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New in this Release

This section lists the enhancements to SourceOne Connector version 12.0.0.

- The connector supports the view action.
- The connector can communicate with the repository using TLS 1.2 or TLS 1.1. You must install the Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.5 or later to use these protocols.
- The connector supports field standardization.
- The connector supports performance monitoring.
- The QueueInfo action has been improved:
 - The QueueInfo action supports additional parameters to filter and sort the actions that are returned when QueueAction=getStatus. For example, you can retrieve information about actions that have finished, and sort the actions by the time the connector finished processing them.
 - The QueueInfo action accepts a MaxResults parameter to restrict the number of results returned when QueueAction=getStatus. To page through the results, use the new parameter Start. For example:
 - $action=QueueInfo&QueueAction=getStatus\&MaxResults=10\&Start=1\&QueueName=\dots$
 - The QueueInfo action can return the action parameters that were passed to a pending or running action. You cannot retrieve the parameters passed to an action that has finished. To retrieve action parameters, use QueueAction=getActionParameters.
 - The connector returns the priority of queued actions when you use action=QueueInfo&QueueAction=getStatus&QueueName=...
 - The connector returns the status of a queue (paused or running) when you use action=QueueInfo&QueueAction=QueueStatus&QueueName=...
- The connector supports the backupServer and restoreServer actions. The backupServer action creates a backup of the connector's state. The restoreServer action restores the connector's state from a backup.
- The connector supports the PurgeDatastore action, which deletes the datastore for a fetch task.
 You might want to delete the datastore if you have modified your connector's configuration and you need to synchronize all of the documents again, even though the documents in the repository have not changed.
- The connector supports the TaskList action. This action returns information about the fetch tasks that are configured in the connector's configuration file, or that ran when the connector received a fetch action with a configuration included in the config action parameter.
- The connector can send documents to Haven OnDemand.
- The connector supports the IngestBatchActions configuration parameter. This parameter specifies actions to run on batches of documents after they are successfully sent to the ingestion

server.

- The connector can index information directly into IDOL Server, a Vertica Database, or a MetaStore.
- Asynchronous action queues can be stored in an external database hosted on a database server, so that several installations of the component can share action queues.
- The DeleteQueuedRequestsWhenServerStarts and
 DeleteProcessingRequestsWhenServerStarts configuration parameters have been added. These
 parameters specify whether to remove queued and processing requests from asynchronous action
 queues when the server starts.
- The server requires less time to start when it is started for the first time and asynchronous action queues are stored in internal datastores.
- The connector includes Lua 5.3.0.
- The connector supports the LuaDebug action, which provides features for debugging your Lua scripts. The LuaDebug action can display the content of a script, and set and remove breakpoints in a script. When a script is paused at a breakpoint, it can return the values of the local variables, return the current call stack, and either step over lines of code or resume running the script. The connector also includes an example XSL template that transforms the output of the LuaDebug action. The template is named LuaDebug and can be found in the acitemplates folder.
- Asynchronous action queues can be stored in memory. This can improve performance in some cases.
- The connector supports the configuration parameter IngestSourceConnectorFields. If you set this to TRUE the connector adds fields to each document that identify the connector and fetch action that retrieved the document.
- The connector supports the actions PauseSchedules and ResumeSchedules, which pause and resume the starting of scheduled tasks.
- The QueueInfo action (&QueueAction=pause) can pause and resume single actions instead of an entire action queue. You can use this feature to pause specific fetch tasks.
- The connector provides additional statistics about the work it has completed, for example the number and frequency of ingest-adds, ingest-updates, and ingest-deletes. You can view these statistics through the GetStatistics service action. The connector also includes an XSL template that you can use to transform the output of the GetStatistics action and visualize the statistics.
- The LogTypeCSVs configuration parameter supports additional options for customizing logging. You can now create a separate log file for a fetch task or fetch action.
- The connector generates events to alert you when an asynchronous action queue becomes full, becomes empty, and when the queue size passes certain thresholds. You can handle these events with any of the existing event handlers.
- The connector can assign a priority to documents retrieved by a fetch task so that when they are ingested they are processed before documents retrieved by other tasks or other connectors. To use this feature set the new configuration parameter IngestPriority.

- The connector can send documents to NiFi Ingest, a new IDOL ingestion framework that is based on Apache NiFi. You can use NiFi Ingest instead of an IDOL Connector Framework Server.
- The connector supports the schedule action, which schedules actions to run automatically on a defined schedule.
- The connector supports the following Lua functions:
 - New functions and classes for parsing and manipulating JSON. The new functions are parse_ json, parse_json_array, and parse_json_object. The new classes are LuaJsonArray, LuaJsonObject, and LuaJsonValue.
 - Functions related to sending HTTP requests and processing responses. These functions are provided by the LuaHttpRequest and LuaHttpResponse classes.
 - addsection, getSection, and getSectionCount. You can call these methods on a LuaDocument object to manipulate document sections. The existing Lua methods appendContent, getContent, and setContent now take an optional number argument that specifies the document section to use.
 - base64_decode, which decodes a base64-encoded string.
 - base64_encode, which base64-encodes a string.
 - delete_path, which deletes an empty directory.
 - deleteFieldByPath, which you can call on a LuaDocument or LuaField object to delete fields or sub-fields that match a specified path.
 - doc_tracking, which raises a document tracking event for a document.
 - extract_date, which searches a string for a date and returns the date.
 - get_log. This function returns a LuaLog object that you can use to write messages to a log stream configured in the connector's configuration file. When you use a LuaLog object the log stream settings such as the log file name, log level, and maximum size of the log file are respected.
 - get_log_service, and the new class LuaLogService. You can use these when you want to write log messages to a custom log file (instead of the standard ACI server log files).
 - get_task_config, which returns the configuration of the fetch task that called the script.
 - o get_task_name, which returns the name of the fetch task that called the script.
 - getFieldsByRegex, which you can call on a LuaDocument or LuaField object to get fields or sub-fields where the name or path of the field or sub-field matches a regular expression.
 - getValueByPath and getValuesByPath. You can call these methods on a LuaDocument object or LuaField object. They return the value, or values, of a field or sub-field with a specified path.
 - insertJson, which you can call on a LuaDocument or LuaField object to add metadata from a LuaJsonArray, LuaJsonObject, or a JSON string to the document.
 - LuaConfig:new, which is the constructor that creates a new LuaConfig object.
 - LuaDocument: new, which is the constructor that creates a new LuaDocument object.

- parse_document_csv, parse_document_idx, and parse_document_xml. These functions parse CSV, IDX, or XML files into documents and call a function on each document. parse_document_ idx and parse_document_xml can also parse a string or file that contains a single document and return a LuaDocument object.
- regex_replace_all, which searches a string for matches to a regular expression and replaces all of the matches.
- removeSection, which is available on LuaDocument objects and removes a specified document section.
- o script_path, which returns the path and file name of the script that is running.
- send_and_wait_for_async_aci_action. This function sends an action to an ACI server, polls
 the server until the action is complete, and then returns the response. This function is useful for
 sending asynchronous actions because it returns the action response instead of a token.
- to_idx, to_xml, and to_json. You can call these methods on a LuaDocument object. They
 return a string containing the document in IDX, XML, or JSON format.
- url_escape, which percent-encodes a string.
- The Lua function get_config no longer requires a filename. If you do not specify the file to load, the function returns the configuration file with the same name as the ACI server executable file.
- The Windows service installation (-install) now accepts a -depend command line parameter, which allows you to specify a comma-separated list of services that the service depends on.
 Windows services starts these dependencies before your service. For more information about installing Windows services, refer to the IDOL Getting Started Guide.
- The SystemLimits action has been added. This action returns information about system limits, such as the maximum number of open file handles, and the maximum map count (on Linux), which can affect the server.
- The server now logs the ActionID that it generates for an action that was sent without the ActionID parameter.
- You can now merge an external configuration file into the SourceOne Connector configuration file. You can merge in a whole external file, a section, or a single parameter.
- The ShowPermissions action now shows the rules that define whether a particular origin IP has a particular type of permission. This information is returned only if you send the ShowPermissions action from a client that belongs to the admin authorization role.
- The SSLMethod configuration parameter now supports TLSv1.2.
- The SSLCipherSuite configuration parameter has been added. You can use this parameter to set an explicit list of ciphers to allow, or to disallow specific ciphers.
- The SSLMethod configuration parameter option SSLV23 has been renamed to Negotiate. This option means that the server uses the highest available protocol in its SSL/TLS connections. The SSLV23 name is still available, but might be deprecated in future.
- Action authorization is more flexible. The server supports the [AuthorizationRoles] configuration section and related parameters. You can create roles that can perform specific actions. You can

identify the clients for each role by specifying client IPs and hosts, SSL identities, and GSS principals.

- You can now set SSLCertificate to be a chain certificate in PEM format (consisting of the endentity certificate, any intermediate certificates, and ending with the root CA certificate). This option allows a complete certificate to be returned to the connected peer.
- You can now set SSLCheckCerticate to False even when SSLCACertificate or SSLCACertificatePath are set. This allows the component to fill in any chain required for the SSLCACertificate by using the certificates that you specify in SSLCACertificate and SSLCACertificatePath, without requiring a certificate from the connected peer.
- The GSSAPILibrary configuration parameter has been added to the [Paths] section. You can set this parameter to the path to the GSSAPI shared library or DLL that the application uses. Depending on your system configuration, SourceOne Connector attempts to detect the appropriate library to use. However, if you use Kerberos or GSSAPI security in your setup, Micro Focus recommends that you set an explicit value for this parameter.
- All ACI server ports now support the Expect: 100-continue HTTP header. Previously, third-party
 client applications that used this header (for example, using the cURL utility with the -F option to
 POST form data) could experience increased latency when communicating with SourceOne
 Connector.
- When using GSS security, you can now configure the service to allow clients to authenticate to any
 service principal in the service's keytab, rather than requiring a single principal. You use this option
 by setting the GSSServiceName configuration parameter to an asterisk (*).
- The server can provide action responses in several different JSON formats. The default JSON response format (ResponseFormat=JSON) has been updated to use one of the new formats. For more information, refer to the documentation for the ResponseFormat action parameter.
- The OpenSSL library has been updated to version 1.0.2n.

Resolved Issues

This section lists the resolved issues in SourceOne Connector version 12.0.0.

- The connector's memory use would continue to rise when the connector was left to run for a long period of time.
- The connector could terminate unexpectedly if a LuaField was assigned to a global variable.
- Asynchronous tokens were not always unique after a large number of requests, which could prevent scheduled tasks from starting.
- The Lua method renameField deleted the field when the old and new names were the same and the
 case argument was true, or the old and new names were the same (except for case) and the case
 argument was false.
- The Lua functions send_aci_action and send_aci_command ignored SSL parameters.
- In some circumstances, log messages related to ingestion could be repeated excessively frequently.
- The connector would not stop when requested, if documents were being ingested.
- The service port configuration did not correctly convert host names to IPv6 addresses.
- The ShowPermissions action did not return details for ProxyClients, ServiceStatusClients, and ServiceControlClients if these values were not explicitly set in the configuration file.
- The connector would not retrieve a license from a License Server with SSL enabled.
- The GetLicenseInfo action did not return the correct value for the <autn:expirydays> tag.
- The GetVersion action could incorrectly report the operating system on Microsoft Windows 10 and Microsoft Windows Server 2016.
- License related messages in the event log would appear from a different source to other messages.
- The LogSysLog logging configuration option did not output event logs.
- If an ACI Server was configured to request client SSL certificates, running multiple requests from a client could sometimes fail with session id context uninitialized errors. For example, this could occur when loading IDOL Admin.

Supported Operating System Platforms

The following operating system platforms are supported by SourceOne Connector 12.0.0.

• Windows x86 64

The most fully tested versions of these platforms are:

- Windows Server 2016 x86 64
- Windows Server 2012 x86 64
- Windows 7 SP1 x86 64
- Windows Server 2008 R2 x86 64
- Windows Server 2008 SP2 x86 64

Notes

- The Proxy, DocumentServiceProxy, and SearchServiceProxy configuration parameters have been deprecated. Micro Focus recommends that instead of using these parameters, you set the ProxyHost and ProxyPort parameters in the [Connector] section of the configuration file.
- The connector now requires the Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.0. To communicate with the repository using TLS 1.2 or TLS 1.1, the connector requires the .NET Framework version 4.5 or later.
- The Lua function string_uint_less has been removed.
- The following configuration parameters, for action authorization by client IP address, have been deprecated:
 - ∘ [Server] AdminClients
 - ∘ [Server] QueryClients
 - ∘ [Service] ServiceControlClients
 - ∘ [Service] ServiceStatusClients

You can now use the [AuthorizationRoles] configuration section to set up authorization for your servers more flexibly. These configuration parameters are still available for existing implementations, but they might be incompatible with new functionality. The parameters might be deleted in future.

Documentation

The following documentation was updated for this release.

- SourceOne Connector Administration Guide
- SourceOne Connector Reference