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## **ThreatQ Data Exchange User Guide**

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# About ThreatQ Data Exchange

ThreatQ Data Exchange (TQX) allows you to share threat intelligence via an OpenDXL data transport and/or a TAXII server.

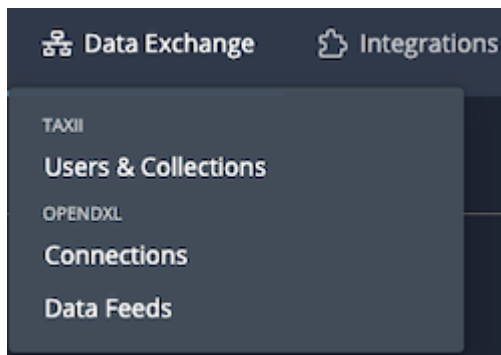
An OpenDXL data transport enables bi-directional sharing of threat intelligence across multiple ThreatQ instances. Using this transport type, Publisher and Subscriber instances share threat intelligence information specified within Threat Library Data Collections.

The TAXII server supports uni-directional sharing of threat intelligence where threat intelligence data specified within a Threat Library Data Collection is formatted as a STIX file and made available to individuals/organizations via a TAXII server. TQX allows you to generate and manage credentials that control access to the TAXII server.

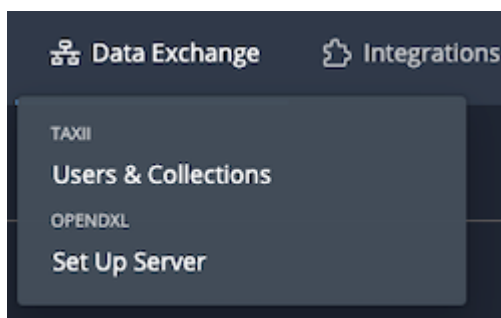
## TQX Navigation

The TQX menu is divided into two sections, TAXII and OpenDXL, to provide easy access to OpenDXL data transport and TAXII server pages. The TQX menu options change based on which options you have already configured.

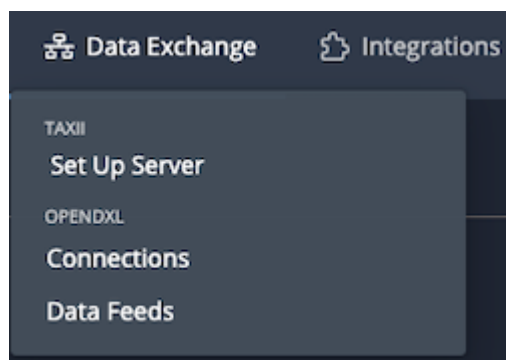
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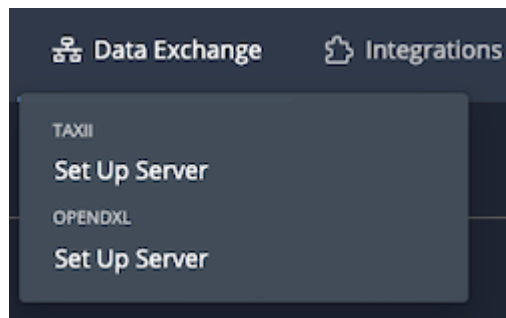
### TAXII Server Configured



### OpenDXL Transport Configured



### Neither TAXII Server nor OpenDXL Transport Configured

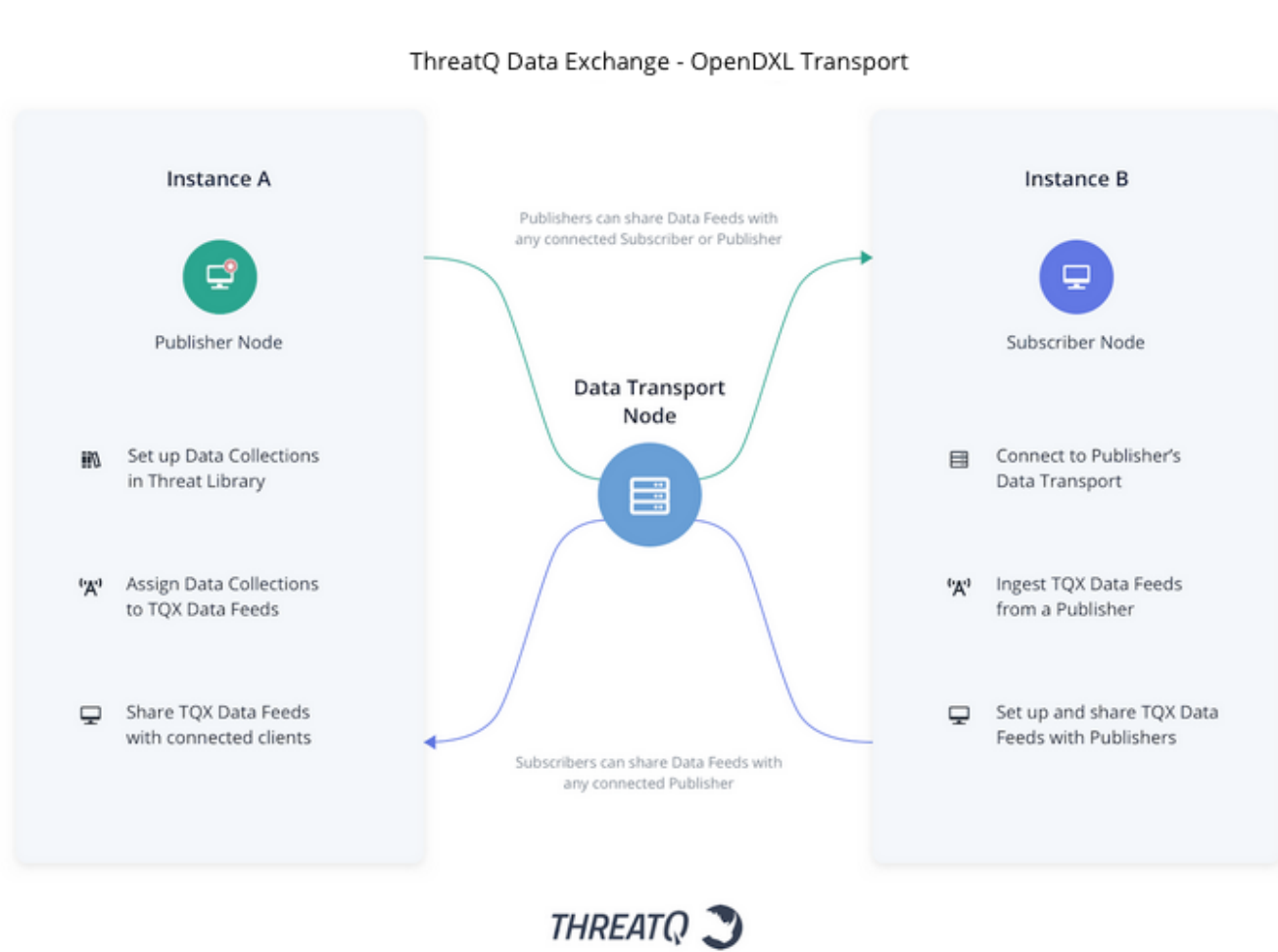


# OpenDXL Transport

## About OpenDXL Data Transport

OpenDXL data transport allows the bi-directional sharing of threat intelligence across multiple ThreatQ instances. This allows your organization to build a centralized threat repository, referred to as a Publisher, that can transmit specific intel to various departments within your organization, known as Subscribers. These Subscribers can analyze the data they ingest and provide feedback to the Publisher via a new Data Feed.

## How It Works



## Instance Types

There are two different types of OpenDXL data transport instances available: Subscriber and Publisher.

Upgrading an instance to a Publisher license allows you to create Data Connection Bundles, which are used to create Data Connections with Subscribers. Once connected to a Subscriber, you can send and receive system objects in the form of Data Feeds. See the [Publisher](#) section for further information.

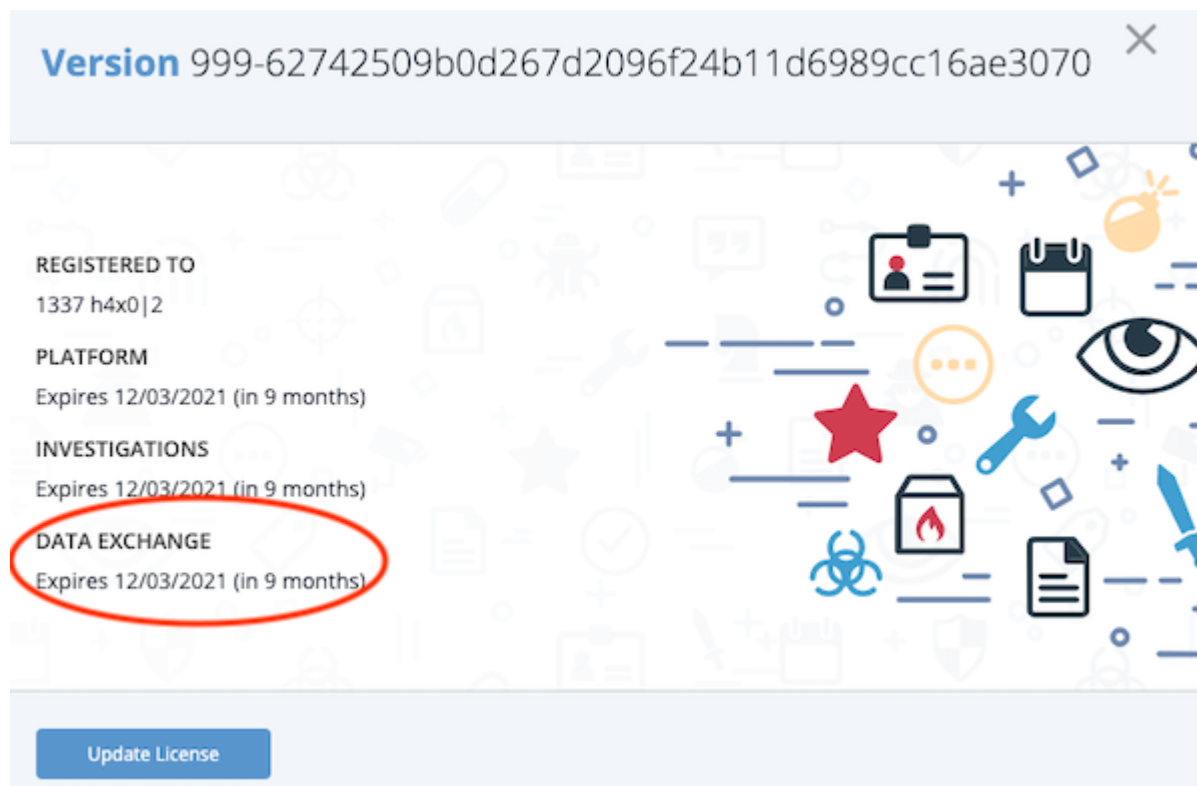


You will need at least one Publisher instance in order for an OpenDXL Transport.

Upon upgrading to ThreatQ version 4.49+, your ThreatQ instance will have Subscriber permissions by default. As a Subscriber, you can connect to the data transport using the connection bundle sent to you by the Publisher and select the Data Feeds you want to receive as well as create Data Feeds and share them with the Publisher. See the [Subscriber](#) section for further information.



To check your license status, click the gear icon in the upper right corner and select About. If your license window displays a ThreatQ Data Exchange (TQX) license, you are a Publisher. If not, you are a Subscriber.



## Connection Bundles

Publishers can create connection bundles that allow Subscribers to connect via a data transport. This connection is a bi-directional connection between the Publisher and Subscriber and allows the sharing of data collections in the form of Data Feeds.

Publishers and Subscribers use a multi-step wizard to create their first connections. Additional connections are managed through your Topology View.

See the [Getting Started - First OpenDXL Data Transport Connections](#) topic, and the [Publisher](#) and [Subscriber](#) sections for further information.

## Data Feeds

Users can create and edit Data Feeds that they wish to obtain specific data from in order to send information to others through the OpenDXL data transport.

A Publisher can use a saved Data Collection from the ThreatQ Threat Library to create a Data Feed. That Data Feed can be offered to one or more recipients, which can be Subscribers or Publishers, for subscription. Once a recipient subscribes to the Data Feed, he receives data from it at a user-defined frequency.

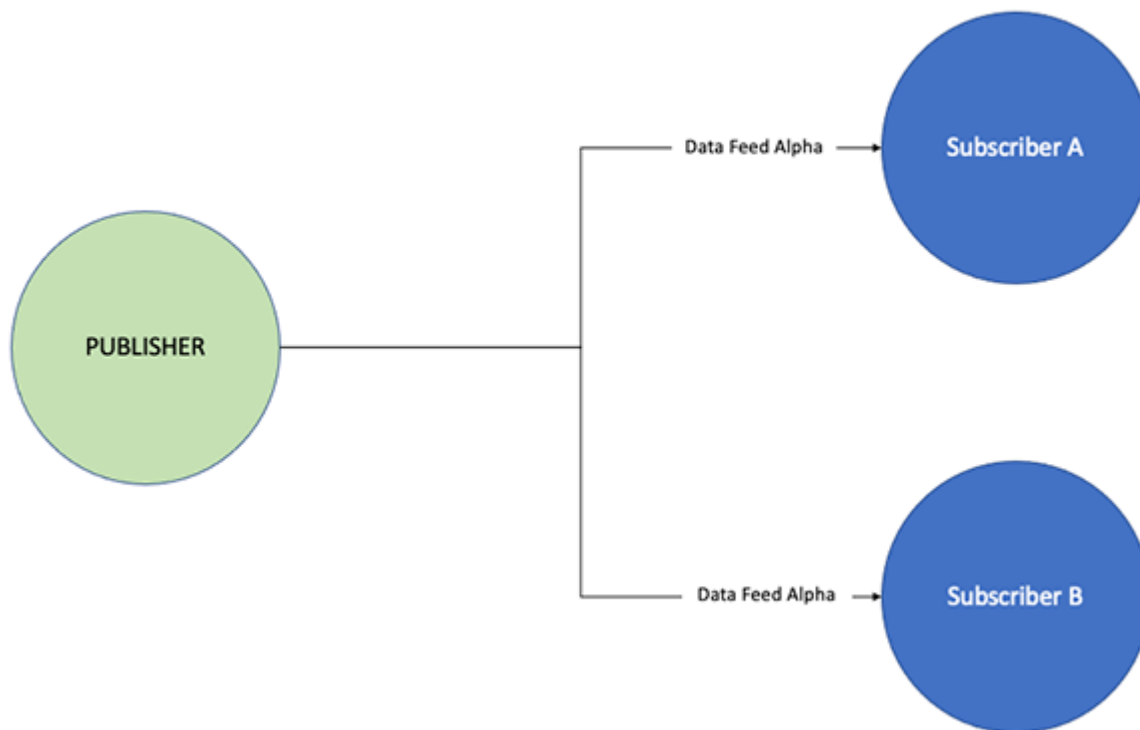


A Publisher can send and receive Data Feeds to/from a Subscriber. A Subscriber can send and receive Data Feeds to/from a Publisher. A Subscriber cannot send Data Feeds to another Subscriber. Subscribers are **not** be able to see another Subscriber in their Topology View.

See the [Data Feeds](#) section for further details.

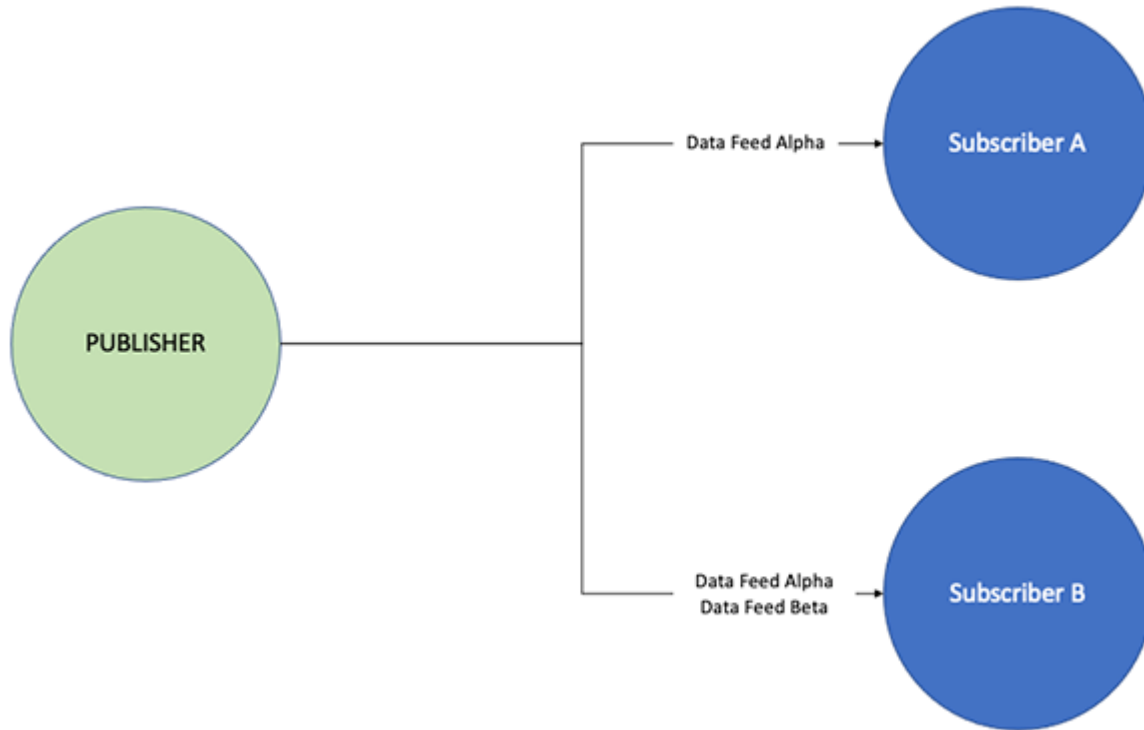
### Example - One Publisher, Two Subscribers

A Publisher creates a Data Feed, named Alpha, and assigns it to two connected Subscribers with a publish frequency set to hourly. When they subscribe to the Data Feed, both Subscribers will receive Data Feed Alpha's information every hour.



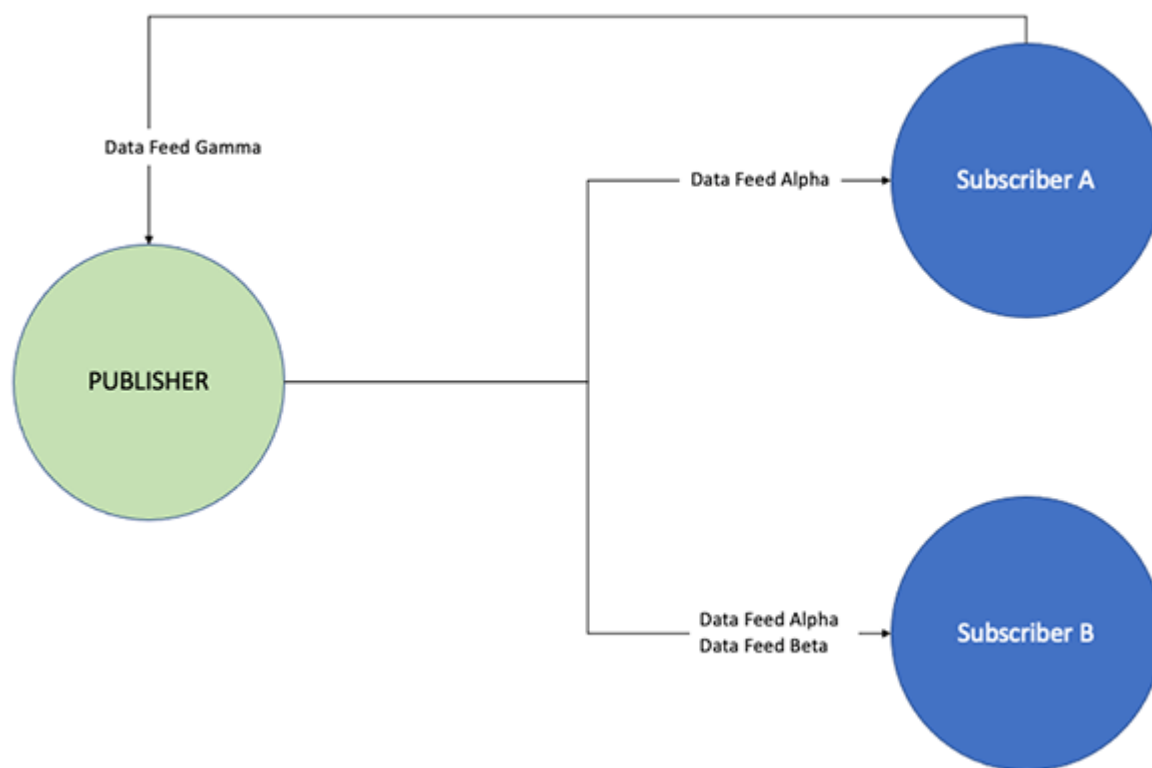
### Example - One Publisher, Two Subscribers with Different Data Feeds

In this example, the Publisher is offering Data Feeds to two Subscribers. The Publisher selects one feed to be offered to Subscriber A and two feeds to be offered to Subscriber B. In this scenario, Subscriber A and B can subscribe to Data Feed Alpha. Additionally, Subscriber B also has the option to subscribe to a second Data Feed, Beta, from the Publisher.



### Example - One Publisher, Two Subscribers with a Subscriber Sending a Feed to the Publisher

In this example, in addition to subscribing a Data Feed from a Publisher, Subscriber A is also offering its own Data Feed back to the Publisher for subscription.



## Managing Connections

Publishers and Subscribers can view connections, instance details, and activity logs via a node-based interface referred to as the Topology View.



Publishers can see all Subscribers that they are connected to in the Topology View. Subscribers only see their instance node and the Publisher(s) they are connected to in the view. Subscribers cannot see or submit/receive data from other Subscribers.

## OpenDXL Connections



```

graph TD
    MDNSOC[MD NSOC] --- OB[OpenDXL Broker]
    OB --- TP[TechPubs Publisher]
    
```


**MD NSOC**  
Subscriber  
UUID: 485c91c6-68c2-4bc2-943b-e758e3b9f4a3

### Incoming Feeds

These are feeds you are receiving from remote clients.

|                                   |                                        |    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|
| dk_test                           | Published Hourly by TechPubs Publisher | ⚙️ |
| Last Received: 10/08/2021 01:23pm |                                        |    |

### Outgoing Feeds

These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

|             |                                    |    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|----|
| Google DNS  | Last Published: 10/08/2021 01:22pm | ⚙️ |
| 1 Recipient |                                    |    |

[Create Feed](#)

### Activity Log

|                                           |                           |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ✓                                         | Feed Received - "dk_test" |
| Received by MD NSOC at 10/08/2021 01:23pm |                           |

The view and available actions differ based on your instance type (Publisher, Subscriber). See the [Publisher](#) and [Subscriber](#) sections for more details.

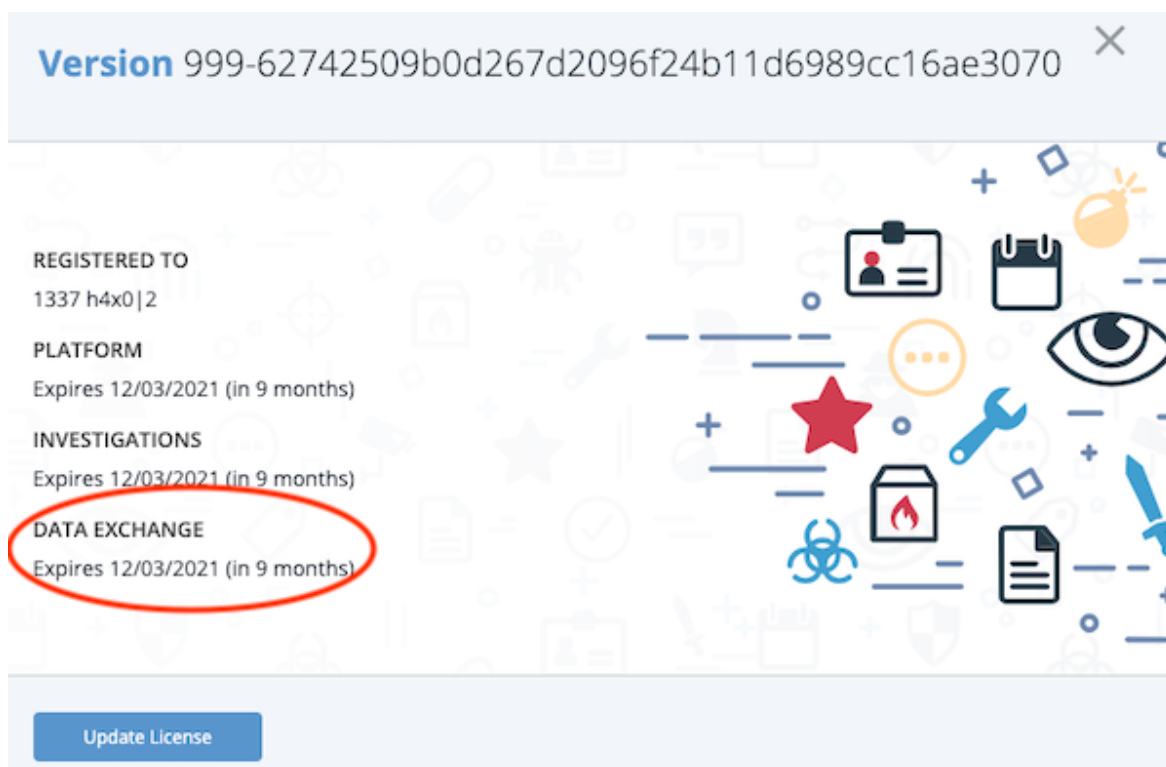
# OpenDXL Data Transport Requirements

**⚠** After you implement TQX, you cannot change your system's timezone from UTC to another timezone. Doing so will cause TQX to stop functioning.

The following is a list of the minimum requirements to configure and use the ThreatQ Data Exchange OpenDXL Data Transport:

- Two ThreatQ instances running ThreatQ version 4.49+
  - One instance must have a Publisher license

Publisher instances see the Data Exchange license information in their about window. This can be accessed by clicking on the settings  gear icon and selecting **About** from the dropdown.



- One instance with the standard ThreatQ platform license



All ThreatQ instances on version 4.49+ will have Subscriber permissions. Subscribers will not see the Data Exchange license on their About window.

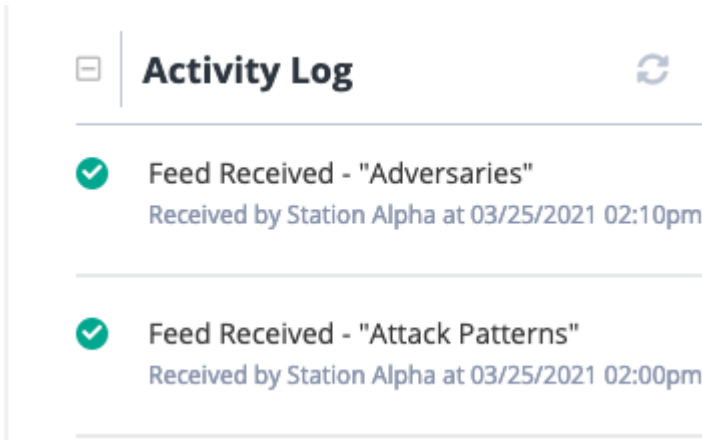
- ThreatQ login with Administrative or Maintenance access for both the Publisher and Subscriber instance.
- One Data Collection saved.
- Network access for both instances.



TQX requires a communications connection from Subscriber to Publisher. Users that are utilizing forwarding rules must ensure that the 8883/tcp port is open on the Publisher instance (the instance with the TQX license and running the broker service).

## OpenDXL Data Transport Components

The following table contains key components, terms, and definitions regarding the ThreatQ Data Exchange OpenDXL Data Transport.

| COMPONENT/<br>TERM           | DEFINITION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Activity Log</b>          | <p>The Activity Log, located on the bottom-right of the Topology View, provides an audit trail for TQX activity such as when a new node has been added to your connection and when you submitted or received information from a Data Feed.</p>  |
| <b>Client</b>                | <p>The term Client is used to refer to other platform instances when creating a Connection Bundle.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Client Discovery Pane</b> | <p>The Client Discovery pane is accessible by clicking on the transport node in your Topology View. Users can view the instances they are connected with and which data feeds they are submitting to those instances.</p>                                                                                                          |

## COMPONENT/ TERM

## DEFINITION

Client Discovery

Refresh to discover available clients to connect with.

Techpubs Publisher

Active IPs

Published Daily

Last Received: 03/24/2021 08:27pm

Share Feed

### Connection Bundle

The connection bundle is a zip file containing connection information for the Data Transport. A connection bundle is created by a Publisher when creating a new connection, such as adding a new Subscriber. The connection bundle zip must be uploaded by the Subscriber when connecting to a Publisher.

Client Name

Create Credentials

Station Alpha

[Download Connection Bundle](#)

Station Beta

[Download Connection Bundle](#)

Back

Finish Setup

### Credential Management

The Credential Management pane is accessible after clicking on the transport node in the Topology View and is only accessible by Publishers. Publishers can use this pane to create new connection bundles, download existing connection bundles, and delete connection bundles.

## COMPONENT/ TERM

## DEFINITION

### Credential Management

Manage credentials for clients on your transport.

|               |                                     |                                                                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Station Alpha | <a href="#">↓ Connection Bundle</a> |  |
| Station Beta  | <a href="#">↓ Connection Bundle</a> |  |

Create Credentials

### Data Collection

A data collection is a saved ThreatQ Threat Library query that can be used to create a Data Feed.

Mitre Adversaries Load Data Collection ▾  Save  Clear Filters ⤴

Filter Set 1 ☐ NOT Filters ▾  ▾

SOURCE MITRE Enterprise ATT&CK  Add Source ▾ 

⊕ Add Another Filter Set

### Data Feeds

Data Feeds transmit selected Data Collections to user-selected instances (Publishers, Subscribers). You can select which data collection to use, whether or not to include associated attributes, and also rename the source for the feed so that the receiver can easily identify system objects ingested from the data feed. See the [Data Feeds](#) section for more details.

By default, a data feed includes the object types associated with its data

## COMPONENT/ TERM

## DEFINITION

collection with the exception of tasks and files. In addition, you can use the the checkboxes in the Supported Context and Relational Data sections to include additional information.

### Create Feed

#### Feed Status

Disabled
Enabled

#### Basic Info

Publish Frequency

#### Description

#### Recipients

☐ Offer Feed to Public

By selecting this box, you will offer this feed to all clients connected to this data transport. Once you save this setting, these clients will appear in the list below.

This feed has no recipients.
Add

#### Dataset

Select a data collection below that will define the data being exported in this feed.

Select a data collection

[Create a new data collection.](#)

#### Output Criteria

You can use the section below to determine what supporting context should or should not be part of the output of this feed.

#### Supporting Context

Select options below to choose what supporting context should be included.

☐ Attributes
☐ Contact Information
☐ Descriptions
☐ Event Date
☐ File Information
☐ First Seen
☐ Last Seen
☐ Objective
☐ Point Of Contact
☐ Published At
☐ Source Code
☐ Spearphish Details
☐ Tags

#### Relational Data

Feeds have the ability to include related objects and their context.

☐ Adversaries
☐ Asset
☐ Attack Pattern
☐ Campaign
☐ Course Of Action
☐ Events
☐ Exploit Target
☐ Identity
☐ Incident
☐ Indicators
☐ Intrusion Set
☐ Malware
☐ Report
☐ Signatures
☐ Tool
☐ Tip
☐ Vulnerability

#### Data Modifications

☐ Overwrite Source

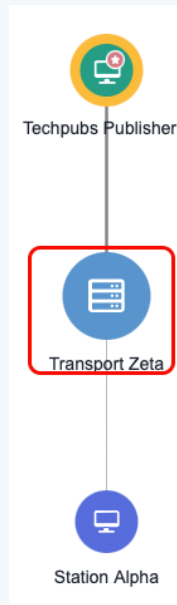
The source provided below will replace all sources in the output of this collection.

## Data Transport

The Data Transport is how data is shared between TQX nodes, using OpenDXL by default. Currently, you can only use the TQX default transport included with a Publisher license. Additional transport options, including the ability to use your own, will be introduced in future releases.

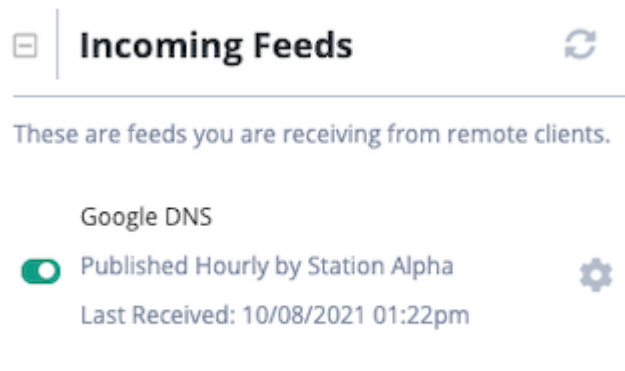
## COMPONENT/ TERM

## DEFINITION



### Incoming Feeds Pane

The Incoming Feeds pane is accessible from the right menu pane after clicking a Subscriber or Publisher node in your Topology View. You can see the names of the feeds offered to you, [subscribe to/unsubscribe a feed](#), and view feed details such as the instance that sent it, the publish rate, and the last received time stamp.

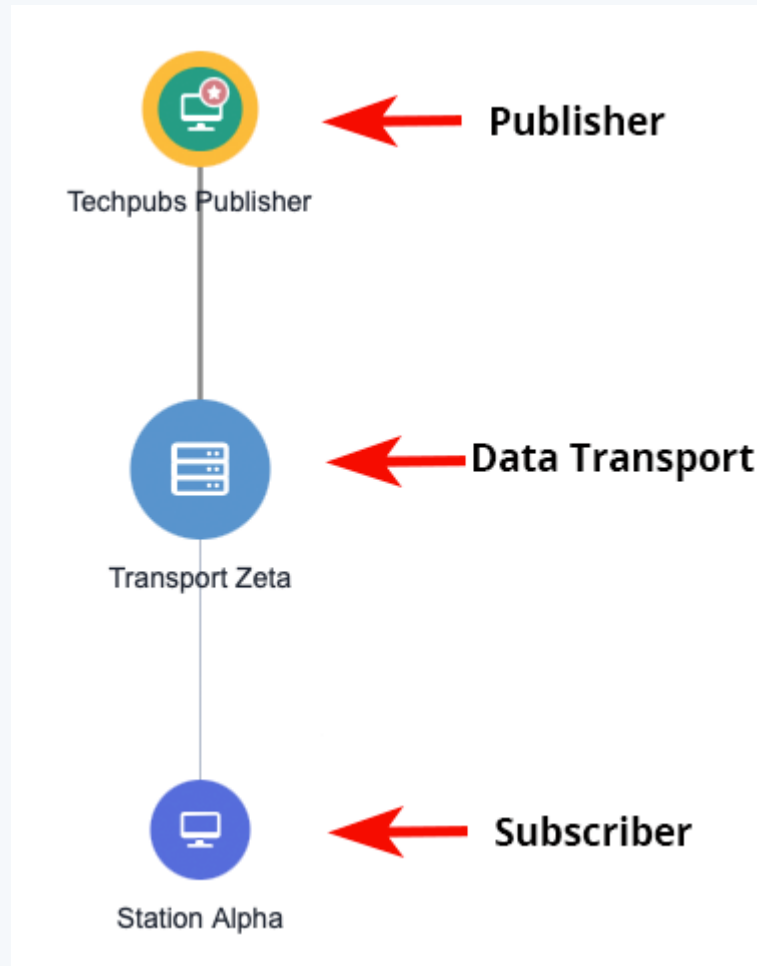


### Nodes

A node is a basic unit of a data structure within the OpenDXL data transport, such as an instance (Publisher/Subscriber) or data transport, that can be viewed on the Topology view. You can click on a node to view specific information.

**COMPONENT/  
TERM**

**DEFINITION**



**Outgoing Feeds  
Pane**

The Outgoing Feeds pane is accessible from the right menu pane after clicking a Subscriber or Publisher node in your Topology View. You can see the names of the feeds you provide to other instances, the number of feed recipients, the publish rate, and the last published time stamp. You also have an option to [create a new feed](#) from this pane.

## COMPONENT/ TERM

## DEFINITION

☰

Outgoing Feeds

↺

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These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

Active IPs

Last Published: 03/24/2021 08:27pm 

1 Recipient

---

Create Feed

### Publisher

A ThreatQ instance with a TQX broker license, which allows a user to [create a connection bundle](#). At least one Publisher instance is required in order to create a connection. In TQX, Publisher nodes have a star badge icon in the Topology View.

### Subscriber

A ThreatQ instance on version 4.49+ that does not have a TQX broker license. A Subscriber can [subscribe to Data Feeds](#) from a Publisher and [offer Data Feeds to the Publisher](#) for subscription. However, a Subscriber can neither see nor offer Data Feeds to other Subscribers connected to the Publisher.

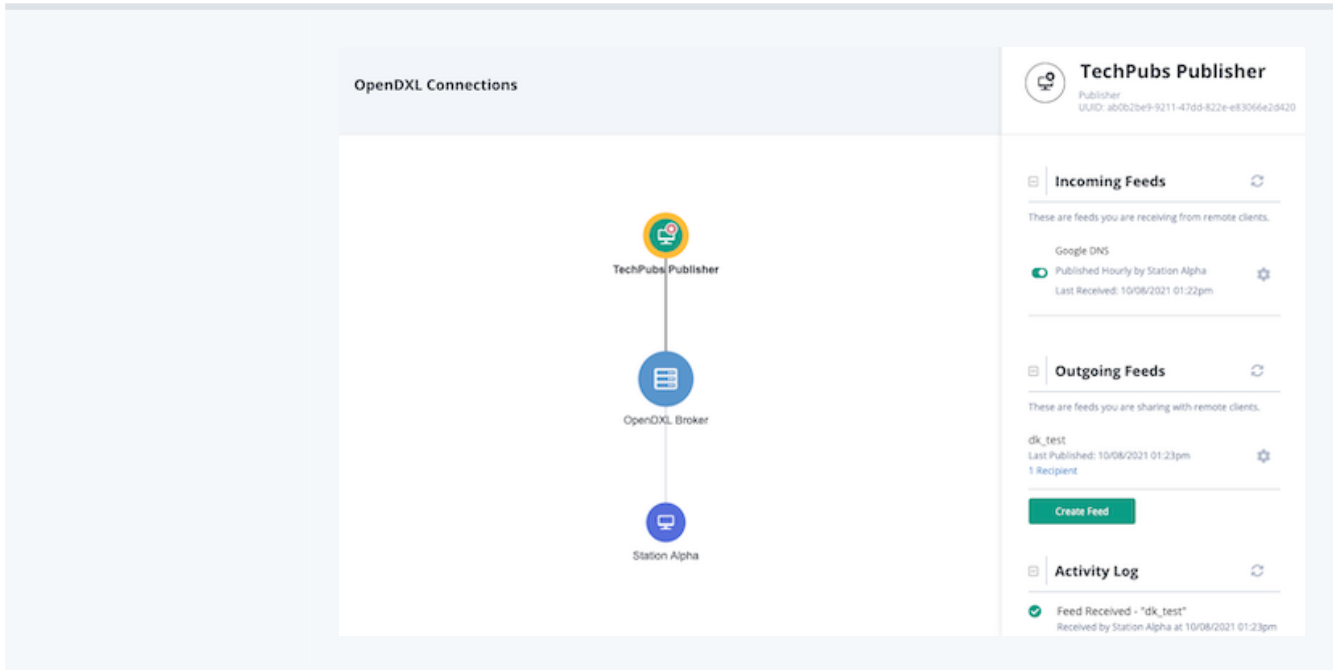
### Topology View

The Topology View provides you with a visual representation of your TQX connections. You can access the view by clicking on the Data Exchange menu and selecting **Connections**.

From this view, you can click on various nodes to view specific information. Publishers can create/offer Data Feeds and create new connection bundles from this view as well.

**COMPONENT/  
TERM**

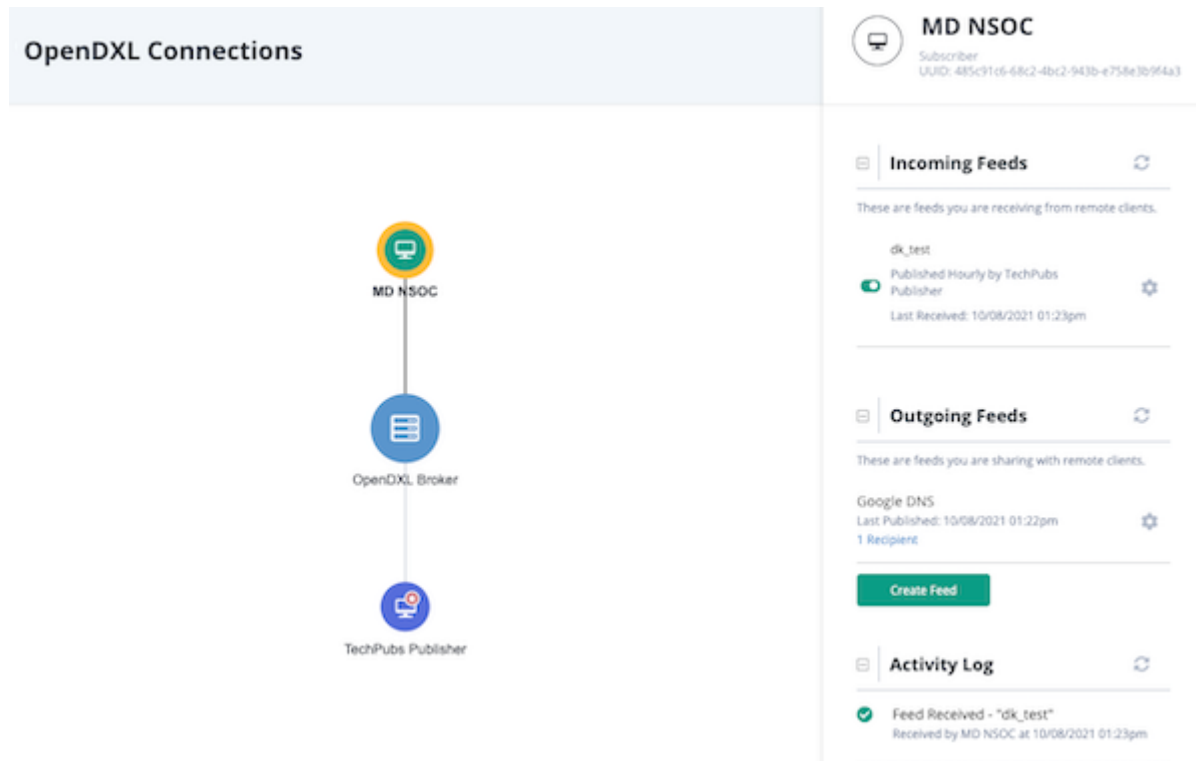
**DEFINITION**



## OpenDXL Data Transport Topology View

You can access your instance's Topology View by clicking on the **Data Exchange** icon in the top navigation bar and selecting **Connections**.

The Topology View provides you with a node-based graph of your connections.



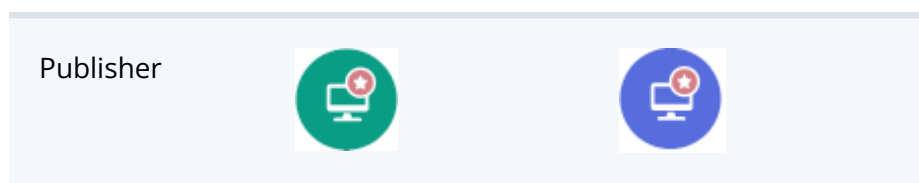
Clicking on a specific node allows you to view related information such as Data feeds you are sharing or receiving, an Activity Log, as well as the ability to create/download new and existing connection bundles (Publishers only).

## Icons

Even though the names assigned to Publisher, Client, and Data Transport nodes vary, you can quickly identify these nodes by their distinct icons.

### PUBLISHER VIEW

### SUBSCRIBER VIEW



Subscriber



Data Transport



As shown above, icon color varies based on whether you are logged in as a Publisher or a Subscriber. However, the Publisher node is always stamped with a star in the upper right corner.

## Tips and Tricks

- Within the Connections screen, click the refresh button  to refresh the data displayed.
- The Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) for each Publisher and Subscriber is displayed directly below the node name in the details panel. Publisher and Subscriber names can be changed, but this ID cannot.
- Changes to node names can take up to thirty seconds to display.
- You can use the scroll button on your mouse to zoom in and out on the Topology View in the OpenDXL Connections page.
- You can click and drag your Topology View to a different location in the OpenDXL Connections page.
- You can click any node in the Topology View to view its details on the right side of the page.

## Instance Naming

You can rename each node to your preference in order to easily identify other instances and transports in your view. This only affects your instance's Topology View. This allows each instance to use customized naming conventions without affecting other instances.



The Publisher names an instance: Station Alpha when creating an integration bundle.

The intended Subscriber will name his instance: MD NSOC.

In the Publisher's Topology View, the Subscriber will be named: Station Alpha

### OpenDXL Connections



```

graph TD
    TP[TechPubs Publisher] --- OB[OpenDXL Broker]
    OB --- SA[Station Alpha]
        
```


**Station Alpha**  
Subscriber  
 UUID: 485c91c6-68c2-4bc2-943b-e758e3b9f4a3

#### Incoming Feeds

These are feeds you are receiving from this client.

|            |                  |  |
|------------|------------------|--|
| Google DNS | Published Hourly |  |
|------------|------------------|--|

#### Outgoing Feeds

These are feeds you are sharing with this client.

|         |                 |                                   |  |  |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| dk_test | Published Daily | Last Received: 10/08/2021 01:23pm |  |  |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|

[Share Feed](#)

#### Activity Log

Feed Received - "dk\_test"  
 Received by Station Alpha at 10/08/2021 01:23pm

In the Subscriber's Topology View, the Subscriber will see the instance name he selected: MD NSOC.

### OpenDXL Connections



```

graph TD
    MD[MD NSOC] --- OB[OpenDXL Broker]
    OB --- TP[TechPubs Publisher]
        
```


**MD NSOC**  
Subscriber  
 UUID: 485c91c6-68c2-4bc2-943b-e758e3b9f4a3

#### Incoming Feeds

These are feeds you are receiving from remote clients.

|         |                                        |                                   |  |
|---------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| dk_test | Published Hourly by TechPubs Publisher | Last Received: 10/08/2021 01:46pm |  |
|---------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|

#### Outgoing Feeds

These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

|            |                                    |             |  |
|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Google DNS | Last Published: 10/08/2021 01:40pm | 1 Recipient |  |
|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|

[Create Feed](#)

#### Activity Log

Feed Received - "dk\_test"  
 Received by MD NSOC at 10/08/2021 01:46pm

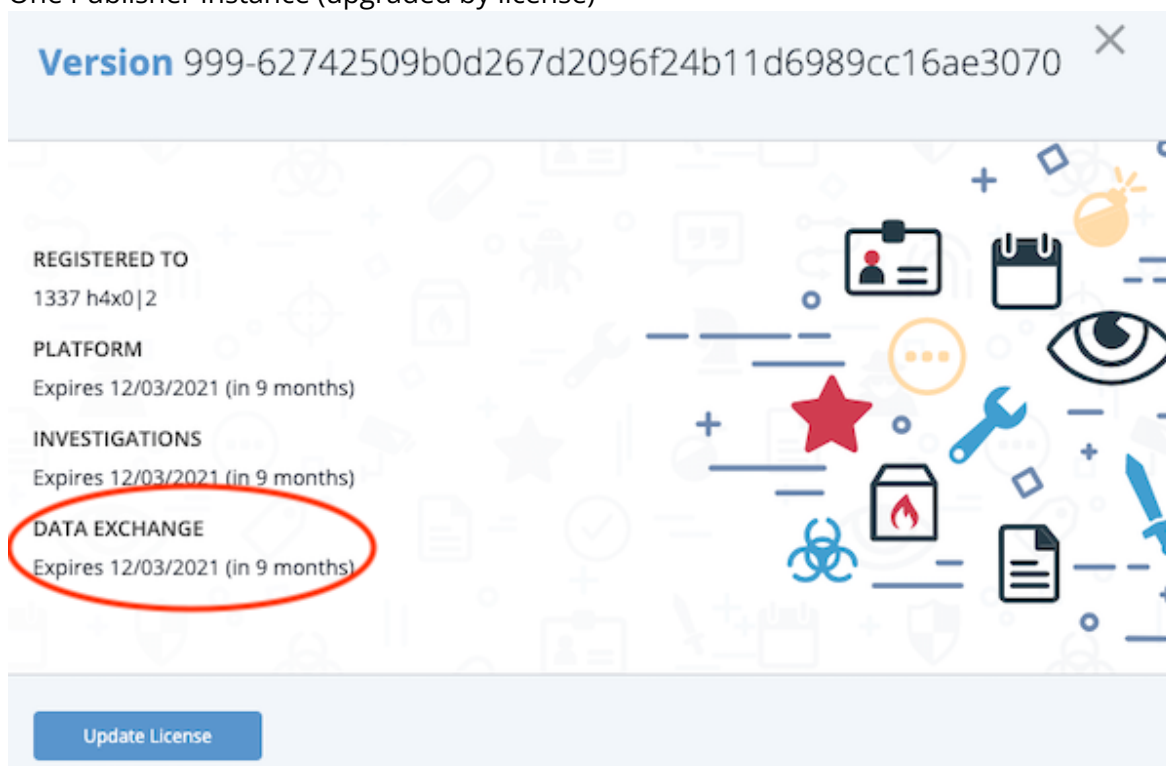
## Getting Started - First OpenDXL Data Transport Connections

The information found in this topic will provide the initial steps to create a Connection Bundle , set up a Subscriber , and to create your first OpenDXL Data Feed.

### Confirm Requirements

Confirm that you have the following:

- Two separate ThreatQ instances
  - One Publisher Instance (upgraded by license)

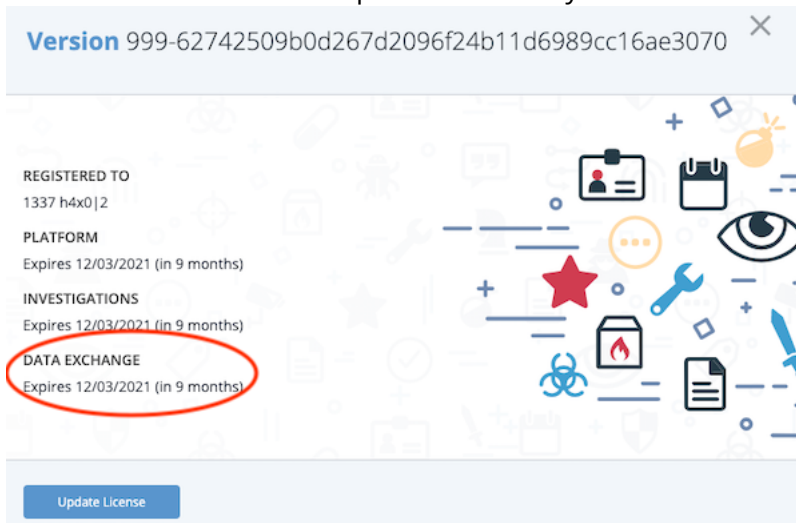


- One Subscriber Instance (included with standard ThreatQ License version 4.49+)
- Network connection between the two instances
- At least one saved Data Collection (Publisher instance)

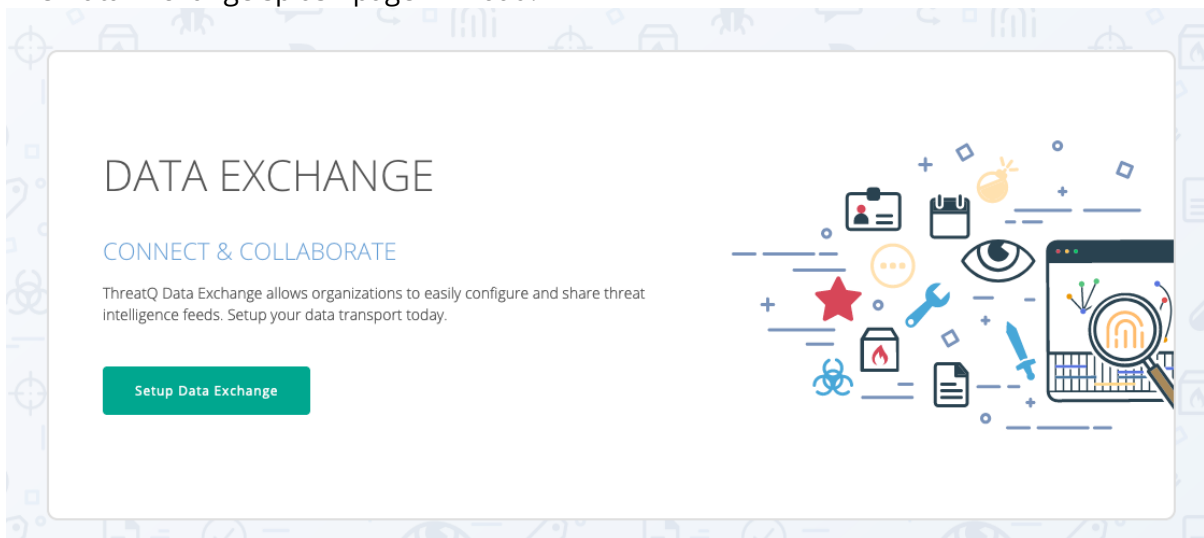
### Publisher - Creating a Connection Bundle

1. Click on the settings icon and select **About**.

- Confirm that the **Data Exchange** license information is displayed. This confirms that your instance has the Publisher permissions via your license.

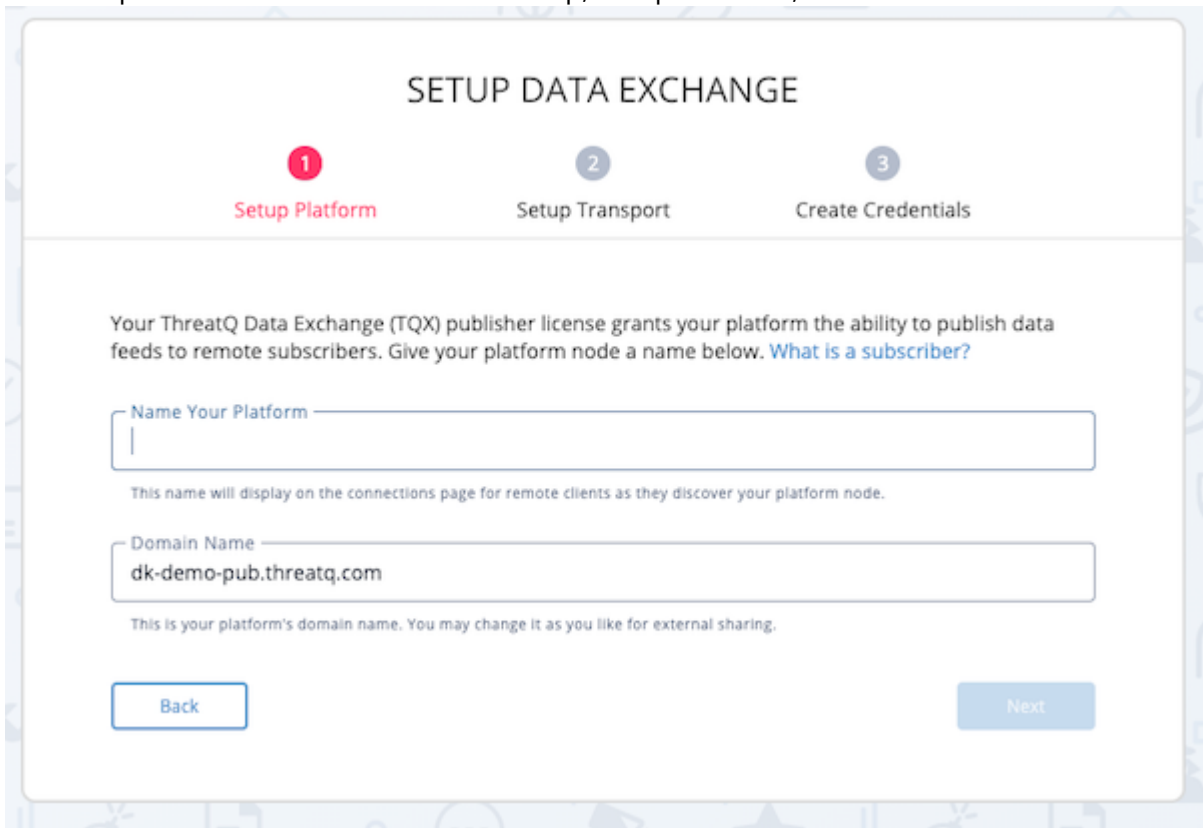


- Click on the **Data Exchange** icon and select the **Set Up Server** option in the OpenDXL section. The Data Exchange splash page will load.



- Click on **Setup Data Exchange**.

The Setup Wizard will load with the first step, Setup Platform, selected.



SETUP DATA EXCHANGE

1 Setup Platform 2 Setup Transport 3 Create Credentials

Your ThreatQ Data Exchange (TX) publisher license grants your platform the ability to publish data feeds to remote subscribers. Give your platform node a name below. [What is a subscriber?](#)

Name Your Platform

This name will display on the connections page for remote clients as they discover your platform node.

Domain Name

dk-demo-pub.threatq.com

This is your platform's domain name. You may change it as you like for external sharing.

Back Next

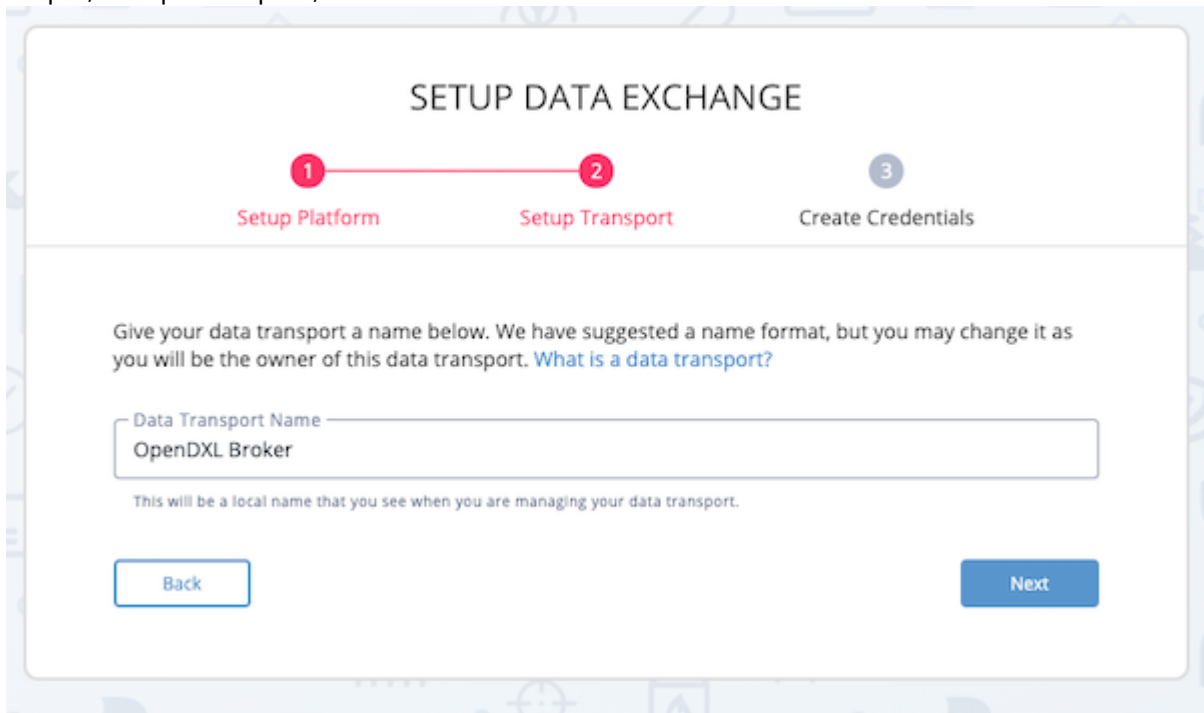
5. Enter a **Platform Name** for your instance. This is the name that you will use to identify yourself on the connections page. Subscribers will also see this name when viewing their Topology view.



You can change this name later but it will only affect your view. Subscribers will still see the name you entered for this step.

6. The **Domain Name** field is automatically populated based on your ThreatQ instance. Leave this field as is.
7. Click on **Next**.

Step 2, Setup Transport, will load.



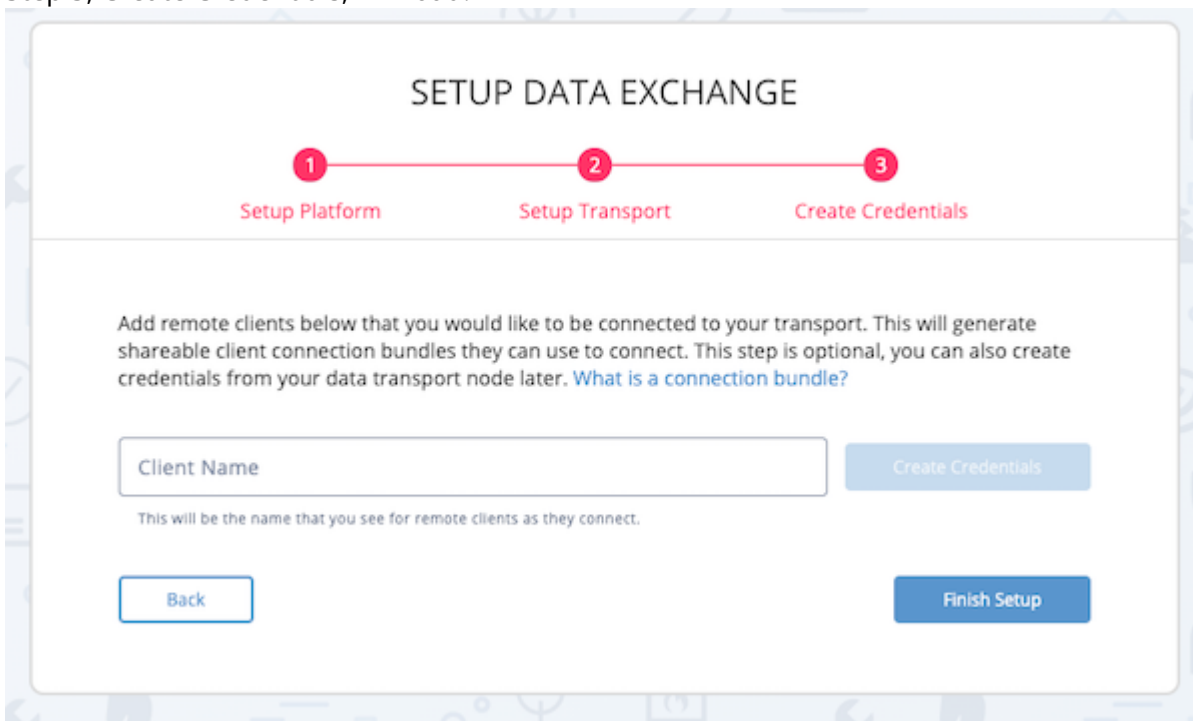
8. Update the **Data Transport Name** if desired, otherwise use the default entry. This name will be used to identify the Broker node in your Topology view.



Subscribers are given the option to name the Data Transport during their connection setup. The name you enter in this field will not affect what Subscribers see.

9. Click the **Next** button.

Step 3, Create Credentials, will load.



**SETUP DATA EXCHANGE**

1 — 2 — 3  
Setup Platform      Setup Transport      Create Credentials

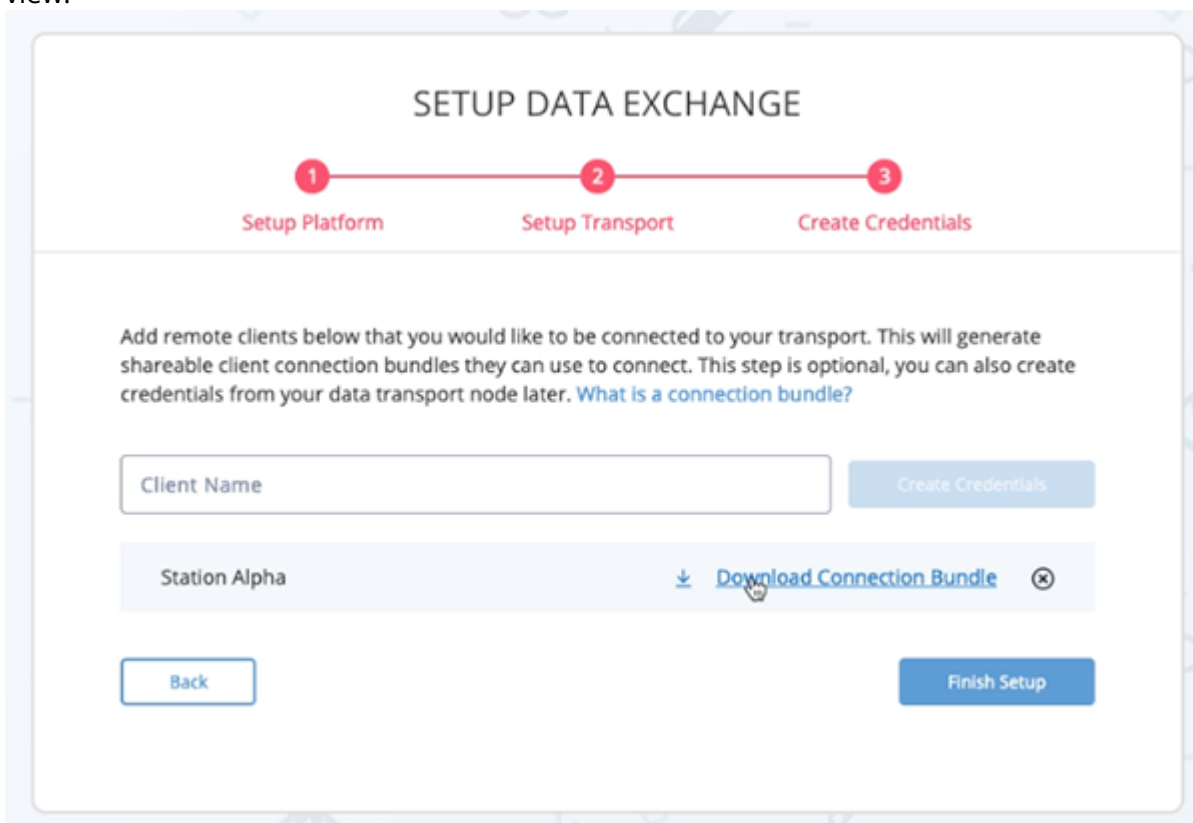
Add remote clients below that you would like to be connected to your transport. This will generate shareable client connection bundles they can use to connect. This step is optional, you can also create credentials from your data transport node later. [What is a connection bundle?](#)

Client Name Create Credentials

This will be the name that you see for remote clients as they connect.

Back Finish Setup

10. Enter a **Client Name** and click on **Create Credentials** for each Subscriber you will connect to using the OpenDXL data transport. The names you enter here will only affect your Topology view.



**SETUP DATA EXCHANGE**

1 — 2 — 3  
Setup Platform      Setup Transport      Create Credentials

Add remote clients below that you would like to be connected to your transport. This will generate shareable client connection bundles they can use to connect. This step is optional, you can also create credentials from your data transport node later. [What is a connection bundle?](#)

Client Name Create Credentials

This will be the name that you see for remote clients as they connect.

Back Finish Setup

|               |                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Station Alpha | <a href="#">Download Connection Bundle</a> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|



Publisher names a Subscriber: Station Alpha.  
Subscriber names their platform: East Wing NSOC

The Publisher will see the Subscriber node as: Station Alpha

The Subscriber will see his/her platform as: East Wing NSOC

11. Repeat step 10 to create credentials for additional subscribers.
12. Click the **download** icon to download the Connection Bundle for each client.



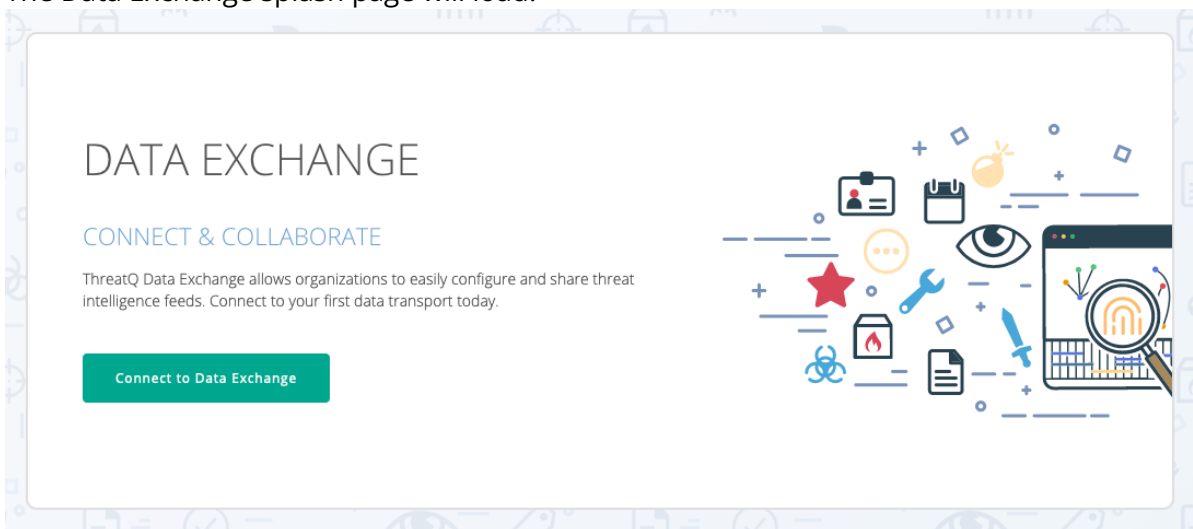
Subscribers will need the Connection Bundle file during their setup.

13. Click the **Finish Setup** button.
14. Send the Connect Bundle(s) you downloaded in step 12 to the Subscriber(s).

The Subscriber will now need to perform their setup to continue the setup process. If you have not done so already, send the connection bundles to the Subscriber.

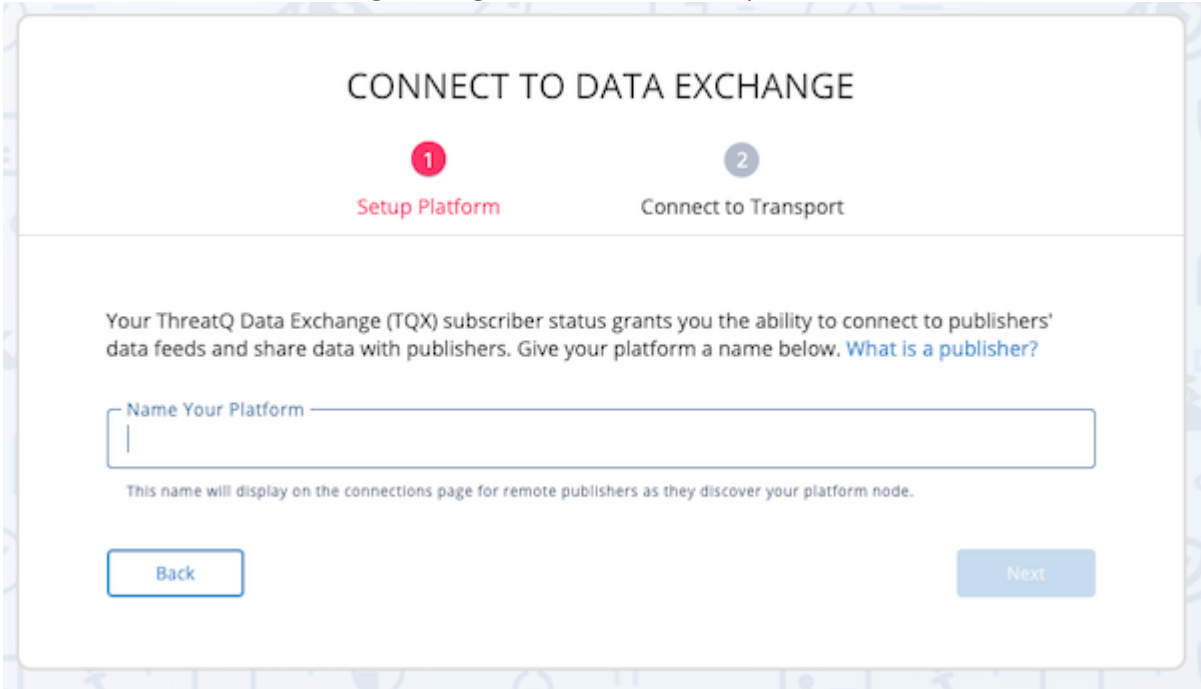
## Subscriber - Connecting to a Publisher

1. Click on the **Data Exchange** icon in the top navigation bar of ThreatQ and select **Connections**. The Data Exchange splash page will load.



2. Click on **Connect to Data Exchange**.

The Connect to Data Exchange dialog box will load on Step 1.



CONNECT TO DATA EXCHANGE

1 Setup Platform 2 Connect to Transport

Your ThreatQ Data Exchange (TX) subscriber status grants you the ability to connect to publishers' data feeds and share data with publishers. Give your platform a name below. [What is a publisher?](#)

Name Your Platform

This name will display on the connections page for remote publishers as they discover your platform node.

Back Next

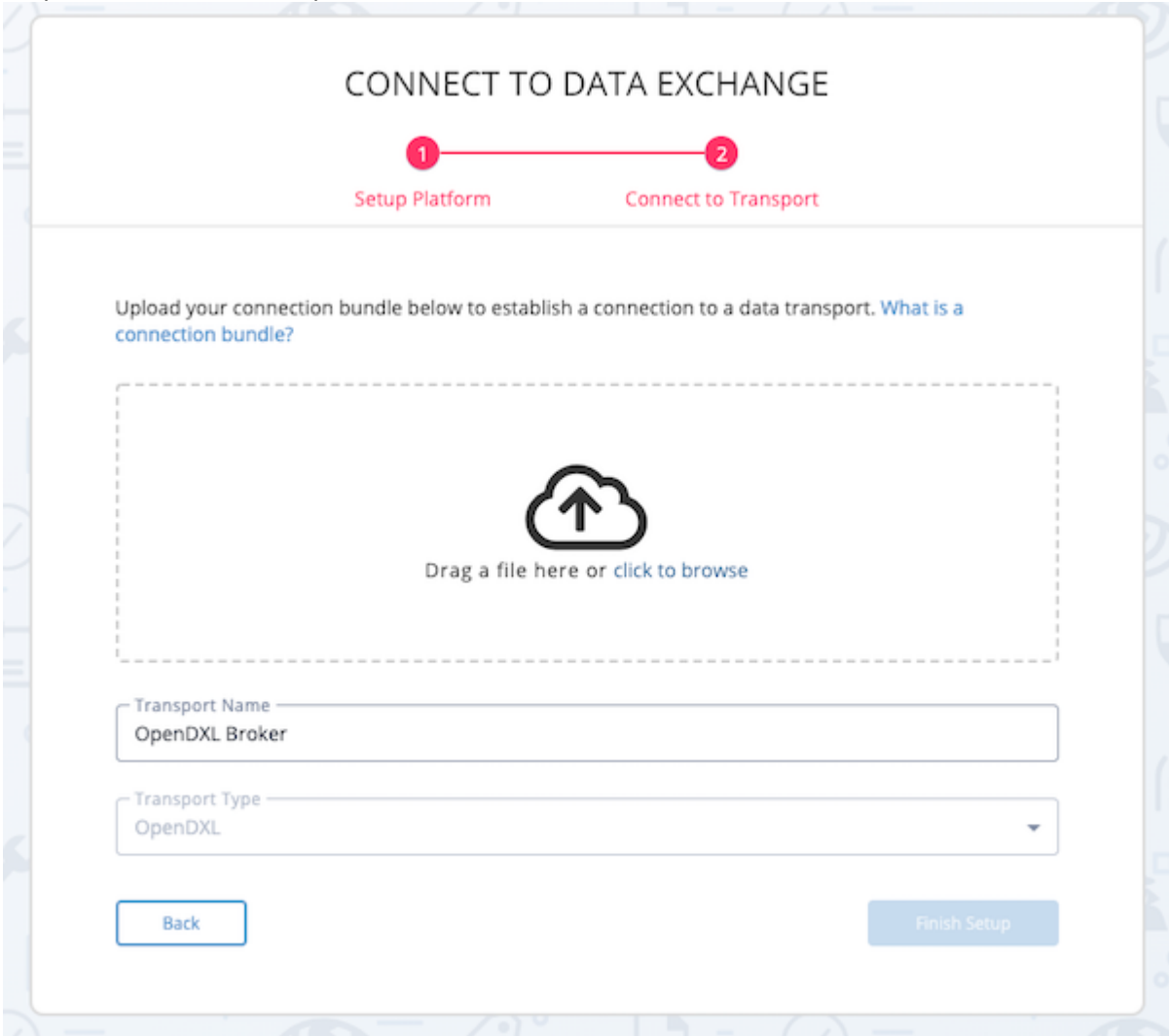
3. Enter a name for your platform instance. You will use this name to identify your instance in your Topology view.



You can change this name later but it will only affect your view. Publishers may have a different a different name for your instance but will only see it in their Topology view.

4. Click on **Next**.

Step 2, Connect to Transport, will load



CONNECT TO DATA EXCHANGE

1 Setup Platform 2 Connect to Transport

Upload your connection bundle below to establish a connection to a data transport. [What is a connection bundle?](#)

Drag a file here or [click to browse](#)

Transport Name  
OpenDXL Broker

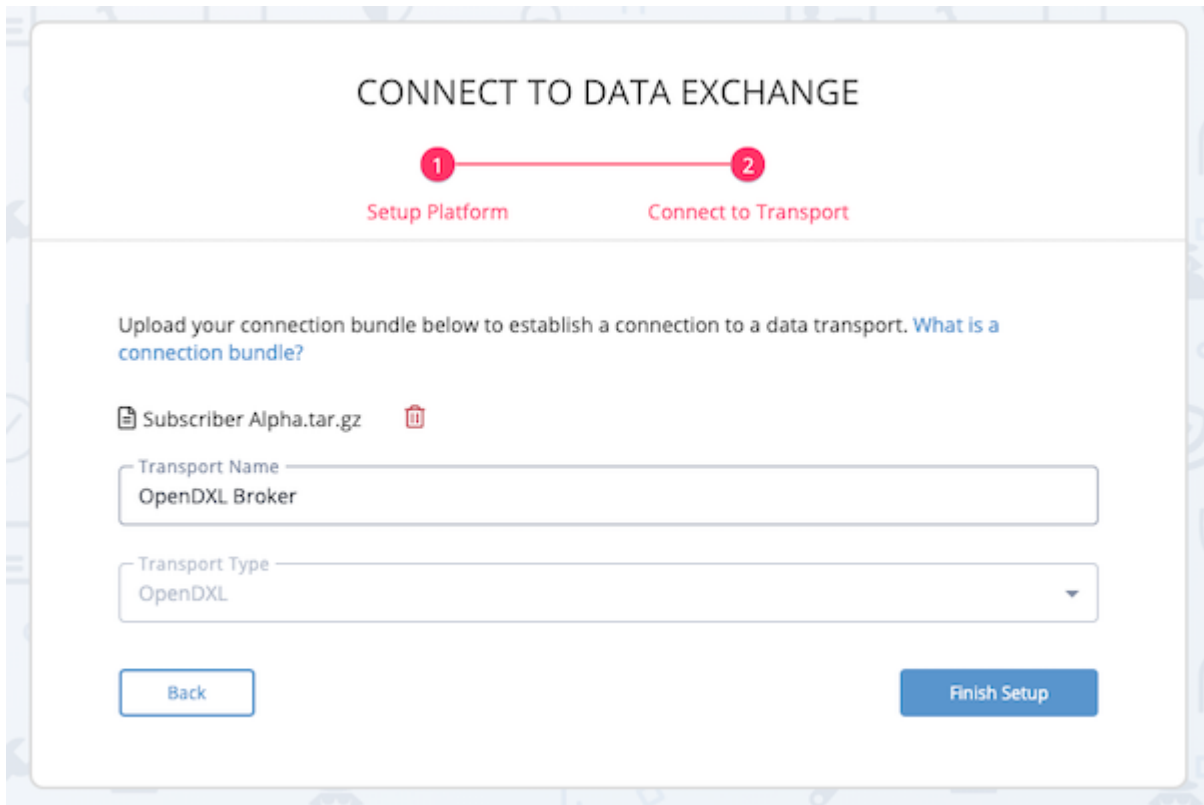
Transport Type  
OpenDXL

Back Finish Setup

5. Upload the **Connection Bundle** file by either:
  - Dragging and dropping the file into window
  - Clicking on the **Click to Browse** link to locate the file saved on your local drive.



The Connection Bundle file is obtained from the user that set up the Publisher ThreatQ instance.



CONNECT TO DATA EXCHANGE

1 Setup Platform — 2 Connect to Transport

Upload your connection bundle below to establish a connection to a data transport. [What is a connection bundle?](#)

 Subscriber Alpha.tar.gz 

Transport Name  
OpenDXL Broker

Transport Type  
OpenDXL ▼

[Back](#) [Finish Setup](#)

6. Update the **Data Transport Name** if desired, otherwise use the default entry. This name will be used to identify the transport node in your Topology view.
7. Leave the **Transport Type** dropdown field as is.



The system default transport is the only transport available. The option for additional transports will be added in future releases of the ThreatQ platform.

8. Click on the **Finish Setup** button.

The OpenDXL Connections page will load. You will see your platform, identified as a green node, and the transport, identified as a blue node. Pause until the Subscriber and Publisher instances discover each other.

### OpenDXL Connections



### Subscriber Alpha

Subscriber  
UUID: e278181e-048f-4d11-b87e-060853a68670

Incoming Feeds

No feeds are being shared with you.

Outgoing Feeds

You are not sharing any feeds.

Create Feed

Activity Log

- Subscriber Alpha added  
04/22/2021 12:59pm

⚠ It can take up to 30 seconds for the discovery process to complete. Refresh the page in order to see the new connection. After the instances have discovered each other, the OpenDXL Connections pages will show the connections. The publisher will now see the subscriber node and the subscriber will now see the publisher node.

### OpenDXL Connections



### Subscriber Alpha

Subscriber  
UUID: e278181e-048f-4d11-b87e-060853a68670

Incoming Feeds

No feeds are being shared with you.

Outgoing Feeds

You are not sharing any feeds.

Create Feed

Activity Log

- Subscriber Alpha established initial connection to OpenDXL Broker  
04/22/2021 12:59pm
- Subscriber Alpha added  
04/22/2021 12:59pm

## Publisher - Creating a Data Feed

1. Click on the **Data Exchange** icon in the top navigation bar of ThreatQ and select **Data Feeds**.

The OpenDXL Data Feeds page will load.

OpenDXL Data Feeds

Create FeedDelete Feed

**Outgoing Feeds**

Manage configuration settings and recipients for your outgoing feeds.

You currently have no outgoing feeds.

**Incoming Feeds**

View and edit ingestion settings for incoming feed subscriptions.

You currently have no incoming feeds.

2. Click on **Create Feed**.

The Create Feed form will load.

Create Feed

**Feed Status**

Disabled
Enabled

**Basic Info**

Feed Name

Publish Frequency

**Description**

Add description...

**Recipients**

☐ Offer Feed to Public

By selecting this box, you will offer this feed to all clients connected to this data transport. Once you save this setting, these clients will appear in the list below.

This feed has no recipients
Add

**Dataset**

Select a data collection below that will define the data being exported in this feed.

Select a data collection

Create a new data collection.

**Output Criteria**

You can use the section below to determine what supporting context should or should not be part of the output of this feed.

**Supporting Context**

Select options below to choose what supporting context should be included.

☐ Attributes
☐ Contact Information
☐ Descriptions
☐ Event Date
☐ File Information
☐ First Seen
☐ Last Seen
☐ Objective
☐ Point Of Contact
☐ Published At
☐ Source Code
☐ Spearphish Details
☐ Tags

**Relational Data**

Feeds have the ability to include related objects and their context.

☐ Adversaries
☐ Asset
☐ Attack Pattern
☐ Campaign
☐ Course Of Action
☐ Events
☐ Exploit Target
☐ Identity
☐ Incident
☐ Indicators
☐ Intrusion Set
☐ Malware
☐ Report
☐ Signatures
☐ Tool
☐ Tip
☐ Vulnerability

**Data Modifications**

☐ Overwrite Source

The source provided below will replace all sources in the output of this collection.

3. Populate the following form sections to specify the content and recipients of your feed:

## SECTION

## DESCRIPTION

## Feed Status

Defaults to Disabled. Click the toggle to enable the feed.

## Basic Info

- **Feed Name** - Enter the name you want to use for your feed.
- **Publish Frequency** - Select Daily or Hourly depending on how often you want the feed to be published to Subscribers
- **Transport** - At this time, you can only use the default transport provided by TQX. Additional transport options will be made available in future ThreatQ platform releases.

## Recipients

**Offer Feed to Public** - Check this box to give all clients connected to the Transport the option to subscribe to the feed. After you save your feed settings, the Recipients section displays the clients eligible to subscribe to the feed.

### OR

Click the **+Add** button to access the Add Recipients window which lists all the connection bundles you created. Select a recipient and click **Add Recipient**.



Subscribers do not have to be connected yet to be assigned to a Data Feed. The Subscriber will not receive the Data Feed connection profile or system objects until they connect to the transport and subscribe to the feed.

## Dataset

Select the Threat Library Data Collection to be exported with feed.

### OR

Click the **Create a New Data Collection** option to open the Threat Library in a new tab and create a Data Collection.

## Output Criteria

Select the supporting context that should be included in the feed using the checkboxes supplied. Only fields used in the data exported are selectable. Fields not associated with the data collection selected are greyed out.

Select the relational data to be included in the transfer. Based on the object you select the following data is included in the feed:

| SYSTEM OBJECT  | FIELDS                           |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Indicator      | type_id, status_id, class, value |
| Adversary      | name                             |
| Event          | type_id, title                   |
| Signature      | type_id, status_id, name, value  |
| Custom Objects | type_id, status_id, value        |

## Data Modifications

To override the default source name for the feed, check the **Overwrite Source** checkbox and enter the new source name. A Subscriber can view the data feed source name under object sources in their object details page.

- Click the **Save** button. The recipients of the feed receive a system notification that a new feed is available for subscription. This notification includes a link to the OpenDXL Data Feeds page

which allows the recipient to review feed details before subscribing.

NOTIFICATION CENTER
[MARK ALL AS READ](#)

SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

*i*
'Publisher' has offered 'COA' to you. To subscribe, [click for details.](#)

a minute ago

SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

*i*
'Publisher' has offered '66s' to you. To subscribe, [click for details.](#)

3 days ago

SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

*i*
'Publisher' has offered '99s' to you. To subscribe, [click for details.](#)

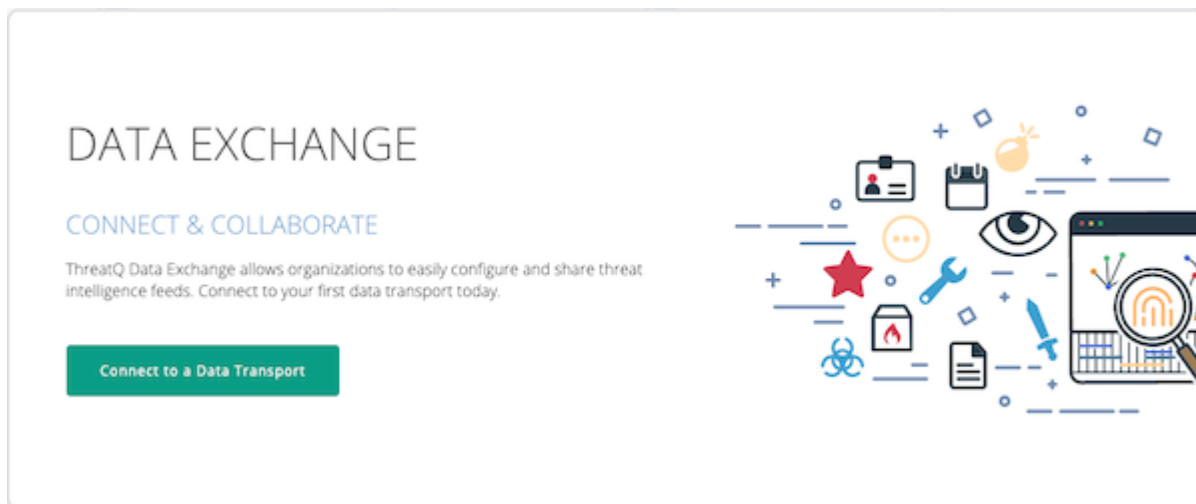
3 days ago

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# Publisher Instances

## About Publisher Instances

Publishers are the driving force of the OpenDXL data transport and this is reflected in the Topology View displayed in the Connections page. When a Publisher clicks the OpenDXL Set Up Server option on the Data Exchange menu, the Data Exchange wizard leads them through the process of setting up their first Subscriber(s). See the [Getting Started - First OpenDXL Data Transport Connections](#) section for more information on setting up your first connection.



After the Publisher generates a Subscriber connection bundle and the Subscriber uploads it, the Topology View shows that the Publisher and Subscriber communicate via the Data Transport. In the following example, TechPubs Publisher can send Data Collections to Station Alpha via the OpenDXL Broker Data Transport.


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[Investigations](#)
[Data Exchange](#)
[Integrations](#)
[+ Create](#)







## OpenDXL Connections



TechPubs Publisher



OpenDXL Broker



Station Alpha



**TechPubs Publisher**  
Publisher  
UUID: a079538b-0ec5-4d83-a735-d04cdec1e36f

### Incoming Feeds

These are feeds you are receiving from remote clients.

DNS  
 Published Hourly by Station Alpha  
 Last Received: 10/08/2021 02:46pm

### Outgoing Feeds

These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

IPs  
 Last Published: 10/08/2021 02:44pm  
 1 Recipient

[Create Feed](#)

### Activity Log

 Feed Received - "DNS"  
 Received by TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021 02:46pm

## Creating a Client Connection Bundle

As a publisher, you can create client bundles to add subscribers to your publisher instance. You can only create connection bundles for subscribers - a publisher cannot connect to another publisher instance.

Once a connection bundle has been created, you can send the bundle to the subscriber instance to connect - see the [Connecting to a Publisher](#) for more details on how a subscriber uploads the connection bundle.



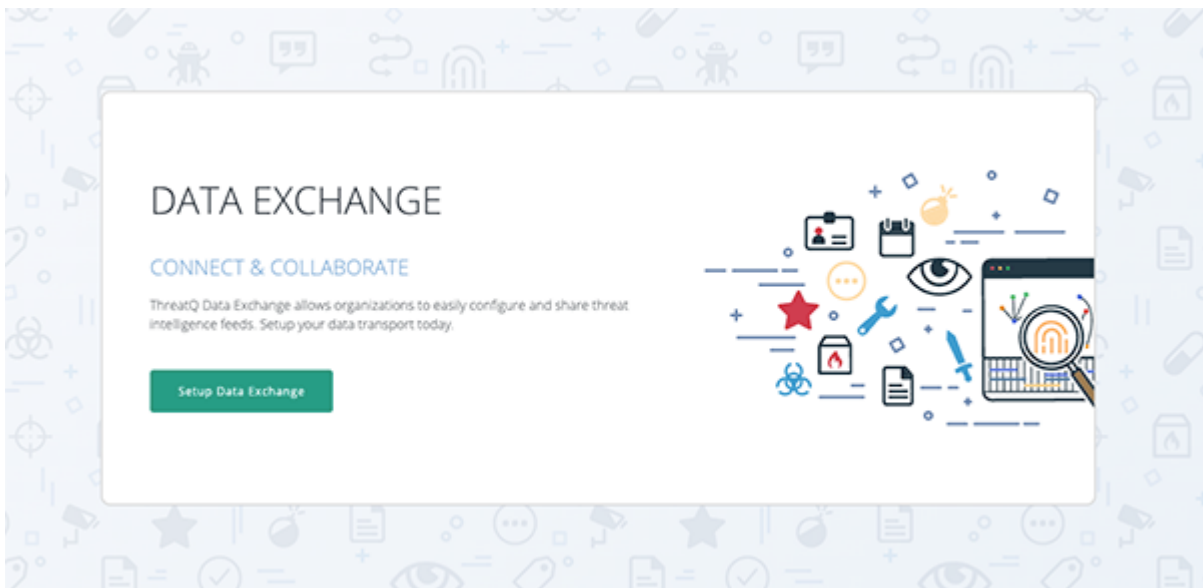
The steps for creating your initial connection bundle when you setup your publisher instance and adding additional connections to functioning instance differ slightly.

## Creating an Initial Client Bundle

Creating your first connection bundle can be performed from the Data Exchange initial landing page. This page will automatically load upon selecting the OpenDXL Set Up Server option.

1. Click on the **Data Exchange** menu option and select the OpenDXL Set Up Server option.

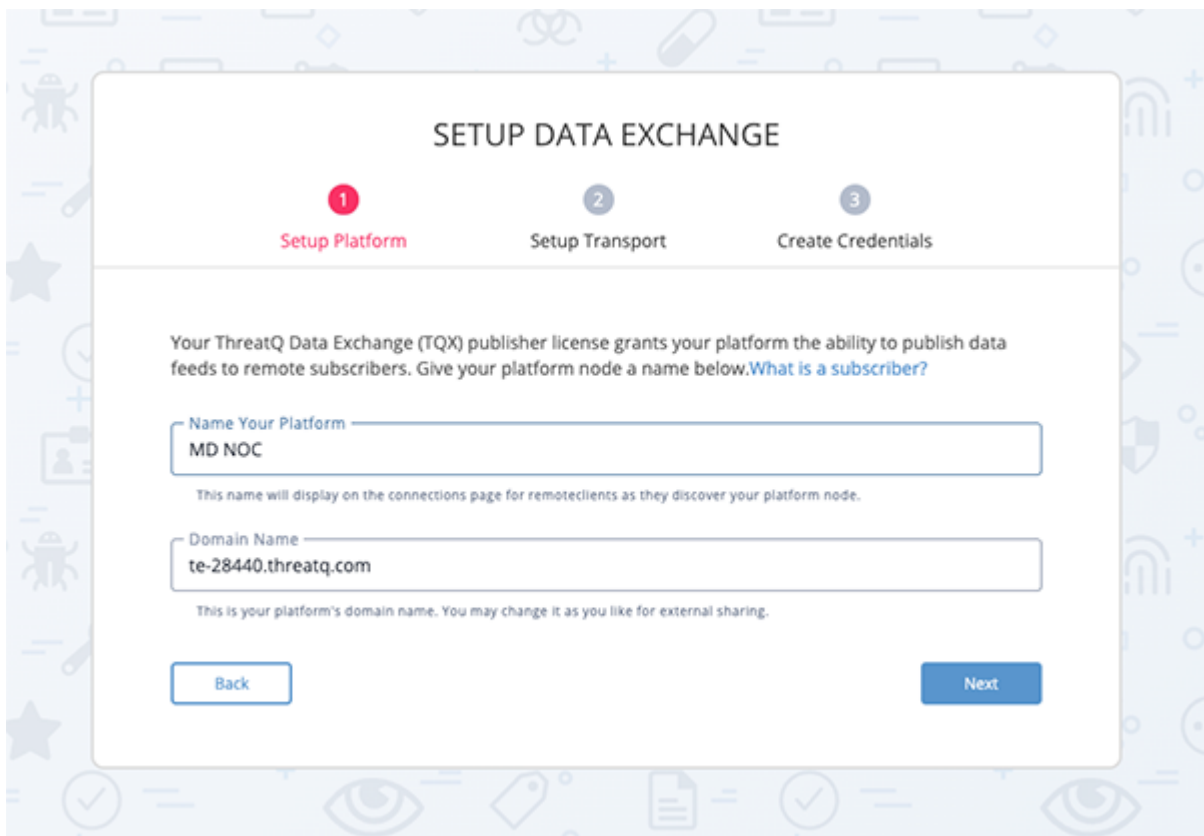
The Data Exchange setup landing page will load.



2. Click on the **Setup Data Exchange** button.
3. Enter the name that will be used to identify your instance in the TQX node view.



This name will appear as your instance for the subscriber.



### SETUP DATA EXCHANGE

1 Setup Platform 2 Setup Transport 3 Create Credentials

Your ThreatQ Data Exchange (TQX) publisher license grants your platform the ability to publish data feeds to remote subscribers. Give your platform node a name below.[What is a subscriber?](#)

Name Your Platform

This name will display on the connections page for remoteclients as they discover your platform node.

Domain Name

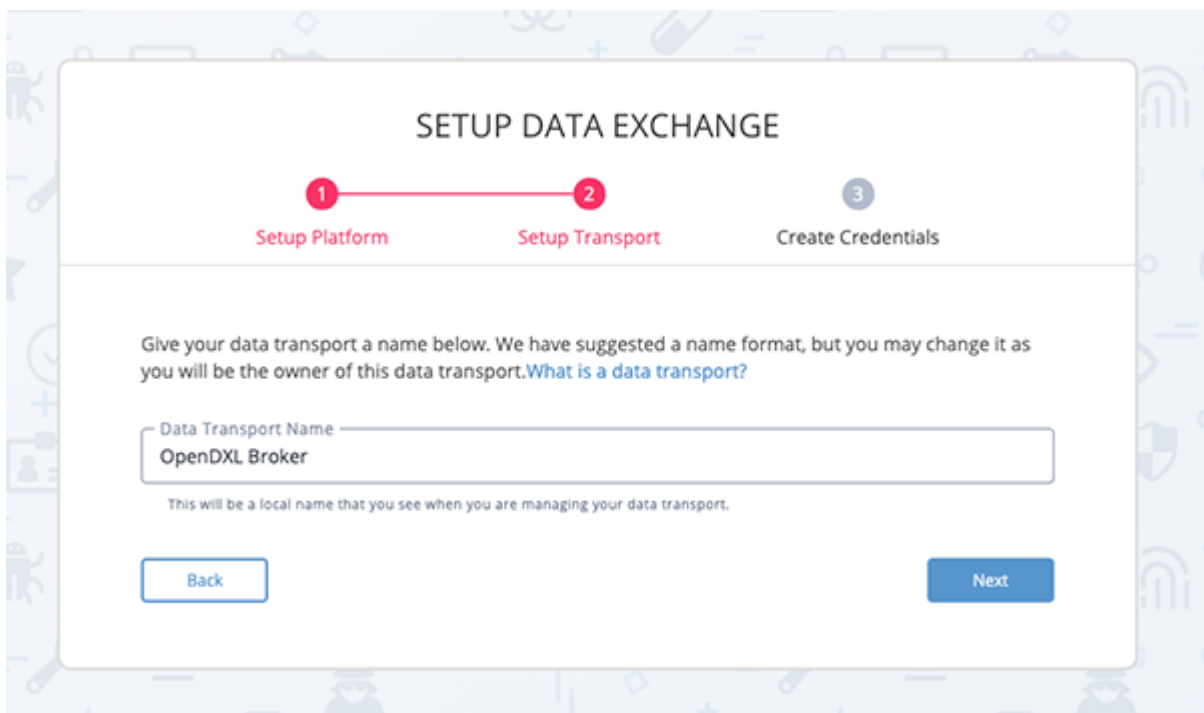
This is your platform's domain name. You may change it as you like for external sharing.

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4. Click on **Next**.
5. Enter the name for the **Data Transport**.



This will be the local name you will see when managing your data transport. You can also leave the default value: **OpenDXL Broker**.



### SETUP DATA EXCHANGE

1 Setup Platform 2 Setup Transport 3 Create Credentials

Give your data transport a name below. We have suggested a name format, but you may change it as you will be the owner of this data transport.[What is a data transport?](#)

Data Transport Name

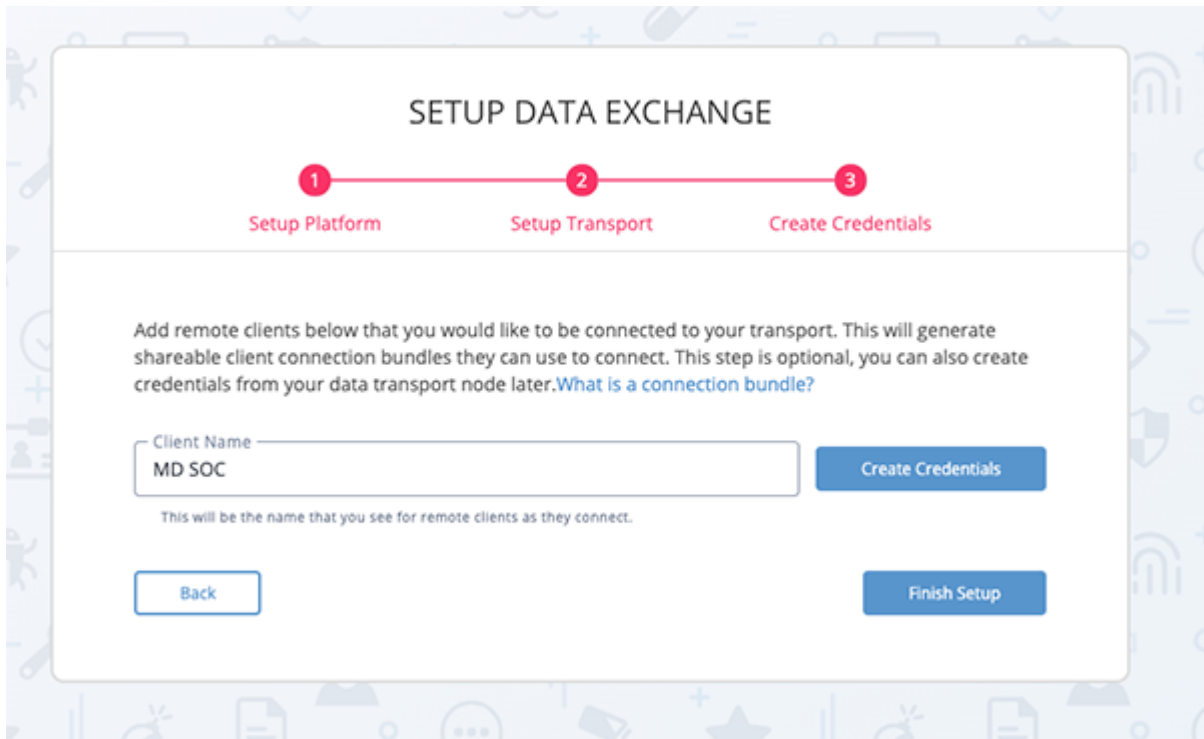
This will be a local name that you see when you are managing your data transport.

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6. Click on **Next**.
7. Enter a **Client Name** for the subscriber.



This name will be used to identify the subscriber in the TQX node view.



### SETUP DATA EXCHANGE

1 — 2 — 3

Setup Platform
Setup Transport
Create Credentials

Add remote clients below that you would like to be connected to your transport. This will generate shareable client connection bundles they can use to connect. This step is optional, you can also create credentials from your data transport node later. [What is a connection bundle?](#)

Client Name

MD SOC

This will be the name that you see for remote clients as they connect.

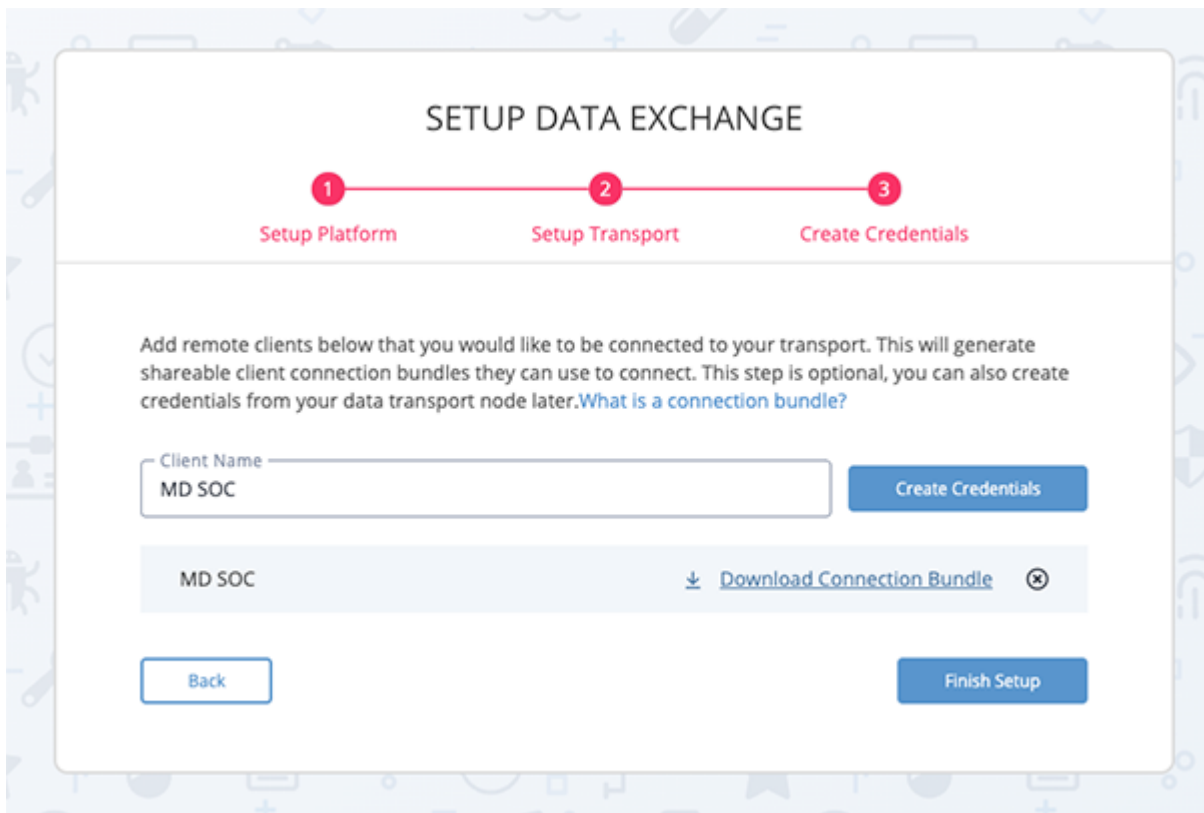
Create Credentials

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Finish Setup

8. Click on the **Create Credentials** button.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 to create additional bundles.

10. Download the connection bundles that you have created using the links provided.



**SETUP DATA EXCHANGE**

1 — 2 — 3  
Setup Platform Setup Transport Create Credentials

Add remote clients below that you would like to be connected to your transport. This will generate shareable client connection bundles they can use to connect. This step is optional, you can also create credentials from your data transport node later. [What is a connection bundle?](#)

Client Name  Create Credentials

MD SOC [Download Connection Bundle](#) ✕

Back Finish Setup

11. Click on **Finish Setup** when you have finished creating your bundles and transfer the downloaded connection bundles to the subscriber instances.



In the event that you clicked on Finished Setup before downloading the bundle(s), you can download the connection bundles from the node view by clicking on the transport node. Connection bundles will be located under the Credential Management heading.

The node view will load with nodes for your instance and broker displayed. Once the subscriber has uploaded the connection bundle, created in steps 7-10, that node will also appear in the node view.

### OpenDXL Connections

No clients are connected to your transport. Click on a transport node below to add.



MD NOC



OpenDXL Broker



**MD NOC**  
Publisher  
UUID: 300046ef-801a-4091-bd11-1e38a56709ff

**Incoming Feeds**

No feeds are being shared with you.

**Outgoing Feeds**

You are not sharing any feeds.

Create Feed

**Activity Log**

MD NOC added  
03/03/2022 08:15pm

## Creating Additional Client Bundles

Once you have created a client bundle, the getting started wizard is no longer available. You can create additional bundles from the Connections node view.

1. Click on the **Data Exchange** navigation option and select **Connections**.

The OpenDXL Connections node view will load.

### OpenDXL Connections

No clients are connected to your transport. Click on a transport node below to add.



MD NOC



OpenDXL Broker



**MD NOC**  
Publisher  
UUID: 300046ef-801a-4091-bd11-1e38a56709ff

**Incoming Feeds**

No feeds are being shared with you.

**Outgoing Feeds**

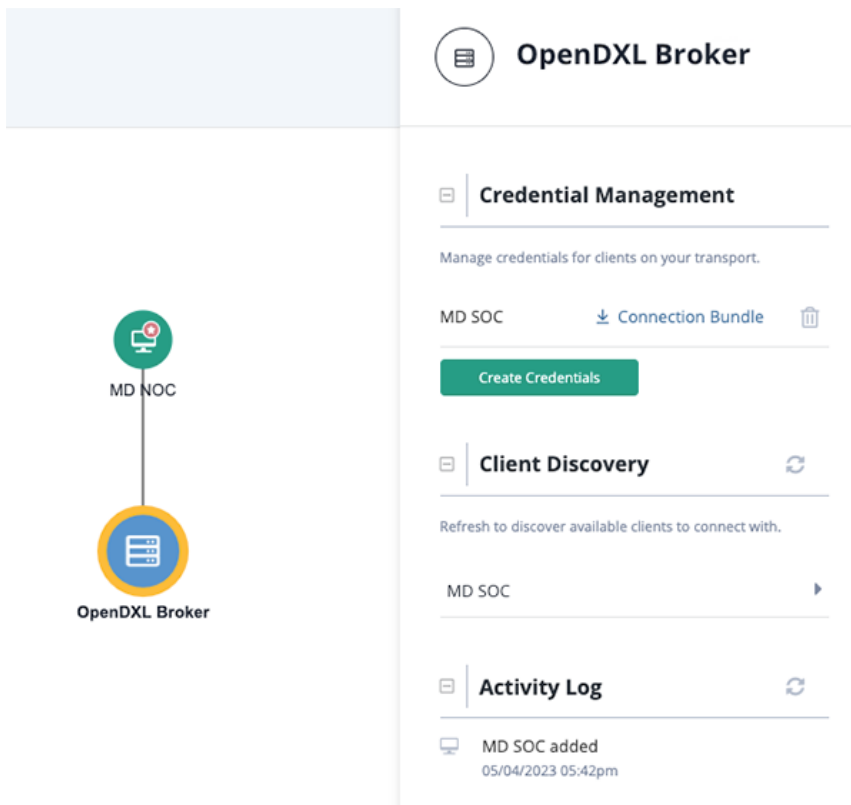
You are not sharing any feeds.

Create Feed

**Activity Log**

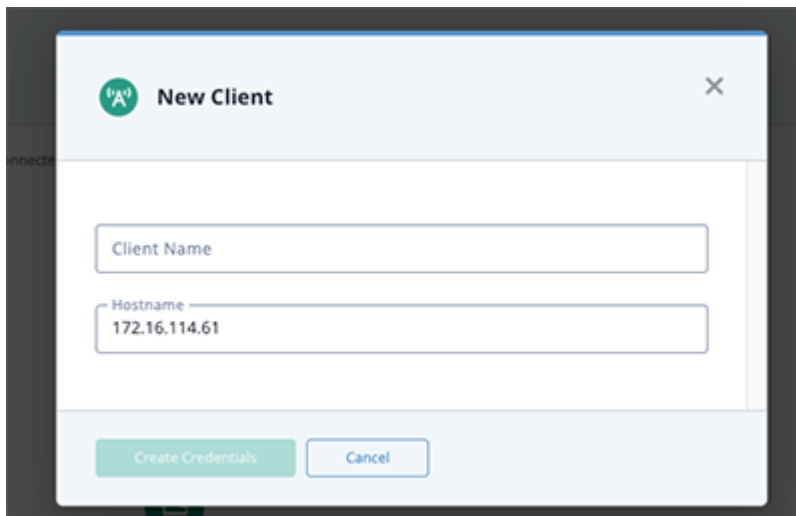
MD NOC added  
03/03/2022 08:15pm

- Click on the **blue transport node** to load its details in the right pane.



- Click on the **Create Credentials** button located under the Credential Management heading.

The New Client window will open.



- Enter the new Subscriber's name in the **Client Name** field.



This name will be used to identify the subscriber in your node view.

- Optional** - The Hostname field displays the name of your current TQX instance, however you have the option to update this name.

6. Click the **Create Credentials** button.

The new subscriber will be displayed in the Credential Management section.



## OpenDXL Broker



### Credential Management

Manage credentials for clients on your transport.

DC SOC

[↓ Connection Bundle](#)



MD SOC

[↓ Connection Bundle](#)



Create Credentials

7. Click on the **Connection Bundle** link next to the new connection to download the connection bundle. Send this file to the Subscriber to upload via their TQX instance.

## Viewing Connection Details

You can view all data exchange details for your publisher instance, data transport, and subscriber instances from the OpenDXL Connections page.

## Viewing Your Outgoing and Incoming Data

1. From the OpenDXL Connections page, click the Publisher node.

The right pane will display the publisher details.

2. Click the +/- button next to a section to expand/minimize details.

The following information is available:

| SECTION               | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Feeds</b> | Lists the following information on feeds shared with you by a Subscriber: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed name</li> <li>• Publisher name</li> <li>• Date/time the you last received data from the feed</li> </ul> | <p><b>Subscribe to a feed.</b><br/> <b>Specify Indicator and Signature statuses for a feed.</b></p> <p>See the <a href="#">Data Feeds</a> section for more information on these tasks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Outgoing Feeds</b> | Lists the Data Collections you have shared with Subscribers.                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Editing Data Feeds</b> - Click the gear icon  next to the feed name to access the Edit Feed screen where you can edit feed recipients, edit feed settings, and delete the feed. See the <a href="#">Editing a Data Feed</a> and <a href="#">Data Feed Sharing Options</a> topics for more details.</p> <p><b>Create Data Feeds</b> - Clicking on the Create Feed button will open the Create Feed page - See the <a href="#">Creating a Data Feed</a> for further details.</p> |
| <b>Activity Log</b>   | Lists a time/date stamp and brief description for TQX                                                                                                                                                                           | Click the <b>Show More</b> link to expand the activity log display.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

activities such as your initial setup as a Publisher.



## TechPubs Publisher

Publisher

UUID: a07f538b-0ec5-4dd3-a735-dd4cdec1e36f



### Incoming Feeds



These are feeds you are receiving from remote clients.

DNS



Published Hourly by Station Alpha



Last Received: 10/08/2021 02:46pm



### Outgoing Feeds



These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

IPs

Last Published: 10/08/2021 02:44pm



[1 Recipient](#)

Create Feed



### Activity Log



Feed Received - "DNS"

Received by TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021

02:46pm

## Viewing Data Transport Details

1. From the OpenDXL Connections screen, click the Data Transport node.  
The right panel will load the data transport details.
2. Click the +/- button next to a section to expand/minimize details.

The following information is available:

| SECTION                      | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                 | TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Credential Management</b> | Allows you to work with connection bundles for new or existing Subscribers connected to the Data Transport. | <p><b>Download a connection bundle.</b> - Click the Connection Bundle link next to the Subscriber name.</p> <p><b>Delete a Subscriber's connection.</b> - Click the trashcan icon  next to the Subscriber name to delete his connection to the data transport.</p> <p><b>Create a connection bundle.</b> - See the <a href="#">Create a Client Connection Bundle topic</a> for more information on this process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Client Discovery</b>      | Lists the Subscribers connected to the Data Transport and the Data Feeds they receive.                      | <p><b>View Subscriber feed details.</b> - Click the arrow next to the Subscriber name to view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeds received by the Subscriber</li> <li>• Feed frequency (hourly or daily)</li> <li>• Date/time the Subscriber last received data from the feed</li> </ul> <p><b>Remove a Subscriber from a feed.</b> - See the <a href="#">Data Feed Sharing Options</a> topic for more details.</p> <p><b>Share/Create a feed.</b> - Click the Share Feed button to access the Share Feed window. From this window, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Share an existing feed.</b> - Click the checkbox next to an existing feed you want to share with the Subscriber. Then, click the Share feed button.</li> <li>• <b>Create a new feed.</b> - Click the Create New Feed button to access the Create Feed window and <a href="#">share a data collection</a> with a subscriber.</li> </ul> |

### Activity Log

Lists a time/date stamp and brief description for feed activities such as, the initial setup of the Publisher and Subscriber(s).

Click the **Show More** link to expand the activity log display..



## OpenDXL Broker



### Credential Management

Manage credentials for clients on your transport.

Station Alpha

[↓ Connection Bundle](#)



Create Credentials



### Client Discovery



Refresh to discover available clients to connect with.

Station Alpha



### Activity Log



Feed Received - "DNS"

Received by TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021

02:46pm

## Viewing Subscriber Details

- From the OpenDXL Connections screen, click a Subscriber node.  
The right side of the screen displays a details panel including the following sections:

| SECTION               | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                 | TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Feeds</b> | Lists feeds the Subscriber has shared with you.                                                             | <p><b>Subscribe to a feed.</b><br/><b>Specify Indicator and Signature statuses for a feed.</b></p> <p>See the Data Feeds topic for more information on these tasks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Outgoing Feeds</b> | Lists the feeds you have shared with the Subscriber.                                                        | <p><b>Remove a Subscriber from a feed.</b> - See the Data Feeds topic for more details.</p> <p><b>Edit a Data Feed.</b> - Click the gear icon  next to the feed name to access the Edit Feed screen. From this screen, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Edit feed details.</b> - Enter your changes and click the Save button.</li> <li><b>Delete a feed.</b> - Click the Delete Feed button. The <b>Are You Sure?</b> window prompts you to confirm the deletion by clicking the Delete Feed button.</li> </ul> <p><b>Share/create a feed.</b> - Click the Share Feed button to access the Create Feed window. From this window you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click the Share Feed button to share an existing feed with the Subscriber.</li> <li>Click the Create New Feed button to access the Create Feed window and <a href="#">Share a Data Collection</a> with a Subscriber.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Activity Log</b>   | Lists a time/date stamp and brief description for feed activities such as, initial setup of the Subscriber. | Click the <b>Show More</b> link to expand the activity log display.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

- Click the +/- button next to a section to expand/minimize details.



## Station Alpha

Subscriber

UUID: 188ce167-c612-4aad-a923-b266ff480178



### Incoming Feeds



These are feeds you are receiving from this client.

DNS

Published Hourly



### Outgoing Feeds



These are feeds you are sharing with this client.

IPs

Published Daily

Last Received: 10/08/2021 02:45pm



Share Feed



### Activity Log



Feed Received - "IPs"

Received by Station Alpha at 10/08/2021 02:45pm

## Updating the Name of a Node

TQX allows you to change the names of Publisher, Subscriber, and Data Transport nodes. Each Publisher and Subscriber node has a name and a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID). Although you cannot change UUIDs, you can customize the names of the nodes in your Topology View.



Any name changes you perform on your instance will only apply to your instance.

**Example:** as a publisher, changing the name of a subscriber node in your connections view will not update the subscriber's name in their view on their subscriber instance.

1. From the OpenDXL Connections page, click the node's icon in the Topology View.

The node details are displayed on the right side of the screen.

2. Click the node's name and enter your changes.
3. Click the checkmark on the right side of the field to save your change.

TQX will confirm your change with the following message: **Node name updated.**



Name changes can take up to thirty seconds to update for all viewers on your instance.

## Deleting a Client Connection Bundle

Deleting a client connection bundle, which severs the connection between a publisher and subscriber, requires actions by both instances.

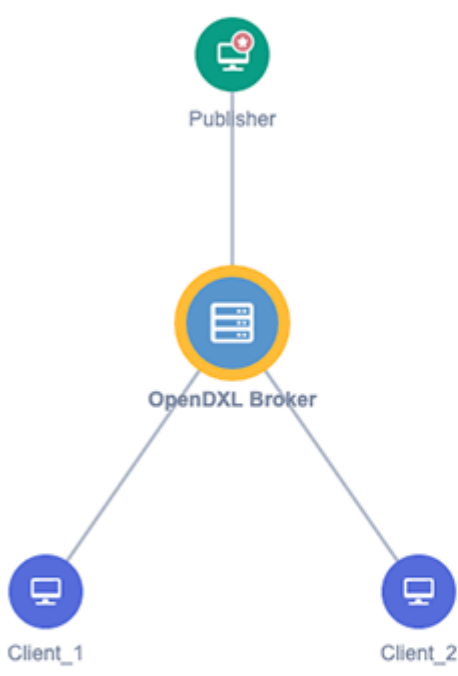


You also elect to [stop sharing](#) all data feeds with a subscriber instead of deleting the client connection bundle.



The steps must be performed in order. Otherwise, the discovery ping from the subscriber will result in the instances being reconnected.

1. Instruct the subscriber to delete his data transport as described in the [Deleting the Data Transport](#) topic.
2. Navigate to the OpenDXL Connections page by clicking on the **Data Exchange** menu item and selecting **Connections**.
3. Click on the **transport node** to view its details in the right pane.





## OpenDXL Broker



### Credential Management

Manage credentials for clients on your transport.

|          |                                     |                                                                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Client_1 | <a href="#">↓ Connection Bundle</a> |  |
| Client_2 | <a href="#">↓ Connection Bundle</a> |  |

Create Credentials



### Client Discovery ↻

Refresh to discover available clients to connect with.

|          |                                                                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Client_1 |   |
| Client_2 |  |



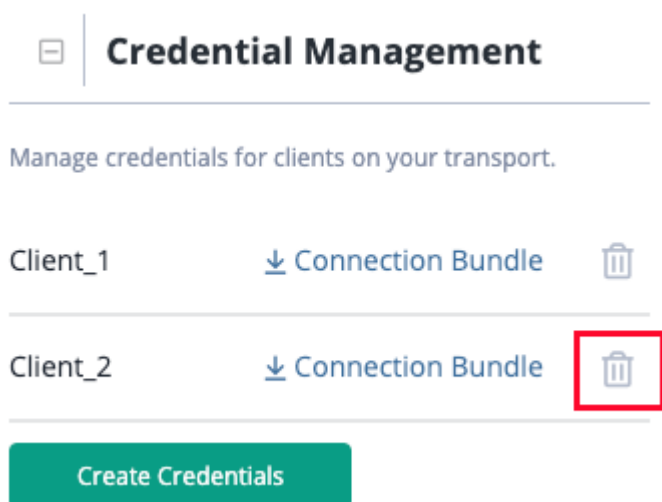
### Activity Log ↻

✓

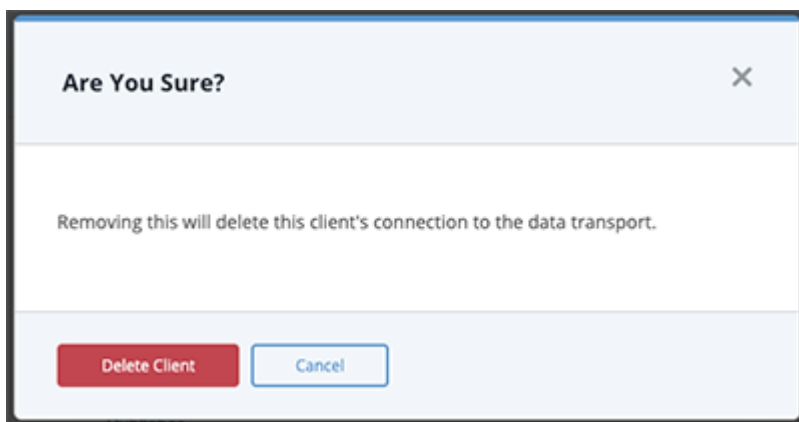
**Feed Received - "33s3"**

Received by Client\_2 at 05/16/2023 05:06pm

- Click on the **trashcan icon** located to the right of the connection bundle.



- Click **Delete Transport** to confirm deletion.



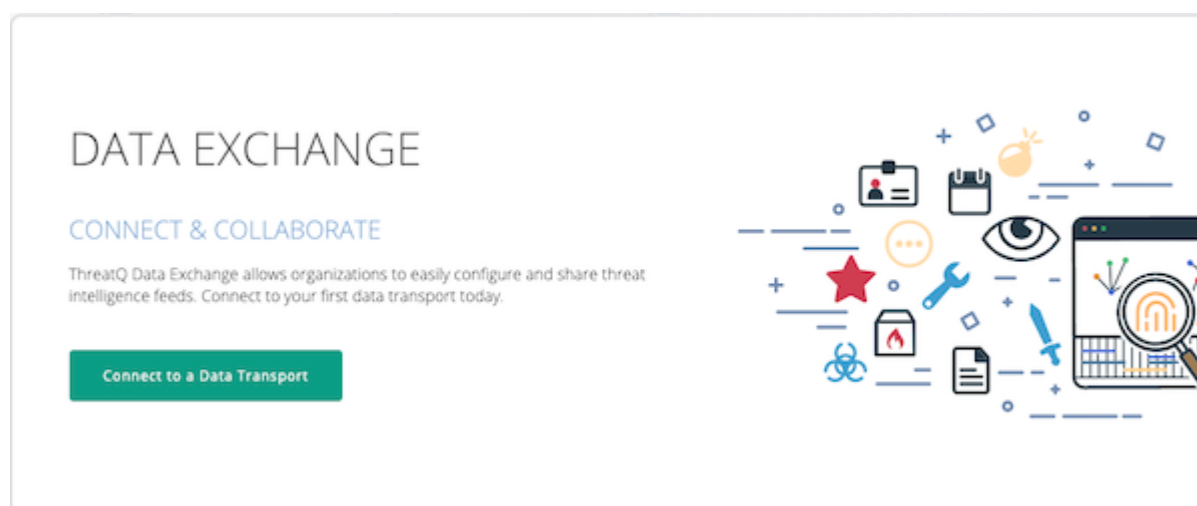
The subscriber node and connection bundle listing will be removed from your view.

# Subscriber Instances

## About Subscriber Instances

Subscribers benefit from the Data Collections created and sent to them by Publishers as Data Feeds. Although they can receive Data Feeds, they cannot send them to other Subscribers. However, they can send a Data Feed to the Publisher so the Publisher can recreate it and distribute it to other Subscribers.

The first time a Subscriber clicks an option on the Data Exchange menu, the Data Exchange wizard leads them through the process of setting up their first connection. See the [Getting Started - First OpenDXL Data Transport Connections](#) section for more information on setting up your first connection.



After you set up a connection to a Publisher's Data Feed, the OpenDXL Connections screen displays the Topology View which provides a visual diagram of your relationship to the Data Transport and Publisher.


[Dashboards](#)
[Threat Library](#)
[Investigations](#)
[Data Exchange](#)
[Integrations](#)
[+ Create](#)






## OpenDXL Connections



MD NSOC



OpenDXL Broker



TechPubs Publisher



**MD NSOC**  
Subscriber  
UUID: 188ce167-c612-4aad-a923-b266ff480178

### Incoming Feeds

These are feeds you are receiving from remote clients.

IPs

 Published Hourly by TechPubs Publisher  
Last Received: 10/08/2021 02:45pm

### Outgoing Feeds

These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

DNS  
Last Published: 10/08/2021 02:46pm  
1 Recipient

[Create Feed](#)

### Activity Log

 **Feed Received - "DNS"**  
Received by TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021 02:46pm

## Connecting to a Publisher

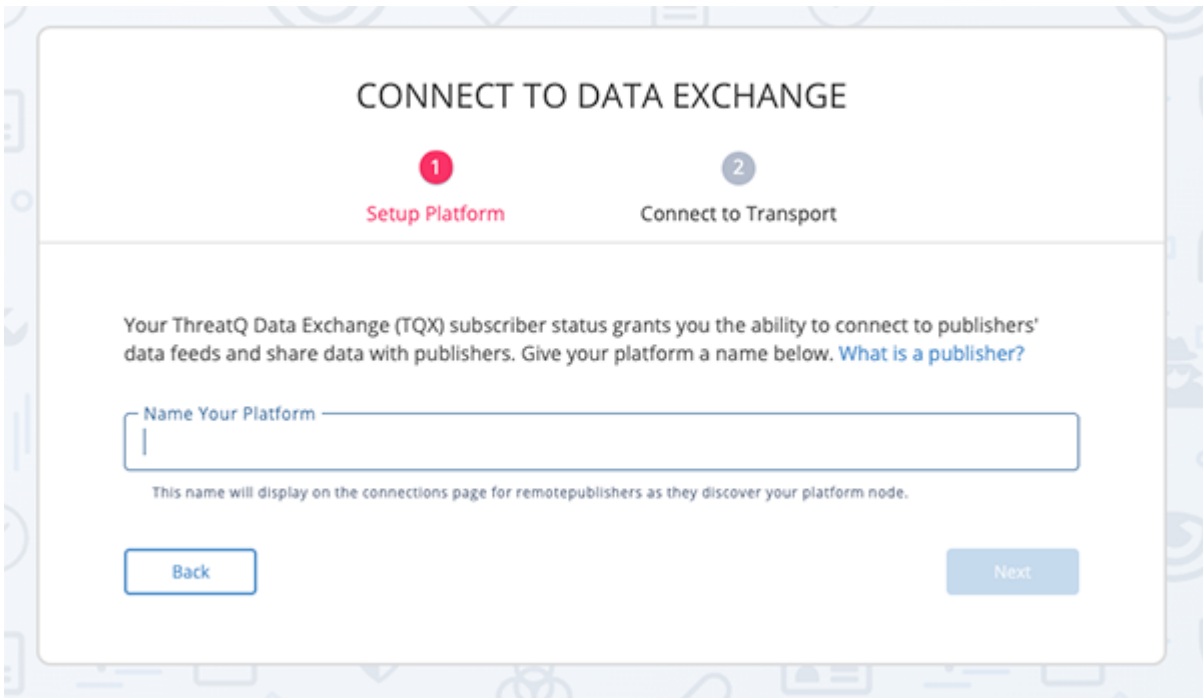
As a subscriber, you can connect to a publisher to receive data feeds that have been shared your instance by the publisher. You can also create your own data feed to be shared with the publisher.



Subscribers can only connect to a single publisher and cannot connect to another subscriber instance. Subscribers have the option of deleting the current connection they have with a publisher in order to connect with a different publisher.

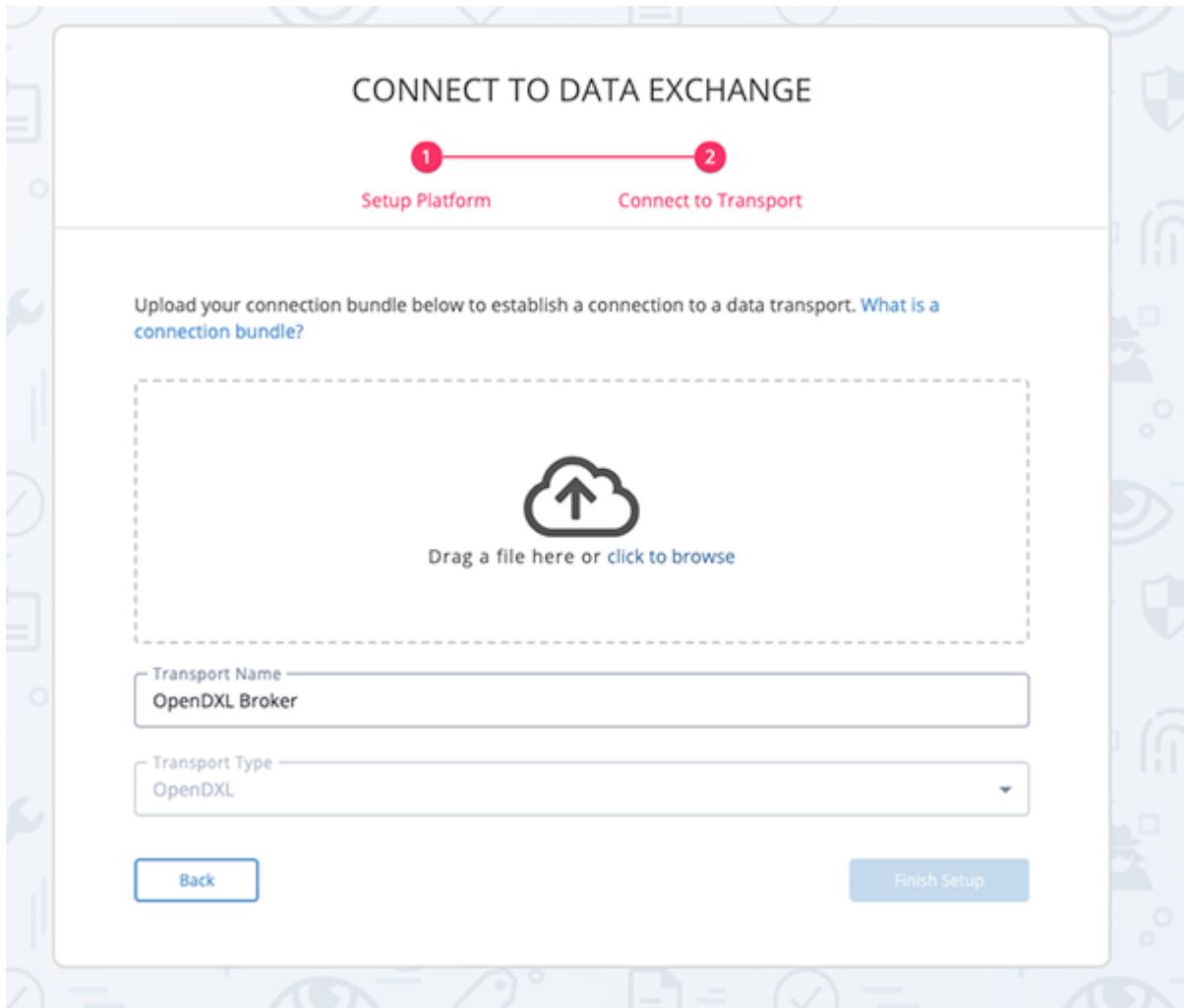
1. Click on the **Data Exchange** menu option and select the OpenDXL Set Up Server option.

The Connect to Data Exchange wizard will load.



2. Enter a name for your instance in the field provided. This name is what you will see your instance as in your node view. This name does not affect the publisher's view.
3. Click on **Next**.

The Connect to Transport screen will load.



4. Optional - update the UI name for the Data Transport or leave the default - OpenDXL Broker. This name is what you will see the transport as in your node view and does not affect the publisher's view.
5. Upload the connection bundle from the publisher by either:
  - Clicking on the file and dragging it into the window
  - Using the **click to browse** option to select the file from your local machine.
6. Click on **Finish Setup**.

You will now be connected to the publisher and can now subscribe to the data feeds offered by that publisher.

## Viewing Connection Details

- From the OpenDXL Connections screen, click your Subscriber node.  
The right side of the screen displays a details panel including the following sections:

| SECTION               | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Incoming Feeds</b> | <p>Lists the following information on feeds shared with you by a Publisher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed name</li> <li>• Publisher name</li> <li>• Date/time the you last received data from the feed</li> </ul>         | <p><b>Subscribe to a feed.</b><br/><b>Specify Indicator and Signature statuses for a feed.</b></p> <p>See the Data Feeds topic for more information on these tasks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Outgoing Feeds</b> | <p>Lists the following information on feeds you have shared with a Publisher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed name</li> <li>• Date/time the Publisher last received data from the feed</li> <li>• Publisher name</li> </ul> | <p><b>View feed details</b> - This section lists the date/time the feed was last published as well as the number of feed Subscribers. You can click the Recipients link to view the recipient names in the Edit Feeds page.</p> <p><b>Edit a feed.</b> - Click the gear icon  next to the feed name to access the Edit Feed screen. From this screen, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edit feed details.</b> - Enter your changes and click the <b>Save</b> button.</li> <li>• <b>Delete a feed.</b> - Click the <b>Delete Feed</b> button. The <b>Are You Sure?</b> window prompts you to confirm the deletion by clicking the <b>Delete Feed</b> button.</li> </ul> <p><b>Share/create a feed.</b> - Click the <b>Share Feed</b> button to access the Create Feed window and <a href="#">Share a Data Collection</a> with a Publisher.</p> |
| <b>Activity Log</b>   | <p>Lists a time/date stamp and brief description for TQX activities such as your initial setup as a Subscriber.</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>Click the <b>Show More</b> link to expand the activity log display.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

- Click the +/- button next to a section to expand/minimize details.



## MD NSOC

Subscriber

UUID: 188ce167-c612-4aad-a923-b266ff480178



### Incoming Feeds



These are feeds you are receiving from remote clients.

IPs



Published Hourly by TechPubs  
Publisher



Last Received: 10/08/2021 02:45pm



### Outgoing Feeds



These are feeds you are sharing with remote clients.

DNS

Last Published: 10/08/2021 02:46pm



1 Recipient

Create Feed



### Activity Log



Feed Received - "DNS"

Received by TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021  
02:46pm

## View Data Transport Details

1. From the OpenDXL Connections screen, click the Data Transport node.  
The right side of the screen displays a details panel including the following sections:

| SECTION                 | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                            | TASKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Client Discovery</b> | Lists the Publisher with whom you shared a Data Feed.                                                                  | <p><b>View Publisher feeds.</b> - Click the arrow next to the Publisher name to view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeds received by the Publisher</li> <li>• Feed frequency (hourly or daily)</li> <li>• Date/time the Publisher last received data from the feed(s).</li> </ul> <p><b>Remove the Publisher from a Data Feed.</b> - See the Data Feeds topic for more details.</p> <p><b>Update Data Feed options.</b> - Click the gear icon  to access the Edit Feed window. After you enter your changes, click the <b>Save</b> button.</p> <p><b>Share/Create a feed.</b> - Click the <b>Share Feed</b> button to access the Share Feed window. From this window, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Share an existing feed.</b> - Click the checkbox next to an existing feed you want to share with the Publisher. Then, click the <b>Share feed</b> button.</li> <li>• <b>Create a new feed.</b> - Click the <b>Create New Feed</b> button to access the Create Feed window and <a href="#">Share a Data Collection</a> with a Publisher.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Activity Log</b>     | Lists a time/date stamp and brief description for TQX activities such as the receipt of a Data Feed by the Subscriber. | Click the <b>Show More</b> link to expand the activity log display.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

2. Click the +/- button next to a section to expand/minimize details.



## OpenDXL Broker



### Client Discovery



Refresh to discover available clients to connect with.

TechPubs Publisher



### Activity Log



#### Feed Received - "DNS"

Received by TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021  
02:46pm



#### Feed Sent - "DNS"

Sent to TechPubs Publisher at 10/08/2021  
02:46pm



#### Feed Received - "IPs"

Received by MD NSOC at 10/08/2021 02:45pm

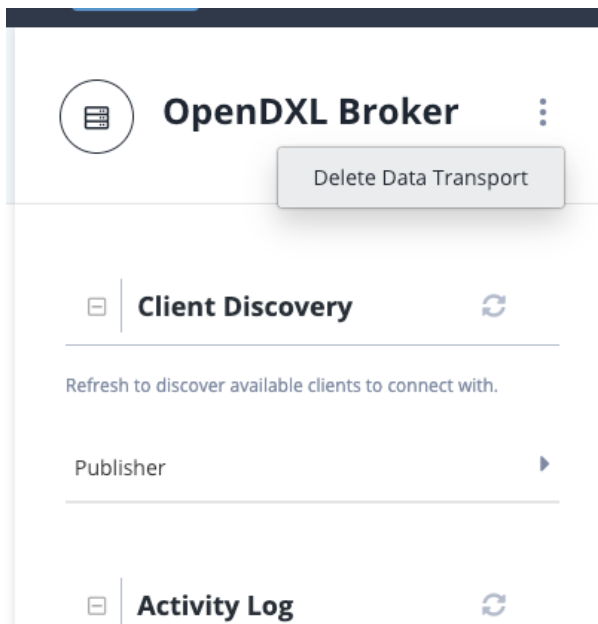
## Deleting the Data Transport

You can delete a data transport that will disconnect you from your current publisher. This will allow you to upload a new connection bundle from a different publisher instance.



You also elect to unsubscribe from all data feeds from publisher instead of deleting the transport if you are not connecting to a new publisher instance.

1. Navigate to the OpenDXL Connections page by clicking on the **Data Exchange** menu item and selecting **Connections**.
2. Click on the **transport node** to view its details in the right pane.
3. Click on the **vertical ellipsis** to the right of the transport name and select **Delete Data Transport**.



4. Confirm deletion, when prompted, to delete the transport.

# Data Feeds

## About Data Feeds

Data Feeds are used to transmit threat intel data from one instance to another. You select a Data Collection to configure the information to share with other instances, determine the support context included with the intel, and select the instances to share this data with. You also have the ability to override the source of the Data Feed . After you create the feed, the recipients receive a system notification. They can then subscribe to the feed to begin receiving data from it.



It is recommended that you allow your subscribers to connect to your instance before assigning a Data Feed. This allows your instance to push out the Data Feed immediately. If you assign a Data Feed to an instance that has yet to connect, the Data Feed will be pushed at the next frequency if there are new objects in the Data Feed.

You can manage feeds from the OpenDXL Data Feeds page and the Topology View. The OpenDXL Data Feeds page allows you to create/edit feeds and provides you with a comprehensive list of the Data Feeds you send (Outgoing Feeds) and the ones you receive (Incoming Feeds). Based on the Feed type, Outgoing or Incoming, you can perform different actions.

## Creating a Data Feed

Publisher and Subscriber instances can create data feeds to share. Publishers can share data feeds with all subscribers while subscribers can only share their data feeds with the publisher.

1. Click on the **Data Exchange** menu item and select **Data Feeds**.

The OpenDXL Data Feeds page will load. Here you can view any existing incoming and outgoing feeds.

**OpenDXL Data Feeds**

Create FeedDelete Feed

**Outgoing Feeds**

Manage configuration settings and recipients for your outgoing feeds.

| NAME                         | LAST PUBLISHED | SHARED WITH | FEED STATUS |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17s | N/A            | 1 Recipient | Enabled     |

**Incoming Feeds**

View and edit ingestion settings for incoming feed subscriptions.

| NAME | LAST RECEIVED      | CREATED BY       | SUBSCRIPTION STATUS |
|------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| DEMO |                    | ThreatQ Platform | Offered             |
| 33s3 | 05/17/2023 05:06pm | ThreatQ Platform | Subscriber          |

2. Click on the **Create Feed** button.

The Create Feed form will load.

### Create Feed

#### Feed Status

Disabled
☒
Enabled

#### Basic Info

▼

#### Description

#### Recipients

☐ Offer Feed to Public

By selecting this box, you will offer this feed to all clients connected to this data transport. Once you save this setting, these clients will appear in the list below.

This feed has no recipients. [+Add](#)

#### Dataset

Select a data collection below that will define the data being exported in this feed.

▼

[Create a new data collection.](#)

#### Output Criteria

You can use the section below to determine what supporting context should or should not be part of the output of this feed.

#### Supporting Context

Select options below to choose what supporting context should be included.

☐ Attributes
☐ Contact Information
☐ Descriptions
☐ Event Date
☐ File Information
☐ First Seen
☐ Last Seen
☐ Objective
☐ Point Of Contact
☐ Published At
☐ Source Code
☐ Spearphish Details
☐ Tags

#### Relational Data

Feeds have the ability to include related objects and their context.

☐ Adversaries
☐ Asset
☐ Attack Pattern
☐ Campaign
☐ Course Of Action
☐ Events
☐ Exploit Target
☐ Identity
☐ Incident
☐ Indicators
☐ Intrusion Set
☐ Malware
☐ Report
☐ Signatures
☐ Tool
☐ Tip
☐ Vulnerability

#### Data Modifications

☐ Overwrite Source

The source provided below will replace all sources in the output of this collection.

- Enter a **Feed Name**. This is the name that will appear in the UI.
- Select a **Publish Frequency** that which the feed will be sent out to other ThreatQ instances. Options include:
  - Daily
  - Hourly
- Enter a **Description** for the data feed.
- Select the **Recipients** to receive the data feed. You can select specific instances or enable the **Offer Feed to Public** option.



Subscribers can only send data feeds to the publisher. Only the publisher will be offered when selecting a recipient. The **Offer Feed to Public** option will not be offered. See the [Data Feed Subscriptions](#) topic for more details on subscribing and unsubscribing to a data feed.

- Select a data collection for the **Dataset** field.



You can also click on the **Create a New Data Collection** option to be taken to the Threat Library to create a data collection.

8. Select which **Supporting Context** will be included in the data feed using the checkboxes provided.
9. Select which **Relational Data** (related objects) to include in the data feed.
10. Use the **Override Source** checkbox under the **Data Modifications** heading and enter a name to override the default source name for the feed.



A Subscriber can view the Data Feed source name under object sources in their object details page.

11. Click on the **Disabled/Enabled toggle** to enable the data feed.
12. Click on **Save** to create the data feed.

The OpenDXL Data Feeds page will load with the new feed listed. The recipients of the feed receive a system notification that a new feed is available for subscription. This notification includes a link to the OpenDXL Data Feeds page which allows the recipient to review feed details before subscribing.

#### NOTIFICATION CENTER

[MARK ALL AS READ](#)

SYSTEM NOTIFICATION



'Publisher' has offered 'COA' to you. To subscribe, [click for details.](#)

a minute ago

...



SYSTEM NOTIFICATION



'Publisher' has offered '66s' to you. To subscribe, [click for details.](#)

3 days ago

...



SYSTEM NOTIFICATION



'Publisher' has offered '99s' to you. To subscribe, [click for details.](#)

3 days ago

...



[SHOW MORE](#)



## Data Feed Sharing Options

You can edit who you share your data feeds with from the data feed's details page. Publishers can share data feeds with all connected instances while subscribers can only share their data feeds with the publisher instance they are connected to in TQX. Once you have shared a feed another instance, it will appear as an offered incoming feed. The instance will then be able to subscribe to the shared feed.

### Sharing a Data Feed

1. Navigate to the Data Feed's details page by either:
  - Connection Node View - clicking on the gear icon next to the data feed under the Outgoing Feeds heading.
  - Accessing the OpenDXL Data Feeds page and clicking on the data feed under Outgoing Feeds heading.
2. Click on the **Add** button under the Recipients heading to select an instance to share the data feed with.



Publishers will have an additional option to **Offer Feed to Public**, which will share the feed with all instances connected. This option is not available to subscriber instances, who are only permitted to share data feeds with the publisher.

#### Recipients

☐ Offer Feed to Public

By selecting this box, you will offer this feed to all clients connected to this data transport. Once you save this setting, these clients will appear in the list below.

| CLIENT NAME | SUBSCRIPTION STATUS | LAST RECEIVED     |                                                                                     |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Client_1    | Subscribed          | 05/18/2023 5:05pm |  |
| client_3    | Subscribed          | 05/18/2023 5:05pm |  |
| Client_2    | Offered             | N/A               |  |

 +Add

3. Click on **Save** to save your changes.

### Unsharing a Data Feed from the OpenDXL Data Feed details Page

1. Navigate to the OpenDXL Data Feeds page.
2. Click on the data feed to edit under the Outgoing Feeds heading to open the Edit Feed page.
3. Locate the instance under the Recipients heading and click on the **trash icon** located to the right of row.

## Recipients

☐ Offer Feed to Public

By selecting this box, you will offer this feed to all clients connected to this data transport. Once you save this setting, these clients will appear in the list below.

| CLIENT NAME | SUBSCRIPTION STATUS | LAST RECEIVED     |  |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| Client_1    | Subscribed          | 05/18/2023 5:05pm |  |
| client_3    | Subscribed          | 05/18/2023 5:05pm |  |
| Client_2    | Offered             | N/A               |  |

+Add

- Click on **Delete Recipient**, when prompted, to confirm.

Are You Sure?

×

Are you sure you want to remove this recipient from the feed?

Delete Recipient

Cancel

## Unsharing a Data Feed from the OpenDXL Connections Node View

- Click on the instance you no longer want to share the data feed with to load its details in the right pane.



### Client\_2

Subscriber  
UUID: f2df1d5a-3629-4037-94de-9628116d7d4e

Incoming Feeds

These are feeds you are receiving from this client.

17s
Published Hourly
⚙️

Outgoing Feeds

These are feeds you are sharing with this client.

|      |                                                      |       |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 33s  | Published Daily                                      | ⚙️ 🗑️ |
| 33s3 | Published Daily<br>Last Received: 05/18/2023 05:06pm | ⚙️ 🗑️ |
| DEMO | Published Daily                                      | ⚙️ 🗑️ |
| est  | Published Daily                                      | ⚙️ 🗑️ |

Share Feed

2. Locate the data feed under the Outgoing Feeds heading and click on the **trash icon**.
3. Click on **Remove Feed**, when prompted, to confirm.

**Remove Feed**

×

Are you sure you want to remove the feed from this recipient?

Remove Feed

Cancel

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## Data Feed Subscriptions

Once a data feed has been shared with you, it will appear in under your Incoming Feeds with a status of **Offered**. This indicates that the feed has been shared with your instance.

### Subscribing/Unsubscribing to a Feed from the OpenDXL Connections Node View

The following provides you with steps on how to subscribe and unsubscribe to/from a data feed from the OpenDXL Connections Node view.

1. Navigate to your OpenDXL Connections Node view.
2. Click on your instance node to load its details in the right pane.
3. Locate the shared feed under the Incoming Feeds heading.



Shared but not subscribed data feeds will be listed with a status of **Offered**.

4. Click on the enable/disable toggle switch to either subscribe or unsubscribe to the data feed.
5. If you are subscribing to a feed, you will be prompted to select the default statuses to apply to threat objects ingested from the feed. Set your default statuses and **Subscribe**.

### Subscribing/Unsubscribing to a Feed from the Feed Ingestion Settings Page

The following provides you with steps on how to subscribe and unsubscribe to/from a data feed from the Feed Ingestion Settings page.

1. Navigate to the OpenDXL Data Feeds page.
2. Click on the shared data feed under the Incoming Feeds header.



Shared but not subscribed data feeds will be listed with a status of **Offered**.

- Click on the subscription toggle option to subscribe or unsubscribe to the data feed.

## Feed Ingestion Settings

**33s3**

Published Hourly

### Feed Status

Unsubscribed ☒ Subscribed

Last Run: 05/17/23 05:06pm

Next Run: 05/17/23 06:06pm

Last Modified: 05/17/23 08:21pm

### Default Status Settings

For objects that have status in your system, you can choose a default status for each object type as they are ingested from this feed.

| Object Type | Status Setting    |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Indicators  | Retain Existing ▼ |
| Signatures  | Retain Existing ▼ |

- If you are subscribing to a feed, you will be prompted to select the default statuses to apply to threat objects ingested from the feed. Set your default statuses and **Subscribe**.

## Editing Object Default Statuses

When you first subscribe to a data feed, you are prompted to select the default status of objects that are ingested. You can also update the default status that is assigned to threat data ingested by an incoming feed from the Feed Ingestion Settings page.

1. Click on the Data Exchange menu link and select **Data Feeds**.

The OpenDXL Data Feeds page will load.

**OpenDXL Data Feeds**

Create FeedDelete Feed

**Outgoing Feeds**

Manage configuration settings and recipients for your outgoing feeds.

| NAME                         | LAST PUBLISHED | SHARED WITH | FEED STATUS |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17s | N/A            | 1 Recipient | Enabled     |

**Incoming Feeds**

View and edit ingestion settings for incoming feed subscriptions.

| NAME | LAST RECEIVED      | CREATED BY       | SUBSCRIPTION STATUS |
|------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| DEMO |                    | ThreatQ Platform | Offered             |
| 33s3 | 05/17/2023 05:06pm | ThreatQ Platform | Subscriber          |

2. Click on a feed under the Incoming Feeds heading.

The Feed Ingestion Settings page will load.

## Feed Ingestion Settings

33s3

Published Hourly

### Feed Status

Unsubscribed ☒ Subscribed

Last Run: 05/17/23 05:06pm

Next Run: 05/17/23 06:06pm

Last Modified: 05/17/23 08:21pm

### Default Status Settings

For objects that have status in your system, you can choose a default status for each object type as they are ingested from this feed.

| Object Type | Status Setting    |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Indicators  | Retain Existing ▼ |
| Signatures  | Retain Existing ▼ |

- Use the dropdown menus provided to update the default status assigned to the objects as they are ingested from the data feed.



You can also select **Retain Existing** to keep the status assigned to the object in the data feed.

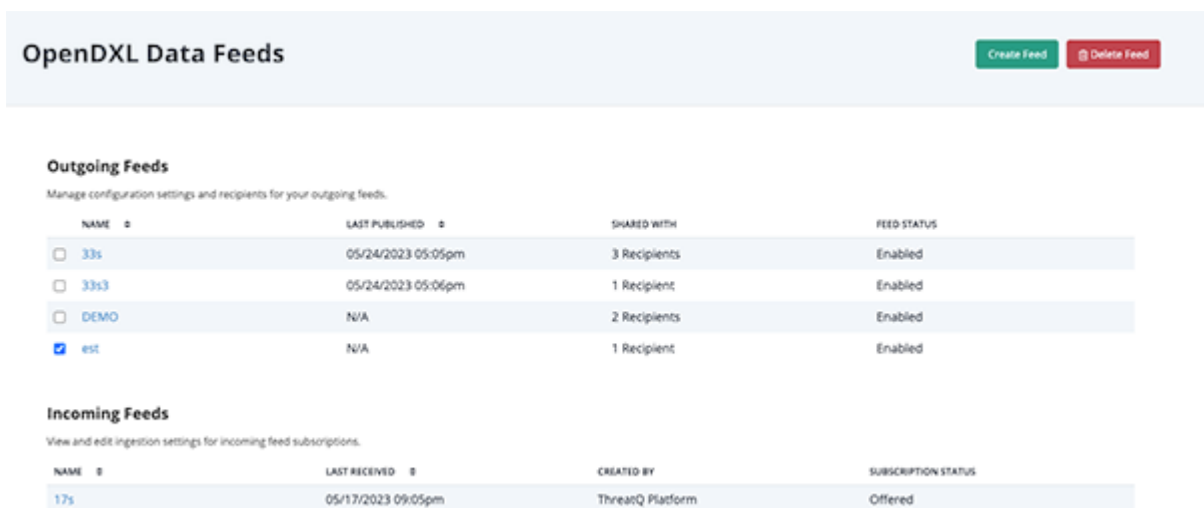
## Deleting a Data Feed

You can delete your outgoing data feeds from the Data Feeds page as well as from the Edit Feed page.

### Deleting a Data Feed from the OpenDXL Data Feeds Page

You can delete one or multiple feeds at once from the Data Feeds page.

1. Navigate to the OpenDXL Data Feeds page.
2. Click on the checkboxes next to the data feed(s) to delete.



**OpenDXL Data Feeds** Create Feed Delete Feed

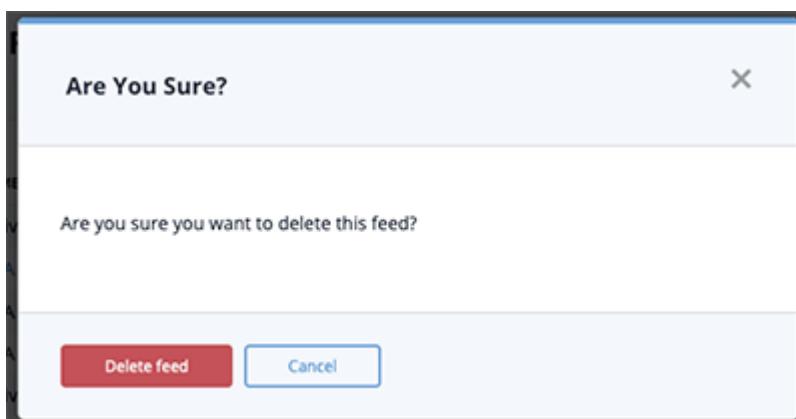
**Outgoing Feeds**  
Manage configuration settings and recipients for your outgoing feeds.

| NAME                                    | LAST PUBLISHED     | SHARED WITH  | FEED STATUS |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 33s            | 05/24/2023 05:05pm | 3 Recipients | Enabled     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 33s3           | 05/24/2023 05:06pm | 1 Recipient  | Enabled     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEMO           | N/A                | 2 Recipients | Enabled     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> est | N/A                | 1 Recipient  | Enabled     |

**Incoming Feeds**  
View and edit ingestion settings for incoming feed subscriptions.

| NAME | LAST RECEIVED      | CREATED BY       | SUBSCRIPTION STATUS |
|------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 17s  | 05/17/2023 09:05pm | ThreatQ Platform | Offered             |

3. Click on the **Delete Feed** option located to the top right.
4. Click on **Delete Feed**, when prompted, to confirm deletion.



### Deleting a Data Feed from the Edit Feed Page.

1. Navigate to the Edit Feed page for a data feed by either:
  - clicking on the feed from the OpenDXL Data Feeds page.

- clicking on the edit gear icon on the OpenDXL Connections Node view.
2. Click on the **Delete Feed** option located to the top right.

Edit Feed

Delete Feed

### Basic Info

Feed Name

COA

Publish Frequency

Hourly

Transport

Transport Zeta

3. Click on **Delete Feed**, when prompted, to confirm deletion.

Are You Sure?

×

Are you sure you want to delete this feed?

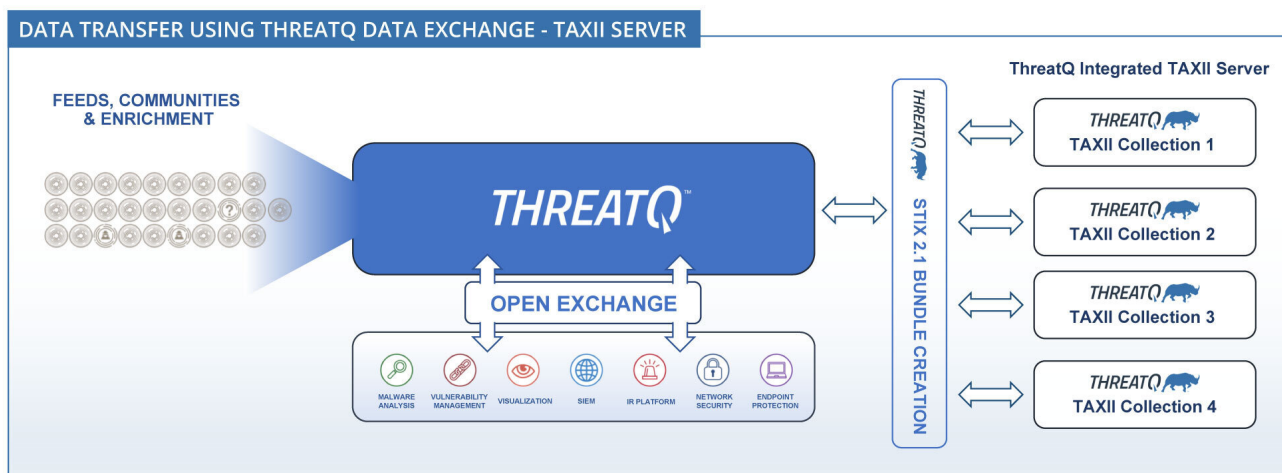
Delete feed

Cancel

# TAXII Server

## About the TAXII Server

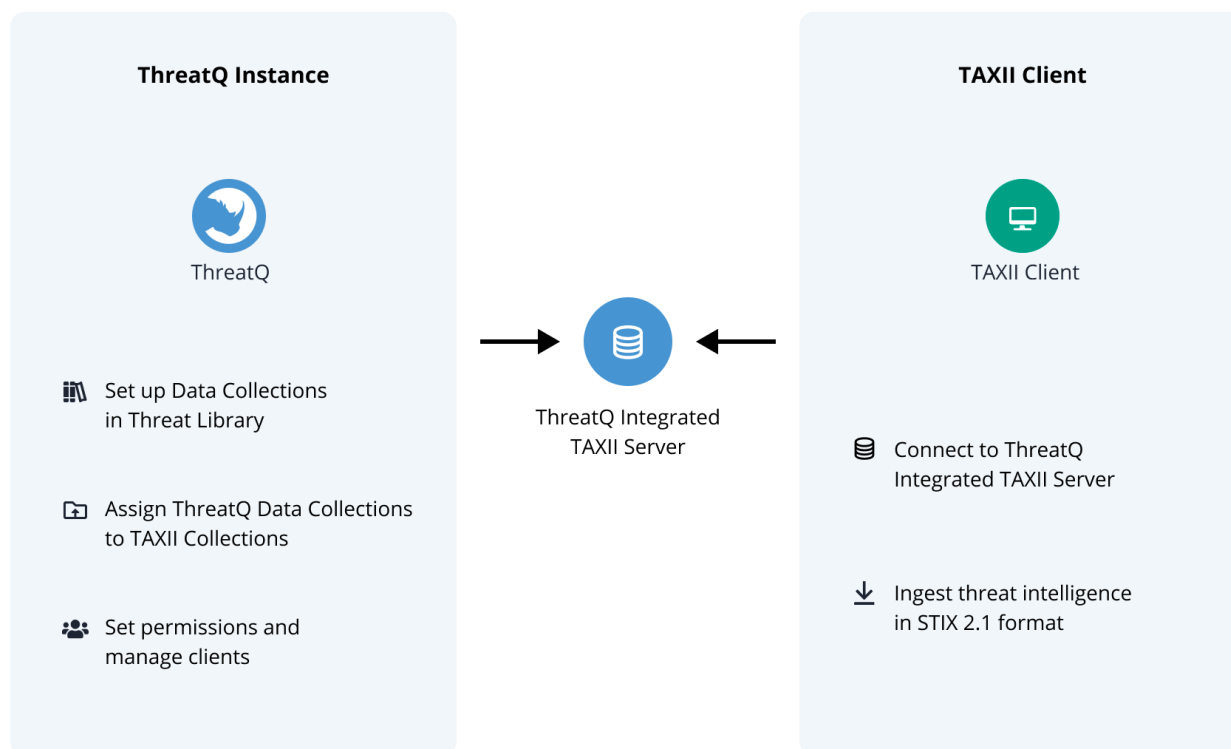
Trusted Automated eXchange of Intelligence Information (TAXII) is a transport protocol for transmitting threat intelligence data over HTTPS. The data transported by TAXII is formatted and stored using the Structured Threat Information eXpression (STIX) language.



ThreatQ Data Exchange (TQX) allows you to configure a TAXII server, create a TAXII collection to specify the STIX object information you want to share, and add TAXII user credentials to control access to the TAXII collection files.

## How It Works

### ThreatQ Data Exchange (STIX / TAXII)



### Tips and Tricks

- The data collection associated with a TAXII collection can include other object types but must include at least one STIX object type and the TAXII collection will only pull STIX object data. If you update the data collection so that it no longer contains STIX objects, the TAXII collection will be empty after the next run.
- Currently, TAXII collections are published daily and include the full result set from the selected data collection, not a delta.
- When a TAXII collection is created, the first data pull will occur within 5 minutes. The next data pull will occur 24 hours after the first data pull started, unless:
  - The data collection changes.
  - The TAXII collection is disabled, and then re-enabled after 5 minutes have passed.
  - The threatq-taxii server is restarted.



Due to the time required to populate the data for a TAXII collection, it is not available immediately after a data pull.

- Each TAXII collection run pulls data on the newest 50K of each STIX object type. For example, if your data collection includes 150K objects, of which 75K are adversaries, 80K are campaigns,

and the remainder are not STIX objects, the TAXII collection run will pull information on the newest 50K adversaries and 50K campaigns.

- TAXII collections **do not** include additional context of relational data for STIX objects.
- Currently, TQX only supports the use of a Third Party application to access STIX data from your TAXII server. TQX does not support the use of the TAXII server to transfer STIX object data between ThreatQ instances.
- If you delete the data collection associated with a TAXII collection, the TAXII collection is automatically disabled.
- STIX exports include an object's confidence value as attributes as long as the confidence value falls within the range from zero to one hundred.

## STIX Objects

ThreatQ TAXII collections can include the following system objects:

- Adversaries
- Attack Pattern
- Campaign
- Course of Action
- Identity
- Indicators
- Intrusion Set
- Malware
- Tool
- Vulnerability

For indicators, you can create STIX export bundles for the following indicator types:

- ASN
- Binary String
- CIDR Block
- CVE
- Email Address
- Email Attachment
- Email Subject
- File Path
- Filename
- FQDN
- IP Address
- IPv6 Address
- MAC Address
- MD5
- Mutex
- Password
- SHA-1
- SHA-256
- SHA-512
- x509 Serial
- x509 Subject
- URL
- User-agent
- Username
- X-Mailer

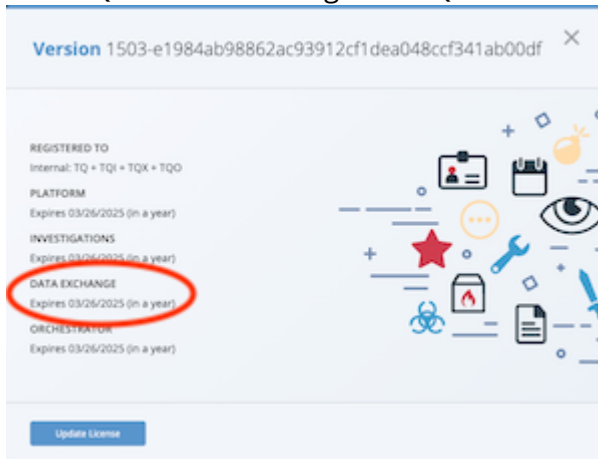
## Tips and Tricks

- STIX files generated from TAXII data collections:
  - Do not include related objects.
  - Include an object's confidence value as an attribute as long as the confidence value falls within the range from zero to one hundred.
  - Include an object's primary description only. If an object has multiple descriptions, only the primary description is included.

## TAXII Server Requirements

The following is a list of the minimum requirements to configure and use the ThreatQ Data Exchange TAXII server:

- ThreatQ instance running ThreatQ version 5.23+ with a TQX license.



- Data Collection that includes STIX object types.
- ThreatQ login with Administrative or Maintenance access.
- SSL certificate in the NGINX host directory.



If you are upgrading from ThreatQ v5.22.0 or later, the upgrade process moves your certificate automatically. If you are upgrading from an earlier 5x version, see [Configuring Your SSL Certificate for NGINX](#) for more information on moving your certificate.

## Configuring Your SSL Certificate for NGINX

The TAXII server resides behind an NGINX proxy to handle incoming traffic. The NGINX proxy listens on an available port and proxies traffic to the TAXII server container. It also uses the same SSL certificates available for the Apache server for HTTPS traffic.

When you upgrade from 5.22 or later, the TQAdmin tool automatically moves your existing certificate to `/etc/docker/nginx/ssl` and concatenates the certificate authority (CA) to the certificate. The certificate is then used in the NGINX container at startup. If your environment does not have a CA certificate, NGINX uses `/etc/pki/tls/certs/localhost.crt` by default.

If you are upgrading to 5.23 or later from an earlier version than 5.22, use the following steps to configure your SSL certificate for use by NGINX:

1. Place your certificate files in the host directory `/etc/docker/nginx/ssl`. They will be automatically accessible to the container at the same path (`/etc/docker/nginx/ssl`).
2. Concatenate your domain certificate and the intermediate certificate into a single file. Ensure the domain certificate comes first, followed by the intermediate certificate.  

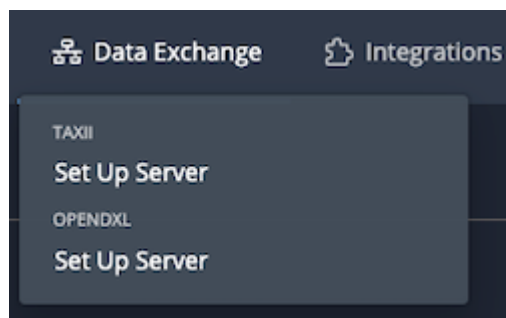
```
cat /etc/docker/nginx/ssl/yourdomain.crt /etc/docker/nginx/ssl/intermediate.crt > /etc/docker/nginx/ssl/yourdomain_combined.crt
```
3. Use the resulting concatenated file for the `ssl_certificate` directive in your NGINX configuration.
4. Configure SSL by adding certificate and private key details to `/etc/docker/nginx/conf.d/ssl-cert-paths.conf`.

### Example NGINX Configuration:

```
[~]# cat /etc/docker/nginx/conf.d/ssl-cert-paths.conf ssl_certificate /  
etc/docker/nginx/ssl/yourdomain_combined.crt; ssl_certificate_key /etc/  
docker/nginx/ssl/yourdomain.key;
```

## Getting Started - Configuring the TAXII Server

From the Data Exchange Menu select the Set Up Server option under the TAXII section.



The Set Up Data Exchange with TAXII wizard opens. This wizard guides you through configuring your TAXII server, creating your first TAXII collection, selecting the data collection for the TAXII collection, and adding TAXII user credentials.



This wizard is only available for the initial configuration of your TAXII server. To access it again, you must delete all existing TAXII collections and credentials. After doing this, you may need to clear your browser cache to access the Set Up Server option.

1. In the Create a Collection section, enter the name of the new TAXII collection and a brief description of the collection (optional). The Publish Frequency defaults to Daily.



You can click and drag the lower right corner of the Collection Description field to expand it.

## SET UP DATA EXCHANGE WITH TAXII

1  
 Create a Collection

2  
 Define Collection Output

3  
 Add TAXII Users

### Basic Info

Publish Frequency
Daily
▼

Next

2. Click the **Next** button to move to the Define Collection Output section.

## SET UP DATA EXCHANGE WITH TAXII

1  
 Create a Collection

2  
 Define Collection Output

3  
 Add TAXII Users

### Dataset

Select a data collection below that will define the data being exported in this collection.

[Create a new data collection](#)

⚠ Please note that this server only supports the transfer of STIX objects.

Back
Next

3. From this section, use one of the following methods to specify a data collection for the TAXII collection:

- **Select an existing data collection** - Click the Select a data collection field and select an existing data collection.
- **Create a new data collection** - Click the Create a new data collection option to access the Threat Library in another tab and create a new data collection.



The selection field only lists data collections that you have permission to access and that include STIX objects. The data collection can include other object types but must include STIX objects and the TAXII collection will only pull STIX object data.

4. Click the Next button to move to the Add TAXII Users section.

### SET UP DATA EXCHANGE WITH TAXII

1
2
3

Create a Collection
Define Collection Output
Add TAXII Users

**Would you like to add TAXII Users to share this collection with? (optional)**

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Minimum password requirements: 8 characters in length including 1 symbol and 1 uppercase letter.  
 Please save or record password externally as it will not display in this system later.

5. Optional. From this section, add the first TAXII user by entering the username and password. Go to step 6.  
Or, go to step 7 to finish creating the TAXII collection without adding users.



To view the password you entered, click the eye icon in the right side of the field.



Be sure to capture the TAXII password information you enter. This information is encrypted and not viewable after entry. If misplaced, you cannot retrieve the password. However, you can assign a new password.

6. Click the **Save** button to save the user entry. Then, click the **Add User** button to add another. Repeat this process as needed to add more users.



From the Add TAXII Users section, you can use the edit or delete icons to update your entries.

7. After you enter the TAXII users, click the Finish Setup button. The TAXII Users & Collections screen is displayed.



When you create a TAXII collection, every Admin user is assigned read-only permission for the associated data collection unless they already have permission to access it. In addition, each time you add a new Admin user, the new user is automatically granted viewer permissions for any data collections associated with a TAXII collection.

8. Before you can enable a TAXII collection, it must have at least one user. Then, you can click the toggle next to the TAXII Collection name to enable it.  
When you enable a TAXII collection, the first data pull begins in five minutes. The next data pull occurs twenty four hours later.

# TAXII Collections

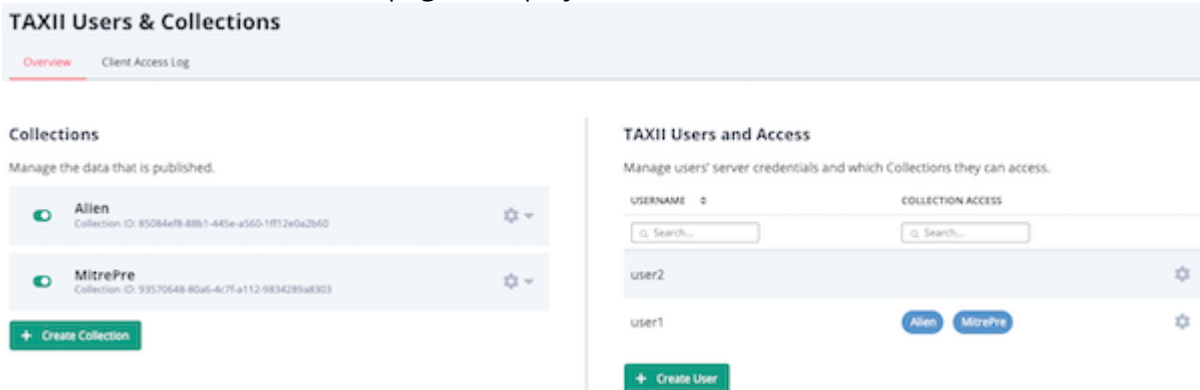
## About TAXII Collections

A TAXII collection is a collection of STIX objects configured in the ThreatQ Platform and sent as a STIX Bundle to the TAXII Server where it can be retrieved from a TAXII API Endpoint. To create a STIX bundle, ThreatQ converts the information in a Data Collection to STIX format.

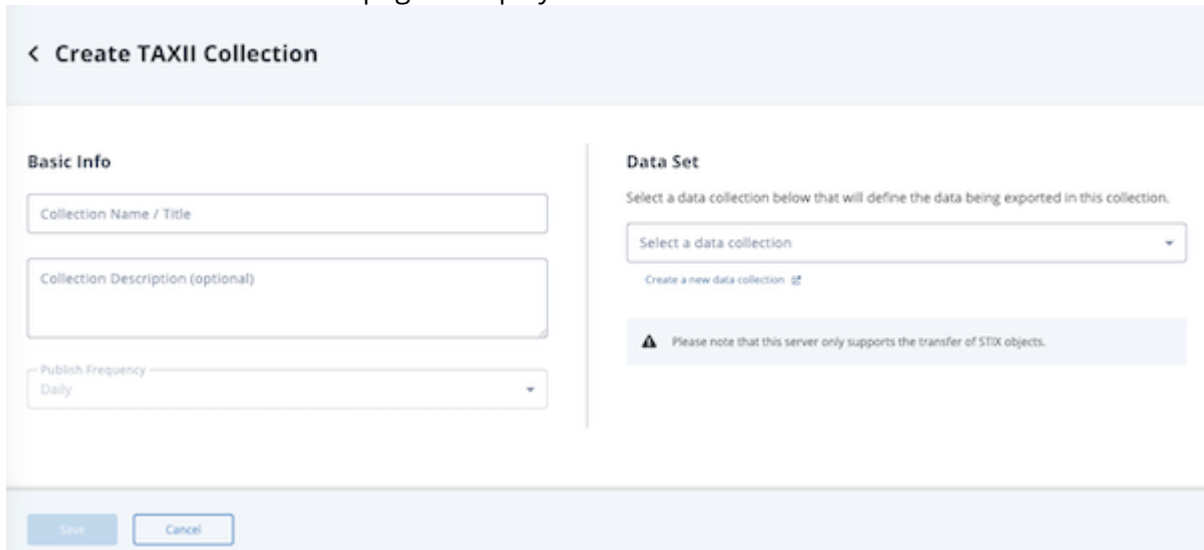
## Creating a TAXII Collection

After you set up your TAXII server and first TAXII collection, you can use the TAXII Users & Collections page to create additional collections.

1. From the Data Exchange Menu select the Users & Collections option under the TAXII section. The TAXII Users & Collections page is displayed.



2. Click the **Create Collection** button. The Create TAXII Collection page is displayed.



3. In the Basic Info section, enter the name of the new TAXII collection and a brief description of the collection. The Publish Frequency defaults to Daily.



You can click and drag the lower right corner of the Collection Description field to expand it.

4. Use one of the following methods to specify a data collection for the TAXII collection:
  - o **Select an existing data collection** - Click the Select a data collection field and select an existing data collection.
  - o **Create a new data collection** - Click the Create a new data collection option to access the Threat Library in another tab and create a new data collection. After you create the new data collection, return to the setup wizard's tab and select the new data collection.



The selection field only lists data collections that you have permission to access and that include STIX objects. The data collection can include other object types but must include STIX objects and the TAXII collection will only pull STIX object data.



After you select a data collection, the View in Threat Library button is displayed below the Select a data collection field. Click this button to access the Threat Library view of the data collection so that you can review or update the objects specified by the collection.

5. Click the **Save** button.  
The Edit TAXII Collection page is displayed.

< Edit TAXII Collection
Delete Collection

#### Collection Status

Disabled
☒
Enabled

Last Run:  
N/A

Next Run:  
N/A

Last Modified:  
01/04/2024 07:17pm

#### Basic Info

Collection Name / Title

Secondary

Collection ID (automatically generated)

ef3e3dd8-0516-4cd5-a11b-3fe90fc4b8d2

This is a unique identifier for this collection that should be used for connection.

Collection Description (optional)

Secondary

Publish Frequency

Daily

#### User Access

Select a user

+ Add

+ Create new user

#### Data Set

Select a data collection below that will define the data being exported in this collection.

Select a data collection

Primary DC

Create a new data collection: ☐

View in Threat Library

⚠ Please note that this server only supports the transfer of STIX objects.

Save

Cancel

6. In the User Access section, use one of the following methods to add a user to the TAXII collection:
  - **Add an existing TAXII user** - Click the Select a user field and locate the user by browsing the drop down list or using the search field. After you select the user, click the Add button.
  - **Add a new TAXII user** - Click the Create new user option to launch the Create New User window. Enter the username and password. By default, the user is assigned access to the TAXII collection you are creating. However, you can use the Add option to give the user access to additional TAXII collections. Then, click the Save button to return to the Edit TAXII Collection page.



Be sure to capture the TAXII password information you enter. This information is encrypted and not viewable after entry. If misplaced, you cannot retrieve the password. However, you can assign a new password.

After you add a TAXII user, the username is displayed in the User Access section and you can use the Search box to locate a specific username and/or click the delete icon next to a user name to remove it from the collection.

7. You can repeat step 6 to continue adding users to the collection.
8. From the Edit TAXII Collection page, click the **Save** button to save your changes to the collection.

## Updating a TAXII Collection's Publish Settings

The Publish Settings tab in the Edit TAXII Collection page lists the collection's configuration details, time/date stamps for the collection's last and next run, and the date/time of the last change to the collection configuration.

| FIELD NAME    | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Last Run      | The date/time of the last time the TAXII server pulled data for the TAXII collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Next Run      | The date/time of the next time the TAXII service will pull data for the TAXII collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Last Modified | The date/time of the last updates to this collection including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling/disabling the collection.</li> <li>• Collection name or description updates.</li> <li>• Selection of a new data collection.</li> <li>• Addition/removal of TAXII users to the collection.</li> </ul> |

From this page, you can update the collection's name and description, add or remove users, and change the data collection.



Updating a collection's name does not change its collection ID. The collection ID is created at the same time as the collection and cannot be changed.

1. From the TAXII Users & Collections page, click the gear icon next to the collection name. The Publish Settings tab in the Edit TAXII Collection page is displayed.
2. Select the Publish Settings option to access the Edit TAXII Collection page. From this page you can:
  - Enable/disable the collection.
  - Change the collection name or description.
  - Add/remove collection users.
  - Select a new data collection
  - Access the Threat Library view of the data collection so that you can review or update the objects specified by the collection.

← Edit TAXII Collection

Delete Collection

Publish Settings

Build History

Collection Status

Disabled

☒

Enabled

Last Run:  
N/A

Next Run:  
N/A

Last Modified:  
01/26/2024 03:50pm

Basic Info

Collection Name / Title  
Primary

Collection ID (automatically generated)  
cf70a977-dc74-4a6b-b626-05f76ec5ee14  
This is a unique identifier for this collection that should be used for connection.

Collection Description (optional)  
Primary

Publish Frequency  
Daily

User Access

USERNAME

Q Search...

Martha Jones

Select a user

+ Add

Create new user

Data Set

Select a data collection below that will define the data being exported in this collection.

Primary DC

Create a new data collection

View in Threat Library

Please note that this server only supports the transfer of STIX objects.

Save

Cancel

3. Enter your changes.



If you remove all users from a TAXII collection or delete its data collection, the TAXII collection is automatically disabled.

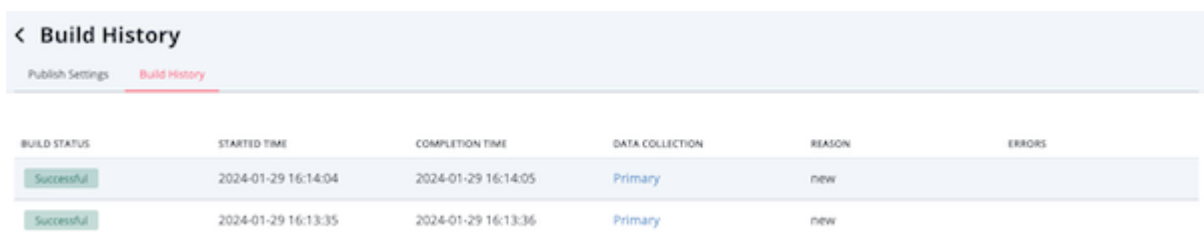
4. Click the **Save** button.

## Reviewing a TAXII Collection's Build History

The Build History tab in the Edit TAXII Collection page lists the following information for each build process:

| COLUMN          | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Build Status    | Lists the build status such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pending</b> - A build is in pending status until it has a completion time.</li> <li>• <b>Successful</b> - All STIX 2.1 data has been added to the TAXII collection.</li> <li>• <b>Unsuccessful</b> - A build is marked as Unsuccessful if it failed.</li> </ul>             |
| Started Time    | The start date and time of the build.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Completion Time | The end date and time of the build.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Data Collection | The data collection used for the build.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reason          | Describes why the build ran: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New</b> - The first build after creation of the TAXII collection.</li> <li>• <b>Changed</b> - The build ran after you saved a change to the TAXII collection's publish settings.</li> <li>• <b>Scheduled Rebuild</b> - The build ran at the normal, scheduled time.</li> </ul> |
| Errors          | Lists the error associated with an unsuccessful build.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

1. From the TAXII Users & Collections page, click the gear icon next to the collection name.
2. Select the Build History option to access the Build History tab.  
From this tab, you can review information on each time a TAXII collection was processed and/or download a build's error log, if applicable.



| Build History    |                     |                     |                 |        |        |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Publish Settings | Build History       |                     |                 |        |        |
| BUILD STATUS     | STARTED TIME        | COMPLETION TIME     | DATA COLLECTION | REASON | ERRORS |
| Successful       | 2024-01-29 16:14:04 | 2024-01-29 16:14:05 | Primary         | new    |        |
| Successful       | 2024-01-29 16:13:35 | 2024-01-29 16:13:36 | Primary         | new    |        |

## Sharing TAXII Collections

To share a TAXII collection with another organization or individual you will need to provide:

- TAXII collection name and/or ID
- User credentials - The username and password you created in TQX
- The path for your TAXII server - <your ThreatQ domain>:5910/taxii2/

# TAXII Users

## About TAXII Users

A TAXII user is a set of credentials (username and password) used to determine access to one or more TAXII Collections on the TAXII Server. These credentials are managed in the ThreatQ Platform and provided to an organization or individual to allow them access.

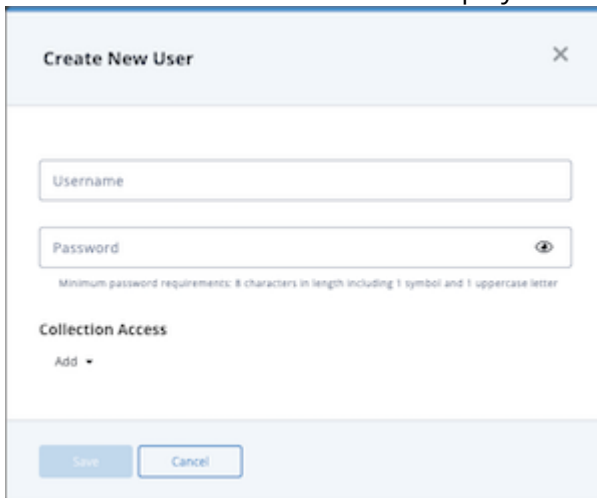
To locate a TAXII user, you can sort the user list by username or use the username or collection access search fields to locate a user.

### Tips and Tricks

- TAXII user credentials cannot be used to access ThreatQ.
- TAXII users cannot be used as sources for system objects.
- To delete a user, you must first remove the user's access to all TAXII collections.

## Creating a TAXII User

1. From the TAXII Users & Collections page, click the **Create User** button. The Create New User window is displayed.



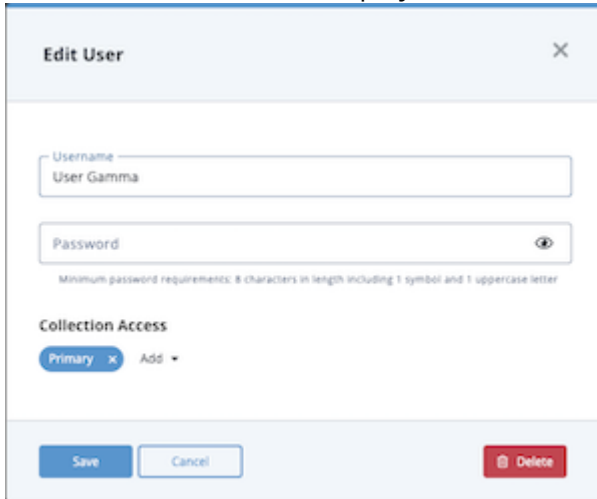
2. Enter the new username and password.

 Be sure to capture the TAXII password information you enter. This information is encrypted and not viewable after entry. If misplaced, you cannot retrieve the password. However, you can assign a new password.

3. In the Collection Access section, click the Add option to give the user access to an existing TAXII collection. You can repeat this step to give the user access to multiple collections.
4. Click the Save button. The new username is displayed in the TAXII Users & Access section of the TAXII Users & Collections page.

## Updating TAXII User Credentials

1. From the TAXII Users & Collections page, click the gear icon next to the username. The Edit User window is displayed.

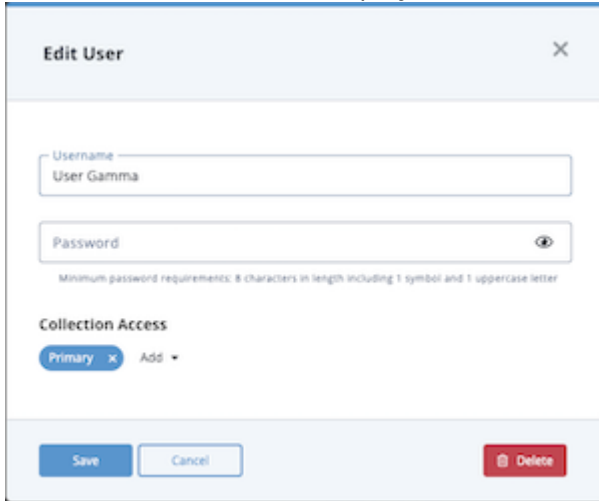


2. Enter your changes to the username and/or password.
3. From the Collection Access section, you can add or remove access to a TAXII collection:
  - **Add access to a collection** - Click the Add option to give the user access to a TAXII collection. You can repeat this step to give the user access to multiple collections.
  - **Remove access to a collection** - Click the **X** next to the collection name to remove a user's access to it.
4. Click the **Save** button to save your changes and return to the TAXII Users & Collections page.

## Removing TAXII User Credentials

Before you can remove a TAXII username, you must remove its access to all TAXII collections.

1. From the TAXII Users & Collections page, click the gear icon next to the username.  
The Edit User window is displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit User' modal window. It includes a 'Username' input field containing 'User Gamma', a 'Password' input field with a visibility toggle, and a 'Collection Access' section with a 'Primary' button and an 'Add' dropdown menu. At the bottom, there are 'Save', 'Cancel', and 'Delete' buttons.

2. Remove the user's access to all TAXII collections by clicking the **X** next to each collection name.
3. Click the Delete button.  
The TAXII Users & Collections page is displayed and the username is no longer displayed in the TAXII Users and Access section.

# Reviewing the Client Access Log

The Client Access Log tracks connection attempts and data polling on the TAXII server. The log stores the last seven days of activity or 1,000 entries and lists these entries in from most recent to oldest.

- From the TAXI Users & Collections page, click the Client Access Log tab.  
The Client Access Log is displayed.

| Client Access Log |        |                   |             |                                    |                                                                                                              |        |                    |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Overview          |        | Client Access Log |             |                                    |                                                                                                              |        |                    |
| STATUS            | METHOD | IDENTITY          | CLIENT IP   | ACCEPT HEADER                      | PATH                                                                                                         | REASON | DATE               |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /taxii2/                                                                                                     |        | 02/15/2024 01:39pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /1/collections/                                                                                              |        | 02/15/2024 01:39pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /1/collections/85084ef8-88b1-445e-a560-1ff12e0a2b60/objects/?limit=1000&added_after=2024-02-15T12:39:40.000Z |        | 02/15/2024 01:39pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /taxii2/                                                                                                     |        | 02/15/2024 01:37pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /1/collections/                                                                                              |        | 02/15/2024 01:37pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /1/collections/93570648-80a6-4c7f-a112-9834289a8303/objects/?limit=1000&added_after=2024-02-15T12:37:24.000Z |        | 02/15/2024 01:37pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /taxii2/                                                                                                     |        | 02/15/2024 12:39pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /1/collections/                                                                                              |        | 02/15/2024 12:39pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /1/collections/85084ef8-88b1-445e-a560-1ff12e0a2b60/objects/?limit=1000&added_after=2024-02-15T11:39:40.000Z |        | 02/15/2024 12:39pm |
| 200               | GET    | user1             | 172.18.0.18 | application/taxii+json;version=2.1 | /taxii2/                                                                                                     |        | 02/15/2024 12:37pm |

- From the Client Access Log tab, you can view the following information:

| COLUMN NAME | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Status      | The status code returned to the TAXII client from the TAXII server when a request was made and responded to. Statuses with a value greater than or equal to 400 are displayed with a red background. |
| Method      | The Request method used by the TAXII client.                                                                                                                                                         |
| Identity    | The derived identity of the TAXII client based on the client's provided authorization header.                                                                                                        |
| Client IP   | The IP address from which the request originated.                                                                                                                                                    |

| COLUMN<br>NAME   | DESCRIPTION                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Accept<br>Header | The accept header the TAXII client sent in the request. |
| Path             | The server path the TAXII client requested.             |
| Reason           | Describes the reason for a failed attempt.              |
| Date             | The date and time the request was made.                 |

3. Click the refresh button in the upper right corner to refresh the log entries displayed. You can also use the navigation options at the bottom of the page to view additional pages of log entries or update the number of entries displayed in each page.

# FAQs

## **Can I install/use my own data transport?**

Currently, TQX only supports the default OpenDXL transport installed with the product. However, future releases will give you the option to implement additional Data Transports .

## **As a Subscriber, can I offer a Data Feed to another Subscriber?**

Subscriber instances can offer Data Feeds to Publishers. However, they cannot offer Data Feeds to other Subscribers. For added security, Subscribers will be unable to see other Subscribers connected to the Publisher.

## **What happens if my Data Feed contains indicators with a custom status that a Subscriber does not have in place on their instance?**

At this time, custom statuses are not supported by TQX. In this event, the custom status would not be created on the Subscriber instance nor would the system objects with that status be ingested by the Subscriber instance.

## **What happens if my Data feed contains indicators with a set score?**

Indicator Scores are not included when sending Data Feeds to another instance.

## **As a Subscriber, can I unsubscribe to a data feed?**

Yes. You can unsubscribe from a data feed to stop the ingestion of data. You also have the option to re-subscribe to the data feed at a later date.

## **As a Subscriber, can I connect to multiple Publishers?**

Currently, TQX only supports one data transport per instance. This allows Publishers to connect to multiple Subscribers through one data transport. Subscribers cannot connect to multiple Publishers as it would require additional data transports.

## **As a Publisher, can I connect to other Publishers?**

No, at this time, data Connection Bundles are designed to provide Publisher > Subscriber and Subscriber > Publisher communication.

## **As a Publisher that is publishing multiple Data Feeds to a Subscriber, can I remove an individual data feed?**

Publishers can remove recipient instances from Data Feeds. See the [Data Feed Sharing Options](#) topic for more information.

## **How do I upgrade to a Publisher instance?**

Contact ThreatQ Sales to purchase a Publisher license. Then, see the Licensing topic in the Help Center for information on adding this new license.

# Change Log

- **Version 3.6.0**
  - Updates included in ThreatQ version 5.28.0
- **Version 3.5.0**
  - Updates included in ThreatQ version 5.26.0
- **Version 3.4.0**
  - Updates included in ThreatQ version 5.25.0
- **Version 3.3.0**
  - Updates included in ThreatQ version 5.24.1
- **Version 3.2.0**
  - TAXII Server updates in ThreatQ version 5.24.0
- **Version 3.1.0**
  - TAXII Server functionality in ThreatQ version 5.23.0
- **Version 3.0.0**
  - Bug fixes included with ThreatQ version 5.12.0
- **Version 2.0.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 5.6.0
- **Version 1.6.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 4.57
- **Version 1.4.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 4.56
- **Version 1.4.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 4.54
- **Version 1.3.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 4.53
- **Version 1.2.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 4.52
- **Version 1.1.0**
  - Updates included with ThreatQ version 4.50
- **Version 1.0.0**
  - Initial Release