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This guide describes how to set up your Syniti Replicate environment to replicate data to and from JSON format files.

When replicating **from a relational database to a JSON file**, Syniti Replicate allows you to replicate data in two different ways, or modes:

• Refresh

A one-time complete replication from source table to a JSON file, according to replication settings and scripts. You can control the timing of the replication, identify the columns to be replicated and add scripts to transform data during replication.

One-way mirroring

A continuous update of a replicated table to a JSON file based on changes to the source database that have been recorded in the database server log. You can define the replication settings to check the transaction log on the source database at regular intervals. Any changes found in the log would be applied to the target file.

### Replicating Data from a Relational Database to a JSON File

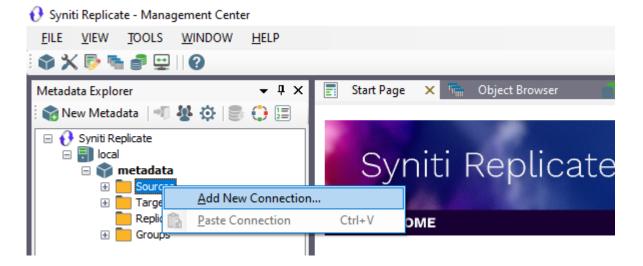
### 1. Set Up a Source Connection to a Relational Database

- 1. Make sure you have database connections via a .NET data provider to your source database. For each database you are planning to use in your replication project:
  - Install and configure one of the supported data access products. See <u>the list of supported .NET data</u> <u>providers in the knowledge base</u> for a current list of supported providers.
  - From the data access product, test the connection to the database.
  - Create a connection string for the data access product/database you are using. Check the documentation for the data access product for information on how to do this.
  - Check that the user ID you are planning to use has sufficient permissions to complete all operations in Syniti Replicate. Contact Syniti Technical Support for specific requirements for your database.
- 2. Start Syniti Replicate Management Center. Syniti Replicate provides a default database (Microsoft SQL Server CE) for your metadata, all the information that Syniti Replicate needs to store about your replication setup.

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- 4. In the Metadata Explorer, expand the metadata node to view the **Sources** and **Targets** nodes.
- 5. Select the **Sources** node.
- 6. From the right mouse button menu, choose Add New Connection.



7. In the Source Connection Wizard, follow steps to add a connection string and test the connection to the database.

Check the knowledge base article on data providers before entering a value in the Assembly field.

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		Syniti Replicate
Select provider	Select the data	base that contains source data to be replicated and indicate which provider to use.
string	Source name	
Select tables	Name:	IBMDB2i-Src
Actions Summary	Data Provider(s)	
	Database:	IBM Db2 for i
	Provider:	HiT Software .NET Driver (Ritmo/i)
	Assembly:	Ritmo_i/lib/Sql400.dll
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#### 8. In the Set Connection String screen, fill out the following fields:

#### **Connection Properties**

Edit at least the **Required** connection properties by clicking in the property value field and typing a new value. **Note:** If using an Oracle 11 client, in the Data Source field, be sure to add the **Oracle Service Name** after the IP address.

9. Choose the tables that you plan to replicate.

10. In the Actions screen, check the option Launch the Enable Transactional Setup Wizard.

💰 Add Source Connect	ion Wizard X
	Syniti Replicate
Select provider Set connection	Choose the action(s) to perform at the end of the wizard.
string Select tables Actions Summary	At the end of the wizard: Launch the Enable Transactional Replication Wizard Check this option to set up transaction details for mirroring or synchronization replications that use this connection as a source.
	Launch the Add Target Connection Wizard Proceed with the definition of a target connection.
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11. Complete the wizard.

### **Enable Transactional Replication**

This section assumes you are planning to replicate data to a flat file using mirroring (rather than Refresh) from a relational database. For Refresh replications, you do not need to complete the Enable Transactional Replication wizard. If you have checked the Source Connection wizard option to launch the Enable Transactional Replication wizard, follow the steps below. To open the wizard from the Management Center, choose the connection in the Metadata Explorer, then right-click to choose Transactional Setup > Enable...

#### In the Enable Transactional Replication wizard:

1. Select the type of transactional replication to use. The options depend on the source database and can include log reader, log server agent, triggers, plus log reader API (for IBM Db2 for i only). Check the help for more information on the best option.

💰 Enable Transactional I	Replication Wizard	×
	Syniti Replicate	
Log Type Log Settings	Choose the appropriate type of logging for this connection. For more information, see <u>Choosing a Log</u> Type for Transactional Replications	
Actions Summary	Log Type	
	[Default option] Every replication will activate a reader thread to check for new transactions to replicate. Choose this option if you plan to add a limited number of replications and do not want to install additional services on the system that is running Syniti Replicate.	
	O Log Reader API	
	Same as Log Reader with additional support for Large Object Binary values in transactional mode. Select this option if tables contain LOBs.	
	<ul> <li>Log Server Agent</li> <li>A Server Agent service will be created to autonomously read the transaction log from the database. Choose this option if you plan to add many replications and you need a scalable solution that doesn't require multiple simultaneous connections to the database.</li> </ul>	
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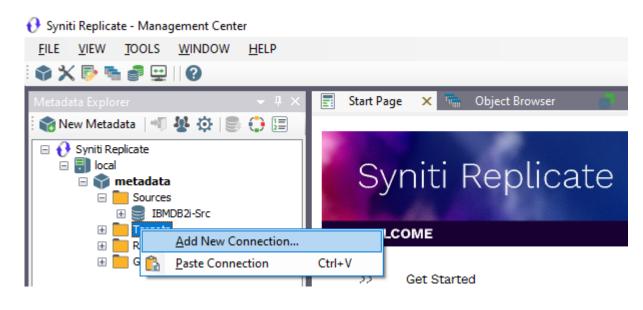
- 2. Click **Next** to enter the log settings. The fields and appropriate values depend on the database and log type. You can obtain a setup guide for a specific relational database by making a request in the <u>Help Center</u>.
- 3. Click **Next** to verify your settings against the source connection to the database. If any information is missing, you will not be able to proceed.
- 4. In the Actions screen, check the option to launch the Add Target Connection wizard.
- 5. Click **Next** to review your changes.
- 6. Click **Finish** to complete the wizard.

The source connection is now set up for transactional replications.

### 2. Set up a Target Connection for JSON Output

#### 1. Select the **Targets** node.

2. From the right mouse button menu, choose Add New Connection.



3. In the Target Connection Wizard Provider field, select the Files - JSON option.

💰 Add Target Connectio	n Wizard	×
		Syniti Replicate
Select provider	Select the datat	ease target where to replicate data and indicate which provider to use.
string	Target name	
Set staging connection string	Name:	JSON Files
Select tables	Data Provider(s)	
Actions Summary	Database:	Files - JSON 🗸
	Provider:	SON Data Provider 🗸
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4. In the **Set Connection String** page, set a directory path for the output from replications between the source relational database and the JSON file target.

💰 Add Target Connecti	on Wizard	×
		Syniti Replicate
Select provider Set connection string	Specify the connection parameters for Connection properties	the target connection.
Set staging connection string Select tables Actions Summary	<ul> <li>Required         <ul> <li>Output Folder                 Add Transactional Info</li> <li>Optional                 Use One File Per Group                 ExtendedProperties</li> </ul> </li> <li>Output Folder         Path for the schema and output files.</li> </ul>	Yes, at the beginning False
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- 5. Set an Output Folder available to the system where Syniti Replicate is running. The JSON files will be written to this folder.
- 6. Make sure that the Add Transactional Info field is set to Yes, at the beginning.
- 7. Leave the default settings for the remaining required connection string properties.
- 8. Click Next to display the Select tables page.

At this point, there is no output structure available to display. You can add the information after completing the Target Connection wizard.

- 9. Click Next to display the Summary page.
- 10. Click **Finish** to complete the wizard.

### 3. Add Table Information to the Target Connection

The target connection is displayed in the Metadata Explorer, but you still need to add the JSON file representation for source table data so that when you create replications below, you can specify a source table and target "file."

- 1. In the Metadata Explorer, expand the source connection you created above.
  - 2. Select and drag a source table to the target file connection.
  - 3. The Create Target Table wizard is displayed.

Although you are not actually creating tables, you can use this wizard to create a representation of the file data.

- 4. In the **Source Connection** screen, you should see the source table you selected above.
- 5. Click Next to display the Target Connection screen.
- 6. Verify that the screen displays the correct target connection name, and table name.
- Click Next to review the table structure. At this point, you can modify data types, null values and so on, if you want to modify the data eventually sent to a file.
- Click Next to display the SQL Script screen.
   The contents of this screen are inactive because there is no editable SQL script to create a table. Instead, Syniti Replicate outputs the table information to a file.
- 9. Click **Next** to display the **Summary** screen.
- 10. Click **Finish** to create the table representation in the Metadata Explorer.
- 11. Click Yes to add the table name to the target connection entry in the Metadata Explorer
- 12. Repeat steps 2 through 11 for each source table that you want to replicate to a file.

At the end of this process, you should have a list of table representations under the target connection in the Metadata Explorer.

### 4. Define Replications

- 1. Expand the Metadata Explorer tree to display the table that contains the data you want to replicate.
  - 2. Select the table.
  - 3. From the right mouse button menu, choose Replication then Create New Replicaton....
  - 4. In the **Define Replication Type** screen, type a name to identify the replication.
  - 5. Optionally provide a description of the replication.
  - 6. In the **Replication Mode** area, choose **Mirroring** to capture changed data only.

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💰 Create Replication W	izard	×
		Syniti Replicate
<i>Replication type</i> Source connection	Mirroring mode will defin server. Replication Name	e a one-way transactional replication, from the source server to the target
Source log info Target connection Target log info	Replication Name Description: Use Group:	CUSTOMER
Mapping info Scheduling Actions	Replication Type	✓ <undefined> ✓ Create</undefined>
Actions Summary	<ul> <li>Refresh</li> <li>Continuous Mirror</li> <li>Synchronization</li> </ul>	ing
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7. Click Next to go to the Select Source Connection screen.

💰 Create Replication Wi	izard				×
			Syniti	Repli	cate
Replication type	Select the source conn	ection and table to be replicated.			
connection Source log info					
Target connection	Connection Name:	IBMDB2i-Src			~
Target log info Mapping info Scheduling Actions Summary	Table Name:	OLETEST.CUSTOMER		Open Table	
		< Back	Next >	Cancel	Help

- 8. Choose the source connection name from the drop-down list that includes all the source connections you have created in Syniti Replicate.
- 9. Choose the table that you want to replicate from the drop-down list.
- 10. If you want more information about the table before proceeding, click Open Table....
- 11. Click Next to go to the Source Log Info screen.

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			Syniti Re	eplicate
Replication type Source connection <b>Source log info</b> Target connection Target log info Mapping info Scheduling Actions Summary		OLETEST.QSQJRN OLETEST.QSQJRN OLETEST.QSQJRN3424 5550 6/28/2022 9:42:41 PM 60	the IBM i/AS400 server. To	override, click Read
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The first two fields on this screen depend on the source database you are using. In this explanation, we assume you are using Microsoft SQL Server. Check the help for the Replication Wizard for details on the other databases.

12. In the Transaction ID field, click Read to open the Read Point dialog.

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	Launch Service Installer					
	Exit					
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- 13. Choose either the current transaction or a transaction ID based on a time and date.
- 14. Click OK to add the value to the Source Log Info screen.
- 15. Set the value of the **Read Interval** field to the frequency with which you want Syniti Replicate to check the transaction log for new events to mirror.
- 16. Click Next to go to the Select Target Connection screen.
- 17. Choose the target connection for text output from the drop-down list that includes all the target connections you have created in Syniti Replicate.
- Choose the data set you want to replicate from the drop-down list.
   If the drop-down list is empty, exit the wizard and add or create a target data set.
- 19. Click **Next** to go to the **Set Mapping Info** screen. Source columns and target data with the same name are automatically mapped.
- 20.Click Next to go to the Scheduling screen.
- 21. Make sure the **Enable Replication** option is checked. This is required for the replication to run.
- 22.Set a start time for the replication. The **Start Time** field indicates the time at which the Replication Agent will begin considering the replication for execution.

Check the option to **Execute Initial Refresh**.

A full replication will be performed from the source table to the data file, prior to starting the mirroring process where only incremental changes will be replicated.

23.Go to the Mirroring Schedule tab.

24.Select how you want to run the replication:

- Run Continuously: the transaction log will be checked for changes to the table using the frequency that you specified on the Set Log Info tab. Any changes will be replicated to the target table.
- Schedule Interruptions: the replication process will run as above, except for interruptions specified when you click the Schedule button in the Scheduler dialog.

25.Click Next to go to the Summary screen.

26.Click **Finish** to complete the wizard.

### 5. Run the Replication

If you installed The Replication Agent as a service during setup, you just need to start the service using the Service Monitor program sin the Windows Notification Area.

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The replication that you have scheduled should start at the specified time. Use the <u>Replication Monitor</u> tab in the Management Center to track the progress of the replication.

If you would like to install the Replication Agent as a service:

- From the Windows Desktop Start menu, choose Syniti Replicate, then Service Installer.
- Manage the service from Service Monitor program (located in the Syniti Replicate install folder or on the Windows **Start > Programs > Startup** menu).
- Use the Replication Monitor tab in the Management Center to track the progress of the replication.

To run the Replication Agent interactively:

- In the Windows Notification Area, select S the Service Monitor icon.
- From the right mouse button menu, choose **Replication Agent**, then **Start** then **Application**. The replication that you have scheduled should start at the specified time.
- Use the Replication Monitor tab in the Management Center to track the progress of the replication.

### **JSON File Structure**

The file has a .mir extension when used for mirroring and a .ref extension when used for snapshot, or refresh replications.