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Subscription Billing

Technical Reference

Abstract

PureConnect customers who use subscription billing should use this document to set up and verify the automated or manual method for uploading usage data.

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Overview

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Usage Subsystem

A usage subsystem for subscription billing is installed as part of the PureConnect install. It creates encrypted usage (.usg) data files daily. The usage files are stored in the i3\ic\work\usage directory.

Automated Upload

The usage files, located in the i3\ic\work\usage directory, can be automatically uploaded daily to the Genesys PureConnect Amazon S3 location. Subscription customers much configure firewall rules to allow sending of these files on port 443.

The Amazon S3 location is us-east-2.

Some enterprises block egress TCP 443, so you need to <u>Verify Access for the Automated Upload</u> to make sure your site can access the AWS billing service and no firewalls block the connection.

Verify Access for the Automated Upload

Because some enterprises block port 443, if you are using the automated upload method, you need to verify that your site can access the AWS billing service and no firewalls block the connection.

To verify access, browse to these FQDNs from your PureConnect servers:

pureconnectusage.s3.amazonaws.com

pureconnectusage.s3-us-east-2.amazonaws.com

If successful, you should see this:

This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

If you see a time-out error instead, try browsing to these AWS FQDNs:

s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com

s3-us-east-2.amazonaws.com

s3.dualstack.us-east-2.amazonaws.com

s3.amazonaws.com

If you cannot browse to the additional FQDNs, make sure they are DNS resolvable. You must resolve any DNS errors locally. Once resolved, repeat the test to verify that you can browse to the two pureconnectusage FQDNs listed above.

If you still see a time-out error, use the information at this site to whitelist the service in your firewall: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws-ip-ranges.html

The site provides a downloadable XML file that contains public IP addresses.

Once you whitelist the service, verify that you can browse to the two pureconnectusage FQDNs listed above. You should see the document tree as shown in the image above.

Manual Upload

Your organization can manually upload the usage data monthly from the Genesys Customer Care Portal. If you have access, click the **Subscription Usage Upload** tile in the portal dashboard to go to the upload page where you can upload your encrypted usage data files.

Your organization must upload the usage data for the required billing period before the 4th of each month. The billing period is the 28th through the 27th. For example, if the billing period is April 28th through May 27th, then all usage files must be uploaded from the portal by June 4th. Failure to do so may result in disablement of the system, as well as financial penalties. If you choose to manually upload the usage files, you are responsible for deleting the files from the usage directory.

License Keys

For automated uploads, the license file must include the I3_FEATURE_USAGE_TRACKING_UPLOAD license key.

For manual uploads, the license management site loads the license file with the technical license key I3_FEATURE_USAGE_TRACKING_LOCAL, which prevents the automatic upload of usage data.

If the license file does not include either license key, the system does not collect usage data.

For more information about licensing, see the PureConnect Licensing Technical Reference.

Required Disk Space

The amount of disk space needed for the usage files varies depending on the number of logins per user per day. For most customers, the file will be less than 3 MB per day, while the largest customers may see files as large as 10 MB per day.

PureConnect creates one usage file each day for each PureConnect server and creates additional usage files when a server is restarted.

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