresses} may come from the following:

- A file named \texttt{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS}, which is formatted as described in \textit{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS File Format (Section 14.2.3 on page 716)}. The file must be in the same directory as your application’s executable.
- An environment variable named \texttt{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS}, defined as a comma-separated list of peer descriptors (see \textit{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS Environment Variable Format (Section 14.2.2 on page 715)}).
- The value specified in the default XML QoS profile (see \textit{Configuring QoS with XML (Section 17.4 on page 802)}).

If \texttt{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS} (file or environment variable) does \textit{not} contain a multicast address, then \texttt{multicast\_receive\_addresses} is cleared and the RTI discovery process will not listen for discovery messages via multicast.

If \texttt{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS} (file or environment variable) contains one or more multicast addresses, the addresses are stored in \texttt{multicast\_receive\_addresses}, starting at element 0. They will be stored in the order in which they appear in \texttt{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS}.

\textbf{Note:} Setting initial\_peers in the default XML QoS Profile does not modify the value of \texttt{multicast\_receive\_address}.

If both the file and environment variable are found, the file takes precedence and the environment variable will be ignored. The settings in the default XML QoS Profile take precedence over the file and environment variable. In the absence of a file, environment variable, or default XML QoS profile values, Connext DDS will use a default value. See the API Reference HTML documentation for details (in the section on the DISCOVERY QosPolicy).

If initial peers are specified in both the currently loaded QoS XML profile and in the \texttt{NDDS\_DISCOVERY\_PEERS} file, the values in the profile take precedence.

The file, environment variable, and default XML QoS Profile make it easy to reconfigure which nodes will take part in the discovery process—without recompiling your application.

The file, environment variable, and default XML QoS Profile are the possible sources for the \textit{default} initial peers list. You can, of course, explicitly set the initial list by changing the values in the QoS provided to

\footnote{This is true even if the file is empty.}
the DomainParticipantFactory's **create_participant**() operation, or by adding to the list after startup with the DomainParticipant's **add_peer**() operation (see Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on page 580)).

**If you set NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS and You Want to Communicate over Shared Memory:**

Suppose you want to communicate with other Connext DDS applications on the same host and you are explicitly setting NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS (generally in order to use unicast discovery with applications on other hosts).

If the local host platform does not support the shared memory transport, then you can include the name of the local host in the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS list. (To check if your platform supports shared memory, see the Platform Notes document.)

If the local host platform supports the shared memory transport, then you must do one of the following:

- Include "shmem://" in the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS list. This will cause shared memory to be used for discovery and data traffic for applications on the same host.

or:

- Include the name of the local host in the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS list, and disable the shared memory transport in the TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605) of the DomainParticipant. This will cause UDP loopback to be used for discovery and data traffic for applications on the same host.

### 14.2.1 Peer Descriptor Format

A peer descriptor string specifies a range of participants at a given locator. Peer descriptor strings are used in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578) **initial_peers** field (see Setting the ‘Initial Peers’ List (Section 8.5.2.2 on page 579)) and the DomainParticipant's **add_peer**() and **remove_peer**() operations (see Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on page 580)).

The anatomy of a peer descriptor is illustrated in Example Peer Descriptor Address Strings (Section Figure 14.1 on the next page) using a special "StarFabric" transport example.
A peer descriptor consists of:

- **[optional]** A participant ID limit. If a simple integer is specified, it indicates the maximum participant ID to be contacted by the Connext DDS discovery mechanism at the given locator. If that integer is enclosed in square brackets (e.g., [2]), then only that Participant ID will be used. You can also specify a range in the form of [a-b]; in this case only the Participant IDs in that specific range are contacted. If omitted, a default value of 4 is implied and participant IDs 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be contacted.
- A locator, as described in **Locator Format** (Section 14.2.1.1 below).

These are separated by the '@' character. The separator may be omitted if a participant ID limit is not explicitly specified.

The "participant ID limit" only applies to unicast locators; it is ignored for multicast locators (and therefore should be omitted for multicast peer descriptors).

### 14.2.1.1 Locator Format

A locator string specifies a transport and an address in string format. Locators are used to form peer descriptors. A locator is equivalent to a peer descriptor with the default participant ID limit (4).

A locator consists of:
14.2.1.2 Address Format

- [optional] Transport name (alias or class). This identifies the set of transport plug-ins (transport aliases) that may be used to parse the address portion of the locator. Note that a transport class name is an implicit alias used to refer to all the transport plug-in instances of that class.
- [optional] An address, as described in Address Format (Section 14.2.1.2 below).

These are separated by the ":/" string. The separator is specified if and only if a transport name is specified.

If a transport name is specified, the address may be omitted; in that case all the unicast addresses (across all transport plug-in instances) associated with the transport class are implied. Thus, a locator string may specify several addresses.

If an address is specified, the transport name and the separator string may be omitted; in that case all the available transport plug-ins for the Entity may be used to parse the address string.

The transport names for the built-in transport plug-ins are:

- shmem - Shared Memory Transport
- udpv4 - UDPv4 Transport
- udpv6 - UDPv6 Transport

14.2.1.2 Address Format

An address string specifies a transport-independent network address that qualifies a transport-dependent address string. Addresses are used to form locators. Addresses are also used in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578) multicast_receive_addresses and the DDS_TransportMulticastSettings_t::receive_address fields. An address is equivalent to a locator in which the transport name and separator are omitted.

An address consists of:

- [optional] A network address in IPv4 or IPv6 string notation. If omitted, the network address of the transport is implied.
- [optional] A transport address, which is a string that is passed to the transport for processing. The transport maps this string into NDDS_Transport_Property_t::address_bit_count bits. If omitted, the network address is used as the fully qualified address.

The network and transport addressed are separated by the ":#" character. If a separator is specified, it must be followed by a non-empty string that is passed to the transport plug-in. If the separator is omitted, it is treated as a transport address with an implicit network address (of the transport plugin). The implicit network address is the address used when registering the transport: e.g., the UDPv4 implicit network address is 0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.
14.2.2 NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS Environment Variable Format

The bits resulting from the transport address string are prepended with the network address. The least significant NDDS_Transport_Property_t::address_bit_count bits of the network address are ignored.

14.2.2 NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS Environment Variable Format

You can set the default value for the initial peers list in an environment variable named NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS. Multiple peer descriptor entries must be separated by commas. Table 14.1 NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS Environment Variable Examples shows some examples. The examples use an implied maximum participant ID of 4 unless otherwise noted. (If you need instructions on how to set environment variables, see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide).

Table 14.1 NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS Environment Variable Examples

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<tr>
<th>NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS</th>
<th>Description of Host(s)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>239.255.0.1</td>
<td>multicast</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>localhost</td>
<td>localhost</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>192.168.1.1</td>
<td>10.10.30.232 (IPv4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FAA0::1</td>
<td>FAA0::0 (IPv6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>himalaya,gangotri</td>
<td>himalaya and gangotri</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1@himalaya,1@gangotri</td>
<td>himalaya and gangotri (with a maximum participant ID of 1 on each host)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FAA0::0#localhost</td>
<td>FAA0::0#localhost (could be a UDPv4 transport plug-in registered at network address of FAA0::0) (IPv6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>udpv4://himalaya</td>
<td>himalaya accessed using the &quot;udpv4&quot; transport plug-in (IPv4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>udpv4://FAA0::0#localhost</td>
<td>localhost using the &quot;udpv4&quot; transport plug-in registered at network address FAA0::0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0/0/R #0/0/R</td>
<td>0/0/R (StarFabric)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>starfabric://0/0/R</td>
<td>0/0/R (StarFabric) using the &quot;starfabric&quot; (StarFabric) transport plug-ins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>starfabric://#0/0/R</td>
<td>0/0/R (StarFabric) using the &quot;starfabric&quot; (StarFabric) transport plug-ins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>starfabric://FBB0::0#0/0/R</td>
<td>0/0/R (StarFabric) using the &quot;starfabric&quot; (StarFabric) transport plug-ins registered at network address FAA0::0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>shmem://FCC0::0</td>
<td>all unicast addresses accessed via the &quot;shmem&quot; (shared memory) transport plug-ins registered at network address FCC0::0</td>
</tr>
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14.2.3 NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS File Format

You can set the default value for the initial peers list in a file named NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS. The file must be in the your application’s current working directory.

The file is optional. If it is found, it supersedes the values in any environment variable of the same name.

Entries in the file must contain a sequence of peer descriptors separated by whitespace or the comma (',') character. The file may also contain comments starting with a semicolon (';') character until the end of the line.

Example file contents:

```plaintext
;; NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS - Discovery Configuration File
;; Multicast builtin.udpv4://239.255.0.1 ; default discovery multicast addr

;; Unicast
localhost,192.168.1.1 ; A comma can be used a separator
FAA0::1 FAA0::0#localhost ; Whitespace can be used as a separator
1@himalaya ; Max participant ID of 1 on 'himalaya'
1@gangotri

;; UDPv4
udpv4://himalaya ; 'himalaya' via 'udpv4' transport plugin(s)
udpv4://FAA0::0#localhost ; 'localhost' via 'udpv4' transport plugin
; registered at network address FAA0::0

;; Shared Memory
shmem:// ; All 'shmmem' transport plugin(s)
builtin.shmem:// ; The builtin builtin 'shmmem' transport plugin
shmem://FCC0::0 ; Shared memory transport plugin registered
; at network address FCC0::0

;; StarFabric
0/0/R ; StarFabric node 0/0/R
starfabric://0/0/R ; 0/0/R accessed via 'starfabric'
; transport plugin(s)
starfabric://FBB0::0#0/0/R ; StarFabric transport plugin registered
; at network address FBB0::0
starfabric:// ; All 'starfabric' transport plugin(s)
```

14.3 Discovery Implementation

Note: this section contains advanced material not required by most users.

Discovery is implemented using built-in DataWriters and DataReaders. These are the same class of entities your application uses to send/receive data. That is, they are also of type DDSDataWriter/DDSDataReader. For each DomainParticipant, three built-in DataWriters and three built-in DataReaders are automatically created for discovery purposes. Figure 14.2 Built-in Writers and Readers for Discovery on the next page shows how these objects are used. (For more on built-in DataReaders and DataWriters, see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)).
For each DomainParticipant, there are six objects automatically created for discovery purposes. The top two objects are used to send/receive participant DATA messages, which are used in the Participant Discovery phase to find remote DomainParticipants. This phase uses best-effort communications. Once the participants are aware of each other, they move on to the Endpoint Discovery Phase to learn about each other’s DataWriters and DataReaders. This phase uses reliable communications.

The implementation is split into two separate protocols:

- Simple Participant Discovery Protocol (SPDP)
- Simple Endpoint Discovery Protocol (SEDP)

= Simple Discovery Protocol (SDP)

14.3.1 Participant Discovery

When a DomainParticipant is created, a DataWriter and a DataReader are automatically created to exchange participant DATA messages in the network. These DataWriters and DataReaders are "special" because the DataWriter can send to a given list of destinations, regardless of whether there is a Connext DDS application at the destination, and the DataReader can receive data from any source, whether the source is previously known or not. In other words, these special readers and writers do not need to discover the remote entity and perform a match before they can communicate with each other.
When a DomainParticipant joins or leaves the network, it needs to notify its peer participants. The list of remote participants to use during discovery comes from the peer list described in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578). The remote participants are notified via participant DATA messages. In addition, if a participant’s QoS is modified in such a way that other participants need to know about the change (that is, changes to the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)), a new participant DATA will be sent immediately.

Participant DATAs are also used to maintain a participant’s liveliness status. These are sent at the rate set in the participant_liveliness_assert_period in the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583).

Let’s examine what happens when a new remote participant is discovered. If the new remote participant is in the local participant's peer list, the local participant will add that remote participant into its database. If the new remote participant is not in the local application's peer list, it may still be added, if the accept_unknown_peers field in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578) is set to TRUE.

Once a remote participant has been added to the Connext DDS database, Connext DDS keeps track of that remote participant’s participant_liveliness_lease_duration. If a participant DATA for that participant (identified by the GUID) is not received at least once within the participant_liveliness_lease_duration, the remote participant is considered stale, and the remote participant, together with all its entities, will be removed from the database of the local participant.

To keep from being purged by other participants, each participant needs to periodically send a participant DATA to refresh its liveliness. The rate at which the participant DATA is sent is controlled by the participant_liveliness_assert_period in the participant’s DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583). This exchange, which keeps Participant A from appearing ‘stale,’ is illustrated in Figure 14.3 Periodic ‘participant DATAs’ on the next page. Figure 14.4 Ungraceful Termination of a Participant on page 720 shows what happens when Participant A terminates ungracefully and therefore needs to be seen as ‘stale.’
Figure 14.3 Periodic ‘participant DATAs’

The DomainParticipant on Node A sends a ‘participant DATA’ to Node B, which is in Node A’s peers list. This occurs regardless of whether or not there is a Connext DDS application on Node B.

1. The green short dashed lines are periodic participant DATAs. The time between these messages is controlled by the `participant_liveliness_assert_period` in the DiscoveryConfig QosPolicy.

2. In addition to the periodic participant DATAs, ‘initial repeat messages’ (shown in blue, with longer dashes) are sent from A to B. These messages are sent at a random time between `min_initialParticipantAnnouncementPeriod` and `max_initialParticipantAnnouncementPeriod` (in A’s DiscoveryConfig QosPolicy). The number of these initial repeat messages is set in `initialParticipantAnnouncements`.

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Participant A is removed from participant B’s database if it is not refreshed within the liveliness lease duration. Dashed lines are periodic participant DATA messages.

(Periodic resends of ‘participant B DATA’ from B to A are omitted from this diagram for simplicity. Initial repeat messages from A to B are also omitted from this diagram—these messages are sent at a random time between min_initial_participant_announcement_period and max_initial_participant_announcement_period, see Figure 14.3 Periodic ‘participant DATAs’ on the previous page.)
14.3.1.1 Refresh Mechanism

To ensure that a late-joining participant does not need to wait until the next refresh of the remote participant DATA to discover the remote participant, there is a resend mechanism. If the received participant DATA is from a never-before-seen remote participant, and it is in the local participant's peers list, the application will resend its own participant DATA to all its peers. This resend can potentially be done multiple times, with a random sleep time in between. Figure 14.5 Resending ‘participant DATA’ to a Late-Joiner on the facing page illustrates this scenario.

The number of retries and the random amount of sleep between them are controlled by each participant’s DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583) (see Figure 14.5 Resending ‘participant DATA’ to a Late-Joiner on the facing page).
Figure 14.5 Resending ‘participant DATA’ to a Late-Joiner

Participant A has Participant B in its peers list. Participant B does not have Participant A in its peers list, but [DiscoveryQosPolicy.accept_unknown_peers] is set to DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE. Participant A joins the system after B has sent its initial announcement. After B discovers A, it waits for time $\Delta$, then resends its participant DATA.
14.3.1.2 Maintaining DataWriter Liveliness for kinds AUTOMATIC and MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT

To maintain the liveliness of Data Writers that have a LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) kind field set to AUTOMATIC or MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT, Connext DDS uses a built-in DataWriter and DataReader pair, referred to as the inter-participant reader and inter-participant writer.
If the DomainParticipant has any DataWriters with Liveliness QosPolicy kind set to AUTOMATIC, the inter-participant writer will reliably broadcast an AUTOMATIC liveliness message at a period equal to the shortest lease_duration of these DataWriters. (The lease_duration is a field in the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380).) Figure 14.7 DataWriter with AUTOMATIC Liveliness below illustrates this scenario.

Figure 14.7 DataWriter with AUTOMATIC Liveliness

A liveliness message is sent automatically when a DataWriter with AUTOMATIC Liveliness kind is created, and then periodically, every DDS_DataWriterQos.liveliness.lease_duration.

If the DomainParticipant has any DataWriters with Liveliness QosPolicy kind set to MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT, Connext DDS will periodically check to see if any of them have called write(), assert_liveliness(), dispose() or unregister(). The rate of this check is every X seconds, where X is the...
14.3.1.2 Maintaining DataWriter Liveliness for kinds AUTOMATIC and MANUAL_BY_
14.3.1.2 Maintaining DataWriter Liveliness for kinds AUTOMATIC and MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT

Figure 14.8 DataWriter with MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT Liveliness

Once a MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT DataWriter is created, subsequent calls to assert_liveliness, write, dispose, or unregister_instance on DataWriter C causes Liveliness message to be sent later.

The inter-participant reader receives data from remote inter-participant writers and asserts the liveliness of remote DomainParticipants endpoints accordingly.

If the DomainParticipant has no DataWriters with LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) kind set to AUTOMATIC or MANUAL_BY_PARTICIPANT, then no liveliness messages are ever sent from the inter-participant writer.
14.3.2 Endpoint Discovery

As we saw in Built-in Writers and Readers for Discovery (Section Figure 14.2 on page 717), reliable DataReaders and DataWriters are automatically created to exchange publication/subscription information for each DomainParticipant. We will refer to these as ‘discovery endpoint readers and writers.’ However, nothing is sent through the network using these entities until they have been ‘matched’ with their remote counterparts. This ‘matching’ is triggered by the Participant Discovery phase. The goal of the Endpoint Discovery phase is to add the remote endpoint to the local database, so that user-created endpoints (your application’s DataWriters/DataReaders) can communicate with each other.

When a new remote DomainParticipant is discovered and added to a participant’s database, Connext DDS assumes that the remote DomainParticipant is implemented in the same way and therefore is creating the appropriate counterpart entities. Therefore, Connext DDS will automatically add two remote discovery endpoint readers and two remote discovery endpoint writers for that remote DomainParticipant into the local database. Once that is done, there is now a match with the local discovery endpoint writers and readers, and publication DATA and subscription DATA can then be sent between the discovery endpoint readers/writers of the two DomainParticipants.

When you create a DataWriter/DataReader for your user data, a publication/subscription DATA describing the newly created object is sent from the local discovery endpoint writer to the remote discovery endpoint readers of the remote DomainParticipants that are currently in the local database.

If your application changes any of the following QoS Policies for a local user-data DataWriter/DataReader, a modified subscription/publication DATA is sent to propagate the QoS change to other DomainParticipants:

- TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)
- GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)
- USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)
- OWNERSHIP_STRENGTH QosPolicy (Section 6.5.16 on page 390)
- PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321)
- TIME_BASED_FILTER QosPolicy (Section 7.6.4 on page 524)
- LIFESPAN QoS Policy (Section 6.5.12 on page 379)

What the above QosPolicies have in common is that they are all changeable and part of the built-in data (see Built-In Topics (Section Chapter 16 on page 771)).

Similarly, if the application deletes any user-data writers/readers, the discovery endpoint writer/readers send delete publication/subscription DATA. In addition to sending publication/subscription DATA, the discovery endpoint writer will check periodically to see if the remote discovery endpoint reader is up-to-date. (The rate for this check is the publication_writer.heartbeat_period or subscription_writer.heartbeat_period in the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583). If the
discovery endpoint writer has not been acknowledged by the remote discovery endpoint reader regarding receipt of the latest DATA, the discovery endpoint writer will send a special Heartbeat (HB) message with the Final bit set to 0 (F=0) to request acknowledgement from the remote discovery endpoint reader, as seen in Figure 14.9 Endpoint Discovery Summary on the next page.
Figure 14.9 Endpoint Discovery Summary

Node A

1. DataWriter C created

2. Periodic HB (F=0)

3. ACKNACK

4. Delete Publication C DATA

5. ACKNACK

Node B

1. Remote DataWriter C discovered, added to database

2. ACKNACK

3. Periodic HB (F=0)

4. DataWriter C’s QoS modified, Database record modified

5. DataWriter C removed from database

① = A’s DDS_DomainParticipantQos.discovery_config.publication_writer.heartbeat_period

② = wait random time between B’s [DDS_DomainParticipantQos.discovery_config.publication_reader.min_heartbeat_response_delay] and [...max_heartbeat_response_delay]
Assume participants A and B have been discovered on both sides. A’s DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy.publication_writer.heartbeats_per_max_samples = 0, so no HB is piggybacked with the publication DATA. A HB with F=0 is a request for an ACK/NACK. The periodic and initial repeat participant DATAs are omitted from the diagram.

Discovery endpoint writers and readers have their HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) set to KEEP_LAST, and their DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) set to TRANSIENT_LOCAL. Therefore, even if the remote DomainParticipant has not yet been discovered at the time the local user’s DataWriter/DataReader is created, the remote DomainParticipant will still be informed about the previously created DataWriter/DataReader. This is achieved by the HB and ACK/NACK that are immediately sent by the built-in endpoint writer and built-in endpoint reader respectively when a new remote participant is discovered. Figure 14.10 DataWriter Discovered by Late-Joiner, Triggered by HB below and Figure 14.11 DataWriter Discovered by Late-Joiner, Triggered by ACKNACK on the next page illustrate this sequence for HB and ACK/NACK triggers, respectively.

**Figure 14.10 DataWriter Discovered by Late-Joiner, Triggered by HB**

Writer C is created on Participant A before Participant A discovers Participant B. Assuming DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy.publication_writer.heartbeats_per_max_samples = 0, no HB is piggybacked with the publication DATA. Participant B has A in its peer list, but not vice versa. Accept unknown locators is true. On A, in response to receiving the new participant B DATA message, a participant A DATA message is sent to B. The discovery endpoint...
Endpoint discovery latency is determined by the following members of the `DomainParticipant`'s `DISCOVERY_CONFIG` QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583):
14.3.3 Discovery Traffic Summary

- publication_writer
- subscription_writer
- publication_reader
- subscription_reader

When a remote entity record is added, removed, or changed in the database, matching is performed with all the local entities. Only after there is a successful match on both ends can an application’s user-created DataReaders and DataWriters communicate with each other.

For more information about reliable communication, see Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

14.3.3 Discovery Traffic Summary

This diagram shows both phases of the discovery process. Participant A is created first, followed by Participant B. Each has the other in its peers list. After they have discovered each other, a DataWriter is created on Participant A. Periodic participant DATAs, HBs and ACK/NACKs are omitted from this diagram.

\( t_0 = \text{Random time (between min\_initial\_participant\_announcement\_period and max\_initial\_participant\_announcement\_period)} \\
\text{for initial\_participant\_announcement} = 1 \text{ (from A’s DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy)} \\
\text{\( t_2 = \) Same as \( t_0 \) but using B’s DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy} \)
14.3.4 Discovery-Related QoS

Each DomainParticipant needs to be uniquely identified in the DDS domain and specify which other DomainParticipants it is interested in communicating with. The WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609) uniquely identifies a DomainParticipant in the DDS domain. The DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578) specified the peer participants it is interested in communicating with.

There is a trade-off between the amount of traffic on the network for the purposes of discovery and the delay in reaching steady state when the DomainParticipant is first created.

For example, if the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)’s participant_liveliness_assert_period and participant_liveliness_lease_duration fields are set to small values, the discovery of stale remote DomainParticipants will occur faster, but more discovery traffic will be sent over the network. Setting the participant’s heartbeat_period\(^1\) to a small value can cause late-joining DomainParticipants to discover remote user-data DataWriters and DataReaders at a faster rate, but Connect next DDS might send HBs to other nodes more often. This timing can be controlled by the following DomainParticipant QosPolicies:

- **DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)** — specifies how other DomainParticipants in the network can communicate with this DomainParticipant, and which other DomainParticipants in the network this DomainParticipant is interested in communicating with. See also: Ports Used for Discovery (Section 14.5 on page 737).

- **DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583)** — specifies the QoS of the discovery readers and writers (parameters that control the HB and ACK rates of discovery endpoint readers/writers, and periodic refreshing of participant DATA from discovery participant readers/writers). It also allow you to configure asynchronous writers in order to send data with a larger size than the transport message size.

- **DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592)** — specifies the number of local and remote entities expected in the system.

- **WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609)** — specifies the rtps_app_id and rtps_host_id that uniquely identify the participant in the DDS domain.

The other important parameter is the domain ID: DomainParticipants can only discover each other if they belong to the same DDS domain. The domain ID is a parameter passed to the create_participant() operation (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554)).

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\(^1\) heartbeat_period is part of the DDS_RtpsReliableWriterProtocol_t structure used in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)’s publication_writer and subscription_writer fields.
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To understand the flow of messages during discovery, you can increase the verbosity of the messages logged by Connext DDS so that you will see whenever a new entity is discovered, and whenever there is a match between a local entity and a remote entity.

This can be achieved with the logging API:

```cpp
NDDSConfigLogger::getInstance()->setVerbosityByCategory(NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_CATEGORY_ENTITIES, NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_VERBOSITY_STATUS_REMOTE);
```

Using the scenario in the summary diagram in Discovery Traffic Summary (Section 14.3.3 on page 732), these are the messages as seen on DomainParticipant A:

- `[D0049|ENABLE]DISCPluginManager_onAfterLocalParticipantEnabled:announcing new local participant: 0XA0A01A1,0X5522,0X1,0X1C1`
- `[D0049|ENABLE]DISCPluginManager_onAfterLocalParticipantEnabled:at {46c614d9,0C43B2DC}`

(The above messages mean: First participant A DATA sent out when participant A is enabled.)

- `[DISCSimpleParticipantDiscoveryPluginReaderListener onDataAvailable:discovered new participant: host=0x0A0A01A1, app=0x0000552B, instance=0x00000001`
- `[DISCSimpleParticipantDiscoveryPluginReaderListener onDataAvailable:at {46c614dd,8FA13C1F}]

- `[DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteParticipant:plugin discovered/updated remote participant: 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X1C1`
- `[DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteParticipant:at {46c614dd,8FACE677}]`

- `[DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteParticipant:plugin accepted new remote participant: 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X1C1`
- `[DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteParticipant:at {46c614dd,8FACE677}]`

(The above messages mean: Received participant B DATA.)

- `[DISCSimpleParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_remoteParticipantDiscovered:re-announcing participant self: 0XA0A01A1,0X5522,0X1,0X1C1`
- `[DISCSimpleParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_remoteParticipantDiscovered:at {46c614dd,8FC02AF7}]`

(The above messages mean: Resending participant A DATA to the newly discovered remote participant.)

- `PRESPsService_linkToLocalReader:assert remote 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X200C2, local 0x000200C7 in reliable reader service`
- `PRESPsService_linkToLocalWriter:assert remote 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X200C7, local 0x000200C2 in reliable writer service`
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<td>PRESPsService_linkToLocalWriter:assert</td>
<td>remote 0xA0A01A1,0x552B,0x1,0x4C7, local 0x000004C2 in reliable writer service</td>
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<td>remote 0xA0A01A1,0x552B,0x1,0x3C7, local 0x000003C2 in reliable writer service</td>
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<tr>
<td>PRESPsService_linkToLocalReader:assert</td>
<td>remote 0xA0A01A1,0x552B,0x1,0x100C2, local 0x000100C7 in best effort reader service</td>
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(The above messages mean: Automatic matching of the discovery readers and writers. A built-in remote endpoint's object ID always ends with Cx.)

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<tr>
<td>DISCSimpleParticipantDiscoveryPluginReaderListener_onDataAvailable:</td>
<td>discovered modified participant: host=0xA0A01A1, app=0x000552B, instance=0x00000001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteParticipant:plugin</td>
<td>discovered/updated remote participant: 0xA0A01A1,0x552B,0x1,0x1C1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteParticipant:at</td>
<td>{46c614dd,904D876C}</td>
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(The above messages mean: Received participant B DATA.)

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<tr>
<td>DISCPluginManager_onAfterLocalEndpointEnabled:announcing new local publication:</td>
<td>0xA0A01A1,0x5522,0x1,0x80000003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCPluginManager_onAfterLocalEndpointEnabled:at</td>
<td>{46c614d9,1013B9F0}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCSimpleEndpointDiscoveryPluginPDFListener_onAfterLocalWriterEnabled:announcing new publication:</td>
<td>0xA0A01A1,0x5522,0x1,0x80000003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCSimpleEndpointDiscoveryPluginPDFListener_onAfterLocalWriterEnabled:at</td>
<td>{46c614d9,101615EB}</td>
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(The above messages mean: Publication C DATA has been sent.)

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<th>Module</th>
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<tr>
<td>DISCSimpleEndpointDiscoveryPlugin_subscriptionReaderListenerOnDataAvailable:discovered subscription:</td>
<td>0xA0A01A1,0x552B,0x1,0x80000004</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCSimpleEndpointDiscoveryPlugin_subscriptionReaderListenerOnDataAvailable:at</td>
<td>{46c614dd,94FAEFEEF}</td>
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<tr>
<td>DISCEndpointDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteEndpoint:plugin discovered/updated remote endpoint:</td>
<td>0xA0A01A1,0x552B,0x1,0x80000004</td>
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<tr>
<td>DISCEndpointDiscoveryPlugin_assertRemoteEndpoint:at</td>
<td>{46c614dd,950203DF}</td>
</tr>
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(The above messages mean: Receiving subscription D DATA from Node B.)

```
PRESPsService_linkToLocalWriter:assert remote 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X80000004, local 0x80000003 in best effort writer service
```

(The above message means: User-created DataWriter C and DataReader D are matched.)

```
[D0049|DELETE_CONTAINED]DISCPluginManager_onAfterLocalEndpointDeleted:announcing disposed local publication: 0XA0A01A1,0X5522,0X1,0X80000003

[D0049|DELETE_CONTAINED]DISCPluginManager_onAfterLocalEndpointDeleted:at {46c61501,288051C8}

[D0049|DELETE_CONTAINED]DISCSimpleEndpointDiscoveryPluginPDFListener_onAfterLocalWriterDeleted:announcing disposed publication: 0XA0A01A1,0X5522,0X1,0X80000003

[D0049|DELETE_CONTAINED]DISCSimpleEndpointDiscoveryPluginPDFListener_onAfterLocalWriterDeleted:at (46c61501,28840E15)
```

(The above messages mean: Publication C DATA(delete) has been sent.)

```
DISCPluginManager_onBeforeLocalParticipantDeleted:announcing before disposed local participant: 0XA0A01A1,0X5522,0X1,0X1C1

DISCPluginManager_onBeforeLocalParticipantDeleted:at (46c61501,28A11663)
```

(The above messages mean: Participant A DATA(delete) has been sent.)

```
DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_removeRemoteParticipantsByCookie:plugin removing 3 remote entities by cookie

DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_removeRemoteParticipantsByCookie:at (46c61501,28E38A7C)

DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_removeRemoteParticipantI:plugin discovered disposed remote participant: 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X1C1

DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_removeRemoteParticipantI:at (46c61501,28E68E3D)

DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_removeRemoteParticipantI:remote entity removed from database: 0XA0A01A1,0X552B,0X1,0X1C1

DISCParticipantDiscoveryPlugin_removeRemoteParticipantI:at (46c61501,28E68E3D)
```

(The above messages mean: Removing discovered entities from local database, before shutting down.)

As you can see, the messages are encoded, since they are primarily used by RTI support personnel.

For more information on the message logging API, see Controlling Messages from Connext DDS (Section 21.2 on page 864).

If you notice that a remote entity is not being discovered, check the QoS related to discovery (see Discovery-Related QoS (Section 14.3.4 on page 733)).
If a remote entity is discovered, but does not match with a local entity as expected, check the QoS of both the remote and local entity.

### 14.5 Ports Used for Discovery

There are two kinds of traffic in a Connext DDS application: discovery (meta) traffic, and user traffic. Meta-traffic is for data (declarations) that is sent between the automatically-created discovery writers and readers; user traffic is for data that is sent between user-created *DataWriters* and *DataReaders*. To keep the two kinds of traffic separate, Connext DDS uses different ports, as described below.

**Note:** The ports described in this section are used for *incoming* data. Connext DDS uses ephemeral ports for outbound data.

Connext DDS uses the RTPS wire protocol. The discovery protocols defined by RTPS rely on well-known ports to initiate discovery. These well-known ports define the multicast and unicast ports on which a Participant will listen for meta-traffic from other Participants. The meta-traffic contains the information required by Connext DDS to establish the presence of remote *Entities* in the network.

The well-known incoming ports are defined by RTPS in terms of port mapping expressions with several tunable parameters. This allows you to customize what network ports are used for receiving data by Connext DDS. These parameters are shown in *Table 14.2 WireProtocol QosPolicy’s rtps_well_known_ports (DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t)*. (For defaults and valid ranges, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.)

#### Table 14.2 WireProtocol QosPolicy’s rtps_well_known_ports (DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t)

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<thead>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>port_base</td>
<td>The base port offset. All mapped well-known ports are offset by this value. Resulting ports must be within the range imposed by the underlying transport.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>domain_id_gain</td>
<td>Tunable gain parameters. See <em>Tuning domain_id_gain and participant_id_gain</em> (Section 14.5.4 on page 739).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>participant_id_gain</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>builtin_multicast_port_offset</td>
<td>Additional offset for meta-traffic port. See <em>Inbound Ports for Meta-Traffic</em> (Section 14.5.1 on the facing page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>builtin_unicast_port_offset</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>user_multicast_port_offset</td>
<td>Additional offset for user traffic port. See <em>Inbound Ports for User Traffic</em> (Section 14.5.2 on page 739).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>user_unicast_port_offset</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
In order for all Participants in a system to correctly discover each other, it is important that they all use the same port mapping expressions.

In addition to the parameters listed in Table 14.2 WireProtocol QosPolicy’s rtps_well_known_ports (DDS_RtpsWellKnownPorts_t), the port formulas described below depend on:

- The domain ID specified when the DomainParticipant is created (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554)). The domain ID ensures no port conflicts exist between Participants belonging to different domains. This also means that discovery traffic in one DDS domain is not visible to DomainParticipants in other DDS domains.

- The participant_id is a field in the WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609), see Choosing Participant IDs (Section 8.5.9.1 on page 610). The participant_id ensures that unique unicast port numbers are assigned to DomainParticipants belonging to the same DDS domain on a given host.

**Backwards Compatibility:** Connext DDS supports the standard DDS Interoperability Wire Protocol based on the Real-time Publish-Subscribe (RTPS) protocol. This protocol is not compatible with the one used by earlier releases (4.2c or lower). Therefore, applications built with 4.2d or higher will not inter-operate with applications built with 4.2c or lower. The default port mapping from domainID and participant index has also been changed according to the new interoperability specification. The message types and formats used by RTPS have also changed.

**Port Aliasing:** When modifying the port mapping parameters, avoid port aliasing. This would result in undefined discovery behavior. The chosen parameter values will also determine the maximum possible number of DDS domains in the system and the maximum number of participants per DDS domain. Additionally, any resulting mapped port number must be within the range imposed by the underlying transport. For example, for UDPv4, this range typically equals [1024 - 65535].

### 14.5.1 Inbound Ports for Meta-Traffic

The Wire Protocol QosPolicy’s rtps_well_known_ports.metatraffic_unicast_port determines the port used for receiving meta-traffic using unicast:

```
metatraffic_unicast_port = port_base +
    (domain_id_gain * Domain ID) +
    (participant_id_gain * participant_id) +
    builtin_unicast_port_offset
```

Similarly, rtps_well_known_ports.metatraffic_multicast_port determines the port used for receiving meta-traffic using multicast. The corresponding multicast group addresses are specified via multicast_receive_addresses (see Configuring Multicast Receive Addresses (Section 8.5.2.4 on page 580)).

```
metatraffic_multicast_port = port_base +
    (domain_id_gain * Domain ID) +
    builtin_multicast_port_offset
```
Note: Multicast is only used for meta-traffic if a multicast address is specified in the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS environment variable or file or if the multicast_receive_addresses field of the DISCOVERY_CONFIG QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.3 on page 583) is set.

14.5.2 Inbound Ports for User Traffic

RTPS also defines the default multicast and unicast ports on which DataReaders and DataWriters receive user traffic. These default ports can be overridden using the DataReader’s TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527) and TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410), or the DataWriter’s TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410).

The WireProtocol QosPolicy’s rtps_well_known_ports.usertraffic_unicast_port determines the port used for receiving user data using unicast:

\[
\text{usertraffic_unicast_port} = \text{port_base} + (\text{domain_id_gain} \times \text{Domain ID}) + (\text{participant_id_gain} \times \text{participant_id}) + \text{user_unicast_port_offset}
\]

Similarly, rtps_well_known_ports.usertraffic_multicast_port determines the port used for receiving user data using multicast. The corresponding multicast group addresses can be configured using the TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410).

\[
\text{usertraffic_multicast_port} = \text{port_base} + (\text{domain_id_gain} \times \text{Domain ID}) + \text{user_multicast_port_offset}
\]

14.5.3 Automatic Selection of participant_id and Port Reservation

The WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609) rtps_reserved_ports_mask field determines what type of ports are reserved when the DomainParticipant is enabled. See Choosing Participant IDs (Section 8.5.9.1 on page 610).

14.5.4 Tuning domain_id_gain and participant_id_gain

The domain_id_gain is used as a multiplier of the domain ID. Together with participant_id_gain (Tuning domain_id_gain and participant_id_gain (Section 14.5.4 above)), these values determine the highest domain ID and participant_id allowed on this network.

In general, there are two ways to set up the domain_id_gain and participant_id_gain parameters.

- If domain_id_gain > participant_id_gain, it results in a port mapping layout where all DomainParticipants in a DDS domain occupy a consecutive range of domain_id_gain ports.
14.5.4 Tuning domain_id_gain and participant_id_gain

Precisely, all ports occupied by the DDS domain fall within:

\[(\text{port_base} + (\text{domain_id_gain} \times \text{Domain ID}))\]

and:

\[(\text{port_base} + (\text{domain_id_gain} \times (\text{Domain ID} + 1)) - 1)\]

In this case, the highest domain ID is limited only by the underlying transport's maximum port. The highest participant_id, however, must satisfy:

\[\text{max_participant_id} < (\text{domain_id_gain} / \text{participant_id_gain})\]

- Or if \(\text{domain_id_gain} \leq \text{participant_id_gain}\), it results in a port mapping layout where a given DDS domain's DomainParticipant instances occupy ports spanned across the entire valid port range allowed by the underlying transport. For instance, it results in the following potential mapping:

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<th>Mapped Port</th>
<th>Domain ID</th>
<th>Participant ID</th>
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<td>higher port number</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>lower port number</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In this case, the highest participant_id is limited only by the underlying transport's maximum port. The highest domain_id, however, must satisfy:

\[\text{max_domain_id} < (\text{participant_id_gain} / \text{domain_id_gain})\]

The domain_id_gain also determines the range of the port-specific offsets:

\[\text{domain_id_gain} > \text{abs} (\text{builtin_multicast_port_offset} - \text{user_multicast_port_offset})\]

and

\[\text{domain_id_gain} > \text{abs} (\text{builtin_unicast_port_offset} - \text{user_unicast_port_offset})\]

Violating this may result in port aliasing and undefined discovery behavior.

The participant_id_gain also determines the range of \text{builtin_unicast_port_offset} and \text{user_unicast_port_offset}. 
In all cases, the resulting ports must be within the range imposed by the underlying transport.
Chapter 15 Transport Plugins

Connext DDS has a pluggable-transports architecture. The core of Connext DDS is transport agnostic—it does not make any assumptions about the actual transports used to send and receive messages. Instead, Connext DDS uses an abstract "transport API" to interact with the transport plugins that implement that API. A transport plugin implements the abstract transport API, and performs the actual work of sending and receiving messages over a physical transport.

There are essentially three categories of transport plugins:

- **Builtin Transport Plugins** Connext DDS comes with a set of commonly used transport plugins. These ‘builtin’ plugins include UDPv4, UDPv6, and shared memory. So that Connext DDS applications can work out-of-the-box, some of these are enabled by default (see TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)).

- **Extension Transport Plugins** RTI offers extension transports, including RTI Secure WAN Transport (see Part 5: RTI Secure WAN Transport (Section on page 899) and RTI TCP Transport (see Part 8: RTI TCP Transport (Section on page 985)).

- **Custom-developed Transport Plugins** RTI supports the use of custom transport plugins. This is a powerful capability that distinguishes Connext DDS from competing middleware approaches. If you are interested in developing a custom transport plugin for Connext DDS, please contact your local RTI representative or email sales@rti.com.

15.1 Builtin Transport Plugins

There are two ways in which the builtin transport plugins may be registered:

- **Default builtin Transport Instances:** Builtin transports that are turned "on" in the TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605) are implicitly registered when (a) the DomainParticipant is enabled, (b) the first DataWriter-/DataReader is created, or (c) you look up a builtin DataReader (by calling lookup_datareader() on a Subscriber), whichever happens first. The builtin transport plugins have
default properties. If you want to change these properties, do so before\(^1\) the transports are registered.

- **Other Transport Instances**: There are two ways to install non-default builtin transport instances:
  - Transport plugins may be explicitly registered by first creating an instance of the transport plugin (by calling \texttt{NDDS\_Transport\_UDPv4\_new()}, \texttt{NDDS\_Transport\_UDPv6\_new()} or \texttt{NDDS\_Transport\_Shmem\_new()}), see Explicitly Creating Built-in Transport Plugin Instances (Section 15.4 on page 745), then calling \texttt{register\_transport()} (Installing Additional Built-in Transport Plugins with \texttt{register\_transport()} (Section 15.7 on page 764)). (For example, suppose you want an extra instance of a transport.) (Not available for the Java or .NET API.)
  - Additional builtin transport instances can also be installed through the \texttt{PROPERTY QosPolicy} (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).

To configure the properties of the builtin transports:

- Set properties by calling \texttt{set\_builtin\_transport\_property()} (see Setting Built-in Transport Properties of Default Transport Instance—\texttt{get/set\_builtin\_transport\_properties()} (Section 15.5 on page 745))

or

- Specify predefined property strings in the \texttt{DomainParticipant's PropertyQosPolicy}, as described in Setting Built-in Transport Properties with the PropertyQosPolicy (Section 15.6 on page 747).

For other builtin transport instances:

- If the builtin transport plugin is created with \texttt{NDDS\_Transport\_UDPv4\_new()}, \texttt{NDDS\_Transport\_UDPv6\_new()} or \texttt{NDDS\_Transport\_Shmem\_new()}, properties can be specified during creation time. See Explicitly Creating Built-in Transport Plugin Instances (Section 15.4 on page 745).
- If the additional builtin transport instances are installed through the \texttt{PROPERTY QosPolicy} (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391), the properties of the builtin transport plugins can also be specified through that same QosPolicy.

### 15.2 Extension Transport Plugins

If you want to change the properties for an extension transport plugin, do so before the plugin is registered. Any transport property changes made after the plugin is registered will have no effect.

There are two ways to install an extension transport plugin:

\(^1\)Any transport property changes made after the plugin is registered will have no effect.
15.3 The NDDSTransportSupport Class

- **Implicit Registration:** Transports can be installed through the predefined strings in the `DomainParticipant`’s PropertyQosPolicy. Once the transport’s properties are specified in the PropertyQosPolicy, the transport will be implicitly registered when (a) the `DomainParticipant` is enabled, (b) the first `DataWriter/DataReader` is created, or (c) you look up a builtin `DataReader` (by calling `lookup_datareader()` on a Subscriber), whichever happens first.

QosPolicies can also be configured from XML resources (files, strings)—with this approach, you can change the QoS without recompiling the application. The QoS settings are automatically loaded by the DomainParticipantFactory when the first `DomainParticipant` is created. For more information, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

- **Explicit Registration:** Transports may be explicitly registered by first creating an instance of the transport plugin (see Explicitly Creating Builtin Transport Plugin Instances (Section 15.4 on the next page)) and then calling `register_transport()` (see Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)).

### 15.3 The NDDSTransportSupport Class

The `register_transport()` and `set_builtin_transport_property()` operations are part of the NDDSTransportSupport class, which includes the operations listed in Table 15.1 Transport Support Operations.

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<tr>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>get_transport_plugin</td>
<td>Retrieves a previously registered transport plugin.</td>
<td>Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>register_transport</td>
<td>Registers a transport plugin for use with a <code>DomainParticipant</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>get_builtin_transport_property</td>
<td>Gets the properties used to create a builtin transport plugin.</td>
<td>Setting Builtin Transport Properties of Default Transport Instance—get/set_builtin_transport_properties() (Section 15.5 on the next page)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>set_builtin_transport_property</td>
<td>Sets the properties used to create a builtin transport plugin.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>add_send_route</td>
<td>Adds a route for outgoing messages.</td>
<td>Adding a Send Route (Section 15.9.1 on page 768)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>add_receive_route</td>
<td>Adds a route for incoming messages.</td>
<td>Adding a Receive Route (Section 15.9.2 on page 769)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lookup_transport</td>
<td>Looks up a transport plugin within a <code>DomainParticipant</code>.</td>
<td>Looking Up a Transport Plugin (Section 15.9.3 on page 770)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
15.4 Explicitly Creating Builtin Transport Plugin Instances

The built-in transports (UDPv4, UDPv6, and Shared Memory) are implicitly created by default (if they are enabled via the TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)). Therefore, you only need to explicitly create a new instance if you want an extra instance (suppose you want two UDPv4 transports, one with special settings).

Transport plugins may be explicitly registered by first creating an instance of the transport plugin and then calling register_transport() (Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)). (For example, suppose you want an extra instance of a transport.) (Not available for the Java API.)

To create an instance of a built-in transport plugin, use one of the following functions:

```
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* NDSS_Transport_UDPv4_new (const struct NDDS_Transport_UDPv4_Property_t * property_in)
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* NDSS_Transport_UDPv6_new (const struct NDDS_Transport_UDPv6_Property_t * property_in)
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* NDSS_Transport_Shmem_new (const struct NDDS_Transport_Shmem_Property_t * property_in)
```

Where:

- **property_in** Desired behavior of this transport. May be NULL for default properties.

For details on using these functions, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.

Your application may create and register multiple instances of these transport plugins with Connext DDS. This may be done to partition the network interfaces across multiple DDS domains. However, note that the underlying transport, the operating system's IP layer, is still a "singleton." For example, if a unicast transport has already bound to a port, and another unicast transport tries to bind to the same port, the second attempt will fail.

15.5 Setting Builtin Transport Properties of Default Transport Instance—get/set_builtin_transport_properties()

Perhaps you want to use one of the built-in transports, but need to modify the properties. (For default values, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.) Used together, the two operations below allow you to customize properties of the builtin transport when it is implicitly registered (see Builtin Transport Plugins (Section 15.1 on page 742)).

**Note:** Another way to change the properties is with the Property QosPolicy, see Setting Builtin Transport Properties with the PropertyQosPolicy (Section 15.6 on page 747). Changing properties with the Property QosPolicy will overwrite the properties set by calling setbuiltin_transport_property().

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t
NDDSTransportSupport::get_builtin_transport_property(
```
15.5 Setting Builtin Transport Properties of Default Transport Instance—get/set_builtin_transport_

```c

DDSDomainParticipant * participant_in,
DDS_TransportBuiltinKind builtin_transport_kind_in,
struct NDDS_Transport_Property_t &builtin_transport_property_inout)

DDS_ReturnCode_t
NDDSTransportSupport::set_builtin_transport_property(
  DDSDomainParticipant * participant_in,
  DDS_TransportBuiltinKind builtin_transport_kind_in,
  const struct NDDS_Transport_Property_t &builtin_transport_property_in)

Where:

participant_in A valid non-NULL DomainParticipant that has not been enabled. If the
DomainParticipant if already enabled when this operation is called, your transport
property changes will not be reflected in the transport used by the
DomainParticipant's DataWriters and DataReaders.

builtin_transport_kind_in The builtin transport kind for which to specify the properties.

builtin_transport_property_inout (Used by the “get” operation only.) The storage area where the retrieved property will
be output. The specific type required by the builtin_transport_kind_in must be
used.

builtin_transport_property_in (Used by the “set” operation only.) The new transport property that will be used to
the create the builtin transport plugin. The specific type required by the builtin_
transport_kind_in must be used.

In this example, we want to use the builtin UDPv4 transport, but with modified properties.

/* Before this point, create a disabled DomainParticipant */
struct NDDS_Transport_UDPv4_Property_t property =
  NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_PROPERTY_DEFAULT;
if (NDDSTransportSupport::get_builtin_transport_property(
  participant, DDS_TRANSPORTBUILTIN_UDPv4,
  (struct NDDS_Transport_Property_t&)property) !=
  DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
  printf("**Error: get builtin transport property\n");
}
/* Make your desired changes here */
/* For example, to increase the UDPv4 max msg size to 64K: */
property.parent.message_size_max = 65535;
property.recv_socket_buffer_size = 65535;
property.send_socket_buffer_size = 65535;
if (NDDSTransportSupport::set_builtin_transport_property(
  participant, DDS_TRANSPORTBUILTIN_UDPv4,
  (struct NDDS_Transport_Property_t&)property)
  != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
  printf("***Error: set builtin transport property\n");
}
/* Enable the participant to turn on communications with
other participants in the DDS domain using the new
```
properties for the automatically registered builtin transport plugins */
if (entity->enable() != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    printf("***Error: failed to enable entity\n");
}

Note: Builtin transport property changes will have no effect after the builtin transport has been registered. The builtin transports are implicitly registered when (a) the DomainParticipant is enabled, (b) the first DataWriter/DataReader is created, or (c) you lookup a builtin DataReader, whichever happens first.

15.6 Setting Built-in Transport Properties with the PropertyQosPolicy

The PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391) allows you to set name/value pairs of data and attach them to an entity, such as a DomainParticipant.

To assign properties, use the add_property() operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property
    (DDS_PropertyQosPolicy policy,
     const char * name,
     const char * value,
     DDS_Boolean propagate)
```

For more information on add_property() and the other operations in the DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper class, please see Table 6.57 PropertyQoSPolicyHelper Operations, as well as the API Reference HTML documentation.

The ‘name’ part of the name/value pairs is a predefined string. The property names for the builtin transports are described in these tables:

- Table 15.2 Properties for the Builtin UDPv4 Transport
- Table 15.3 Properties for Builtin UDPv6 Transport
- Table 15.4 Properties for Builtin Shared-Memory Transport

See also:

- Setting the Maximum Gather-Send Buffer Count for UDPv4 and UDPv6 (Section 15.6.1 on page 762)
- Setting the Maximum Gather-Send Buffer Count for UDPv4 and UDPv6 (Section 15.6.1 on page 762)
- Formatting Rules for IPv6 ‘Allow’ and ‘Deny’ Address Lists (Section 15.6.2 on page 763)

Note:
Changing properties with the `PROPERTY QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391) will overwrite any properties set by calling `set_builtin_transport_property()`.

**Table 15.2 Properties for the Builtin UDPv4 Transport**

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<tr>
<td>parent.address_bit_count</td>
<td>Number of bits in a 16-byte address that are used by the transport. Should be between 0 and 128. For example, for an address range of 0-255, the <code>address_bit_count</code> should be set to 8. For the range of addresses used by IPv4 (4 bytes), it should be set to 32.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.properties_bitmap</td>
<td>A bitmap that defines various properties of the transport to the Connexx DDS core. Currently, the only property supported is whether or not the transport plugin will always loan a buffer when Connexx DDS tries to receive a message using the plugin. This is in support of a zero-copy interface.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.gather_send_buffer_count_max</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of buffers that Connexx DDS can pass to the <code>send()</code> method of a transport plugin. The transport plugin <code>send()</code> API supports a gather-send concept, where the <code>send()</code> call can take several discontiguous buffers, assemble and send them in a single message. This enables Connexx DDS to send a message from parts obtained from different sources without first having to copy the parts into a single contiguous buffer. However, most transports that support a gather-send concept have an upper limit on the number of buffers that can be gathered and sent. Setting this value will prevent Connexx DDS from trying to gather too many buffers into a send call for the transport plugin. Connexx DDS requires all transport-plugin implementations to support a gather-send of at least a minimum number of buffers. This minimum number is <code>NDDS_TRANSPORT_PROPERTY_GATHER_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT_MIN</code>. See Setting the Maximum Gather-Send Buffer Count for UDPv4 and UDPv6 (Section 15.6.1 on page 762).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.message_size_max</td>
<td>The maximum size of a message in bytes that can be sent or received by the transport plugin. This value must be set before the transport plugin is registered, so that Connexx DDS can properly use the plugin.</td>
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<td>parent.allow_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. For example, the following are acceptable strings: 192.168.1.1 192.168.1.* 192.168.* 192.* ether0 If the list is non-empty, this &quot;white&quot; list is applied before the parent.deny_interfaces_list (Section below) list. The DomainParticipant will use the resulting list of interfaces to inform its remote participant(s) about which unicast addresses may be used to contact the DomainParticipant. The resulting list restricts reception to a particular set of interfaces for unicast UDP. Multicast output will still be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the list (if multicast is supported on the platform). You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.deny_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. If the list is non-empty, deny the use of these interfaces. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. For example, the following are acceptable strings: 192.168.1.1 192.168.1.* 192.168.* 192.* ether0 This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after the parent.allow_interfaces_list (Section above) list and filters out the interfaces that should not be used for receiving data. The resulting list restricts reception to a particular set of interfaces for unicast UDP. Multicast output will still be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the list (if multicast is supported on the platform). You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is deleted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>parent. allow_multicast_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. If the list is non-empty, allow the use of multicast only on these interfaces. If the list is empty, allow the use of all the allowed interfaces. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. This list sub-selects from the allowed interfaces that are obtained after applying the parent.allow_multicast_interfaces_list (Section on the previous page) &quot;white&quot; list and the parent.deny_interfaces_list (Section on the previous page) &quot;black&quot; list. From that resulting list, parent.deny_multicast_interfaces_list (Section below) is applied. Multicast output will be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the resulting list (if multicast is supported on the platform). If this list is empty, all the allowed interfaces may potentially be used for multicast. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent. deny_multicast_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. If the list is non-empty, deny the use of those interfaces for multicast. Interfaces should be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after the parent.allow_multicast_interfaces_list (Section above) list and filters out the interfaces that should not be used for multicast. The final resulting list will be those interfaces that—if multicast is available—will be used for multicast sends. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>send_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the send buffer of a socket used for sending. On most operating systems, <code>setsockopt()</code> will be called to set the SENDBUF to the value of this parameter. This value must be greater than or equal to the property, parent.message_size_max (Section on page 748). The maximum value is operating system-dependent. If NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_SOCKET_BUFFER_SIZE_OS_DEFAULT, then <code>setsockopt()</code> (or equivalent) will not be called to size the send buffer of the socket.</td>
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<td>recv_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the receive buffer of a socket used for receiving. On most operating systems, setsockopt() will be called to set the RECVBUF to the value of this parameter. This value must be greater than or equal to the property, parent.message_size_max (Section on page 748). The maximum value is operating system-dependent. Default: NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_MESSAGE_SIZE_MAX_DEFAULT. If NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_SOCKET_BUFFER_SIZE_OS_DEFAULT, then setsockopt() (or equivalent) will not be called to size the receive buffer of the socket.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unicast_enabled</td>
<td>Allows the transport plugin to use unicast UDP for sending and receiving. By default, it will be turned on. Also by default, it will use all the allowed network interfaces that it finds up and running when the plugin is instanced. Can be 1 (enabled) or 0 (disabled).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multicast_enabled</td>
<td>Allows the transport plugin to use multicast for sending and receiving. You can turn multicast on or off for this plugin. The default is that multicast is on and the plugin will use the all network interfaces allowed for multicast that it finds up and running when the plugin is instanced. Can be 1 (enabled) or 0 (disabled).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multicast_ttl</td>
<td>Value for the time-to-live parameter for all multicast sends using this plugin. This is used to set the TTL of multicast packets sent by this transport plugin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multicast_loopback_disabled</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from putting multicast packets onto the loopback interface. If disabled, then when sending multicast packets, do not put a copy on the loopback interface. This will prevent other applications on the same node (including itself) from receiving those packets. This is set to 0 by default. So multicast loopback is enabled. Turning off multicast loopback (set to 1) may result in minor performance gains when using multicast. <strong>Note</strong>: Windows CE does not support multicast loopback. This field is ignored for Windows CE targets.</td>
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| ignore_loopback_interface | Prevents the transport plugin from using the IP loopback interface. Three values are allowed:  
  - 0: Forces local traffic to be sent over loopback, even if a more efficient transport (such as shared memory) is installed (in which case traffic will be sent over both transports).  
  - 1: Disables local traffic via this plugin. The IP loopback interface will not be used, even if no NICs are discovered. This is useful when you want applications running on the same node to use a more efficient transport (such as shared memory) instead of the IP loopback.  
  - -1: Automatic. Enables local traffic via this plugin. To avoid redundant traffic, Connext DDS will selectively ignore the loopback destinations that are also reachable through shared memory. |
| ignore_nonup_interfaces | This property is only supported on Windows platforms with statically configured IP addresses. It allows/disallows the use of interfaces that are not reported as UP (by the operating system) in the UDPv4 transport. Two values are allowed:  
  - 0: Allow interfaces that are reported as DOWN.  
  Setting this value to 0 supports communication scenarios in which interfaces are enabled after the participant is created. Once the interfaces are enabled, discovery will not occur until the participant sends the next periodic announcement (controlled by the parameter participant_qos.discovery_configparticipant_livelinessassert_period).  
  To reduce discovery time, you may want to decrease the value of participant_liveliness_assert_period.  
  For the above scenario, there is one caveat: non-UP interfaces must have a static IP assigned.  
  - 1 (default): Do not allow interfaces that are reported as DOWN. |
| interface_poll_period | If ignore_nonup_interfaces is 0, the UDPv4 transport creates a new thread to query the status of the interfaces. The interface_poll_period specifies the polling period in milliseconds for performing this query.  
This property’s value is ignored if ignore_nonup_interfaces is 1. |
### Table 15.2 Properties for the Builtin UDPv4 Transport

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<tr>
<td>ignore_nonrunning_interfaces</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from using a network interface that is not reported as RUNNING by the operating system. The transport checks the flags reported by the operating system for each network interface upon initialization. An interface which is not reported as UP will not be used. This property allows the same check to be extended to the IFF_RUNNING flag implemented by some operating systems. The RUNNING flag is defined to mean that &quot;all resources are allocated&quot;, and may be off if there is no link detected, e.g., the network cable is unplugged. Two values are allowed:</td>
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<td>• 0: Do not check the RUNNING flag when enumerating interfaces, just make sure the interface is UP.</td>
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<td>• 1: Check the flag when enumerating interfaces, and ignore those that are not reported as RUNNING. This can be used on some operating systems to cause the transport to ignore interfaces that are enabled but not connected to the network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>no_zero_copy</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from doing a zero copy. By default, this plugin will use the zero copy on OSs that offer it. While this is good for performance, it may sometime tax the OS resources in a manner that cannot be overcome by the application. The best example is if the hardware/device driver lends the buffer to the application itself. If the application does not return the loaned buffers soon enough, the node may error or malfunction. In case you cannot reconfigure the hardware, device driver, or the OS to allow the zero-copy feature to work for your application, you may have no choice but to turn off zero-copy. By default this is set to 0, so Connext DDS will use the zero-copy API if offered by the OS.</td>
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<tr>
<td>send_blocking</td>
<td>Controls the blocking behavior of send sockets. <strong>CHANGING THIS FROM THE DEFAULT CAN CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS.</strong> Currently two values are defined: NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_BLOCKING_ALWAYS: Sockets are blocking (default socket options for operating system). NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_BLOCKING_NEVER: Sockets are modified to make them non-blocking. <strong>This is not a supported configuration and may cause significant performance problems.</strong></td>
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### Table 15.2 Properties for the Builtin UDPv4 Transport

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<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mask</td>
<td>Mask for the transport priority field. This is used in conjunction with transport_priority_mapping_low (Section below) and transport_priority_mapping_high (Section below) to define the mapping from the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407) to the IPv4 TOS field. Defines a contiguous region of bits in the 32-bit transport priority value that is used to generate values for the IPv4 TOS field on an outgoing socket. For example, the value 0x0000ff00 causes bits 9-16 (8 bits) to be used in the mapping. The value will be scaled from the mask range (0x0000 - 0xff00 in this case) to the range specified by low and high. If the mask is set to zero, then the transport will not set IPv4 TOS for send sockets.</td>
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<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_low</td>
<td>Sets the low and high values of the output range to IPv4 TOS. These values are used in conjunction with transport_priority_mask (Section above) to define the mapping from the TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.22 on page 407) to the IPv4 TOS field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_high</td>
<td>Defines the low and high values of the output range for scaling. Note that IPv4 TOS is generally an 8-bit value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reuse_multicast_receive_resource</td>
<td>Controls whether or not to reuse receive resources. Setting this to 0 (FALSE) prevents multicast crosstalk by uniquely configuring a port and creating a receive thread for each multicast group address. Affects Linux systems only; ignored for non-Linux systems.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>protocol_overhead_max</td>
<td>Maximum size in bytes of protocol overhead, including headers. This value is the maximum size, in bytes, of protocol-related overhead. Normally, the overhead accounts for UDP and IP headers. The default value is set to accommodate the most common UDP/IP header size. Note that when parent.message_size_max (Section on page 748) plus this overhead is larger than the UDPv4 maximum message size (65535 bytes), the middleware will automatically reduce the effective message_size_max to 65535 minus this overhead.</td>
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<tr>
<td>public_address</td>
<td>Public IP address associated with the transport instantiation. Setting the public IP address is only necessary to support communication over WAN that involves Network Address Translation (NAT). Typically, the address is the public address of the IP NAT router that provides access to the WAN. By default, the DomainParticipant creating the transport will announce the IP addresses obtained from the NICs to other DomainParticipants in the system. When this property is set, the DomainParticipant will announce the IP address corresponding to the property value instead of the LAN IP addresses associated with the NICs. Notes: Setting this property is necessary, but is not a sufficient condition for sending and receiving data over the WAN. You must also configure the IP NAT router to allow UDP traffic and to map the public IP address specified by this property to the DomainParticipant's private LAN IP address. This is typically done with one of these mechanisms: <strong>Port Forwarding:</strong> You must map the private ports used to receive discovery and user data traffic to the corresponding public ports (see Table 8.20 DDS_RtpSPortKnownPorts). Public and private ports must be the same since the transport does not allow you to change the mapping. <strong>1:1 NAT:</strong> You must add a 1:1 NAT entry that maps the public IP address specified in this property to the private LAN IP address of the DomainParticipant. By setting this property, the DomainParticipant only announces its public IP address to other DomainParticipants. Therefore, communication with DomainParticipants within the LAN that are running on different nodes will not work unless the NAT router is configured to enable NAT reflection (hairpin NAT). There is another way to achieve simultaneous communication with DomainParticipants running in the LAN and WAN, that does not require hairpin NAT. This way uses a gateway application such as RTI Routing Service to provide access to the WAN.</td>
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<td><code>parent.address_bit_count</code></td>
<td>Number of bits in a 16-byte address that are used by the transport. Should be between 0 and 128. For example, for an address range of 0-255, this address_bit_count should be set to 8. For the range of addresses used by IPv4 (4 bytes), it should be set to 32.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>parent.properties_bitmap</code></td>
<td>A bitmap that defines various properties of the transport to the Connext DDS core. Currently, the only property supported is whether or not the transport plugin will always loan a buffer when Connext DDS tries to receive a message using the plugin. This is in support of a zero-copy interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>parent.gather_send_buffer_count_max</code></td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of buffers that Connext DDS can pass to the send() method of a transport plugin. The transport plugin send() API supports a gather-send concept, where the send() call can take several discontiguous buffers, assemble and send them in a single message. This enables Connext DDS to send a message from parts obtained from different sources without first having to copy the parts into a single contiguous buffer. However, most transports that support a gather-send concept have an upper limit on the number of buffers that can be gathered and sent. Setting this value will prevent Connext DDS from trying to gather too many buffers into a send call for the transport plugin. Connext DDS requires all transport-plugin implementations to support a gather-send of at least a minimum number of buffers. This minimum number is NDDS_TRANSPORT_PROPERTY_GATHER_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT_MIN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>parent.message_size_max</code></td>
<td>The maximum size of a message in bytes that can be sent or received by the transport plugin. This value must be set before the transport plugin is registered, so that Connext DDS can properly use the plugin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>parent.allow_interfaces_list</code></td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. See Formatting Rules for IPv6 ‘Allow’ and ‘Deny’ Address Lists (Section 15.6.2 on page 763). If the list is non-empty, this &quot;white&quot; list is applied before the parent.deny_interfaces_list (Section on the next page) list. The DomainParticipant will use the resulting list of interfaces to inform its remote participant(s) about which unicast addresses may be used to contact the DomainParticipant. The resulting list restricts reception to a particular set of interfaces for unicast UDP. Multicast output will still be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the list (if multicast is supported on the platform). You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is deleted.</td>
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<td>parent.deny_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. If the list is non-empty, deny the use of these interfaces. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. See <em>Formatting Rules for IPv6 ‘Allow’ and ‘Deny’ Address Lists</em> (Section 15.6.2 on page 763). This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after the <code>parent.allow_interfaces_list</code> (Section on the previous page) list and filters out the interfaces that should <em>not</em> be used. The resulting list restricts <em>reception</em> to a particular set of interfaces for unicast UDP. Multicast output will still be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the list (if multicast is supported on the platform). You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the <code>DomainParticipant</code> is deleted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>parent.allow_multicast_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. If the list is non-empty, allow the use of multicast only these interfaces; otherwise allow the use of all the allowed interfaces. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. See <em>Formatting Rules for IPv6 ‘Allow’ and ‘Deny’ Address Lists</em> (Section 15.6.2 on page 763). This list sub-selects from the allowed interfaces that are obtained after applying the <code>parent.allow_interfaces_list</code> (Section on the previous page) &quot;white&quot; list <em>and</em> the <code>parent.deny_interfaces_list</code> (Section above) &quot;black&quot; list. Finally, the <code>parent.deny_multicast_interfaces_list</code> (Section below) is applied. Multicast output will be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the resulting list (if multicast is supported on the platform). If this list is empty, all the allowed interfaces may potentially be used for multicast. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the <code>DomainParticipant</code> is deleted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.deny_multicast_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. If the list is non-empty, deny the use of those interfaces for multicast. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. See <em>Formatting Rules for IPv6 ‘Allow’ and ‘Deny’ Address Lists</em> (Section 15.6.2 on page 763). This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after the <code>parent.allow_multicast_interfaces_list</code> (Section above) list and filters out the interfaces that should <em>not</em> be used for multicast. Multicast output will be sent and may be received over the interfaces in the resulting list (if multicast is supported on the platform). You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the <code>DomainParticipant</code> is deleted.</td>
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<td>send_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the send buffer of a socket used for sending. On most operating systems, <code>setsockopt()</code> will be called to set the SENDBUF to the value of this parameter. This value must be greater than or equal to <code>parent.message_size_max</code>. The maximum value is operating system-dependent. If <code>NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPv6_SOCKET_BUFFER_SIZE_OS_DEFAULT</code>, then <code>setsockopt()</code> (or equivalent) will not be called to size the send buffer of the socket.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(recv_socket_buffer_size)</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the receive buffer of a socket used for receiving. On most operating systems, <code>setsockopt()</code> will be called to set the RECVBUF to the value of this parameter. This value must be greater than or equal to <code>parent.message_size_max</code>. The maximum value is operating system-dependent. If <code>NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPv6_SOCKET_BUFFER_SIZE_OS_DEFAULT</code>, then <code>setsockopt()</code> (or equivalent) will not be called to size the receive buffer of the socket.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unicast_enabled</td>
<td>Allows the transport plugin to use unicast UDP for sending and receiving. By default, it will be turned on (1). Also by default, it will use all the allowed network interfaces that it finds up and running when the plugin is instanced. Can be 1 (enabled) or 0 (disabled).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multicast_enabled</td>
<td>Allows the transport plugin to use multicast for sending and receiving. You can turn multicast UDP on or off for this plugin. By default, it will be turned on (1). Also by default, it will use all network interfaces allowed for multicast that it finds up and running when the plugin is instanced. Can be 1 (enabled) or 0 (disabled).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multicast_ttl</td>
<td>Value for the time-to-live parameter for all multicast sends using this plugin. This is used to set the TTL of multicast packets sent by this transport plugin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multicast_loopback_disabled</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from putting multicast packets onto the loopback interface. If disabled, then when sending multicast packets, Connext DDS will not put a copy on the loopback interface. This will prevent applications on the same node (including itself) from receiving those packets. This is set to 0 by default, meaning multicast loopback is enabled. Disabling multicast loopback off (setting this value to 1) may result in minor performance gains when using multicast.</td>
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| ignore_loopback_interface | Prevents the transport plugin from using the IP loopback interface. Three values are allowed:  
  - 0: Enable local traffic via this plugin. This plugin will only use and report the IP loopback interface if there are no other network interfaces (NICs) up on the system.  
  - 1: Disable local traffic via this plugin. Do not use the IP loopback interface even if no NICs are discovered. This is useful when you want applications running on the same node to use a more efficient plugin like Shared Memory instead of the IP loopback.  
  - -1: Automatic. Enables local traffic via this plugin. To avoid redundant traffic, Connext DDS will selectively ignore the loopback destinations that are also reachable through shared memory. |
| ignore_nonrunning_interfaces | Prevents the transport plugin from using a network interface that is not reported as RUNNING by the operating system.  
The transport checks the flags reported by the operating system for each network interface upon initialization. An interface which is not reported as UP will not be used. This property allows the same check to be extended to the IFF_RUNNING flag implemented by some operating systems. The RUNNING flag is defined to mean that "all resources are allocated", and may be off if there is no link detected, e.g., the network cable is unplugged. Two values are allowed:  
  - 0: Do not check the RUNNING flag when enumerating interfaces, just make sure the interface is UP.  
  - 1: Check the flag when enumerating interfaces, and ignore those that are not reported as RUNNING. This can be used on some operating systems to cause the transport to ignore interfaces that are enabled but not connected to the network. |
| no_zero_copy | Prevents the transport plugin from doing a zero copy.  
By default, this plugin will use the zero copy on OSs that offer it. While this is good for performance, it may sometime tax the OS resources in a manner that cannot be overcome by the application.  
The best example is if the hardware/device driver lends the buffer to the application itself. If the application does not return the loaned buffers soon enough, the node may error or malfunction. In case you cannot reconfigure the H/W, device driver, or the OS to allow the zero-copy feature to work for your application, you may have no choice but to turn off zero-copy.  
By default this is set to 0, so Connext DDS will use the zero-copy API if offered by the OS. |
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<td>send_blocking</td>
<td>Controls the blocking behavior of send sockets. <strong>CHANGING THIS FROM THE DEFAULT CAN CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS.</strong> Currently two values are defined:</td>
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<td>• NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPv4_BLOCKING_ALWAYS: Sockets are blocking (default socket options for Operating System).</td>
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<td>• NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPv4_BLOCKING_NEVER: Sockets are modified to make them non-blocking. <strong>This is not a supported configuration and may cause significant performance problems.</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>enable_v4mapped</td>
<td>Specifies whether the UDPv6 transport will process IPv4 addresses.</td>
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<td>Set this to 1 to turn on processing of IPv4 addresses. Note that this may make it incompatible with use of the UDPv4 transport within the same DomainParticipant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mask</td>
<td>Sets a mask for use of transport priority field.</td>
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<td>If transport priority mapping is supported on the platform(^1), this mask is used in conjunction with transport_priority_mapping_low (Section below) and transport_priority_mapping_high (Section below) to define the mapping from the DDS transport priority <strong>TRANSPORT_PRIORITY QosPolicy</strong> (Section 6.5.22 on page 407) to the IPv6 TCLASS field.</td>
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<td>Defines a contiguous region of bits in the 32-bit transport priority value that is used to generate values for the IPv6 TCLASS field on an outgoing socket.</td>
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<td>For example, the value 0x0000ff00 causes bits 9-16 (8 bits) to be used in the mapping. The value will be scaled from the mask range (0x0000-0xff00 in this case) to the range specified by low and high.</td>
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<td>If the mask is set to zero, then the transport will not set IPv6 TCLASS for send sockets.</td>
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<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_low</td>
<td>Sets the low and high values of the output range to IPv6 TCLASS.</td>
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<td>These values are used in conjunction with transport_priority_mask (Section above) to define the mapping from DDS transport priority to the IPv6 TCLASS field. Defines the low and high values of the output range for scaling.</td>
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<td>Note that IPv6 TCLASS is generally an 8-bit value.</td>
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<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_high</td>
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\(^1\)See the Platform Notes to find out if the transport priority is supported on a specific platform.
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<td>parent.address_bit_count</td>
<td>Number of bits in a 16-byte address that are used by the transport. Should be between 0 and 128. For example, for an address range of 0-255, this address_bit_count should be set to 8. For the range of addresses used by IPv4 (4 bytes), it should be set to 32.</td>
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<tr>
<td>parent.properties_bitmap</td>
<td>A bitmap that defines various properties of the transport to the Connext DDS core. Currently, the only property supported is whether or not the transport plugin will always loan a buffer when Connext DDS tries to receive a message using the plugin. This is in support of a zero-copy interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>parent.gather_send_buffer_count_max</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of buffers that Connext DDS can pass to the send() method of a transport plugin. The transport plugin send() API supports a gather-send concept, where the send() call can take several discontiguous buffers, assemble and send them in a single message. This enables Connext DDS to send a message from parts obtained from different sources without first having to copy the parts into a single contiguous buffer. However, most transports that support a gather-send concept have an upper limit on the number of buffers that can be gathered and sent. Setting this value will prevent Connext DDS from trying to gather too many buffers into a send call for the transport plugin. Connext DDS requires all transport-plugin implementations to support a gather-send of at least a minimum number of buffers. This minimum is NDDS_TRANSPORTPROPERTY_GATHER_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT_MIN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.message_size_max</td>
<td>The maximum size of a message in bytes that can be sent or received by the transport plugin. This value must be set before the transport plugin is registered, so that Connext DDS can properly use the plugin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.allow_interfaces_list</td>
<td>Not applicable to the Shared-Memory Transport</td>
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<tr>
<td>parent.deny_interfaces_list</td>
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<tr>
<td>parent.allow_multicast_interfaces_list</td>
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<td><code>received_message_count_max</code></td>
<td>Number of messages that can be buffered in the receive queue. This is the maximum number of messages that can be buffered in a RecvResource of the Transport Plugin. This does not guarantee that the Transport-Plugin will actually be able to buffer <code>received_message_count_max</code> messages of the maximum size set in <code>parent.message_size_max</code> (Section on the previous page). The total number of bytes that can be buffered for a RecvResource is actually controlled by <code>receive_buffer_size</code> (Section below).</td>
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</table>
| `receive_buffer_size`          | The total number of bytes that can be buffered in the receive queue. This number controls how much memory is allocated by the plugin for the receive queue (on a per RecvResource basis). The actual number of bytes allocated is:  

\[
size = receive_buffer_size + message_size_max + received_message_count_max * fixedOverhead
\]

where `fixedOverhead` is some small number of bytes used by the queue data structure. If `receive_buffer_size < (message_size_max * received_message_count_max)`, the transport plugin will not be able to store `received_message_count_max` messages of size `message_size_max`. If `receive_buffer_size > (message_size_max * received_message_count_max)`, there will be memory allocated that cannot be used by the plugin and thus wasted. To optimize memory usage, specify a receive queue size less than that required to hold the maximum number of messages which are all of the maximum size. In most situations, the average message size may be far less than the maximum message size. So for example, if the maximum message size is 64K bytes, and you configure the plugin to buffer at least 10 messages, then 640K bytes of memory would be needed if all messages were 64K bytes. Should this be desired, then `receive_buffer_size` should be set to 640K bytes. However, if the average message size is only 10K bytes, then you could set the `receive_buffer_size` to 100K bytes. This allows you to optimize the memory usage of the plugin for the average case and yet allow the plugin to handle the extreme case. The queue will always be able to hold 1 message of `message_size_max` bytes, regardless of the value of `receive_buffer_size`. |

### 15.6.1 Setting the Maximum Gather-Send Buffer Count for UDPv4 and UDPv6

To minimize memory copies, Connext DDS uses the "gather send" API that may be available on the transport.

Some operating systems limit the number of gather buffers that can be given to the gather-send function. This limits Connext DDS's ability to concatenate multiple DDS samples into a single network message.
An example is the UDP transport's `sendmsg()` call, which on some OSs (such as Solaris) can only take 16 gather buffers, limiting the number of DDS samples that can be concatenated to five or six.

To match this limitation, Connext DDS sets the UDPv4 and UDPv6 transport plug-ins' `gather_send_buffer_count_max` to 16 by default for all operating systems. This field is part of the `NDDS_Transport_Property_t` structure.

- On VxWorks 5.5 operating systems, `gather_send_buffer_count_max` can be set as high as 63.
- On Windows and INTEGRITY operating systems, `gather_send_buffer_count_max` can be set as high as 128.
- On most other operating systems, `gather_send_buffer_count_max` can be set as high as 16.

If you are using an OS that allows more than 16 gather buffers for a `sendmsg()` call, you may increase the UDPv4 or UDPv6 transport plug-in's `gather_send_buffer_count_max` from the default up to your OS's limit (but no higher than 128).

For example, if your OS imposes a limit of 64 gather buffers, you may increase the `gather_send_buffer_count_max` up to 64. However, if your OS's gather-buffer limit is 1024, you may only increase the `gather_send_buffer_count_max` up to 128.

By changing `gather_send_buffer_count_max`, you can increase performance in the following situations:

- When a `DataWriter` is sending multiple packets to a `DataReader` either because the `DataReader` is a late-joiner and needs to catch up, or because several packets were dropped and need to be resent. Changing the setting will help when the `DataWriter` needs to send or resend more than five or six packets at a time.
- If your application has more than five or six `DataWriters` or `DataReaders` in a participant. (In this case, the change will make the discovery process more efficient.)
- When using an asynchronous `DataWriter`, DDS samples are sent asynchronously by a separate thread. DDS samples may not be sent immediately, but may be queued instead, depending on the settings of the associated FlowController. If multiple DDS samples in the queue must be sent to the same destination, they will be coalesced into as few network packets as possible. The number of DDS samples that can be put in a single message is directly proportional to `gather_send_buffer_count_max`. Therefore, by maximizing `gather_send_buffer_count_max`, you can minimize the number of packets on the wire.

### 15.6.2 Formatting Rules for IPv6 ‘Allow’ and ‘Deny’ Address Lists

This section describes how to format the strings in the properties that create “allow” and “deny” lists:
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- dds.transport.UDPv6.builtin.parent.allow_interfaces_list (Section on page 749)
- dds.transport.UDPv6.builtin.parent.deny_interfaces_list (Section on page 749)
- dds.transport.UDPv6.builtin.parent.allow_multicast_interfaces_list (Section on page 750)
- dds.transport.UDPv6.builtin.parent.deny_multicast_interfaces_list (Section on page 750)

These properties may contain a list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses or an interface name. Interfaces should be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface.

The strings can be addresses and patterns in IPv6 notation. They are case-insensitive.

They may contain a wildcard '*:*' and can expand up to 4 digits in a block. The wildcard must be either leading or trailing (cannot be in the middle of the string). Multiple wildcards can be specified in a single filter, but only one wildcard can be specified per block (between colons). Table 15.5 Examples of IPv6 Address Filters shows some examples.

### Table 15.5 Examples of IPv6 Address Filters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Example Filter</th>
<th>Equivalent Filters</th>
<th>Matches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FE80:0:0:0:0:0:*</td>
<td>Fe80:0:0:0:0:0:*</td>
<td>FE80:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:xxxx:xxxx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FE80:aBC::0:0:0:0:*</td>
<td>FE80:0ABC:0000:0000:0000:0000:xxxx:xxxx</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

15.7 Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport()

After you create an instance of a transport plugin (see Explicitly Creating Builtin Transport Plugin Instances (Section 15.4 on page 745)) , you have to register it.

The builtin transports (UDPv4, UDPv6, and Shared Memory) are implicitly registered by default (if they are enabled via the TRANSPORT_BUILTIN QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.7 on page 605)). Therefore, you only need to explicitly register a builtin transport if you want an extra instance of it (suppose you want two UDPv4 transports, one with special settings).

The register_transport() operation registers a transport plugin for use with a DomainParticipant and assigns it a network address. (Note: this operation is only available in the APIs other than Java or .NET. If you are using Java or .NET, use the Property QosPolicy to install additional transport plugins.)
### 15.7.1 Transport Lifecycles

If you create and register a transport plugin with a DomainParticipant, you are responsible for deleting it by calling its destructor. Built-in transport plugins are automatically managed by Connext DDS if they are implicitly registered through the TransportBuiltInQosPolicy.

User-created transport plugins must not be deleted while they are still in use by a DomainParticipant. This generally means that a user-created transport plugin instance can only be deleted after the DomainParticipant with which it was registered is deleted. Note that a transport plugin cannot be "unregistered" from a DomainParticipant.

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```cpp
NDDS_Transport_Handle_t NDDSTransportSupport::register_transport(
    DDSDomainParticipant * participant_in,
    NDDS_Transport_Plugin * transport_in,
    const DDS_StringSeq & aliases_in,
    const NDDS_Transport_Address_t & network_address_in)
```

Where:

- **participant_in**: A non-NULL, disabled DomainParticipant.
- **transport_in**: A non-NULL transport plugin that is currently not registered with another DomainParticipant.
- **aliases_in**: A non-NULL sequence of strings used as aliases to refer to the transport plugin symbolically. The transport plugin will be "available for use" to an Entity contained in the DomainParticipant, if the transport alias list associated with the Entity contains one of these transport aliases. An empty alias list represents a WILDCARD and matches ALL aliases. See Transport Aliases (Section 15.7.2 on the facing page).
- **network_address_in**: The network address at which to register this transport plugin. The least significant transport_in.property.address_bit_count will be truncated. The remaining bits are the network address of the transport plugin. See Transport Network Addresses (Section 15.7.3 on page 767).

**Note**: You must ensure that the transport plugin instance is only used by one DomainParticipant at a time. See Transport Lifecycles (Section 15.7.1 below).

Upon success, a valid non-NIL transport handle is returned, representing the association between the DomainParticipant and the transport plugin. If the transport cannot be registered, NDDS_TRANSPORT_HANDLE_NIL is returned.

Note that a transport plugin's class name is automatically registered as an implicit alias for the plugin. Thus, a class name can be used to refer to all the transport plugin instances of that class.

The C and C++ APIs also have a operation to retrieve a registered transport plugin, `get_transport_plugin(0)`.

```cpp
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* get_transport_plugin(
    DDSDomainParticipant* participant_in,
    const char* alias_in);
```
A transport plugin instance cannot be registered with more than one DomainParticipant at a time. This requirement is necessary to guarantee the multi-threaded safety of the transport API.

Thus, if the same physical transport resources are to be used with multiple DomainParticipants in the same address space, the transport plugin should be written in such a way so that it can be instantiated multiple times—once for each DomainParticipant in the address space. Note that it is always possible to write the transport plugin so that multiple transport plugin instances share the same underlying resources; however, the burden (if any) of guaranteeing multi-threaded safety to access shared resource shifts to the transport plugin developer.

### 15.7.2 Transport Aliases

In order to use a transport plugin instance in a Connext DDS application, it must be registered with a DomainParticipant using the register_transport() operation (Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)). register_transport() takes a pointer to the transport plugin instance, and in addition allows you to specify a sequence of "alias" strings to symbolically refer to the transport plugin. The same alias strings can be used to register more than one transport plugin.

Multiple transport plugins can be registered with a DomainParticipant. An alias symbolically refers to one or more transport plugins registered with the DomainParticipant. Pre-configured builtin transport plugin instances can be referred to using preconfigured aliases.

A transport plugin's class name is automatically used as an implicit alias. It can be used to refer to all the transport plugin instance of that class.

You can use aliases to refer to transport plugins in order to specify:

- Transport plugins to use for discovery (see enabled_transports in DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)), and for DataWriters and DataReaders (see TRANSPORT_SELECTION QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.23 on page 409)).
- Multicast addresses on which to receive discovery messages (see multicast_receive_addresses in DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)), and the multicast addresses and ports on which to receive user data (DDS_DataReaderQos::multicast).
- Unicast ports used for user data (see TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410)) on both DataWriters and DataReaders.
- Transport plugins used to parse an address string in a locator.

A DomainParticipant (and its contained entities) will start using a transport plugin after the DomainParticipant is enabled (see Enabling DDS Entities (Section 4.1.2 on page 145)). An entity will use all the transport plugins that match the specified transport QoS policy. All transport plugins are treated uniformly, regardless of how they were created or registered; there is no notion of some transports being more "special" that others.
15.7.3 Transport Network Addresses

The address bits not used by the transport plugin for its internal addressing constitute its network address bits.

In order for Connext DDS to properly route the messages, each unicast interface in the DDS domain must have a unique address.

You specify the network address when installing a transport plugin via the `register_transport()` operation (Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with `register_transport()` (Section 15.7 on page 764)). Choose the network address for a transport plugin so that the resulting fully qualified 128-bit address will be unique in the DDS domain.

If two instances of a transport plugin are registered with a `DomainParticipant`, they need different network addresses so that their unicast interfaces will have unique, fully qualified 128-bit addresses.

While it is possible to create multiple transports with the same network address (this can be useful for certain situations), this requires special entity configuration for most transports to avoid clashes in resource use (e.g., sockets for UDPv4 transport).

15.8 Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with PropertyQosPolicy

Similar to default builtin transport instances, additional builtin transport instances can also be configured through `PROPERTY QosPolicy` (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).

To install additional instances of builtin transport, the Properties listed in Table 15.6 Properties for Dynamically Loading and Registering Additional Builtin Transport Plugins are required.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>dds.transport.load_plugins</td>
<td>Comma-separated list of &lt;TRANSPORT_PREFIX&gt;. Up to 8 entries may be specified.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 15.6 Properties for Dynamically Loading and Registering Additional Builtin Transport Plugins

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| `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>` | Indicates the additional builtin transport instances to be installed, and must be in one of the following form, where `<STRING>` can be any string other than “builtin”:
  dds.transport.shmem.<STRING>
  dds.transport.UDPv4.<STRING>
  dds.transport.UDPv6.<STRING>
  In the following examples in this table, `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>` is used to indicate one element of this string that is used as a prefix in the property names for all the settings that are related to the plugin. |
| `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>`,aliases | Optional. Aliases used to register the transport to the DomainParticipant. Refer to the aliases_in parameter in register_transport() (see Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)). Aliases should be specified as a comma separated string, with each comma delimiting an alias. If it is not specified, `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>` is used as the default alias for the plugin. |
| `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>`,network_address | Optional. Network address used to register the transport to the DomainParticipant. Refer to network_address_in parameter in register_transport() (see Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)). If it is not specified, the network_address_out output parameter from NDDS_Transport_create_plugin is used. The default value is a zeroed out network address. |
| `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>`,<property_name> | Optional. Property for creating the transport plugin. More than one `<TRANSPORT_PREFIX>`,<property_name>` can be specified. See Table 15.2 Properties for the Builtin UDPv4 Transport through Table 15.4 Properties for Builtin Shared-Memory Transport for the property names that can be used to configure the additional builtin transport instances. The only difference is that the property name will be prefixed by dds.transport.<builtin_transport_name>,<instance_name>, where `<instance_name>` is configured through the dds.transport.load_plugins property instead of dds.transport.<builtin_transport_name>.builtin. |

15.9 Other Transport Support Operations

15.9.1 Adding a Send Route

By default, a transport plugin will send outgoing messages using the network address range at which the plugin was registered.

The add_send_route() operation allows you to control the routing of outgoing messages, so that a transport plugin will only send messages to certain ranges of destination addresses.

Before using this operation, the DomainParticipant to which the transport is registered must be disabled.
15.9.2 Adding a Receive Route

By default, a transport plugin will receive incoming messages using the network address range at which the plugin was registered.

The `add_receive_route()` operation allows you to configure a transport plugin so that it will only receive messages on certain ranges of addresses.

Before using this operation, the `DomainParticipant` to which the transport is registered must be disabled.

Where:

`transport_handle_in` A valid non-NIL transport handle as a result of a call to `register_transport()` (Installing Additional Built-in Transport Plugins with `register_transport()` (Section 15.7 on page 764)).

`address_range_in` The outgoing address range for which to use this transport plugin.

`address_range_bit_count_in` The number of most significant bits used to specify the address range.

It returns one of the standard return codes or DDS_RET_CODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET.

The method can be called multiple times for a transport plugin, with different address ranges. You can set up a routing table to restrict the use of a transport plugin to send messages to selected addresses ranges.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Outgoing Address Range 1</th>
<th>-&gt;</th>
<th>Transport Plugin</th>
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<td>...</td>
<td>-&gt;</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outgoing Address Range K</td>
<td>-&gt;</td>
<td>Transport Plugin</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### DDS_ReturnCode_t NDDSTransportSupport::add_send_route()

```c
    const NDDS_Transport_Handle_t & transport_handle_in,
    const NDDS_Transport_Address_t & address_range_in,
    DDS_Long address_range_bit_count_in)
```

Where:

`transport_handle_in` A valid non-NIL transport handle as a result of a call to `register_transport()` (Installing Additional Built-in Transport Plugins with `register_transport()` (Section 15.7 on page 764)).
address_range_in  The incoming address range for which to use this transport plugin.

address_range_bit_count_in  The number of most significant bits used to specify the address range.

It returns one of the standard return codes or DDS_RETCODE_PRECONDITION_NOT_MET.

The method can be called multiple times for a transport plugin, with different address ranges.

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<td>&lt;-</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transport Plugin</td>
<td>&lt;-</td>
<td>Incoming Address Range M</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can set up a routing table to restrict the use of a transport plugin to receive messages from selected ranges. For example, you may restrict a transport plugin to:

Receive messages from a certain multicast address range.

Receive messages only on certain unicast interfaces (when multiple unicast interfaces are available on the transport plugin).

### 15.9.3 Looking Up a Transport Plugin

If you need to get the handle associated with a transport plugin that is registered with a DomainParticipant, use the `lookup_transport()` operation.

```c
NDDS_Transport_Handle_t NDDSTransportSupport::lookup_transport(
    DDSDomainParticipant * participant_in,
    DDS_StringSeq & aliases_out,
    NDDS_Transport_Address_t & network_address_out,
    NDDS_Transport_Plugin * transport_in )
```

Where:

- **participant_in**  A non-NULL DomainParticipant.
- **aliases_out**  A sequence of strings where the aliases used to refer to the transport plugin symbolically will be returned. NULL if not interested.
- **network_address_out**  The network address at which to register the transport plugin will be returned here. NULL if not interested.
- **transport_in**  A non-NULL transport plugin that is already registered with the DomainParticipant.

If successful, this operation returns a valid non-NIL transport handle, representing the association between the DomainParticipant and the transport plugin; otherwise it returns a NDDS_TRANSPORT_HANDLE.Nil upon failure.
Chapter 16 Built-In Topics

This chapter discusses how to use Built-in Topics.

Connext DDS must discover and keep track of remote entities, such as new participants in the DDS domain. This information may also be important to the application itself, which may want to react to this discovery or access it on demand. To support these needs, Connext DDS provides built-in Topics (“DCPSParticipant”, “DCPSPublication”, “DCPSSubscription” in Built-in Writers and Readers for Discovery (Section Figure 14.2 on page 717)) and the corresponding built-in DataReaders that you can use to access this discovery information.

The discovery information is accessed just as if it is normal application data. This allows the application to know (either via listeners or by polling) when there are any changes in those values. Note that only entities that belong to a different DomainParticipant are being discovered and can be accessed through the built-in readers. Entities that are created within the local DomainParticipant are not included as part of the data that can be accessed by the built-in readers.

Built-in topics contain information about the remote entities, including their QoS policies. These QoS policies appear as normal fields inside the topic’s data, which can be read by means of the built-in Topic. Additional information is provided to identify the entity and facilitate the application logic.

16.1 Listeners for Built-in Entities

Built-in entities have default listener settings:

- The built-in Subscriber and its built-in topics have 'nil' listeners—all status bits are set in the listener masks, but the listener is NULL. This effectively creates a NO-OP listener that does not reset communication status.
- Built-in DataReaders have null listeners with no status bits set in their masks.

This approach prevents callbacks to the built-in DataReader listeners from invoking your DomainParticipant’s listeners, and at the same time ensures that the status changed flag is not
reset. For more information, see Table 4.4 Effect of Different Combinations of Listeners and Status Bit Masks and Hierarchical Processing of Listeners (Section 4.4.4 on page 172).

16.2 Built-in DataReaders

Built-in DataReaders belong to a built-in Subscriber, which can be retrieved by using the DomainParticipant’s get_builtin_subscriber() operation. You can retrieve the built-in DataReaders by using the Subscriber’s lookup_datareader() operation, which takes the Topic name as a parameter. The built-in DataReader is created when lookup_datareader() is called on a built-in topic for the first time.

To conserve memory, built-in Subscribers and DataReaders are created only if and when you look them up. Therefore, if you do not want to miss any built-in data, you should look up the built-in readers before the DomainParticipant is enabled.

Table 16.1 Participant Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_ParticipantBuiltinTopicData) through Table 16.4 Topic Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_TopicBuiltinTopicData) (Note: (Section on page 780)) describe the built-in topics and their data types. The USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415), TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204) and GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318) are included as part of the built-in data type and are not used by Connext DDS. Therefore, you can use them to send application-specific information.

Built-in topics can be used in conjunction with the ignore_() operations to ignore certain entities (see Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities (Section 16.4 on page 783)).

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<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey</td>
<td>key</td>
<td>Key to distinguish the discovered DomainParticipant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_UserDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>user_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the related DomainParticipant is created (via the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) and that the application may use as it wishes (e.g., to perform some security checking).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PropertyQosPolicy</td>
<td>property</td>
<td>Pairs of names/values to be stored with the DomainParticipant. See PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391). The usage is strictly application-dependent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ProtocolVersion_t</td>
<td>rtps_protocol_version</td>
<td>Version number of the RTPS wire protocol used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_VendorId_t</td>
<td>rtps_vendor_id</td>
<td>ID of vendor implementing the RTPS wire protocol.</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDSUnsignedLong</td>
<td>dds_builtin_endpoints</td>
<td>Bitmap set by the discovery plugins. Each bit in this field indicates a built-in endpoint present for discovery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LocatorSeq</td>
<td>default_unicast_locators</td>
<td>If the TransportUnicastQosPolicy is not specified when a DataWriter/DataReader is created, the unicast_locators in the corresponding Publication/Subscription-built-in topic data will be empty. When the unicast_locators in the Publication/SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData is empty, the default_unicast_locators in the corresponding Participant Builtin Topic Data is assumed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ProductVersion_t</td>
<td>product_version</td>
<td>Vendor-specific parameter. The current version of Connext DDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy</td>
<td>participant_name</td>
<td>Name and role_name assigned to the DomainParticipant. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DomainId_t</td>
<td>domain_id</td>
<td>Domain ID associated with the discovered participant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportInfoSeq</td>
<td>transport_info</td>
<td>A sequence of DDS_TransportInfo_t containing information about each of the installed transports of the discovered DomainParticipant. A DDS_TransportInfo_t structure contains the class_id and message_size_max for a single transport. The maximum length of this sequence is controlled by the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592) transport_info_list_max_length (see Table 8.12 DDS_DomainParticipantResourceLimitsQosPolicy ). Connext DDS uses the transport information propagated via discovery to detect potential misconfigurations in a Connext DDS distributed system. If two DomainParticipants that discover each other have one common transport with different values for message_size_max, Connext DDS prints a warning message about that condition.</td>
</tr>
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<td>key</td>
<td>Key to distinguish the discovered DataWriter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey_t</td>
<td>participant_key</td>
<td>Key to distinguish the participant to which the discovered DataWriter belongs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_String</td>
<td>topic_name</td>
<td>Topic name of the discovered DataWriter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_String</td>
<td>type_name</td>
<td>Type name attached to the topic of the discovered DataWriter</td>
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<td>durability</td>
<td>QosPolicies of the discovered <code>DataWriter</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DurabilityService-QosPolicy</td>
<td>durability_service</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy</td>
<td>deadline</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DestinationOrder-QosPolicy</td>
<td>destination_order</td>
<td>QosPolicies of the discovered <code>DataWriter</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LatencyBudget-QosPolicy</td>
<td>latency_budget</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy</td>
<td>liveliness</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy</td>
<td>reliability</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LifespanQosPolicy</td>
<td>lifespan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_UserDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>user_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <code>DataWriter</code> is created (via the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) and that the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy</td>
<td>ownership</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OwnershipStrength-QosPolicy</td>
<td>ownership_strength</td>
<td>QosPolicies of the discovered <code>DataWriter</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DestinationOrder-QosPolicy</td>
<td>destination_order</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PresentationQosPolicy</td>
<td>presentation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PartitionQosPolicy</td>
<td>partition</td>
<td>Name of the partition, set in the PARTITION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.5 on page 321) for the publisher to which the discovered <code>DataWriter</code> belongs</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_TopicDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>topic_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <em>Topic</em> (with which the discovered <em>DataWriter</em> is associated) is created (via the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy) and the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_GroupDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>group_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <em>Publisher</em> to which the discovered <em>DataWriter</em> belongs is created (via the GROUP_DATA QosPolicy) and the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TypeObject *</td>
<td>type</td>
<td>Describes the type of the remote <em>DataReader</em>. See the API Reference HTML documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TypeCode *</td>
<td>type_code</td>
<td>Type code information about this <em>Topic</em>. See Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone) (Section 3.6 on page 127).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey_t</td>
<td>publisher_key</td>
<td>The key of the <em>Publisher</em> to which the <em>DataWriter</em> belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PropertyQosPolicy</td>
<td>property</td>
<td>Properties (pairs of names/values) assigned to the corresponding <em>DataWriter</em>. Usage is strictly application-dependent. See PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LocatorSeq</td>
<td>unicast_locators</td>
<td>If the TransportUnicastQosPolicy is not specified when a <em>DataWriter/DataReader</em> is created, the unicast_locators in the corresponding Publication/Subcription built-in topic data will be empty. When the unicast_locators in the Publication/SubcriptionBuiltinTopicData is empty, the default_unicast_locators in the corresponding Participant Builtin Topic Data is assumed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>virtual_guid</td>
<td>Virtual GUID for the corresponding <em>DataWriter</em>. For more information, see Durability and Persistence Based on Virtual GUIDs (Section 12.2 on page 679).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ServiceQosPolicy</td>
<td>service</td>
<td>Service associated with the discovered <em>DataWriter</em>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ProtocolVersion_t</td>
<td>rtps_protocol_version</td>
<td>Version number of the RTPS wire protocol in use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_VendorId_t</td>
<td>rtps_vendor_id</td>
<td>ID of the vendor implementing the RTPS wire protocol.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ProductVersion_t</td>
<td>product_version</td>
<td>Vendor-specific value. For RTI, this is the current version of Connext DDS.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 16.2 Built-in DataReaders

**Table 16.2 Publication Built-in Topic's Data Type (DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicData)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LocatorFilterQosPolicy</td>
<td>locator_filter</td>
<td>When the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) is used on the discovered DataWriter, the locator_filter contains the sequence of LocatorFilters in that policy. There is one LocatorFilter per DataWriter channel. A channel is defined by a filter expression and a sequence of multicast locators. See LOCATOR_FILTER QoS Policy (DDS Extension) (Section 16.2.1 on page 781).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks</td>
<td>Vendor specific parameter. Determines whether matching DataReaders send positive acknowledgements for reliability.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy</td>
<td>publication_name</td>
<td>Name and role_name assigned to the DataWriter. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 16.3 Subscription Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData)**

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<tr>
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<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey_t</td>
<td>key</td>
<td>Key to distinguish the discovered DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey_t</td>
<td>participant_key</td>
<td>Key to distinguish the participant to which the discovered DataReader belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>topic_name</td>
<td>Topic name of the discovered DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>type_name</td>
<td>Type name attached to the Topic of the discovered DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy</td>
<td>durability</td>
<td>QosPolicies of the discovered DataReader</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy</td>
<td>deadline</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LatencyBudget-QosPolicy</td>
<td>latency_budget</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy</td>
<td>liveliness</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy</td>
<td>reliability</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy</td>
<td>ownership</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DestinationOrderQosPolicy</td>
<td>destination_order</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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### Table 16.3 Subscription Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS_SubscriptionBuiltInTopicData)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_UserDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>user_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <code>DataReader</code> is created (via the <code>USER_DATA QosPolicy</code> (Section 6.5.26 on page 415)) and that the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TimeBasedFilterQosPolicy</td>
<td>time_based_filter</td>
<td>QosPolicies of the discovered <code>DataReader</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PresentationQosPolicy</td>
<td>presentation</td>
<td>Name of the partition, set in the <code>PARTITION QosPolicy</code> (Section 6.4.5 on page 321) for the <code>Subscriber</code> to which the discovered <code>DataReader</code> belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PartitionQosPolicy</td>
<td>partition</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <code>Topic</code> to which the discovered <code>DataReader</code> belongs is created (via the <code>TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy</code> (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)) and that the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TopicDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>topic_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <code>Publisher</code> to which the discovered <code>DataReader</code> belongs is created (via the <code>GROUP_DATA QosPolicy</code> (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)) and that the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_GroupDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>group_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the <code>Publisher</code> to which the discovered <code>DataReader</code> belongs is created (via the <code>GROUP_DATA QosPolicy</code> (Section 6.4.4 on page 318)) and that the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TypeObject *</td>
<td>type</td>
<td>Describes the type of the remote <code>DataReader</code>. See the API Reference HTML documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy</td>
<td>type_consistency</td>
<td>Indicates the type-consistency requirements of the remote <code>DataReader</code>. See <code>TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT QosPolicy</code> (Section 7.6.6 on page 530) and the <code>RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide Addendum for Extensible Types</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TypeCode *</td>
<td>type_code</td>
<td>Type code information about this <code>Topic</code>. See Using Generated Types without Connext DDS (Standalone) (Section 3.6 on page 127).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey_t</td>
<td>subscriber_key</td>
<td>Key of the <code>Subscriber</code> to which the <code>DataReader</code> belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PropertyQosPolicy</td>
<td>property</td>
<td>Properties (pairs of names/values) assigned to the corresponding <code>DataReader</code>. Usage is strictly application-dependent. See <code>PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)</code> (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LocatorSeq</td>
<td>unicast_locators</td>
<td>If the <code>TransportUnicastQosPolicy</code> is not specified when a <code>DataWriter/DataReader</code> is created, the unicastLocators in the corresponding Publication/Subscription builtin topic data will be empty. When the unicastLocators in the Publication/SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData is empty, the default unicastLocators in the corresponding Participant Builtin Topic Data is assumed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LocatorSeq</td>
<td>multicast_locators</td>
<td>Custom multicast locators that the endpoint can specify.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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### Table 16.3 Subscription Built-in Topic's Data Type (DDS_SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ContentFilter-Property_t</td>
<td>content_filter_property</td>
<td>Provides all the required information to enable content filtering on the writer side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_GUID_t</td>
<td>virtual_guid</td>
<td>Virtual GUID for the corresponding DataReader. For more information, see Durability and Persistence Based on Virtual GUIDs (Section 12.2 on page 679).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ServiceQosPolicy</td>
<td>service</td>
<td>Service associated with the discovered DataReader.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ProocolVersion_t</td>
<td>rtps_protocol_version</td>
<td>Version number of the RTPS wire protocol in use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_VENDORId_t</td>
<td>rtps_vendor_id</td>
<td>ID of the vendor implementing the RTPS wire protocol.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_PRODUCTVersion_t</td>
<td>product_version</td>
<td>Vendor-specific value. For RTI, this is the current version of Connext DDS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>disable_positive_acks</td>
<td>Vendor specific parameter. Determines whether matching DataReaders send positive acknowledgements for reliability.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_EntityNameQosPolicy</td>
<td>subscription_name</td>
<td>Name and role_name assigned to the DataReader. See ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Table 16.4 Topic Built-in Topic's Data Type (DDS_TopicBuiltinTopicData)  
(Section on page 780)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_BuiltinTopicKey_t</td>
<td>key</td>
<td>Key to distinguish the discovered Topic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_String</td>
<td>name</td>
<td>Topic name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_String</td>
<td>type_name</td>
<td>type name attached to the Topic</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 16.4 Topic Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS.TopicBuiltinTopicData) *(Note: (Section on page 780))*

<table>
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<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DurabilityQosPolicy</td>
<td>durability</td>
<td>QosPolicy of the discovered Topic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DurabilityServiceQosPolicy</td>
<td>durability_service</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DeadlineQosPolicy</td>
<td>deadline</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LatencyBudgetQosPolicy</td>
<td>latency_budget</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LivelinessQosPolicy</td>
<td>liveliness</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy</td>
<td>reliability</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TransportPriorityQosPolicy</td>
<td>transport_priority</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_LifespanQosPolicy</td>
<td>lifespan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_DestinationOrderQosPolicy</td>
<td>destination_order</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_HistoryQosPolicy</td>
<td>history</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_ResourceLimitsQosPolicy</td>
<td>resource_limits</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_OwnershipQosPolicy</td>
<td>ownership</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_TopicDataQosPolicy</td>
<td>topic_data</td>
<td>Data that can be set when the Topic to which the discovered DataReader belongs is created (via the TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204)) and that the application may use as it wishes.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 16.5 QoS of Built-in Subscriber and DataReader lists the QoS of the built-in Subscriber and DataReader created for accessing discovery data. These are provided for your reference only; they cannot be changed.

**Table 16.5 QoS of Built-in Subscriber and DataReader**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>QosPolicy</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Deadline</td>
<td>period = infinite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DestinationOrder</td>
<td>kind = BY_RECEPTION_TIMESTAMP_DESTINATIONORDER_QOS</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 16.5 QoS of Built-in Subscriber and DataReader

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<th>QosPolicy</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Durability</td>
<td>kind = TRANSIENT_LOCAL_DURABILITY_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EntityFactory</td>
<td>autoenable_created_entities = TRUE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GroupData</td>
<td>value = empty sequence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>History</td>
<td>kind = KEEP_LAST_HISTORY_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>depth = 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LatencyBudget</td>
<td>duration = 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liveliness</td>
<td>kind = AUTOMATIC_LIVELINESS_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>lease_duration = infinite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ownership</td>
<td>kind = SHARED_OWNERHIP_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ownership Strength</td>
<td>value = 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation</td>
<td>access_scope = TOPIC_PRESENTATION_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>coherent_access = FALSE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ordered_access = FALSE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Partition</td>
<td>name = empty sequence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ReaderDataLifecycle</td>
<td>autopurge_nowriter_samples_delay = infinite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reliability</td>
<td>kind = RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_blocking_time is irrelevant for the DataReader</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ResourceLimits</td>
<td>Depends on setting of DomainParticipantResourceLimitsQosPolicy and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DiscoveryConfigQosPolicy in DomainParticipantQos:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_samples = domainParticipantQos.discovery_config.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[participant/publication/subscription]_reader_resource_limits.max_samples</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_instances = domainParticipantQos.resource_limits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[remote_writer/reader/participant]_allocation.max_count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>max_samples_per_instance = 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TimeBasedFilter</td>
<td>minimum_separation = 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TopicData</td>
<td>value = empty sequence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UserData</td>
<td>value = empty sequence</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:**
The DDS.TopicBuiltinTopicData built-in topic (described in Table 16.4 Topic Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS.TopicBuiltinTopicData) (Note: (Section on page 778))) is meant to convey information about discovered Topics. However, this topic's data is not sent separately and therefore a DataReader for DDS.TopicBuiltinTopicData will not receive any data. Instead, DDS.TopicBuiltinTopicData data is included in the information carried by the built-in topics for Publications and Subscriptions (DDS.PublicationBuiltinTopicData and DDS.SubscriptionBuiltinTopicData) and can be accessed with their built-in DataReaders.

### 16.2.1 LOCATOR_FILTER QoS Policy (DDS Extension)

The LocatorFilter QoS Policy is only applicable to the built-in topic for a Publication (see Table 16.2 Publication Built-in Topic’s Data Type (DDS.PublicationBuiltinTopicData)).

#### Table 16.6 DDS_LocatorFilterQosPolicy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS.LocatorFilterSeq</td>
<td>locator filters</td>
<td>A sequence of locator filters, described in Table 16.7 DDS_LocatorFilter_t. There is one locator filter per DataWriter channel. If the length of the sequence is zero, the DataWriter is not using multi-channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>filter_name</td>
<td>Name of the filter class used to describe the locator filter expressions. The following two values are supported:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Table 16.7 DDS_LocatorFilter_t

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS.LocatorSeq</td>
<td>locators</td>
<td>A sequence of multicast address locators for the locator filter. See Table 16.8 DDS_Locator_t.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char *</td>
<td>filter_expression</td>
<td>A logical expression used to determine if the data will be published in the channel associated with this locator filter. See SQL Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.6 on page 216) and STRINGMATCH Filter Expression Notation (Section 5.4.7 on page 225) for information about the expression syntax.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 16.3 Accessing the Built-in Subscriber

Getting the built-in subscriber allows you to retrieve the built-in readers of the built-in topics through the `Subscriber’s lookup_datareader()` operation. By accessing the built-in reader, you can access discovery information about remote entities.

```c
// Lookup built-in reader
DDSDataReader *builtin_reader =
    builtin_subscriber->lookup_datareader(DDS_PUBLICATION_TOPIC_NAME);
if (builtin_reader == NULL) {
    // ... error
}

// Register listener to built-in reader
MyPublication builtin_reader_listener =
    new MyPublication();
if (builtin_reader->set_listener(builtin_reader_listener,
    DDS_DATA_AVAILABLE_STATUS) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
```
For example, you can call the DomainParticipant’s get_builtin_subscriber() operation, which will provide you with a built-in Subscriber. Then you can use that built-in Subscriber to call the Subscriber’s lookup_datareader() operation; this will retrieve the built-in reader. Another option is to register a Listener on the built-in subscriber instead, or poll for the status of the built-in subscriber to see if any of the built-in data readers have received data.

16.4 Restricting Communication—Ignoring Entities

The ignore_participant() operation allows an application to ignore all communication from a specific DomainParticipant. Or for even finer control you can use the ignore_publication(), ignore_subscription(), and ignore_topic() operations. These operations are described below.

```c
DDCache_free_t ignore_participant (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &handle)
DDCache_free_t ignore_publication (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &handle)
DDCache_free_t ignore_subscription (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &handle)
DDCache_free_t ignore_topic (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t &handle)
```

The entity to ignore is identified by the handle argument. It may be a local or remote entity. For ignore_publication(), the handle will be that of a local DataWriter or a discovered remote DataWriter. For ignore_subscription(), that handle will be that of a local DataReader or a discovered remote DataReader.

The safest approach for ignoring an entity is to call the ignore operation within the Listener callback of the built-in reader, or before any local entities are enabled. This will guarantee that the local entities (entities that are created by the local DomainParticipant) will never have a chance to establish communication with the remote entities (entities that are created by another DomainParticipant) that are going to be ignored.

If the above is not possible and a remote entity is to be ignored after the communication channel has been established, the remote entity will still be removed from the database of the local application as if it never existed. However, since the remote application is not aware that the entity is being ignored, it may potentially be expecting to receive messages or continuing to send messages. Depending on the QoS of the remote entity, this may affect the behavior of the remote application and may potentially stop the remote application from communicating with other entities.
You can use this operation in conjunction with the ParticipantBuiltinTopicData to implement access control. You can pass application data associated with a DomainParticipant in the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415). This application data is propagated as a field in the built-in topic. Your application can use the data to implement an access control policy.

Ignore operations, in conjunction with the Built-in Topic Data, can be used to implement access control. You can pass data associated with an entity in the USER_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.5.26 on page 415), GROUP_DATA QosPolicy (Section 6.4.4 on page 318) or TOPIC_DATA QosPolicy (Section 5.2.1 on page 204). This data is propagated as a field in the built-in topic. When data for a built-in topic is received, the application can check the user_data, group_data or topic_data field of the remote entity, determine if it meets the security requirement, and ignore the remote entity if necessary.

See also: Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708).

16.4.1 Ignoring Specific Remote DomainParticipants

The ignore_participant() operation is used to instruct Connext DDS to locally ignore a remote DomainParticipant. It causes Connext DDS to locally behave as if the remote DomainParticipant does not exist.

```c++
void DDS_ReturnCode_t ignore_participant (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & handle)
```

After invoking this operation, Connext DDS will locally ignore any Topic, publication, or subscription that originates on that DomainParticipant. (If you only want to ignore specific publications or subscriptions, see Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions (Section 16.4.2 on the facing page) instead.) Ignoring Participants (Section Figure 16.1 below) provides an example.

By default, the maximum number of participants that can be ignored is limited by ignored_entity_allocation.max_count in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANTRESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4 on page 592). However, that behavior can be changed by using ignore_entity_replacement_kind in the same QoS policy.

See also: Resource Limits Considerations for Ignored Entities (Section 16.4.4 on page 787).

Caution: There is no way to reverse this operation. You can add to the peer list, however—see Adding and Removing Peers List Entries (Section 8.5.2.3 on page 580).

Figure 16.1 Ignoring Participants

```c++
class MyParticipantBuiltinTopicDataListener : 
public DDSDataReaderListener {
public:
    public:
        virtual void on_data_available(DDSDDataReader *reader);
        // .......
    
};
void MyParticipantBuiltinTopicdataListener::on_data_available{
16.4.2 Ignoring Publications and Subscriptions

You can instruct Connext DDS to locally ignore a publication or subscription. A publication/subscription is defined by the association of a Topic name, user data and partition set on the Publisher/Subscriber. After this call, any data written related to associated DataWriter/DataReader will be ignored.

The entity to ignore is identified by the handle argument. For ignore_publication(), the handle will be that of a DataWriter. For ignore_subscription(), that handle will be that of a DataReader.

This operation can be used to ignore local and remote entities:

- For local entities, you can obtain the handle argument by calling the get_instance_handle() operation for that particular entity.
- For remote entities, you can obtain the handle argument from the DDS_SampleInfo structure retrieved when reading DDS data samples available for the entity’s built-in DataReader.
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```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t ignore_publication (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & handle)
DDS_ReturnCode_t ignore_subscription (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & handle)
```

**Caution:** There is no way to reverse these operations.

Figure 16.2 Ignoring Publications below provides an example.

Figure 16.2 Ignoring Publications

```cpp
class MyPublicationBuiltinTopicDataListener : public DDSDataReaderListener
{
    public:
    virtual void on_data_available(DDSDataReader *reader);
    // .......
};
void MyPublicationBuiltinTopicDataListener::on_data_available(
    DDSDataReader *reader) {
    DDSPublicationBuiltinTopicDataReader *builtinTopicDataReader =
        (DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicDataReader *)reader;
    DDS_PublicationBuiltinTopicDataSeq data_seq;
    DDS_SampleInfoSeq info_seq;
    int i = 0;
    if (builtinTopicDataReader->take(data_seq, info_seq,
        DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED, DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
        DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE, DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE)
        != DDS_RETCODE_OK)
    {
        // ... error
    }
    for (i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
        if (info_seq[i].valid_data) {
            // check user_data for access control
            if (data_seq[i].user_data[0] != 0x9) {
                if (builtinTopicDataReader->get_subscriber()
                    ->get_participant()
                    ->ignore_publication(
                        info_seq[i].instance_handle)
                    != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
                    // ... error
                }
            }
        }
    }
    if (builtinTopicDataReader->return_loan(data_seq, info_seq) !=
        DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        // ...
    }
}
16.4.3 Ignoring Topics

The ignore_topic() operation instructs Connext DDS to locally ignore a Topic. This means it will locally ignore any publication or subscription to the Topic.

```
DDS_ReturnCode_t ignore_topic (const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & handle)
```

Caution: There is no way to reverse this operation.

If you know that your application will never publish or subscribe to data under certain topics, you can use this operation to save local resources.

The Topic to ignore is identified by the handle argument. This handle is the one that appears in the DDS_SampleInfo retrieved when reading the DDS data samples from the built-in DataReader to the Topic.

16.4.4 Resource Limits Considerations for Ignored Entities

When an entity is ignored, Connext DDS adds it to an internal ‘ignore’ table whose resource limits are configured using the ignored_entity_allocation.max_count in the DOMAIN_PARTICIPANT_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.4). The behavior of Connext DDS when this limit is exceeded can be modified by using the ignored_entityReplacement_kind in the same QoS policy.

The default value for ignored_entityReplacement_kind is DDS_NO_REPLACEMENT_IGNORED_ENTITY_REPLACEMENT, meaning that a call to the DomainParticipant’s ignore_participant(), ignore_publication(), or ignore_subscription() will fail if the DomainParticipant has ignored more entities than the limit set in ignored_entity_allocation.max_count entities.

When ignored_entityReplacement_kind is set to DDS_NOT_ALIVE_FIRST_IGNORED_ENTITY_REPLACEMENT, a call to ignore_participant() will not fail when ignored_entity_allocation.max_count is exceeded, as long as there is one DomainParticipant already ignored. Instead, the call will replace one of the existing DomainParticipants in the internal table. The remote DomainParticipant that will be replaced is the one for which the local DomainParticipant had not received any message for the longest time.

When a remote DomainParticipant is replaced in the ‘ignore’ table, it becomes un-ignored. Thus, the local DomainParticipant would have to call ignore_participant() again to re-ignore the replaced entity.

Note: In this release, ignored publications and subscriptions are never replaced in the ‘ignore’ table. Since this table also contains the ignored DomainParticipants, a call to ignore_participant() will fail if ignored_entity_allocation.max_count is reached and none of the ignored entities is a DomainParticipant.

16.4.5 Supervising Endpoint Discovery

It is possible to control for which DomainParticipants endpoint discovery may occur. You can configure this behavior with the enable_endpoint_discovery field in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS
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Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578):

- When set to TRUE (the default value), endpoint discovery will automatically occur for every discovered DomainParticipant. This is the normal operation of the discovery process.

- When set to FALSE, endpoint discovery will be disabled for every discovered DomainParticipant. Then applications will have to manually enable endpoint discovery (described below) for the DomainParticipants they are interested in communicating with. By disabling endpoint discovery, the DomainParticipant will not store any state about remote endpoints and will not send local endpoint information to remote DomainParticipants.

When `enable_endpoint_discovery` is set to FALSE, you have two options after a remote DomainParticipant is discovered:

- Call the DomainParticipant’s `resume_endpoint_discovery()` operation to enable endpoint discovery. After invoking this operation, the DomainParticipant will start to exchange endpoint information so that matching and communication can occur with the remote DomainParticipant.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t resume_endpoint_discovery(
    const DDS_InstanceHandle_t & remote_participant_handle)
```

Or

- Call the DomainParticipant’s `ignore_participant()` operation to permanently ignore endpoint discovery with the remote DomainParticipant.

Setting `enable_endpoint_discovery` to FALSE enables application-level authentication use cases, in which a DomainParticipant will resume endpoint discovery with a remote DomainParticipant after successful authentication at the application level. The following example shows how to provide access control using this feature:

```c
class MyParticipantBuiltInTopicDataListener : public DDSDataReaderListener {
    public:
    virtual void on_data_available(DDSDDataReader *reader);
    // ...
};
void MyParticipantBuiltInTopicDataListener::on_data_available(DDSDDataReader *reader) {
    DDSParticipantBuiltInTopicDataDataReader *
    builtinTopicDataReader = DDSParticipantBuiltInTopicDataDataReader *) reader;
    DDSParticipantBuiltInTopicDataDataReader *data_reader =
    DDS_ParticipantBuiltInTopicDataDataReader *) data_reader;
    DDS_SampleInfoSeq info_seq;
    int i = 0;
    if (builtinTopicDataReader->take(}
data_seq, info_seq,
DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED,
DDS_ANY_SAMPLE_STATE,
DDS_ANY_VIEW_STATE,
DDS_ANY_INSTANCE_STATE)! = DDS_RETCODE_OK){
    // ... error
}
for (i = 0; i < data_seq.length(); ++i) {
    if (info_seq[i].valid_data) {
        DDSDomainParticipant * localParticipant =
            builtinTopicDataReader->
            get_subscriber()->get_participant();
        DDS_ReturnCode_t retCode;
        // check user_data for access control
        if (data_seq[i].user_data[0] != 0x9) {
            retCode = localParticipant->
                ignore_participant(
                    info_seq[i].instance_handle);
        } else {
            retCode = localParticipant->
                resume_endpoint_discovery(
                    info_seq[i].instance_handle);
        }
    }
}
if (builtinTopicDataReader->return_loan(
    data_seq, info_seq)
 != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
    // ... error
}
Chapter 17 Configuring QoS with XML

Connext DDS entities are configured by means of Quality of Service (QoS) policies, which may be set programmatically in one of the following ways:

- Directly when the entity is created as an additional argument to the `create_<entity>()` operation (or the Entity's constructor in the Modern C++ API).
- Directly via the `set_qos()` operation on the entity.
- Indirectly as a default QoS on the factory for the entity (`set_default_<entity>_qos()` operations on `Publisher`, `Subscriber`, `DomainParticipant`, `DomainParticipantFactory`).

Entities can also be configured from an XML file or XML string. With this feature, you can change QoS configurations simply by changing the XML file or string—you do not have to recompile the application. This chapter describes how to configure Connext DDS entities using XML:

### 17.1 Example XML File

The QoS configuration of a `Entity` can be loaded from an XML file or string.

The file contents must follow an important hierarchy: the file contains one or more libraries; each library contains one or more profiles; each profile contains QoS settings.

Let's look at a very basic configuration file, just to get an idea of its contents. You will learn the meaning of each line as you read the rest of this chapter:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<!-- A XML configuration file -->
<dds version = "5.0.0">
    <!-- A QoS Library is a set of related QoS -->
    <qos_library name="RTILibrary">
        <!-- A QoS Profile is a set of related QoS -->
        <qos_profile name="StrictReliableCommunicationProfile">
            <datawriter_qos>
                <history>
                    <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
                </history>
            </datawriter_qos>
        </qos_profile>
    </qos_library>
</dds>
```
17.2 QoS Libraries

A QoS Library is a named set of QoS profiles.

One configuration file may have several QoS libraries, each one defining its own QoS profiles.

All QoS libraries must be declared within `<dds>` and `<dds>` tags. For example:

```xml
<dds>
  <qos_library name="RTILibrary">
    <!-- Individual QoSs are shortcuts
        for QoS Profiles with 1 QoS -->
    <datawriter_qos name="KeepAllWriter">
      <history>
        <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
      </history>
    </datawriter_qos>
    <!-- QoS Profile -->
    <qos_profile name="StrictReliableCommunicationProfile">
      <datawriter_qos>
        <history>
          <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
        </history>
      </datawriter_qos>
      ...
    </qos_profile>
  </qos_library>
</dds>
```

See `<NDDSHOME>/resource/xml/NDDS_QOS_PROFILES.example.xml` for another example; this file contains the default QoS values for all entity kinds.
A QoS library can be reopened within the same configuration file or across different configuration files. For example:

```xml
<dds>
  <qos_library name="RTILibrary">
    ...
  </qos_library>
  ...
  <qos_library name="RTILibrary">
    ...
  </qos_library>
</dds>
```

### 17.3 QoS Profiles

A QoS profile groups a set of related QoS, usually one per entity, identified by a name. For example:

```xml
<qos_profile name="StrictReliableCommunicationProfile">
  <datawriter_qos>
    <history>
      <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
    <reliability>
      <kind>RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
    </reliability>
  </datawriter_qos>
  <datareader_qos>
    <history>
      <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
    <reliability>
      <kind>RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
    </reliability>
  </datareader_qos>
</qos_profile>
```

Duplicate QoS profiles are not allowed. To overwrite a QoS profile, use QoS Profile Inheritance (Section 17.3.3 on page 796).
There are functions that allow you to create Entities using profiles, such as `create_participant_with_profile()` (Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1  on page 554)), `create_topic_with_profile()` (Creating Topics (Section 5.1.1  on page 196)), etc.

If you create an entity using a profile without a QoS definition or an inherited QoS definition (see QoS Profile Inheritance (Section 17.3.3  on page 796)) for that class of entity, Connext DDS uses the default QoS.

**Example 1:**

```xml
<qos_profile name="BatchStrictReliableCommunicationProfile"
  base_name="StrictReliableCommunicationProfile">
  <datawriter_qos>
    <batch>
      <enable>true</enable>
    </batch>
  </datawriter_qos>
</qos_profile>
```

The DataReader QoS value in the profile `BatchStrictReliableCommunicationProfile` is inherited from the profile `StrictReliableCommunicationProfile`.

**Example 2:**

```xml
<qos_profile name="BatchProfile">
  <datawriter_qos>
    <batch>
      <enable>true</enable>
    </batch>
  </datawriter_qos>
</qos_profile>
```

The DataReader QoS value in the profile `BatchProfile` is the default Connext DDS QoS.

### 17.3.1 Built-in QoS Profiles

Several QoS profiles are built into the Connext DDS core libraries and can be used as starting points when configuring QoS for your Connext DDS applications. There are two provided libraries, `BuiltinQosLib` and `BuiltinQosLibExp`, and 34 different profiles. You can use any of these profiles as base profiles when creating your own XML configurations or simply use these profiles directly in the `DDS_**create_**with_profile()` APIs.

There are three types of built-in profiles:

- **Baseline.X.X.X** profiles represent the QoS defaults for Connext DDS version X.X.X. The defaults for the latest Connext DDS version can be accessed using the `BuiltinQosLib::Baseline` profile.
- **Generic.X** profiles allow you to easily configure different features and communication use-cases with Connext DDS. For example, there is a **Generic.StrictReliable** profile for use when your application has a requirement for no data loss, regardless of the application domain.

- **Pattern.X** profiles inherit from **Generic.X** profiles and allow you to configure various domain-specific communication use cases. For example, there is a **Pattern.Alarm** profile that can be used to manage the generation and consumption of alarm events.

The **USER_QOS_PROFILES.xml** file generated by *RTI Code Generator* contains a profile that inherits from the **BuiltinQosLibExp::Generic.StrictReliable** profile as an example of how to use these profiles in your own application.

Example use-cases for these profiles:

- To quickly enable *RTI Monitoring Library* by inheriting from the **Built-inQosLib::Generic.Monitoring.Common** profile. (See note below.)

- To easily revert to the default QoS values from a previous Connext DDS version by inheriting from the correct **BuiltinQosLib::Baseline.X.X.X** profile.

- To set up common use-case configurations and patterns such as strict reliability or large data communication by inheriting from one of the **BuiltinQosLibExp::Generic.X** or **Pattern.X** profiles.

To see the contents of the built-in QoS profiles:

In `<NDDSHOME>/resource/xml`, you will find:

- **BaselineRoot.documentationONLY.xml**—This file contains the root baseline QoS profile corresponding to the default values of Connext DDS 5.0.0.

- **BuiltinProfiles.documentationONLY.xml**—This file contains the rest of the built-in QoS profiles.

Notes:

- The built-in QoS profiles that enable *RTI Monitoring Library* set the property **rti.monitor.create_function**. Consequently, they only work in Connext DDS applications in which the monitoring library can be loaded dynamically. Specifically, the built-in monitoring profiles will not work in these situations:
  - When the Connext DDS application links the monitoring libraries statically
  - When using a VxWorks 6.7 or 6.8 platform with Java¹.

For more information, see Part 9: RTI Monitoring Library (Section on page 1016)).

¹VxWorks 6.7 and 6.8 Java platforms require custom supported libraries.
Some of the built-in profiles are experimental. All the experimental profiles are contained within the library `BuiltinQosLibExp`.

### 17.3.2 Overwriting Default QoS Values

There are two ways to overwrite the default QoS used for new entities with values from a profile: programmatically and with an XML attribute.

- You can overwrite the default QoS programmatically with `set_default_<entity>_qos_with_profile()` (where `<entity>` is participant, topic, publisher, subscriber, datawriter, or datareader).
- You can overwrite the default QoS using the XML attribute `is_default_qos` with the `<qos_profile>` tag.
- Only for the DomainParticipantFactory: You can overwrite the default QoS using the XML attribute `is_default_participant_factory_profile`. This attribute has precedence over `is_default_qos` if both are set.

In the following example, the `DataWriter` and `DataReader` default QoS will be overwritten with the values specified in a profile named ‘`StrictReliableCommunicationProfile`’:

```xml
<qos_profile name="StrictReliableCommunicationProfile"
  is_default_qos="true">
  <datawriter_qos>
    <history>
      <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
    <reliability>
      <kind>RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
    </reliability>
  </datawriter_qos>
  <datareader_qos>
    <history>
      <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
    <reliability>
      <kind>RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
    </reliability>
  </datareader_qos>
</qos_profile>
```

If multiple profiles are configured to overwrite the default QoS, only the last one parsed applies.

**Example:**

In this example, the profile used to configure the default QoSs will be `StrictReliableCommunicationProfile`.

```xml
<qos_profile name="BestEffortCommunicationProfile"
  is_default_qos="true">
```

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17.3.3 QoS Profile Inheritance

An individual QoS or profile can inherit values from other QoSs or profiles described in the XML file by using the attribute, base_name.

Inheriting from other XML Files:

A QoS or QoS Profile may inherit values from other QoSs or QoS Profiles described in different XML files. A QoS or profile can only inherit from other QoS policies or profiles that have already been loaded. The order in which XML resources are loaded is described in How to Load XML-Specified QoS Settings (Section 17.5 on page 809).

The following examples show how to inherit from other profiles:

Example 1:

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
    <qos_profile name="BaseProfile">
        <datawriter_qos>
            ...
        </datawriter_qos>
        <datareader_qos>
            ...
        </datareader_qos>
    </qos_profile>
    <qos_profile name="DerivedProfile" base_name="BaseProfile">
        <datawriter_qos>
            ...
        </datawriter_qos>
        <datareader_qos>
            ...
        </datareader_qos>
    </qos_profile>
</qos_library>
```

The writer_qos and reader_qos in DerivedProfile inherit their values from the corresponding QoS in BaseProfile.

Example 2:

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
    <datareader_qos name="BaseProfile">
        ...
    </datareader_qos>
</qos_library>
```
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The `datareader_qos` in DerivedProfile inherits its values from the `datareader_qos` of BaseProfile. In this example, the `datareader_qos` definition is a shortcut for a profile definition with a single QoS.

Example 3:

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
  <qos_profile name="Profile1">
    <datawriter_qos name="BaseWriterQoS">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datareader_qos>
      ...
    </datareader_qos>
  </qos_profile>
  <qos_profile name="Profile2">
    <datawriter_qos name="DerivedWriterQos">
      base_name="Profile1::BaseWriterQos"
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datareader_qos>
      ...
    </datareader_qos>
  </qos_profile>
</qos_library>
```

The `datawriter_qos` in Profile2 inherits its values from the `datawriter_qos` in Profile1. The `datareader_qos` in Profile2 will not inherit the values from the corresponding QoS in Profile1.

Example 4:

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
  <qos_profile name="Profile1">
    <datawriter_qos>
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datareader_qos>
      ...
    </datareader_qos>
  </qos_profile>
  <qos_profile name="Profile2">
    <datawriter_qos name="BaseWriterQoS">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datareader_qos>
      ...
    </datareader_qos>
  </qos_profile>
  <qos_profile name="Profile3" base_name="Profile1">
```

```xml
```
The `datawriter_qos` in Profile3 inherits its values from the `datawriter_qos` in Profile2. The `datareader_qos` in Profile3 inherits its values from the `datareader_qos` in Profile1.

**Example 5:**

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
  <datareader_qos name="BaseProfile">
  ...
  </datareader_qos>
  <profile name="DerivedProfile" base_name="BaseProfile">
    <datareader_qos>
    ...
    </datareader_qos>
  </profile>
</qos_library>
```

The `datareader_qos` in DerivedProfile inherits its values from the `datareader_qos` in BaseProfile.

### 17.3.4 Topic Filters

A QoS profile may contain several writer, reader and topic QoSs. Connext DDS will select a QoS based on the evaluation of a filter expression on the topic name. The filter expression is specified as an attribute in the XML QoS definition. For example:

```xml
<qos_profile name="StrictReliableCommunicationProfile">
  <datawriter_qos topic_filter="A*">
    <history>
      <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
    <reliability>
      <kind>RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
    </reliability>
  </datawriter_qos>
  <datawriter_qos topic_filter="B*">
    <history>
      <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
    <reliability>
      <kind>RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
    </reliability>
    <resource_limits>
      <max_samples>128</max_samples>
      <max_samples_per_instance>128
    </resource_limits>
  </datawriter_qos>
```

```xml
</qos_profile>
```
If `topic_filter` is not specified in a QoS, Connext DDS will assume the filter `*`. The QoSs with an explicit `topic_filter` attribute definition will be evaluated in order; they have precedence over a QoS without a `topic_filter` expression.

The `topic_filter` attribute is only used with the following APIs:

**DomainParticipantFactory:**

- `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile_w_topic_name()` (where `<entity>` may be topic, datareader, or datatreader; see *Getting QoS Values from a QoS Profile* (Section 8.2.5 on page 545))

**DomainParticipant:**

- `create_datawriter_with_profile()` (see *Creating DataWriters* (Section 6.3.1 on page 263))
- `create_datareader_with_profile()` (see *Creating DataReaders* (Section 7.3.1 on page 461))
- `create_topic_with_profile()` (see *Creating Topics* (Section 5.1.1 on page 196))

**Publisher:**

- `create_datawriter_with_profile()` (see *Creating DataWriters* (Section 6.3.1 on page 263))

**Subscriber:**

- `create_datareader_with_profile()` (see *Creating DataReaders* (Section 7.3.1 on page 461))

**Topic:**

- `set_qos_with_profile()` (see *Setting Topic QosPolicies* (Section 5.1.3 on page 198))

**DataWriter:**

- `set_qos_with_profile()` (see *Changing QoS Settings After the Publisher Has Been Created* (Section 6.2.4.3 on page 251))
DataReader:

- `set_qos_with_profile()` (see Setting DataReader QosPolicies (Section 7.3.8 on page 481))

Other APIs will ignore QoSs with a `topic_filter` value different than "*". A QoS Profile with QoSs using `topic_filter` can also inherits from other QoS Profiles. In this case, inheritance will consider the value of the `topic_filter` expression.

Example 1:

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
  <qos_profile name="BaseProfile">
    <datawriter_qos>
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datawriter_qos topic_filter="T1*">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datawriter_qos topic_filter="T2*">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
  </qos_profile>
  <qos_profile name="DerivedProfile" base_name="BaseProfile">
    <datawriter_qos topic_filter="T11">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datawriter_qos topic_filter="T21">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datawriter_qos topic_filter="T31">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
  </qos_profile>
</qos_library>
```

The `datawriter_qos` with `topic_filter` T11 in DerivedProfile will inherit its values from the `datawriter_qos` with `topic_filter` T1* in BaseProfile. The `datawriter_qos` with `topic_filter` T21 in DerivedProfile will inherit its values from the `datawriter_qos` with `topic_filter` T2* in BaseProfile. The `datawriter_qos` with `topic_filter` T31 in DerivedProfile will inherit its values from the `datawriter_qos` without `topic_filter` in BaseProfile.

Example 2:

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
  <qos_profile name="BaseProfile">
    <datawriter_qos topic_filter="T1*">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datawriter_qos name="T2DataWriterQoS" topic_filter="T2*">
      ...
    </datawriter_qos>
  </qos_profile>
</qos_library>
```
Although the topic_filter expressions do not match, the datawriter_qos with topic_filter T11 in DerivedProfile will inherit its values from the datawriter_qos with topic_filter T2* in BaseProfile. topic_filter is not used with inheritance from QoS to QoS. The datawriter_qos with topic_filter T21 in DerivedProfile will inherit its values from the datawriter_qos with topic_filter T2* in BaseProfile.

**Example 3:**

```xml
<qos_library name="Library">
    <datawriter_qos name="BaseQos" topic_filter="T1">
        ...  
    </datawriter_qos>
    <datawriter_qos name="DerivedQos" base_name="BaseQos" topic_filter="T2">
        ...  
    </datawriter_qos>
</qos_library>
```

In the case of a single QoS profile, although the topic_filter expressions do not match, the datawriter_qos named DerivedQos with topic_filter T2 will inherit its values from the datawriter_qos named BaseQos with topic_filter T1.

### 17.3.5 QoS Profiles with a Single QoS

The definition of an individual QoS outside a profile is a shortcut for defining a QoS profile with a single QoS. For example:

```xml
<datawriter_qos name="KeepAllWriter">
    <history>
        <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
    </history>
</datawriter_qos>
```

is equivalent to:

```xml
<qos_profile name="KeepAllWriter">
    <datawriter_qos>
        <history>
            <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
        </history>
    </datawriter_qos>
</qos_profile>
```
17.4 Configuring QoS with XML

To configure the QoS for an Entity using XML, use the following tags:

- `<participant_factory_qos>

  Note: The only QoS policies that can be configured for the DomainParticipantFactory are `<entity_factory> and `<logging>.

- `<participant_qos`
- `<publisher_qos`
- `<subscriber_qos`
- `<topic_qos`
- `<datawriter_qos>` or `<writer_qos>` (writer_qos is valid only with DTD validation)
- `<datareader_qos>` or `<reader qos>` (reader_qos is valid only with DTD validation)

Each QoS can be identified by a name. The QoS can inherit its values from other QoSs described in the XML file. For example:

```xml
<datawriter_qos name="DerivedWriterQos" base_name="Lib::BaseWriterQos">
  <history>
    <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
  </history>
</datawriter_qos>
```

In the above example, the datawriter_qos named 'DerivedWriterQos' inherits the values from 'BaseWriterQos' in the library 'Lib'. The HistoryQosPolicy kind is set to KEEP_ALL_HISTROY_QOS.

Each XML tag with an associated name can be uniquely identified by its fully qualified name in C++ style.

The writer, reader and topic QoSs can also contain an attribute called topic_filter that will be used to associate a set of topics to a specific QoS when that QoS is part of a QoS profile. See Topic Filters (Section 17.3.4 on page 798) and URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813).

17.4.1 QosPolicies

The fields in a QosPolicy are described in XML using a 1-to-1 mapping with the equivalent C representation. For example, the Reliability QosPolicy is represented with the following C structures:

```c
struct DDS_Duration_t {
  DDS_Long sec;
  DDSUnsignedLong nanosec;
};
struct DDS_ReliabilityQosPolicy {
```
17.4.2 Sequences

In general, sequences in QosPolicies are described with the following XML format:

```
<a_sequence_member_name>
  <element>...</element>
  <element>...</element>
  ...
</a_sequence_member_name>
```

Each element of the sequence is enclosed in an `<element>` tag. For example:

```
<property>
  <value>
    <element>
      <name>my name</name>
      <value>my value</value>
    </element>
    <element>
      <name>my name2</name>
      <value>my value2</value>
    </element>
  </value>
</property>
```

A sequence without elements represents a sequence of length 0. For example:

```
<discovery>
  <!-- initial_peers sequence contains zero elements -->
  <initial_peers/>
</discovery>
```

For sequences that may have a default initialization that is not empty (such as the `initial_peers` field in the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578)), using the above construct would result in an empty list and not the default value. So to simply show a sequence for the sake of completeness, but not change its default value, comment it out, as follows:

```
<discovery>
  <initial_peers/>
</discovery>
```
As a general rule, sequences defined in a derived QoS will replace the corresponding sequences in the base QoS. For example, consider the following:

```xml
<qos_profile name="MyBaseProfile">
  <participant_qos>
    <discovery>
      <initial_peers>
        <element>192.168.1.1</element>
        <element>192.168.1.2</element>
      </initial_peers>
    </discovery>
  </participant_qos>
</qos_profile>

<qos_profile name="MyDerivedProfile" base_name="MyBaseProfile">
  <participant_qos>
    <discovery>
      <initial_peers>
        <element>192.168.1.3</element>
      </initial_peers>
    </discovery>
  </participant_qos>
</qos_profile>
```

The initial peers sequence defined above in the participant QoS of MyDerivedProfile will contain a single element with a value 192.168.1.3. The elements 192.168.1.1 and 192.168.1.2 will not be inherited. However, there is one exception to this behavior. The <property> tag provides an attribute called inherit that allows you to choose the inheritance behavior for the sequence defined within the tag.

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By default, the value of the attribute inherit is true. Therefore, the <property> tag defined within a derived QoS profile will inherit its elements from the <property> tag defined within a base QoS profile.

In the following example, the property sequence defined in the participant QoS of MyDerivedProfile will contain two properties:

- `dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.send_socket_buffer_size` will be inherited from the base profile and have the value 524288.
- `dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.recv_socket_buffer_size` will overwrite the value defined in the base QoS profile with 1048576.

1The concepts of derived and base QoS are described in QoS Profile Inheritance (Section 17.3.3 on page 796).
To discard all the properties defined in the base QoS profile, set `inherit` to false.

In the following example, the property sequence defined in the participant QoS of MyDerivedProfile will contain a single property named `dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.recv_socket_buffer_size`, with a value of 1048576. The property `dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.send_socket_buffer_size` will not be inherited.
17.4.3 Arrays

In general, the arrays contained in the QosPolicies are described with the following XML format:

```
<an_array_member_name>
    <element>...</element>
    <element>...</element>
    ...
</an_array_member_name>
```

Each element of the array is enclosed in an `<element>` tag.

As a special case, arrays of octets are represented with a single XML tag enclosing an array of decimal/hexadecimal values between 0..255 separated with commas.

For example:

```
<reader_qos>
    ...
    <protocol>
        <virtual_guid>
            <value>
                1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16
            </value>
        </virtual_guid>
    </protocol>
</reader_qos>
```

17.4.4 Enumeration Values

Enumeration values are represented using their C or Java string representation. For example:
17.4.5 Time Values (Durations)

You can use the following special values for fields that require seconds or nanoseconds:

- DURATION_INFINITE_SEC or DDS_DURATION_INFINITE_SEC,
- DURATION_ZERO_SEC or DDS_DURATION_ZERO_SEC,
- DURATION_INFINITE_NSEC or DDS_DURATION_INFINITE_NSEC
- DURATION_ZERO_NSEC or DDS_DURATION_ZERO_NSEC

For example:

```xml
<deadline>
  <period>
    <sec>DURATION_INFINITE_SEC</sec>
    <nanosec>DURATION_INFINITE_NSEC</nanosec>
  </period>
</deadline>
```

When the XSD document is used for validation during editing (see XML File Validation During Editing (Section 17.9.2 on page 815)), only the values without the DDS prefix are considered valid.

17.4.6 Transport Properties

You can configure transport plugins using the `DomainParticipant`'s PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391).

- Properties for the builtin transports are described in Setting Builtin Transport Properties with the PropertyQosPolicy (Section 15.6 on page 747).
- Properties for other transport plugins such as RTI TCP Transport are described in their respective chapters in this manual.

For example:

```xml
<participant_qos>
  <property>
    <value>
      <element>
        <name>
          dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.parent.message_size_max
        </name>
        <value>65507</value>
      </element>
      <element>
        <name>
          dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.send_socket_buffer_size
        </name>
        <value>131072</value>
      </element>
      <element>
        <name>
          dds.transport.UDPv4.builtin.recv_socket_buffer_size
        </name>
        <value>131072</value>
      </element>
    </value>
  </property>
</participant_qos>
```

### 17.4.7 Thread Settings

See Table 19.1 XML Tags for ThreadSettings.

### 17.4.8 Entity Names

The **name** and **role_name** fields in the ENTITY_NAME QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.9 on page 372) have three distinct possible values: NULL, an empty string, and a non-empty string. Each of these three states are specified in XML in a different way.

To specify that the **name** or **role_name** of an entity is NULL, use the xsi:nil attribute. The xsi:nil attribute can be set to either "true" or "false". For example, to set the participant name to NULL:

```xml
<participant_name>
  <name xsi:nil="true"/>
</participant_name>
```

To specify the empty string, leave the XML element empty:

---

1. *RTI TCP Transport* is included with Connext DDS, but is not enabled by default.
17.5 How to Load XML-Specified QoS Settings

There are several ways to load XML QoS profiles into your application. In C, Traditional C++, Java and .NET, it's the singleton DomainParticipantFactory that loads these profiles. Applications using the Modern C++ API can create any number of instances of dds::core::QosProvider with different parameters to load different QoS profiles or, they can use the singleton QosProvider::Default(). The profiles configured in the default QosProvider are used when creating an Entity without a explicit QoS parameter.

Here are the various approaches, listed in load order:

- **$NDDSHOME/resource/xml/NDSS_QOS_PROFILES.xml**
  This file is loaded automatically if it exists (not the default) and ignore_resource_profile in the PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571) is FALSE (the default). *NDSS_QOS_PROFILES.xml* does not exist by default. However, *NDSS_QOS_PROFILES.example.xml* is shipped with the host bundle of the product; you can copy it to *NDSS_QOS_PROFILES.xml* and modify it for your own use. The file contains the default QoS values that will be used for all entity kinds. (First to be loaded)

- **URL Groups in NDDS_QOS_PROFILES**
  URL groups (see URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813)) separated by semicolons referenced by the environment variable NDDS_QOS_PROFILES are loaded automatically if they exist and ignore_environment_profile in PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571) is FALSE (the default).

- **<working directory>/USER_QOS_PROFILES.xml**
  This file is loaded automatically if it exists and ignore_user_profile in PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571) is FALSE (the default).

- **URL groups in url_profile**
  URL groups (see URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813)) referenced by url_profile (in PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571)) will be loaded automatically if specified.

- **XML strings in string_profile**
  The sequence of XML strings referenced by string_profile (in PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571)) will be loaded automatically if specified. (Last to be loaded)
17.5.1 Loading, Reloading and Unloading Profiles

You may use a combination of the above approaches.

The location of the XML documents (only files and strings are supported) is specified using URL (Uniform Resource Locator) format. For example:

- File Specification: `file:///usr/local/default_dds.xml`
- String Specification: `str://"<dds><qos_library>…</qos_library></dds>"`

If you omit the URL schema name, Connext DDS will assume a file name. For example:

- File Specification: `/usr/local/default_dds.xml`

Duplicate QoS profiles are not allowed. Connext DDS will report an error message in these scenarios. To overwrite a QoS profile, use QoS Profile Inheritance (Section 17.3.3 on page 796).

Several QoS profiles are built into the Connext DDS core libraries and can be used as starting points when configuring QoS for your Connext DDS applications. For details, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section 17.4 on page 802).

17.5.1 Loading, Reloading and Unloading Profiles

You do not have to explicitly call `load_profiles()`. QoS profiles are loaded when any of these DomainParticipantFactory operations are called:

- `create_participant()` (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554))
- `create_participant_with_profile()` (see Creating a DomainParticipant (Section 8.3.1 on page 554))
- `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile()` (where `<entity>` is `participant`, `topic`, `publisher`, `subscriber`, `datawriter`, or `datareader`) (see Getting QoS Values from a QoS Profile (Section 8.2.5 on page 545))
- `get_<entity>_qos_from_profile_w_topic_name()` (where `<entity>` is `topic`, `datawriter`, or `datareader`) (see Getting QoS Values from a QoS Profile (Section 8.2.5 on page 545))
- `get_default_participant_qos()` (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.2 on page 543))
- `get_qos_profile_libraries()` (See Retrieving a List of Available Libraries (Section 17.10.1 on page 822))
- `get_qos_profiles()` (see Configuring QoS with XML (Section 17.4 on page 802))
- `load_profiles()`
- `set_default_participant_qos_with_profile()` (see Getting and Setting Default QoS for DomainParticipants (Section 8.2.2 on page 543))
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- `set_default_library()` (see Getting and Setting the Publisher’s Default QoS Profile and Library (Section 6.2.4.4 on page 252))
- `set_default_profile()` (see Getting and Setting the Publisher’s Default QoS Profile and Library (Section 6.2.4.4 on page 252))

In the Modern C++ API, the previous operations cause the default QosProvider (QosProvider::Default()) to load the QoS profiles. Any other QosProvider that an application instantiates will load the QoS Profiles it is configured to load in its constructor.

QoS profiles are reloads when either of these DomainParticipantFactory operations are called:

- `reload_profiles()`
- `set_qos()` (see Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149))

It is important to distinguish between loading and reloading:

- **Loading** only happens when there are no previously loaded profiles. This could be when the profiles are loaded the first time or after a call to `unload_profiles()`.
- **Reloading** replaces all previously loaded profiles. Reloading a profile does not change the QoS of entities that have already been created with previously loaded profiles.

The DomainParticipantFactory also has an `unload_profiles()` operation that frees the resources associated with the XML QoS profiles.

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t unload_profiles()
```

### 17.6 XML File Syntax

The contents of the XML configuration file must follow an important hierarchy: the file contains one or more libraries; each library contains one or more profiles; each profile contains QoS settings.

In addition, the file must follow these syntax rules:

- The syntax is XML and the character encoding is UTF-8.
- Opening tags are enclosed in `<>`; closing tags are enclosed in `</>`.
- A tag value is a UTF-8 encoded string. Legal values are alphanumeric characters. The middleware’s parser will remove all leading and trailing spaces from the string before it is processed.

---

^aLeading and trailing spaces in enumeration fields will not be considered valid if you use the distributed XSD document to do validation at run-time with a code editor (see URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813)).
For example, `<tag> value </tag>` is the same as `<tag>value</tag>.

- All values are case-sensitive unless otherwise stated.
- Comments are enclosed as follows: `<!-- comment -->`.
- The root tag of the configuration file must be `<dds>` and end with `</dds>`.
- The primitive types for tag values are specified in Table 17.1 Supported Tag Values.

### Table 17.1 Supported Tag Values

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<td>yes(^a), 1, true, BOOLEAN_TRUE or DDS_BOOLEAN_TRUE: these all mean TRUE</td>
<td>Not case-sensitive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>no, 0, false, BOOLEAN_FALSE or DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE: these all mean FALSE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Enum</td>
<td>A string. Legal values are those listed in the API Reference HTML documentation for the C or Java API.</td>
<td>Must be specified as a string. (Do not use numeric values.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>-2147483648 to 2147483647, or 0x80000000 to 0xffffffff, or LENGTH_UNLIMITED, or DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED</td>
<td>A 32-bit signed integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDSUnsignedLong</td>
<td>0 to 4294967296, or 0 to 0xffffffff</td>
<td>A 32-bit unsigned integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>UTF-8 character string</td>
<td>All leading and trailing spaces are ignored between two tags</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

17.6.1 Using Environment Variables in XML

The text within an XML tag and attribute can refer to environment variable. To do so, use the following notation:

\[
\$(MY\_\_VARIABLE)
\]

For example:

\[
\$(MY\_\_VARIABLE)
\]

\(^a\)These values will not be considered valid if you use the distributed XSD document to do validation at run-time with a code editor (see URL Groups (Section 17.8 on the next page)).
When the Connext DDS XML parser parses the above tags, it will replace the references to environment variables with their actual values.

17.7 XML String Syntax

XML profiles can be described using strings. This configuration is useful for architectures without a file system.

There are two different ways to configure *Entities* via XML strings:

- **String URLs** are prefixed by the URI schema `str://` and enclosed in double quotes. For example:

  ```
  str://"<dds><qos_library>...</qos_library></dds>"
  ```

  The string URLs can be specified in the environment variable `NDDS_QOS_PROFILES` as well as in the field `url_profile` in PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571). Each string URL must contain a whole XML document.

- **The string_profile field** in the PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571) allows you to split an XML document into multiple strings. For example:

  ```
  const char * MyXML[4] =
  {
      "<dds>",
      "<qos_library name="MyLibrary">",
      "</qos_library>",
      "</dds>"
  };
  factoryQos.profile.string_profile.from_array(MyXML,4);
  ```

  Only one XML document can be specified with the `string_profile` field.

17.8 URL Groups

To provide redundancy and fault tolerance, you can specify multiple locations for a single XML document via URL groups. The syntax of a URL group is:

```
[URL1 | URL2 | URL2 | ... | URLn]
```

For example:

```
[file:///usr/local/default_dds.xml | file:///usr/local/alternative_default_dds.xml]
```
Only one of the elements in the group will be loaded by Connext DDS, starting from the left.

Brackets are not required for groups with a single URL.

The `NDDS_QOS_PROFILES` environment variable contains a set of URL groups separated by semi-colons. For example, on Linux and Solaris systems (note: this should be entered in a single command line):

```bash
setenv NDDS_QOS_PROFILES
   [file:///usr/local/default_dds.xml|file:///usr/local/alternative_default_dds.xml];
   [str://"<dds><qos_library name="MyQosLibrary"></qos_library></dds>"
```

The `url_profile` field in the PROFILE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.4.2 on page 571) will contain a sequence of URL groups.

### 17.9 How the XML is Validated

#### 17.9.1 Validation at Run-Time

Connext DDS validates the input XML files using a builtin Document Type Definition (DTD).

You can find a copy of the builtin DTD in `<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti_dds_qos_profiles.dtd`. (This is only a copy of what the Connext DDS core uses. Changing this file has no effect unless you specify its path with the `<!DOCTYPE>` tag, described below.)

You can overwrite the builtin DTD by using the XML tag, `<!DOCTYPE>`. For example, the following indicates that Connext DDS must use a DTD file from a user's directory to perform validation:

```xml
<!DOCTYPE dds SYSTEM "/local/joe/rti/dds/mydds.dtd">
```

- The DTD path can be absolute, or relative to the application's current working directory.
- If the specified file does not exist, you will see the following error:

  ```
  RTIXMLElementParser_parse: !open DTD file
  ```

- If you do not specify the DOCTYPE tag in the XML file, the builtin DTD is used.
- The XML files used by Connext DDS can be versioned using the attribute version in the `<dds>` tag. For example:

```xml
<dds version="5.x.y">
  ...
</dds>
```
Although the attribute version is not required during the validation process, it helps to detect DTD incompatibility scenarios by providing better error messages.

For example, if an application using Connext DDS 5.x.y tries to load an XML file from Connext DDS 4.5z and there is some incompatibility in the XML content, the following parsing error will be printed:

```
ATTENTION: The version declared in this file (4.5z) is different from the version of Connext DDS (5.x.y). If these versions are not compatible, that incompatibility could be the cause of this error.
```

### 17.9.2 XML File Validation During Editing

Connext DDS provides DTD and XSD files that describe the format of the XML content. We recommend including a reference to one of these documents in the XML file that contains the QoS profiles—this provides helpful features in code editors such as Visual Studio and Eclipse, including validation and auto-completion while you are editing the XML file.

The DTD and XSD definitions of the XML elements are in `<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti.dds.qos.profiles.dtd` and `<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti.dds.qos.profiles.xsd`, respectively. (<`NDDSHOME`> is described in Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38).)

To include a reference to the XSD document in your XML file, use the attribute `xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation` in the `<dds>` tag. For example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<dds xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
     xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti.dds.qos.profiles.xsd">
    ...
</dds>
```

To include a reference to the DTD document in your XML file use the `<!DOCTYPE>` tag. For example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE dds SYSTEM "<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti.dds.qos.profiles.dtd">
<dds>
    ...
</dds>
```

We recommend including a reference to the XSD file in the XML documents because it provides stricter validation and better auto-completion than the corresponding DTD file.
17.10 Using QoS Profiles in Your Connext DDS Application

You can use the operations listed in Table 17.2 Operations for Working with QoS Profiles to refer to and use QoS profiles (see URL Groups (Section 17.8 on page 813)) described in XML files and XML strings.

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Note: For the Modern C++ API, please refer to the RTI Connext DDS API Reference HTML documentation, Configuring QoS Profiles with XML.
17.10.1 Retrieving a List of Available Libraries

To get a list of available QoS libraries, call the DomainParticipantFactory’s `get_qos_profile_libraries()` operation, which returns the names of all QoS libraries that have been loaded by Connext DDS.

```c
DDSGlobalReturnCode_t get_qos_profile_libraries (struct DDS_StringSeq *profile_names)
```

17.10.2 Retrieving a List of Available QoS Profiles

To get a list of available QoS profiles, call the DomainParticipantFactory’s `get_qos_profiles()` operation, which returns the names of all profiles within a specified QoS library. Either the input QoS library name must be specified or the default profile library must have been set prior to calling this function.

```c
DDSGlobalReturnCode_t get_qos_profiles (struct DDS_StringSeq *profile_names, const char *library_name)
```

17.11 Configuring Logging Via XML

Logging can be configured via XML using the DomainParticipantFactory’s LoggingQosPolicy. See Configuring Logging via XML (Section 21.2.2 on page 870) for additional details.
Chapter 18 Multi-channel DataWriters

In Connext DDS, producers publish data to a Topic, identified by a topic name; consumers subscribe to a Topic and optionally to specific content by means of a content-filter expression.

A Market Data Example:

A producer can publish data on the Topic "MarketData" which can be defined as a structured record containing fields that identify the exchange (e.g., "NYSE" or "NASDAQ"), the stock symbol (e.g., "APPL" or "JPM"), volume, bid and ask prices, etc.

Similarly, a consumer may want to subscribe to data on the "MarketData" Topic, but only if the exchange is "NYSE" or the symbol starts with the letter "M." Or the consumer may want all the data from the "NYSE" whose volume exceeds a certain threshold, or may want MarketData for a specific stock symbol, regardless of the exchange, and so on.

The middleware’s efficient implementation of content-filtering is critical for scenarios such as the above "Market Data" example, where there are large numbers of consumers, large volumes of data, or Topics that transmit information about many data-objects or subjects (e.g., individual stocks).

Traditionally, middleware products use four approaches to implement content filtering: Producer-based, Consumer-based, Server-based, and Network Switch-based.

- **Producer-based approaches** push the burden of filtering to the producer side. The producer knows what each consumer wants and delivers to the consumer only the data that matches the consumer's filter. This approach is suitable when using point-to-point protocols such as TCP—it saves bandwidth and lowers the load on the consumer—but it does not work if data is distributed via multicast. Also, this approach does not scale to large numbers of consumers, because the producer would be overburdened by the need to filter for each individual consumer.
18.1 What is a Multi-channel DataWriter?

A Multi-channel DataWriter is a DataWriter that is configured to send data over multiple multicast addresses, according to some filtering criteria applied to the data.

To determine which multicast addresses will be used to send the data, the middleware evaluates a set of filters that are configured for the DataWriter. Each filter "guards" a channel—a set of multicast addresses. Each time a multi-channel DataWriter writes data, the filters are applied. If a filter evaluates to true, the data is sent over that filter’s associated channel (set of multicast addresses). We refer to this type of filter as a Channel Guard filter.

- **Consumer-based approaches** push the burden of filtering to the consumer side. The producer sends all the data to every consumer and the middleware on the consumer side decides whether the application wants it or not, automatically filtering the unwanted data. This approach is simple and fits well in systems that use multicast protocols as a transport. But the approach is not efficient for consumers that want small subsets of the data, since the consumers have to spend a lot of time filtering unwanted data. This approach is also unsuitable for systems with large volumes of data, such as the above Market Data system.

- **Server-based approaches** push the burden of filtering to a third component: a server or broker. This approach has some scalability advantages—the server can be run on a more powerful computer and can be federated to handle a large number of consumers. Some providers also provide hardware-assisted filtering in the server. However, the server-based approach significantly increases latency and jitter. It is also far more expensive to deploy and manage.

- **Network Switch-based approaches** leverage the network hardware, specifically advanced (IGMP snooping) network switches, to offload most of the burden of filtering from the producers and consumers without introducing additional hardware, servers or proxies. This approach preserves the low latency and ease of deployment of the brokerless approaches while still providing most of the off-loading and scalability benefits of the broker.

RTI supports the producer-based, consumer-based and network-switch approaches to content filtering:

- RTI automatically uses the producer-based and consumer-based approaches as soon as it detects a consumer that specifies a content filter. The producer-based approach is used if the consumer is receiving data over a point-to-point protocol (i.e., not multicast) and the number of consumers that specify filters is reasonably low (below 32). Otherwise, RTI uses a subscriber-based approach.

- To use the more scalable network-switched based approach, an application must configure the DataWriter as a Multi-channel DataWriter. This concept is described in the following section.
18.1 What is a Multi-channel DataWriter?

Figure 18.1 Multi-channel Data Flow

```
1. DataWriter
  2. Filter1 -> Channel1
  3. Filter2 -> Channel2
  4. Filter3 -> Channel3
  ... ...
  5. Channel = {ChannelMulticastAddress1, port1, ChannelMulticastAddress2, port2, ChannelMulticastAddress3, port3, ...}
```
Multi-channel DataWriters can be used to trade off network bandwidth with the unnecessary processing of unwanted data for situations where there are multiple DataReaders who are interested in different subsets of data that come from the same data stream (Topic). For example, in Financial applications, the data stream may be quotes for different stocks at an exchange. Applications usually only want to receive data (quotes) for only a subset of the stocks being traded. In tracking applications, a data stream may carry information on hundreds or thousands of objects being tracked, but again, applications may only be interested in a subset.

The problem is that the most efficient way to deliver data to multiple applications is to use multicast so that a data value is only sent once on the network for any number of subscribers to the data. However, using multicast, an application will receive all of the data sent and not just the data in which it is interested, thus extra CPU time is wasted to throw away unwanted data. With this QoS, you can analyze the data-usage patterns of your applications and optimize network vs. CPU usage by partitioning the data into multiple multicast streams. While network bandwidth is still being conserved by sending data only once using multicast, most applications will only need to listen to a subset of the multicast addresses and receive a reduced amount of unwanted data.

Note: Your system can gain more of the benefits of using multiple multicast groups if your network uses Layer 2 Ethernet switches. Layer 2 switches can be configured to only route multicast packets to those ports that have added membership to specific multicast groups. Using those switches will ensure that only the multicast packets used by applications on a node are routed to the node; all others are filtered-out by the switch.
18.2 How to Configure a Multi-channel DataWriter

To configure a multi-channel DataWriter, simply define a list of all its channels in the DataWriter’s MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384).

Each channel consists of filter criterion to apply to the data and a set of multicast destinations (transport, address, port) that will be used for sending data that matches the filter. You can think of this sequence of channels as a table like the one shown below:

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<td>UDPv4:225.0.0.2:9001</td>
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<td>Symbol MATCH [P-Z]*</td>
<td>UDPv4:225.0.0.3:902; 225.0.0.4:9003;</td>
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The example C++ code in Using the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (Section Figure 18.3 on the next page) shows how to configure the channels.
18.2.1 Limitations

When considering use of a multi-channel DataWriter, please be aware of the following limitations:

- A DataWriter that uses the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy will ignore multicast and unicast addresses specified on the reader side through the TRANSPORT_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527) and TRANSPORT_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410). The DataWriter will not publish DDS samples on these
Multi-channel **DataWriters** cannot be configured to use the Durable Writer History feature (described in **Durable Writer History** (Section 12.3 on page 680)).

Multi-channel **DataWriters** do not support fragmentation of large data.

Multi-channel **DataWriters** cannot be configured for asynchronous publishing (described in **ASYNCHRONOUS_PUBLISHER QosPolicy** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.1 on page 311)).

Multi-channel **DataWriters** rely on the `rtps_object_id` in the **DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345) to be DDS_RTPS_AUTO_ID (which causes automatic assignment of object IDs to channels).

To guarantee reliable delivery, a **DataReader's PRESENTATION QosPolicy** (Section 6.4.6 on page 328) must be set to per-instance ordering (DDS_INSTANCE_PRESENTATION_QOS, the default value), instead of per-topic ordering (DDS_TOPIC_PRESENTATION_QOS), and the matching **DataWriter's MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy** (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) must use expressions that only refer to key fields.

### 18.3 Multi-Channel Configuration on the Reader Side

No special changes are required in a subscribing application to get data from a multi-channel **DataWriter**.

If you want the **DataReader** to subscribe to only a subset of the channels, use a ContentFilteredTopic, as described in **ContentFilteredTopics** (Section 5.4 on page 206). For example:

```c
// Create a content filtered topic
contentFilter = participant->create_contentfilteredtopic_with_filter(
  "FilteredTopic",
  topic,
  "symbol MATCH 'NYSE/BAC,NASDAQ/MSFT,NASDAQ/GOOG",
  parameters,
  DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME);

// Create a DataReader that uses the content filtered topic
reader = subscriber->create_datareader(contentFilter,
   DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT,
   NULL, 0);
```

From there, Connext DDS takes care of all the necessary steps:

- The **DataReader** automatically discovers all the **DataWriters**—including multi-channel **DataWriters**—for the Topic it subscribes to.
- When the **DataReader** discovers a multi-channel **DataWriter**, it also discovers the list of channels used by that **DataWriter**.
- When the multi-channel **DataWriter** discovers a **DataReader**, it also discovers the content filters specified by that **DataReader**, if any.
With all this information, Connext DDS automatically determines which channels are of "interest" to the DataReader.

A DataReader is interested in a channel if and only if the set of data values for which the channel guard filter evaluates to TRUE intersects the set of data values for which the DataReader's content filter evaluates to TRUE. If a DataReader does not use a content filter, then it is interested in all the channels.

**Figure 18.4 Filter Intersection**

*In this scenario, the DataReader is interested in Channel1 and Channel2, but not Channel3.*

**Market Data Example, continued:**

If the channel guard filter for Channel 1 is 'Symbol MATCH '[A-K]'" then the channel will only transfer data for stocks whose symbol starts with a letter in the A to K range.

That is, it will transfer data on 'APPL', "GOOG", and 'IBM', but not on 'MSFT', 'ORCL', or 'YHOO'. Channel 1 will be of interest to DataReaders whose content filter includes at least one stock whose symbol starts with a letter in the A to K range.
A **DataReader** that specifies a content filter such as "Symbol MATCH 'IBM, YHOO' " will be interested in Channel1.

A **DataReader** that specifies a content filter such as "Symbol MATCH '[G-M]*'" will also be interested in Channel1.

A **DataReader** that specifies a content filter such as "Symbol MATCH '[M-T]*' " will not be interested in Channel1.

### 18.4 Where Does the Filtering Occur?

If multi-channel **DataWriters** are used, the filtering can occur in three places:

- Filtering at the DataWriter (Section 18.4.1 below)
- Filtering at the DataReader (Section 18.4.2 below)
- Filtering on the Network Hardware (Section 18.4.3 on the next page)

#### 18.4.1 Filtering at the DataWriter

Each time data is written, the **DataWriter** evaluates each of the channel guard filters to determine which channels will transmit the data. This filtering occurs on the **DataWriter**.

Filtering on the **DataWriter** side is scalable because the number of filter evaluations depends only on the number of channels, not on the number of **DataReaders**. Usually, the number of channels is smaller than the number of possible **DataReaders**.

As explained in Performance Considerations (Section 18.7 on page 834), if the channel guard filters are configured to only look at the "key" fields in the data, the channel filtering becomes a very efficient lookup operation.

#### 18.4.2 Filtering at the DataReader

The **DataReader** will listen on the multicast addresses that correspond to the channels of interest (see Using the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (Section Figure 18.3 on page 828)). When a channel is 'of interest', it means that it is possible for the channel to transmit data that meets the content filter of the **DataReader**; however the channel may also transmit data that does not pass the **DataReader's** content filter. Therefore, the **DataReader** has to filter all incoming data on that channel to determine if it passes its content filter.

**Market Data Example, continued:**

Channel 1, identified by guard filter "Symbol MATCH '[A-M]*'", will be of interest to **DataReaders** whose content filter includes at least one stock whose symbol starts with a letter in the A to K range.
A `DataReader` with content filter "Symbol MATCH 'GOOG'" will listen on Channel1.

In addition to 'GOOG', the `DataReader` will also receive DDS samples corresponding to stock symbols such as 'MSFT' and 'APPL'. The `DataReader` must filter these DDS samples out.

As explained in Performance Considerations (Section 18.7 on page 834), if the `DataReader`'s content filters are configured to only look at the "key" fields in the data, the `DataReader` filtering becomes a very efficient lookup operation.

### 18.4.3 Filtering on the Network Hardware

`DataReaders` will only listen to multicast addresses that correspond to the channels of interest. The multicast traffic generated in other channels will be filtered out by the network hardware (routers, switches).

Layer 3 routers will only forward multicast traffic to the actual destination ports. However, by default, layer 2 switches treat multicast traffic as broadcast traffic. To take advantage of network filtering with layer 2 devices, they must be configured with IGMP snooping enabled (see Network-Switch Filtering (Section 18.7.1 on page 834)).

### 18.5 Fault Tolerance and Redundancy

To achieve fault tolerance and redundancy, configure the `DataWriter`'s MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) to publish a DDS sample over multiple channels or over different multicast addresses within a single channel. Figure 18.5 Using the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy with Overlapping Channels below shows how to use overlapping channels.

If a DDS sample is published to multiple multicast addresses, a `DataReader` may receive multiple copies of the DDS sample. By default, duplicates are discarded by the `DataReader` and not provided to the application. To change this default behavior, use the Durable Reader State property, `dds.data_reader.state.filter_redundant_samples` (see How To Configure a `DataReader` for Durable Reader State (Section 12.4.4 on page 689)).

Figure 18.5 Using the MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy with Overlapping Channels

```c
// initialize writer_qos with default values
publisher->get_default_datawriter_qos(writer_qos);
// Initialize MULTI_CHANNEL Qos Policy
// Assign the filter name
// Possible options: DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME and DDS_SQLFILTER_NAME
writer_qos.multi_channel.filter_name = (char*) DDS_STRINGMATCHFILTER_NAME;
// Create two channels
writer_qos.multi_channel.channels.ensure_length(2,2);
// First channel
writer_qos.multi_channel.channels[0].filter_expression = DDS_String_dup("Symbol MATCH '([A-M]*')");
```
18.6 Reliability with Multi-Channel DataWriters

18.6.1 Reliable Delivery

Reliable delivery is only guaranteed when the access_scope in the Subscriber's PRESENTATION QosPolicy (Section 6.4.6 on page 328) is set to DDS_INSTANCE_PRESENTATION_QOS (default value) and the filters in the DataWriter's MULTI_CHANNEL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.14 on page 384) are keyed-only based.

Market Data Example, continued:

Given the following IDL description for our MarketData topic type:

```c
Struct MarketData {
    string<255> Symbol; //@key
    double Price;
}
```

A guard filter "Symbol MATCH 'APPL'" is keyed-only based.

A guard filter "Symbol MATCH 'APPL' and Price < 100" is not keyed-only based.

If any of the guard filters are based on non-key fields, Connext DDS only guarantees reception of the most recent data from the multi-channel DataWriter.

18.6.2 Reliable Protocol Considerations

Reliability is maintained on a per-channel basis. Each channel has its own reliability channel send window:


- **low_watermark** and **high_watermark**: The low and high watermarks control the send-window levels (when not using batching, this is a number of DDS samples; when using batching, this is a number of batches) that determine when to switch between regular and fast heartbeat rates (see High and Low Watermarks (Section 6.5.3.1 on page 350)). With multi-channel DataWriters, **high_watermark** and **low_watermark** are computed from the channel with the smaller send-window size and they apply to all the channels. Therefore, because the watermark is determined by the channel with the smallest send-window, periodic heartbeating cannot be controlled on a per-channel basis.

- **heartbeats_per_max_samples**: This field defines the number of piggyback heartbeats per current send-window. For multi-channel DataWriters, piggyback heartbeats are sent per channel. The send-window size that is used to calculate the piggyback heartbeat rate is the smallest across all channels.

### 18.7 Performance Considerations

#### 18.7.1 Network-Switch Filtering

By default, multicast traffic is treated as broadcast traffic by layer 2 switches. To avoid flooding the network with broadcast traffic and take full advantage of network filtering, the layer 2 switches should be configured to use IGMP snooping. Refer to your switch’s manual for specific instructions.

When IGMP snooping is enabled, a switch can route a multicast packet to just those ports that subscribe to it, as seen in IGMP Snooping (Section Figure 18.6 below).

**Figure 18.6 IGMP Snooping**

#### 18.7.2 DataWriter and DataReader Filtering

Where Does the Filtering Occur? (Section 18.4 on page 831) describes the three places where filtering can occur with Multi-channel DataWriters. To improve performance when filtering occurs on the reader
and/or writer sides, use filter expressions that are only based on keys (see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14)). Then the results of the filter are cached in a hash table on a per-key basis.

Market Data Example, continued:

The filter expressions in the Market Data example are based on the value of the field, Symbol. To make filter operations on this field more efficient, declare Symbol as a key. For example:

```c++
struct {
    string<MAX_SYMBOL_SIZE> Symbol; //key
}
```

You can also improve performance by increasing the number of buckets associated with the hash table. To do so, use the `instance_hash_buckets` field in the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402) on both the writer and reader sides. A higher number of buckets will provide better performance, but requires more resources.
Chapter 19 Connext DDS Threading Model

This chapter describes the internal threads that Connext DDS uses for sending and receiving data, maintaining internal state, and calling user code when events occur such as the arrival of new DDS data samples. It may be important for you to understand how these threads may interact with your application.

A DomainParticipant uses three types of threads. The actual number of threads depends on the configuration of various QosPolicies as well as the implementation of the transports used by the DomainParticipant to send and receive data.

Through various QosPolicies, the user application can configure the priorities and other properties of the threads created by Connext DDS. In real-time systems, the user often needs to set the priorities of all threads in an application relative to each other for the proper operation of the system.

This chapter includes:

19.1 Database Thread

Connext DDS uses internal data structures to store information about locally-created and remotely-discovered Entities. In addition, it will store various objects and data used by Connext DDS for maintaining proper communications between applications. This “database” is created for each DomainParticipant.

As Entities and objects are created and deleted during the normal operation of the user application, different entries in the database may be created and deleted as well. Because multiple threads may access objects stored in the database simultaneously, the deletion and removal of an object from the database happens in two phases to support thread safety.

When an entry/object in the database is deleted either through the actions of user code or as a result of a change in system state, it is only marked for deletion. It cannot be actually deleted and removed from the database until Connext DDS can be sure that no threads are still accessing the
object. Instead, the actual removal of the object is delegated to an internal thread that Connext DDS spawns to periodically wake up and purge the database of deleted objects.

This thread is known as the Database thread (also referred to as the database cleanup thread).

- Only one Database thread is created for each DomainParticipant.

The DATABASE QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.1 on page 576) of the DomainParticipant configures both the resources used by the database as well as the properties of the cleanup thread. Specifically, the user may want to use this QosPolicy to set the priority, stack size and thread options of the cleanup thread. You must set these options before the DomainParticipant is created, because once the cleanup thread is started as a part of participant creation, these properties cannot be changed.

The period at which the database-cleanup thread wakes up to purge deleted objects is also set in the DATABASE QosPolicy. Typically, this period is set to a long time (on the order of a minute) since there is no need to waste CPU cycles to wake up a thread only to find nothing to do.

However, when a DomainParticipant is destroyed, all of the objects created by the DomainParticipant will be destroyed as well. Many of these objects are stored in the database, and thus must be destroyed by the cleanup thread. The DomainParticipant cannot be destroyed until the database is empty and is destroyed itself. Thus, there is a different parameter in the DATABASE QosPolicy, shutdown_cleanup_period, that is used by the database cleanup thread when the DomainParticipant is being destroyed. Typically set to be on the order of a second, this parameter reduces the additional time needed to destroy a DomainParticipant simply due to waiting for the cleanup thread to wake up and purge the database.

### 19.2 Event Thread

During operation, Connext DDS must wake up at different intervals to check the condition of many different time-triggered or periodic events. These events are usually to determine if something happened or did not happen within a specified time. Often the condition must be checked periodically as long as the Entity for which the condition applies still exists. Also, the DomainParticipant may need to do something periodically to maintain connections with remote Entities.

For example, the DEADLINE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.5 on page 361) is used to ensure that DataWriters have published data or DataReaders have received data within a specified time period. Similarly, the LIVELINESS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.13 on page 380) configures Connext DDS both to check periodically to see if a DataWriter has sent a liveliness message and to send liveliness messages periodically on the behalf of a DataWriter. As a last example, for reliable connections, heartbeats must be sent periodically from the DataWriter to the DataReader so that the DataReader can acknowledge the data that it has received, see Reliable Communications (Section Chapter 10 on page 628).

Connext DDS uses an internal thread, known as the Event thread, to do the following:
• Check whether or not deadlines have been missed
• Invoke user-installed Listener callbacks to notify the application of missed deadlines
• Send heartbeats to maintain reliable connections

**Note:** Only one Event thread is created per DomainParticipant.

The EVENT QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.5 on page 601) of the DomainParticipant configures both the properties and resources of the Event thread. Specifically, the user may want to use this QosPolicy to set the priority, stack size and thread options of the Event thread. You must set these options before the DomainParticipant is created, because once the Event thread is started as a part of participant creation, these properties cannot be changed.

The EVENT QosPolicy also configures the maximum number of events that can be handled by the Event thread. While the Event thread can only service a single event at a time, it must maintain a queue to hold events that are pending. The initial_count and max_count parameters of the QosPolicy set the initial and maximum size of the queue.

The priority of the Event thread should be carefully set with respect to the priorities of the other threads in a system. While many events can tolerate some amount of latency between the time that the event expires and the time that the Event thread services the event, there may be application-specific events that must be handled as soon as possible.

For example, if an application uses the liveliness of a remote DataWriter to infer the correct operation of a remote application, it may be critical for the user code in the DataReader Listener callback, on_liveliness_changed(), to be called by the Event thread as soon as it can be determined that the remote application has died. The operating system uses the priority of the Event thread to schedule this action.

### 19.3 Receive Threads

Connext DDS uses internal threads, known as Receive threads, to process the data packets received via underlying network transports. These data packets may contain meta-traffic exchanged by DomainParticipants for discovery, or user data (and meta-data to support reliable connections) destined for local DataReaders.

As a result of processing packets received by a transport, a Receive thread may respond by sending packets on the network. Discovery packets may be sent to other DomainParticipants in response to ones received. ACK/NACK packets are sent in response to heartbeats to support a reliable connection.

When a DDS sample arrives, the Receive thread is responsible for deserializing and storing the data in the receive queue of a DataReader as well as invoking the on_data_available() DataReaderListener callback (see Setting Up DataReaderListeners (Section 7.3.4 on page 464)).

The number of Receive threads that Connext DDS will create for a DomainParticipant depends on how you have configured the QosPolicies of DomainParticipants, DataWriters and DataReaders as well as on the implementation of a particular transport. The behavior of the builtin transports is well specified.
However, if a custom transport is installed for a DomainParticipant, you will have to understand how the custom transport works to predict how many Receive threads will be created.

The following discussion applies on a per-transport basis. A single Receive thread will only service a single transport.

Connext DDS will try to create receive resources\(^1\) for every port of every transport on which it is configured to receive messages. The TRANSPORT\_UNICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.24 on page 410) for DomainParticipant, DataWriters, and DataReaders, the TRANSPORT\_MULTICAST QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 7.6.5 on page 527) for DataReaders and the DISCOVERY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.2 on page 578) for DomainParticipants all configure the number of ports and the number of transports that Connext DDS will try to use for receiving messages.

Generally, transports will require Connext DDS to create a new receive resource for every unique port number. However, this is both dependent on how the underlying physical transport works and the implementation of the transport plug-in used by Connext DDS. Sometimes Connext DDS only needs to create a single receive resource for any number of ports.

When Connext DDS finds that it is configured to receive data on a port for a transport for which it has not already created a receive resource, it will ask the transport if any of the existing receive resources created for the transport can be shared. If so, then Connext DDS will not have to create a new receive resource. If not, then Connext DDS will.

The TRANSPORT\_UNICAST, TRANSPORT\_MULTICAST, and DISCOVERY QosPolicies allow you customize ports for receiving user data (on a per-DataReader basis) and meta-traffic (DataWriters and DomainParticipants); ports can be also set differently for unicast and multicast.

How do receive resources relate to Receive threads? Connext DDS will create a Receive thread to service every receive resource that is created. If you use a socket analogy, then for every socket created, Connext DDS will use a separate thread to process the data received on that socket.

So how many thread will Connext DDS create by default—using only the builtin UDPv4 and shared memory transports and without modifying any QosPolicies?

Three Receive threads are created for meta-traffic\(^2\):

- 2 for unicast (one for UDPv4, one for shared memory)
- 1 for multicast (for UDPv4)\(^3\)

\(^1\)If UDPv4 was the only transport that Connext DDS supports, we would call these receive resources ‘sockets.’

\(^2\)Meta-traffic refers to traffic internal to Connext DDS related to dynamic discovery (see Discovery (Section Chapter 14 on page 708)).

\(^3\)Multicast is not supported by shared memory transports.
Two Receive threads created for user data:

- 2 for unicast (UDPv4, shared memory)
- 0 for multicast (because user data is not sent via multicast by default)

Therefore, by default, you will have a total of five Receive threads per DomainParticipant. By using only a single transport and disabling multicast, a DomainParticipant can have as few as 2 Receive threads.

Similar to the Database and Event threads, a Receive thread is configured by the RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603). However, note that the thread properties in the RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy apply to all Receive threads created for the DomainParticipant.

### 19.4 Exclusive Areas, Connext DDS Threads and User Listeners

Connext DDS Event and Receive threads may invoke user code through the Listener callbacks installed on different Entities while executing internal Connext DDS code. In turn, user code inside the callbacks may invoke Connext DDS APIs that reenter the internal code space of Connext DDS. For thread safety, Connext DDS allocates and uses mutual exclusion semaphores (mutexes).

As discussed in Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 on page 174), when multiple threads and multiple mutexes are mixed together, deadlock may result. To prevent deadlock from occurring, Connext DDS is designed using careful analysis and following rules that force mutexes to be taken in a certain order when a thread must take multiple mutexes simultaneously.

However, because the Event and Receive threads already hold mutexes when invoking user callbacks, and because the Connext DDS APIs that the user code can invoke may try to take other mutexes, deadlock may still result. Thus, to prevent user code to cause internal Connext DDS threads to deadlock, we have created a concept called Exclusive Areas (EA) that follow rules that prevent deadlock. The more EAs that exist in a system, the more concurrency is allowed through Connext DDS code. However, the more EAs that exist, the more restrictions on the Connext DDS APIs that are allowed to be invoked in Entity Listener callbacks.

The EXCLUSIVE_AREA QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.4.3 on page 316) control how many EAs will be created by Connext DDS. For a more detailed discussion on EAs and the restrictions on the use of Connext DDS APIs within Entity Listener methods, please see Exclusive Areas (EAs) (Section 4.5 on page 174).

### 19.5 Controlling CPU Core Affinity for RTI Threads

Two fields in the DDS_ThreadSettings_t structure (see Thread Settings (Section 17.4.7 on page 808)) are related to CPU core affinity: cpu_list and cpu_rotation.
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**Note:** Although DDS_ThreadSettings_t is used in the Event, Database, ReceiverPool, and AsynchronousPublisher QoS policies, **cpu_list** and **cpu_rotation** are only relevant in the **RECEIVER_POOL QosPolicy** (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.6 on page 603).

While most thread-related QoS settings apply to a single thread, the ReceiverPool QoS policy’s thread-settings control *every* receive thread created. In this case, there are several schemes to map $M$ threads to $N$ processors; **cpu_rotation** controls which scheme is used.

The **cpu_rotation** determines how **cpu_list** affects processor affinity for thread-related QoS policies that apply to multiple threads. If **cpu_list** is empty, **cpu_rotation** is irrelevant since no affinity adjustment will occur. Suppose instead that **cpu_list** = {0,1} and that the middleware creates three receive threads: {A, B, C}. If **cpu_rotation** is set to CPU_NO_ROTATION, threads A, B and C will have the same processor affinities (0-1), and the OS will control thread scheduling within this bound.

CPU affinities are commonly denoted with a bitmask, where set bits represent allowed processors to run on. This mask is printed in hex, so a CPU affinity of 0-1 can be represented by the mask 0x3.

If **cpu_rotation** is CPU_RR_ROTATION, each thread will be assigned in round-robin fashion to one of the processors in **cpu_list**; perhaps thread A to 0, B to 1, and C to 0. Note that the order in which internal middleware threads spawn is unspecified.

The **Platform Notes** describe which architectures support this feature.

### 19.6 Configuring Thread Settings with XML

Table 19.1 XML Tags for ThreadSettings_t describes the XML tags that you can use to configure thread settings. For more information on thread settings, see:

- Thread Settings (Section 17.4.7 on page 808)
- The **Platform Notes**
- The API Reference HTML documentation (select Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Infrastructure Module, QoS Policies, Extended QoS Support, Thread Settings)
### 19.6 Configuring Thread Settings with XML

#### Table 19.1 XML Tags for ThreadSettings_t

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Number of Tags Allowed</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;cpu_list&gt;</td>
<td>Each &lt;element&gt; specifies a processor on which the thread may run.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;cpu_list&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;element&gt;value&lt;/element&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/cpu_list&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Only applies to platforms that support controlling CPU core affinity (see Controlling CPU Core Affinity for RTI Threads (Section 19.5 on page 840) and the Platform Notes).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;cpu_rotation&gt;</td>
<td>Determines how the CPUs in &lt;cpu_list&gt; will be used by the thread. The value can be either:</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>THREAD_SETTINGS_CPU_NO_ROTATION</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The thread can run on any listed processor, as determined by OS scheduling.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>THREAD_SETTINGS_CPU_RR_ROTATION</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The thread will be assigned a CPU from the list in round-robin order.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Only applies to platforms that support controlling CPU core affinity (see the Platform Notes).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;mask&gt;</td>
<td>A collection of flags used to configure threads of execution. Not all of these options may be relevant for all operating systems. May include these bits:</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• STDIO</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• FLOATING_POINT</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• REALTIME_PRIORITY</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• PRIORITY_ENFORCE</td>
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<td></td>
<td>It can also be set to a combination of the above bits by using the “or” symbol (</td>
<td>), such as STDIO</td>
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<td>Default: MASK_DEFAULT</td>
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<td>&lt;priority&gt;</td>
<td>Thread priority. The value can be specified as an unsigned integer or one of the following strings.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- THREAD_PRIORITY_DEFAULT</td>
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<td>- THREAD_PRIORITY_HIGH</td>
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<td>- THREAD_PRIORITY_ABOVE_NORMAL</td>
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<td>- THREAD_PRIORITY_BELOW_NORMAL</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- THREAD_PRIORITY_LOW</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When using an unsigned integer, the allowed range is platform-dependent. When thread priorities are configured using XML, the values are considered native priorities. Example:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;thread&gt;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;mask&gt;STDIO</td>
<td>FLOATING_POINT&lt;/mask&gt;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;priority&gt;10&lt;/priority&gt;</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;stack_size&gt;THREAD_STACK_SIZE_DEFAULT&lt;/stack_size&gt;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&lt;/thread&gt;</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When the XML file is loaded using the Java API, the priority is a native priority, not a Java thread priority.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;stack_size&gt;</td>
<td>Thread stack size, specified as an unsigned integer or set to the string THREAD_STACK_SIZE_DEFAULT. The allowed range is platform-dependent.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
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### 19.7 User-Managed Threads

In certain scenarios, you may want full control over the internal threads created by your Connext DDS applications. For instance, in memory-constrained systems, applications may want to manage the resources required by internal Connext DDS threads. Also, you may want to use a different thread technology than the one Connext DDS incorporates by default (i.e., pthread on POSIX platforms).

Connext DDS can create the internal threads from the application layer via the abstract factory pattern. You can provide a Connext DDS application with a `ThreadFactory` implementation that `DomainParticipants` will use to create and delete all the threads.
The **ThreadFactory** interface exposes operations for creating and deleting threads. These operations are called on demand as *DomainParticipants* require new threads or need to delete existing ones.

The same **ThreadFactory** instance can be used by multiple *DomainParticipants*. To select which ThreadFactory to use, use the `set_thread_factory()` operation in the *DomainParticipantFactory*:

```cpp
MyThreadFactory myThreadFactory; // Implements DDSThreadFactory
retcode = DDSParticipantFactory->set_thread_factory(&myThreadFactory);
```

Then you can create *DomainParticipants* using any of the available APIs (i.e. `create_participant()`, `create_participant_from_config()`, etc). A *DomainParticipant* will use the **ThreadFactory** object that is set in the DomainParticipantFactory at the time it is created and throughout its entire lifecycle. If a new ThreadFactory is set, existing *DomainParticipants* will not be affected; they will still use the same ThreadFactory with which they were created.

This feature is only available for the C/C++ APIs. For further information, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.
Chapter 20 DDS Sample-Data and Instance-Data Memory Management

This chapter describes how Connext DDS manages the memory for the DDS data samples that are sent by DataWriters and received by DataReaders.

20.1 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management for DataWriters

To configure DDS sample-data memory management on the writer side, use the PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391). Table 20.1 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management Properties for DataWriters lists the supported memory-management properties for DataWriters.

Table 20.1 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management Properties for DataWriters

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<td>dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size</td>
<td>If the serialized size of the DDS sample is ( \leq \text{pool_buffer_max_size} ): The buffer is obtained from a pre-allocated pool and released when the DataWriter is deleted. If the serialized size of the DDS sample is ( &gt; \text{pool_buffer_max_size} ): The buffer is dynamically allocated from the heap and returned to the heap when the DDS sample is removed from the DataWriter’s queue. Default: -1 (UNLIMITED). All DDS sample buffers are obtained from the pre-allocated pool; the buffer size is the maximum serialized size of the DDS samples, as returned by the type plugin \text{get_serialized_sample_max_size()}\ operation. See Memory Management without Batching (Section 20.1.1 on the next page). Note: This property also controls the memory allocation for the serialized key buffer that is stored with every instance. See Instance-Data Memory Management for DataWriters (Section 20.3 on page 860).</td>
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<td>dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.java_stream.min_size</td>
<td>Only supported when using the Java API. Defines the minimum size of the buffer that will be used to serialize DDS samples. When a DataWriter is created, the Java layer will allocate a buffer of this size and associate it with the DataWriter. Default: -1 (UNLIMITED). This is a sentinel that refers to the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample, as returned by the type plugin <code>get Serialized_sample_max_size()</code> operation. See Writer-Side Memory Management when Using Java (Section 20.1.3 on page 850).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.java_stream.trim_to_size</td>
<td>Only supported when using the Java API. A boolean value that controls the growth of the serialization buffer. If set to 0 (default): The buffer will not be reallocated unless the serialized size of a new DDS sample is greater than the current buffer size. If set to 1: The buffer will be reallocated with each new DDS sample to a smaller size in order to just fit the DDS sample serialized size. The new size cannot be smaller than <code>min_size</code>. See Writer-Side Memory Management when Using Java (Section 20.1.3 on page 850).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 20.1.1 Memory Management without Batching

When the `write()` operation is called on a `DataWriter` that does not have batching enabled, the `DataWriter` serializes (marshals) the input DDS sample and stores it in the `DataWriter`'s queue (see Figure 20.1 DataWriter Actions when Batching is Disabled on the facing page). The size of this queue is limited by `initial_samples/max_samples` in the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).
Figure 20.1 DataWriter Actions when Batching is Disabled

WRITE

pool_buffer_max_size >=
max_sample_serialized_size
or
pool_buffer_max_size == -1

YES

NO

get sample serialized size

sample serialized size
<=
pool_buffer_max_size

YES

get serialization buffer from pool

NO

get serialization buffer from heap

serialize_sample

add sample to queue

DataWriter's Queue

Initial samples:
resource_limits.initial_samples
Maximum samples:
resource_limits.max_samples

Sample 1 → Sample 2 → Sample 3 → Sample 4 → Sample 5
Each DDS sample in the queue has an associated serialization buffer in which the DataWriter will serialize the DDS sample. This buffer is either obtained from a pre-allocated pool (if the serialized size of the DDS sample is \( \leq \) dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size) or the buffer is dynamically allocated from the heap (if the serialized size of the DDS sample is \( > \) dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size). See Table 20.1 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management Properties for DataWriters.

The default value of pool_buffer_max_size is -1 (UNLIMITED). In this case, all the DDS samples come from the pre-allocated pool and the size of the buffers is the maximum serialized size of the DDS samples as returned by the type plugin get_serialized_sample_max_size() operation. The default value is optimum for real-time applications where determinism and predictability is a must. The trade-off is higher memory usage, especially in cases where the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample is large.

20.1.2 Memory Management with Batching

When the write() operation is called on a DataWriter for which batching is enabled (see BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)), the DataWriter serializes (marshals) the input DDS sample into the current batch buffer (see Figure 20.2 DataWriter Actions when Batching is Enabled on the facing page). When the batch is flushed, it is stored in the DataWriter’s queue along with its DDS samples. The DataWriter queue can be sized based on:

- The number of DDS samples, using initial_samples/max_samples (both set in the RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (Section 6.5.20 on page 402))
- The number of batches, using initial_batches/max_batches (both set in the DATA_WRITER_ResourceLIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.4 on page 357))
- Or a combination of max_samples and max_batches
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Figure 20.2 DataWriter Actions when Batching is Enabled

WRITE

Is batch.max_samples exceeded?

YES

Serialize sample in batch buffer

NO

Is batch.max_data_bytes exceeded?

NO

END

YES

Flush batch

Add batch to queue

Get new batch serialization buffer from pool

Batch 1

Sample 1
Sample 2

Batch 2

Sample 3
Sample 4

DataWriter’s Queue

Initial samples:
    resource_limits.initial_samples
Maximum samples:
    resource_limits.max_samples
Initial batches:
    writer_resource_limits.initial_batches
Maximum batches:
    writer_resource_limits.max_batches
When batching is enabled, the memory associated with the batch buffers always comes from a pre-allocated pool. The size of the buffers is determined by the QoS values max_samples and max_data_bytes (both set in the BATCH QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.2 on page 339)) as follows:

- If max_data_bytes is a finite value, the size of the buffer is the minimum of this value and the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample (max_sample_serialized_size) as returned by the type-plugin get_serialized_sample_max_size(), since that batch must contain at least one DDS sample.
- Otherwise, the size of the buffer is calculated by:
  \( (\text{batch.max.samples} \times \text{max_sample_serialized_size}) \).

Notice that for variable-size DDS samples (for example, DDS samples containing sequences) it is good practice to size the buffer based on max_data_bytes, since this leads to more efficient memory usage.

**Note:** The value of the property dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size is ignored by DataWriters with batching enabled.

### 20.1.3 Writer-Side Memory Management when Using Java

When the Java API is used, Connext DDS allocates a Java buffer per DataWriter; this buffer is used to serialize the Java DDS samples published by the DataWriters. After a DDS sample is serialized into a Java buffer, the result is copied into the underlying native buffer described in Memory Management without Batching (Section 20.1.1 on page 846) and Memory Management with Batching (Section 20.1.2 on page 848).

You can use the following two DataWriter properties to control memory allocation for the Java buffers that are used for serialization (see Table 20.1 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management Properties for DataWriters):

- dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.java_stream.min_size
- dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.java_stream.trim_to_size

### 20.1.4 Writer-Side Memory Management when Working with Large Data

Large DDS samples are DDS samples with a large maximum size relative to the memory available to the application. Notice the use of the word maximum, as opposed to actual size.

As described in Memory Management without Batching (Section 20.1.1 on page 846), by default, the middleware preallocates the DDS samples in the DataWriter queue to their maximum serialized size. This may lead to high memory-usage in DataWriters where the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample is large.

For example, let’s consider a video conferencing application:

```c
struct VideoFrame {
    boolean keyFrame;
```
20.1.4  Writer-Side Memory Management when Working with Large Data

The above IDL definition can be used to work with video streams.

Each frame is transmitted as a sequence of octets with a maximum size of 1 MB. In this example, the video stream has two types of frames: I-Frames (also called key frames) and P-Frames (also called delta frames). I-Frames represent full images and do not require information about the preceding frames in order to be decoded. P-frames require information about the preceding frames in order to be decoded.

A video stream consists of a sequence of frames in which I-Frames are followed by multiple P-frames. The number of P-frames between I-Frames affects the video quality since, in a non-reliable configuration, losing a P-frame will degrade the image quality until the next I-frame is received.

For our use case, let’s assume that I-frames may require 1 MB, while P-Frames require less than 32 KB. Also, there are 20 times more P-Frames than I-Frames.

Although the actual size of the frames sent by the Connext DDS application is usually significantly smaller than 1 MB since they are P-Frames, the default memory management will use 1 MB per frame in the DataWriter queue. If resource_limits.max_samples is 256, the DataWriter may end up allocating 256 MB.

Using some domain-specific knowledge, such as the fact that most of the P-Frames have a size smaller than 32 KB, we can optimize memory usage in the DataWriter’s queue while still maintaining determinism and predictability for the majority of the frames sent on the wire.

The following XML file shows how to optimize the memory usage for the previous example (rather than focusing on efficient usage of the available network bandwidth).

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!-- XML QoS Profile for large data -->
<dds xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <!-- QoS Library containing the QoS profile used for large data -->
  <qos_library name="ReliableLargeDataLibrary">
    <!-- QoS profile to optimize memory usage in DataWriters sending large images -->
    <qos_profile name="ReliableLargeDataProfile"
      is_default_qos="true">
      <!-- QoS used to configure the DataWriter -->
      <datawriter_qos>
        <resource_limits>
          <max_samples>32</max_samples>
          <!-- No need to pre-allocate 32 images unless needed -->
          <initial_samples>1</initial_samples>
        </resource_limits>
        <property>
          <value>
            <!-- For frames with size smaller or
```
equal to 33 KB
the serialization buffer is obtained from a pre-allocated pool. For sizes greater than 33 KB, the DataWriter will use dynamic memory allocation.

```xml
<element>
  <name>
    dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size
  </name>
  <value>33792</value>
</element>
<!-- Java will use a 33 KB buffer to serialize all frames with a size smaller than or equal to 33 KB. When an I-frame is published, Java will reallocate the serialization buffer to match the serialized size of the new frame. -->
<element>
  <name>
    dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.java_stream.min_size
  </name>
  <value>33792</value>
</element>
<element>
  <name>
    dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.java_stream.trim_to_size
  </name>
  <value>1</value>
</element>
</property>
</qos_profile>
</qos_library>
</dds>
```

Working with large data DDS samples will likely require throttling the network traffic generated by single DDS samples. For additional information on shaping network traffic, see FlowControllers (DDS Extension) (Section 6.6 on page 419).

### 20.2 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management for DataReaders

The DDS data samples received by a DataReader are deserialized (demarshaled) and stored in the DataReader’s queue (see Adding DDS Samples to DataReader’s Queue (Section Figure 20.3 on
20.2.1 Memory Management for DataReaders Using Generated Type-Plugins

The size of this queue is limited by `initial_samples/max_samples` in the `RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy` (Section 6.5.20 on page 402).

Figure 20.3 Adding DDS Samples to DataReader’s Queue on the next page shows how DDS samples are processed and added to the DataReader’s queue.
Figure 20.3 Adding DDS Samples to DataReader's Queue

The RTPS DATA DDS samples received by a DataReader can be either batch DDS samples or individual DDS samples. The DataReader queue does not store batches. Therefore, each one of the DDS samples within a batch will be deserialized and processed individually.

When the DataReader processes a new sample, it will deserialize it into a sample obtained from a pre-allocated pool. By default, to provide predictability and determinism, the sample obtained from the pool is
allocated to its maximum size. For example, with the following IDL type, each sample in the DataReader queue will consume 1 MB, even if the actual size is smaller.

```c
struct VideoFrame {
    boolean keyFrame;
    sequence<octet,1024000> data;
};
```

In the above example, it is possible to reduce the memory consumption in C, C++, and .NET by declaring the data sequence as unbounded and by generating code for the type with the command-line option `-unboundedSupport`. In this case, the middleware will not preallocate 1 MB for the data member. Instead, the generated code will deserialze incoming samples by dynamically allocating and deallocating memory to accommodate the actual size of the data sequence.

### 20.2.2 Reader-Side Memory Management when Using Java

When the Java API is used with DataReaders using generated type-plugins, Connext DDS allocates a Java buffer per DataReader; this buffer is used to copy the native serialized data, so that the received DDS samples can be deserialized into the Java objects obtained from the DDS sample pool in Adding DDS Samples to DataReader’s Queue (Section Figure 20.3 on the previous page).

You can use the DataReader properties in Table 20.2 DDS Sample-Data Memory Management Properties for DataReaders when Using Java API to control memory allocation for the Java buffer used for deserialization:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.java_stream.min_size</td>
<td>Only supported when using the Java API. Defines the minimum size of the buffer used for the serialized data. When a DataReader is created, the Java layer will allocate a buffer of this size and associate it with the DataReader. Default: -1 (UNLIMITED) This is a sentinel to refer to the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample, as returned by the type plugin method <code>get_serialized_sample_max_size()</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.java_stream.trim_to_size</td>
<td>Only supported when using the Java API. A Boolean value that controls the growth of the deserialization buffer. If set to 0 (the default), the buffer will not be re-allocated unless the serialized size of a new DDS sample is greater than the current buffer size. If set to 1, the buffer will be re-allocated with each new DDS sample in order to just fit the DDS sample serialized size. The new size cannot be smaller than <code>min_size</code>.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
20.2.3 Memory Management for DynamicData DataReaders

Unlike DataReaders that use generated type-plugin code, DynamicData DataReaders provide configuration mechanisms to optimize the memory usage for use cases involving large data DDS samples.

A DDS DynamicData sample stored in the DataReader’s queue has an associated underlying buffer that contains the serialized representation of the DDS sample. The buffer is allocated according to the configuration provided in the serialization member of the DynamicDataProperty_t used to create the DynamicDataTypeSupport (see Interacting Dynamically with User Data Types (Section 3.7 on page 129)).

```c
struct DDS_DynamicDataProperty_t {
    ...
    DDS_DynamicDataTypeSerializationProperty_t serialization;
}
struct DDS_DynamicDataTypeSerializationProperty_t {
    ...
    DDSUnsignedLong max_size_serialized;
    DDSUnsignedLong min_size_serialized;
    DDSBoolean trim_to_size;
}
```

Table 20.3 struct DDS_DynamicDataTypeSerializationProperty_t describes the members of DDS_DynamicDataProperty_t.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>max_size_serialized</td>
<td>Defines the maximum size of the buffer that will contain the serialized DDS sample. Default: 0xFFFFFFFF, indicates that Connext DDS must use the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample according to the type information. Except in very specific scenarios, the value max_size_serialized should always be the default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>min_size_serialized</td>
<td>Defines the minimum size of the buffer used to hold the serialized data in a DynamicData object. Default: 0xFFFFFFFF, a sentinel that indicates that this value must be equal to the value specified in max_size_serialized.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>trim_to_size</td>
<td>Controls the growth of the serialization buffer in a DynamicData object. If set to 0 (default): The buffer will not be reallocated unless the serialized size of the incoming DDS sample is greater than the current buffer size. If set to 1: The buffer of a DynamicData object obtained from the DDS sample pool will be re-allocated to just fit the size of the serialized data of the incoming sample. The new size cannot be smaller than min_size_serialized.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 20.4 Allocation of DDS Samples in DataReader Queue for DynamicData DataReaders on the facing page shows how DDS samples are allocated in the DataReader queue for DynamicData DataReaders.
20.2.3 Memory Management for DynamicData DataReaders

Figure 20.4 Allocation of DDS Samples in DataReader Queue for DynamicData DataReaders

- Get new DynamicData sample from pool
- Get DynamicData sample from sample pool
- If $\text{dynamicdata\_buffer\_size} \geq \text{serialized\_sample\_size}$ then YES, else NO
  - If $\text{dynamicdata\_buffer\_size} = \text{serialized\_sample\_size}$ then YES, else NO
    - If $\text{trim\_to\_size} = \text{TRUE}$ then YES, else NO
      - DONE
    - If $\text{serialize\_sample\_size} < \text{min\_size\_serialized}$ then
      - reallocate DynamicData buffer to $\text{min\_size\_serialized}$, else
      - reallocate DynamicData buffer to $\text{serialized\_sample\_size}$.
      - DONE
20.2.4 Memory Management for Fragmented DDS Samples

When a *DataReader* writes DDS samples with a serialized size greater than the minimum of the largest transport message sizes across all transports installed with the *DataReader*, the DDS samples are fragmented into multiple RTPS fragment messages.

The different fragments associated with a DDS sample are assembled in the *DataReader* side into a single buffer that will contain the DDS sample serialized data after the last fragment is received.

By default, the *DataReader* keeps a pool of pre-allocated serialization buffers that will be used to reconstruct the serialized data of a DDS sample from the different fragments. Each buffer hold one individual DDS sample and it has a size equal to the maximum serialized size of a DDS sample. The pool size can be configured using the QoS values `initial_fragmented_samples` and `max_fragmented_samples` in `DATA_READER_RESOURCE_LIMITS QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 7.6.2 on page 515).

The main disadvantage in pre-allocating the serialization buffers is an increase in memory usage, especially when the maximum serialized of a DDS sample is quite large. Connext DDS offers a setting that allows memory for a DDS sample to be allocated from the heap the first time a fragment is received. The amount of memory allocated equals the amount of memory needed to store all fragments in the DDS sample.

20.2.5 Reader-Side Memory Management when Working with Large Data

This section describes how to configure the *DataReader* side of the videoconferencing application introduced in Writer-Side Memory Management when Working with Large Data (Section 20.1.4 on page 850) to optimize memory usage.

The following XML file can be used to optimize the memory usage in the previous example:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!-- XML QoS Profile for large data -->
<dds xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <!-- QoS Library containing the QoS profile used for large data -->
  <qos_library name="ReliableLargeDataLibrary">
    <!-- QoS profile used to optimize the memory usage in a DataWriter sending large data images -->
    <qos_profile name="ReliableLargeDataProfile" is_default_qos="true">
      <!-- QoS used to configure the DataWriter -->
      <datareader_qos>
        <history>
          <kind>KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
        </history>
        <resource_limits>
          <max_samples>32</max_samples>
          <!-- No need to pre-allocate 32 frames unless needed -->
          <initial_samples>1</initial_samples>
        </resource_limits>
      </datareader_qos>
      <reader_resource_limits>
```
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Since the video frame samples have a large maximum serialized size we can configure the fragmented samples pool to use dynamic memory allocation. As an alternative, reduce max_fragmented_samples. However, that may cause fragment retransmission.

```xml
<Reader_resource_limits>
  <dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples>
    1
  </dynamically_allocate_fragmented_samples>
</Reader_resource_limits>

<property>
  <value>
    <!-- Java will use a buffer of 33KB to deserialize all frames with a serialized size smaller or equal than 33KB. When an I-frame is received, Java will re-allocate the deserialization buffer to match the serialized size of the new frame. -->
    <element>
      <name>
        dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.java_stream.min_size
      </name>
      <value>33792</value>
    </element>
    <element>
      <name>
        dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.java_stream.trim_to_size
      </name>
      <value>1</value>
    </element>
  </value>
</property>
</qos_profile>
</dds>
```

To avoid preallocation of the samples in the DataReader's queue to their maximum size for Type-Plugin generated code in C, C++, and .NET, replace the bounded sequence in VideoFrame with an unbounded sequence and generate code using the `-unboundedSupport` command-line option:

```c
struct VideoFrame {
  boolean keyFrame;
  sequence<octet> data;
};
```

See Memory Management for DataReaders Using Generated Type-Plugins (Section 20.2.1 on page 853) for more details.

To avoid preallocation of the samples in the DataReader's queue to their maximum size for DynamicData, set the `min_size_serialized` property to avoid the allocation of 1MB buffers for the DataReader queue samples (See Memory Management for DynamicData DataReaders (Section 20.2.3 on page 856).
20.3 Instance-Data Memory Management for DataWriters

When an instance is registered with a DataWriter, the DataWriter serializes the key value and stores it with the instance.

Each instance maintained by the DataWriter has an associated buffer in which the DataWriter serializes the key. This buffer is either:

- Obtained from a pre-allocated pool (if the key’s serialized size is ≤ \texttt{dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size})
- Dynamically allocated from the heap (if the key’s serialized size is > \texttt{dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size}).

See Table 20.4 Instance-Data Memory Management Properties for DataWriters.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>\texttt{dds.data_writer.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size}</td>
<td>Controls the memory allocation for the serialized key buffer that is stored with every instance. Default: -1 (UNLIMITED). All DDS sample buffers are obtained from the pre-allocated pool. The buffer size is the maximum serialized size of the DDS samples, as returned by the type plugin \texttt{get_serialized_sample_max_size} operation. Note: This property also controls DDS sample-data memory management. See DDS Sample-Data Memory Management for DataWriters (Section 20.1 on page 845).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

20.4 Instance-Data Memory Management for DataReaders

When an instance is received and registered by a DataReader, the DataReader serializes the key value and stores it with the instance.

Each instance maintained by the DataReader has an associated buffer in which the DataReader serializes the key. This buffer is either:

- Obtained from a pre-allocated pool (if the key’s serialized size is ≤ \texttt{dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size})
- Dynamically allocated from the heap (if the key’s serialized size is > \texttt{dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size})

See Table 20.5 Instance-Data Memory Management Properties for DataReaders.
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>dds.data_reader.history.memory_manager.fast_pool.pool_buffer_max_size</td>
<td>Controls the memory allocation for the serialized key buffer that is stored with every instance in the DataReader’s queue. Default: -1 (UNLIMITED). All buffers come from the pre-allocated pool. The size of the buffers is the maximum serialized size of the key as returned by the type plugin <code>get_serialized_key_max_size()</code> operation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chapter 21 Troubleshooting

This chapter contains tips on troubleshooting Connext DDS applications. For an up-to-date list of frequently asked questions, see the RTI Support Portal, accessible from https://support.rti.com—select the Find Solution link to see example code, general information on Connext DDS, performance information, troubleshooting tips, and technical details.

This chapter contains the following sections:

21.1 What Version am I Running?

There are two ways to obtain version information:

- By looking at the revision files, as described in Finding Version Information in Revision Files (Section 21.1.1 below).
- Programmatically at run time, as described in Finding Version Information Programmatically (Section 21.1.2 on the next page).

21.1.1 Finding Version Information in Revision Files

In the top-level directory of your Connext DDS installation (${NDDSHOME}$), you will find text files that include revision information. The files are named rev_<product>_rtidds.<version>. For example, you might see files called rev_host_rtidds.5.x.y and rev_persistence_rtidds5.x.y (where x and y stand for the version numbers of the current release). Each file contains more details, such as a patch level and if the product is license managed.

For example:

```
Host Build 5.x.y rev 04 (0x04050200)
```

The revision files for Connext DDS target libraries are in the same directory as the libraries (${NDDSHOME}/lib/<architecture> ).
21.1.2 Finding Version Information Programatically

The methods in the NDDSConfigVersion class can be used to retrieve version information for the Connext DDS product, the core library, and the C, C++ or Java libraries.

The version information includes four fields:

- A major version number
- A minor version number
- A release number
- A build number

Table 21.4 NDDSConfigLogger Operations lists the available operations (they will vary somewhat depending on the programming language you are using; consult the API Reference HTML documentation for more information).

Table 21.1 NDDSConfigVersion Operations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>To retrieve version information in a structured format</td>
<td>get_product_version</td>
<td>Gets version information for the Connext DDS product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_core_version</td>
<td>Gets version information for the Connext DDS core library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_c_api_version</td>
<td>Gets version information for the Connext DDS C library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_cpp_api_version</td>
<td>Gets version information for the Connext DDS C++ library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To retrieve version information in string format</td>
<td>to_string</td>
<td>Converts the version information for each library into a string. The strings for each library are put in a single hyphen-delimited list.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The get_product_version() operation returns a reference to a structure of type DDS_ProductVersion_t:

```c
struct NDDS_Config_ProductVersion_t {
    DDS_Char major;
    DDS_Char minor;
    DDS_Char release;
    DDS_Char revision;
};
```

The other get_*_version() operations return a reference to a structure of type NDDS_Config_LibraryVersion_t:
The `to_string()` operation returns version information for the Connext DDS core, followed by the C and C++ API libraries, separated by hyphens. For example:

```
nxddcore1.0g.rev0-nddsc1.0g.rev1-nddscpp1.0g.rev0
```

### Core
- major: 1
- minor: 0
- release: g
- build: 0

### C API
- major: 1
- minor: 0
- release: g
- build: 1

### C++ API
- major: 1
- minor: 0
- release: g
- build: 0

## 21.2 Controlling Messages from Connext DDS

Connext DDS provides several types of messages to help you debug your system and alert you to errors during run time. You can control how much information is reported and where it is logged.

How much information is logged is known as the *verbosity* setting. Table 21.2 Message Logging Verbosity Levels describes the increasing verbosity levels.

### Table 21.2 Message Logging Verbosity Levels

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Verbosity (NDDS_Config_LogVerbosity_*)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SILENT</td>
<td>No messages will be logged. (lowest verbosity)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Table 21.2 Message Logging Verbosity Levels

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Verbosity (NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_VERBOSITY_*)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ERROR (default level for all categories)</td>
<td>Log only high-priority error messages. An error indicates something is wrong with how Connext DDS is functioning. The most common cause of this type of error is an incorrect configuration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WARNING</td>
<td>Additionally log warning messages. A warning indicates that Connext DDS is taking an action that may or may not be what you intended. Some configuration information is also logged at this verbosity to aid in debugging.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATUS_LOCAL</td>
<td>Additionally log verbose information about the lifecycles of local Connext DDS objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATUS_REMOTE</td>
<td>Additionally log verbose information about the lifecycles of remote Connext DDS objects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATUS_ALL</td>
<td>Additionally log verbose information about periodic activities and Connext DDS threads. (highest verbosity)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that the verbosities are cumulative: logging at a high verbosity means also logging all lower verbosity messages. If you change nothing, the default verbosity will be set to NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_VERBOSITY_ERROR.

Logging at high verbosities can be detrimental to your application's performance. You should generally not set the verbosity above NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_VERBOSITY_WARNING, unless you are debugging a specific problem.

You will typically change the verbosity of all of Connext DDS at once. However, in the event that such a strategy produces too much output, you can further discriminate among the messages you would like to see. The types of messages logged by Connext DDS fall into the categories listed in Table 21.3 Message Logging Categories; each category can be set to a different verbosity level.

Table 21.3 Message Logging Categories

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category (NDDS_CONFIG_LOGCATEGORY_*)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PLATFORM</td>
<td>Messages about the underlying platform (hardware and OS).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMMUNICATION</td>
<td>Messages about data serialization and deserialization and network traffic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATABASE</td>
<td>Messages about the internal database of Connext DDS objects.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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<tr>
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</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENTITIES</td>
<td>Messages about local and remote entities and the discovery process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>API</td>
<td>Messages about Connext DDS's API layer (such as method argument validation).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The methods in the NDDSConfigLogger class can be used to change verbosity settings, as well as the destination for logged messages. Table 21.4 NDDSConfigLogger Operations lists the available operations; consult the API Reference HTML documentation for more information.

Table 21.4 NDDSConfigLogger Operations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Operation</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Change Verbosity for all Categories</td>
<td>get_verbosity</td>
<td>Gets the current verbosity. If per-category verbosities are used, returns the highest verbosity of any category.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_verbosity</td>
<td>Sets the verbosity of all categories.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change Verbosity for a Specific Category</td>
<td>get_verbosity_by_category</td>
<td>Gets/Sets the verbosity for a specific category.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_verbosity_by_category</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change Destination of Logged Messages</td>
<td>get_output_file</td>
<td>Returns the file to which messages are being logged, or NULL for the default destination (standard output on most platforms).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_output_file</td>
<td>Redirects future logged messages to the specified file (or NULL to return to the default)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_output_device</td>
<td>Returns the logging device installed with the logger.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_output_device</td>
<td>Registers a specified logging device with the logger. See Customizing the Handling of Generated Log Messages (Section 21.2.3 on page 871)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change Message Format</td>
<td>get_print_format</td>
<td>Gets/Sets the current message format that Connext DDS is using to log diagnostic information. See Format of Logged Messages (Section 21.2.1 on the next page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>set_print_format</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
21.2.1 Format of Logged Messages

You can control the amount of information in each message with the `set_print_format()` operation. The format options are listed in Table 21.5 Message Formats.

**Table 21.5 Message Formats**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message Format (NDDS_CONFIG_LOG_PRINT_FORMAT_*)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DEFAULT</td>
<td>Message, method name, and activity context.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMPED</td>
<td>Message, method name, activity context, and timestamp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERBOSE</td>
<td>Message with all available context information (includes thread identifier, activity context).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERBOSE_TIMESTAMPED</td>
<td>Message with all available context information and timestamp.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEBUG</td>
<td>Information for internal debugging by RTI personnel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MINIMAL</td>
<td>Message number, method name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAXIMAL</td>
<td>All available fields.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Of course, you are not likely to recognize all of the method names; many of the operations that perform logging are deep within the implementation of Connext DDS. However, in case of errors, logging will typically take place at several points within the call stack; the output thus implies the stack trace at the time the error occurred. You may only recognize the name of the operation that was the last to log its message (i.e., the function that called all the others); however, the entire stack trace is extremely useful to RTI support personnel in the event that you require assistance.

You may notice that many of the logged messages begin with an exclamation point character. This convention indicates an error and is intended to be reminiscent of the negation operator in many programming languages. For example, the message “!create socket” in the second line of the above stack trace means “cannot create socket.”

**21.2.1.1 Timestamps**

Reported times are in seconds from a system-dependent starting time; these are equivalent to the output format from Connext DDS. The timestamp is in the form "ssssss.mmmmmm" where <ssssss> is a number of seconds, and <mmmmm> is a fraction of a second expressed in microseconds. Enabling timestamps will result in some additional overhead for clock access for every message that is logged.

Logging of timestamps is not enabled by default. To enable it, use NDDS_Config_Logger method `set_print_format()`. 

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21.2.1.2 Thread identification

Thread identification strings uniquely identify for active thread when a message is output to the console. A thread may be a user (application) thread or one of several types of internal threads. The possible thread types are:

user thread: U<threadID>
receive thread: rR<thread index><domain ID><app ID>, where thread index is an integer identifying this receive thread
event thread: revt<domain ID><app ID>
asynchronous publisher thread: rDsp

Logging of thread IDs are not enabled by default. To enable it, use NDDS_Config_Logger method set_print_format().

21.2.1.3 Hierarchical Context

Many middleware APIs now store information in thread-specific storage about the current operation, as well as information about which DDS domain (and participant ID) was active, and which entities were being operated on. In the case of objects that are associated with topics, the topic name is also stored.

The context field is output by default.

21.2.1.4 Explanation of Context Strings

- DDS domain context

\[Dxxyy\]

In this case, xx = participant ID, yy = domain#. For example, \[D0149\] means “domain 49, participant 01.”

- Entity context

Operation on an entity will specify the object and a numeric ID, such as Writer(001A1). The name will be one of the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>String</th>
<th>Object Type</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Participant</td>
<td>DDS_DomainParticipant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pub</td>
<td>DDS_Publisher</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sub</td>
<td>DDS_Subscriber</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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21.2.1.4 Explanation of Context Strings

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<td>DDS_Topic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Writer</td>
<td>DDS_&lt;*&gt;DataWriter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reader</td>
<td>DDS_&lt;*&gt;DataReader</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

• Topic Context

T=Hello refers to topic "Hello."

The operations which report context include:

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<th>String</th>
<th>Operation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Entity operations:</strong></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENABLE</td>
<td>Entity::enable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GET_QOS</td>
<td>Entity::get_qos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SET_QOS</td>
<td>Entity::set_qos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GET_LISTENER</td>
<td>Entity::get_listener</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SET_LISTENER</td>
<td>Entity::set_listener</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Factory operations (DP Factory, Participant, Pub/Sub):</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CREATE &lt;Entity&gt;</td>
<td>Factory::create_&lt;entity&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DELETE &lt;Entity&gt;</td>
<td>Factory::delete_&lt;entity&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GET_DEFAULT_QOS &lt;Entity&gt;</td>
<td>Factory::get_default_&lt;entity&gt;_qos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SET_DEFAULT_QOS &lt;Entity&gt;</td>
<td>Factory::set_default_&lt;entity&gt;_qos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Participant-specific operations:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GET_PUBS</td>
<td>Participant::get_publishers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GET_SUBS</td>
<td>Participant::get_subscribers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOOKUP Topic(&lt;name&gt;)</td>
<td>Participant::lookup_topicdescription</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOOKUP FlowController(&lt;name&gt;)</td>
<td>Participant::lookup_flowcontroller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IGNORE &lt;Entity&gt;(&lt;host ID&gt;)</td>
<td>Participant::ignore_&lt;entity&gt;</td>
</tr>
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</table>
21.2.2 Configuring Logging via XML

Logging can also be configured using the DomainParticipantFactory’s **LOGGING QosPolicy (DDS Extension)** (Section 8.4.1 on page 570) with the tags, `<participant_factory_qos><logging>`. The fields in the **LoggingQosPolicy** are described in XML using a 1-to-1 mapping with the equivalent C representation shown below:

```c
struct DDS_LoggingQosPolicy {
    NDDS_Config_LogVerbosity verbosity;
    NDDS_Config_LogCategory category;
    NDDS_Config_LogPrintFormat print_format;
    char * output_file;
};
```

The equivalent representation in XML:

```xml
<participant_factory_qos>
    <logging>
        <verbosity></verbosity>
        <category></category>
        <print_format></print_format>
        <output_file></output_file>
    </logging>
</participant_factory_qos>
```

The attribute `<is_default_participant_factory_profile>` can be set to true for the `<qos_profile>` tag to indicate from which profile to use `<participant_factory_qos>`. If multiple QoS profiles have `<is_default_participant_factory_profile>` set to true, the last profile with `<is_default_participant_factory_profile>` set to true will be used.

If none of the profiles have set `<is_default_participant_factory_profile>` to true, the profile with `<is_default_qos>` set to true will be used.

In the following example, DefaultProfile2 will be used:

```xml
<dds xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
     xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="/..\xsd/rti_dds_qos_profiles.xsd">
    <!-- Qos Library -->
    <qos_library name="DefaultLibrary">
        <qos_profile name="DefaultProfile1"
            is_default_participant_factory_profile ="true">
            <participant_factory_qos>
                <logging>
                    <verbosity>ALL</verbosity>
                    <category>ENTITIES</category>
                    <print_format>MAXIMAL</print_format>
                    <output_file>LoggerOutput1.txt</output_file>
                </logging>
            </participant_factory_qos>
        </qos_profile>
        <qos_profile name= "DefaultProfile2"
```
21.2.3 Customizing the Handling of Generated Log Messages

By default, the log messages generated by Connext DDS are sent to the standard output. You can redirect the log messages to a file by using the `<participant_factory_qos>` tag.

To further customize the management of the generated log messages, you can use the Logger’s `set_output_device()` operation to install a user-defined logging device. The logging device must implement an interface with two operations: `write()` and `close()`.

Connext DDS will call the `write()` operation to write a new log message to the input device. The log message provides the text and the verbosity corresponding to the message.

Connext DDS will call the `close()` operation when the logging device is uninstalled.

Note: It is not safe to make any calls to the Connext DDS core library including calls to `DDS_DomainParticipant_get_current_time()` from any of the logging device operations.

For additional details on user-defined logging devices, see the API Reference HTML documentation (under Modules, RTI Connext DDS API Reference, Configuration Utilities).
Part 4: Request-Reply Communication Pattern

The Request-Reply communication pattern is only available with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types.

As real-time and embedded applications become more complex, and require integration with enterprise applications, you may need additional communication patterns besides publish-subscribe. Perhaps your application needs certain information only occasionally—such as changes in temperature over the past hour, or even just once, such as application configuration data that is required only at start up. To get information only when needed, Connext DDS supports a request-reply communication pattern, which is described in the following sections:

- Introduction to the Request-Reply Communication Pattern (Section Chapter 22 on page 873)
- Using the Request-Reply Communication Pattern (Section Chapter 23 on page 879)
Chapter 22 Introduction to the Request-Reply Communication Pattern

This chapter describes the Request-Reply communication pattern, which is available with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types.

The fundamental communication pattern provided by Connext DDS is known as DDS data-centric publish-subscribe. The data-centric publish-subscribe pattern is particularly well-suited in situations where the same data must flow from one producer to many consumers, or when data is streaming continuously from producers to consumers. For example, the values produced by a temperature sensor may be observed by multiple applications, such as control applications, UI applications, supervisory applications, historians, etc.
The publish-subscribe pattern supports multicast, which allows efficient distribution from a single source to multiple applications, devices, or subscribers simultaneously. But even with a single subscriber, the publish-subscribe pattern is still advantageous, because the publisher can push new updates to a subscriber as soon as they happen. That way the subscriber always has access to the latest data, with minimum delays, and without incurring the overhead of periodically polling what may be stale data. This efficient, low-latency access to the most current information is important for real-time applications.

22.1 The Request-Reply Pattern

As applications become more complex, it often becomes necessary to use other communication patterns in addition to publish-subscribe. Sometimes an application needs to get a one-time snapshot of information; for example, to make a query into a database or retrieve configuration parameters that never change. Other times an application needs to ask a remote application to perform an action on its behalf; for example, to invoke a remote procedure call or a service.

To support these scenarios, Connext DDS includes support for the request-reply communication pattern. It is available with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types.
The request-reply pattern has two roles: The requester (service consumer or client) sends a request message and waits for a reply message. The replier (service provider) receives the request message and responds with a reply message.

Using the request-reply pattern with a Replier is straightforward. Connext DDS provides two Entities: the Requester and the Replier manage all the interactions on behalf of the application. The Requester and Replier automatically discover each other based on an application-specified service name. When the application invokes a request, the Requester sends a message (on an automatically-created request Topic) to the Replier, which notifies the receiving application. The application, in turn, uses the Replier to receive the request and send the reply message. The reply message is sent by Connext DDS back to the original Requester (using a different automatically created reply Topic).

Connext DDS supports both blocking and non-blocking request-reply interactions:

- In a blocking (a.k.a. synchronous) interaction, the requesting application blocks while waiting for the reply. This is typical of applications desiring remote-procedure-call or remote-method-invocation interactions.
- In a non-blocking (a.k.a. asynchronous) interaction, the requesting application can proceed with other work and gets notified when a reply is available.

Repliers (Section 23.2 on page 889) explains how an application can use the methods provided by the Requester and the Replier to perform both blocking and non-blocking request-reply interactions.

The implementation of request-reply in Connext DDS is highly scalable. A Replier can receive requests from thousands of Requesters at the same time. Connext DDS will efficiently deliver each reply only to the original Requester, allowing the number of Requesters to grow without significantly impacting each other.
22.1.1 Request-Reply Correlation

An application might have multiple outstanding requests, all originating from the same Requester. This can be as a result of using a non-blocking request-reply interaction, or as a result of having multiple application threads using the same Requester. Because of this, Connext DDS provides a way for the application to correlate a reply with the request it is associated with. This meta-data is provided as part of a SampleInfo structure that accompanies the reply.

When using a blocking request operation, Connext DDS provides an easy-to-use API that automatically does the correlation for you.

22.2 Single-Request, Multiple-Replies

Connext DDS also supports the single-request multiple-reply pattern. This pattern is an extension of the basic request-reply pattern in which multiple reply messages can flow back as a result of a single request.

The single-request multiple-reply pattern is very useful when getting large amounts of data as a reply, such as when querying a system for all data that matches a certain criteria. Another common use-case is invoking a service that goes through multiple stages and provides updates on each: service commencement, progress reports, and final completion.

Figure 22.3 Single Request, Multiple Replies

For example, a mobile asset management system may need to locate a particular asset (truck, locomotive, etc.). The system sends out the request. The first reply that comes back will read “locating.” The service has not yet determined the position, but it notifies the requester that the search operation has started. The
second reply might provide a status update on the search, perhaps including a rough area of location. The third and final reply will have the exact location of the asset.

### 22.3 Multiple Repliers

*Connext DDS* directly supports applications that obtain results from multiple providers in parallel instead of in sequence, basically implementing functional parallelism.

To illustrate, consider a system managing a fleet of drones, like unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Using the single request-multiple reply pattern, the application can use a *Requester* to send a single ‘DroneInfo’ request to all the drones to query for their current mission and status. Each drone replies with the information on its own status and the *Requester* aggregates all the responses for the application.

As another example, consider a system that would like to locate the best printer to perform a particular job. The application can use a *Requester* to query all the printers that are on-line for their characteristics and load. The *Requester* receives the replies and accumulates them until an application-specified number of replies is received (or a timeout elapses). The application can then use the *Requester* to access all the replies, examine their contents, and select the best printer for the job.

*Figure 22.4 Multiple Repliers*
22.4 Combining Request-Reply and Publish-Subscribe

Under the hood, Connext DDS implements request-reply using the DDS data-centric publish-subscribe pattern. This has a key benefit in that the two patterns can be combined, and mapped without interference.

Figure 22.5 Combining Patterns

For example, a pair of applications may be involved in a two-way conversation using request-reply. For debugging purposes or regulatory compliance, you want to inspect those request-reply messages, but without disrupting the conversation.

Since Connext DDS implements requests and replies using DDS data-centric publish subscribe, others can simply subscribe to the request and reply messages. You can introduce a subscriber to the reply Topic, without interfering with the two-way conversation between the Requester and the Replier. This pattern is also known as a Wire Tap. For example, you can use RTI Recording Service to non-intrusively capture request-reply traffic.
This section explains how to use and configure the Request-Reply communication pattern, which is only available with the Connext DDS Professional, Evaluation, and Basic package types.

There are two basic Connext DDS entities used by the Request-Reply communication pattern: Requester and Replier.

- A Requester publishes a request Topic and subscribes to a reply Topic. See Requesters (Section 23.1 on the next page).
- A Replier subscribes to the request Topic and publishes the reply Topic. See Repliers (Section 23.2 on page 889).

There is an alternate type of replier known as a SimpleReplier:

- A SimpleReplier is useful for cases where there is a single reply to each request and the reply can be generated quickly, such as looking up some data from memory.
- A SimpleReplier is used in combination with a user-provided SimpleReplierListener. Requests are passed to a callback in the SimpleReplierListener, which returns the reply.
- The SimpleReplier is not suitable if the replier needs to generate more than one reply for a single request or if generating the reply can take significant time or needs to occur asynchronously. For more information, see SimpleRepliers (Section 23.3 on page 895).

Additional resources. In addition to the information in this section, you can find more information and example code here:
The Connext DDS API Reference HTML documentation contains example code that will show you how to use API: From the Modules tab, navigate to Programming How-To’s, Request-Reply Examples.

The Connext DDS API Reference HTML documentation also contains the full API documentation for the Requester, Replier, and SimpleReplier. Under the Modules tab, navigate to RTI Connext DDS API Reference, RTI Connext Request-Reply API Reference.

Typecodes are required when using the Request-Reply communication pattern. To use this pattern, do not use RTI Code Generator's -noTypeCode flag. If typecodes are missing, the Requester will log an exception.

23.1 Requesters

A Requester is an entity with two associated DDS Entities: a DDS DataWriter bound to a request Topic and a DDS DataReader bound to a reply Topic. A Requester sends requests by publishing samples of the request Topic, and receives replies for those requests by subscribing to the reply Topic.

Valid types for request and reply Topics can be:

- For the C API:
  - DDS types generated by RTI Code Generator
- For all other APIs:
  - DDS types generated by RTI Code Generator
  - Built-in DDS types, such as, String, KeyedString, Octets, and KeyedOctets
  - DDS DynamicData Types

To communicate, a Requester and Replier must use the same request Topic name, the same reply Topic name, and be associated with the same DDS domain_id.

A Requester has an associated DomainParticipant, which can be shared with other requesters or Connext DDS entities. All the other entities required for request-reply interaction, including the request and reply Topics, the DataWriter for writing requests, and a DataReader for reading replies, are automatically created when the Requester is constructed.

Connext DDS guarantees that a Requester will only receive replies associated with the requests it sends.

The Requester uses the underlying DataReader not only to receive the replies, but also as a cache that can hold replies to multiple outstanding requests or even multiple replies to a single request. Depending on the

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1The API Reference HTML documentation is available for all supported programming languages. Open <NDDSHOME>/README.html.
HistoryQoSPolicy configuration of the DataReader, the Requester may allow replies to replace previous replies based on the reply data having the same value for the Key fields (see DDS Samples, Instances, and Keys (Section 2.2.2 on page 14)). The default configuration of the Requester does not allow replacing.

You can configure the QoS for the underlying DataWriter and DataReader in a QoS profile. By default, the DataWriter and DataReader are created with default values (DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT and DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT, respectively) except for the following:

- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397): kind is set to RELIABLE.
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374): kind is set to KEEP_ALL.
- Several other protocol-related settings for Requesters (see the API Reference HTML documentation: select Modules, Programming How-To’s, Request-Reply Examples; then scroll down to the section on Configuring Request-Reply QoS profiles).

### 23.1.1 Creating a Requester

Before you can create a Requester, you need a DomainParticipant and a service name.

**Note:** The example code snippets in this section use the C++ API. You can find more complete examples in all the supported programming languages (C, C++, Java, C#) in the Connext DDS API Reference HTML documentation and in the “example” directory found in your Connext DDS installation.

To create a Requester with the minimum set of parameters, you can use the basic constructor that receives only an existing DDS DomainParticipant and the name of the service:

```cpp
Requester <MyRequestType, MyReplyType> *requester = new Requester <MyRequestType, MyReplyType> (participant, “ServiceName”);
```

To create a Requester with specific parameters, you may use a different constructor that receives a RequesterParams structure (described in Setting Requester Parameters (Section 23.1.3 on the next page)):

```cpp
Requester (const RequesterParams &params)
```

The **ServiceName** parameter is used to generate the names of the request and reply Topics that the Requester and Replier will use to communicate. For example, if the service name is “MyService”, the topic names for the Requester and Replier will be “MyServiceRequest” and “MyServiceReply”, respectively. Therefore, for communication to occur, you must use the same service name when creating the Requester and the Replier entities.

If you want to use topic names different from the ones that would be derived from the ServiceName, you can override the default names by setting the actual request and reply Topic names using the request_
23.1.2 Destroying a Requester

**topic_name()** and **reply_topic_name()** accessors to the `RequesterParams` structure prior to creating the `Requester`.

**Example:** To create a `Requester` with default QoS and topic names derived from the service name, you may use the following code:

```cpp
Requester<Foo, Bar> * requester =
    new Requester<Foo, Bar>(
        participant,"MyService");
```

**Example:** To create a `Requester` with a specific QoS profile with library name “MyLibrary” and profile “MyProfile” defined inside `USER_QOS_PROFILES.xml` in the current working directory, you may use the following code:

```cpp
Requester<Foo, Bar> * requester = new Requester<Foo, Bar>(
    RequesterParams(participant),
    service_name("MyService").qos_profile(
        "MyLibrary", "MyProfile"));
```

Once you have created a `Requester`, you can use it to perform the operations in Table 23.2 Requester Operations.

### 23.1.2 Destroying a Requester

To destroy a Requester and free its underlying entities you may use the destructor:

```cpp
virtual ~Requester ()
```

### 23.1.3 Setting Requester Parameters

To change the RequesterParams that can be used when creating a Requester, you can use the operations listed in Table 23.1 Operations to Set Requester Parameters.

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<td>Sets the QoS of the reply DataReader.</td>
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<tr>
<td>datawriter_qos</td>
<td>Sets the QoS of the request DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>publisher</td>
<td>Sets a specific Publisher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>qos_profile</td>
<td>Sets a QoS profile for the DDS entities in this requester.</td>
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<td>Sets the name of the Topic used for the request. If this parameter is set, then you must also set the reply_topic_name parameter and you should not set the service_name parameter.</td>
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<tr>
<td>reply_topic_name</td>
<td>Sets the name of the Topic used for the reply. If this parameter is set, then you must also set the request_topic_name parameter and you should not set the service_name parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply_type_support</td>
<td>Sets the type support for the reply type.</td>
</tr>
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<td>request_type_support</td>
<td>Sets the type support for the request type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>service_name</td>
<td>Sets the service name. This will automatically set the name of the request Topic and the reply Topic. If this parameter is set you should not set the request_topic_name or the reply_topic_name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>subscriber</td>
<td>Sets a specific Subscriber.</td>
</tr>
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### 23.1.4 Summary of Requester Operations

There are several kinds of operations an application can perform using the Requester:

- Sending requests (i.e., publishing request samples on the request Topic)
- Waiting for replies to be received back.
- Taking the reply data. This gets the reply data from the Requester and removes from the Requester cache.
- Reading the reply data. This gets the reply data from the Requester but leaves it in the Requester cache so it remain accessible to future operations on the Requester.
- Receiving replies (a convenience operation that is a combination of ‘waiting’ and ‘taking’ the data in a single operation)

These operations are summarized in Table 23.2 Requester Operations

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<td><strong>Waiting for Replies</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>wait_for_replies</td>
<td>Waits for replies to any request or to a specific request.</td>
<td>Waiting for Replies (Section 23.1.6.1 on the facing page)</td>
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<tr>
<td>take_reply</td>
<td>Copies a single reply into a Sample container. There are variants that allow getting the next reply available or the next reply to a specific request. This operation removes the reply from the Requester cache. So subsequent calls to take or read replies will not get the same reply again.</td>
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<td>take_replies</td>
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<td>Copies a single reply into a Sample container. There are variants that allow getting the next reply available or the next reply to a specific request. This operation leaves the reply on the Requester cache. So subsequent calls to take or read replies can get the same reply again.</td>
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<td>Returns a LoanedSamples container with the collection of replies received by the Requester. There are variants that allow accessing all the replies available or only the replies to a specific request. This operation leaves the returned replies in the Requester cache. So subsequent calls to take or read replies can get the same replies again.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Receiving Replies</strong></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>receive_reply</td>
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<tr>
<td>get_request_datawriter</td>
<td>Retrieves the underlying DataWriter that writes requests.</td>
<td>Accessing Underlying DataWriters and DataReaders (Section 23.4 on page 897)</td>
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<tr>
<td>get_reply_datareader</td>
<td>Retrieves the underlying DataReader that reads replies.</td>
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### 23.1.5 Sending Requests

To send a request, use the `send_request()` operation on the `Requester`. There are three variants of this operation, depending on the parameters that are passed in:
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1. `send_request (const TRequest &request)`
2. `send_request (WriteSample<TRequest> &request)`
3. `send_request (WriteSampleRef<TRequest> &request)`

The first way simply sends a request.

The second way sends a request and gets back information about the request in a `WriteSample` container. This information can be used to correlate the request with future replies.

The third way is just like the second, but puts the information in a `WriteSampleRef`, which holds references to the data and parameters. Both `WriteSample` and `WriteSampleRef` provide information about the request that can be used to correlate the request with future replies.

### 23.1.6 Processing Incoming Replies with a Requester

The `Requester` provides several operations that can be used to wait for and access replies:

- `wait_for_replies()`, see Waiting for Replies (Section 23.1.6.1 below)
- `take_reply()`, `take_replies()`, `read_reply()` and `read_replies()`, see Getting Replies (Section 23.1.6.2 on the next page)
- `receive_reply()` and `receive_replies()`, see Receiving Replies (Section 23.1.6.3 on page 888)

The `wait_for_replies` operations are used to wait until the replies arrive.

The `take_reply`, `take_replies`, `read_reply`, and `read_replies()` operations access the replies once they have arrived.

The `receive_reply` and `receive_replies` are convenience functions that combine waiting and accessing the replies and are equivalent to calling the ‘wait’ operation followed by the corresponding `take_reply` or `take_replies` operations.

Each of these operations has several variants, depending on the parameters that are passed in.

#### 23.1.6.1 Waiting for Replies

Use the `wait_for_replies()` operation on the `Requester` to wait for the replies to previously sent requests. There are three variants of this operation, depending on the parameters that are passed in. All these variants block the calling thread until either there are replies or a timeout occurs.

| 1. `wait_for_replies (const DDS_Duration_t &max_wait)` |
| 2. `wait_for_replies (int min_count, const DDS_Duration_t &max_wait)` |
| 3. `wait_for_replies (int min_count, const DDS_Duration_t &max_wait, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)` |
The first variant (only passing in `max_wait`) blocks until a reply is available or until `max_wait` time has elapsed, whichever comes first. The reply can be to any of the requests made by the `Requester`.

The second variant (passing in `min_count` and `max_wait`) blocks until at least `min_count` replies are available or until `max_wait` time has elapsed, whichever comes first. These replies may all be to the same request or to different requests made by the `Requester`.

The third variant (passing in `min_count`, `max_wait`, and `related_request_id`) blocks until at least `min_count` replies to the request identified by the `related_request_id` are available, or until `max_wait` time has passed, whichever comes first. Note that unlike the previous variants, the replies must all be to the same single request (identified by the `related_request_id`) made by the `Requester`.

Typically after waiting for replies, you will call `take_reply`, `take_replies`, `read_reply`, or `read_replies()`, see Repliers (Section 23.2 on page 889).

If you call `wait_for_replies()` several times without ‘taking’ the replies (using the `take_reply` or `take_replies` operation), future calls to `wait_for_replies()` will return immediately and will not wait for new replies.

### 23.1.6.2 Getting Replies

You can use the following operations to access replies: `take_reply`, `take_replies`, `read_reply`, and `read_replies()`.

As mentioned in Summary of Requester Operations (Section 23.1.4 on page 883), the difference between the ‘take’ operations (`take_reply`, `take_replies`) and the ‘read’ operations (`read_reply`, `read_replies`) is that ‘take’ operations remove the replies from the `Requester` cache. This means that future calls to `take_reply`, `read_reply`, `read_reply`, and `read_reply` will not get the same reply again.

The `take_reply` and `read_reply` operations access a single reply, whereas the `take_replies` and `read_replies` can access a collection of replies.

There are four variants of the `take_reply` and `read_reply` operations, depending on the parameters that are passed in:

1. `take_reply` (Sample<TReply> &reply)
   
   `read_reply` (Sample<TReply> &reply)

2. `take_reply` (SampleRef<TReply> reply)
   
   `read_reply` (SampleRef<TReply> reply)

3. `take_reply` (Sample<TReply> &reply, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)
   
   `read_reply` (Sample<TReply> &reply, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)
4. `take_reply(SampleRef<TReply> reply, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)`
   `read_reply(SampleRef<TReply> reply, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)`

The first two variants provide access to the next reply in the Requester cache. This is the earliest reply to any previous requests sent by the Requester that has not been ‘taken’ from the Requester cache. The remaining two variants provide access to the earliest non-previously ‘taken’ reply to the request specified by the `related_request_id`.

Notice that some of these variants use a `Sample`, while other use a `SampleRef`. A `SampleRef` can be used much like a `Sample`, but it holds references to the reply data and DDS SampleInfo, so there is no additional copy. In contrast using the `Sample` obtains a copy of both the data and DDS SampleInfo.

The `take_replies` and `read_replies` operations access a collection of (one or more) replies to previously sent requests. These operations are convenient when you expect multiple replies to a single request, or when issuing multiple requests concurrently without waiting for intervening replies.

The `take_replies` and `read_replies` operations return a `LoanedSamples` container that holds the replies. To increase performance, the `LoanedSamples` does not copy the reply data. Instead it ‘loans’ the necessary resources from the Requester. The resources loaned by the `LoanedSamples` container must be eventually returned, either explicitly calling the `return_loan()` operation on the `LoanedSamples` or through the destructor of the `LoanedSamples`.

There are three variants of the `take_replies` and `read_replies` operations, depending on the parameters that are passed in:

1. `take_replies(int max_count=DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED)`
   `read_replies(int max_count=DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED)`

2. `take_replies(int max_count, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)`
   `read_replies(int max_count, const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)`

3. `take_replies(const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)`
   `read_replies(const SampleIdentity_t &related_request_id)`

The first variant (only passing in `max_count`) returns a container holding up to `max_count` replies.

The second variant (passing in `max_count` and `related_request_id`) returns a `LoanedSamples` container holding up to `max_count` replies that correspond to the request identified by the `related_request_id`. 
The third variant (only passing in related_request_id) returns a LoanedSamples container holding an unbounded number of replies that correspond to the request identified by the related_request_id. This is equivalent to the second variant with max_count = DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED.

The resources for the LoanedSamples container must be eventually be returned, either by calling the return_loan() operation on the LoanedSamples or through the LoanedSamples destructor.

For multi-reply scenarios, in which a Requester receives multiple replies from a Replier for a given request, the Requester can check if a reply is the last reply in a sequence of replies. To do so, see if the bit INTERMEDIATE_REPLY_SEQUENCE_SAMPLE is set in DDS_SampleInfo’s flag field (see Table 7.18 DDS_SampleInfo Structure) after receiving each reply. This bit indicates it is NOT the last reply.

23.1.6.3 Receiving Replies

The receive_reply() operation is a shortcut that combines calls to wait_for_replies() and to take_reply(). Similarly the receive_replies() operation combines wait_for_replies() and take_replies().

There is only one variant of the receive_reply() operation:

1. receive_reply (Sample<TReply> &reply, const DDS_Duration_t &timeout)

This operation blocks until either a reply is received or a timeout occurs. The contents of the reply are copied into the provided sample (reply).

There are two variants of the receive_replies() operation, depending on the parameters that are passed in:

1. receive_replies (const DDS_Duration_t &max_wait)

2. receive_replies (int min_count, int max_count, const DDS_Duration_t &max_wait)

These two variants block until multiple replies are available or a timeout occurs.

The first variant (only passing in max_wait) blocks until at least one reply is available or until max_wait time has passed, whichever comes first. The operation returns a LoanedSamples container holding the replies. Note that there could be more than one reply. This can occur if, for example, there were already replies available in the Requester from previous requests that were not processed. This operation does not limit the number of replies that can be returned on the LoanedSamples container.

The second variant (passing in min_count, max_count, and max_wait) will block until min_count replies are available or until max_wait time has passed, whichever comes first. Up to max_count replies will be stored into the LoanedSamples container which is returned to the caller.

The resources held in the LoanedSamples container must eventually be returned, either with an explicit call to return_loan() on the LoanedSamples or through the LoanedSamples destructor.
23.2 Repliers

A Replier is an entity with two associated DDS Entities: a DDS DataReader bound to a request Topic and a DDS DataWriter bound to a reply Topic. The Replier receives requests by subscribing to the request Topic and sends replies to those requests by publishing on the reply Topic.

Valid data types for these topics are the same as specified for the Requester, see Requesters (Section 23.1 on page 880).

For multi-reply scenarios in which a Replier generates more than one reply for a request, the Replier should mark all intermediate replies (all but the last reply) with the INTERMEDIATE_REPLY_SEQUENCE_SAMPLE bit-flag in the WriteParams_t flag field (see Table 6.16 DDS_WriteParams_t).

Much like a Requester, a Replier has an associated DDS DomainParticipant which can be shared with other Connext DDS entities. All the other entities required for the request-reply interaction, including a DataWriter for writing replies and a DataReader for reading requests, are automatically created when the Replier is constructed.

You can configure the QoS for the underlying DataWriter and DataReader in a QoS profile. By default, the DataWriter and DataReader are created with default QoS values (using DDS_DATAWRITER_QOS_DEFAULT and DDS_DATAREADER_QOS_DEFAULT, respectively) except for the following:

- RELIABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.19 on page 397): kind is set to RELIABLE
- HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374): kind is set to KEEP_ALL

The Replier API supports several ways in which the application can be notified of, and process, requests:

- **Blocking**: The application thread blocks waiting for requests, processes them, and dispatches the reply. In this situation, if the computation necessary to process the request and produce the reply is small, you may consider using the SimpleReplier, which offers a simplified API.

- **Polling**: The application thread checks (polls) for requests periodically but does not block to wait for them. To check for data without blocking, call take_requests() or read_requests().

- **Asynchronous notification**: The application installs a ReplierListener to receive notifications whenever a request is received.

23.2.1 Creating a Replier

To create a Replier with the minimum set of parameters you can use the basic constructor that receives only an existing DDS DomainParticipant and the name of the service:

```cpp
Replier (DDSDomainParticipant * participant,
         const std::string & service_name)
```
23.2.2 Destroying a Replier

Example:

```cpp
Replier<Foo, Bar> * replier =
    new Replier<Foo, Bar>(participant, "MyService");
```

To create a Replier with specific parameters you may use a different constructor that receives a ReplierParams structure:

```cpp
Replier (const ReplierParams<TRequest, TReply> &params)
```

Example:

```cpp
Replier<Foo, Bar> * replier = new Replier<Foo, Bar>(
    ReplierParams(participant).service_name("MyService")
    .qos_profile("MyLibrary", "MyProfile"));
```

The service name is used to generate the names of the request and reply Topics that the Requester and Replier will use to communicate. For example, if the service name is “MyService”, the topic names for the Requester and Replier will be “MyServiceRequest” and “MyServiceReply”, respectively. Therefore it is important to use the same service name when creating the Requester and the Replier.

If you need to specify different Topic names, you can override the default names by setting the actual request and reply Topic names using request_topic_name() and reply_topic_name() accessors to the ReplierParams structure prior to creating the Replier.

**23.2.2 Destroying a Replier**

To destroy a Replier and free its underlying entities:

```cpp
virtual ~Replier ()
```

**23.2.3 Setting Replier Parameters**

To change the ReplierParams that are used to create a Replier, use the operations listed in Table 23.3 Operations to Set Replier Parameters.

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<td>datareader_qos</td>
<td>Sets the quality of service of the request DataReader.</td>
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<tr>
<td>datawriter_qos</td>
<td>Sets the quality of service of the reply DataWriter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>publisher</td>
<td>Sets a specific Publisher.</td>
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</table>
23.2.4 Summary of Replier Operations

There are four kinds of operations an application can perform using the Replier:

- Waiting for requests to be received
- Reading/taking the request data and associated information
- Receiving requests (a convenience operation that combines waiting and getting the data into a single operation)
- Sending a reply for received request (i.e., publishing a reply sample on the reply Topic with special meta-data so that the original Requester can identify it).

The Replier operations are summarized in Table 23.4 Replier Operations.

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<td>qos_profile</td>
<td>Sets a QoS profile for the entities in this replier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>replier_listener</td>
<td>Sets a listener that is called when requests are available.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply_topic_name</td>
<td>Sets a specific reply topic name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply_type_support</td>
<td>Sets the type support for the reply type.</td>
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<td>request_topic_name</td>
<td>Sets a specific request topic name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>request_type_support</td>
<td>Sets the type support for the request type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>service_name</td>
<td>Sets the service name the Replier offers and Requesters use to match.</td>
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<tr>
<td>subscriber</td>
<td>Sets a specific Subscriber.</td>
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<td>Copies the contents of a single request into a Sample and removes it from the Replier cache.</td>
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<td>Returns a LoanedSamples to access multiple requests and removes the requests from the Replier cache.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Reading Requests</td>
<td>read_request</td>
<td>Copies the contents of a single request into a Sample, leaving it in the Replier cache</td>
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<td>read_requests</td>
<td>Returns a LoanedSamples to access multiple requests, leaving them in the Replier cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Receiving Requests</td>
<td>receive_request</td>
<td>Waits for a single request and copies its contents into a Sample container.</td>
</tr>
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<td>receive_requests</td>
<td>Waits for multiple requests and provides a LoanedSamples container to access them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sending Replies</td>
<td>send_reply</td>
<td>Sends a reply for a previous request.</td>
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<td>Getting Underlying Entities</td>
<td>get_request_datareader</td>
<td>Retrieves the underlying DataReader.</td>
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<td>get_reply_datawriter</td>
<td>Retrieves the underlying DataWriter.</td>
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23.2.5 Processing Incoming Requests with a Replier

The Replier provides several operations that can be used to wait for and access the requests:

- **wait_for_requests()**, see Waiting for Requests (Section 23.2.5.1 on the facing page)
- **take_request(), take_requests(), read_request(), and read_requests()**, see Reading and Taking Requests (Section 23.2.5.2 on the facing page)
- **receive_request() and receive_requests()**, see Receiving Requests (Section 23.2.5.3 on page 894)

The **wait_for_requests()** operations are used to wait until requests arrive.

The **take_request(), take_requests(), read_request(), and read_requests()** operations access the requests, once they have arrived.

The **receive_request()** and **receive_requests()** operations are convenience functions that combine waiting for and accessing requests and are equivalent to calling the ‘wait’ operation followed by the corresponding **take_request()** or **take_requests()** operations.
Each of these operations has several variants, depending on the parameters that are passed in.

### 23.2.5.1 Waiting for Requests

Use the `wait_for_requests()` operation on the `Replier` to wait for requests. There are two variants of this operation, depending on the parameters that are passed in. All these variants block the calling thread until either there are replies or a timeout occurs:

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<td>2. <code>wait_for_requests</code> (int min_count, const DDS_Duration_t &amp;max_wait)</td>
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The first variant (only passing in `max_wait`) blocks until one request is available or until `max_wait` time has passed, whichever comes first.

The second variant blocks until `min_count` number of requests are available or until `max_wait` time has passed.

Typically after waiting for requests, you will call `take_request`, `take_requests`, `read_request`, or `read_requests`, see Sending Replies (Section 23.2.6 on page 895).

### 23.2.5.2 Reading and Taking Requests

You can use the following four operations to access requests: `take_request`, `take_requests`, `read_request`, or `read_requests`.

As mentioned in Summary of Replier Operations (Section 23.2.4 on page 891), the difference between the ‘take’ operations (`take_request`, `take_requests`) and the ‘read’ operations (`read_request`, `read_requests`) is that ‘take’ operations remove the requests from the `Replier` cache. This means that future calls to `take_request`, `take_requests`, `read_request`, or `read_requests` will not get the same request again.

The `take_request` and `read_request` operations access a single reply, whereas the `take_requests` and `read_requests` can access a collection of replies.

There are two variants of the `take_request` and `read_request` operations, depending on the parameters that are passed in:

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<td><code>read_request</code> (connext::Sample&lt;TRequest&gt; &amp; request)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. <code>take_request</code> (connext::SampleRef&lt;TRequest&gt; request)</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>read_request</code> (connext::SampleRef&lt;TRequest&gt; request)</td>
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The first variant returns the request using a `Sample` container. The second variant uses a `SampleRef` container instead. A `SampleRef` can be used much like a `Sample`, but it holds references to the request data and `DDS SampleInfo`, so there is no additional copy. In contrast, using the `Sample` makes a copy of both the data and `DDS SampleInfo`. 
The `take_requests` and `read_requests` operations access a collection of (one or more) requests in the Replier cache. These operations are convenient when you want to batch-process a set of requests.

The `take_requests` and `read_requests` operations return a `LoanedSamples` container that holds the requests. To increase performance, the `LoanedSamples` does not copy the request data. Instead it ‘loans’ the necessary resources from the Replier. The resources loaned by the `LoanedSamples` container must be eventually returned, either explicitly by calling the `return_loan()` operation on the `LoanedSamples` or through the destructor of the `LoanedSamples`.

There is only one variant of these operations:

<table>
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<th>1. take_requests (int max_samples = DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED)</th>
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<td>2. read_requests (int max_samples = DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED)</td>
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The returned container may contain up to `max_samples` number of requests.

### 23.2.5.3 Receiving Requests

The `receive_request()` operation is a shortcut that combines calls to `wait_for_requests()` and `take_request()`. Similarly, the `receive_requests()` operation combines `wait_for_requests()` and `take_requests()`.

There are two variants of the `receive_request()` operation:

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<th>1. receive_request (connext::Sample&lt;TRequest&gt; &amp; request, const DDS_Duration_t &amp; max_wait)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2. receive_request (connext::SampleRef&lt;TRequest&gt; request, const DDS_Duration_t &amp; max_wait)</td>
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The `receive_request` operation blocks until either a request is received or a timeout occurs. The contents of the request are copied into the provided container (`request`). The first variant uses a `Sample` container, whereas the second variant uses a `SampleRef` container. A `SampleRef` can be used much like a `Sample`, but it holds references to the request data and `DDS SampleInfo`, so there is no additional copy. In contrast, using the `Sample` obtains a copy of both the data and the `DDS SampleInfo`.

There are two variants of the `receive_requests()` operation, depending on the parameters that are passed in:

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The `receive_requests` operation blocks until one or more requests are available, or a timeout occurs.
The first variant (only passing in max_wait) blocks until one request is available or until max_wait time has passed, whichever comes first. The contents of the request are copied into a LoanedSamples container which is returned to the caller. An unlimited number of replies can be copied into the container.

The second variant blocks until min_request_count number of requests are available or until max_wait time has passed, whichever comes first. Up to max_request_count number of requests will be copied into a LoanedSamples container which is returned to the caller.

The resources for the LoanedSamples container must eventually be returned, either with return_loan() or through the LoanedSamples destructor.

23.2.6 Sending Replies

There are three variants for send_reply(), depending on the parameters that are passed in:

1. send_reply (const TReply & reply,
   const SampleIdentity_t & related_request_id)
2. send_reply (WriteSample<TReply> & reply,
   const SampleIdentity_t & related_request_id)
3. send_reply (WriteSampleRef<TReply> & reply,
   const SampleIdentity_t & related_request_id)

This operation sends a reply for a previous request. The related request ID can be retrieved from an existing request Sample.

The first variant is recommended if you do not need to change any of the default write parameters.

The other two variants allow you to set custom parameters for writing a reply. Unlike the Requester, where retrieving the sample ID for correlation is common, on the Replier side using a WriteSample or WriteSampleRef is only necessary when you need to overwrite the default write parameters. If that’s not the case, use the first variant.

One reason to override the default write parameters is a multi-reply scenario in which a Replier generates more than one reply for a request. In this case, all the intermediate replies (all but the last reply) should be marked with the INTERMEDIATE_REPLY_SEQUENCE_SAMPLE bit-flag in the flag field within WriteSample::info or WriteSampleRef::info.

A Requester can detect if a reply is the last reply in a sequence of replies by seeing if INTERMEDIATE_REPLY_SEQUENCE_SAMPLE is NOT set in the flag field of Sample::info after receiving each reply.

23.3 SimpleRepliers

The SimpleReplier offers a simplified API to receive and process requests. The API is based on a user-provided object that implements the SimpleReplierListener interface. Requests are passed to the listener operation implemented by the user-provided object, which processes the request and returns a reply.

The SimpleReplier is recommended if each request generates a single reply and computing the reply can be done quickly with very little CPU resources and without calling any operations that may block the
processing thread. For example, looking something up in an internal memory-based data structure would be a good use case for using a `SimpleReplier`.

### 23.3.1 Creating a SimpleReplier

To create a `SimpleReplier` with the minimum set of parameters, you can use the basic constructor:

```c++
SimpleReplier (DDSDomainParticipant *participant,
              const std::string &service_name,
              SimpleReplierListener<TRequest, TReply> &listener)
```

To create a `SimpleReplier` with specific parameters, you may use a different constructor that receives a `SimpleReplierParams` structure:

```c++
SimpleReplier (const SimpleReplierParams<TRequest, TReply> &params)
```

### 23.3.2 Destroying a SimpleReplier

To destroy a `SimpleReplier` and free its resources use the destructor:

```c++
virtual ~SimpleReplier ()
```

### 23.3.3 Setting SimpleReplier Parameters

To change the `SimpleReplierParams` used to create a `SimpleReplier`, use the operations in **Table 23.5 Operations to Set SimpleReplier Parameters**.

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<tr>
<td>publisher</td>
<td>Sets a specific Publisher.</td>
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<tr>
<td>qos_profile</td>
<td>Sets a QoS profile for the entities in this replier.</td>
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<td>reply_topic_name</td>
<td>Sets a specific reply topic name.</td>
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<td>reply_type_support</td>
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<tr>
<td>subscriber</td>
<td>Sets a specific Subscriber.</td>
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23.3.4 Getting Requests and Sending Replies with a SimpleReplierListener

The `on_request_available()` operation on the `SimpleReplierListener` receives a request and returns a reply.

```c
on_request_available(TRequest &request)
```

This operation gets called when a request is available. It should immediately return a reply. After calling `on_request_available()`, Connext DDS will call the operation `return_loan()` on the `SimpleReplierListener`; this gives the application-defined listener an opportunity to release any resources related to computing the previous reply.

```c
return_loan(TReply &reply)
```

23.4 Accessing Underlying DataWriters and DataReaders

Both `Requester` and `Replier` entities have underlying DDS `DataWriter` and `DataReader` entities. These are created automatically when the `Requester` and `Replier` are constructed.

Accessing the `DataWriter` used by a `Requester` may be useful for a number of advanced use cases, such as:

- Finding matching subscriptions (e.g., `Replier` entities), see Finding Matching Subscriptions (Section 6.3.16.1 on page 307)
- Setting a `DataWriterListener`, see Setting Up DataWriterListeners (Section 6.3.4 on page 266)
- Getting `DataWriter` protocol or cache statuses, see Statuses for DataWriters (Section 6.3.6 on page 268)
- Flushing a data batch after sending a number of request samples, see Flushing Batches of DDS Data Samples (Section 6.3.9 on page 284)
- Modifying the QoS

Accessing the reply `DataReader` may be useful for a number of advanced use cases, such as:
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- Finding matching publications (e.g., Requester entities), see Navigating Relationships Among Entities (Section 7.3.9 on page 488)
- Getting DataReader protocol or cache statuses, see Checking DataReader Status and StatusConditions (Section 7.3.5 on page 466) and Statuses for DataReaders (Section 7.3.7 on page 468).
- Modifying the QoS

To access these underlying objects:

```cpp
RequestDataWriter * get_request_datawriter()
RequestDataReader * get_request_datareader()
ReplyDataWriter * get_reply_datawriter()
ReplyDataReader * get_reply_datareader()
```
Part 5: RTI Secure WAN Transport

The material in this part of the manual is only relevant if you have installed Secure WAN Transport. This feature is not installed as part of a Connext DDS package; it must be downloaded and installed separately. It is only available on specific architectures. See the Secure WAN Transport Release Notes and Installation Guide for details.

Secure WAN Transport is an optional package that enables participant discovery and data exchange in a secure manner over the public WAN. Secure WAN Transport enables Connext DDS to address the challenges in NAT traversal and authentication of all participants. By implementing UDP hole punching using the STUN protocol and providing security to channels by leveraging DTLS (Datagram TLS), you can securely exchange information between different sites separated by firewalls.

This section includes:

- Introduction to Secure WAN Transport (Section Chapter 24 on page 900)
- Configuring RTI Secure WAN Transport (Section Chapter 25 on page 913)
Chapter 24 Introduction to Secure WAN Transport

Secure WAN Transport provides transport plugins that can be used by developers of Connext DDS applications. These transport plugins allow Connext DDS applications running on private networks to communicate securely over a Wide-Area Network (WAN), such as the internet. There are two primary components in the package which may be used independently or together: communication over Wide-Area Networks that involve Network Address Translators (NATs), and secure communication with support for peer authentication and encrypted data transport.

The Connext DDS core is transport-agnostic. Connext DDS offers three built-in transports: UDP/IPv4, UDP/IPv6, and inter-process shared memory. The implementation of NAT traversal and secure communication is done at the transport level so that the Connext DDS core is not affected and does not need to be changed, although there is additional on-the-wire traffic.

The basic problem to overcome in a WAN environment is that messages sent from an application on a private local-area network (LAN) appear to come from the LAN’s router address, not from the internal IP address of the host running the application. This is due to the existence of a Network Address Translator (NAT) at the gateway. This does not cause problems for client/server systems because only the server needs to be globally addressable; it is only a problem for systems with peer-to-peer communication models, such as Connext DDS. Secure WAN Transport solves this problem, allowing communication between peers that are in separate LAN networks, using a UDP hole-punching mechanism based on the STUN protocol (IETF RFC 3489bis) for NAT traversal. This requires the use of an additional rendezvous server application, the RTI WAN Server.

Once the transport has enabled traffic to cross the NAT gateway to the WAN, it is flowing on network hardware that is shared (in some cases, over the public internet). In this context, it is important to consider the security of data transmission. There are three primary issues involved:

- Authenticating the communication peer (source or destination) as a trusted partner;
- Encrypting the data to hide it from other parties that may have access to the network;
Validating the received data to ensure that it was not modified in transmission.

Secure WAN Transport addresses these problems by wrapping all RTPS-encoded data using the DTLS protocol (IETF RFC 4347), which is a variant of SSL/TLS that can be used over a datagram network-layer transport such as UDP. The security features of the WAN Transport may also be used on an untrusted local-area network with the Secure Transport.

In summary, the package includes two transports:

- The WAN Transport is for use on a WAN and includes security. It must be used with the WAN Server, a rendezvous server that provides the ability to discover public addresses and to register and look up peer addresses based on a unique WAN ID. The WAN Server is based on the STUN (Session Traversal Utilities for NAT) protocol [draft-ietf-behave-rfc3489bis], with some extensions. Once information about public addresses for the application and its peers has been obtained and connections have been initiated, the server is no longer required to maintain communication with a peer. (Note: security is disabled by default.)
- The Secure Transport is an alternate transport that provides security on an untrusted LAN. Use of the RTI WAN Server is not required.

Multicast communication is not supported by either of these transports.

This chapter provides a technical overview of:

- WAN Traversal via UDP Hole-Punching (Section 24.1 below)
- WAN Locators (Section 24.2 on page 906)
- Datagram Transport-Layer Security (DTLS) (Section 24.3 on page 907)
- Certificate Support (Section 24.4 on page 908)

For information on how to use Secure WAN Transport with your Connext DDS application, see Configuring RTI Secure WAN Transport (Section Chapter 25 on page 913).

24.1 WAN Traversal via UDP Hole-Punching

In order to resolve the problem of communication across NAT boundaries, the WAN Transport implements a UDP hole-punching solution for NAT traversal [draft-ietf-behave-p2p-state]. This solution uses a rendezvous server, which provides the ability to discover public addresses, and to register and lookup peer addresses based on a unique WAN ID. This server is based on the STUN (Session Traversal Utilities for NAT) protocol [draft-ietf-behave-rfc3489bis], with some extensions. This protocol is a part of the solution used for standards-based voice over IP applications; similar technology has been used by systems such as Skype and has proven to be highly reliable. A key advantage of STUN is that it is based on UDP and therefore is able to preserve the real-time characteristics of the DDS Interoperability Wire Protocol.
24.1.1 Protocol Details

Once information about public addresses for the application and its peers has been obtained, and connections have been initiated, the server is no longer required to maintain communication with a peer. However, if communication fails, possibly due to changes in dynamically-allocated addresses, the server will be needed to reopen new public channels.

Figure 24.1 RTI WAN Transport Architecture below shows the RTI WAN transport architecture.

24.1.1 Protocol Details

The UDP hole-punching algorithm implemented by the WAN transport has two different phases: registration and connection. This algorithm only works with cone or asymmetric NATs where the same public address/port is assigned to all the sessions with the same private address/port address.

- Registration Phase

The RTI WAN Server application runs on a machine that resides on the WAN network (i.e., not in a private LAN). It has to be globally accessible to LAN applications. It is started by a script and acts as a rendezvous point for LAN applications. During the registration phase, each transport locator is registered with the RTI WAN Server using a STUN binding request message.

The RTI WAN Server associates RTPS locators with their corresponding public IPv4 transport addresses (a combination of IP address and port) and stores that information in an internal table. Figure 24.2 Registration Phase on the next page illustrates the registration phase.
Figure 24.2 Registration Phase
24.1.1 Protocol Details

- Connection Phase

The connection phase starts when locator A wants to establish a connection with locator B. Locator A obtains information about locator B via Connext DDS discovery traffic or the initial NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS list. To establish a connection with locator B, locator A sends a STUN connect request to the RTI WAN server. The server sends a STUN connect response to locator A, including information about the public IP transport address (IP address and port) of locator B. In parallel, the RTI WAN server contacts locator B using another STUN connect request to let it know that locator A wants to establish a connection with it.

When locator A receives the public IP address of locator B, it will try to contact B using two STUN binding request messages. The first message is sent to the public address of B and the second message is sent to the private address of B. The private address was obtained using the last 32 bits of the locator address of B. The STUN binding request message directed to the public transport address of B sent by locator A will open a hole in A's NAT to receive messages from B.

When locator B receives the public address of locator A, it will try to contact A sending a STUN binding request message to that public address. This message will open a hole in B's NAT to receive messages from A. When locator A receives the first STUN binding response from locator B, it starts sending RTPS traffic.

The connection phase includes two processes: the connect process (Figure 24.3 Connect Process on the next page) and the NAT hole punching process (Figure 24.4 NAT Hole Punching Process on the next page).
24.1.1 Protocol Details

Figure 24.3 Connect Process

Figure 24.4 NAT Hole Punching Process
24.2 WAN Locators

The WAN transport does not use simple IP addresses to locate peers. A WAN transport locator consists of a WAN ID, which is an arbitrary 12-byte value, and a bottom 4-byte value that specifies a fallback local IPv4 address. Your peers list (NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS) must be configured to look for peers with locators of the form:

- The address is a 128-bit address in IPv6 notation.
- The "wan://" part specifies that the address is for the WAN transport.
- The next part, "::1", specifies the top 12 bytes of the address to be 11 zero bytes, followed by a byte with value 1 (this corresponds to the peer's WAN ID).
- The last part, "10.10.1.150" refers to the peers local IPv4 address, which will be used if the peers are on the same local network.

A DomainParticipant using the WAN transport will have to initialize the DDS_DiscoveryQosPolicy's initial_peers field with the WAN locator addresses corresponding to the peers to which it wants to connect to. The value of initial_peers can be set using the environment variable NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS or the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS configuration file. (See Configuring the Peers List Used in Discovery (Section 14.2 on page 710).)
24.3 Datagram Transport-Layer Security (DTLS)

Data security is provided by wrapping all Connext DDS network traffic with the Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) protocol (IETF RFC 4347). DTLS is a relatively recent variant of the mature SSL/TLS family of protocols which adds the capability to secure communication over a connectionless network-layer transport such as UDP. UDP is the preferred network layer transport for the DDS wire protocol RTPS, as well as for NAT traversal. Like SSL/TLS, the DTLS protocol provides capabilities for certificate-based authentication, data encryption, and message integrity. The protocol specifies a number of standard cryptographic algorithms that must be available; the base set is listed in the TLS 1.1 specification (IETF RFC 4346).

Secure protocol support is provided by the open source OpenSSL library, which has supported the DTLS protocol since the release of OpenSSL 0.9.8. Note however that many critical issues in DTLS were resolved by the OpenSSL 0.9.8f release. For more detailed information about available ciphers, certificate support, etc. please refer to the OpenSSL documentation. The DTLS protocol securely authenticates with each individual peer; as such, multicast communication is not supported by the Secure Transport. There is also a FIPS security-certified version of OpenSSL (OpenSSL-FIPS 1.1.1), but this does not yet support DTLS.

The Secure Transport protocol stack is similar to the Secure WAN transport stack, but without the STUN layer and server. See DTLS Architecture (Section Figure 24.5 below).

Figure 24.5 DTLS Architecture
24.3.1 Security Model

In order to communicate securely, an instance of the secure plugin requires: 1) a certificate authority (shared with all peers), 2) an identifying certificate which has been signed by the authority, 3) the private key associated with the public key contained in the certificate.

The Certificate Authority (CA) is specified by using a PEM format file containing its public key or by using a directory of PEM files following standard OpenSSL naming conventions. If a single CA file is used, it may contain multiple CA keys. In order to successfully communicate with a peer, the CA keys that are supplied must include the CA that has signed that peer's identifying certificate.

The identifying certificate is specified by using a PEM format file containing the chain of CAs used to authenticate the certificate. The identifying certificate must be signed by a CA. It will either be directly signed by a root CA (one of the CAs supplied above), by an authority whose certificate has been signed by the root CA, or by a longer chain of certificate authorities. The file must be sorted starting with the certificate to the highest level (root CA). If the certificate is directly signed by a root CA, then this file will only contain the root CA certificate followed by the identity certificate.

Finally, a private key is required. In order to avoid impersonation of an identity, this should be kept private. It can be stored in its own PEM file specified in one of the private key properties, or it can be appended to the certificate chain file.

One complication in the use of DTLS for communication by Connext DDS is that even though DTLS is a connectionless protocol, it still has client/server semantics. The RTI Secure Transport maps a bidirectional communication channel between two peer applications into a pair of unidirectional encrypted channels. Both peers are playing the part of a client (when sending data) and a server (when receiving).

24.3.2 Liveliness Mechanism

When a peer shuts down cleanly, the DTLS protocol ensures that resources are released. If a peer crashes or otherwise stops responding, a liveliness mechanism in the DTLS transport cleans up resources. You can configure the DTLS handshake retransmission interval and the connection liveliness interval.

24.4 Certificate Support

Cryptographic certificates are required to use the security features of the WAN transport. This section describes a mechanism to use the OpenSSL command line tool to generate a simple private certificate authority. For more information, see the manual page for the openssl tool (http://www.openssl.org/docs/apps/openssl.html) or the book, "Network Security with OpenSSL" by Viega, Messier, & Chandra (O'Reilly 2002), or other references on Public Key Infrastructure.

1. Initialize the Certificate Authority:
   a. Create a copy of the openssl.cnf file and edit fields to specify the proper default names and paths.
b. Create the required CA directory structure:

```bash
mkdir myCA
mkdir myCA/certs
mkdir myCA/private
mkdir myCA/newcerts
mkdir myCA/crl
touch myCA/index.txt
```

c. Create a self-signed certificate and CA private key:

```bash
openssl req -nodes -x509 -days 1095 -newkey rsa:2048 \
    -keyout myCA/private/cakey.pem -out myCA/cacert.pem \
    -config openssl.cnf
```

2. For each identifying certificate:

a. You may want to create a copy of your customized openssl.cnf file with default identifying information to be used as a template for certificate request creation; the commands below refer to this file as `template.cnf`.

b. Generate a certificate request and private key:

```bash
openssl req -nodes -new -newkey rsa:2048 -config template.cnf \
    -keyout peer1key.pem -out peer1req.pem
```

c. Use the CA to sign the certificate request to generate certificate:

```bash
openssl ca -create_serial -config openssl.cnf -days 365 \
    -in peer1req.pem -out myCA/newcerts/peer1cert.pem
```

d. Optionally, append the private key to the peer certificate:

```bash
cat myCA/newcerts/peer1cert.pem peer1key.pem \
    $>$${private location}/peer1.pem
```
24.5 License Issues

The OpenSSL toolkit stays under a dual license, i.e., both the conditions of the OpenSSL License and the original SSLeay license apply to the toolkit. See below for the actual license texts. Actually both licenses are BSD-style Open Source licenses. In case of any license issues related to OpenSSL please contact openssl-core@openssl.org.

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Chapter 25 Configuring RTI Secure WAN Transport

The Secure WAN Transport package includes two transports:

- **The WAN Transport** is for use on a WAN and includes security. It must be used with the WAN Server, a separate application that provides additional services needed for Connext DDS applications to communicate with each other over a WAN.

- **The Secure Transport** is an alternate transport that provides security on an untrusted LAN. Use of the RTI WAN Server is not required.

There are two ways in which these transports can be configured:

- By setting up predefined strings in the Property QoS Policy of the DomainParticipant (on UNIX, Solaris and Windows systems only). This process is described in Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS (Section 25.2 on the next page).

- By instantiating a new transport (Explicitly Instantiating a WAN or Secure Transport Plugin (Section 25.5 on page 929)) and then registering it with the DomainParticipant, see Installing Additional Built-in Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764) (not available in Java API).

Refer to the API Reference HTML documentation for details on these two approaches.

25.1 Example Applications

A simple example is available to show how to configure the WAN transport. It includes example settings to enable communication over WAN, and optional settings to enable security (along with

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1 Security is disabled by default.
example certificate files to use for secure communication). The example is located in `<path to examples>/connext_dds/<language>/hello_world_wan`.

As seen in the example, you can configure the properties of either transport by setting the appropriate name/value pairs in the `DomainParticipant`’s `PropertyQoS`, as described in Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS (Section 25.2 below). This will cause Connext DDS to dynamically load the WAN or Secure Transport libraries at run time and then implicitly create and register the transport plugin.

Another way to use the WAN or Secure transports is to explicitly create the plugin and use `register_transport()` to register the transport with Connext DDS (see Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with `register_transport()` (Section 15.7 on page 764)). This way is not shown in the example. See Explicitly Instantiating a WAN or Secure Transport Plugin (Section 25.5 on page 929).

### 25.2 Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS

The `PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension)` (Section 6.5.17 on page 391) allows you to set up name/value pairs of data and attach them to an entity, such as a `DomainParticipant`. This will cause Connext DDS to dynamically load the WAN or Secure Transport libraries at run time and then implicitly create and register the transport plugin.

Please refer to Setting Builtin Transport Properties with the PropertyQosPolicy (Section 15.6 on page 747).

To assign properties, use the `add_property()` operation:

```cpp
DDS_ReturnCode_t DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property
    (DDS_PropertyQosPolicy policy,
     const char * name,
     const char * value,
     DDS_Boolean propagate)
```

For more information on `add_property()` and the other operations in the `DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper` class, please see Table 6.57 PropertyQoSPolicyHelper Operations, as well as the API Reference HTML documentation.

The ‘name’ part of the name/value pairs is a predefined string, described in WAN Transport Properties (Section 25.3 on page 916) and Secure Transport Properties (Section 25.4 on page 924).

Here are the basic steps, taken from the example Hello World application (for details, please see the example application).

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See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38).
25.2 Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS

1. Get the default DomainParticipant QoS from the DomainParticipantFactory.

```
DDSDomainParticipantFactory::get_instance() ->
get_default_participant_qos(participant_qos);
```

2. Disable the built-in transports.

```
participant_qos.transport_builtin.mask =
DDS_TRANSPORTBUILTIN_MASK_NONE;
```

3. Set up the DomainParticipant’s Property QoS.

   a. Load the plugin.

```
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (participant_qos.property,
   "dds.transport.load_plugins",
   "dds.transport.wan_plugin.wan",
   DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

   b. Specify the transport plugin library.

```
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (participant_qos.property,
   "dds.transport.wan_plugin.wan.library",
   "libnddstransportwan.so",
   DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

   c. Specify the transport’s ‘create’ function.

```
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (participant_qos.property,
   "dds.transport.wan_plugin.wan.create_function"
   "NDDS_Transport_WAN_create",
   DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

   d. Specify the WAN Server and instance ID.

```
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (participant_qos.property
   "dds.transport.wan_plugin.wan.server",
   "192.168.1.1",
   DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```
25.3 WAN Transport Properties

Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t lists the properties that you can set for the WAN Transport.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property Name</th>
<th>Property Value Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>dds.transport.load_plugins</code></td>
<td>Comma-separated strings indicating the prefix names of all plugins that will be loaded by Connext DDS. You will use this string as the prefix to the property names.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>note: this does not take a prefix</code></td>
<td>For example: “dds.transport.WAN.wan1”. (This assumes you used ‘dds.transport.WAN.wan1’ as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note: You can load up to 8 plugins.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

1 Assuming you used ‘dds.transport.WAN.wan1’ as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins. This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'
### Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<th>Property Name (prefix with 'dds.transport.WAN.wan1')</th>
<th>Property Value Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>library</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Must set to &quot;libnddstransportwan.so&quot; (for UNIX/Solaris systems) or &quot;nddstransportwan.dll&quot; (for Windows system).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This library and the dependent OpenSSL libraries need to be in your library search path (pointed to by the environment variable LD_LIBRARY_PATH on UNIX/Solaris systems, Path on Windows systems, LIBPATH on AIX systems, DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH on Mac OS systems).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>create_function</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Must be &quot;NDDS_Transport_WAN_create&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>aliases</td>
<td>Used to register the transport plugin returned by NDDS_Transport_WAN_create() (as specified by &lt;WAN_prefix&gt;.create_function) to the DomainParticipant. Aliases should be specified as a comma-separated string, with each comma delimiting an alias.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If it is not specified, the prefix is used as the default alias for the plugin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>verbosity</td>
<td>Specifies the verbosity of log messages from the transport.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Possible values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-1: silent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0 (default): errors only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1: errors and warnings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2: local status</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5 or higher: all messages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.parent.address_bit_count</td>
<td>Number of bits in a 16-byte address that are used by the transport. Should be between 0 and 128. For example, for an address range of 0-255, the address_bit_count should be set to 8.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.parent.properties_bitmap</td>
<td>A bitmap that defines various properties of the transport to the Connext DDS core. Currently, the only property supported is whether or not the transport plugin will always loan a buffer when Connext DDS tries to receive a message using the plugin. This is in support of a zero-copy interface.</td>
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### Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>parent.parent.gather_send_buffer_count_max</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of buffers that Connext DDS can pass to the <code>send()</code> function of the transport plugin. The transport plugin <code>send()</code> API supports a gather-send concept, where the <code>send()</code> call can take several discontiguous buffers, assemble and send them in a single message. This enables Connext DDS to send a message from parts obtained from different sources without first having to copy the parts into a single contiguous buffer. However, most transports that support a gather-send concept have an upper limit on the number of buffers that can be gathered and sent. Setting this value will prevent Connext DDS from trying to gather too many buffers into a send call for the transport plugin. Connext DDS requires all transport-plugin implementations to support a gather-send of at least a minimum number of buffers. This minimum number is defined as NDDS_TRANSPORT_-PROPERTY_GATHER_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT_MIN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.parent.message_size_max</td>
<td>The maximum size of a message in bytes that can be sent or received by the transport plugin. This value must be set before the transport plugin is registered, so that Connext DDS can properly use the plugin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.parent.allow_interfaces</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. If the list is non-empty, this &quot;white&quot; list is applied before the <code>parent.parent.deny_interfaces</code> (Section on the facing page) list. It is up to the transport plugin to interpret the list of strings passed in. Usually this interpretation will be consistent with <code>NDDS_Transport_String_To_Address_Fcn_cEA()</code>. This property is not interpreted by the Connext DDS core; it is provided merely as a convenient and standardized way to specify the interfaces for the benefit of the transport plugin developer and user. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is enabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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1 Assuming you used `dds.transport.WAN.wan1` as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with `dds.transport.load_plugins`. This prefix must begin with `dds.transport.`
### Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<th>Property Name (prefix with 'dds.transport.WAN.wan1.')</th>
<th>Property Value Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>parent.parent.deny_interfaces</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses. If the list is non-empty, deny the use of these interfaces. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after the parent.parent.allow_interfaces (Section on the previous page) list and filters out the interfaces that should not be used. It is up to the transport plugin to interpret the list of strings passed in. Usually this interpretation will be consistent with NDDS_Transport_String_To_Address_Fcn_cEA(). This property is not interpreted by the Connext DDS core; it is provided merely as a convenient and standardized way to specify the interfaces for the benefit of the transport plugin developer and user. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.send_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the send buffer of a socket used for sending. On most operating systems, setsockopt() will be called to set the SENDBUF to the value of this parameter. This value must be greater than or equal to parent.parent.message_size_max (Section on the previous page). The maximum value is operating system-dependent. If NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_SOCKET_BUFFER_SIZE_OS_DEFAULT, then setsockopt() (or equivalent) will not be called to size the send buffer of the socket.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.recv_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the receive buffer of a socket used for receiving. On most operating systems, setsockopt() will be called to set the RCVBUF to the value of this parameter. This value must be greater than or equal to parent.parent.message_size_max (Section on the previous page). The maximum value is operating system-dependent. If NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_SOCKET_BUFFER_SIZE_OS_DEFAULT, then setsockopt() (or equivalent) will not be called to size the receive buffer of the socket.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.unicast_enabled</td>
<td>Allows the transport plugin to use unicast UDP for sending and receiving. By default, it will be turned on. Also by default, it will use all the allowed network interfaces that it finds up and running when the plugin is instanced.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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<td>parent.ignore_loopback_interface</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from using the IP loopback interface. Three values are allowed: 0: Enable local traffic via this plugin. This plugin will only use and report the IP loopback interface only if there are no other network interfaces (NICs) up on the system. 1: Disable local traffic via this plugin. Do not use the IP loopback interface even if no NICs are discovered. This is useful when you want applications running on the same node to use a more efficient plugin like Shared Memory instead of the IP loopback.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.ignore_nonrunning_interfaces</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from using a network interface that is not reported as RUNNING by the operating system. The transport checks the flags reported by the operating system for each network interface upon initialization. An interface which is not reported as UP will not be used. This property allows the same check to be extended to the IFF_RUNNING flag implemented by some operating systems. The RUNNING flag is defined to mean that &quot;all resources are allocated&quot;, and may be off if there is no link detected, e.g., the network cable is unplugged. Two values are allowed: 0: Do not check the RUNNING flag when enumerating interfaces, just make sure the interface is UP. 1: Check the flag when enumerating interfaces, and ignore those that are not reported as RUNNING. This can be used on some operating systems to cause the transport to ignore interfaces that are enabled but not connected to the network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.no_zero_copy</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from doing a zero copy. By default, this plugin will use the zero copy on OSs that offer it. While this is good for performance, it may sometime tax the OS resources in a manner that cannot be overcome by the application. The best example is if the hardware/device driver lends the buffer to the application itself. If the application does not return the loaned buffers soon enough, the node may error or malfunction. In case you cannot reconfigure the H/W, device driver, or the OS to allow the zero copy feature to work for your application, you may have no choice but to turn off zero copy use. By default this is set to 0, so Connext DDS will use the zero-copy API if offered by the OS.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<tr>
<td>parent.send_blocking</td>
<td>Controls the blocking behavior of send sockets. CHANGING THIS FROM THE DEFAULT CAN CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS. Two values are defined:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_BLOCKING_ALWAYS: Sockets are blocking (default socket options for Operating System).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- NDDS_TRANSPORT_UDPV4_BLOCKING_NEVER: Sockets are modified to make them non-blocking. THIS IS NOT A SUPPORTED CONFIGURATION AND MAY CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.transport_priority_mask</td>
<td>Mask for the transport priority field. This is used in conjunction with transport_priority_mapping_low/high to define the mapping from DDS transport priority to the IPv4 TOS field. Defines a contiguous region of bits in the 32-bit transport priority value that is used to generate values for the IPv4 TOS field on an outgoing socket. For example, the value 0x0000ff00 causes bits 9-16 (8 bits) to be used in the mapping. The value will be scaled from the mask range (0x0000 - 0xff00 in this case) to the range specified by low and high. If the mask is set to zero, then the transport will not set IPv4 TOS for send sockets.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.transport_priority_mapping_low</td>
<td>Sets the low and high values of the output range to IPv4 TOS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>These values are used in conjunction with transport_priority_mask to define the mapping from DDS transport priority to the IPv4 TOS field. Defines the low and high values of the output range for scaling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.transport_priority_mapping_high</td>
<td>Note that IPv4 TOS is generally an 8-bit value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enable_security</td>
<td>Required if you want to use security.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>recv_decode_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size of buffer for decoding packets from wire. An extra buffer is required for storage of encrypted data. The minimum value for this property is parent.parent.message_size_max (Section on page 918).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>port_offset</td>
<td>Port offset to allow coexistence with non-secure UDP transport.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dtls_handshake_resend_interval</td>
<td>DTLS handshake retransmission interval in milliseconds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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### Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>dtls_connection_liveliness_interval</td>
<td>Liveliness interval (multiple of resend interval)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The connection will be dropped if no message from the peer is received in this amount of time. This enables cleaning up state for peers that are no longer responding. A secure keep-alive message will be sent every half-interval if no other sends have occurred for a given DTLS connection during that time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 60 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.ca_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies the name of file containing Certificate Authority certificates. File should be in PEM format. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_load_verify_locations for more information. If you want to use security, tls.verify.ca_file (Section above) or tls.verify.ca_path (Section below) must be specified; both may be specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.ca_path</td>
<td>A string that specifies paths to directories containing Certificate Authority certificates. Files should be in PEM format, and follow the OpenSSL-required naming conventions. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_CTX_load_verify_locations for more information. If you want to use security, tls.verify.ca_file (Section above) or tls.verify.ca_path (Section above) must be specified; both may be specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.verify_depth</td>
<td>Maximum certificate chain length for verification.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.verify_peer</td>
<td>If non-zero, use mutual authentication when performing TLS hand-shake (default). If zero, only the reader side will present a certificate, which will be verified by the writer side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.callback</td>
<td>This can be set to one of three values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>* &quot;default&quot; selects NDDS_Transport_TLS_default_verify_callback()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>* &quot;verbose&quot; selects NDDS_Transport_TLS_verbose_verify_callback()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>* &quot;none&quot; requests no callback be registered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.cipher_list</td>
<td>List of available (D)TLS ciphers. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_set_cipher_list for more information on the format of this string.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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### Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.dh_param_files</td>
<td>List of available Diffie-Hellman (DH) key files. For example: &quot;foo.h:512,bar.h:256&quot; means:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[0].file = foo.pem,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[0].bits = 512,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[1].file = bar.pem,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[1].bits = 256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.engine_id</td>
<td>String ID of OpenSSL cipher engine to request.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.certificate_chain_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies the name of a file containing an identifying certificate chain (in PEM format). An identifying certificate is required for secure communication. The file must be sorted starting with the certificate to the highest level (root CA). If no private key is specified, this file will be used to load a non-RSA private key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key_password</td>
<td>A string that specifies the password for private key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies that name of a file containing private key (in PEM format). If no private key is specified (all values are NULL), this value will default to the same file as the specified certificate chain file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.rsa_private_key_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies that name of a file containing an RSA private key (in PEM format).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_instance_id[0] to [NDDS_TRANSPORT_</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WAN_TRANSPORT_INSTANCE_ID_LENGTHb)]</td>
<td>A set of comma-separated values to specify the elements of the array. This value must be unique for all transport instances communicating with the same WAN Rendezvous Server. If less than the full array is specified, it will be right-aligned. For example, the string &quot;01,02&quot; results in the array being set to: {0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,2}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>interface_address</td>
<td>Locator, as a string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>server</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Server locator, as a string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>server_port</td>
<td>Server port number.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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b\[NDDS_TRANSPORT_WAN_TRANSPORT_INSTANCE_ID_LENGTH = 12\]
### 25.4 Secure Transport Properties

Table 25.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t

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<tr>
<td>stun_retransmission_interval</td>
<td>STUN request messages requiring a response are resent with this interval. The interval is doubled after each retransmission. Specified in msec.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stun_number_of_retransmissions</td>
<td>Maximum number of times STUN messages are resent unless a response is received.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stun_liveliness_period</td>
<td>Period at which messages are sent to peers to keep NAT holes open; and to the WAN server to refresh bound ports. Specified in msec.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 25.2 Properties for NDDS_Transport DTLS_Property_t lists the properties that you can set for the Secure Transport.

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<tr>
<td>dds.transport.load_plugins</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Comma-separated strings indicating the prefix names of all plugins that will be loaded by Connext DDS. You will use this string as the prefix to the property names. For example: “dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1”. (This assumes you used used ‘dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1’ as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins.) This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.' Note: you can load up to 8 plugins.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

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\(^b\) Assuming you used ‘dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1’ as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins. This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'
### Table 25.2 Properties for NDDS_Transport_DTLS_Property_t

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<th>Property Name</th>
<th>(prefix with ‘dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1’)</th>
<th>Property Value Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>library</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Must set to &quot;libnddstransporttls.so&quot; (for UNIX/Solaris) or &quot;nddstransporttls.dll&quot; (for Windows). This library and the dependent OpenSSL libraries must be in your library search path (pointed to by the environment variable LD_LIBRARY_PATH on UNIX/Solaris systems, Path on Windows systems, LIBPATH on AIX systems, DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH on Mac OS systems).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>create_function</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Must be &quot;NDDS_Transport_DTLS_create&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>aliases</td>
<td>Used to register the transport plugin returned by NDDS_Transport_DTLS_create() (as specified by <code>&lt;DTLS_prefix&gt;.create_function</code>) to the DomainParticipant. Aliases should be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an alias. If it is not specified, the prefix is used as the default alias for the plugin.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>network_address</td>
<td>The network address at which to register this transport plugin. The least significant transport_in_property.address_bit_count will be truncated. The remaining bits are the network address of the transport plugin. This value overwrites the value returned by the output parameter in NDDS_Transport_create_plugin function as specified in &quot;&lt;DTLS_prefix&gt;.create_function&quot;.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>verbosity</td>
<td>Specifies the verbosity of log messages from the transport. Possible values: -1: silent 0 (default): errors only 1: errors and warnings 2: local status 5 or higher: all messages</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.address_bit_count</td>
<td>Number of bits in a 16-byte address that are used by the transport. Should be between 0 and 128. For example, for an address range of 0-255, the <strong>address_bit_count</strong> should be set to 8.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.properties_bitmap</td>
<td>A bitmap that defines various properties of the transport to the Connext DDS core. Currently, the only property supported is whether or not the transport plugin will always loan a buffer when Connext DDS tries to receive a message using the plugin. This is in support of a zero-copy interface.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.gather_send_buffer_count_max</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of buffers that Connext DDS can pass to the transport plugin’s send() function.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Table 25.2 Properties for NDDS_Transport_DTLS_Property_t

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<th>Property Name (prefix with 'dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1')</th>
<th>Property Value Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>parent.message_size_max</td>
<td>The maximum size of a message in bytes that can be sent or received by the transport plugin. Maximum value: 16384.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.allow_interfaces</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. If the list is non-empty, this &quot;white&quot; list is applied before the parent.deny_interfaces (Section below) list. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.deny_interfaces</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses. Interfaces should be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after the parent.allow_interfaces (Section above) list and filters out the interfaces that should not be used. You must manage the memory of the list. The memory may be freed after the DomainParticipant is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>send_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the send buffer of a socket used for sending.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>recv_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size in bytes of the receive buffer of a socket used for sending.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ignore_loopback_interface</td>
<td>Prevents the Transport Plugin from using the IP loopback interface.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[a\] Assuming you used 'dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1' as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins. This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'
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<th>Property Name</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ignore_nonrunning_interfaces</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from using a network interface that is not reported as RUNNING by the operating system. The transport checks the flags reported by the operating system for each network interface upon initialization. An interface which is not reported as UP will not be used. This property allows the same check to be extended to the IFF_RUNNING flag implemented by some operating systems. The RUNNING flag is defined to mean that &quot;all resources are allocated&quot;, and may be off if there is no link detected, e.g., the network cable is unplugged. Two values are allowed: 0: Do not check the RUNNING flag when enumerating interfaces, just make sure the interface is UP. 1: Check the flag when enumerating interfaces, and ignore those that are not reported as RUNNING. This can be used on some operating systems to cause the transport to ignore interfaces that are enabled but not connected to the network.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mask</td>
<td>Mask for use of transport priority field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_low</td>
<td>Low and high values of output range to IPv4 TOS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_high</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>recv_decode_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size of buffer for decoding packets from wire. An extra buffer is required for storage of encrypted data. The minimum value for this property is parent.message_size_max (Section on the previous page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>port_offset</td>
<td>Port offset to allow coexistence with non-secure UDP transport.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dtls_handshake_resend_interval</td>
<td>DTLS handshake retransmission interval in milliseconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dtls_connection_liveliness_interval</td>
<td>Liveliness interval (multiple of resend interval) The connection will be dropped if no message from the peer is received in this amount of time. This enables cleaning up state for peers that are no longer responding. A secure keep-alive message will be sent every half-interval if no other sends have occurred for a given DTLS connection during that time. Default: 60 ms</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[a\] Assuming you used 'dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1' as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins. This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'
Table 25.2 Properties for NDDS_Transport_DTLS_Property_t

<table>
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<th>Property Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Property Name (prefix with 'dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1')</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.ca_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies the name of file containing Certificate Authority certificates. File should be in PEM format. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_load_verify_locations for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>tls.verify.ca_file (Section above)</code> or <code>tls.verify.ca_path (Section below)</code> must be specified; both may be specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.ca_path</td>
<td>A string that specifies paths to directories containing Certificate Authority certificates. Files should be in PEM format, and follow the OpenSSL-required naming conventions. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_CTX_load_verify_paths for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>tls.verify.ca_file (Section above)</code> or <code>tls.verify.ca_path (Section above)</code> must be specified; both may be specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.verify_depth</td>
<td>Maximum certificate chain length for verification.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.verify_peer</td>
<td>If non-zero, use mutual authentication when performing TLS handshake (default). If zero, only the reader side will present a certificate, which will be verified by the writer side.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.callback</td>
<td>This can be set to one of three values:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>&quot;default&quot;</em> selects NDDS_Transport_TLS_default_verify_callback()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>&quot;verbose&quot;</em> selects NDDS_Transport_TLS_verbose_verify_callback()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>&quot;none&quot;</em> requests no callback be registered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.cipher_list</td>
<td>List of available (D)TLS ciphers. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_set_cipher_list for more information on the format of this string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.dh_param_files</td>
<td>List of available Diffie-Hellman (DH) key files. For example: &quot;foo.h:512,bar.h:256&quot; means:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[0].file = foo.pem,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[0].bits = 512,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[1].file = bar.pem,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dh_param_files[1].bits = 256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.engine_id</td>
<td>String ID of OpenSSL cipher engine to request.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.certificate_chain_file</td>
<td>RequiredA string that specifies the name of a file containing an identifying certificate chain (in PEM format). An identifying certificate is required for secure communication. The file must be sorted starting with the certificate to the highest level (root CA). If no private key is specified, this file will be used to load a non-RSA private key.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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a Assuming you used 'dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1' as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins. This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'
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</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key_password</td>
<td>A string that specifies the password for private key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies that name of a file containing private key (in PEM format). If no private key is specified (all values are NULL), this value will default to the same file as the specified certificate chain file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.rsa_private_key_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies that name of a file containing an RSA private key (in PEM format).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

25.5 Explicitly Instantiating a WAN or Secure Transport Plugin

As described on Page 913, there are two ways to instantiate a transport plugin. This section describes the mechanism that includes calling NDDSTransportSupport::register_transport(). (The other way is to use the Property QoS mechanism, described in Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS (Section 25.2 on page 914)).

Notes:

- This way of instantiating a transport is not supported in the Java API. If you are using Java, use the Property QoS mechanism, described in Setting Up a Transport with the Property QoS (Section 25.2 on page 914).
- To use this mechanism, there are extra libraries that you must link into your program and an additional header file that you must include. Please see the Additional Header Files and Include Directories (Section 25.5.1 on the next page) and Additional Libraries (Section 25.5.2 on the next page) for details.

To instantiate a WAN or Secure Transport prior to explicitly registering it with NDDSTransportSupport::register_transport(), use one of the following functions:

```
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* NDDS_Transport_WAN_new (const struct NDDS_Transport_WAN_Property_t * property_in)
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* NDDS_Transport_DTLS_new (const struct NDDS_Transport_DTLS_Property_t * property_in)
```

See the API Reference HTML documentation for details on these functions.

\[a\] Assuming you used ‘dds.transport.DTLS.dtls1’ as the alias to load the plugin. If not, change the prefix to match the string used with dds.transport.load_plugins. This prefix must begin with 'dds.transport.'
25.5.1 Additional Header Files and Include Directories

- To use the Secure WAN Transport API, you must include an extra header file (in addition to those in Table 9.1 Header Files to Include for Connext DDS (All Architectures)).

```c
#include "ndds/ndds_transport_secure_wan.h"
```

Assuming that Secure WAN Transport is installed in the same directory as Connext DDS (see Table 9.2 Include Paths for Compilation (All Architectures)), no additional include paths need to be added for the Secure WAN Transport API. If this is not the case, you will need to specify the appropriate include path.

- If you want to access OpenSSL data structures, add the OpenSSL include directory, `<openssl install dir>/<arch>/include`, and include the OpenSSL headers before `ndds_transport_secure_wan.h`:

```c
#include <openssl/ssl.h>
#include <openssl/x509.h> (if accessing certificate functions)
etc.
```

On Windows systems, if you are loading statically: you should also include the OpenSSL file, `applink.c`, in your application. It can be found in the OpenSSL include directory, or included as `<openssl/applink.c>`.

25.5.2 Additional Libraries

To use the Secure WAN Transport API, you must link in additional libraries, which are listed in the Platform Notes (in the appropriate section for your architecture). Refer to Required Libraries (Section 9.3.1 on page 624) for differences between shared and static libraries.

25.5.3 Compiler Flags

No additional compiler flags are required.
The material in this part of the manual describes *Persistence Service*. It saves DDS data samples so they can be delivered to subscribing applications that join the system at a later time—even if the publishing application has already terminated.

This section includes:

- Introduction to RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 25 on the next page)
- Configuring Persistence Service (Section Chapter 26 on page 933)
- Running RTI Persistence Service (Section Chapter 27 on page 960)
- Administering Persistence Service from a Remote Location (Section Chapter 28 on page 964)
- Advanced Persistence Service Scenarios (Section Chapter 29 on page 970)
Chapter 25 Introduction to RTI Persistence Service

Persistence Service is a Connext DDS application that saves DDS data samples to transient or permanent storage, so they can be delivered to subscribing applications that join the system at a later time—even if the publishing application has already terminated.

Persistence Service runs as a separate application; you can run it on the same node as the publishing application, the subscribing application, or some other node in the network.

When configured to run in PERSISTENT mode, Persistence Service can use the filesystem or a relational database that provides an ODBC driver. For each persistent topic, it collects all the data written by the corresponding persistent DataWriters and stores them into persistent storage. See the Persistence Service Release Notes for the list of platforms and relational databases that have been tested.

When configured to run in TRANSIENT mode, Persistence Service stores the data in memory.

The following chapters assume you have a basic understanding of DDS terms such as DomainParticipants, Publishers, DataWriters, Topics, and Quality of Service (QoS) policies. For an overview of DDS terms, please see Data-Centric Publish-Subscribe Communications (Section Chapter 2 on page 10). You should also have already read Mechanisms for Achieving Information Durability and Persistence (Section Chapter 12 on page 674).
Chapter 26 Configuring Persistence Service

To use Persistence Service:

1. Modify your Connext DDS applications.
   - The DURABILITY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.7 on page 366) controls whether or not, and how, published DDS samples are stored by Persistence Service for delivery to late-joining DataReaders. See Data Durability (Section 12.5 on page 691).
     - For each DataWriter whose data must be stored, set the Durability QosPolicy’s kind to DDS_PERSISTENT_DURABILITY_QOS or DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS.
     - For each DataReader that needs to receive stored data, set the Durability QosPolicy’s kind to DDS_PERSISTENT_DURABILITY_QOS or DDS_TRANSIENT_DURABILITY_QOS.
   - Optionally, modify the DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370), which can be used to configure Persistence Service.

By default, the History and ResourceLimits QosPolicies for a Persistence Service DataReader (PRSTDataReader) and Persistence Service DataWriter (PRSTDataWriter) with topic 'A' will be configured using the values specified in the XML file (unless you use the tag <use_durability_service> in the persistence group definition, see Creating Persistence Groups (Section 26.8 on page 946)). Setting the <use_durability_service> tag to true will cause the History and ResourceLimits QosPolicies for a PRSTDataReader and PRSTDataWriter to be configured using the DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370) of the first-discovered DataWriter publishing 'A'. (For more information on the PRSTDataReader and PRSTDataWriter, see RTI Persistence Service (Section 12.5.1 on page 691).)
2. Create a configuration file or edit an existing file, as described in XML Configuration File (Section 26.2 on the facing page).

3. Start Persistence Service with your configuration file, as described in Starting Persistence Service (Section 27.1 on page 960). You can start it on either application’s node, or even an entirely different node (provided that node is included in one of the applications’ NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS lists).

### 26.1 How to Load the Persistence Service XML Configuration

Persistence Service loads its XML configuration from multiple locations. This section presents the various approaches, listed in load order.

The first three locations only contain QoS Profiles and are inherited from Connext DDS (see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790)).

- `$NDDSHOME/resource/xml/NDDS_QOS_PROFILES.xml`
  
  This file contains the DDS default QoS values; it is loaded automatically if it exists. *(First to be loaded.)*

- File specified in the NDDS_QOS_PROFILES Environment Variable

  The files (or XML strings) separated by semicolons referenced in this environment variable are loaded automatically.

- `<working directory>/USER_QOS_PROFILES.xml`

  This file is loaded automatically if it exists.

The next locations are specific to Persistence Service.

- `<NDDSHOME>/resource/xml/RTI_PERSISTENCE_SERVICE.xml`

  This file contains the default Persistence Service configurations; it is loaded if it exists. There are two default configurations: `default` and `defaultDisk`. The `default` configuration persists all the topics into memory. The `defaultDisk` configuration persists all the topics into files located in the current working directory.

- `<working directory>/USER_PERSISTENCE_SERVICE.xml`

  This file is loaded automatically if it exists.

- File specified using the command line option, `-cfgFile`
The command-line option `-cfgFile` (see Table 27.1 Persistence Service Command-Line Options) can be used to specify a configuration file.

26.2 XML Configuration File

The configuration file uses XML format. Let's look at a very basic configuration file, just to get an idea of its contents. You will learn the meaning of each line as you read the rest of this section:

- QoS Configuration (Section 26.3 on page 938)
- Configuring the Persistence Service Application (Section 26.4 on page 939)
- Configuring Remote Administration (Section 26.5 on page 941)
- Configuring Persistent Storage (Section 26.6 on page 942)
- Configuring Participants (Section 26.7 on page 945)
- Creating Persistence Groups (Section 26.8 on page 946)
- Enabling Distributed Logger in RTI Services (Section Chapter 37 on page 1043)
- Enabling RTI Monitoring Library in Persistence Service (Section 26.12 on page 957)

Example Configuration File

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<!-- A Configuration file may be used by several persistence services specifying multiple <persistence_service> entries -->
<dds>
  <!-- QoS LIBRARY SECTION -->
  <qos_library name="QosLib1">
    <qos_profile name="QosProfile1">
      <datawriter_qos name="WriterQos1">
        <history>
          <kind>DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
        </history>
      </datawriter_qos>
      <datareader_qos name="ReaderQos1">
        <reliability>
          <kind>DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</kind>
        </reliability>
        <history>
          <kind>DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
        </history>
      </datareader_qos>
    </qos_profile>
  </qos_library>
  <!-- PERSISTENCE SERVICE SECTION -->
  <persistence_service name="Srv1">
    <!-- REMOTE ADMINISTRATION SECTION -->
    <administration>
```
26.2.1 Configuration File Syntax

The configuration file must follow these syntax rules:

- The syntax is XML and the character encoding is UTF-8.
- Opening tags are enclosed in <>; closing tags are enclosed in </>.
- A value is a UTF-8 encoded string. Legal values are alphanumeric characters. All leading and trailing spaces are removed from the string before it is processed.

For example, "<tag>value</tag>" is the same as "<tag>value</tag>".
- All values are case-sensitive unless otherwise stated.
- Comments are enclosed as follows: <!-- comment -->.
- The root tag of the configuration file must be <dds> and end with </dds>.
- The primitive types for tag values are specified in Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values.
### Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Format</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Boolean</td>
<td>yes, 1, true, BOOLEAN_TRUE or DDSBOOLEAN_TRUE: these all mean TRUE</td>
<td>Not case-sensitive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>no, 0, false, BOOLEAN_FALSE or DDSBOOLEAN_FALSE: these all mean FALSE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Enum</td>
<td>A string. Legal values are those listed in the C or Java API Reference HTML documentation.</td>
<td>Must be specified as a string. (Do not use numeric values.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDS_Long</td>
<td>-2147483648 to 2147483647 or 0x80000000 to 0xffffffff or LENGTH_UNLIMITED or DDS_LENGTH_UNLIMITED</td>
<td>A 32-bit signed integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DDSUnsignedLong</td>
<td>0 to 4294967296 or 0 to 0xffffffff</td>
<td>A 32-bit unsigned integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>UTF-8 character string</td>
<td>All leading and trailing spaces are ignored between two tags</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 26.2.2 XML Validation

#### 26.2.2.1 Validation at Run Time

Persistence Service validates the input XML files using a built-in Document Type Definition (DTD). You can find a copy of the built-in DTD in `<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti_persistence_service.dtd`. (This is only a copy of what the Persistence Service core uses. Changing this file has no effect unless you specify its path with the DOCTYPE tag, described below.)

You can overwrite the built-in DTD by using the XML tag, `<!DOCTYPE>`. For example, the following indicates that Persistence Service must use a different DTD file to perform validation:

```xml
<!DOCTYPE dds SYSTEM "/local/usr/rti/dds/modified_rtipersistence-service.dtd">
```

If you do not specify the DOCTYPE tag in the XML file, the built-in DTD is used.

The DTD path can be absolute, or relative to the application's current working directory.

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*aSee Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38).*
26.2.2.2 Validation During Editing

Persistence Service provides DTD and XSD files that describe the format of the XML content. We recommend including a reference to one of these documents in the XML file that contains the persistence service’s configuration—this provides helpful features in code editors such as Visual Studio and Eclipse, including validation and auto-completion while you are editing the XML file. Including a reference to the XSD file in the XML documents provides stricter validation and better auto-completion than the corresponding DTD file.

The DTD and XSD definitions of the XML elements are in
<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema (rti_persistence_service.dtd and rti_persistence_service.xsd, respectively).

To include a reference to the XSD document in your XML file, use the attribute xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation in the <dds> tag. For example (in the following, replace <NDDSHOME> with the Connext DDS installation directory, see Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)):

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<dds xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
     xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti_persistence_service.xsd">
    ...
</dds>
```

To include a reference to the DTD document in your XML file, use the <!DOCTYPE> tag. For example (in the following, replace <NDDSHOME> with the Connext DDS installation directory):

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE dds SYSTEM "<NDDSHOME>/resource/schema/rti_persistence_service.dtd">
<dds>
    ...
</dds>
```

26.3 QoS Configuration

Each persistence group and participant has a set of DDS QoSs. There are six tags:

- <participant_qos>
- <publisher_qos>
- <subscriber_qos>
- <topic_qos>
- <datawriter_qos>
- <datareader_qos>
Each QoS is identified by a name. The QoS can inherit its values from other QoSs described in the XML file. For example:

```xml
<datawriter_qos name="DerivedWriterQos" base_name="Lib::BaseWriterQos">
  <history>
    <kind>DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
  </history>
</datawriter_qos>
```

In the above example, the writer QoS named 'DerivedWriterQos' inherits the values from the writer QoS 'BaseWriterQos' contained in the library 'Lib'. The HistoryQosPolicy `kind` is set to DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS.

Each XML tag with an associated name can be uniquely identified by its fully qualified name in C++ style. For more information on tags, see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

The persistence groups and participants can use QoS libraries and profiles to configure their QoS values. For example:

```xml
<dds>
  <!- QoS LIBRARY SECTION -->
  <qos_library name="QosLib1">
    <qos_profile name="QosProfile1">
      <datawriter_qos name="WriterQos1">
        <history>
          <kind>DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS</kind>
        </history>
      </datawriter_qos>
    </qos_profile>
  </qos_library>
  <!- PERSISTENCE SERVICE SECTION -->
  <persistence_service name="Srv1">
    ... 
  </persistence_service>
  <!- PERSISTENCE GROUP SECTION -->
  <persistence_group name="PerGroup1" filter="*">
    <single_publisher>true</single_publisher>
    <single_subscriber>true</single_subscriber>
    <datawriter_qos base_name="QosLib1::QosProfile1"/>
  </persistence_group>
  </persistence_service>
</dds>
```

For more information about QoS libraries and profiles see Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790).

### 26.4 Configuring the Persistence Service Application

Each execution of the Persistence Service application is configured using the content of a tag: `<persistence_service>`. When you start Persistence Service (described in Starting Persistence Service (Section 27.1 on page 960)), you must specify which `<persistence_service>` tag to use to configure the service.
For example:

```xml
<dds>
    <persistence_service name="Srv1">
        ...
    </persistence_service>
</dds>
```

If you do not specify a service name when you start Persistence Service, the service will print the list of available configurations and then exit.

Because a configuration file may contain multiple `<persistence_service>` tags, one file can be used to configure multiple Persistence Service executions.

Table 26.2 Persistence Service Application Tags lists the tags you can specify for a persistence service. Notice that `<participant>` is required. For default values, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.

### Table 26.2 Persistence Service Application Tags

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<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Number of Tags Allowed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;administration&gt;</code></td>
<td>Enables and configures remote administration. See Configuring Remote Administration (Section 26.5 on the facing page).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;annotation&gt;</code></td>
<td>Provides a description for the persistence service configuration. Example:</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;annotation&gt;</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;documentation&gt;</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Persist in the file system all topics published with PERSISTENT durability</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/documentation&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;/annotation&gt;</td>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;purge_samples_after_acknowledgment&gt;</td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean that indicates whether or not a PRSTDDataWriter will purge a DDS sample from its cache once it is acknowledged by all the matching/active DataReaders and all the Durable Subscriptions.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default: 0</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>See Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service (Section 26.9 on page 954).</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;participant&gt;</td>
<td>For each &lt;participant&gt; tag, Persistence Service creates two DomainParticipants on the same domain ID: one to subscribe to changes and one to publish changes. The QoS values used to configure both DomainParticipants are the same, except for the participant_id in the WIRE_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 8.5.9 on page 609). If participant_id is not -1 (the default value, which means automatic selection), Persistence Service uses participant_id for the first DomainParticipant and participant_id+1 for the second DomainParticipant.</td>
<td>1 or more (required)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;persistent_storage&gt;</td>
<td>When this tag is present, the topic data will be persisted to disk. You can select between file storage and relational database storage. See Configuring Persistent Storage (Section 26.6 on the next page).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;synchronization&gt;</td>
<td>Enables synchronization in redundant persistence service instances. See Synchronizing of Persistence Service Instances (Section 26.10 on page 955). Default: Synchronization is not enabled</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 26.5 Configuring Remote Administration

You can create a Connext DDS application that can remotely control Persistence Service. The `<administration>` tag is used to enable remote administration and configure its behavior.

By default, remote administration is turned off in Persistence Service.

When remote administration is enabled, Persistence Service will create a DomainParticipant, Publisher, Subscriber, DataWriter, and DataReader. These Entities are used to receive commands and send responses. You can configure these entities with QoS tags within the `<administration>` tag.

Table 26.3 Remote Administration Tags lists the tags allowed within `<administration>` tag. Notice that the `<domain_id>` tag is required.

For more details, please see Administering Persistence Service from a Remote Location (Section Chapter 28 on page 964).

**Note:** The command-line options used to configure remote administration take precedence over the XML configuration (see Table 27.1 Persistence Service Command-Line Options).
Table 26.3 Remote Administration Tags

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<tr>
<td>&lt;datareader_qos&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the DataReader QoS for remote administration. If the tag is not defined, Persistence Service will use the DDS defaults with the following changes: reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE.RELIABILITY_QOS (this value cannot be changed) history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL.HISTORY_QOS resource_limits.max_samples = 32</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;datawriter_qos&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the DataWriter QoS for remote administration. If the tag is not defined, Persistence Service will use the DDS defaults with the following changes: history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL.HISTORY_QOS resource_limits.max_samples = 32</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;distributed_logger&gt;</td>
<td>Configures RTI Distributed Logger. See</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;domain_id&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies which domain ID Persistence Service will use to enable remote administration.</td>
<td>1 (required)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;participant_qos&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the DomainParticipant QoS for remote administration. If the tag is not defined, Persistence Service will use the DDS defaults.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;publisher_qos&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the Publisher QoS for remote administration. If the tag is not defined, Persistence Service will use the DDS defaults.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;subscriber_qos&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the Subscriber QoS for remote administration. If the tag is not defined, Persistence Service will use the DDS defaults.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

26.6 Configuring Persistent Storage

The <persistent_storage> tag is used to persist DDS samples into permanent storage. If the <persistent_storage> tag is not specified, the service will operate in TRANSIENT mode and all the data will be kept in memory. Otherwise, the persistence service will operate in PERSISTENT mode and all the topic data will be stored into the filesystem or into a relational database that provides an ODBC driver.

Table 26.4 Persistent Storage tags lists the tags that you can specify in <persistent_storage>.

Relational Database Limitations: The ODBC storage does not support BLOBs. The maximum size for a serialized DDS sample is 65535 bytes in MySQL.
Table 26.4 Persistent Storage tags

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<tr>
<td>&lt;external_database&gt;</td>
<td>When this tag is present, the topic data will be persisted in a relational database. This tag is required if &lt;filesystem&gt; is not specified. See Table 26.5 External Database Tags.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;filesystem&gt;</td>
<td>When this tag is present, the topic data will be persisted into files. This tag is required if &lt;external_database&gt; is not specified. See Table 26.6 Filesystem tags.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;restore&gt;</td>
<td>This DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) indicates if the topic data associated with a previous execution of the persistence service must be restored or not. If the topic data is not restored, it will be deleted from the persistent storage. Default: 1</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;type_object_max_serialized_length&gt;</td>
<td>Defines the length in bytes of the database column used to store the TypeObjects associated with PRSTDataWriters and PRSTDataReader. For additional information on TypeObjects, see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide Addendum for Extensible Types. Default: 10488576</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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Table 26.5 External Database Tags

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<tr>
<td>&lt;dsn&gt;</td>
<td>DSN used to connect to the database using ODBC. You should create this DSN through the ODBC settings on Windows systems, or in your .odbc.ini file on UNIX/Linux systems. This tag is required.</td>
<td>1 (required)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;odbc_library&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies the ODBC driver to load. By default, Connext DDS will try to use the standard ODBC driver manager library (UnixOdbc on UNIX/Linux systems, the Windows ODBC driver manager on Windows systems).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;password&gt;</td>
<td>Password to connect to the database. Default: no username is used</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;username&gt;</td>
<td>Username to connect to the database. Default: no username is used</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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## 26.6 Configuring Persistent Storage

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<td>&lt;directory&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies the directory of the files in which topic data will be persisted. There will be one file per PRSTDataWriter/PRSTDataReader pair. The directory must exist; otherwise the service will report an error upon start up. Default: current working directory</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;file_prefix&gt;</td>
<td>A name prefix associated with all the files created by Persistence Service. Default: PS</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| <journal_mode>           | Sets the journal mode of the persistent storage. This tag can take these values:  
  - DELETE: Deletes the rollback journal at the conclusion of each transaction.  
  - TRUNCATE: Commits transactions by truncating the rollback journal to zero-length instead of deleting it.  
  - PERSIST: Prevents the rollback journal from being deleted at the end of each transaction. Instead, the header of the journal is overwritten with zeros.  
  - MEMORY: Stores the rollback journal in volatile RAM. This saves disk I/O.  
  - WAL: Uses a write-ahead log instead of a rollback journal to implement transactions.  
  - OFF: Completely disables the rollback journal. If the application crashes in the middle of a transaction when the OFF journaling mode is set, the files containing the DDS samples will very likely be corrupted. Default: DELETE | 0 or 1 |
| <synchronization>       | Determines the level of synchronization with the physical disk. This tag can take three values:  
  - FULL: Every DDS sample is written into physical disk as Persistence Service receives it.  
  - NORMAL: DDS samples are written into disk at critical moments.  
  - OFF: No synchronization is enforced. Data will be written to physical disk when the OS flushes its buffers. Default: OFF | 0 or 1 |
Table 26.6 Filesystem tags

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<tr>
<td>&lt;trace_file&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the trace file for debugging purposes. The trace file contains information about all SQL statements executed by the persistence service. Default: No trace file is generated</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| <vacuum>                 | Sets the auto-vacuum status of the storage. This tag can take these values:  
  - NONE: When data is deleted from the storage files, the files remain the same size.  
  - FULL: The storage files are compacted every transaction. Default: FULL. | 0 or 1 |

26.7 Configuring Participants

An XML <persistence_service> tag will contain a set of DomainParticipants. The persistence service will persist topics published in the domainIDs associated with these participants. For example:

```xml
<persistence_service name="Srv1">
  <participant name="Part1">
    <domain_id>71</domain_id>
    ...
  </participant>
  <participant name="Part2">
    <domain_id>72</domain_id>
    ...
  </participant>
</persistence_service>
```

Using the above example, the persistence service will create two DomainParticipants on DDS domains 71 and 72. After the DomainParticipants are created, the persistence service will monitor the discovery traffic looking for topics to persist.

The <domain_id> tag can be specified alternatively as an attribute of <participant>. For example:

```xml
<persistence_service name="Srv1">
  <participant name="Part1" domain_id="71">
    ...
  </participant>
</persistence_service>
```

Table 26.7 Participant Tags describes the participant tags. Notice that <persistence_group> is required.
26.8 Creating Persistence Groups

The topics that must be persisted in a specific domain ID are specified using `<persistence_group>` tags. A `<persistence_group>` tag defines a set of topics identified by a POSIX expression.

For example:

```xml
<participant_name="Part1">
  <domain_id>71</domain_id>
  <persistence_group name="PerGroup1" filter="H*"
  ...
</persistence_group>
</participant>
```

In the above example, the persistence group 'PerGroup1' is associated with all the topics published in DDS domain 71 whose name starts with 'H'.
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When a participant discovers a topic that matches a persistence group, it will create a PRSTDataReader and a PRSTDataWriter. The PRSTDataReader and PRSTDataWriter will be configured using the QoS policies associated with the persistence group. The DDS samples received by the PRSTDataReader will be persisted in the queue of the corresponding PRSTDataWriter.

A `<participant>` tag can contain multiple persistence groups; the set of topics that each one represents can intersect.

Table 26.8 Persistence Group Tags further describes the persistence group tags. For default values, please see the API Reference HTML documentation.

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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;allow_durable_subscriptions&gt;</code></td>
<td>A DDS Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that enables support for durable subscriptions in the PRSTDataWriters created in a persistence group. When Durable Subscriptions are not required, setting this property to 0 will increase performance. Default: 1</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;content_filter&gt;</code></td>
<td>Content filter topic expression. A persistence group can subscribe to a specific set of data based on the value of this expression. A filter expression is similar to the WHERE clause in SQL. For more information on the syntax, please see the API Reference Documentation (from the Modules page, select RTI Connext DDS DDS API Reference, Queries and Filters Syntax). Default: no expression</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;datareader_qos&gt;</code></td>
<td>PRSTDataReader QoS(^1). See QoSs (Section 26.8.1 on page 951). Default: DDS defaults</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;datawriter_qos&gt;</code></td>
<td>PRSTDataWriter QoS(^2). See QoSs (Section 26.8.1 on page 951). Default: DDS defaults</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;deny_filter&gt;</code></td>
<td>Specifies a list of POSIX expressions separated by commas that describe the set of topics to be denied in the persistence group. This &quot;black&quot; list is applied to the topics that pass the filter specified with the <code>&lt;filter&gt;</code> tag Default: *</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\)These fields cannot be set and are assigned automatically: protocol.virtual_guid, protocol.rtps_object_id, durability.kind.

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<tr>
<td>&lt;filter&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies a list of POSIX expressions separated by commas that describe the set of topics associated with the persistence group. The filter can be specified as an attribute of &lt;persistence_group&gt; as well. Default: *</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;memory_management&gt;</td>
<td>This flag configures the memory allocation policy for DDS samples in PRSTDDataReaders and PRSTDDataWriters. See Memory Management (Section 26.8.5 on page 953).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;propagate_dispose&gt;</td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that controls whether or not the persistence service propagates dispose messages from DataWriters to DataReaders. Default: 1</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;propagate_source_timestamp&gt;</td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values). When this tag is 1, the DDS data samples sent by the PRSTDDataWriters preserve the source timestamp that was associated with them when they were published by the original DataWriter. Default: 0</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;propagate_unregister&gt;</td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that controls whether or not the persistence service propagates unregister messages from DataWriters to DataReaders. Default: 0</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;publisher_qos&gt;</td>
<td>Publisher QoS. See QoS (Section 26.8.1 on page 951). Default: DDS defaults</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;reader_checkpoint_frequency&gt;</td>
<td>This property controls how often (expressed as a number of DDS samples) the PRSTDDataReader state is stored in the database. The PRSTDDataReaders are the DataReaders created by the persistence service. A high frequency will provide better performance. However, if the persistence service is restarted, it may receive some duplicate DDS samples. The persistence service will send these duplicates DDS samples on the wire but they will be filtered by the DataReaders and they will not be propagated to the application. This property is only applicable when the persistence service operates in persistent mode (the &lt;persistent_storage&gt; tag is present). Default: 1</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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<td><code>&lt;share_database_connection&gt;</code></td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that indicates if the persistence service will create an independent database connection per PRSTDataWriter in the group (0) or per Publisher (1) in the group. All the PRSTDataWriters will share the same connection. When <code>&lt;single_publisher&gt;</code> is 0 and <code>&lt;share_database_connection&gt;</code> is 1, there is a single database connection per group. This parameter is only applicable to configurations persisting the data into a relational database using the tag <code>&lt;external_database&gt;</code> in <code>&lt;persistent_storage&gt;</code>.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;single_publisher&gt;</code></td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that indicates if the persistence service should create one Publisher per persistence group or one Publisher per PRSTDataWriter inside the persistence group. See Sharing a Publisher/Subscriber (Section 26.8.3 on page 952).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;single_subscriber&gt;</code></td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that indicates if the persistence service should create one Subscriber per persistence group or one Subscriber per PRSTDataReader in the persistence group.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;subscriber_qos&gt;</code></td>
<td>Subscriber QoS. See QoSs (Section 26.8.1 on page 951). Default: DDS defaults</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;topic_qos&gt;</code></td>
<td>Topic QoS. See QoSs (Section 26.8.1 on page 951). Default: DDS defaults</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;use_durability_service&gt;</code></td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that indicates if the HISTORY and RESOURCE_LIMITS QoS policy of the PRSTDataWriters and PRSTDataReaders should be configured based on the DURABILITY SERVICE value of the discovered DataWriters.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;writer_ack_period&gt;</code></td>
<td>Controls how often (expressed in milliseconds) DDS samples are marked as ACK’d in the database by the PRSTDataWriter.</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;writer_checkpoint_period&gt;</code></td>
<td>Controls how often (expressed in milliseconds) transactions are committed for a PRSTDDataWriter. A value of 0 indicates that transactions will be committed immediately. This is the recommended setting to avoid losing data in the case of an unexpected error in Persistence Service and/or the underlying hardware/software infrastructure. For applications that can tolerate some data losses, setting this tag to a value greater than 0 will increase performance. Default: 0</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;writer_checkpoint_volume&gt;</code></td>
<td>Controls how often (expressed as a number of DDS samples) transactions are committed for a PRSTDDataWriter. A value of 1 indicates that DDS samples will be persisted by the PRSTDDataWriters immediately. This is the recommended setting to avoid losing data in the case of an unexpected error in persistence service and/or the underlying hardware/software infrastructure. For application that can tolerate some data losses, setting this tag to a value greater than 1 will increase performance. Default: 1</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;late_joinder_read_batch&gt;</code></td>
<td>Defines how many DDS samples will be pre-fetched by a PRSTDDataWriter to satisfy requests from late-joiners. When a DataReader requests DDS samples from a PRSTDDataWriter by sending a NACK message, the PRSTDDataWriter may retrieve additional DDS samples from the database to minimize disk access. This parameter determines that amount of DDS samples that will be retrieved preemptively from the database by the PRSTDDataWriter. Default: 20000</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;sample_logging&gt;</code></td>
<td>This tag can be used to enable and configure a DDS sample log for the PRSTDDataWriters in a persistence group. A DDS sample log is a buffer of DDS samples on disk that, when used in combination with delegate reliability, allow decoupling the original DataWriters from slow DataReaders. For additional information on the DDS sample log, see Scenario: Slow Consumer (Section 29.2 on page 973). Default: DDS sample log is disabled</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
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<td>&lt;writer_in_memory_state&gt;</td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that determines how much state will be kept in memory by the PRSTDataWriters in order to avoid accessing the persistent storage. The property is only applicable when the persistence service operates in persistent mode (the &lt;persistent_storage&gt; tag is present). If this property is 1, the PRSTDataWriters will keep a copy of all the instances in memory. They will also keep a fixed state overhead of 24 bytes per DDS sample. This mode provides the best performance. However, the restore operation will be slower and the maximum number of DDS samples that a PRSTDataWriter can manage will be limited by the available physical memory. If this property is 0, all the state will be kept in the underlying persistent storage. In this mode, the maximum number of DDS samples that a PRSTDataWriter can manage will not be limited by the available physical memory. Default: If the HistoryQosPolicy’s kind is KEEP_LAST or the ResourceLimitsQosPolicy’s max_samples != DDS_UNLIMITED_LENGTH, the default is 1. Otherwise, the default is 0.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;use_wait_set&gt;</td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that indicates if Persistence Service will use Waitsets or Listeners to read data from the PRSTDataReaders of the group. By default, the usage of Waitsets is disabled. With this configuration, Persistence Service uses the on_data_available() listener callback to take the data from the PRSTDataReaders within the persistence group. The write operation in a PRSTDataWriter is called within the listener callback. When Waitsets are enabled, Persistence Service will use them to read the data: If &lt;single_subscriber&gt; is set to 1, there will be a single Waitset and a read thread shared across all the PRSTDataReaders in the group. If &lt;single_subscriber&gt; is set to 0, there will be a Waitset and a read thread per PRSTDataReader in the group. The write operation in a PRSTDataWriter is called by the read thread associated with the PRSTDataReader. Default: 0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

26.8.1 QoSs

When a persistence service discovers a topic 'A' that matches a specific persistence group, it creates a reader (known as ‘PRSTDataReader’) and writer (‘PRSTDataWriter’) to persist that topic. The QoSs associated with these readers and writers, as well as the corresponding publishers and subscribers, can be configured inside the persistence group using QoS tags.

For example:

```xml
<participant name="Part1">
    <domain_id>71</domain_id>
    <persistence_group name="PerGroup1" filter="**">
        ...
        <publisher_qos base_name="QosLib1::PubQos1"/>
    </persistence_group>
</participant>
```
For instance, the number of DDS samples saved by Persistence Service is configurable through the HISTORY QosPolicy (Section 6.5.10 on page 374) of the PRSTDataWriters.

If a QoS tag is not specified the persistence service will use the corresponding DDS default values (DurabilityService QoS Policy (Section 26.8.2 below) describes an exception to this rule).

## 26.8.2 DurabilityService QoS Policy

The DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370) associated with a DataWriter is used to configure the HISTORY and the RESOURCE_LIMITS associated with the PRSTDDataReaders and PRSTDDataWriters.

By default, the HISTORY and RESOURCE_LIMITS of a PRSTDDataReader and PRSTDataWriter with topic 'A' will be configured using the values specified in the XML file used to configure Persistence Service. To overwrite those values and use the values in the DURABILITY SERVICE QosPolicy (Section 6.5.8 on page 370) of the first discovered DataWriter publishing 'A', you can use the tag `<use_durability_service>` in the persistence group definition:

```xml
<participant name="Part1">
  <domain_id>71</domain_id>
  <persistence_group name="PerGroup1" filter="*">
    ...<use_durability_service/>
  </persistence_group>
</participant>
```

## 26.8.3 Sharing a Publisher/Subscriber

By default, the PRSTDDataWriters and PRSTDDataReaders associated with a persistence group will share the same Publisher and Subscriber.

To associate a different Publisher and Subscriber with each PRSTDDataWriter and PRSTDDataReader, use the tags `<single_publisher>` and `<single_subscriber>`, as follows:

```xml
<participant name="Part1">
  <domain_id>71</domain_id>
  <persistence_group name="PerGroup1" filter="*">
    ...
    <single_publisher/>
    <single_subscriber/>
  </persistence_group>
</participant>
```
26.8.4 Sharing a Database Connection

By default, the persistence service will share a single ODBC database connection to persist the topic data received by each PRSTDataReader.

To associate an independent database connection to the PRSTDataReaders created by the persistence service, use the tag `<share_database_connection>`, as follows:

```xml
<participant name="Part1">
  <domain_id>71</domain_id>
  <persistence_group name="PerGroup1" filter="*">
    ...
    <share_database_connection>0</share_database_connection>
    ...
  </persistence_group>
</participant>
```

Sharing a database connection optimizes the resource usage. However, the concurrency of the system decreases because the access to the database connection must be protected.

26.8.5 Memory Management

The DDS samples received and stored by the PRSTDataReaders and PRSTDataWriters are in serialized form.

The serialized size of a DDS sample is the number of bytes required to send the DDS sample on the wire. The maximum serialized size of a DDS sample is the number of bytes that the largest DDS sample for a given type requires on the wire.

By default, the PRSTDataReaders and PRSTDataWriters created by the persistence service try to allocate multiple DDS samples to their maximum serialized size. This may cause memory allocation issues when the maximum serialized size is significantly large.

For PRSTDataReaders, the number of DDS samples in the `DataReader`'s queues can be controlled using the QoS values `resource_qos.resource_limits.max_samples` and `resource_qos.resource_limits.initial_samples`.

The PRSTDataWriters keep a cache of DDS samples so that they do not have to access the database every time. The minimum size of this cache is 32 DDS samples.

In addition, each PRSTDataWriter keeps an additional DDS sample called the DB sample, which is used to move information from the `DataWriter` cache to the database and vice versa.

The `<memory_management>` tag in a persistence group can be used to control the memory allocation policy for the DDS samples created by PRSTDataReaders and PRSTDataWriters in the persistence group.
26.9 Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service

Table 26.9 Memory Management Tags describes the memory management tags.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;persistent_sample_buffer_max_size&gt;</td>
<td>This tag is used to control the memory associated with the DB sample in a PRSTDataWriter. The persistence service will not be able to store a DDS sample into persistent storage if the serialized size is greater than this value. Therefore, this parameter must be used carefully. Default: LENGTH_UNLIMITED (DB sample is allocated to the maximum size).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;pool_sample_buffer_max_size&gt;</td>
<td>This tag applies to both PRSTDataReaders and PRSTDataWriters. Its value determines the maximum size (in bytes) of the buffers that will be pre-allocated to store the DDS samples. If the space required for a new DDS sample is greater than this size, the persistence service will allocate the memory dynamically to the exact size required by the DDS sample. This parameter is used to control the memory allocated for the DDS samples in the PRSTDataReaders queues and the PRSTDataWriters caches. The size of the DB sample in the PRSTDataWriters is controlled by the value of the tag &lt;persistent_sample_buffer_max_size&gt;. Default: LENGTH_UNLIMITED (DDS samples are allocated to the maximum size).</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

26.9 Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service

This section assumes you are familiar with the concept of Required Subscriptions (Section 6.3.13 on page 291).

A Durable Subscription is a Required Subscription where DDS samples are stored and forwarded by Persistence Service.

There are two ways to create a Durable Subscriptions:

1. Programmatically using a DomainParticipant API:

   A subscribing application can register a Durable Subscription by providing the topic name and the endpoint group information, consisting of the Durable Subscription role_name and the quorum. To register or delete a Durable Subscription, use the DomainParticipant’s register_durable_subscription() and delete_durable_subscription() operations, respectively (see Table 8.3 DomainParticipant Operations). The Durable Subscription information is propagated via a built-in topic to Persistence Service.

2. Preconfigure Persistence Service with a set of Durable Subscriptions:

   Persistence Service can be (pre-)configured with a list of Durable Subscriptions using the <durable_subscriptions> XML tag under <participant>.
After registering or configuring the persistence service with specific Durable Subscriptions, the persistence service will keep DDS samples until they are acknowledged by all the required Durable Subscriptions. In the above example, the DDS samples must be acknowledged by two `DataReaders` that belong to the “Logger” Durable Subscription and one `DataReader` belonging to the “Processor” Durable Subscription.

### 26.9.1 DDS Sample Memory Management With Durable Subscriptions

The maximum number of DDS samples that will be kept in a PRSTDataWriter queue is determined by the value of `<resource_limits><max_samples>` in the `<writer_qos>` used to configure the PRSTDataWriter.

By default, a PRSTDataWriter configured with `KEEP_ALL <history><kind>` will keep the DDS samples in its cache until they are acknowledged by all the Durable Subscriptions associated with the PRSTDataWriter. After the DDS samples are acknowledged by the Durable Subscriptions, they will be marked as reclaimable but they will not be purged from the PRSTDataWriter’s queue until the `DataWriter` needs these resources for new DDS samples. This may lead to inefficient resource utilization, especially when `<max_samples>` is high or UNLIMITED.

The PRSTDataWriter behavior can be changed to purge DDS samples after they have been acknowledged by all the active/matching `DataReaders` and all the Durable Subscriptions configured for the `<persistence_service>`. To do so, set the tag `<purge_samples_after_acknowledgment>` under `<persistence_service>` to TRUE. Notice that this setting is global to the service and applies to all the PRSTDataWriters created by each `<persistence_group>`.

### 26.10 Synchronizing of Persistence Service Instances

By default, different `Persistence Service` instances do not synchronize with each other. For example, in a scenario with two `Persistence Service` instances, the first persistence service could receive a DDS sample ‘S1’ from the original `DataWriter` that is not received by the second persistence service. If the disk where the first persistence service stores its DDS samples fails, ‘S1’ will be lost.
To enable synchronization between Persistence Service instances, use the tag `<synchronization>` under `<persistence_service>`. When it comes to synchronization, there are two different kinds of information that can be synchronized independently:

- Information about Durable Subscriptions and their states (see Configuring Durable Subscriptions in Persistence Service (Section 26.9 on page 954))
- DDS data samples

### Table 26.10 Synchronization Tags

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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;synchronize_data&gt;</code></td>
<td>Enables synchronization of DDS data samples in redundant Persistence Service instances. When set to 1, DDS samples lost on the way to one service instance can be repaired by another without impacting the original publisher of that message. To synchronize the instances, the tag <code>&lt;synchronize_data&gt;</code> must be set to 1 in every instance involved in the synchronization. Note: This DDS sample synchronization mechanism is not equivalent to database replication. The extent to which database instances have identical contents depends on the destination ordering and other QoS settings for the Persistence Service instances. Default: 0</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;synchronize_durable_subscriptions&gt;</code></td>
<td>Enables synchronization of Durable Subscriptions in redundant Persistence Service instances. When set to 1, the different Persistence Service instances will synchronize their Durable Subscription information. This information includes the set of Durable Subscriptions as well as information about the Durable Subscription’s state, such as the DDS samples that have already been received by the Durable Subscriptions. Default: 0</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;durable_subscription_synchronization_period&gt;</code></td>
<td>The period (in milliseconds) at which the information about Durable Subscriptions is synchronized. Default: 5000 milliseconds</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
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### 26.11 Enabling RTI Distributed Logger in Persistence Service

Persistence Service provides integrated support for RTI Distributed Logger (see Part 10: RTI Distributed Logger (Section on page 1034)).

Distributed Logger is included in Connext DDS but it is not supported on all platforms; see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes to see which platforms support Distributed Logger.
When you enable Distributed Logger, Persistence Service will publish its log messages to Connext DDS. Then you can use RTI Monitor\(^1\) to visualize the log message data. Since the data is provided in a Connext DDS topic, you can also use rtiddspy or even write your own visualization tool.

To enable Distributed Logger, modify the Persistence Service XML configuration file. In the <administration> section, add the <distributed_logger> tag as shown in the example below.

```xml
<persistence_service name="default">
  ...
  <administration>
    ...
    <distributed_logger>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
    </distributed_logger>
    ...
  </administration>
  ...
</persistence_service>
```

There are more configuration tags that you can use to control Distributed Logger’s behavior. For example, you can specify a filter so that only certain types of log messages are published. For details, see Enabling Distributed Logger in RTI Services (Section Chapter 37 on page 1043)

### 26.12 Enabling RTI Monitoring Library in Persistence Service

Persistence Service provides integrated support for RTI Monitoring Library (see Part 9: RTI Monitoring Library (Section on page 1016)).

To enable monitoring in Persistence Service, you must specify the property rti.monitor.library for the participants that you want to monitor. For example:

```xml
<persistence_service name="monitoring_test">
  <participant name="monitoring_enabled_participant">
    <domain_id>54</domain_id>
    <participant_qos>
      <property>
        <value>
          <element>
            <role_name>rti.monitor.library</role_name>
            <value>rtimonitoring</value>
            <propagate>false</propagate>
          </element>
        </value>
      </property>
    </participant_qos>
  </participant>
</persistence_service>
```

\(^1\)RTI Monitor is a separate GUI application that can run on the same host as your application or on a different host.
Since Persistence Service is statically linked with *RTI Monitoring Library*, you do not need to have it in your library search path.

For details on how to configure the monitoring process, see Configuring Monitoring Library (Section Chapter 35 on page 1029).

### 26.13 Support for Extensible Types

*Persistence Service* includes partial support for the "Extensible and Dynamic Topic Types for DDS" specification from the Object Management Group (OMG)\(^1\). This section assumes that you are familiar with Extensible Types and you have read the [RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide Addendum for Extensible Types](http://www.omg.org/spec/DDS-XTypes/).

Persistence groups can publish and subscribe to topics associated with final and extensible types. The service will automatically create different pairs (PRSTDataReader, PRSTDataWriter) for each version of a type discovered for a topic in a persistence group. In Connext DDS 5.0, it is not possible to associate more than one type with a topic within a single *DomainParticipant*, therefore each version of a type requires its own *DomainParticipant*.

The **TYPE_CONSISTENCY_ENFORCEMENT** QosPolicy (Section 7.6.6 on page 530) **kind** for each PRSTDataReader is set to **DISALLOW_TYPE_COERCION**. This value cannot be overwritten by the user.

For example:

```c
struct A {
    long x;
};
struct B {
    long x;
    long y;
};
```

Let’s assume that *Persistence Service* is configured as follows and we have two *DataWriters* on Topic “T” publishing type “A” and type “B” and sending TypeObject information.

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\(^1\) [http://www.omg.org/spec/DDS-XTypes/](http://www.omg.org/spec/DDS-XTypes/)
When Persistence Service discovers the first DataWriter with type “A”, it will create a DataReader (PRSTDataReader) to read DDS samples from that DataWriter, and a DataWriter (PRSTDataWriter) to publish and store the received DDS samples so they can be available to late-joiners.

When Persistence Service discovers the second DataWriter with type “B”, it will see that type “B” is not equal to type “A”; then it will create a new pair (PRSTDataReader, PRSTDataWriter) to receive and store DDS samples from the second DataWriter.

Since the PRSTDataReaders are created with the TypeConsistencyEnforcementQosPolicy’s kind set to DISALLOW_TYPE_COERCION, the PRSTDataReader with type “A” will not match the DataWriter with type “B”. Likewise, the PRSTDataReader with type “B” will not match the DataWriter with type “A”.

### 26.13.1 Type Version Discrimination

Persistence Service uses the rules described in the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide Addendum for Extensible Types to decide whether or not to create a new pair (PRSTDataReader, PRSTDataWriter) when it discovers a DataWriter for a topic “T”.

For DataWriters created with previous Connext DDS releases, Persistence Service will select the first pair (PRSTDataReader, PRSTDataWriter) with a registered type name equal to the discovered registered type name since DataWriters created with previous Connext DDS releases (before 5.0) do not send TypeObject information.
Chapter 27 Running RTI Persistence Service

This chapter describes how to start and stop Persistence Service.

You can run Persistence Service on any node in the network. It does not have to be run on the same node as the publishing or subscribing applications for which it is saving/delivering data. If you run it on a separate node, make sure that the other applications can find it during the discovery process—that is, it must be in one of the NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS lists.

27.1 Starting Persistence Service

The script to run Persistence Service’s executable is located in `<NDDSHOME>/bin`.

```
RTI Persistence Service
Usage: rtipersistenceservice [options]
Options:
  -cfgFile <file>  Configuration file. This parameter is optional since the configuration can be loaded from other locations
  -cfgName <name> Configuration name. This parameter is required and it is used to find a <persistence_service> matching tag in the configuration files
  -appName <name> Application name. Used to identify this execution for remote administration and to name the DomainParticipants
  Default: -cfgName
  -identifyExecution Appends the host name and process ID to the appName to help ensure unique names
  -domainId <int>  domain ID for the DomainParticipants created by the service
  Default: Use XML value
```

^See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)
-remoteAdministrationDomainId  <int>  Enables remote administration and sets the domain ID for the communication
Default: Use XML value
-restore  <0|1>  Indicates whether or not persistence service must restore its state from the persistent storage
Default: Use XML value
-noAutoStart  Use this option if you plan to start RTI Persistence Service remotely
-infoDir  <dir>  The info directory of the running persistence service. The service writes a ps.pid file into this directory when it is started. When the service finalizes the file is deleted
Default: None
-maxObjectsPerThread  <int>  Sets the maximum number of objects that can be stored per thread for a DomainParticipantFactory
Default: Connext DDS default
-serviceStackSize  <int>  Service thread stack size
Default: OS default
-verbosity  [0-6]  RTI Persistence Service verbosity
   * 0 - silent
   * 1 - exceptions (Core Libraries and Service)
   * 2 - warnings (Service)
   * 3 - information (Service)
   * 4 - warnings (Core Libraries and Service)
   * 5 - tracing (Service)
   * 6 - tracing (Core Libraries and Service)
Default: 1 (exceptions)
-version  Prints RTI Persistence Service version
-help  Displays this information

The command-line options are described with more detail in Table 27.1 Persistence Service Command-Line Options

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<td>-appName &lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>Assigns a name to the execution of Persistence Service. Remote commands will refer to the persistence service using this name. In addition, the name of the DomainParticipants created by Persistence Service will be based on this name as follows: RTI Persistence Service: &lt;appName&gt;: &lt;participantName&gt;(&lt;pub</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-cfgFile &lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies an XML configuration file for the Persistence Service. The parameter is optional since the Persistence Service configuration can be loaded from other locations. See How to Load the Persistence Service XML Configuration (Section 26.1 on page 934) for further details.</td>
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<td>-cfgName &lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>Required.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-identifyExecution</td>
<td>Appends the host name and process ID to the service name provided with the -appName option. This helps ensure unique names for remote administration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-domainId &lt;ID&gt;</td>
<td>Sets the domain ID for the DomainParticipants created by Persistence Service. If not specified, the value in the &lt;participant&gt; XML tag is used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-remoteAdministrationDomainId &lt;ID&gt;</td>
<td>Enables remote administration and sets the domain ID for remote communication. When remote administration is enabled, Persistence Service will create a DomainParticipant, Publisher, Subscriber, DataWriter, and DataReader in the designated DDS domain. This option overwrites the value of the tag &lt;domain_id&gt; within &lt;administration&gt;. Default: Use the value &lt;domain_id&gt; under &lt;administration&gt;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-help</td>
<td>Prints the Persistence Service version and list of command-line options.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-licenseFile &lt;file&gt;</td>
<td>Specifies the license file (path and filename). Only applicable to licensed versions of Persistence Service. If not specified, Persistence Service looks for the license as described in the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Getting Started Guide.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-restore &lt;0</td>
<td>1&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-noAutoStart</td>
<td>Indicates that Persistence Service will not be started when the process is executed. Use this option if you plan to start Persistence Service remotely, as described in Administering Persistence Service from a Remote Location (Section Chapter 28 on page 964).</td>
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<td>-infoDir &lt;dir&gt;</td>
<td>The info directory of the running Persistence Service. Using this command line option, Persistence Service can be configured to create a file used to monitor the status of the last shutdown. At startup, the Persistence Service instance will create a file called <code>ps.pid</code> into the directory specified by <code>-infoDir</code>. If Persistence Service is shutdown gracefully, the file will be deleted before the process exists. If Persistence Service is not shutdown gracefully, the file will not be deleted. You can detect the shutdown state of Persistence Service by checking for the presence of the <code>ps.pid</code> file. If the file is present and Persistence Service is no longer running, the previous shutdown was not graceful. If Persistence Service is started and a <code>ps.pid</code> file exists, Persistence Service will immediately shutdown. In this case, you must remove the file before Persistence Service can be restarted again. Default: The file <code>ps.pid</code> will not be generated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-maxObjectsPerThread &lt;int&gt;</td>
<td>Parameter used to configure the maximum objects per thread in the DomainParticipantFactory created by Persistence Service. Default: DDS default</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-serviceStackSize &lt;int&gt;</td>
<td>Service thread stack size. Default: DDS default</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-verbosity</td>
<td>Persistence Service verbosity: 0 - No verbosity 1 - Exceptions (Core Libraries and Persistence Service) (default) 2 - Warning (Persistence Service) 3 - Information (Persistence Service) 4 - Warning (Core Libraries and Persistence Service) 5 - Tracing (Persistence Service) 6 - Tracing (Core Libraries and Persistence Service) Each verbosity level, n, includes all the verbosity levels smaller than n.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-version</td>
<td>Prints the Persistence Service version.</td>
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27.2 Stopping Persistence Service

To stop Persistence Service: press Ctrl-C. Persistence Service will close all files and perform a clean shutdown. Persistence Service can also be stopped and shutdown remotely (see Administering Persistence Service from a Remote Location (Section Chapter 28 on page 964)).
Chapter 28 Administering Persistence Service from a Remote Location

Persistence Service can be controlled remotely by sending commands through a special Topic. Any Connext DDS application can be implemented to send these commands and receive the corresponding responses. A shell application that sends/receives these commands is provided with Persistence Service.

The script for the shell application is `SNDDSHOME/bin/rtipssh`.

Entering `rtipssh -help` will show you the command-line options:

```
RTI Persistence Service Shell v5.2.0
Usage: rtipsh [options]...
Options:
  -domainId <integer>  Domain ID for the remote configuration
  -timeout <seconds>   Max time to wait a remote response
  -cmdFile <file>      Run commands in this file
  -help                Displays this information
```

28.1 Enabling Remote Administration

By default, remote administration is disabled in Persistence Service.

To enable remote administration you can use the `<administration>` tag (see Configuring Remote Administration (Section 26.5 on page 941)) or the `-remoteAdministrationDomainId` command-line parameter (see Table 27.1 Persistence Service Command-Line Options), which enables remote administration and sets the domain ID for remote communication.

When remote administration is enabled, Persistence Service will create a `DomainParticipant`, `Publisher`, `Subscriber`, `DataWriter`, and `DataReader` in the designated DDS domain. (The QoS values for these entities are described in Configuring Remote Administration (Section 26.5 on page 941).)
28.2 Remote Commands

This section describes the remote commands using the shell interface; Accessing Persistence Service from a Connext DDS Application (Section 28.3 on the facing page) explains how to use remote administration from a Connext DDS application.

Remote commands:

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<td>start</td>
<td>The start command starts the persistence service instance. DDS samples will not be persisted until the persistence service is started. By default, the persistence service is started automatically when the process is executed. To start the service remotely use the command line option -noAutoStart (see Table 27.1 Persistence Service Command-Line Options).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stop</td>
<td>The stop command stops the persistence service instance. An instance that has been stopped can be started again using the command start.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Parameters:

<target_persistence_service> can be:

- The application name of a persistence service, such as “MyPersistenceService1”, as specified at start-up with the command-line option -appName
- A wildcard expression\(^1\) for a persistence service name, such as “MyPersistenceService*”

28.2.1 start

The start command starts the persistence service instance. DDS samples will not be persisted until the persistence service is started.

An instance that has been stopped can be started again using the command start.

28.2.2 stop

The stop command stops the persistence service instance.

\(^1\)As defined by the POSIX fnmatch API (1003.2-1992 section B.6)
28.2.3 shutdown

shutdown <target_persistence_service>

The command shutdown stops the persistence service instance and finalizes the process.

28.2.4 status

status <target_persistence_service>

The status command gets the status of a running persistence service instance. Possible values are STARTED and STOPPED.

28.3 Accessing Persistence Service from a Connext DDS Application

You can send commands to control an Persistence Service instance from your own Connext DDS application. You will need to create a DataWriter for a specific topic and type. Then, you can send a DDS sample that contains a command and its parameters. Optionally, you can create a DataReader for a specific topic to receive the results of the execution of your commands.

The topics are:

- rti/persistence_service/administration/command_request
- rti/persistence_service/administration/command_response

The types are:

- RTI::PersistenceService::Administration::CommandRequest
- RTI::PersistenceService::Administration::CommandResponse

You can find the IDL definitions for these types in <NDDSHOME>/resource/idl/PersistenceServiceAdministration.idl.

The QoS configuration of your DataWriter and DataReader must be compatible with the one used by the persistence service (see how this QoS is configured in Configuring Remote Administration (Section 26.5 on page 941)).

The following example in C shows how to send a command to shutdown a persistence service instance:

```c
/********************************************************************/
/**** Create the Entities needed to send command request ****/
/********************************************************************/
participant = DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_create_participant(  
    DDS_TheParticipantFactory, domainId,  
    &DDS_PARTICIPANT_QOS_DEFAULT, NULL,  
    DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_default_initial_params);  
```
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```c
DDSGlobal_status_mask_none);
if (participant == NULL)
    { /* Error */ }
if (publisher == NULL)
    { /* Error */ }

subscriber = DDS_GlobalParticipant_create_subscriber(
    participant, &DDS_SUBSCRIBER_QOS_DEFAULT,
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
publisher = DDS_GlobalParticipant_create_publisher(
    participant, &DDS_PUBLISHER_QOS_DEFAULT,
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (publisher == NULL)
    { /* Error */ }

typeName = RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandRequestTypeSupport_get_type_name();
retcode = RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandRequestTypeSupport_register_type(
    participant, typeName);
if (retcode != DDS_RET_CODE_OK)
    { /* Error */ }

topicCmd = DDS_GlobalParticipant_create_topic(
    participant,
    "rti/persistence_service/administration/command_request",
    typeName, &DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT,
    NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (topicCmd == NULL)
    { /* Error */ }

typeName = RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandResponseTypeSupport_get_type_name();
retcode = RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandResponseTypeSupport_register_type(
    participant, typeName);
if (retcode != DDS_RET_CODE_OK)
    { /* Error */ }

topicResponse = DDS_GlobalParticipant_create_topic(
    participant,
    "rti/persistence_service/administration/command_response",
    typeName, &DDS_TOPIC_QOS_DEFAULT, NULL,
    DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (topicResponse == NULL)
    { /* Error */ }

writerQos.reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
writerQos.history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
writer = DDS_Publisher_create_datawriter(
    publisher, topicCmd, &writerQos,
    NULL /* listener */,
    DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (writer == NULL)
    { /* Error */ }
```
readerQos.reliability.kind = DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS;
readerQos.history.kind = DDS_KEEP_ALL_HISTORY_QOS;
reader = DDS_Subscriber_create_datareader(
    subscriber,
    DDS_Topic_as_topicdescription(topicResponse),
    readerQos, NULL, DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
if (reader == NULL)
    /* Error */
/*************************************************************************************/
/** Wait for discovery **************************************************************/
/*************************************************************************************/
/* Wait until we discover one reader and one writer matching */
/* with the command request DataWriter and the command response */
/* DataReader */
while (count < maxPollPeriods)
{
    retcode = DDS_DataWriter_get_publication_matched_status(
        writer, &pubMatchStatus);
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK)
        /* Error */
    retcode = DDS_DataReader_get_subscription_matched_status(
        reader, &subMatchStatus);
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) { /* Error */ }
    if (pubMatchStatus.total_count == 1 &&
        subMatchStatus.total_count == 1)
    { break; }
    count++;
    NDDS_Utility_sleep(&pollPeriod);
}
if (count == maxPollPeriods)
    /* Error */
/*************************************************************************************/
/** Send the command request ***********************************************************/
/*************************************************************************************/
request =
    RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandRequestTypeSupport_create_data();
if (request == NULL)
    /* Error */
/* request->id provides an unique way to identify a request so that */
/* it can be correlated with a response. Although one of the fields is */
/* called host it does not necessarily has to contain the IP address of */
/* the host. Same applies to app */
request->id.host = 0;
request->id.app = 0;
request->id.invocation = 0;
strcpy(request->target_ps, "MyPersistenceService");
request->command._d = RTI_PERSISTENCE_SERVICE_COMMAND_SHUTDOWN;
retcode = RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandRequestDataWriter_write(
    (RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandRequestDataWriter *) writer,
    request, &instance_handle);
if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK)
{ /* Error */ }

*******************************************************************************/
/***/
*******************************************************************************/
response =
    RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandResponseTypeSupport_create_data();
if (response == NULL)
{ /* Error */ }
count = 0;
while (count < maxPollPeriods) {
    retcode =
        RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandResponseDataReader_take_next_sample(    
            (RTI_PersistenceService_Administration_CommandResponseDataReader*) reader,
            response, &sampleInfo);
    if (retcode == DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        break;
    } else if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_NO_DATA) {
        /* Error */
    }
    NDDS_Utility_sleep(pollPeriod);
    count++;
}
if (count == maxPollPeriods) {
    printf("No response received\n");
} else {
    printf("Response received: %s\n", response->message);
}
Chapter 29 Advanced Persistence Service Scenarios

This section covers several advanced scenarios for using Persistence Service.

29.1 Scenario: Load-balanced Persistence Services

Each running instance of the Persistence Service executes as a single process in a single computer. In high-throughput scenarios the Persistence Service may become a bottleneck. The main reasons are:

- If the Persistence Service is configured to persist its DDS samples to durable storage (a disk or a database) this will further limit the throughput of DDS samples that can be persisted to what the database and/or disk can handle. Depending on computer hardware, the disk or database this limit may be in the order of tens of thousands of DDS samples per second which is far less than what could be communicated system-wide.

- Depending on the CPU there will be limits on the throughput of DDS samples that can be received by a single process.

- The computer running the Persistence Service is typically connected to the network via a single network interface so the data that can be persisted will be limited to the throughput that flows through a single interface which is typically far less that the aggregated throughput that can flow on the complete network.

To overcome these limits multiple instances of the RTI Persistence Service can be run in parallel. These instances may run in multiple machines and be configured in a “load balancing” fashion such that each Persistence Service process is only responsible for persisting a subset of the data published on the DDS domain.

Multiple strategies for partitioning the data stored by each Persistence Service instance are possible:
**Balance Persistence Services by Topic name.** This strategy configures each persistence service to persist different Topic names. This is accomplished by associating a filter expression with the declaration of the persistent groups used to configure each Persistence Service (see Creating Persistence Groups (Section 26.8 on page 946)). The filter expression is applied to the Topic names, so for example one Persistence Service could be configured with the filter “[A-Z]” filter in the name of the Topics that it will persist and the second with the filter “[a-z]”. With this configuration the first Persistence Service will persist data produced by DataWriters that specify durability TRANSIENT or PERSISTENT and have a Topic name that starts with a capital letter and the second Persistence Service will do the same for Topics that start with a lower-case letter.

**Balance Persistence Services by data content.** In some scenarios the data published on a single Topic is too much for a single Persistence Service to handle. In this case the Persistence Services can also be configured with filter expressions based on the content of the data. This is accomplished by associating a content filter with the declaration of the persistent groups used to configure each Persistence Service (see Creating Persistence Groups (Section 26.8 on page 946)).

When multiple instances of Persistence Service are used to store data on the same Topic, it becomes possible for DDS samples from the same original DataWriter to be stored in separate instances of Persistence Service. In this situation, Connext DDS DataReaders automatically merge the data from the multiple Persistence Services such that the relative order of the DDS samples from the original DataWriter is preserved. This Connext DDS capability is called Collaborative DataWriters because multiple DataWriters, in this case the ones for different Persistence Services, collaborate to reconstruct the original stream. (See Collaborative DataWriters (Section Chapter 11 on page 669)).
29.1 Scenario: Load-balanced Persistence Services

Figure 29.1 Load-Balanced Persistence Services Scenario

Figure 29.2 Scenario: Delegated Reliability

The DDS-RTPS reliability protocol requires the DataWriter to periodically send HeartBeat messages to the DataReaders, process their ACKs and NACK messages, keep track of the DataReader state, and send the necessary repairs. The additional load caused by the reliability protocol increases with the number of reliable DataReaders matched with the DataWriter. Even if the data is sent via multicast the number of ACKs and NACKs will increase with the number of DataReaders.

In situations where there many DataReaders are subscribing to the same Topic, the reliability and repair traffic may become too much for the DataWriter to handle and negatively impact its performance. To address this situation, Connext DDS provides the ability to configure the DataWriter so that it delegates the reliability task to a separate service. This approach is known as delegated reliability.

To take advantage of delegated reliability, both the original DataWriter and DataReader must be configured to enable an external service to ensure the reliability on their behalf. This is done by setting both the dds.data_writer.reliability.delegate_reliability property on the DataWriter and the dds.data_reader.reliability.delegate_reliability property on the DataReader to 1.

With this configuration, the DataWriter creates a reliable channel to Persistence Service, yet sends data using ‘best-effort’ reliability to the DataReaders directly. If a DDS sample is dropped, Persistence Service will repair the DDS sample. Persistence Service is configured with push_on_write (in the DATA_WRITER_PROTOCOL QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.3 on page 345)) set to false. This way,
29.2 Scenario: Slow Consumer

Unless special measures are taken, the presence of slow consumers can impact the overall behavior of the system. If a `DataReader` is not keeping up with the DDS samples being sent by the `DataWriter`, it will apply back-pressure to the `DataWriter` to slow the rate at which the `DataWriter` can write DDS samples. With delegated reliability (see Scenario: Delegated Reliability (Section Figure 29.2 on the previous page)), the original `DataWriter` can offload the processing of the ACK/NACK messages generated by the `DataReaders` to a `PRSTDataWriter`. However, the original `DataWriter` still has a reliable channel with the `PRSTDataReader` that can slow it down.

By default, `Persistence Service` uses the Connext DDS receive thread to read DDS samples from the PRStDataReaders, write the DDS samples to the PRSTDataWriters history, and send ACKs to the original `DataWriter`. With this configuration, a PRSTDataReader does not ACK DDS samples to the original `DataWriter` until they are written into the corresponding PRSTDataWriter’s history. Since multiple `DataReaders` may be accessing the PRSTDataWriter history at the same time that the persistence service is trying to write new DDS samples, the PRSTDataWriter history becomes a contention point that can indirectly slow down the original `DataWriter` (see Slow-Consumer Scenario with Delegated Reliability (Section Figure 29.4 on the facing page)).
Figure 29.4 Slow-Consumer Scenario with Delegated Reliability

To remove this contention point and decouple the slow consumer from the original DataWriter, Persistence Service supports a mode where DDS samples can be buffered prior to being added to the PRSTDWriter’s queue (see Slow Consumer Scenario with Delegated Reliability and DDS Sample Log (Section Figure 29.5 on the next page)).
If the PRSTDataWriter slows down due to the presence of slow consumers, the buffer will hold DDS samples such that the original DataWriter and the rest of the system are not impacted. This buffer is called the Persistence Service sample log. The persistence service creates a separate DDS sample log per PRSTDataWriter in the group. In addition to the DDS sample log, the persistence service creates a thread (write thread) whose main function is to read DDS samples from the log and write them to the associated PRSTDataWriter. There is one thread per PRSTDataWriter.

Persistence Service currently does not allow multiple DDS sample logs to share the same write thread.

Persistence Service can be configured to enable DDS sample logging per persistence group using the `<sample_logging>` XML tag to specify the log’s configuration parameters—see Table 29.1 Sample Logging Tags.
### Table 29.1 Sample Logging Tags

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Tags within <code>&lt;sample_logging&gt;</code></th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Number of Tags Allowed</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;enable&gt;</code></td>
<td>A DDS_Boolean (see Table 26.1 Supported Tag Values) that indicates whether or not DDS sample logging is enabled in the container persistence group. Default: 0</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;log_file_size&gt;</code></td>
<td>Specifies the maximum size of a DDS sample log file in Mbytes. When a log file becomes full, Persistence Service creates a new log file. Default: 60 MB</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;log_flush_period&gt;</code></td>
<td>The period (in milliseconds) at which Persistence Service removes DDS sample log files whose full content have been written into the PRSTDaDataWriter by the DDS sample log write thread. Default: 10000 milliseconds</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;log_read_batch&gt;</code></td>
<td>Determines how many DDS samples should be read and processed at once by the DDS sample log write thread. Default: 100 DDS samples</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| `<log_bookmark_period>`        | DDS samples in the DDS sample log are identified by two attributes:  
  - The file ID  
  - The row ID (position within the file)  
  The read bookmark indicates the most recently processed DDS sample.  
  This tag indicates how often (in milliseconds) the read bookmark is persisted into disk. Default: 1000 milliseconds | 0 or 1 |

Enabling DDS sample logging in a persistence group is expensive. For every PRSTDaDataWriter, Persistence Service will create a write thread and an event thread that will be in charge of flushing the log files and storing the read bookmark. Therefore, DDS sample logging should be enabled only for the persistence groups where it is needed based on the potential presence of slow consumers and/or the expected data rate in the persistence group. Small data rates will likely not require a DDS sample log.
Part 7: RTI CORBA Compatibility Kit

The material in this part of the manual is only relevant if you have purchased the *CORBA Compatibility Kit*, an optional package that allows Connext DDS’s code generator, *RTI Code Generator*, to output type-specific code that is compatible with OCI’s distribution of TAO and the JacORB distribution.

This section includes:

- Introduction to RTI CORBA Compatibility Kit (Section Chapter 30 on page 978)
- Generating CORBA-Compatible Code (Section Chapter 31 on page 980)
- Supported IDL Types (Section Chapter 32 on page 983)
Chapter 30 Introduction to RTI CORBA Compatibility Kit

RTI CORBA Compatibility Kit is an optional package that allows the RTI Code Generator to output type-specific code that is compatible with OCI’s or DOC’s distribution of TAO and the JacORB distribution.

By having compatible data types, your applications can use CORBA and Connext DDS APIs, with no type conversions required.

For more information about OCI's or DOC’s distribution of TAO and JacORB, please refer to the documentation included with those distributions. Additional information can be found on OCI’s TAO website (www.theaceorb.com), DOC’s TAO website (www.dre.vanderbilt.edu), and JacORB’s website (www.jacorb.org). TAO and JacOrb distributions that are compatible with this version of Connext DDS are available from the RTI Support Portal, accessible from https://support.rti.com.

This figure shows the process of using IDL files and types that are shared with CORBA:
CORBA Compatibility Kit is designed to be installed on top of Connext DDS; this kit enables RTI Code Generator to support these CORBA-specific command-line options:

```plaintext
[-corba [CORBA Client header file]]
[-dataReaderSuffix <suffix>]
[-dataWriterSuffix <suffix>]
[-orb <CORBA ORB>]
[-typeSequenceSuffix <suffix>]
```

The above options are described in the RTI Code Generator User’s Manual.

On the wire, the serialized version of the code for types generated using the -corba option is identical to the serialized version of the code for types generated without the option. As result, endpoints (DataReaders or DataWrites) using type-support code generated with -corba can fully communicate with endpoints using type-support code generated without -corba.
Chapter 31 Generating CORBA-Compatible Code

The CORBA Compatibility Kit enables *RTI Code Generator* to produce type-specific code that is compatible with OCI’s distribution of TAO for C++ and with JacORB for Java.

When using *RTI Code Generator*, specify the `-corba` option on the command line to generate compatible code. The `-corba` option enables the use of data structures for both CORBA and Connext DDS API calls without requiring any translation: the IDL-to-language mapping is the same for both.

There are some trade-offs to consider:

- While the `-corba` option provides the benefit of CORBA-compatible type-specific code, it does not provide support for bit fields, pointers and ValueTypes.
- For complex types such as sequences and strings, the memory management is different when the `-corba` option is used. When code is generated without the option, the memory needed for the type is pre-allocated at system initialization. When code is generated with the option, the memory is allocated when it is needed, so memory allocation system calls may occur while the system is in steady state.
- Without the `-corba` option, access to data fields within types may be faster under some circumstances. CORBA-compatible types require the use of accessor methods. When `-corba` is *not* used, while the accessor methods are provided for convenience, they can be bypassed and the data can be accessed directly. This direct access is available to the user as well as to the Connext DDS internal implementation code. As a result, depending on the complexity of the types used, overall system latency could be lower when using non-compatible types (that is, when `-corba` is not used).

The following sections describe how to use the CORBA Compatibility Kit. In addition to these instructions, a simple example is available.
31.1 Generating C++ Code

By default, examples are copied into your home directory the first time you run RTI Launcher or any script in <NDDSHOME>/bin. This document refers to the location of the copied examples as <path to examples>.

Wherever you see <path to examples>, replace it with the appropriate path.

Default path to the examples:

- Mac OS X systems: /Users/your user name/rti_workspace/5.2.0/examples
- UNIX-based systems: /home/your user name/rti_workspace/5.2.0/examples
- Windows systems: your Windows documents folder\rti_workspace\5.2.0\examples

Where 'your Windows documents folder' depends on your version of Windows. For example, on Windows 7, the folder is C:\Users\your user name\Documents; on Windows Server 2003, the folder is C:\Documents and Settings\your user name\Documents.

Note: You can specify a different location for rti_workspace. You can also specify that you do not want the examples copied to the workspace.

- **C++ using TAO:**
  - Generating Java Code (Section 31.2 on the facing page)
  - See the example in <path to examples>/corba/c++ and read Instructions.pdf.

- **Java using JacORB:**
  - Generating Java Code (Section 31.2 on the facing page)
  - See the example in <path to examples>/corba/java and read Instructions.pdf.

### 31.1 Generating C++ Code

To generate CORBA-compatible type-specific code, first run TAO’s code generator, tao_idl, on the IDL file containing your data types. If you followed the TAO distribution compilation instructions contained in this document, the tao_idl compiler executable will be in the TAO install directory under <ACE_ROOT>/bin.

```
<ACE_ROOT>/bin/tao_idl <IDL file name>.idl
```

This will generate CORBA support files for your data types. The generated file will have a name matching the pattern <IDL file name>C.h and will contain the type definitions. Pass this header file as a parameter to rtiddsgen to generate the Connext DDS support code for the data types.

```
rtiddsgen -language C++ -corba <IDL file name>C.h -example \\
<architecture> <IDL file name>.idl
```
The optional -example <architecture> flag will generate code for a publisher and a subscriber. It will also generate an .mpc file (and an .mwc file for Windows) that can be used with TAO's Makefile, Project and Workspace Creator (MPC) to generate a makefile or a Visual Studio project file for your DDS-CORBA application. The .mpc file is meant to work out-of-the-box with the DDS-CORBA C++ Message example only, so you will have to modify it to compile your custom application. Please refer to the DDS-CORBA C++ example for more information about using MPC (see the Instructions document).

### 31.2 Generating Java Code

To generate Java CORBA-compatible type specific code, first run the JacORB code generator on the IDL file containing your data types.

```
<JacORB install dir>/bin/idl <IDL file name>.idl
```

After generating the CORBA code for the IDL types run rtiddgen as follows:

```
rtiddgen -language Java -corba -example <architecture> \n<IDL file name>.idl
```

The optional -example <architecture> flag will generate code for a DDS publisher and a DDS subscriber. It will also generate a makefile specific to your architecture that can be used to compile the example using the publisher and subscriber code generated.

To form a complete code set, use the type class generated by the CORBA IDL compiler and the files generated by *RTI Code Generator*.
Chapter 32 Supported IDL Types

Table 32.1 Supported IDL Types when Using rtiddsgen -corba lists the IDL types supported when using the -corba option.

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<tr>
<td>Constants</td>
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<td>Enums</td>
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<td>String Types</td>
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<td>Wide String Types</td>
<td>Supported</td>
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<tr>
<td>Struct Types</td>
<td>Supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note: In-line nested structures are not supported (whether using -corba or not). See Note 1 (Section on the next page).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fixed Types</td>
<td>Ignored</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Union Types</td>
<td>Supported</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sequence Types</td>
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<td>Note: Sequences of anonymous sequences are not supported. See Note 2 (Section on the next page).</td>
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<td>Array Types</td>
<td>Supported</td>
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<tr>
<td>Typedefs</td>
<td>Supported</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Any           | Not Supported.  
**Note** that RTI Code Generator does not ignore them. This construct cannot be in the IDL file. |
| Value Types   | Ignored |
| Exception Types | Ignored |
| Type Code     | Supported  
*RTI Code Generator* generates Connext DDS TypeCodes  
CORBA TypeCodes are generated by the CORBA IDL compiler |

### Note 1

Inline nested structures, such as the following example, are *not* supported.

```c
struct Outer {
    short outer_short;
    struct Inner {
        char inner_char;
        short inner_short;
    } outer_nested_inner;
};
```

### Note 2

Sequences of anonymous Sequences are *not* supported. This kind of type will be banned in future revisions of CORBA. For example, the following is *not* supported:

```c
sequence<sequence<short,4>,4> MySequence;
```

Instead, sequences of sequences can be supported using typedef definitions. For example, this is supported:

```c
typedef sequence<short,4> MyShortSequence;
sequence<MyShortSequence,4> MySequence;
```
Part 8: RTI TCP Transport

RTI TCP Transport is only available on specific architectures. See the Platform Notes for details.

Out of the box, Connext DDS uses the UDPv4 and Shared Memory transport to communicate with other DDS applications. This configuration is appropriate for systems running within a single LAN. However, using UDPv4 introduces some problems when Connext DDS applications in different LANs need to communicate:

- UDPv4 traffic is usually filtered out by the LAN firewalls for security reasons.
- Forwarded ports are usually TCP ports.
- Each LAN may run in its own private IP address space and use NAT (Network Address Translation) to communicate with other networks.

TCP Transport enables participant discovery and data exchange using the TCP protocol (either on a local LAN, or over the public WAN). TCP Transport allows Connext DDS to address the challenges of using TCP as a low-level communication mechanism between peers and limits the number of ports exposed to one. (When using the default UDP transport, a Connext DDS application uses multiple UDP ports for communication, which may make it unsuitable for deployment across firewalled networks).
Chapter 33 TCP Communication Scenarios

TCP Transport can be used to address multiple communication scenarios—from simple communication within a single LAN, to complex communication scenarios across LANs where NATs and firewalls may be involved. This section describes these scenarios:

- Communication Within a Single LAN (Section 33.1 below)
- Symmetric Communication Across NATs (Section 33.2 on the next page)
- Asymmetric Communication Across NATs (Section 33.3 on page 988)

33.1 Communication Within a Single LAN

TCP Transport can be used as an alternative to UDPv4 to communicate Connext DDS applications running inside the same LAN. Figure 33.1 Communication within a Single LAN on the next page shows how to configure the TCP transport in this scenario.
33.2 Symmetric Communication Across NATs

In NAT communication scenarios, each one of the LANs has a private IP address space. The communication with other LANs is done through NAT routers that translate private IP addresses and ports into public IP addresses and ports.

In symmetric communication scenarios, any Connext DDS application can initiate TCP connections with other applications. Figure 33.2 Symmetric Communication Across NATs on the facing page shows how to configure the TCP transport in this scenario.
Notice that initial peers refer to the public address of the remote LAN where the Connext DDS application is deployed and not the private address of the node where the application is running. In addition, the transport associated with a Connext DDS instance will have to be configured with its public address (public_address (Section on page 1004)) so that this information can be propagated as part of the discovery process.

Because the public address and port of the Connext DDS instances must be known before the communication is established, the NAT Routers will have to be configured statically to translate (forward) the private server_bind_port (Section on page 1004) into a public port. This process is known as static NAT or port forwarding; it allows traffic originating in outer networks to reach designated peers in the LAN behind the NAT router. You will need to refer to your router’s configuration manual to understand how to correctly set up port forwarding.

### 33.3 Asymmetric Communication Across NATs

This scenario is similar to the previous one, except in this case the TCP connections can be initiated only by the Connext DDS instance in LAN1. For security reasons, incoming connections to LAN1 are not allowed. In this case, the peer in LAN1 is considered ‘unreachable.’ Unreachable peers can publish and subscribe just like any other peer, but communication can occur only to a ‘reachable’ peer.
In an asymmetric configuration, an unreachable peer (that is behind a firewall or NAT without port forwarding) can still publish and subscribe like a reachable peer, but with some important limitations:

- An unreachable peer can only communicate with reachable peers: two unreachable peers cannot establish a direct communication since they are both behind a firewall and/or NAT.

Note that since Connext DDS always relies on a direct connection between peers (even if there is a third node that can be reachable by both unreachable peers), **communication can never occur between unreachable peers**. For example, suppose Peers A and B are unreachable and Peer C is reachable. Communication can take place between A and C, and between B and C, but not between A and B. For this configuration, you should consider using RTI Federation Service (available for purchase as a separate product).

- It can take longer to discover unreachable peers than reachable ones. This is because a reachable peer has to wait for the unreachable peer to establish the communication first.

For example, suppose Peer A (unreachable) starts before Peer B (reachable). The discovery mechanism of A attempts to connect to the (not-yet existing) Peer B. Since it fails, it will retry after
seconds. Right after that, B starts. If A would be reachable (and in B’s peer list), the discovery mechanism will immediately contact A. In this case, since A cannot be reached, B needs to wait until the discovery process of A decides to retry.

This effect can be minimized by modifying the QoS that controls the discovery mechanism used by A. In particular, you should set the DomainParticipant’s DiscoveryConfig QoS policy’s min_initial_participant_announcement_period to a small value.

Note that the concept of symmetric/asymmetric configuration is a local concept that only describes the communication mechanism between two peers. A reachable peer can be involved in symmetric communication with another reachable peer, and at the same time have asymmetric communication with a unreachable peer. When a peer attempts to communicate with a remote peer, it knows if the remote peer is reachable or not by looking at the transport address provided.

33.4 Configuring the TCP Transport

TCP Transport is distributed as a both shared and static library in `<NDDSHOME>/lib/<architecture>`. The library is called nddtransporttcp.

Mechanisms for Configuring the Transport:

By explicitly instantiating a new transport (see Explicitly Instantiating the TCP Transport Plugin (Section 33.4.2 on the next page)) and then registering it with the DomainParticipant (see Installing Additional Builtin Transport Plugins with register_transport() (Section 15.7 on page 764)). (Not available in the Java and .NET APIs.)

Through the Property QoS policy of the DomainParticipant (on UNIX, Solaris and Windows systems only). This process is described in Configuring the TCP Transport with the Property QosPolicy (Section 33.4.3 on page 993).

This section describes:

Choosing a Transport Mode (Section 33.4.1 below)

Explicitly Instantiating the TCP Transport Plugin (Section 33.4.2 on the next page)

Configuring the TCP Transport with the Property QosPolicy (Section 33.4.3 on page 993)

Setting the Initial Peers (Section 33.4.4 on page 995)

Support for External Hardware Load Balancers in TCP Transport Plugin (Section 33.4.5 on page 996)

TCP/TLS Transport Properties (Section 33.4.6 on page 998)

33.4.1 Choosing a Transport Mode

When you configure the TCP transport, you must choose one of the following types of communication:
33.4.2 Explicitly Instantiating the TCP Transport Plugin

TCP over LAN — Communication between the two peers is not encrypted (data is written directly to a TCP socket). Each node can use all the possible interfaces available on that machine to receive connections. The node can only receive connections from machines that are on a local LAN.

TCP over WAN — Communication is not encrypted (data is written directly to a TCP socket). The node can only receive connections from a specific port, which must be configured in the public router of the local network (WAN mode).

TLS over LAN — This is similar to the TCP over LAN, where the node can use all the available network interfaces to TX/RX data (LAN nodes only), but in this mode, the data being written on the physical socket is encrypted first (through the openssl library). Performance (throughput and latency) may be less than TCP over LAN since the data needs to be encrypted before going on the wire. Discovery time may be longer with this mode because when the first connection is established, the two peers exchange handshake information to ensure line protection. For more general information on TLS, see Datagram Transport-Layer Security (DTLS) (Section 24.3 on page 907).

TLS over WAN — The data is encrypted just like TLS over LAN, but it can be sent and received only from a specific port of the router.

Note: To use either TLS mode, you also need RTI TLS Support, which is available for purchase as a separate package.

An instance of the transport can only communicate with other nodes that use the same transport mode.

You can specify the transport mode in either the NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t structure (see TCP/TLS Transport Properties (Section 33.4.6 on page 998)) or in the parent.classid (Section on page 999) field of the Properties QoS (see Configuring the TCP Transport with the Property QosPolicy (Section 33.4.3 on page 993)). Your choice of transport mode will also be reflected in the prefix you use for setting the initial peers (see Setting the Initial Peers (Section 33.4.4 on page 995)).

33.4.2 Explicitly Instantiating the TCP Transport Plugin

As described on Page 990, there are two ways to configure a transport plugin. This section describes the way that includes explicitly instantiating and registering a new transport. (The other way is to use the Property QoS mechanism, described in Configuring the TCP Transport with the Property QosPolicy (Section 33.4.3 on page 993)).

Notes:

This way of instantiating a transport is not supported in the Java and .NET APIs. If you are using Java or .NET, use the Property QoS mechanism described in Configuring the TCP Transport with the Property QosPolicy (Section 33.4.3 on page 993).

To use this mechanism, there are extra libraries that you must link into your program and an additional header file that you must include. Please see Additional Header Files and Include Directories (Sec-
To instantiate a TCP transport:

Include the extra header file described in Additional Header Files and Include Directories (Section 33.4.2.1 below).

Instantiate a new transport by calling `NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_new()`:

```c
NDDS_Transport_Plugin* NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_new (const struct NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t * property_in)
```

Register the transport by calling `NDDSTransportSupport::register_transport()`.

See the API Reference HTML documentation for details on these functions and the contents of the NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t structure.

### 33.4.2.1 Additional Header Files and Include Directories

To use the TCP Transport API, you must include an extra header file (in addition to those in Table 9.1 Header Files to Include for Connext DDS (All Architectures)):

```c
#include "ndds/transport_tcp/transport_tcp_tcpv4.h"
```

Since TCP Transport is in the same directory as Connext DDS (see Table 9.2 Include Paths for Compilation (All Architectures)), no additional include paths need to be added for the TCP Transport API. If this is not the case, you will need to specify the appropriate include path.

### 33.4.2.2 Additional Libraries and Compiler Flags

To use the TCP Transport, you must add the `nddstransporttcp` library to the link phase of your application. There are four different kind of libraries, depending on if you want a debug or release version, and static or dynamic linking with Connext DDS.

For UNIX-based systems, the libraries are:

- `libnddstransporttcp.a` — Release version, dynamic libraries
- `libnddstransporttcpd.a` — Debug version, dynamic libraries
- `libnddstransporttcpz.a` — Release version, static libraries
- `libnddstransporttcpzd.a` — Debug version, static libraries

For Windows-based systems, the libraries are:
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- NDDSTRANSPORTTCP.LIB — Release version, dynamic libraries
- NDDSTRANSPORTTCPD.LIB — Debug version, dynamic libraries
- NDDSTRANSPORTTCPZ.LIB — Release version, static libraries
- NDDSTRANSPORTTCPZD.LIB — Debug version, static libraries

Notes for using TLS:

To use either TLS mode (see Choosing a Transport Mode (Section 33.4.1 on page 990)), you also need RTI TLS Support, which is available for purchase as a separate package. The TLS library (libnddstls.so or NDDTLS.LIB, depending on your platform) must be in your library search path (pointed to by the environment variable LD_LIBRARY_PATH on UNIX/Solaris systems, Path on Windows systems, LIBPATH on AIX systems, DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH on Mac OS systems).

If you already have $NDDSHOME/lib/<architecture> in your library search path, no extra steps are needed to use TLS once TLS Support is installed.

Even if you link everything statically, you must make sure that the location for $NDDSHOME/lib/<architecture> (or wherever the TLS library is located) is in your search path. The TLS library is loaded dynamically, even if you use static linking for everything else.

Your search path must also include the location for the OpenSSL library, which is used by the TLS library.

33.4.3 Configuring the TCP Transport with the Property QosPolicy

The PROPERTY QosPolicy (DDS Extension) (Section 6.5.17 on page 391) allows you to set up name/value pairs of data and attach them to an entity, such as a DomainParticipant.

Like all QoS policies, there are two ways to specify the Property QoS policy:

Programmatically, as described in this section and Getting, Setting, and Comparing QosPolicies (Section 4.1.7 on page 149). This includes using the add_property() operation to attach name/value pairs to the Property QosPolicy and then configuring the DomainParticipant to use that QosPolicy (by calling set_qos() or specifying QoS values when the DomainParticipant is created).

With an XML QoS Profile, as described in Configuring QoS with XML (Section Chapter 17 on page 790). This causes Connext DDS to dynamically load the TCP transport library at run time and then implicitly create and register the transport plugin.

To add name/value pairs to the Property QoS policy, use the add_property() operation:

```c
DDS_ReturnCode_t DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property
    (DDS_PropertyQosPolicy policy, const char * name,
     const char * value, DDS_Boolean propagate)
```
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For more information on `add_property()` and the other operations in the DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper class, see Table 6.57 `PropertyQoSPolicyHelper Operations`, as well as the API Reference HTML documentation.

The ‘name’ part of the name/value pairs is a predefined string. The property names for the TCP Transport are described in Table 33.1 `Properties for NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property.t`.

Here are the basic steps, taken from the example Hello World application (for details, please see the example application.)

Get the default `DomainParticipant` QoS from the DomainParticipantFactory.

```cpp
DDSDomainParticipantFactory::get_instance() ->
get_default_participant_qos(participant_qos);
```

Disable the builtin transports.

```cpp
participant_qos.transport_builtin.mask =
DDS_TRANSPORTBUILTIN_MASK_NONE;
```

Set up the `DomainParticipant`’s Property QoS.

Load the plugin.

```cpp
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (
    participant_qos.property,
    "dds.transport.load_plugins",
    "dds.transport.TCPv4.tcp1",
    DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

Specify the transport plugin library.

```cpp
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (
    participant_qos.property,
    "dds.transport.TCPv4.tcp1.library",
    "nddstransporttcp",
    DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

Specify the transport’s ‘create’ function.

```cpp
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (
    participant_qos.property,
    "dds.transport.TCPv4.tcp1.create_function",
    "NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_create", DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

Set the transport to work in a WAN configuration with a public address:
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```cpp
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (  
    participant_qos.property,  
    "dds.transport.TCPv4.tcp1.parent.classid",  
    "NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TCPV4_WAN", DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property (  
    participant_qos.property,  
    "dds.transport.TCPv4.public_address",  
    "182.181.2.31",  
    DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
```

Specify any other properties, as needed.

Create the DomainParticipant using the modified QoS.

```cpp
participant =  
    DDSTheParticipantFactory->create_participant (  
        domainId,  
        participant_qos,  
        NULL /* listener *//,  
        DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
```

⚠️ **Important:** Property changes should be made before the transport is loaded—either before the DomainParticipant is enabled, before the first DataWriter/DataReader is created, or before the builtin topic reader is looked up, whichever one happens first.

### 33.4.4 Setting the Initial Peers

**Note:** You must specify the initial peers (you cannot use the defaults because multicast cannot be used with TCP).

For TCP Transport, the addresses of the initial peers (NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS) that will be contacted during the discovery process have the following format:

- For WAN communication using TCP: `tcpv4_wan://<IP address or hostname>:<port>`
- For WAN communication using TLS: `tlsv4_wan://<IP address or hostname>:<port>`
- For LAN communication using TCP: `tcpv4_lan://<IP address or hostname>:<port>`
- For LAN communication using TLS: `tlsv4_lan://<IP address or hostname>:<port>`

For example:

```
setenv NDDS_DISCOVERY_PEERS tcpv4_wan://10.10.1.165:7400,  
tcpv4_wan://10.10.1.111:7400,tcpv4_lan://192.168.1.1:7500
```
When the TCP transport is configured for LAN communication (with the `parent.classid` (Section on page 999) property), the IP address is the LAN address of the peer and the port is the server port used by the transport (the `server_bind_port` (Section on page 1004) property).

When the TCP transport is configured for WAN communication (with the `parent.classid` (Section on page 999) property), the IP address is the WAN or public address of the peer and the port is the public port that is used to forward traffic to the server port in the TCP transport.

33.4.5 Support for External Hardware Load Balancers in TCP Transport Plugin

For two Connext DDS applications to communicate, the TCP Transport Plugin needs to establish 4-6 connections between the two communicating applications. The plugin uses these connections to exchange DDS data (discovery or user data) and TCP Transport Plugin control messages.

With the default configuration, the TCP Transport Plugin does not support external load balancers. This is because external load balancers do not forward the traffic to a unique TCP Transport Plugin server, but they divide the connections among multiple servers. Because of this behavior, when an application running a TCP Transport Plugin client tries to establish all the connections to an application running a TCP Transport Plugin server, the server may not receive all the required connections.

In order to support external load balancers, the TCP Transport Plugin provides a session-ID negotiation feature. When session-ID negotiation is enabled (by setting the `negotiate_session_id` property to true), the TCP Transport Plugin will perform the negotiation depicted in Session-ID Negotiation (Section below).

Session-ID Negotiation
During the session-ID negotiation, the TCP Transport Plugin exchanges three types of messages:

**Session-ID Request**: This message is sent from the client to the server. The server must respond with a session-ID response.

**Session-ID Response**: This message is sent from the server to the client as a response to a session-ID request. The client will store the session ID contained in this message.

**Session-ID Indication**: This message is sent from the client to the server; it does not require a response from the server.

The negotiation consists of the following steps:

The TCP client sends a session-ID request with the session ID set to zero.

The TCP server sends back a session-ID response with the session ID set to zero.

The external load balancer modifies the session-ID response, setting the session ID with a value that is meaningful to the load balancer and identifies the session.

The TCP client receives the session-ID response and stores the received session ID.

For each new connection, the TCP client sends a session-ID indication containing the stored session ID. This will allow the load balancer to redirect to the same server all the connections with the same session ID.
33.4.5.1 Session-ID Messages

TCP Payload for Session-ID Message (Section below) depicts the TCP payload of a session-ID message. The payload consists of 48 bytes. In particular, your load balancer needs to read/modify the following two fields:

CTRLTYPE: This field allows a load balancer to identify session-ID messages. Its value (two bytes) varies according to the session-ID message type: 0x0c05 for a request, 0x0d05 for a response, or 0x0c15 for an indication.

SESSION-ID: This field consists of 16 bytes that the load balancer can freely modify according to its requirements.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| RTI reserved | 0xDD | 0x54 | 0xDD | 0x55 | CTRLTYPE | RTI reserved |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| RTI reserved |
| 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| SESSION-ID |

To ensure all the TCP connections within the same session are directed to the same server, you must configure your load balancer to perform the two following actions:

Modify the SESSION-ID field in the session-id response with a value that identifies the session within the load balancer.

Make the load-balancing decision according to the value of the SESSION-ID field in the session-ID indication.

33.4.6 TCP/TLS Transport Properties

Table 33.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t describes the TCP and TLS transport properties.

Note: To use TLS, you also need RTI TLS Support, which is a separate component.
### Table 33.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t

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<td>dds.transport.load_plugins</td>
<td><strong>Required</strong>&lt;br&gt;Comma-separated strings indicating the prefix names of all plugins that will be loaded by Connext DDS. For example: “dds.transport.TCPv4.tcp1”. You will use this string as the prefix to the property names.&lt;br&gt;Note: you can load up to 8 plugins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>library</td>
<td><strong>Required</strong> Must be &quot;nddstransporttcp&quot;.&lt;br&gt;This library must be in your library search path (pointed to by the environment variable LD_LIBRARY_PATH on UNIX/Solaris systems, Path on Windows systems, LIBPATH on AIX systems, DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH on OS X systems).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>create_function</td>
<td><strong>Required</strong> Must be “NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_create”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>aliases</td>
<td>Used to register the transport plugin returned by NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_create() (as specified by &lt;TCP_prefix&gt;.create_function) to the DomainParticipant. Aliases should be specified as a comma-separated string, with each comma delimiting an alias.&lt;br&gt;Default: the transport prefix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.classid</td>
<td>Must be set to one of the following values:&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TCPV4_LAN</strong>&lt;br&gt;for TCP communication within a LAN&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TLSV4_LAN</strong>&lt;br&gt;for TLS communication within a LAN&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TCPV4_WAN</strong>&lt;br&gt;for TCP communication across LANs and firewalls&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TLSV4_WAN</strong>&lt;br&gt;for TLS communication across LAN and firewalls&lt;br&gt;Default: NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TCPV4_LAN&lt;br&gt;Note: To use either TLS mode, you also need RTI TLS Support which is available for purchase as a separate package.</td>
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<td>parent.gather_send_buffer_count_max</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of buffers that Connext DDS can pass to the <code>send()</code> function of the transport plugin. The transport plugin <code>send()</code> API supports a gather-send concept, where the <code>send()</code> call can take several discontinuous buffers, assemble and send them in a single message. This enables Connext DDS to send a message from parts obtained from different sources without first having to copy the parts into a single contiguous buffer. However, most transports that support a gather-send concept have an upper limit on the number of buffers that can be gathered and sent. Setting this value will prevent Connext DDS from trying to gather too many buffers into a send call for the transport plugin. Connext DDS requires all transport-plugin implementations to support a gather-send of at least a minimum number of buffers. This minimum number is defined as <code>NDDS_TRANSPORT_PROPERTY_GATHER_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT_MIN</code>. Default: 128</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.message_size_max</td>
<td>The maximum size of a message in bytes that can be sent or received by the transport plugin. Default: 65536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parent.allow_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses that can be used by the transport. Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. For example: 10.10.<em>, 10.15.</em> If the list is non-empty, this &quot;white&quot; list is applied before <code>parent.deny_interfaces_list</code> (Section on the next page). Default: All available interfaces are used.</td>
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<td>parent.deny_interfaces_list</td>
<td>A list of strings, each identifying a range of interface addresses that will not be used by the transport. &lt;br&gt;If the list is non-empty, deny the use of these interfaces. &lt;br&gt;Interfaces must be specified as comma-separated strings, with each comma delimiting an interface. &lt;br&gt;For example: 10.10.*&lt;br&gt;This &quot;black&quot; list is applied after parent.allow_interfaces_list (Section on the previous page) and filters out the interfaces that should not be used. &lt;br&gt;<strong>Default:</strong> No interfaces are denied</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>send_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size, in bytes, of the send buffer of a socket used for sending. On most operating systems, <code>setsockopt()</code> will be called to set the SENDBUF to the value of this parameter. &lt;br&gt;This value must be greater than or equal to <code>parent.message_size_max (Section on the previous page), or -1. &lt;br&gt;When set to -1, </code>setsockopt()` (or equivalent) will not be called to size the send buffer of the socket. &lt;br&gt;The maximum value is operating system-dependent. &lt;br&gt;<strong>Default:</strong> 131072</td>
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<tr>
<td>recv_socket_buffer_size</td>
<td>Size, in bytes, of the receive buffer of a socket used for receiving. &lt;br&gt;On most operating systems, <code>setsockopt()</code> will be called to set the RECVBUF to the value of this parameter. &lt;br&gt;This value must be greater than or equal to <code>parent.message_size_max (Section on the previous page), or -1. &lt;br&gt;When set to -1, </code>setsockopt()` (or equivalent) will not be called to size the receive buffer of the socket. &lt;br&gt;The maximum value is operating-system dependent. &lt;br&gt;<strong>Default:</strong> 131072</td>
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<td>ignore_loopback_interface</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from using the IP loopback interface. This property is ignored when parent.classid (Section on page 999) is NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TCPV4_WAN or NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TLSV4_WAN. Two values are allowed: 0: Enable local traffic via this plugin. The plugin will only use and report the IP loopback interface only if there are no other network interfaces (NICs) up on the system. 1: Disable local traffic via this plugin. This means “do not use the IP loopback interface, even if no NICs are discovered.” This setting is useful when you want applications running on the same node to use a more efficient plugin like shared memory instead of the IP loopback. Default: 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ignore_nonrunning_interfaces</td>
<td>Prevents the transport plugin from using a network interface that is not reported as RUNNING by the operating system. The transport checks the flags reported by the operating system for each network interface upon initialization. An interface which is not reported as UP will not be used. This property allows the same check to be extended to the IFF_RUNNING flag implemented by some operating systems. The RUNNING flag is defined to mean that &quot;all resources are allocated&quot; and may be off if no link is detected (e.g., the network cable is unplugged). Two values are allowed: 0: Do not check the RUNNING flag when enumerating interfaces, just make sure the interface is UP. 1: Check the flag when enumerating interfaces, and ignore those that are not reported as RUNNING. This can be used on some operating systems to cause the transport to ignore interfaces that are enabled but not connected to the network. Default: 1</td>
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<td>transport_priority_mask</td>
<td>Mask for the transport priority field. This is used in conjunction with transport_priority_mapping_low (Section below)/transport_priority_mapping_high (Section below) to define the mapping from DDS transport priority to the IPv4 TOS field. Defines a contiguous region of bits in the 32-bit transport priority value that is used to generate values for the IPv4 TOS field on an outgoing socket. For example, the value 0x0000ff00 causes bits 9-16 (8 bits) to be used in the mapping. The value will be scaled from the mask range (0x0000 -0xff00 in this case) to the range specified by low and high. If the mask is set to zero, then the transport will not set IPv4 TOS for send sockets. Default: 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_low</td>
<td>Sets the low and high values of the output range to IPv4 TOS. These values are used in conjunction with transport_priority_mask (Section above) to define the mapping from DDS transport priority to the IPv4 TOS field. Defines the low and high values of the output range for scaling.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transport_priority_mapping_high</td>
<td>Note that IPv4 TOS is generally an 8-bit value. Default transport_priority_mapping_low: 0 Default transport_priority_mapping_high: 0xFF</td>
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<tr>
<td>server_socket_backlog</td>
<td>The backlog parameter determines what is the maximum length of the queue of pending connections. Default: 5</td>
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<td><code>public_address</code></td>
<td>Required for WAN communication (see note below)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Public IP address and port (WAN address and port) (separated with ‘:’) associated</td>
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<td>with the transport instantiation.</td>
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<td>For example: 10.10.9.10:4567</td>
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<td></td>
<td>This field is used only when <code>parent.classid (Section on page 999)</code> is NDDS_</td>
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<td></td>
<td>TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TCPv4_WAN or NDDS_TRANSPORT_CLASSID_TLSV4_WAN.</td>
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<td>The public address and port are necessary to support communication over WAN that</td>
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<td>involves Network Address Translators (NATs). Typically, the address is the public</td>
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<td>address of the IP router that provides access to the WAN. The port is the IP router port</td>
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<td>that is used to reach the private server bind port (Section below) inside the LAN from</td>
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<td>the outside. This value is expressed as a string in the form: <code>ip:[port]</code>, where <code>ip</code></td>
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<td>represents the IPv4 address and port is the external port number of the router.</td>
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<td>Host names are not allowed in the <code>public_address</code> because they may resolve to an internet</td>
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<td>address that is not what you want (i.e., ‘localhost’ may map to your local IP or to 127.0.0.1).</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Note:</strong> If you are using an asymmetric configuration, <code>public_address</code> does not have to be</td>
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<td></td>
<td>set for the non-public peer.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>server_bind_port</code></td>
<td>Private IP port (inside the LAN) used by the transport to accept TCP connections.</td>
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<td>If this property is set to zero, the transport will disable the internal server socket,</td>
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<td>making it impossible for external peers to connect to this node. In this case, the node is</td>
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<td>considered unreachable and will communicate only using the asymmetric mode with other (reachable) peers.</td>
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<td>For WAN communication, this port must be forwarded to a public port in the NAT-enabled router</td>
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<td>that connects to the outer network.</td>
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<td>The server bind port cannot be shared among multiple participants on a common host. On most</td>
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<td>operating systems, attempting to reuse the same server bind port for multiple participants on</td>
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<td>a common host will result in a &quot;port already in use&quot; error. However, Windows systems will</td>
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<td>not recognize if the server bind port is already in use; therefore care must be taken to</td>
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<td>properly configure Windows systems.</td>
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<td>Default: 7400</td>
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| read_buffer_allocation         | Allocation settings applied to read buffers. These settings configure the initial number of buffers, the maximum number of buffers and the buffers to be allocated when more buffers are needed. Default:  
|                               |  
|                               | read_buffer_allocation.initial_count = 2  
|                               | read_buffer_allocation.max_count = -1 (unlimited)  
|                               | read_buffer_allocation.incremental_count = -1 (number of buffers will keep doubling on each allocation until it reaches max_count)  
| write_buffer_allocation        | Allocation settings applied to buffers used for asynchronous (non-blocking) write. These settings configure the initial number of buffers, the maximum number of buffers and the buffers to be allocated when more buffers are needed. Default:  
|                               |  
|                               | write_buffer_allocation.initial_count = 4  
|                               | write_buffer_allocation.max_count = 1000  
|                               | write_buffer_allocation.incremental_count = 10  
|                               | Note that for the write buffer pool, the max_count is not set to unlimited. This is to avoid having a fast writer quickly exhaust all the available system memory, in case of a temporary network slowdown. When this write buffer pool reaches the maximum, the low-level send command of the transport will fail; at that point Connext DDS will take the appropriate action (retry to send or drop it), according to the application’s QoS (if the transport is used for reliable communication, the data will still be sent eventually).  
| control_buffer_allocation      | Allocation settings applied to buffers used to serialize and send control messages. These settings configure the initial number of buffers, the maximum number of buffers and the buffers to be allocated when more buffers are needed. Default:  
|                               |  
|                               | control_buffer_allocation.initial_count = 2  
|                               | control_buffer_allocation.max_count = -1 (unlimited)  
|                               | control_buffer_allocation.incremental_count = -1 (number of buffers will keep doubling on each allocation until it reaches max_count)  

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| control_message_allocation | Allocation settings applied to control messages. These settings configure the initial number of messages, the maximum number of messages and the messages to be allocated when more messages are needed. Default:  
  control_message_allocation.initial_count = 2  
  control_message_allocation.max_count = -1 (unlimited)  
  control_message_allocation.incremental_count = -1 (number of messages will keep doubling on each allocation until it reaches max_count) |
| control_attribute_allocation | Allocation settings applied to control messages attributes. These settings configure the initial number of attributes, the maximum number of attributes and the attributes to be allocated when more attributes are needed. Default:  
  control_attribute_allocation.initial_count = 2  
  control_attribute_allocation.max_count = -1 (unlimited)  
  control_attribute_allocation.incremental_count = -1 (number of attributes will keep doubling on each allocation until it reaches max_count) |
| force_asynchronous_send | Forces asynchronous send. When this parameter is set to 0, the TCP transport will attempt to send data as soon as the internal send() function is called. When it is set to 1, the transport will make a copy of the data to send and enqueue it in an internal send buffer. Data will be sent as soon as the low-level socket buffer has space. Normally setting it to 1 delivers better throughput in a fast network, but will result in a longer time to recover from various TCP error conditions. Setting it to 0 may cause the low-level send() function to block until the data is physically delivered to the lower socket buffer. For an application writing data at a very fast rate, it may cause the caller thread to block if the send socket buffer is full. This could produce lower throughput in those conditions (the caller thread could prepare the next packet while waiting for the send socket buffer to become available). Default: 0 |
### Table 33.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t

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<tr>
<td>max_packet_size</td>
<td>The maximum size of a TCP segment. This parameter is only supported on Linux architectures. By default, the maximum size of a TCP segment is based on the network MTU for destinations on a local network, or on a default 576 for destinations on non-local networks. This behavior can be changed by setting this parameter to a value between 1 and 65535. Default: -1 (default behavior)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enable_keep_alive</td>
<td>Configures the sending of KEEP_ALIVE messages in TCP. Setting this value to 1, causes a KEEP_ALIVE packet to be sent to the remote peer if a long time passes with no other data sent or received. This feature is implemented only on architectures that provide a low-level implementation of the TCP keep-alive feature. On Windows systems, the TCP keep-alive feature can be globally enabled through the system’s registry: <code>\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Tcpip\Parameters</code>. Refer to MSDN documentation for more details. On Solaris systems, most of the TCP keep-alive parameters can be changed through the kernel properties. Default: 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>keep_alive_time</td>
<td>Specifies the interval of inactivity in seconds that causes TCP to generate a KEEP_ALIVE message. This parameter is only supported on Linux and Mac architectures. Default: -1 (OS default value)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>keep_alive_interval</td>
<td>Specifies the interval in seconds between KEEP_ALIVE retries. This parameter is only supported on Linux architectures. Default: -1 (OS default value)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>keep_alive_retry_count</td>
<td>The maximum number of KEEP_ALIVE retries before dropping the connection. This parameter is only supported on Linux architectures. Default: -1 (OS default value)</td>
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<tr>
<td>user_timeout</td>
<td>Changes the default OS TCP User Timeout configuration. If set to a value greater than 0, it specifies the maximum amount of time in seconds that transmitted data may remain unacknowledged before TCP will forcibly close the corresponding connection and return ETIMEDOUT to the application. If set to 0, TCP Transport plugin will use the system default. Currently this feature is supported only on Linux 2.6.37 and higher platforms. Default: 0 (use system's default).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>connection_liveliness</td>
<td>Configures the connection liveliness feature. See Connection Liveliness (Section 33.4.6.1 on page 1015). Defaults: connection_liveliness.enable: 0 connection_liveliness.lease_duration: 10 connection_liveliness.assertions_per_lease_duration: 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>event_thread</td>
<td>Configures the event thread used by the TCP Transport plugin for providing some features. Defaults: event_thread.priority: THREAD_PRIORITY_DEFAULT event_thread.stack_size: THREAD_STACK_SIZE_DEFAULT event_thread.mask: PRIORITY_ENFORCE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>disable_nagle</td>
<td>Disables the TCP nagle algorithm. When this property is set to 1, TCP segments are always sent as soon as possible, which may result in poor network utilization. Default: 0</td>
</tr>
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<td>logging_verosity_bitmap</td>
<td>Bitmap that specifies the verbosity of log messages from the transport. Logging values: -1 (0xfffffff): do not change the current verbosity 0x00: silence 0x01: errors 0x02: warnings 0x04: local 0x08: remote 0x10: period 0x80: other (used for control protocol tracing) 0x9F: all (errors, warnings, local, remote, period, and other) You can combine these values by logically ORing them together. Default: -1 Note: the logging verbosity is a global property shared across multiple instances of the TCP transport. If you create a new TCP Transport instance with logging_verosity_bitmap different than -1, the change will affect all the other instances as well. The default TCP transport verbosity is errors and warnings. Note: The option of 0x80 (other) is used only for tracing the internal control protocol. Since the output is very verbose, this feature is enabled only in the debug version of the TCP Transport library (libnndstransporttcpd.so / LIBNDDSTRANSPORTD.LIB).</td>
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<td>outstanding_connection_cookies</td>
<td>Maximum number of outstanding connection cookies allowed by the transport when acting as server. A connection cookie is a token provided by a server to a client; it is used to establish a data connection. Until the data connection is established, the cookie cannot be reused by the server. To avoid wasting memory, it is good practice to set a cap to the maximum number of connection cookies (pending connections). When the maximum value is reached, a client will not be able to connect to the server until new cookies become available. Range: 1 or higher, or -1 (which means an unlimited number). Default: 100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>outstanding_connection_cookies_life_span</td>
<td>Maximum lifespan (in seconds) of the cookies associated with pending connections. If a client does not connect to the server before the lifespan of its cookie expires, it will have to request a new cookie. Range: 1 second or higher, or -1 Default: -1, which means an unlimited amount of time (effectively disabling the feature).</td>
</tr>
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| send_max_wait_sec | Controls the maximum time (in seconds) the low-level sendto() function is allowed to block the caller thread when the TCP send buffer becomes full.  
If the bandwidth used by the transport is limited, and the sender thread tries to push data faster than the OS can handle, the low-level sendto() function will block the caller until there is some room available in the queue. Limiting this delay eliminates the possibility of deadlock and increases the response time of the internal DDS thread.  
This property affects both CONTROL and DATA streams. It only affects SYNCHRONOUS send operations. Asynchronous sends never block a send operation.  
For synchronous send() calls, this property limits the time the DDS sender thread can block for a full send buffer. If it is set too large, Connext DDS not only won't be able to send more data, it also won't be able to receive any more data because of an internal resource mutex.  
Setting this property to 0 causes the low-level function to report an immediate failure if the TCP send buffer is full.  
Setting this property to -1 causes the low-level function to block forever until space becomes available in the TCP buffer.  
Default: 3 seconds. |
| socket_monitoring_kind | Configures the socket monitoring API used by the transport. This property can have the following values:  
SELECT: The transport uses the POSIX select API to monitor sockets.  
WINDOWS_IOCP: The transport uses Windows I/O completion ports to monitor sockets. This value only applies to Windows systems.  
WINDOWS_WAITFORMULTIPLEOBJECTS: The transport uses the API WaitForMultipleObjects to monitor sockets. This value only applies to Windows systems.  
Default: SELECT  
**Note:** The value selected for this property may affect transport performance and scalability. On Windows systems, using WINDOWS_IOCP provides the best performance and scalability. |

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| windows_iocp                                             | Configures I/O completion ports when `socket_monitoring_kind` (Section on the previous page) is set to `WINDOWS_IOCP`. This setting configures the number of threads the plugin creates to process I/O completion packets (`thread_pool_size`) and the number of those threads that the operating system can allow to concurrently run (`concurrency_value`). Defaults:  
  windows_iocp.thread_pool_size: 2  
  windows_iocp.concurrency_value: 1 |
| negotiate_session_id                                      | When set to 1, the TCP Transport Plugin will perform a session negotiation that will help external load balancers identify all the connections associated with a particular session between two Connect DDS applications. This keeps the connections from being divided among multiple servers and ensures proper communication. For more information about this property, see Support for External Hardware Load Balancers in TCP Transport Plugin (Section 33.4.5 on page 996). Default: 0  
  **Note:** The value of this property must be consistent among all the applications running the TCP Transport Plugin. If two applications have a different value for this property, they may not communicate. |
| server_connection_negotiation_timeout                    | Specifies a timeout for the negotiation of a new connection accepted by the server. When the TCP Transport plugin accepts a new connection, some TCP Transport plugin-specific negotiation is exchanged between the client and the server. This property controls the maximum time (in seconds) the negotiation for a server connection can remain in progress. If the negotiation has not completed after the specified timeout, the connection will be closed. Then the TCP Transport plugin can restart the process of establishing that connection. Range: 1 second or higher. Default: 10 seconds |

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## 33.4.6 TCP/TLS Transport Properties

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<td>initial_handshake_timeout :</td>
<td>Specifies a timeout for the initial handshake for a connection.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Some of the TCP Transport plugin configurations (e.g., when using TLS over TCP) require an initial handshake for each established connection.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>This property controls the maximum time (in seconds) the initial handshake for a connection can remain in progress. If the handshake has not completed after the specified timeout, the connection will be closed. Then the TCP Transport plugin can restart the process of establishing and handshaking that connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Range: 1 second or higher. Default: 10 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.ca_file</td>
<td>A string that specifies the name of file containing Certificate Authority certificates. File should be in PEM format. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_load_verify_locations for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>To enable TLS, ca_file or ca_path is required; both may be specified (at least one is required).</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.ca_path</td>
<td>A string that specifies paths to directories containing Certificate Authority certificates. Files should be in PEM format and follow the OpenSSL-required naming conventions. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_CTX_load_verify_locations for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>To enable TLS, ca_file or ca_path is required; both may be specified (at least one is required).</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.verify_depth</td>
<td>Maximum certificate chain length for verification.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.verify.crl_file</td>
<td>Name of the file containing the Certificate Revocation List. File should be in PEM format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.certificate_chain</td>
<td>String containing an identifying certificate (in PEM format) or certificate chain (appending intermediate CA certs in order).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>An identifying certificate is required for secure communication.</strong> The string must be sorted starting with the certificate to the highest level (root CA). If this is specified, certificate_chain_file must be empty.</td>
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<tr>
<td>tls.identity.certificate_chain_file</td>
<td>File containing identifying certificate (in PEM format) or certificate chain (appending intermediate CA certs in order). <strong>An identifying certificate is required for secure communication.</strong> The file must be sorted starting with the certificate to the highest level (root CA). If this is specified, <code>certificate_chain</code> must be empty. Optionally, a private key may be appended to this file. If no private key option is specified, this file will be used to load a private key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key_password</td>
<td>A string that specifies the password for private key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key</td>
<td>String containing private key (in PEM format). At most one of <code>private_key</code> and <code>private_key_file</code> may be specified. If no private key is specified (all values are NULL), the private key will be read from the certificate chain file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.private_key_file</td>
<td>File containing private key (in PEM format). At most one of <code>private_key</code> and <code>private_key_file</code> may be specified. If no private key is specified (all values are NULL), the private key will be read from the certificate chain file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.rsa_private_key</td>
<td>String containing additional RSA private key (in PEM format). For use if both an RSA and non-RSA key are required for the selected cipher. At most one of rsa_private_key and rsa_private_key_file may be specified. At most one of <code>rsa_private_key</code> and <code>rsa_private_key_file</code> may be specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.identity.rsa_private_key_file</td>
<td>File containing additional RSA private key (in PEM format). For use if both an RSA and non-RSA key are required for the selected cipher. At most one of rsa_private_key and rsa_private_key_file may be specified. At most one of <code>rsa_private_key</code> and <code>rsa_private_key_file</code> may be specified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.cipher_list</td>
<td>List of available (D)TLS ciphers. See the OpenSSL manual page for SSL_set_cipher_list for more information on the format of this string.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.dh_param_files</td>
<td>List of available Diffie-Hellman (DH) key files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tls.cipher.engine_id</td>
<td>ID of OpenSSL cipher engine to request.</td>
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33.4.6.1 Connection Liveliness

The `connection_liveliness` property configures the connection liveliness feature. When enabled, the TCP Transport plugin will periodically exchange some additional control traffic (liveliness requests/responses) over one of the connections between the TCP Client and Server. This traffic allows determining if a that connection is not alive anymore, and thus proceed to its close. This avoids depending on the OS notification about the status of the connection, potentially decreasing the time to reestablish lost connections.

The following parameters can be configured:

- **connection_liveliness.enable**: Enables or disables the feature.
- **connection_liveliness.lease_duration**: In seconds, the timeout by which the connection liveliness must be asserted or the connection will be considered not alive. It is also used also as the period between connection liveliness checks. Therefore, the maximum time before a connection is marked as not alive is `2*connection_liveliness.lease_duration`.
- **connection_liveliness.assertions_per_lease_duration**: The number of liveliness requests send per each lease duration. Increasing this value will increase the overhead send into the network, but it will also make the connection liveliness mechanism more robust.

This feature relies on the creation on an additional thread in the TCP Transport Plugin (the event thread). For more information about how to configure this thread, see the `event_thread` in Table 33.1 Properties for NDDS_Transport_TCPv4_Property_t.

Enabling this feature breaks backwards compatibility with TCP Transport plugins that do not include this feature.
Part 9: RTI Monitoring Library

**RTI Monitoring Library** is a plug-in that enables **RTI Connext DDS™** applications to provide monitoring data. The monitoring data can be visualized with **RTI Monitor**, a separate GUI application that can run on the same host as **Monitoring Library** or on a different host.

Connext DDS notifies **Monitoring Library** every time an entity is created/deleted or a QoS is changed. **Monitoring Library** periodically queries the status of all Connext DDS entities. You can enable/disable monitoring by setting values in the **DomainParticipant’s PropertyQosPolicy** (programmatically or through an XML QoS profile).
This part of the *User’s Manual* includes:

- Using Monitoring Library in Your Application (Section Chapter 34 on page 1018)
- Configuring Monitoring Library (Section Chapter 35 on page 1029)
Chapter 34 Using Monitoring Library in Your Application

34.1 Enabling Monitoring

There are two ways to enable monitoring in your application:

- **Method 1**—Change the Participant QoS to Automatically Load the Dynamic Monitoring Library (Section 34.1.1 on the next page)
- **Method 2**—Change the Participant QoS to Specify the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer and Explicitly Load the Monitoring Library (Section 34.1.2 on the next page)

**Notes:**

- The libraries that you will need for Monitoring are listed in the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes.
- If your original application has made modifications to either the ParticipantQos resource_limits.type_code_max_serialized_length or any of the transport's default settings to enable large type code or large data, refer to What Monitoring Topics are Published? (Section 34.3 on page 1026) for additional QoS modifications that may be needed.
- Monitoring Library creates internal DataWriters to publish monitoring data by making modifications based on the default DataWriter QoS settings. If you have made changes to the default DataWriter QoS, especially if you have increased/decreased the initial or maximum DDS sample/instance values, Monitoring Library may have trouble creating DataWriters to publish monitoring data, or it may limit the number of statistics that you can publish through the internal monitoring writers. If this is true for your case, you may want to specify the qos_library and qos_profile that will be used to create these internal writers for publishing monitoring data, to avoid being impacted by default DataWriter QoS settings. See Configuring Monitoring Library (Section Chapter 35 on page 1029) for details.
34.1.1 Method 1—Change the Participant QoS to Automatically Load the Dynamic Monitoring Library

If all of the following are true, you can enable monitoring simply by changing your participant QoS (otherwise, use Method 2—Change the Participant QoS to Specify the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer and Explicitly Load the Monitoring Library (Section 34.1.2 below)):

- Your application is linked to dynamic Connext DDS libraries, or you are using Java or .Net, and
- You will run your application on a Linux, Windows, Solaris, AIX or Mac OS platform, and
- You are NOT linking in an additional monitoring library into your application at link time (you let the middleware load the monitoring library for you automatically as needed).

If you change the QoS in an XML file as shown below, you can enable/disable monitoring without recompiling. If you change the QoS in your source code, you may need to recompile every time you enable/disable monitoring.

If you need to change the participant QoS by hand, refer to the definition of Built-inQosLib::Generic.Monitoring.Common in <NDDSHOME>/resource/xml/BuiltinProfiles.documentationONLY.xml for the values you should set.

Example XML to enable monitoring:

```xml
<participant_qos>
  <property>
    <value>
      <element>
        <name>rti.monitor.library</name>
        <value>rtimonitoring</value>
      </element>
      <element>
        <name>rti.monitor.create_function</name>
        <value>RTIDefaultMonitor_create</value>
      </element>
    </value>
  </property>
</participant_qos>
```

34.1.2 Method 2—Change the Participant QoS to Specify the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer and Explicitly Load the Monitoring Library

If any of the following are true, you must change the Participant QoS to enable monitoring and explicitly load the correct version of Monitoring Library at compile time:
34.1.2 Method 2—Change the Participant QoS to Specify the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer

- Your application is linked to the static version of Connext DDS libraries.
- You are NOT running your application on Linux, Windows, Solaris, AIX or Mac OS platforms.
- You want to explicitly link in the monitoring library (static or dynamic) into your application.

There are two ways to do this:

- **Method 2-A: Change the Participant QoS by Specifying the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer in Source Code (Section 34.1.2.1 on the next page):** Applies to most users who cannot use Method 1 and do not mind changing/recompiling source code every time you enable/disable monitoring, or whose system does not support setting environment variables programmatically. Participant QoS must be defined in source code with this approach.

- **Method 2-B: Change the Participant QoS by Specifying the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer in an Environment Variable (Section 34.1.2.2 on page 1024):** Applies to users who cannot use Method 1 and want to specify the create function pointer via an environment variable. This approach allows the Participant QoS to be defined in an XML file or in source code.
34.1.2.1 Method 2-A: Change the Participant QoS by Specifying the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer in Source Code
1. Modify your Connext DDS application based on the following examples.

**C++ Example:**

```c++
#include "ndds/ndds_cpp.h"
#include "monitor/monitor_common.h"
extern "C" int publisher_main(int domainId, int sample_count)
{
...
    DDSDomainParticipant *participant = NULL;
    DDS_DomainParticipantQos participant_qos;
    char valueBuffer[17];
    /* Get default QoS */
    retcode = DDSTheParticipantFactory->get_default_participant_qos(
        participant_qos);
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        /*Error*/
    }
    /* This property indicates that the DomainParticipant
    has monitoring turned on. The property name MUST be
    "rti.monitor.library". The value can be anything.*/
    retcode = DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property(
        participant_qos.property,
        "rti.monitor.library", "rtimonitoring",
        DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        /*Error*/
    }
    /* The property name "rti.monitor.create_function"
    indicates the entry point for the monitoring library.
    The value MUST be the value of the function pointer of
    RTIDefaultMonitor_create */
    sprintf(valueBuffer, "%p", RTIDefaultMonitor_create);
    retcode = DDSPropertyQosPolicyHelper::add_property(
        participant_qos.property,
        "rti.monitor.create_function_ptr",
        valueBuffer, DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE);
    if (retcode != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        /* Error */
    }
    /* Create DomainParticipant with participant_qos */
    participant = DDSTheParticipantFactory->create_participant(
        domainId, participant_qos, NULL /* listener */,
        DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
    if (participant == NULL) {
        /* Error */
    }
    ...
```
34.1.2.1 Method 2-A: Change the Participant QoS by Specifying the Monitoring Library Create Function

C Example:

```c
#include "ndds/ndds_c.h"
#include "monitor/monitor_common.h"
...
extern "C" int publisher_main(int domainId, int sample_count)
{
    DDS_DomainParticipantFactory *factory = NULL;
    struct DDS_DomainParticipantQos participantQos =
        DDS_DomainParticipantQos_INITIALIZER;
    char valueBuffer[17];
    DDS_DomainParticipant *participant = NULL;
    factory = DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_get_instance();
    if (factory == NULL) {
        /* error */
    }
    if (DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_get_default_participant_qos(
            factory, &participantQos) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        /* error */
    }
    /* This property indicates that the DomainParticipant has
        monitoring turned on. The property name MUST be
        "rti.monitor.library". The value can be anything.*/
    if (DDS_PropertyQosPolicyHelper_add_property(
            &participantQos.property,
            "rti.monitor.library", "rtimonitoring",
            DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        /* error */
    }
    /* The property name "rti.monitor.create_function_ptr"
        indicates the entry point for the monitoring library.
        The value MUST be the value of the function pointer
        of RTIDefaultMonitor_create */
    sprintf(valueBuffer, "%p", RTIDefaultMonitor_create);
    if (DDS_PropertyQosPolicyHelper_add_property(
            &participantQos.property,
            "rti.monitor.create_function_ptr", valueBuffer,
            DDS_BOOLEAN_FALSE) != DDS_RETCODE_OK) {
        /* error */
    }
    /* create DomainParticipant with participantQos */
    participant =
        DDS_DomainParticipantFactory_create_participant(
            factory, domainId, &participantQos,  
            NULL /* listener */,
            DDS_STATUS_MASK_NONE);
    if (participant == NULL) {
        /* error */
    }
    DDS_DomainParticipantQos_finalize(&participantQos);
    ...
```

34.1.2.2 Method 2-B: Change the Participant QoS by Specifying the Monitoring Library Create Function

Note:
- In the above code, you may notice that valueBuffer is initialized to 17 characters. This is because a pointer (RTIDefaultMonitor_create) is at most 8 bytes (on a 64-bit system) and it takes two characters to represent a byte in hex. So the total size must be:

\[(2 \times 8 \text{ characters}) + 1 \text{ null-termination character} = 17 \text{ characters.}\]

2. Link the Monitoring Library for your platform into your application at compile time (the Monitoring libraries are listed in the Platform Notes).

The kind of monitoring library that you link into your application at compile time must be consistent with the kind of Connext DDS libraries that you are linking into your application (static/dynamic, release/debug version of the libraries).

On Windows systems: If you are linking a static monitoring library, you will also need to link in Psapi.lib at compile time.

34.1.2.2 Method 2-B: Change the Participant QoS by Specifying the Monitoring Library Create Function Pointer in an Environment Variable

This is similar to Method 2-A, but if you specify the function pointer value for `rti.monitor.create_function_ptr` in an environment variable that is set programmatically, you can specify your QoS either in an XML file or in source code. If you specify the QoS in an XML file, you can enable/disable monitoring without recompiling. If you change the QoS in your source code, you may need to recompile every time you enable/disable monitoring.

1. In XML, enable monitoring by setting the `rti.monitor.create_function_ptr` property to an environment variable. In our example, the variable is named RTIMONITORFUNCPT.

```xml
<participant_qos>
  <property>
    <value>
      <element>
        <name>rti.monitor.library</name>
        <value>rtimonitoring</value>
      </element>
      <element>
        <name>rti.monitor.create_function_ptr</name>
        <value>${RTIMONITORFUNCPT}</value>
      </element>
    </value>
  </property>
</participant_qos>
```

2. In the DDS application that links in the monitoring library, get the function pointer of `RTIDefaultMonitor_create` and write it to the same environment variable you named in Step 1 and create
a DomainParticipant by using the XML profile specified in Step 1. (Setting of the environment variable must appear in the application before it creates the DomainParticipant using the profile from Step 1.)

Here is an example in C:

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "monitor/monitor_common.h"
...
char putenvBuffer[34];
int putenvReturn;
putenvBuffer[0] = '\0';
sprintf(putenvBuffer, "RTIMONITORFUNCPtr=%p", RTIDefaultMonitor_create);
putenvReturn = putenv(putenvBuffer);
if (putenvReturn) {
    printf("Error: couldn't set env variable for RTIMONITORFUNCPtr. ", error code: %d\n", putenvReturn );
}
/* create DomainParticipant using XML profile from Step 1 */
...
```

**Note:** In the above code, you may notice that `putenvBuffer` is initialized to 34 characters. This is because a pointer (RTIDefaultMonitor_create) is at most 8 bytes (on a 64-bit system) and it takes 2 characters to represent a byte in hex. So the total size must be: `strlen(RTIMONITORFUNCPtr) + (2 * 8 characters) + 1 null-termination character = 17 + 16 + 1 = 34 characters`

3. Link the Monitoring Library for your platform into your application at compile time (the Monitoring libraries are listed in the Platform Notes).

The kind of monitoring library that you link into your application at compile time must be consistent with the kind of Connext DDS libraries that you are linking into your application (static/dynamic, release/debug version of the libraries).

**On Windows systems:** If you are linking a static monitoring library, you will also need to link in Psapi.lib at compile time.

### 34.2 How does Monitoring Library Work?

Monitoring Library works by creating DDS Topics that publish information about the other DDS entities contained in the same operating system process. The Topics can be created inside of the first DomainParticipant that enables the library (the default). Or they may be created in a separate DomainParticipant if the `rti.monitor.config.new_participant_domain_id` property is used. Use cases for this latter configuration include controlling the domain ID on which this information is exchanged (for example to ensure that this data does not interfere with production topics) as well as the ability to specify the QoS that is used for the DomainParticipant (through the `rti.monitor.config.qos_library` and
rti.monitor.config.qos_profile properties). It may be desirable to specify the QoS for Monitoring Library's DomainParticipant if the information will be consumed on a different transport or simply to enable the feature but keep it as isolated from the production system as possible.

### 34.3 What Monitoring Topics are Published?

Two categories of predefined monitoring topics are sent out:

- *Descriptions* are published when an entity is created or deleted, or there are QoS changes (see Table 34.1 Descriptions (QoS and Other Static System Information)).
- *Entity Statistics* are published periodically (see Table 34.2 Entity Statistics (Statuses, Aggregated Statuses, CPU and Memory Usage)).

#### Table 34.1 Descriptions (QoS and Other Static System Information)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Topic Name</th>
<th>Topic Contents</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/domainParticipantDescription</td>
<td>DomainParticipant QoS and other static information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/topicDescription</td>
<td>Topic QoS and other static information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/publisherDescription</td>
<td>Publisher QoS and other static information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/subscriberDescription</td>
<td>Subscriber QoS and other static information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataReaderDescription</td>
<td>DataReader QoS and other static information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataWriterDescription</td>
<td>DataWriter QoS and other static information</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Table 34.2 Entity Statistics (Statuses, Aggregated Statuses, CPU and Memory Usage)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Topic Name</th>
<th>Topic Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/domainParticipantEntityStatistics</td>
<td>Number of entities discovered in the system, CPU and memory usage of the process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataReaderEntityStatistics</td>
<td>DataReader statuses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataWriterEntityStatistics</td>
<td>DataWriter statuses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/topicEntityStatistics</td>
<td>Topic statuses</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 34.4 Enabling Support for Large Type-Code (Optional)

Some monitoring topics have large type-code (larger than the default maximum type code serialized size setting). If you use Monitor to display all the monitoring data, it already has all the monitoring types built-in and therefore it uses the default maximum type-code serialized size in the Connext DDS application and there is no problem. However, if you are using any other tools to display monitoring data (such as RTI Spreadsheet Add-in for Microsoft Excel, rtiddsspy, or writing your own application to subscribe to monitoring data), or if your user data-type has large type-code, you may need to increase the maximum type-object serialized size setting in the DomainParticipantResourceLimitsQosPolicy.

### 34.5 Troubleshooting Monitoring

#### 34.5.1 Buffer Allocation Error

Monitoring Library obtains the default DataWriter QoS from the Connext DDS application’s DomainParticipant. If the application has changed the default QoS Profile, either through application code or in an XML file, Monitoring Library will use this new default QoS. In specific scenarios, the new default QoS may cause your Connext DDS application to run out of memory and report error messages similar to these:

<table>
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<th>Topic Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataReaderEntityMatchedPublicationStatistics</td>
<td>DataReader statuses calculated on a per discovered matching writer basis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataWriterEntityMatchedSubscriptionStatistics</td>
<td>DataWriter statuses calculated on a per discovered matching reader basis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/dds/monitoring/dataWriterEntityMatchedSubscriptionWithLocatorStatistics</td>
<td>DataWriter statuses calculated on a per sending destination basis</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All monitoring data are sent out using specially created DataWriters with the above topics.

You can configure some aspects of Monitoring Library’s behavior, such as which monitoring topics to turn on, which user topics to monitor, how often to publish the statistics topics, and whether to publish monitoring data using (a) the participant created in the user’s application that has monitoring turned on or (b) a separate participant created just for publishing monitoring data. See Configuring Monitoring Library (Section Chapter 35 on page 1029).

REDAFastBufferPool_growEmptyPoolEA: !allocate buffer of 1210632000 bytes
[D0012|ENABLE]REDAFastBufferPool_newWithNotification!:create fast buffer pool buffers
[D0012|ENABLE]PRESTypePluginDefaultEndpointData_createWriterPool!:create writer buffer pool
[D0012|ENABLE]WriterHistorySessionManager_new!:create newAllocator
[D0012|ENABLE]WriterHistoryMemoryPlugin_createHistory!:create sessionManager
[D0012|ENABLE]PRESWriterHistoryDriver_new!:create _whHnd
To resolve this problem, either:

- Configure *Monitoring Library* to use a non-default QoS Profile. For details, see *Configuring Monitoring Library* (Section Chapter 35 on page 1029).
- Change the default QoS to have a lower value for *DataWriter’s initial_samples*; this field is part of the *ResourceLimitsQosPolicy*. 
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You can control some aspects of Monitoring Library’s behavior by setting the PropertyQosPolicy of the DomainParticipant, either via an XML QoS profile or in your application’s code prior to creating the DomainParticipant.

Two example QoS profiles are provided in <path to examples>/connext_dds/qos/MONITORING_LIBRARY_QOS_PROFILES.xml:

- CustomerExampleMonitoringLibrary::CustomerExampleMonitoringProfile
  
  This is an example of how to enable Monitoring Library for your applications. It can be used as a guide to enabling Monitoring Library quickly in your applications.

- RTIMonitoringQosLibrary::RTIMonitoringQosProfile
  
  This profile documents the QoS used by Monitoring Library. It can also be used as a starting point if you want to tune QoS for Monitoring Library (normally not necessary). Use cases for this include customizing DomainParticipant QoS (often the transports) to accommodate preferences or environment. This same profile can also be used to subscribe to the Monitoring Library Topics. This is useful in situations where the Monitoring Library information can be used directly by system components or it is not possible to use the RTI Monitor tool.

See the qos_library (Section on page 1031) and qos_profile (Section on page 1031) properties in Table 35.1 Configuration Properties for Monitoring Library for further information on when to use the example profiles in MONITORING_LIBRARY_QOS_PROFILES.xml.

Table 35.1 Configuration Properties for Monitoring Library lists the configuration properties that you can set for Monitoring Library. These properties are immutable; they cannot be changed after the DomainParticipant is created.

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See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)
Table 35.1 Configuration Properties for Monitoring Library

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<th>Property Name (all must be prepended with “rti.monitor.config.”)</th>
<th>Property Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>get_process_statistics</td>
<td>This boolean value specifies whether or not Monitoring Library should collect CPU and memory usage statistics for the process in the topic rti.dds/monitoring/domainParticipantDescription. This property is only applicable to Linux and Windows systems—obtaining CPU and memory usage on other architectures is not supported. CPU usage is reported in terms of time spent since the process has been started. It can be longer than the actual running time of the process on a multi-core machine. Default: true if unspecified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>new_participant_domain_id</td>
<td>To create a separate participant that will be used to publish monitoring information in the application, set this to the domain ID that you want to use for the newly created participant. This property can be used with the qos_library (Section on the facing page) and qos_profile (Section on the facing page) properties to specify the QoS that will be used to create a new participant. Default: Not set (means you want to reuse the participant in your application that has monitoring turned on to publish statistics information for that participant)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>publish_period</td>
<td>Period of time to sample and publish all monitoring topics, in units of seconds. Default: 5 if unspecified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>publish_thread_priority</td>
<td>Priority of the thread used to sample and publish monitoring data. This value is architecture dependent. Default if unspecified: same as the default used in Connext DDS for the event thread: Windows systems: -2 Linux systems: -999999 (meaning use OS-default priority)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>publish_thread_stacksize</td>
<td>Stack size used for the thread that samples and publishes monitoring data. This value is architecture dependent. Default if unspecified: same as the default used in Connext DDS for the event thread: Windows systems: 0 (meaning use the default size for the executable). Linux systems: -1 (meaning use OS’s default value).</td>
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| publish_thread_options | Describes the type of thread. Supported values (may be combined with by OR’ing with ‘|’ as seen in the default below):  
- **FLOATING_POINT**: Code executed within the thread may perform floating point operations  
- **STDXO**: Code executed within the thread may access standard  
- **I/O REALTIME_PRIORITY**: The thread will be scheduled on a real-time basis  
- **PRIORITY_ENFORCE**: Strictly enforce this thread's priority  
Default: **FLOATING_POINT|STDXO** (same as the default used in Connext DDS for the event thread) |
| qos_library | Specifies the name of the QoS library that you want to use for creating entities in the monitoring library (if you do not want to use default QoS values as set by the monitoring library). The QoS values used for internally created entities can be found in the library **RTIMonitoringQosLibrary** in `<path to examples>/connext_dds/qos/MONITORING_LIBRARY_QOS_PROFILES.xml`.  
Default: Not set (means you want to use default Monitoring Library QoS values) |
| qos_profile | Specifies the name of the QoS profile that you want to use for creating entities in the monitoring library (if you do not want to use default QoS values). The QoS values used for internally created entities can be found in the profile **RTIMonitoringPublishingQosProfile** in `<path to examples>/connext_dds/qos/MONITORING_LIBRARY_QOS_PROFILES.xml`.  
Default: Not set (means you want to use default Monitoring Library QoS values) |
| reset_status_change_counts | **Monitoring Library** obtains all statuses of all entities in the Connext DDS application. This boolean value controls whether or not the change counts in those statuses are reset by **Monitoring Library**.  
If set to true, the change counts are reset each time **Monitoring Library** is done accessing them.  
If set to false, the change counts truly reflect what users will see in their application and are unaffected by the access of the monitoring library.  
Default: false |
| skip_monitor_entities | This boolean value controls whether or not the entities created internally by **Monitoring Library** should be included in the entity counts published by the participant event statistics topic.  
If set to true, the internal monitoring entities will not be included in the count. (Thirteen internal writers are created by the monitoring library by default.)  
Default: true |
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| skip_participant_properties | If set to true, DomainParticipant PropertyQosPolicy name and value pairs will not be sent out through the domainParticipantDescriptionTopic. This is necessary if you are linking with Monitoring Library and any of these conditions occur:  
  - The PropertyQosPolicy of a DomainParticipant has more than 32 properties.  
  - Any of the properties in PropertyQosPolicy of a DomainParticipant has a name longer than 127 characters or a value longer than 511 characters.  
  Default: false if unspecified |
| skip_reader_properties | If set to true, DataReader PropertyQosPolicy name and value pairs will not be sent out through the dataReaderDescriptionTopic. This is necessary if you are linking with Monitoring Library and any of these conditions occur:  
  - The PropertyQosPolicy of a DataReader has more than 32 properties.  
  - Any of the properties in PropertyQosPolicy of a DataReader has a name longer than 127 characters or a value longer than 511 characters.  
  Default: false if unspecified |
| skip_writer_properties | If set to true, DataWriter PropertyQosPolicy name and value pairs will not be sent out through the dataWriterDescriptionTopic. This is necessary if you are linking with Monitoring Library and any of these conditions occur:  
  - The PropertyQosPolicy of a DataWriter has more than 32 properties.  
  - Any of the properties in PropertyQosPolicy of a DataWriter has a name longer than 127 characters or a value longer than 511 characters.  
  Default: false if unspecified |
| topics | Filter for monitoring topics, with regular expression matching syntax as specified in the Connext DDS documentation (similar to the POSIX fnmatch syntax). For example, if you only want to send description topics and the entity statistics topics, but NOT the matching statistics topics, you can specify “*Description,*EntityStatistics”.  
  Default: * if unspecified |
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<tr>
<td>usertopics</td>
<td>Filter for user topics, with regular expression matching syntax as specified in the Connext DDS documentation (similar to the POSIX fnmatch syntax). For example, if you only want to send monitoring information for reader/writer/topic entities for topics that start with Foo or Bar, you can specify “Foo*,Bar*”. Default: * if unspecified</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| verbosity | Sets the verbosity on the monitoring library for debugging purposes (does not affect the topic/data that is sent out).  
  - -1: Silent  
  - 0: Exceptions only  
  - 1: Warnings  
  - 2 and up: Higher verbosity level  
  Default: 1 if unspecified |
| writer_pool_buffer_max_size | Controls the threshold at which dynamic memory allocation is used, expressed as a number of bytes.  
If the serialized size of the data to be sent is smaller than this size, a pre-allocated writer buffer pool is used to obtain the memory.  
If the serialized size of the data is larger than this value, the memory is allocated dynamically.  
This setting can be used to control memory consumption of the monitoring library, at the cost of performance, when the maximum serialized size of the data type is large (which is the case for some description topics’ data types) or if you have several participants on the same machine.  
The default setting is -1, meaning memory is always obtained from the writer buffer pool, whose size is determined by the maximum serialized size. |
Part 10: RTI Distributed Logger

RTI® Distributed Logger is a library that enables applications to publish their log messages to Connext DDS. The log message data can be visualized with RTI Monitor, a separate GUI application that can run on the same host as your application or on a different host. Since the data is provided in a Topic, you can also use rtiddspy or even write your own visualization tool.

Distributed Logger can send Connext DDS errors, warnings and other internal messages as a DDS Topic. In fact, Distributed Logger also provides a remote command topic so that its behavior can be remotely controlled at run time.

This part of the User’s Manual includes:

- Using Distributed Logger in a Connext DDS Application (Section Chapter 36 on page 1035)
- Enabling Distributed Logger in RTI Services (Section Chapter 37 on page 1043)
Chapter 36 Using Distributed Logger in a Connext DDS Application

There are two ways to use Distributed Logger: directly through its API or by attaching it to an existing logging framework as an ‘appender’ or a ‘handler.’ Using the API directly is straightforward, but keep in mind that Distributed Logger is not intended to be a full-featured logging library. In particular, it does not contain the ability to log messages to standard out/error. Rather, it is primarily intended to be integrated into third-party logging infrastructures.

The libraries that you will need for Distributed Logger are listed in the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes.

Distributed Logger comes with third-party integrations for the open-source project log4j (http://logging.apache.org/log4j/) as well as Java’s built-in logging library (java.util.logging). Please see Examples (Section 36.2 on the next page) for examples that illustrate these integrations.

Distributed Logger captures and forwards Connext DDS internal information, warning, and error messages using a DDS topic. It monitors these messages using the same mechanism as user log messages.

These Connext DDS log messages are sent over DDS automatically as soon as you initialize Distributed Logger (by calling RTI_DL_DistLogger_getInstance() in C or C++, or Logger.getLogger(...) in Java; see the API Reference HTML documentation for details).

36.1 Using the API Directly

Details on using the Distributed Logger APIs are provided in the API Reference HTML documentation: <NDDSHOME>1/doc/api/connext_dds/distributed_logger/<language>. Start by opening index.html.

1See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)
If you plan to use the *Distributed Logger*’s API directly, please be aware of the following notes. To configure the options, create an options object and update its fields. Once your updates are complete, set the options on *Distributed Logger*. It is important that this be done before *Distributed Logger* is instantiated. *Distributed Logger* acts as a singleton and there is no way to change the options after it has been created.

When your application is ready to exit, use the ‘delete’ method. This will delete all Entities and threads associated with *Distributed Logger*.

### 36.2 Examples

*Distributed Logger* includes several examples in `<path to examples>1>/distributed_logger`:

- **c/hello_distributed_logger**
  
  This is a simple example of how to use the API directly and does not publish or subscribe to any Topics except the ones related to *Distributed Logger*.

- **c++/hello_distributed_logger**
  
  This is a simple example of how to use the API directly and does not publish or subscribe any Topics except the ones related to *Distributed Logger*.

- **java/hello_direct_usage**
  
  This is a simple example of how to use the API directly and does not publish or subscribe any Topics except the ones related to *Distributed Logger*.

- **java/hello_file_logger**
  
  This example shows how an application can use the information provided by *Distributed Logger*. As the name suggests, this example subscribes to log messages and writes them to a file. Multiple DDS domains can be subscribed to simultaneously if desired. The example is meant to strike a balance between simplicity and function. Certainly more features could be added to make it a production-ready application but that would obscure the goal of the example.

- **java/hello_java_util_logging**
  
  This is an adaptation of the Hello_idl example which replaces all System.{out/err} invocations with Java logging library equivalents. It adds *Distributed Logger* through a configuration file.

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1 See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)
- **java/hello_log4j_logging**

  This is an adaptation of the Hello_idl example which replaces all `System.{out/err}` invocations with log4j library equivalents. It adds Distributed Logger through a configuration file.

Each example has a **READ_ME.txt** file which explains how to build and run it.

### 36.3 Data Type Resource

You can find the data types used by Distributed Logger in `<NDDSHOME>/resource/idl/distog.idl`. If you want to generate code and interact with Distributed Logger through Topics, you can use this file to do so. You will need to provide extra command-line arguments to RTI Code Generator (`rtiddsgen`). (This allows us to accommodate multiple language bindings within the same file. As a consequence, we’ve used preprocessor definitions to achieve this functionality.) The command-line options which must be added to `rtiddsgen` are as follows:

- For C or C++: `-D LANGUAGE_C`
- For Java: `-D LANGUAGE_JAVA`
- For .Net: `-D LANGUAGE_DOTNET`

If you plan to use the generated code in your application (to subscribe to log messages, for instance) be aware that the type names used might not match the default ones. **Do not** use the generated type names obtained when calling `get_type_name()` or found in `distlogSupport.h`. Use the variables in **Table 36.1 Registration Names for each Distributed Logger Type** instead.

#### Table 36.1 Registration Names for each Distributed Logger Type

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Registered Typename</th>
<th>Variable</th>
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</table>
| Log Message         | com::rti::dl::LogMessage | C/C++: RTI_DL_LOG_MESSAGE_TYPE_NAME
|                     |                       | Java: LOG_MESSAGE_TYPE_NAME.VALUE     |
| Administration State| com::rti::dl::admin::State | C/C++: RTI_DL_STATE_TYPE_NAME
|                     |                       | Java: STATE_TYPE_NAME.VALUE           |

1 See **Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)**
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Registered Typename</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Administration Command Request</td>
<td>com:rti:dl:admin::CommandRequest</td>
<td>C/C++: RTI_DL_COMMAND_REQUEST_TYPE_NAME</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Java: COMMAND_REQUEST_TYPE_NAME.VALUE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administration Command Response</td>
<td>com:rti:dl:admin::CommandResponse</td>
<td>C/C++: RTI_DL_COMMAND_RESPONSE_TYPE_NAME</td>
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For instance, to subscribe to log messages in C you will need to do the following:

```
retcode = RTI_DL_LogMessageTypeSupport_register_type(
    participant, RTI_DL_LOG_MESSAGE_TYPE_NAME);
```

### 36.4 Distributed Logger Topics

*Distributed Logger* uses four Topics to publish log messages, state, and command responses and one topic to subscribe to command requests. These are detailed in Table 36.2 Topics Used by Distributed Logger.

Table 36.2 Topics Used by Distributed Logger

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<tr>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Type Name</th>
<th>Quality of Service</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>rti/distlog</td>
<td>com:rti:dl::LogMessage</td>
<td>Reliable, Transient Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/distlog/administration/state</td>
<td>com:rti:dl:admin::State</td>
<td>Reliable, Transient Local</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/distlog/administration/command_request</td>
<td>com:rti:dl:admin::CommandRequest</td>
<td>Reliable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rti/distlog/administration/command_response</td>
<td>com:rti:dl:admin::CommandResponse</td>
<td>Reliable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 36.5 Distributed Logger IDL

The IDL describing the types used for Topics created by *Distributed Logger* are in `<NDDSHOME>resource/idl/distlog.idl`. You can use this IDL to create custom applications that use the data provided by

1See *Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)*
Distributed Logger and/or to remotely control any Distributed Logger instances that are running in your system. The IDL has been designed to take advantage of the latest type-support features in Connext DDS.

### 36.6 Viewing Log Messages

One way to see the messages from Distributed Logger is to use RTI Monitor.

**Figure 36.1 Viewing Log Messages with RTI Monitor**

Other ways to see the log messages include using rtiddsspy or writing your own visualization tool. If you want to write your own application that interacts with Distributed Logger, you can find the IDL in `<NDDSHOME>/resource/idl/distlog.idl`.

### 36.7 Logging Levels

Log levels in Distributed Logger are organized as follows (ordered by importance). This table also shows the mapping between logging levels in the Connext DDS middleware and Distributed Logger.

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1See Paths Mentioned in Documentation (Section on page 38)
36.8 Distributed Logger Quality of Service Settings

To ensure that Distributed Logger works correctly with other RTI tools, some QoS settings are hard-coded and cannot be modified by customized profiles. Table 36.3 QoS Values Used by Distributed Logger lists the QoS values that are set in Distributed Logger. Values in bold are hard-coded; therefore even if they appear in an XML profile, they remain as noted in the table.

**Table 36.3 QoS Values Used by Distributed Logger**

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>Presentation.access_scope</td>
<td>PRES_INSTANCE_PRESENTATION_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Presentation.coherent_access</td>
<td>false</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Presentation.ordered_access</td>
<td>false</td>
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<td>Presentation.access_scope</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Log Message Topic</strong></td>
<td>Reliability.kind</td>
<td>DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Durability.kind</td>
<td>DDS_TRANSIENT_LOCAL_DURABILITY_QOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>Reliability.kind</td>
<td>DDS_RELIABLE_RELIABILITY_QOS</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Durability.kind</td>
<td>DDS_TRANSIENT_LOCAL_DURABILITY_QOS</td>
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<td><strong>Administration Command Request Topic</strong></td>
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</tr>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Latency_budget.duration.sec</td>
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<td></td>
<td>History.kind</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>History.depth</td>
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<td>DDS_SHARED_ownership_QOS</td>
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<tr>
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<td></td>
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</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Latency_budget.duration.sec</td>
<td>DDS_DURATION_INFINITE_SEC</td>
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Chapter 37 Enabling Distributed Logger in RTI Services

Many RTI components provide integrated support for Distributed Logger (check the component’s Release Notes) and include the Distributed Logger library in their distribution. To enable Distributed Logger in these components, modify their XML configuration file. In the <administration> section, add the <distributed_logger> tag as shown in this example:

```xml
<persistence_service name="default">
  <administration>
    <domain_id>10</domain_id>
    <distributed_logger>
      <enabled>true</enabled>
      <filter_level>DEBUG</filter_level>
      <queue_size>2048</queue_size>
      <thread>
        <priority>
          THREAD_PRIORITY BELOW_NORMAL
        </priority>
        <stack_size>8192</stack_size>
        <cpu_list>
          <element>0</element>
          <element>1</element>
        </cpu_list>
        <cpu_rotation>
          THREAD_SETTINGS_CPU NO_ROTATION
        </cpu_rotation>
      </thread>
    </distributed_logger>
  </administration>
...  
</persistence_service>
```

The tags supported within the <distributed_logger> tag are described in Table 37.1 Distributed Logger Tags.
Table 37.1 Distributed Logger Tags

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<th>Tags within &lt;distributed_logger&gt;</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;enabled&gt;</td>
<td>Controls whether or not Distributed Logger should be enabled at start up. This field is required. Allowed values: TRUE or FALSE</td>
<td>1 (required)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| <filter_level>                  | The filter level for the log messages to be sent. Distributed Logger uses the filter level to discard log messages before they can be sent from the application/service. This is the minimum log level that will be sent out over the network. For example, when using the NOTICE level, any INFO, DEBUG and TRACE-level log messages will be filtered out and not sent from the application/service to Connext DDS. Can be set to these values:  
  - SILENT  
  - FATAL  
  - SEVERE  
  - ERROR  
  - WARNING  
  - NOTICE  
  - INFO  
  - DEBUG  
  - TRACE (most verbose level, default) | 0 or 1 |
| <queue_size>                    | The size of an internal message queue used to store log messages before they are written to DDS. Default, 128 log messages. | 0 or 1 |
| <thread>                        | See Table 37.2 Distributed Logger Thread Tags. | 0 or 1 |
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| `<cpu_list>` | Each `<element>` specifies a processor on which the Distributed Logger thread may run.  
  `<cpu_list>`  
  `<element>value</element>`  
  `</cpu_list>`  
  Only applies to platforms that support controlling CPU core affinity (see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes). | 0 or 1 |
| `<cpu_rotation>` | Determines how the CPUs in `<cpu_list>` will be used by the Distributed Logger thread. The value can be either:  
  - THREADSETTINGS_CPU_NO_ROTATION  
    The thread can run on any listed processor, as determined by OS scheduling.  
  - THREADSETTINGS_CPU_RR_ROTATION  
    The thread will be assigned a CPU from the list in round-robin order.  
  Only applies to platforms that support controlling CPU core affinity (see the RTI Connext DDS Core Libraries Platform Notes). | 0 or 1 |
| `<mask>` | A collection of flags used to configure threads of execution. Not all of these options may be relevant for all operating systems. May include these bits:  
  - STDIO  
  - FLOATING_POINT  
  - REALTIME_PRIORITY  
  - PRIORITY_ENFORCE  
  It can also be set to a combination of the above bits by using the “or” symbol (|), such as STDIO|FLOATING_POINT.  
  Default: MASK_DEFAULT | 0 or 1 |
### 37.1 Relationship Between Service Verbosity and Filter Level

A service’s verbosity influences the way the log messages reach *Distributed Logger* and their quantity. If a service (such as *RTI Persistence Service*, *RTI Routing Service*, or another service that is integrated with *Distributed Logger*) is configured with a low verbosity, it will not pass a lot of messages to *Distributed Logger*, even if the *Distributed Logger* filter level is set to a very verbose one (such as TRACE). On the contrary, a high verbosity will work better, because it will pass more messages to *Distributed Logger*; in this case the filter level will have more effect.

**Note:** Since *Distributed Logger* uses a separate thread to send log messages, there is little impact on performance with more verbose filter levels. However, there is some performance penalty in services that use a higher verbosity.

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<td>When using an unsigned integer, the allowed range is platform-dependent.</td>
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<td>Thread stack size, specified as an unsigned integer or set to the string THREAD_STACK_SIZE_DEFAULT. The allowed range is platform-dependent.</td>
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