

# **Events**

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# Chapter

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## What is an Event?

#### Overview

This chapter describes how to use SL1 to manage events that appear on the **Events** page.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

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### What is an Event?

One of the quickest ways to monitor the health of your network is to look at events. You can view events on the **Events** page in SL1.

**Events** are messages that are triggered when a specific condition is met. For example, an event can signal if a server has gone down, if a device is exceeding CPU or disk-space thresholds, or if communication with a device has failed. Alternately, an event can simply display the status of a managed element.

SL1 generates log messages from incoming trap and syslog data, and also when SL1 executes user-defined policies. SL1 then uses these log messages to generate events. SL1 examines each log message and compares it to each event definition. If a log message matches an event's definition, SL1 generates an event instance and displays the event on the **Events** page.

Each event includes a description of the problem, where the problem occurred (device, network hardware, software, policy violation), a pre-defined severity, the time of first occurrence, the time of most recent occurrence, and the age of the event.

SL1 includes pre-defined events for the most commonly encountered conditions in the most common environments. You can also create custom events for your specific environment or edit the pre-defined events to better fit your specific environment.

## How Are Events Triggered?

SL1 examines log messages to generate instances of events. When SL1 monitors a system, SL1 generates log messages when the collected data meets user-defined thresholds. Additionally, a monitored system can send log messages to SL1 asynchronously. SL1 examines each log message and compares it to each existing event definition. If a log message matches an event's definition, SL1 generates an event instance and displays the event on the **Events** page.

SL1 includes logic that correlates and groups (rolls-up) related logs and messages into a single event. SL1 includes pre-defined events for many syslog, internal, trap, and dynamic messages.

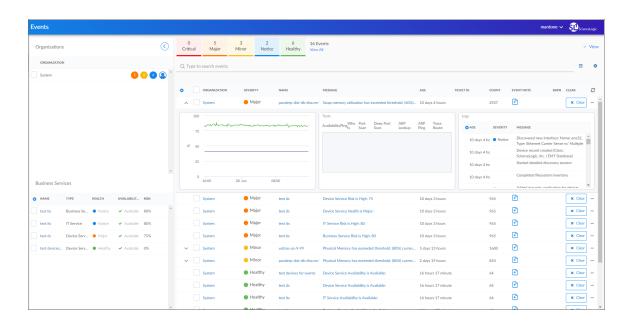
SL1 generates events by collecting log messages from the following sources:

- Syslog. Message is generated by the syslog protocol. Syslogs can be sent by devices and proxy devices like
  MoMs. A syslog is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. Syslog is a standard log format supported by
  most networking and UNIX-based devices and applications. Windows log files can be converted to syslog
  format using conversion tools. For more information on sylogs, see the manual Syslogs and Traps.
- *Internal*. Message is generated by a ScienceLogic process. The message is about the SL1 system itself, instead of the devices that the SL1 system monitors.
- Trap. Message is generated by an SNMP trap. SNMP traps can be sent by devices and proxy devices like MoMs. An SNMP trap is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. A trap indicates that an emergency condition or a condition that merits immediate attention has occurred on the device. For more information on traps, see the manual Syslogs and Traps.

- Dynamic. Message is generated by a Dynamic Application alert. Dynamic Applications are customizable policies that tell SL1 how to monitor applications and devices. Users can define alerts in Dynamic Applications. An alert can trigger events based on the data collected by the Dynamic Application. Alerts allow users to examine and manipulate values retrieved by Dynamic Applications. When an alert evaluates to TRUE, the alert inserts a message in the associated device's device log. SL1 examines each new message in the device log and determines if the message matches an event definition. If it does, SL1 generates an instance of that event. For example, an alert might be defined to evaluate to TRUE if the temperature of a chassis exceeds 100 degrees F. If the chassis temperature exceeds 100 degrees F, the alert evaluates to TRUE, the SL1 system inserts a message in the associated device's log files, and the SL1 system matches that message with an existing event and then triggers the event. For more information on defining and using alerts, see the Dynamic Application Development manual.
- *Email*. Message is generated by an email message sent to SL1. For more information on generating events with email messages, see the *Events from Email* chapter.
- API. Message is generated by inserting a message into the main database. These messages can be inserted
  by a snippet automation action, a snippet Dynamic Application, or by a request to the ScienceLogic API. For
  more information on snippet automation actions, see the manual Run Book Automation. For more
  information on snippet Dynamic Applications, see the manual Snippet Dynamic Application
  Development. For more information on the ScienceLogic API, see the manual Using the ScienceLogic
  API.

## Viewing Events

The [Events] page displays a list of currently active events, from critical to healthy. From this tab you can acknowledge, clear, and view more information about an event. You can also view events by organization to focus on only the events that are relevant to you.



For an event that is **aligned** or associated with a device, you can click the down-arrow icon ( ) for that event to open the **Event Drawer**. The Event Drawer is a drop-down panel that displays additional data about that event, including a Vitals widget, Tools, and Logs.

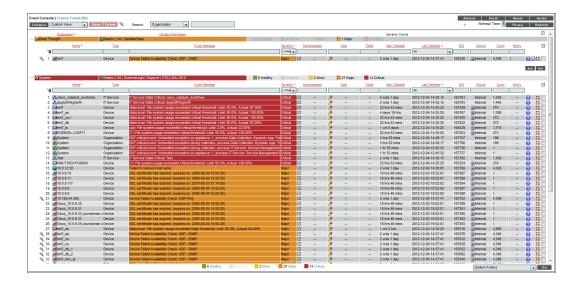
In the **Message** column, you can click the linked text to view the **Event Investigator** page for an event aligned with a device. The **Event Investigator** page includes sections for Probable Cause & Resolution, Tools, Logs, Notes, Assets, a Vitals widget, and a list of masked events. All events have corresponding **Event Investigator** pages.

In the **Name** column, you can click the linked text to view the **Device Investigator** page for the device aligned with the event. If the event does not have a device aligned with it, the link goes to the **Organization** page aligned with the event.

In the **Organization** column, you can click the linked text to view the **Organization** page aligned with this event. Similarly, you can click the linked text in the **Ticket ID** column to view a ticket aligned with an event.

**TIP**: To adjust the time interval for updating the list of events, click the **View** menu, select *Enable auto-refresh*, and select the refresh interval. You can also manually update the list of events by clicking the Refresh icon ( ) at the top right of the list of events.

The **Event Console** page in the classic user interface displays a list of all currently active events (that you are allowed to view). From this page, you can view, acknowledge, clear, suppress, or disable an event. You can also create a ticket based upon an event.



You can use the **Device Administration** panel and the **Device Reports** panel to view a list of events for a single device. The events are displayed in a page that is similar to the **Event Console** page, but displays only events that occurred on the selected device.

You can use the Organizational Administration panel and the Organizational Events page to view a list of events for a single organization. The events are displayed in a page that is similar to the **Event Console** page, but displays only events that occurred on entities in the selected organization.

For details on viewing events (in the **Event Console** page and for a single device), see the chapter on **viewing events**. For details on viewing events for an organization, see the manual **Organizations and Users**.

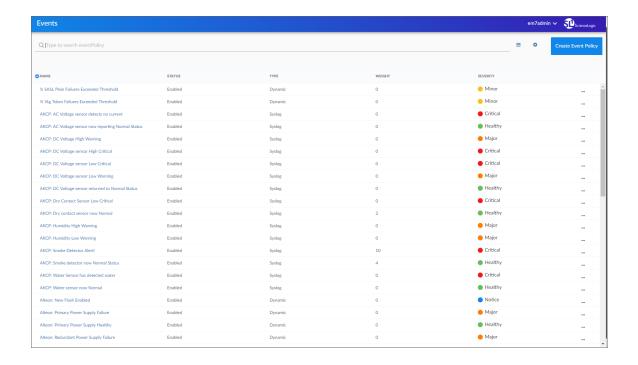
#### **Event Correlation**

In SL1, event correlation means the ability to build parent-child relationships between devices and between events. When events are correlated, only the parent event is displayed on the **Events** page. The child events are rolled up under the parent event and are not displayed on the **Events** page. For the parent event, the value in the **Count** column will be incremented to indicate the number of correlated child events. In addition to creating parent-child relationships between devices and between events, you can define event categories that allow SL1 to more efficiently align events.

SL1 performs some event correlation automatically. You can also manually configure devices and events so that SL1 treats specified events as parent events and specified events as child events. For more details, see the chapter on event correlation.

## **Defining Events**

The **Event Policies** page (Events > Event Policies) displays a list of all event policies in SL1. This page also allows you to define new event definitions and edit existing event definitions.



- SL1 includes pre-defined events for the most commonly encountered conditions on the most common platforms.
- SL1 allows you to customize these events and also to define new events. You do this in the **Event Policies** page.

If your organization requires SL1 to monitor a condition for which SL1 does not already include an event policy, you can define a custom event policy to meet your needs.

For more details, see the chapter on defining and editing event policies.

#### **Event States**

Although not displayed on the **Events** page, events have four distinct states:

- Active. SL1 has created an event record. The event might appear on the **Events** page, or it might be masked or nested as a topology event, and therefore not appear on the **Events** page.
- Masked. The event record is Active and appears on the **Events** page as a masked event. On the **Events** page, masked events can be caused by event masks or topology events. Masked events are nested under the event with the highest severity or under the parent event. The magnifying-glass icon ( ) appears to the left of the event with the highest severity or the parent event. When you click on the magnifying-glass icon, the nested events appear.
- **Cleared**. The event has been removed from the **Events** page. When you clear an event, you remove only a single instance of the event from the current display on the **Events** page. If the event occurs again on the same entity, it will reappear on the **Events** page.
- **Prepending**. An alert triggered the event, but additional criteria must be met before SL1 creates an event record.

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# Chapter

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# **Viewing Events**

#### Overview

You can view a list of all events in SL1 or view a list of events for a single device. This section describes how to perform both tasks.

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# Searching and Filtering the List of Events

This section explains how to filter the list of events so you can quickly locate and address any potential issues in your environment.

### Filtering Events by Organization and Service

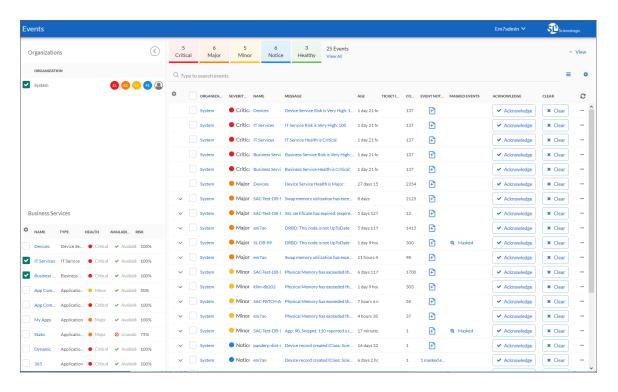
You can view events from all organizations or services, or filter down to just the organizations or services you want to monitor for events.

To view events by organization or service:

1. On the **Events** page, click the **View** menu:



2. Select the **Group by organization** and/or the **Group by business service** toggle. The relevant panel appears on the left with a list of events sorted by severity for each organization and/or service:



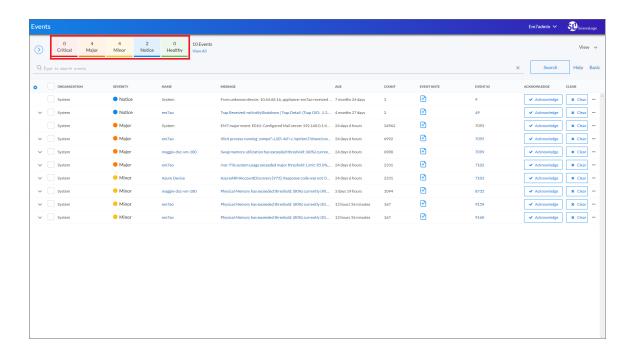
**TIP**: To hide the **Organizations** and **Business Services** panels, click the left arrow icon ( ). Click the right arrow icon ( ) to expand the panel again.

3. On the left panel, click the check mark icon ( ) to filter the list of events based on the organization or service you selected.

**TIP:** Click the name of a service to go to the **Service Investigator** page for that service. Click the name of an organization to go the **Organizational Summary Page** for that organization.

#### Filtering Events by Severity

The [Events] page displays a list of currently active events, which can be sorted by any column, such as severity from critical to healthy. You can filter the list of events by severity by clicking one or more of the five colored buttons near the top of the [Events] page:



When you click a severity, the list displays only events with the severity you selected. The severity button you clicked remains in color, while the other buttons turn gray.

**TIP**: To clear a severity filter, click the **View All** link next to the severity buttons.

The following color codes are used throughout SL1:

- Red elements have a status of Critical. Critical conditions are those that can seriously impair or curtail service and require immediate attention (such as service or system outages).
- Orange elements have a status of **Major**. Major conditions indicate a condition that is service impacting and requires immediate investigation.
- Yellow elements have a status of **Minor**. Minor conditions dictate a condition that does not currently impair service, but needs to be corrected before it becomes more severe.
- **Blue** elements have a status of **Notice**. Notice conditions indicate a condition that does not affect service but about which users should be aware.
- Green elements have a status of **Healthy**. Healthy conditions indicate that a device or service is operating under normal conditions. Frequently, a healthy condition occurs after a problem has been fixed.

#### Filtering for Masked Events

When a device uses the **event mask** setting, events that occur on a single device within a specified span of time are grouped together, and only the event with the highest severity is displayed in the **Events** page. This allows related events that occur in quick succession on a single device to be rolled-up and posted together under one event description. For example, if a device cannot connect to the network, multiple other services on the device will raise events. SL1 would display the event with the highest severity and roll up all the other events.

On the **Events** page, any event that contains masked events includes a magnifying glass icon ( and the word "Masked" in the **Masked Events** column:



TIP: Click the Select Columns icon ( ) to add the Masked Events column if it is not currently visible.

To view more information about masked events:

- 1. On the **Events** page, click the magnifying glass icon ( ) or the **Masked** link in the **Masked Events** column for the relevant event. The **Event Investigator** page for that event appears.
- 2. Scroll down to the **Masked events** section to view the details about the masked events:



## Viewing Additional Data about an Event

On the **Events** page, you can click the down-arrow icon ( ) next to the name of an event to open a drop-down panel called the **Event Drawer**. The Event Drawer contains additional data about that event:



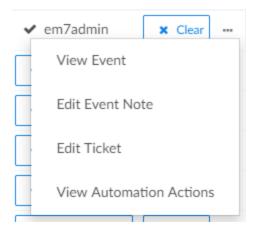
NOTE: The Event Drawer displays only for events that are aligned with devices.

On the Event Drawer, you can access the following panes:

- *Vitals*. A widget displaying the past 24 hours of CPU and memory usage for the device related to the event. You can zoom in on a shorter time frame by clicking and dragging, and you can go back to the original time span by clicking the [Reset zoom] button.
- **Tools**. A set of network tools that you can run on the device associated with the event. These tools can help with troubleshooting and diagnostics.
- Logs. A list of the log entries from the device's log file, sorted from newest to oldest by default.

### Viewing Automation Actions

To view a log of automations that have occurred for an event, click the **[Actions]** button (---) for the event and select View Automation Actions.



Click the [Automation] tab in the Ticket Editor page that appears. The [Automation] tab displays a history of all automation actions that SL1 executed in response to the event associated with the ticket.

Each entry in the **Event Actions Log** page includes:

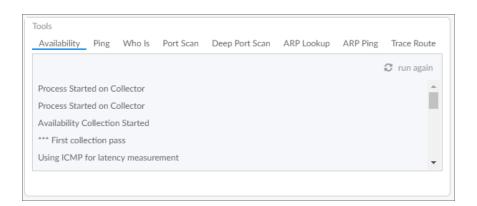
- The date and time when the action was executed.
- The automation policy that triggered the action.
- The name of the action policy.
- The result of the action.

#### Working with the Tools Pane

The **Tools** pane provides access to a set of network tools. The **Tools** pane lets you to run diagnostics on a device associated with an event without leaving SL1.

The **Tools** pane does not display for events that are not associated with a device. Also, this pane only appears for devices where the tools are relevant and can be used. For example, if a device associated with an event does not have an IP address, only the Availability tool will be available, and the following tools will not appear for that device and its events: Ping, Who IS, Port Scan, AP, and Trace Route.

**NOTE**: The **Tools** panel will not display if the user does not have permissions for device tools.



**TIP**: These tools are the same tools in the Device Toolbox found in the classic user interface.

You can access the following tools from the Event Drawer on the **Events** page, the **Devices** page, and the **Device Investigator** page for a specific device:

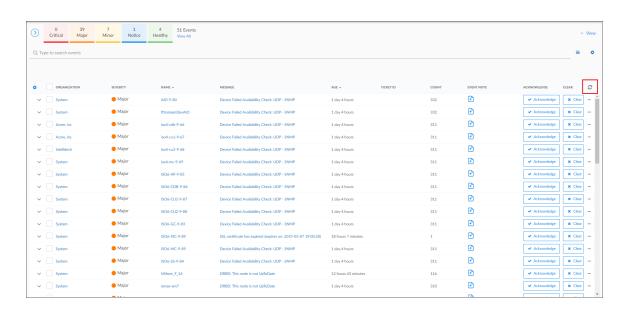
• Availability. Displays the results of an availability check of the device, using the port and protocol specified in the Availability Port and Availability Protocol fields in the Device Settings page.

- *Ping*. Displays statistics returned by the ping tool. The ping tool sends a packet to the device's IP address (the one used by SL1 to communicate with the device) and waits for a reply. SL1 then displays the number of seconds it took to receive a reply from the device and the number of bytes returned from the device. If the device has an IPv6 address, the SL1 uses the appropriate IPv6 ping command.
- Whols. Displays information about the device's IP, including the organization that registered the IP and contacts within that organization.
- Port Scan. Displays a list of all open ports on the device at the time of the scan.
- **Deep Port Scan**. Displays a list of all open ports and as much detail about each open port as the deep port scanner can retrieve.
- ARP Lookup. Displays a list of IP addresses for the device and the resolved Ethernet physical address (MAC address) for each IP address.
- **ARP Ping**. Displays the results from the ARP Ping tool. The ARP Ping tool is similar in function to ping, but it uses the ARP protocol instead of ICMP. The ARP Ping tool can be used only on the local network.
- Trace Route. Displays the network route between SL1 and the device. The tool provides details on each hop to the endpoint. If the device has an IPv6 address, SL1 uses the appropriate IPv6 traceroute command.

#### Refreshing the Events Page

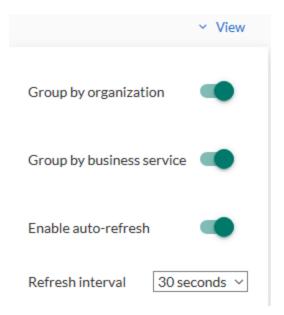
You can refresh the **Events** page manually or set it to auto-refresh.

To refresh the **Events** page manually, click the refresh icon ( ).



To set up auto-refresh:

1. On the **Events** page, click the **View** menu.



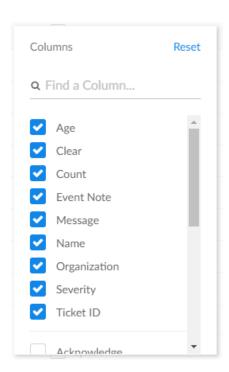
- 2. Click the **Enable auto-refresh** toggle to turn it blue. The **Refresh interval** drop-down appears.
- 3. In the **Refresh interval** drop-down, select the refresh interval for the page. Options range from 10 seconds to 60 minutes.

### Customizing the Events Page

You can deselect columns that you do not want to see in the **[Events]** page, and select additional columns including custom attributes.

To select columns:

- 1. Click on the gear icon ( ) in the top left of the [Events] page.
- 2. In the **Columns** menu, select the columns you want to add or deselect columns you want to hide. If you can't find a column, use the search field to find it by name. If you have created any Custom Attributes, these will appear in this list as well:

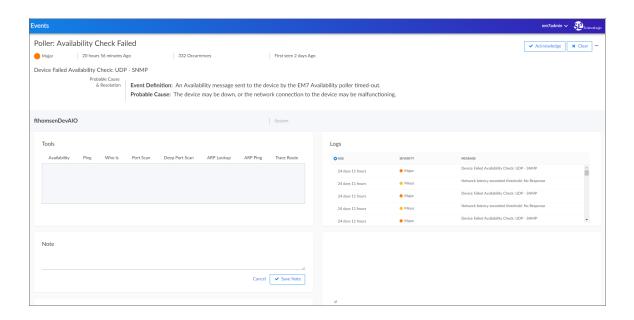


**NOTE**: For more information about Custom Attributes, see the **Device Management** manual.

3. When you have finished making your selections, click outside the **Columns** menu to close it.

## Using the Event Investigator

The **Event Investigator** page provides details about the event as well as the device associated with the event, where relevant. The **Event Investigator** page includes sections for Probable Cause & Resolution, Tools, Logs, Notes, Assets, a Vitals widget, and a list of masked events:



**TIP**: To get to the **Event Investigator** page, click the linked text in the **Message** column of the **Events** page, or click the **[Actions]** button (—) for the event and select *View Event*.

The top pane of the **Event Investigator** page contains basic event details. From this pane, you can also acknowledge the event, clear the event, or click the **[Actions]** button (—) and select *Create Ticket* to create a ticket for that event. You can hover your mouse over an acknowledged field to see when the event was acknowledged and who acknowledged it. Also, if an event was acknowledged by another user and you have the relevant permissions, you can click the **[Reacknowledge]** button to acknowledge that event.

**TIP**: On the **Event Investigator** page, click the name of an aligned device or service to go to the Investigator page for that device or service. You can also click the name of the aligned organization to view its **Organizational Summary** page.

The **Event Investigator** page includes the following sections:

- Probable Cause & Resolution. Displays additional information about the event, based on the event policy.
- **Tools**. A set of network tools that you can run on the device associated with the event. This pane is the same as the Tools pane of the Event Drawer. For more information, see **Working with the Tools Pane**.
- Logs. A list of log entries from the device's log, sorted from newest to oldest by default.
- **Note**. A text field where you can add new text and edit existing text related to the event and the device associated with the event. For more information, see *Viewing and Editing Event Notes*.
- Assets. One or more asset records associated with the device, such as a piece of equipment owned by an organization. The asset record includes contact information for the technician, administrator, and vendor for that device. You can click the name of an asset to view an Asset page for more information.
- *Vitals*. A widget that displays the past 24 hours of CPU and memory usage for the device related to the event. You can zoom in on a shorter time frame by clicking and dragging, and you can go back to the original time span by clicking the [Reset zoom] button.
- Masked events. A list of all masked events for the device. When a device uses the event mask setting, events that occur on a single device within a specified span of time are grouped together, and only the event with the highest severity is displayed in the Events page. This allows related events that occur in quick succession on a single device to be rolled-up and posted together under one event description.

## **Event Throttling**

When SL1 detects syslog messages or traps coming from a single device at a rate greater than 25 messages per second, SL1 throttles the messages.

When SL1 throttles messages from a single IP address, those messages are deleted from the ScienceLogic database. The messages are not passed to the event engine, are not logged, and are not processed as events.

When SL1 throttles messages, SL1 also triggers events:

- Event with a Severity of Critical and the message "Inbound Message Flood". This event is triggered when a single IP exceeds the threshold of syslog messages or trap messages at least once per minute for the last ten minutes. The default threshold is 25 messages per second.
- Event with a Severity of Notice and the message "Inbound Message Spikes". This event is triggered when a single IP exceeds the threshold of syslog messages or trap message. The default threshold is 25 messages per second.

Message throttling is enabled by default. To disable message throttling, contact ScienceLogic Customer Support.

To adjust the threshold for message throttling, contact ScienceLogic Customer Support.

To whitelist an IP address so that message throttling does not apply to that IP, contact ScienceLogic Customer Support.

NOTE: SL1 does not support message throttling on IPv6 devices monitored by CentOS5 Data Collectors.

#### Viewing Events from the Event Console

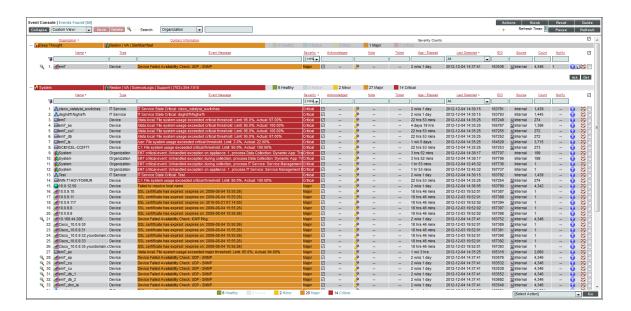
The **Event Console** page in the classic user interface includes the following tools for searching and filtering the list of events that is displayed in the page:

- The **Global Search** drop-down list and field in the upper left allows you to filter the entire list of events by one of the columns or by device group ID or device group name.
- The filter-while-you-type fields allow you to filter the list of events by one or more of the event parameters.
- You can access the **Advanced Filter Tool**, where you can enter more complex filters, based on your current configuration of SL1 (for example, for the **Acknowledged** field, you can search for multiple usernames).
- You can save the results of a Global Search as a Custom View.

NOTE: The settings in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences) affect the scope of the filter-while-you-type fields and the Advanced Filter Tool. If you select the Group by Organization checkbox in the Account Preferences page or the Event Console Preferences page, events in the Event Console will be grouped by organization. The filter-while-you-type fields and the advanced filter tool will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single filter to events in multiple organizations.

To view a list of all active events, click the **[Events]** tab. The **Event Console** page is displayed:

**NOTE**: To view the **Event Console** page, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that includes the following access hook: Events/Event:View. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view events that have the same organization as the user. For more information on Access Keys, see the manual **Access Permissions**.



Each event is color-coded to make it easy for you to determine severity:

Color	Severity	Description
Red	Critical	Critical Events indicate a condition that can seriously impair or curtail service and requires immediate attention (i.e., service or system outages).
Orange	Major	Major Events indicate a condition that impacts service and requires immediate investigation.
Yellow	Minor	Minor Events indicate a condition that does not currently impair service, but the condition needs to be corrected before it becomes more severe.
Blue	Notice	Notice Events indicate a condition that does not affect service but about which users should be aware.
Green	Healthy	Healthy Events indicate that a device or condition has returned to a healthy state. Frequently, a healthy event is generated after a problem has been fixed.

Events in the **Event Console** are rolled up. This means that if the same event occurs multiple times on a single device, you will see only one entry in the **Event Console** and the value in the **Count** column will indicate the number of times the event has occurred.

NOTE: The settings in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences) affect the display in the Event Console page. For more details on the Account Preferences page and the Event Console Preferences page, see the section on Customizing the Display in the Event Console.

If you select the *Group by Organization* checkbox in the **Account Preferences** page or the **Event Console Preferences** page:

- Events in the **Event Console** will be grouped by organization.
- The *filter-while-you-type* fields will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single filter to events in multiple organizations.
- The **advanced filter tool** will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single advanced filter to events in multiple organizations.

The **Event Console** displays a legend, showing the number of events of each severity.

- If you select the Group by Organization checkbox in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) or in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences), the Event Console displays the legend for each organization.
- If you did not select the **Group by Organization** checkbox, the **Event Console** displays the legend for all events in all organizations (that you are allowed to view).
- For each severity, the legend indicates the number of events displayed on the current page. The second number, in parentheses, indicates the additional number of events with the same severity that are not displayed in the current page. These additional events either display on a subsequent page or do not display because of the current filters applied to the page or because of the setting in the **Default Severity Filter** field in the **Account Preferences** page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the **Event Console**Preferences page. For example, "3 (+7) Healthy" means that the current page displays three events with a severity of "Healthy" and that seven more events with a severity of "Healthy" exist but are not displayed in the current page.

#### Events that Are Not Displayed in the Event Console

In SL1, there are four types of events that might not be displayed in the **Event Console**:

- Rolled-up events. Multiple occurrences of the same event on the same device. When the same event occurs multiple times on a single device, SL1 does not display each occurrence in the Event Console. Instead, SL1 displays a single entry and notes the number of occurrences in the Count column.
- Suppressed Events. Suppressed events do not appear in the Event Console.

NOTE: For details on suppressed events, see the chapter on Responding to Events.

• Topology Events. In SL1, event correlation or topology suppression means the ability to build parent-child relationships between events and to create categories for events. When events are correlated, only the parent event is displayed in the Event Console page. The child events are rolled up under the parent event and are not displayed in the Event Console page. For the parent event, the value in the Count column will be incremented to indicate the number of correlated child events. The magnifying-glass icon ( ) appears to the left of the event. When you click on the magnifying-glass icon, the Event Console page expands the event to display the child event(s).

NOTE: For details on Topology Events, see the chapter on **Event Correlation**.

• Event Masks. In the Device Properties page for each device, you can define an Event Mask. When a device uses the Event Mask setting, all events that occur on a single device within a specified span of time are grouped together. In the Event Console, masked events are displayed under a single event, the one with the highest severity. The magnifying-glass icon ( ) appears to the left of the event. When you click on the magnifying-glass icon, the Suppression Group modal page is displayed. This page displays details about all events that are masked under the displayed event.

**NOTE**: For details on Event Masks, see the section in this chapter on *Event Masks*.

### Information About Each Displayed Event

For each event, the **Event Console** can display the following information:

**TIP**: By default, the list of events is displayed from newest to oldest. To sort the list of events, click on a column heading. The list will be sorted by the column value, in ascending order. To sort by descending order, click the column heading again. You can sort this way in both normal mode and kiosk mode.

- Report Icon. Icon that leads you to more information about the element or policy associated with the event.
- Organization. Appears only if you have not selected the Group by Organization checkbox in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences). Specifies the organization that the event is associated with.
- Name. Name of the entity associated with the event.

 Organizations Devices Assets IP networks Interfaces IT Services Vendors User Accounts Virtual Interfaces • Event Message. Message generated for the event. • **Severity**. Severity of the event. Possible values are: Critical Major Minor Notice Healthy • Acknowledged. If the event has been acknowledged, this column displays a red check-mark character and specifies the user who acknowledged the event. If the event has not been acknowledged, this field displays a gray check-mark character. To acknowledge an event, click in this column. • Note. User-defined note to accompany the event. To create or edit a note, select the wrench icon (🖑) in this column. The Add a Note modal page appears, where you can create or edit a note and save your changes. • Ticket. If a ticket has been created for the event, this column displays the ticket ID of that ticket. External Ticket. The numeric ID associated with a ticket from an external ticketing system (that is, a ticket that was not created in SL1). If this field displays a value, you can click on that value to spawn a new window and view the external ticket. NOTE: To link an external ticket to an event, you must create a custom Run Book Automation policy and a custom Run Book Action or use the ScienceLogic APIs. For help with these tasks, contact ScienceLogic Customer Care. • Age/Elapsed. Number of days, hours, and minutes since the first occurrence of the event. This is also the time since the event occurred without the event having been cleared.

• Type. Type of entity associated with the event. The possible options are:

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• Last Detected. Date and time the event last occurred on this entity.

• **EID**. Unique ID for the event, generated by SL1.

- Source. System or application that generated this event. Choices are:
  - Syslog. Event was generated from a system log generated by a device.
  - Email. Event was generated by an email from an external agent. For example, Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM).
  - Internal. Event was generated by SL1.
  - Trap. Event was generated by an SNMP trap.
  - o Dynamic. Event was generated by a Dynamic Application collecting data from the device.
  - API. Event was generated by a snippet Run Book Action, a snippet Dynamic Application, a request to the ScienceLogic API, or by an external system.
  - SL1 agent. Message is generated by log file messages collected by the SL1 agent. For more
    information about creating Log File Monitoring Policies to monitor log file messages collected by the
    agent, see the Monitoring Using the SL1 agent manual..
- **Count**. Number of times this event has occurred or number of child events associated with the event or number of masked events associated with the event.
- Notify. Number of times the event has triggered the execution of an Automation Policy.
- Information icon ( ). Displays the Event Information page, where you can view an overview of the selected event, suppress the selected event, or edit the definition of the selected event.
- View Notifications icon ( ). Leads to the Event Actions Log, where you can view details about each automation policy that has triggered for the event.
- *Ticket icon* ( Depending upon the setting *Ticket Life Ring Button Behavior* (found in System > Settings > Behavior), one of the following will happen:
  - The **Ticket Editor** page appears. If a ScienceLogic ticket is already aligned with this event, you can view details about the ticket. If a ScienceLogic ticket is not yet aligned with this event, you can define a ticket and the SL1 system will automatically associate the new ticket with the selected event.
  - o If an external ticket is aligned with an event, when you select the life-ring icon ( ) for that event (from the **Event Console**), SL1 spawns a new window and displays the external ticket (as specified in the **force\_ticket\_uri field**). If an external ticket is not yet aligned with an event, when you select the lifering icon ( ) for that event, SL1 sets a "request" flag for the ticket and displays an acknowledgment that a new ticket has been requested. You can then use the "request" in run book logic, to create the ticket on the external system.

#### Global Search Field

The *Global Search* field in the upper left of the page allows you to filter the entire list of displayed events by a single parameter. SL1 will update the **Event Console** and display only events that have a matching parameter.

To use the Global Search field, enter values in the Search drop-down list and the Text field:

- **Search**. You can select one of the following search parameters:
  - Organization. Appears only if you have not selected the Group by Organization checkbox in the
     Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) or in the Event Console
     Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences). Name of the organization associated
     with the event.
  - o Name. Name of the entity associated with the event.
  - Type. Type of entity associated with the event.
  - o Event Message. Message generated for the event.
  - Severity. Severity of the event.
  - Acknowledged. If the event has been acknowledged, search for the user who acknowledged the
    event.
  - Note. User-defined note associated with the event.
  - Ticket. If a ticket has been created for the event, this parameter searches by the ticket ID of that ticket.
  - External Ticket. The numeric ID associated with a ticket from an external ticketing system (that is, a ticket that was not created in SL1).
  - Age/Elapsed. You can enter time in seconds, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that last occurred within that number of seconds or less.
  - Event ID. Unique ID for the event, generated by SL1.
  - Source. System or application that generated this event.
  - Count. Number of times this event has occurred.
  - o Notify. Number of times the event has triggered the execution of an Automation Policy.
  - o Device Group ID. Unique ID for the device group associated with the event.
  - Device Group Name. Name of the device group associated with the event.
- Text. For each search parameter, you must enter text to match. SL1 will search for events that match the text, including partial matches. Text matches are not case-sensitive. You can use special characters in each filter.

To perform another search on the results of the previous search:

- 1. Select the plus-sign (+) to the left of the **Refresh Timer**.
- 2. This adds another **Search** field and **Text** field to the top of the page. This second search will search only the results from the first search.
- 3. You can add as many **Search** and **Text** fields as you need.

NOTE: You can save the results of a Global Search as a custom view.

#### Filter While You Type

The **Event Console** page includes a filter for each column you selected to display, except **Age/Elapsed**. You can specify one or more parameters to filter the display of events. Only events that meet all the filter criteria will be displayed in the **Event Console**.

You can filter by one or more parameters. The list of events is dynamically updated as you select each filter.

**NOTE**: To return to the default list of events, click the [Reset] button.

To access the Filter-While-You-Type feature in the Event Console:

- 1. Go to the **Event Console** page.
- 2. The settings in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences) affect the scope of the filter-while-you-type fields. If you select the Group by Organization checkbox in the Account Preferences page or the Event Console Preferences page, events in the Event Console will be grouped by organization. The filter-while-you-type fields will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single filter to events in multiple organizations.
- 3. If you selected the **Group by Organization** checkbox, find the organization for which you want to filter the list of events. Expand the list of events by clicking on the plus sign (+) next to the organization name.
- 4. If you have not selected the *Group by Organization* checkbox, go to the top of the **Event Console** page.
- 5. The *filter-while-you-type* fields are displayed in the row under the column headings.
  - For each filter except **Severity**, **Last Detected**, and **Age/Elapsed**, you must enter text to match against. SL1 will search for events that match the text, including partial matches. Text matches are not case-sensitive. You can use special characters in each filter.
  - Organization. Appears only if you have not selected the Group by Organization checkbox in the
    Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) or in the Event Console
    Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences). You can enter text to match, including
    special characters, and the Event Console page will display only events that have a matching
    organization.
  - Name. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching entity name.
  - Type. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching entity type.
  - **Event Message**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching event message.

- **Severity**. You can select a severity value, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching severity. Choices are:
  - >=Healthy. Will display all events with a severity greater than or equal to "Healthy". Healthy has a numeric value of "O" (zero).
  - >=Notice. Will display all events with a severity greater than or equal to "Notice". Notice has a numeric value of "1" (one).
  - >=Minor. Will display all events with a severity greater than or equal to "Minor". Minor has a numeric value of "2" (two).
  - >=Major. Will display all events with a severity greater than or equal to "Major". Major has a numeric value of "3" (three).
  - >=Critical. Will display all events with a severity greater than or equal to "Critical". Critical has a numeric value of "4" (four).
- Acknowledged. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the Event Console page will display only events that have been acknowledged by a matching user account.
- **Note**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have matching note text.
- *Ticket*. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching ticket ID.
- External Ticket. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the Event Console page will display only events that have a matching external ticket name or ID.
- Age/Elapsed. You can enter time in seconds, and the Event Console page will display only events that last occurred within that number of seconds or less.
- Last Detected. Only those events that match the specified detection date will be displayed. The choices are:
  - All. Display events from all detection dates and times.
  - o Last Minute. Display only events that have been detected within the last minute.
  - o Last Hour. Display only events that have been detected within the last hour.
  - Last Day. Display only events that have been detected within the last day.
  - Last Week. Display only events that have been detected within the last week.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Last Month. Display only events that have been detected within the last month.
  - Last Year. Display only events that have been detected within the last year.
- *EID*. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching event ID.
- **Source**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching source.

- **Count**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching count number.
- **Notify**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching number of notifications.

#### Advanced Filter

In the **Event Console**page, you can specify one or more parameters to filter the list of events. Only events that meet all the filter criteria will be displayed.

In some fields, the Advanced Filter Tool allows you to make selections instead of manually typing in a string to use as a filter.

The settings in the **Account Preferences** page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the **Event Console Preferences** page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences) affect the scope of the Advanced Filter Tool. If you select the *Group by Organization* checkbox in the **Account Preferences** page or the **Event Console Preferences** page:

- Events in the **Event Console** page will be grouped by organization.
- The Advanced Filter tool will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that
  organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single advanced filter to events in multiple
  organizations.
- The Advanced Filter tool will not allow you to filter by Organization.
- The possible filter options will be pre-filtered by each organization. For example, suppose that for the organization named "Networking," all the events are associated with either a device or an interface. The Type filter will be pre-populated with two types: "Interface" and "Device." You can then select one or both of these options to include in your filter.

TIP: To select multiple entries in the Advanced Filter tool, hold down the <Ctrl> key and left-click the entries.

TIP: To reset each field to empty and apply no filters, select the [Reset] button.

For each filter except **Severity** and **Last Detected**, you must enter text to match against. SL1 will search for events that match the text, including partial matches. For the **Type** and **Source** filters, you can enter text to match against or you can select from the list of possible values. Text matches are not case-sensitive. You can use **special characters** in each filter.

To access the Advanced Filter Tool:

1. Go to the **Event Console** page.

- 2. The settings in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences) affect the scope of the filter-while-you-type fields. If you select the Group by Organization checkbox in the Account Preferences page or the Event Console Preferences page, events in the Event Console page will be grouped by organization. The Advanced Filter Tool will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single filter to events in multiple organizations.
- 3. If you selected the **Group by Organization** checkbox, find the organization for which you want to apply the advanced filter tool. Expand the list of events by clicking on the plus sign (+) next to the organization name.
- 4. If you have not selected the **Group by Organization** checkbox, go to the top of the **Event Console** page.
- 5. Click on the funnel icon (\*\*).
- The Advanced Filter Tool will display advanced filters for each column in your default display. To change the
  columns that are displayed in the Event Console page, see the section Customizing the Display in the
  Event Console.

**NOTE**: Unlike the "filter while you type" feature, the Advanced Filter Tool is not applied to the list of tickets until you select the **[Apply]** button.

- 7. In the Advanced Filter Tool, you can filter by one or more of the following filters.
  - Organization. Appears only if you have not selected the Group by Organization checkbox in the Account Preferences page (Preferences > Account > Preferences) and in the Event Console Preferences page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences). In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The Event Console page will display only events that have a matching organization.
  - Name. In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching entity name.
  - Type. This field will display a list of all the entity types currently in use by the list of events. You can enter text or select one or more of the types, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching entity type.
  - **Event Message**. In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching event message.
  - Severity. This field will display a list of all the severities currently in use by the list of events. You can select one or more severities, and the Event Console page will display only events that have a matching severity. Choices are:
    - Healthy. Will display all events with a severity of "Healthy".
    - Notice. Will display all events with a severity of "Notice".
    - Minor. Will display all events with a severity of "Minor".
    - Major. Will display all events with a severity of "Major".
    - o Critical. Will display all events with a severity of "Critical".

- Acknowledged. In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including
  special characters. The Event Console page will display only events that have been acknowledged by
  a matching user.
- **Note**. In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The **Event Console** page will display only events that have matching note text.
- *Ticket*. In the *Match Any* fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching ticket ID.
- External Ticket. In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The Event Console page will display only events that have a matching external ticket ID or external ticket name.
- Age/Elapsed. You can enter time in seconds, and the Event Console page will display only events that last occurred within that number of seconds or less.
- Last Detected. In the From and To field, you can specify a range of dates, in the format yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss. The Event Console page will display only events with a detection date that falls within that range of dates.
- *EID*. In the *Match Any* fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching event ID.
- **Source**. This field will display a list of all the sources currently in use by the list of events. You can enter text or select one or more sources, and the **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching source.
- **Count**. In the *Match Any* fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special characters. The **Event Console** page will display only events that have a matching count number.
- Notify. In the Match Any fields, you can enter one or more text strings to match, including special
  characters. The Event Console page will display only events that have a matching number of
  notifications.
- 8. Click [Apply] to apply the advanced filters. Click [Reset] to clear the advanced filters and start again.
- 9. Click [Reset] for the Event Console page to return to the default list of events.

**TIP**: You can perform an advanced filter and then perform a second advanced filter on the results of the first advanced filter. You can perform an advanced filter multiple times, to perform multiple filters.

#### Custom View

You can save a filtered list of events created with the *Global Search tool*. When you do so, you are creating a *custom view*. You can then return to the page at any time and display the custom view, without having to filter the list again.

To save a custom view:

- 1. Go to the **Event Console** page.
- 2. Using the Global Search tool, filter the list of events.

- 3. In the Custom View drop-down field, select new custom view.
- 4. Click the [Save] button.
- 5. You will be prompted to enter a name for the new custom view.
- 6. The new custom view now appears in the **Custom View** drop-down list.
- 7. To edit the custom view, select it from the **Custom View** drop-down list, make changes with the **Global Search** tool and then click the **[Save]** button for the custom view to save your changes.
- 8. To display the custom view, select it from the **Custom View** drop-down list.
- 9. To delete the custom view, select it from the **Custom View** drop-down field and then click the **[Delete]** button. The custom view will no longer appear in the **Custom View** drop-down list.

**NOTE**: In Kiosk mode, you cannot create, edit, or delete a custom view. You can perform these actions only in normal mode.

### Viewing Events for a Single Device

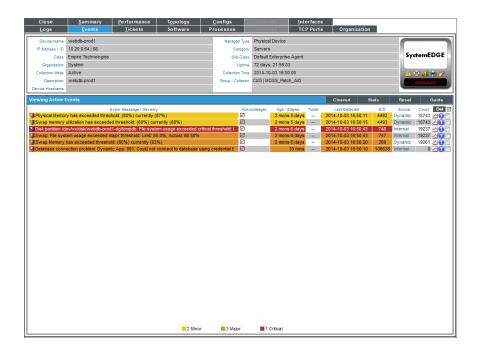
To view a list of events for a single device in the classic user interface, you can go to the **Viewing Active Events** page in the **Device Reports** panel.

NOTE: To view the Viewing Active Events page, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include all the following access hooks: Registry, Registry>Devices>Device Manager, Dev:Events Summary, Dev:View Summary, and Event:View (From Dev Properties). For more information on Access Keys, see the manual Access Permissions.

To view a list of events for a single device:

- 1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Registry > Devices > Device Manager).
- 2. Find the device that you want to view events for and select its bar graph icon (411).
- 3. In the **Device Reports** panel, select the **[Events]** tab.

4. The Viewing Active Events page appears.



This page displays all of the currently active events for the device. For each event, the page displays:

- **Event Message | Severity**. Message generated by event, as defined in the **Event Policy Editor** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit). The message is color-coded for severity.
- Acknowledged. Specifies whether a ScienceLogic user has acknowledged this event.
  - Red check. Event has not been acknowledged.
  - o Gray check with name. Event has been acknowledged.
- Age / Elapse. Number of days, hours, and minutes since the first occurrence of the event.
- Ticket. Ticket ID associated with this event, if applicable.
- Last Detected. Date and time of last occurrence of the event.
- EID. Unique ID for the event, generated by SL1.

- **Source**. Source of the log message that triggers the event, as defined in the **Event Policy Editor** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit). Choices are:
  - Syslog. Event was generated from standard system log generated by device.
  - Internal. Event was generated by SL1.
  - Trap. Event was generated by an SNMP trap.
  - o Dynamic. Event was generated by a Dynamic Application collecting data from the device.
  - Email. Event was generated by an email from an external agent; for example, Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM).
  - API. Event was generated by a snippet Run Book Action, a snippet Dynamic Application, a request to the ScienceLogic API, or by an external system.
- Count. Number of times this event has occurred.
- View Notifications icon ( ). Leads to the Event Actions Log, where you can view details about each automation policy that has triggered for the event.
- Statistics icon (<a>)</a>. Displays the Event Statistics page, where you can view historical statistics for the selected event.
- Information icon ( ). Displays the Event Information page, where you can view an overview of the selected event, suppress the selected event, or edit the definition of the selected event.

**NOTE**: To view a list of all cleared events for the device, select the **[Cleared]** button. To return to the list of active events, select the **[Active]** button.

### Viewing Events for a Single Organization

One of the easiest ways to monitor the health of your network is to look at events. Events are messages that are triggered when a specific condition is met. For example, an event can signal that a server has gone down, that a device's hard drives are getting too full, or simply display the status of a device.

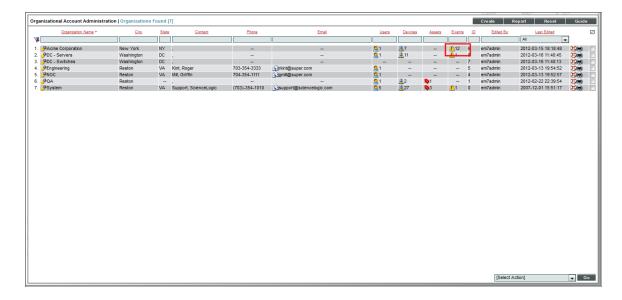
Each instance of an event in SL1 is associated with an organization. Each occurrence of an event is grouped by organization (the organization associated with the device where the event occurred or the organization associated with the policy that generated the event).

In the **Organizational Administration** panel, you can view a list of events associated with a specific organization.

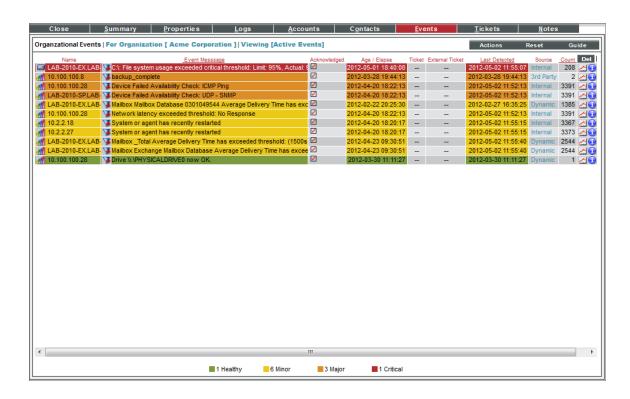
To view a list of events associated with a specific organization:

1. Go to the **Organizational Account Administration** page (Registry > Accounts > Organizations).

2. In the **Organizational Account Administration** page, find the organization with associated events that you want to view.



- 3. If a value appears in the Events column, click the event icon ( $bilde{\triangle}$ ).
- 4. The Organizational Events page appears for the organization.



This page displays a list of all active events associated with the organization or the organization's elements. For each event, the page displays:

- Name. Name of the element associated with the event.
- Event Message | Severity. Message generated by event, as defined in the Event Policy Editor page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit). The message is color-coded for severity.
- Acknowledged. Specifies whether a ScienceLogic user has acknowledged this event.
  - Red check. Event has not been acknowledged.
  - o Gray check with name. Event has been acknowledged.
- Age / Elapse. Number of days, hours, and minutes since the first occurrence of the event.
- Ticket. Ticket ID associated with this event, if applicable.
- Last Detected. Date and time of last occurrence of the event.
- EID. Unique ID for the event, generated by SL1.
- **Source**. Source of the log message that triggers the event, as defined in the **Event Policy Editor** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit). Choices are:
  - Syslog . Event was generated from standard system log generated by device.
  - Internal. Event was generated by SL1.
  - Trap. Event was generated by an SNMP trap.
  - o Dynamic. Event was generated by a dynamic application collecting data from the device.
  - Email. Event was generated by an email from an external agent; for example, Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM).
  - API. Event was generated by a snippet Run Book Action, a snippet Dynamic Application, a request to the ScienceLogic API, or by an external system.
- Count. Number of times this event has occurred.
- View Notifications icon ( ). Leads to the Event Actions Log, where you can view details about each automation policy that has triggered for the event.
- Statistics icon (<a>)</a>. Displays the Event Statistics page, where you can view historical statistics for the selected event.
- Information icon (1). Displays the Event Information page, where you can view an overview of the selected event, suppress the selected event, or edit the definition of the selected event.

NOTE: To view a list of all cleared events for the organization, click the [Actions] menu and select View

Cleared Events. To return to the list of active events, click the [Actions] menu and select View Active

Events.

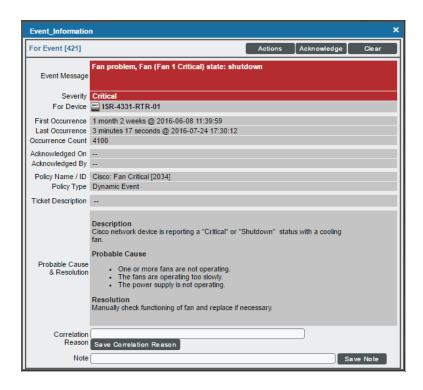
### Viewing Event Details in the Event Console

In the classic user interface, ou can view details about an event, suppress an event, and access the event policy from the **Event Information** page.

**NOTE**: To view the **Event Information** page, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that includes the following access hook: Events/Event:View. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view details for all events in the same organization as the user.

#### To access the **Event Information** page:

- 1. Go to the [Events] tab.
- 2. Find the event you are interested in and select its information icon (1).
- 3. The **Event Information** page appears.



The **Event Information** page appears the following details about the event:

- Event ID. Unique ID for the event, generated by SL1.
- **Event Message**. Message generated by the event, as defined in the **Event Policy Editor** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit).
- Severity. Severity of the event. Choices are:

- Critical
- Major
- Minor
- Notice
- Healthy
- For Element. Name of the element associated with the event.
- First Occurrence. Number of days and hours since the first occurrence of the event, and date and time of first occurrence of the event.
- Last Occurrence. Number of days and hours since the last occurrence of the event, and date and time of last occurrence of the event.
- Occurrence Count. Number of times this event has occurred on this entity.
- Acknowledged On. Date and time the event was acknowledged.
- Acknowledged By. Username of user who acknowledged the event.
- Policy Name/ID. Name of the event policy, as defined in the Event Policy Editor page (Registry >
  Events > Event Manager > create or edit) and policy ID.
- **Policy Type**. Source of the log message that triggers the event, as defined in the **Event Policy Editor** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit). Choices are:
  - Syslog. Event was generated from a system log generated by device.
  - Internal. Event was generated by SL1.
  - Trap. Event was generated by an SNMP trap.
  - Dynamic. Event was generated by a Dynamic Application collecting data from the device.
  - Email. Event was generated by an email from an external agent; for example, Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM).
  - API. Event was generated by a snippet Run Book Action, a snippet Dynamic Application, a request to the ScienceLogic API, or by an external system.
- Ticket Description. Description field from the associated ticket, if applicable.
- **Probable Cause & Resolution Text**. This pane displays additional information about the event, as defined in the **Event Policy Editor** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit).
- Correlation Reason. This field displays the user-defined notes about event categories and event correlation. You can enter up to 256 characters in this field. To save your changes, select the [Save Correlation Reason] button.
- **Note**. This field displays the user-defined note associated with the event. To add or edit a note, enter text in this field and then select the [Save Note] button.
- 4. Depending on your Access Keys, the [Actions] menu displays one or more of the following entries:
  - Create a Ticket. Leads to the Ticket Editor page, where you can define a new ticket based on the
    event.

- Edit Aligned Ticket. Leads to the Ticket Editor page, where you can edit an existing ticket that is based on the event.
- Edit Aligned Event Policy. Leads to the Event Policy Editor page (Registry > Events > Event Manager > create or edit), where you can edit the properties of the event definition.
- Edit Device Thresholds. Leads to the Device Thresholds page, where you can define and edit storage and performance thresholds for a device.
- Suppress Event for This Device. Suppresses the current event on the current device. When you suppress an event, you are specifying that in the future, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will not appear in the Event Console or the Viewing Events page.
- Refresh This Page. Updates the page with the latest information.
- View Device Summary. Leads to the Device Summary page for the device, where you can view overview information on the health of the device, a list of events and tickets associated with the device, a list of elements associated with the device, a list of monitoring policies for the device, and hardware and bandwidth usage for the device.
- 5. The [Acknowledge] button allows you to acknowledge the event.
- 6. The [Clear] button allows you to clear the event.

### Customizing the Display in the Event Console

You can customize the appearance of the **Event Console** page in the classic user interface from two places:

- The **Account Preferences** page. In this page, you can select the columns that display on the **Event Console** page.
- The [Actions] menu in the Event Console page. When you select the Console Preferences entry, SL1 displays the Preferences modal page, where you can define the appearance and behavior of the Event Console page.

#### Account Preferences

The **Account Preferences** page allows you to change your password and customize some of the behavior and appearance of SL1. The customizations that you choose will appear each time you log in to SL1. They will not affect how SL1 appears to other users.

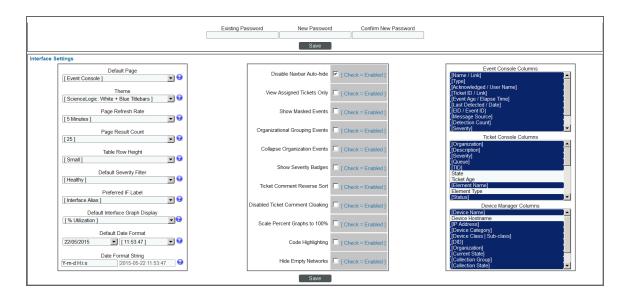
In the Account Preferences page, you can customize how the Event Console page appears.

**NOTE**: To access the **Account Preferences** page, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that includes the following access hook: MyPreferences. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view and edit the settings in the **Account Preferences** page. For more information on Access Keys, see the manual **Acess Permissions**.

To access the **Account Preferences** page:

1. Go to the **Account Preferences** page (Preferences > Account > Preferences).

2. In the Account Preferences page, you can edit one or more of the fields described below.



3. The Change Password pane allows you to change your password. The following fields appear:

NOTE: Passwords must be between 7 and 64 characters in length.

- Existing Password. Type your current password.
- New Password. Type your new password.
- Confirm Password. Retype your new password.
- [Save]. Select this button to save changes in the Change Password pane.
- 4. The Interface Settings pane allows you to define the appearance and behavior of some pages in SL1. The Interface Settings pane contains the following fields:
  - **Default Page**. Select the page that automatically appears by default when you log in to SL1. Options include:
    - None. SL1 will display the ScienceLogic logo when you log in.
    - Inbox. SL1 will display the [Inbox] tab when you log in.
    - Event Console. SL1 will display the **Event Console** when you log in.
    - Ticket Console. SL1 will display the **Ticket Console** when you log in.
    - o Knowledge Base. SL1 will display the **Knowledge Base Home** page when you log in.

**CAUTION:** Due to security vulnerabilities, ScienceLogic recommends that customers who installed SL1 prior to 8.9.2 disable the Knowledge Base. For details, see the release notes for version 8.9.2 of SL1.

- Device Views. SL1 will display the **Device Group Map** page (Views > Device Maps > Device Groups) when you log in.
- o Dashboard. SL1 will display the selected Dashboard when you log in.
  - **Theme**. Select the backgrounds, colors, and graphics that appear when you log in. Theme entries are defined in the Systems > Customize > Themes page.
  - Page Refresh Rate. Select how often Events, Tickets, and Views pages in SL1 are refreshed.
    Options range from 10 seconds to 60 minutes.
  - Page Result Count. Select the number of results you want to display on each page that contains lists of entities. Options range from 25 to 500.
  - Table Row Height. Affects the row height of all pages that display a table in the main content pane.
    You can also change this setting in the Event Console Preferences page, the Ticket Console
    Preferences page, and the user Account Preferences page. Changing the setting for row height in the current page, the Event Console Preferences page, the Ticket Console Preferences page, or the user Account Preferences page affects the row height in all pages that display a table in the main content pane. Choices are:
    - Small. Sets row height to 17 px and font size to 11 px.
    - o Medium. Sets row height to 27 px and font size to 12 px.
    - Large. Sets row height to 35 px and font size to 13 px.
  - Default Severity Filter. Select the minimum event severity that you want to display in the Event
    Console page. Only events of the selected severity and greater will appear in the page. Options
    include:
    - Healthy. Displays all events, including events with a severity of Healthy.
    - Notice. Displays all events with a severity of Notice, Major, Minor, and Critical.
    - o Minor. Displays all events with a severity of Minor, Major, and Critical.
    - Major. Displays all events with a severity of Major and Critical.
    - Critical. Displays all events with a severity of Critical.
  - **Preferred IF Label**. Select how interfaces will be labeled in all pages and reports that reference network interfaces. Options include:
    - o Interface Alias. Easy-to-remember, human-readable name for the network interface.
    - Interface Name. The name of the network interface.
  - **Default Interface Graph Display**. Select the default unit of measure for the Hourly Interface Usage graph in the **Device Summary** page. Options include:
    - Interface Default. The Hourly Interface Usage graph displays the amount of traffic in the unit of
      measure specified in the Measurement field in the Interface Properties page for the interface.
    - o % Utilization. The Hourly Interface Usage graph displays utilization in percent.

- Default Date Format. Select the default date format for use throughout SL1.
- Date Format String. Select the date format for use throughout SL1. If defined, this date format
  overrides the default date format. You can use any date variables supported by the PHP date function
  in this field.
- 5. The Checkboxes pane allows you to configure features that are toggled on or off.
  - **Disable NavBar Auto-hide**. If you select this checkbox, the NavBar pane persists after you select a link. This option is selected by default.
  - View Assigned Tickets Only. If you select this checkbox, by default, only tickets assigned to you are displayed in the Ticket Console page.
  - Show Masked Events. If you select this checkbox, all events that have been grouped together with a device's Event Mask setting will be displayed in the Event Console page. If you do not select this checkbox, these events are grouped together and rolled-up under the event with the highest severity and you can click on the magnifying-glass icon ( ) to view the masked events.
  - Organizational Grouping Events. If you select this checkbox, events will be grouped by organization in the Event Console page. The filter-while-you-type fields and the advanced filter tool will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single filter to events in multiple organizations.
  - Collapse Organization Events. If you select this checkbox, all organizations with assigned events will be displayed but will be contracted; the Event Console page will display only a list of contracted organizations, which can be expanded by clicking on the plus sign (+). The default behavior of SL1 is to expand each organization and display the list of events for each organization.
  - Show Severity Badges. If you select this checkbox:
    - The value in the **Severity** column will be displayed as a color-coded badge in the **Event Console** page and the **Ticket Console** page.
    - The value in the Current State column will be displayed as a color-coded badge in the Device Manager page.

If you do not select the **Show Severity Badges** checkbox:

- In the Event Console page, the value in the Event Message column and the value in the Severity
  column will be painted with the severity color.
- In the **Ticket Console** page, the value in the **Description** column and the **Severity** column will be painted with the severity color.
- In the Device Manager page, the value in the Device Name column and the value in the
  Current State column will be painted with the severity color.
- *Ticket Comment Reverse Sort*. If you select this checkbox, the *Notes* section of a ticket sorts the ticket's notes from newest to oldest. If you do not select this checkbox, ticket notes display from oldest to newest.
- **Disabled Ticket Comment Cloaking**. If you select this checkbox, then any comments you add to a ticket are viewable to all other users (i.e., not cloaked) by default.

- Scale Percent Graphs to 100%. If you select this checkbox, then any graphs that display percentage on the y-axis will display from 0% to 100%, regardless of the highest actual value. If you do not select this checkbox, then the y-axis will display from 0% to the highest actual value.
- Code Highlighting. If you select this checkbox, HTML, PHP, Python, and SQL code that displays in SL1 will be highlighted.. You can customize the highlight colors in the Code Highlighting page. If selected, syntax highlighting appears in:
  - The Snippet Editor & Registry page for Dynamic Applications of type "snippet" (System > Manage
     Applications > create/edit > Snippets)
  - The **Dashboard Widget Editor** page (System > Customize > Dashboards > Widgets > create/edit)
  - The **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool)
  - The **Action Policy Editor** page for actions of type "Snippet" and "SQL Query" (Registry > Run Book > Actions > create/edit)
  - The **Report Template Editor** page (Reports > Management > Report Manager > create/edit)
- *Hide Empty Networks*. If you select this checkbox, the IPv4 Networks page displays networks that do not include any devices or interfaces.
- 6. In the **Event Console Columns** pane, select the columns that you want to display by default in the **Event Console** page.

NOTE: You can also edit the list of columns to display in the **Event Console** page from the **Event Console**Preferences modal page. When you edit the list of columns in the **Event Console Preferences**modal page, the selected list of columns automatically updates in the **Account Preferences** page,
and vice versa.

7. In the **Ticket Console Columns** pane, select the columns that you want to display by default in the **Ticket Console** page.

NOTE: You can also edit the list of columns to display in the **Ticket Console** page from the **Ticket Console**Preferences modal page. When you edit the list of columns in the **Ticket Console Preferences**modal page, the selected list of columns automatically updates in the **Account Preferences** page,
and vice versa.

8. In the **Device Manager Columns** pane, select the columns that you want to display by default in the **Device**Manager page.

NOTE: You can also edit the list of columns to display in the Device Manager page from the Device Manager Preferences modal page. When you edit the list of columns in the Device Manager Preferences modal page, the selected list of columns automatically updates in the Account Preferences page, and vice versa.

9. Select the [Save] button to save your changes.

#### **Event Console Preferences**

The **Event Console Preferences** page allows you to customize the display and behavior of the **Event Console** page.

NOTE: To access the Event Console Preferences page, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that includes the following access hook: Events/Event:View. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view and edit settings in the Event Console Preferences page. For more information on Access Keys, see the manual Acess Permissions.

#### To access the **Event Console Preferences** page:

- 1. Go to the **[Events]** tab.
- 2. In the **Event Console** page, select the **[Actions]** menu and choose *Console Preferences*.
- 3. The **Event Console Preferences** page appears.



- 4. In the **Event Console Preferences** page, you can customize the following:
- Console Refresh Rate. Select how often the Event Console page is refreshed. Options range from 10 seconds to 60 minutes.
  - **Default Severity Filter**. Select the minimum event severity that you want to display in the **Event Console** page. Only events of the selected severity and greater will appear in the **Event Console** page. Options include:
    - Healthy. Displays all events, including events with a severity of Healthy.
    - Notice. Displays all events with a severity of Notice, Major, Minor, and Critical.
    - o Minor. Displays all events with a severity of Minor, Major, and Critical.
    - Major. Displays all events with a severity of Major and Critical.
    - Critical. Displays all events with a severity of Critical.
  - Table Row Height. Affects the row height of all pages that display a table in the main content pane.
    You can also change this setting in the system Account Preferences page, the Ticket Console
    Preferences page, and the user Account Preferences page. Changing the setting for row height in
    the current page, the system Account Preferences page, the Ticket Console Preferences page, or
    the user Account Preferences page affects the row height in all pages that display a table in the main
    content pane. Choices are:
    - o Small. Sets row height to 17 px and font size to 11 px.
    - Medium. Sets row height to 27 px and font size to 12 px.
    - Large. Sets row height to 35 px and font size to 13 px.
  - Group by Organization. If you select this checkbox, events will be grouped by organization. The filter-while-you-type fields and the Advanced Filter Tool will appear for each organization grouping and will act only on the events in that organization grouping. You will not be able to apply a single filter to events in multiple organizations.
  - Show Masked Events. If you select this checkbox, all events that have been grouped together with a device's Event Mask setting will be displayed in the Event Console page. If you do not select this checkbox, these events are grouped together and rolled-up under the event with the highest severity and you can click on the magnifying-glass icon ( ) to view the masked events.
  - Show Severity Badges. If you select this checkbox:
    - The value in the **Severity** column will be displayed as a color-coded badge in the **Event Console** page and the **Ticket Console** page.
    - The value in the Current State column will be displayed as a color-coded badge in the Device Manager page.

If you do not select the **Show Severity Badges** checkbox:

• In the **Event Console** page, the value in the **Event Message** column and the value in the **Severity** column will be painted with the severity color.

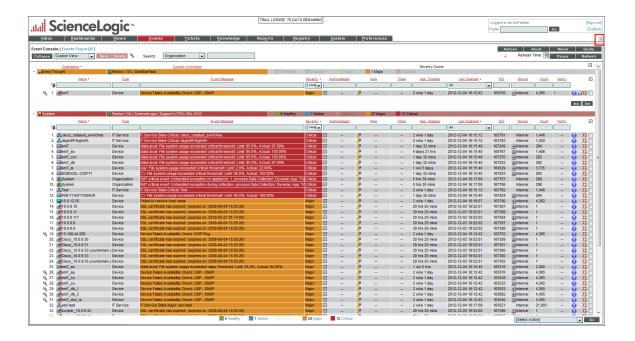
- In the **Ticket Console** page, the value in the **Description** column and the **Severity** column will be painted with the severity color.
- In the Device Manager page, the value in the Device Name column and the value in the Current State column will be painted with the severity color.
- Collapse All Organizations. If you select this checkbox, all organizations with assigned events will be displayed but will be contracted; the Event Console page will display only a list of contracted organizations, which can be expanded by clicking on the plus sign (+). The default behavior of SL1 is to expand each organization and display the list of events for each organization.
- Event Console Columns. In this list, select the columns that you want to display by default in the Event
  Console page.

NOTE: You can also edit the list of columns to display in the **Event Console** page from the **Account**Preferences page. When you edit the list of columns in the **Account Preferences** page, the selected list of columns automatically updates in the **Event Console Preferences** modal page, and vice versa.

5. Click [Save] to save your changes.

### Hiding the Header Bar

You can also customize the display of the **Event Console** by hiding the header bar. To hide the header bar, click on the arrow in the top right of the **Event Console** (above the **[Guide]** button).



### Event Masks in the Event Console

In the Device Properties page for each device, you can define an Event Mask.

**NOTE**: For more information on the **Device Properties** page, see the chapter Managing a Single Device with the Device Administration Panel in the **Device Management** manual.

When a device uses the **Event Mask** setting, events that occur on a single device within a specified span of time are grouped together. This allows related events that occur in quick succession on a single device to be rolled-up and posted together under one event description.

- By default, when events are masked, the **Event Console** displays all events that occur on the device within the specified timespan under a single event, the one with the highest severity. The magnifying-glass icon (S) appears to the left of the event. When you click on the magnifying-glass icon, the **Suppression Group** modal page appears. This page includes details about all events that are masked under the displayed event.
- If an event has Occurrence Count and Occurrence Time set in its Event Policy Editor page, SL1 will use
  the very first logged occurrence of the event to calculate the Event Mask, even if that first occurrence did not
  appear in the Event Console (due to the Occurrence Count and Occurrence Time fields).
  - For example, suppose an event, event\_x, has an Occurrence Count of "3" and an Occurrence Time of "10 minutes." This means that the event must occur on the same device at least three times within 10 minutes before the event appears in the Event Console. Suppose the event, event\_X, occurs on device\_A at 15:51, 15:52, and 15:53. The event will appear in the Event Console with a time stamp of "15:53," an age of "2 minutes," and a count of "3."
  - Suppose device\_A includes an Event Mask of "Group in blocks every 5 minutes." To calculate how to group event\_x, the Event Mask will use the time stamp of the first occurrence, 15:51, even though the event did not appear in the Event Console at that time. The Event Mask will also use the time of the first occurrence, 15:51, to calculate the "Age/Elapsed" value for the event in the Suppression Group modal page.
- If you want masked events to appear in the **Event Console** by default, go the **Event Console Preferences** page (Events > Actions > Console Preferences), and enable the **Show Suppressed Events** field.

# Chapter

3

## **Responding to Events**

### Overview

This chapter describes the different ways in which you can respond to events in SL1,

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (三).
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ( \*\*\* ).

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## Responding to Events

When events occur, there are multiple ways you can respond to them:

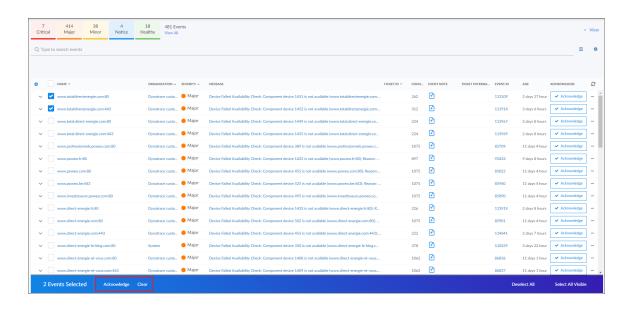
- Acknowledge. Lets other users know that you are aware of an event and are working on a response.
- Add a Note. Adds additional text to an event. Notes can be displayed in the Events page and can be
  included in automation actions.
- Clear. Removes an instance of an event from the Events page. The cleared instance is no longer displayed.
- Suppress. Specifies that if the event occurs again on the same device, the event will not be displayed in the Events page.
- **Disable**. Specifies that if the event occurs on any device or is triggered by any application or policy, the event will not appear in the Event Console.

## Selecting Multiple Events

On the **Events** page, you can use the checkboxes to the left of the event to select more than one event at a time. After you select the events, you can click the **[Acknowledge]** or **[Clear]** button in the blue bar at the bottom of the window to acknowledge or clear those events simultaneously.

If you do not want to acknowledge or clear the selected events, click the [Clear] button to deselect the checkboxes.

If you want to select all of the events that are currently showing on the tab, click the [Select All Visible] button.



## Acknowledging and Clearing Events

When you **acknowledge** an event, you let other users know that you are aware of that event, and you are working on a response.

When you *clear* an event, you let other users know that this event has been addressed. Clearing an event removes a single instance of the event from the **Events** page. If the event occurs again on the same device, it will reappear in the **Events** page.

**NOTE**: If the same event occurs again on the same device, it will appear in the **[Events]** tab, even if you have previously cleared that event.

To acknowledge and clear events:

1. To acknowledge an event, find the event on the **[Events]** page and click the **[Acknowledge]** button for that event. Your user name replaces the **[Acknowledge]** button for that event:



You can also click the [Acknowledge] button in a specific event's Investigator page.

- 2. To see when an event was acknowledged and who acknowledged it, hover your mouse over an acknowledged field.
- 3. If an event was acknowledged by another user and you have the relevant permissions, you can click the [Reacknowledge] button to acknowledge that event.
- 4. To clear an event, click the [Clear] button vent. The event is removed from the Events page.

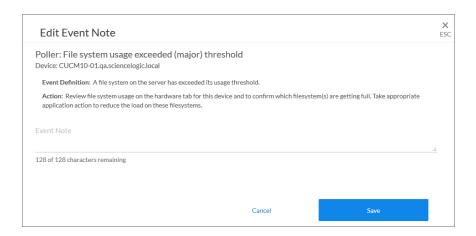
TIP: If you want to hide the [Acknowledge] or [Clear] buttons on the Events page, click the Choose Columns icon ( ) and deselect those columns.

## Viewing and Editing Event Notes

From the **Events** page, you can access **event notes**, which contain event definitions, probable causes, and resolutions for the event, along with a text field where you can add more information about the event or the device you are monitoring. If event notes already exist for that event, the opening text of that note appears in the **Event Note** column of the **Events** page.

To view or edit an event note:

1. On the **Events** page, click the **Note** icon ( ) for that event. The **Edit Event Note** window appears:



**TIP**: You can also edit an event note on the **Events** page by clicking the **[Actions]** button (—) for that event and selecting *Edit Event Note*. This is helpful if you have hidden the **Event Note** column on the **Events** page.

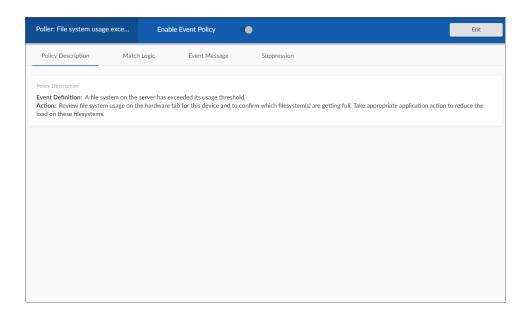
2. Type your additional text for the event note and then click [Save]. The event note is updated.

## Viewing the Event Policy

From the **Events** page, you can view the Event Policy for an event, which allows you to view a description of the policy, enable or disable the policy, and edit policy details.

To view an Event Policy from the **Events** page:

1. On the **Events** page, click the **Actions** menu ( ) for that event and select *View Event Policy*. The **Event Policy Editor** page appears for that event:



2. Click the **[Edit]** button to edit the Event Policy. For information about creating and editing an Event Policy, see the **Defining an Event Policy** section.

## Suppressing and Unsuppressing an Event for a Device

When you suppress an event, you are specifying that in the future, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will not appear in the **Events** page or the **Events** tab for a device.

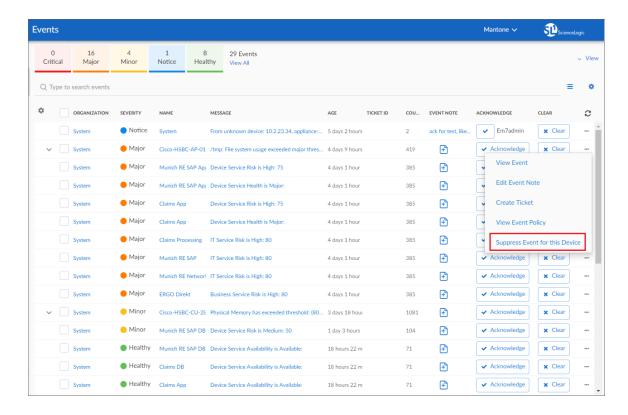
If a suppressed event occurs on a different device, it will appear in the **Events** page and on the **Events** tab for that different device.

When you suppress an event, the current instance of the event still appears in the **Events**. To remove the current instance from the event console, clear the event (see the section *Clearing One or More Events*).

**NOTE**: To suppress an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Events/Event:View and Event:Clear. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view and suppress events that belong to the same organization(s) as the user. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals **Access Permissions** and **Organizations and Users**.

To suppress an event:

- 1. Go to the **Events** page.
- 2. Click the **Actions** button ( ) for the event you want to suppress and select Suppress Event for this Device:



In the future, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will not appear in the **Events** page.

**NOTE**: Users of type "user" can view only suppressed events that are aligned with the same organization(s) to which the user is aligned. Users of type "administrator" can view all suppressed events.

You can view a list of all suppressed events in SL1 and choose to unsuppress one or more of those events. When you unsuppress an event, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will appear in the **Events** page.

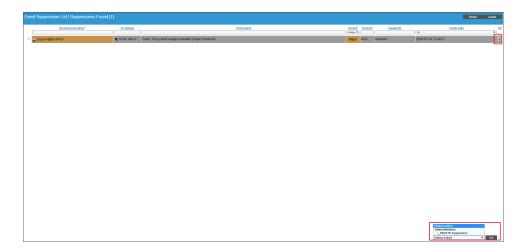
NOTE: To unsuppress an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Registry, Registry>Events>Suppressions, and Event:Suppressions.

Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view a list of suppressed events that belong to the same organization as the user. Accounts of type "user" will also be able to unsuppress one or more of these suppressed events. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals Access Permissions and Organizations and Users.

To unsuppress an event:

1. Go to the **Event Suppression List** page (Events > Suppressions).

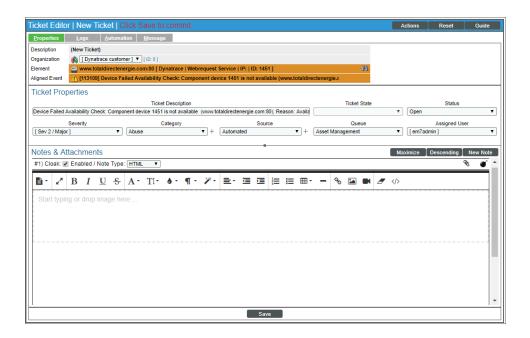
2. Select the checkbox for each event you want to unsuppress.



- 3. In the **Select Action** drop-down menu, in the lower right, select DELETE Suppression.
- 4. Click **[Go]**. In the future, if the unsuppressed event occurs again on the same device, the event will appear in the **Events** page.

## Creating a Ticket from an Event

On the **Events** page, you can create a ticket from an event by clicking the **[Actions]** button (—) for that event and selecting *Create Ticket*. The **Ticket Editor** appears. For more information about creating a ticket from the **Events** page, see the **Creating a Ticket from the List of Events** section.



## Responding to Events in the Event Console

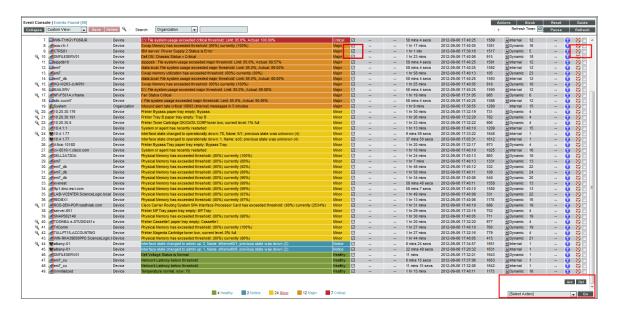
SL1 allows you to acknowledge new events as they are detected by the system. Acknowledging an event lets other users know that you are aware of the event and working to resolve it.

When an event has been acknowledged, the acknowledging user's name appears in the **Acknowledged** column. This lets other users know that someone is investigating or taking action on the event.

NOTE: To acknowledge an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Events/Event:View and Event: Acknowledge. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view and acknowledge events in the same organization(s) as the user. For more information on Access Keys, see the manual Acess Permissions.

#### To acknowledge a single event:

- 1. Go to the [Events] tab in the classic user interface.
- 2. In the **Event Console** page, find the event you want to acknowledge and click on the gray checkmark icon ( ☐) in the **Acknowledged** column for that event.
- 3. A red checkmark icon  $\square$  and your username will appear in the **Acknowledged** column for that event.
- 4. You can also acknowledge an event that has already been acknowledged by another user. To do this, click on the red checkmark icon (☑). Your username will now appear in the **Acknowledged** column for that event, replacing the username of the person who previously acknowledged the event.



To acknowledge multiple events:

- 1. In the **Event Console** page, select the checkbox in the far right column for each event that you want to acknowledge.
- 2. Acknowledge the event(s) by doing one of the following:
  - Click the [Ack] button.
  - From the **Select Action** drop-down list, select Acknowledge, then click the **[Go]** button.
- 3. For each acknowledged event, a red checkmark icon (☑) and your username will appear in the **Acknowledged** column.

**NOTE**: Users cannot unacknowledge an event. Another person can acknowledge the event to change the name associated with the acknowledged event, but you cannot remove an acknowledgment.

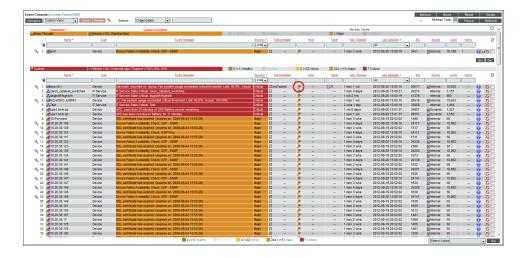
### Adding a Note About an Event

You can add brief notes to an event in the **Event Console** page. Each note will appear in the **Note** column for an event. SL1 does not keep a historical record of each note.

**NOTE**: A note can be included in an action policy by using the %\_user\_note variable. For details on creating automation policies and action policies, see the manual *Using Run Book Automation*.

To create or edit a note for an event:

- 1. In the **Event Console** page, find the event to which you want to add a note.
- 2. In the **Note** column for that event, click on the wrench icon (🅕).



3. In the Add a Note modal page, enter the note text. Click [Save] to save the note.



4. The new or edited text appears in the **Note** column for the event.

### Adding a Note to Multiple Events

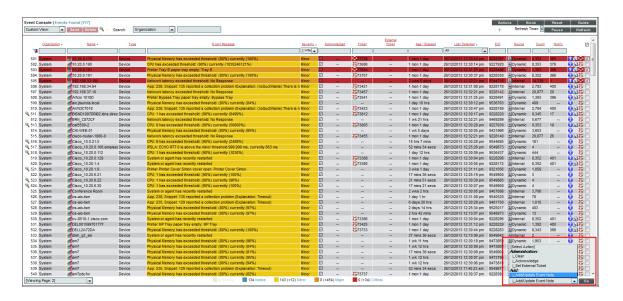
You can add a brief note to multiple events simultaneously and/or overwrite existing notes for multiple events. The note will appear in the **Note** column for each event and in the **Note** field in the **Event Information** page for each event. SL1 does not keep a historical record of each note.

**NOTE**: A note can be included in an action policy by using the %\_user\_note variable. For details on creating automation policies and action policies, see the manual **Using Run Book Automation**.

To create or edit a note for multiple events:

- 1. In the **Event Console** page, find the events for which you want to add a note and/or overwrite the existing note
- 2. For each event that you want to add and/or edit a note, select the checkbox in the last column.

3. In the Select Action drop-down field, select Add/Update Event Note, then click the [Go] button.



4. In the Add a Note modal page, enter the text for the note. Click the [Save] button.



5. The new or edited text appears in the **Note** column for each selected event.

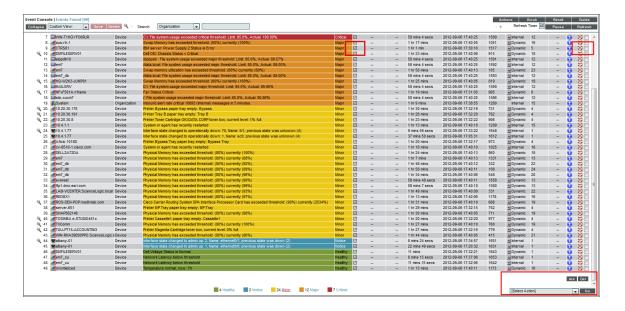
### Clearing One or More Events

When you clear an event, you remove only a single instance of the event from the current display in the **Event Console** page. If the event occurs again on the same entity, it will reappear in the **Event Console** page.

**NOTE**: To clear an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Events/Event:View and Event: Clear. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view and clear events in the same organization(s) as the user. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals **Access Permissions** and **Organizations and Users**.

#### To clear an event:

- 1. Go to the [Events] tab.
- 2. In the **Event Console** page, select the checkbox for each event you want to clear. To select all events in an organization, click the checkmark icon above each organization's group of events.



- 3. Clear the event(s) by doing one of the following:
  - Click the [Del] button.
  - In the **Select Action** drop-down list, select Clear, then click the **[Go]** button.
- 4. When you successfully clear an event, it will no longer appear in the **Event Console** page.

**NOTE**: The **Event Clearing Mode** option in the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior) affects how rolled up events and suppressed events can be cleared. For details, see the chapter on Settings that Affect Events in the **Events Manual**.

### Suppressing an Event on a Single Device

When you suppress an event, you are specifying that in the future, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will not appear in the **Event Console** page or the **Viewing Events** page for a device.

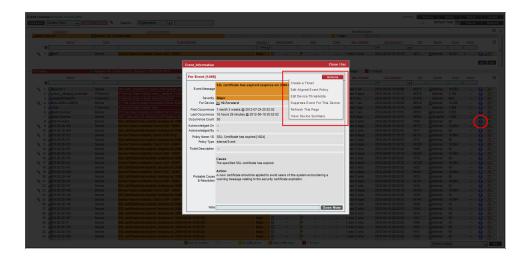
If a suppressed event occurs on a different device, it will appear in the **Event Console** page and on the **Viewing Events** page for that different device.

When you suppress an event, the current instance of the event still appears in the **Event Console**. To remove the current instance from the event console, clear the event (see the section *Clearing One or More Events*).

NOTE: To suppress an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Events/Event:View and Event:Clear. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view and suppress events that belong to the same organization(s) as the user. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals Access Permissions and Organizations and Users.

#### To suppress an event:

- 1. Go to the [Events] tab.
- 2. In the **Event Console**, select the information icon ( ) for the event you want to suppress.
- 3. In the **Event Information** page, click the **[Actions]** menu and select Suppress Event for this Device.



4. In the future, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will not appear in the **Event Console** page.

**NOTE**: Users of type "user" can view only suppressed events that are aligned with the same organization(s) to which the user is aligned. Users of type "administrator" can view all suppressed events.

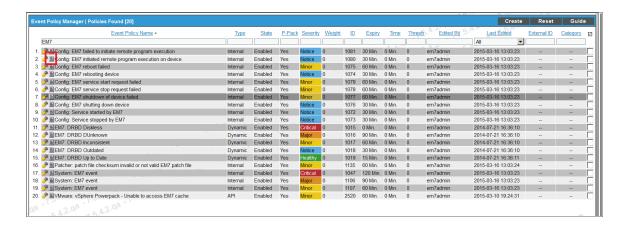
### Suppressing an Event On Multiple Devices

When you suppress an event on multiple devices, you are specifying that, in the future, if this event occurs again on any of those devices, the event will not appear in the **Event Console** page or the **Viewing Events** page for any of those devices.

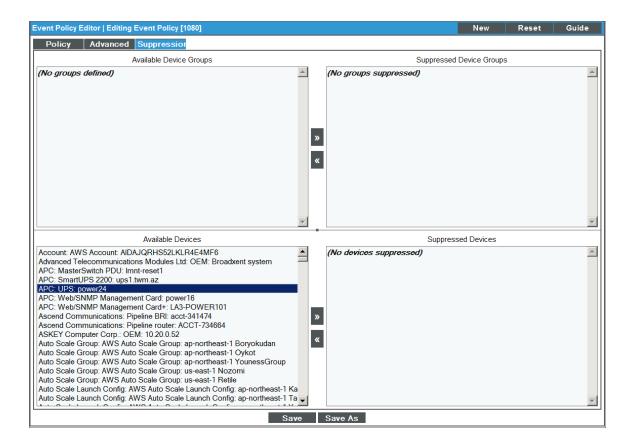
To suppress an event on multiple devices:

1. Go to the **Event Policy Manager** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager).

2. In the **Event Policy Manager** page, select the page icon (**1**) of the event you want to suppress.



3. The **Event Policy Editor** page appears, with the **Suppressions** tab selected.

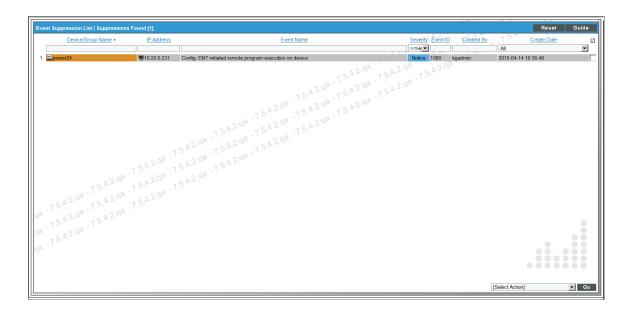


- 4. In the **Suppressions** tab, you can select the devices or device groups on which to suppress the event. To do so:
  - Select one or more device groups in the **Available Device Groups** field and then click the right arrow button ([>>]) so those groups appear in the **Suppressed Device Groups** field.
  - Select one or more devices in the **Available Devices** field and then click the right arrow button ([>>]) so those devices appear in the **Suppressed Devices** field.

#### 5. Click [Save].

In the future, if the event occurs on one of the selected devices, the event will not appear in the **Event Console** page or in the **Viewing Events** page for the device.

The suppressed event will appear in the **Event Suppression List** page (Registry > Events > Suppressions).



### Unsuppressing an Event

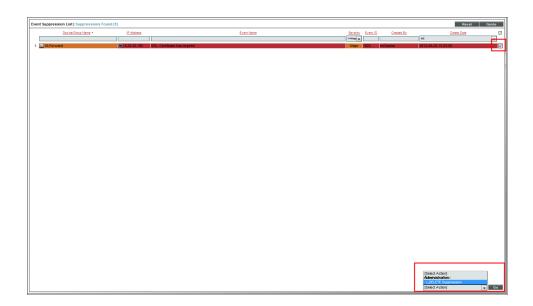
You can view a list of all suppressed events in SL1 and choose to unsuppress one or more of those events. When you unsuppress an event, if this event occurs again on the same device, the event will appear in the **Event Console** page.

NOTE: To unsuppress an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Registry, Registry>Events>Suppressions, and Event:Suppressions.

Accounts of type "user" will then be able to view a list of suppressed events that belong to the same organization as the user. Accounts of type "user" will also be able to unsuppress one or more of these suppressed events. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals Access Permissions and Organizations and Users.

#### To unsuppress an event:

- 1. Go to the **Event Suppression List** page (Registry > Events > Suppressions).
- 2. In the **Event Suppression List** page, select the checkbox for each event you want to unsuppress.



- 3. In the **Select Action** drop-down menu, in the lower right, select DELETE Suppression.
- 4. Select the [Go] button.
- 5. In the future, if the unsuppressed event occurs again on the same device, the event will appear in the **Event Console** page.

### Unsuppressing All Instances of an Event

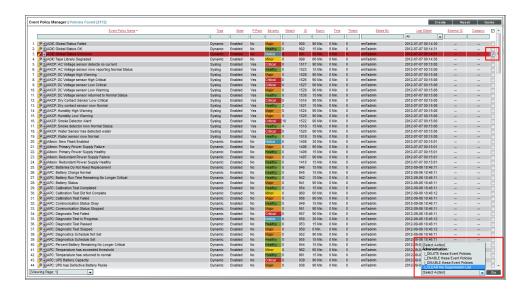
You can simultaneously unsuppress all instances of an event. That is, if a single event has been suppressed for multiple devices, you can unsuppress the event on all devices. In the future, if the unsupressed event occurs again on any device, the event will appear in the **Event Console** page.

NOTE: To unsuppress an event on all devices, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Registry, Registry>Events>Event Manager, and Event:Add/Rem. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to access the Event Policy Manager page and unsuppress one or more events on all devices. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals Access Permissions and Organizations and Users.

To unsuppress an event on all devices:

1. Go to the **Event Policy Manager** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager).

2. In the **Event Policy Manager** page , select the checkbox for the event you want to unsuppress on all devices.



- 3. In the **Select Action** drop-down menu select CLEAR the Suppression List.
- 4. Select the **[Go]** button.

In the future, if the unsuppressed event occurs again on any device, it will appear in the **Event Console** page or in the **Viewing Events** page for the device.

### Disabling an Event

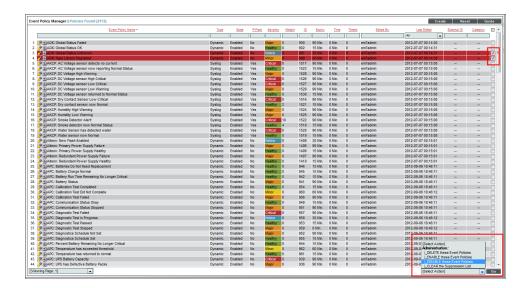
You can simultaneously disable one or more events on all devices. When an event is disabled, it will no longer appear in the **Event Console** for any devices.

NOTE: To disable an event on all devices, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Registry, Registry>Events>Event Manager, and Event:Add/Rem. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to access the **Event Policy Manager** page and disable one or more events on all devices. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals **Access Permissions** and **Organizations and Users**.

To disable one or more events:

1. Go to the **Event Policy Manager** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager).

2. In the **Event Policy Manager** page, select the checkbox for each event you want to disable.



- 3. In the **Select Actions** drop-down list, select DISABLE these Event Policies.
- 4. Select the [Go] button.

The selected event(s) will no longer appear in SL1 for any device, application, or policy.

### **Enabling an Event**

You can simultaneously disable one or more events on all devices. When an event is disabled, it will no longer appear in the **Event Console** for any devices. You can also enable an event that has been disabled.

NOTE: To enable an event on all devices, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Registry, Registry>Events>Event Manager, and Event:Add/Rem. Accounts of type "user" will then be able to access the **Event Policy Manager** page and enable one or more events on all devices. For more information on access hooks, see the manuals **Access Permissions** and **Organizations and Users**.

To enable one or more events:

1. Go to the **Event Policy Manager** page (Registry > Events > Event Manager).

2. In the **Event Policy Manager** page, select the checkbox for each event you want to enable.



- 3. In the **Select Actions** drop-down list, select ENABLE these Event Policies.
- 4. Select the [Go] button. The selected event(s) will once again appear in SL1.

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# Chapter

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## **Events and Tickets**

### Overview

This chapter describes how to create tickets from events in SL1.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (三).
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## Creating a Ticket from an Event

A *ticket* is a request for work that can be tracked in SL1. This request can be in response to a problem that needs to be fixed, for routine maintenance, or for any type of work required by your enterprise. A ticket can be created manually or created based on an event. For example, if an event occurs that says that a device is using 99 percent of disk space, you might want to create a ticket that tasks a co-worker with adding additional disk space to the device.

If a ticket is created from the **Events** page, based on a selected event, most of the ticket fields are populated automatically by SL1.

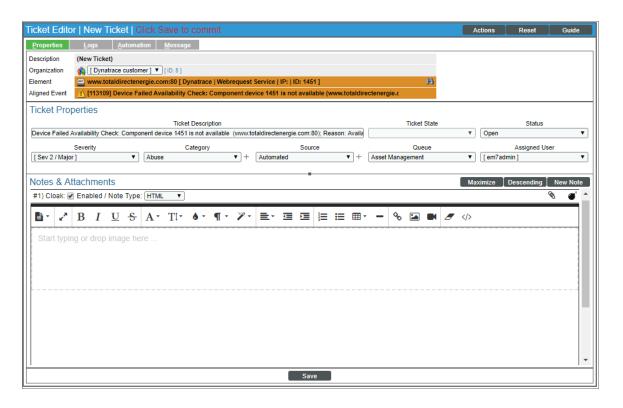
NOTE: To create a ticket from an event, accounts of type "user" must be granted one or more access keys that include the following access hooks: Events/Event:View, Ticketing/Ticket:View, and Ticket:Create.

Accounts of type "user" will then be able to create and save tickets from the Events page page. For more information on Access Keys, see the manual Access Permissions.

NOTE: Depending on the *Event Console Ticket Life Ring Button Behavior* setting in the *Behavior Settings* page (System > Settings > Behavior), selecting the life ring icon ( ) in the *Event Console* will either create a ScienceLogic ticket or an external ticket. When viewing an event in the *Events* page, you can create a ticket based on the selected event. Some of the ticket fields will be populated automatically with values from the event. To create a ticket based on an event:

 On the Events page or the Event Investigator page for a specific event, click the [Actions] button (--) for the event and select Create Ticket. The Ticket Editor page appears:

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- Depending on the Event Console Ticket Life Ring Button Behavior setting in the Behavior Settings page (System > Settings > Behavior), SL1 creates an SL1 ticket or an external ticket. See the Event Ticket Behavior Settings section for more information.
- 3. Most of the fields are already populated with values from the event. You can accept these values or edit them. The following fields display:
  - **Description**. A brief description of the problem or ticket. If you create a ticket from an event in the **Events** page, this field is populated automatically by SL1.
  - Organization. Select the organization with which the ticket will be associated in the drop-down menu. If you create a ticket from an event in the **Events** page, this field is populated automatically by SL1.
  - *Element*. By default, this field includes the element associated with this the event. Can be an organization, device, device group, asset record, IP network, interface, vendor, or user account. To change the element or find another element, select the binoculars icon ( ). The *Finder* page appears, where you can search for another element.
  - **Aligned Event**. If applicable, the event that is associated with the ticket. Clicking on the icon displays read-only details about the event.
  - *Ticket Description*. Description of the problem or ticket. By default, this field includes the Event Message from the event. You can edit this field to suit your business requirements.
  - Alternate Location. This field appears only if the selected organization has one or more alternate locations. If the selected organization has one or more alternate locations, you can select one of those locations in this field.

- Ticket State. Custom parameter, defined in the Ticket States page (Registry > Ticketing > Custom States). Allows you to add additional workflow restrictions to a ticket. For more information, see the chapter on Custom Ticket States in the Ticketing manual.
- Status. Status of the ticket. The choices are:
  - o Open. Ticket has been created.
  - Pending. Ticket has been acknowledged.
  - Working. Someone is working on the ticket.
  - Resolved. Issue has been resolved.
- **Severity**. The severity of the problem. When a ticket is created from an event in the **Events page**, this field is populated automatically by SL1 with the event's severity. The choices are:
  - Severity 5/Healthy
  - Severity 4/Notice
  - Severity 3/Minor
  - Severity 2/Major
  - Severity 1/Critical
- Category. Descriptive category assigned to the ticket. You can use the Select Objects Editor page (System > Customize > Select Objects) to customize the list of possible categories.
- Source. Original source for the ticket. You can use the Select Objects Editor page (System
  - > Customize > Selected Objects) to customize the list of possible sources. The default choices are:
  - Automated. Ticket was created automatically when an event occurred. An administrator has configured SL1 to behave this way.
  - Email. An email about an issue prompted this ticket.
  - External. An external source created this ticket.
  - Internal. This ticket was created in SL1.
  - Phone. A phone call about an issue prompted this ticket.
- Queue. Ticket Queue to which the ticket will be assigned. When you select a *Ticket Queue*, SL1 will
  populate the *Assigned User* field with a list of members from the specified queue.
- Assigned User. User who is responsible for resolving the ticket. This drop-down list contains entries for
  each user assigned to the specified Ticket Queue and who has a Login State of Active. When a ticket
  is assigned to a user, SL1 automatically sends the user an email message as notification.
- **Custom Fields**. If your SL1 system includes embedded custom fields for tickets, you can supply a value in those fields. For more information on custom fields, see the chapter on *Form Fields* in the manual **Customizing User Experience**.
- 4. To add a note to the ticket, click the [New Note] button. A new instance of the Notepad Editor will appear in the Notes & Attachments pane. In the Notepad Editor, you can format the text and include links and

images in a note.

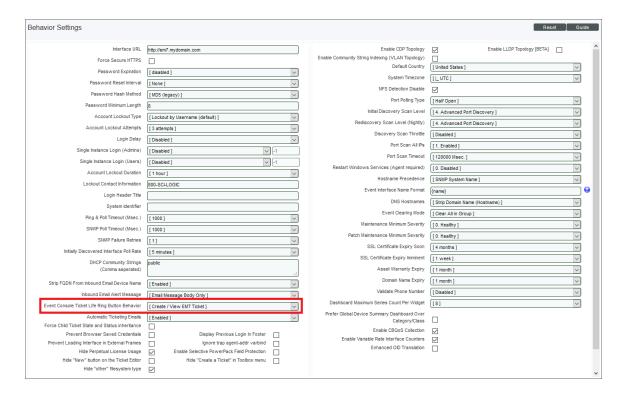
5. Click [Save] to save the ticket.

For more information on creating tickets, see the chapter on Creating and Editing Tickets in the **Ticketing** manual.

### **Event Ticket Behavior Settings**

The behavior of the Create Ticket option on the **Events** page is determined in the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior) in the classic user interface. To change this behavior:

1. Go to the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior).



- 2. Select from the following options in the Event Console Ticket Life Ring Button Behavior field:
  - Create/View EM7 Ticket. When you select the Create Ticket option for an event, SL1 displays the
     Ticket Editor page, where you can define an SL1 ticket and automatically associate it with the
     selected event. This is the default behavior.
  - Create/View External Ticket. If an external ticket is aligned with an event, when you select the
    Create Ticket option for that event, SL1 spawns a new window and displays the external ticket (as
    specified in the force\_ticket\_uri field). If an external ticket is not yet aligned with an event, when you
    select the Create Ticket option for that event, SL1 sets a "request" flag for the ticket and displays an
    acknowledgment that a new ticket has been requested. You can then use the "request" in run book
    logic to create the ticket on the external system.
- 3. Click [Save] to save your changes.

**NOTE**: For more details on events and external tickets, see the section on *integrating events and external tickets*.

# Chapter

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# **Event Correlation and Parent and Child Events**

### Overview

This chapter describes **Topology Events**, which is also called **Event Correlation**.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (=).
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ( \*\*\* ).

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### **Event Correlation**

In SL1, there are four types of events that might not appear on the **Events** page:

- Rolled-up events. Multiple occurrences of the same event on the same device. When the same event
  occurs multiple times on a single device, SL1 does not display each occurrence on the Events page. Instead,
  SL1 displays a single entry and notes the number of occurrences in the Count column.
- Suppressed Events. Suppressed events do not appear on the Events page. For details on suppressing events for a single device, see the chapter on Responding to Events.
- Topology Events. In SL1, event correlation or topology suppression means the ability to build parent-child relationships between devices and between events. When events are correlated, only the parent event is displayed on the Events page. The magnifying-glass icon ( ) appears to the left of the parent event. When you click on the magnifying-glass icon, the list of child events is displayed. The child events are rolled up under the parent event and are not displayed on the Events page. For the parent event, the count column will be incremented to indicate the number of correlated child events. Optionally, you can define event categories that allow SL1 to more efficiently align suppressing events with suppressible events. When you align an event category to a suppressing or suppressible event, that event will be correlated with only events that are aligned with the same event category.
- Event Masks. When a device uses the Event Mask setting, events that occur on a single device within a
  specified span of time are grouped together. On the Events page, masked events are displayed under a
  single event, the one with the highest severity. . For details on events masks, see the chapter on Viewing
  Events.

This chapter describes **Topology Events**, also called **Event Correlation**.

SL1 performs two types of event correlation:

- Automatic Event-Correlation. During discovery, SL1 automatically discovers and defines parent-child relationships between devices.
- Manual Event Correlation. In SL1, you can configure devices and events so that events that are associated with child devices will be rolled-up under the parent device's events on the Events page. For example, suppose a switch fails. Instead of seeing an event for the failed switch and seeing events about failed communication for each device connected to the switch, only a single event would appear on the Events page. The single event would describe the switch failure. When you manually define a hierarchy between events, you can also include an event category. An event category allows SL1 to more efficiently align suppressing events with suppressible events.

To manually define event correlation, you must perform two tasks:

Define parent and child devices. SL1 does this automatically when it discovers Layer-2, CDP, LLDP, Layer-3, and VMware topology. For example, if SL1 automatically discovers a switch and its clients, SL1 automatically defines the switch as the parent device and its clients as the children devices. You can also do this manually when you create Layer-2 Links, Layer-3 Links, CDP Links, LLDP Links, or Event Correlation Override links in the Maps > Classic Maps > Topology Mapspages or the Maps > Classic Maps > My Customized Maps pages. For more information about creating parent-child relationships in views, see the Views manual.

• Define a hierarchy between events—that is, define parent events (called suppressing events) and child events (called suppressible events).

This chapter describes the required tasks for manual event correlation.

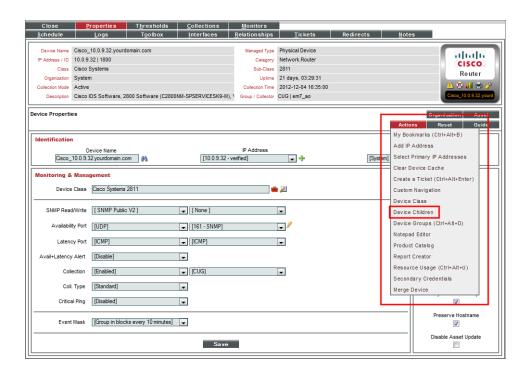
# Defining Parent and Child Devices

The **Device Children** modal page allows users to select one or more devices to become children of the currently selected device.

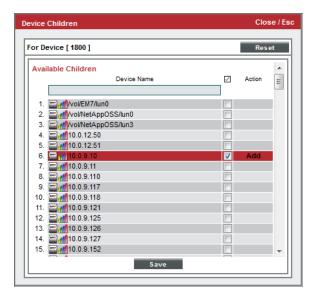
To add children to a device:

- 1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Device Manager).
- 2. In the **Device Manager** page, select the wrench icon ( ) for the device for which you want to add children devices.
- 3. The **Device Properties** page appears:

NOTE: You cannot create parent-child relationships for devices with a Device Category of Virtual.



- 4. In the **Device Properties** page, in the **[Actions]** drop-down list, select *Device Children*.
- 5. The **Device Children** modal page appears:



- 6. In the **Device Children** page, select one or more devices to be children of the current device.
- 7. Click [Save].

### Device Categories that Don't Support Children Devices

A device category is a logical categorization of a device by primary function. SL1 uses device categories to group related devices in reports and views.

Device categories are paired with device classes to organize and describe discovered devices. The device class usually describes the manufacturer and model of a device. The device category describes the function of the hardware.

Devices that are members of the following device categories cannot be assigned children devices:

- Office Printers, Device Category #4
- Workstations, Device Category #6
- Environmental. Utility, Device Category #8
- Environmental.HVAC, Device Category #9
- Environmental.Security, Device Category #10
- System.Tape, Device Category #17
- Office.Copiers, Device Category #22
- Office.Facsimiles, Device Category #23
- Telephony. Phone, Device Category #36
- Office Plotter, Device Category #40
- Pingable, Device Category #98
- Virtual, Device Category #97

To determine a device's device category, look at the Category field on the **Info** menu of the **Device Investigator** page.

# Defining Suppressing and Suppressible Events

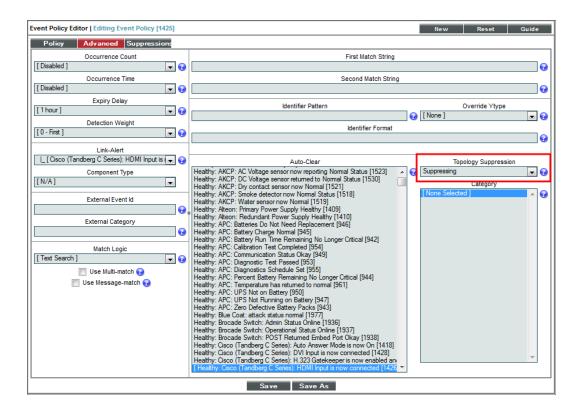
To manually configure event correlation, you must define two types of events:

- Suppressing events. If this event occurs on a parent device, SL1 will search all related children devices for suppressible events. On the children devices, all suppressible events will be suppressed. Only the suppressing event will appear in the Events page. The suppressible events will not appear in the Events page.
- Suppressible events. This type of event is suppressed on a child device only when a suppressing event occurs on the parent device.

**NOTE**: If you configure event categories, the suppressing and suppressible events must be associated with the same category for correlation to occur. If you do not configure event categories, each and every suppressing event that occurs on a parent device will cause SL1 to suppress **all suppressible** events on the associated children devices.

To define an event as a suppressing event:

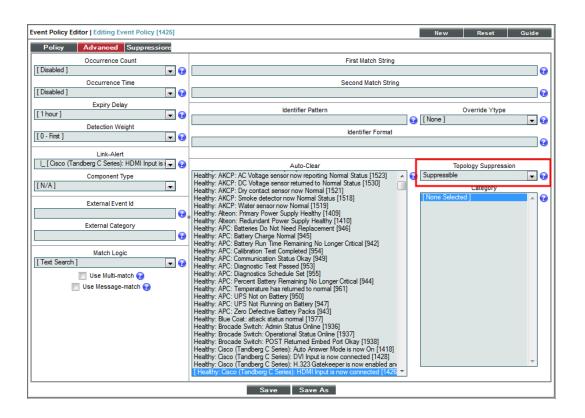
- 1. Go to the **Event Policy Manager** page (Events > Event Policies).
- 2. On the **Event Policy Manager** page, select the wrench icon ( ) of the event that you want to define as the **suppressing** event. The **Event Policy Editor** page appears.
- 3. On the **Event Policy Editor** page, click the **[Advanced]** tab.



- 4. In the **Topology Suppression** field, select Suppressing.
- 5. Click **[Save]**. In the future, when this event occurs on a device, SL1 will check if the device is a parent device. If the device is a parent device, specified events (suppressible events) with the same category will be suppressed on the children devices.

To define an event as a suppressible event:

- 1. Go to the **Event Policy Manager** page (Events > Event Policies).
- 2. On the **Event Policy Manager** page, select the wrench icon ( ) of the event that you want to define as the **Suppressible** event. The **Event Policy Editor** page appears.
- 3. On the Event Policy Editor page, select the [Advanced] tab.



- 4. In the **Topology Suppression** field, select Suppressible.
- 5. Click [Save]. In the future, when this event occurs on a device, SL1 will check if the device is a child device. If the device is a child device, SL1 will check to see if a suppressing event with the same category has occurred on the parent device. If a suppressing event has occurred on the parent device, the specified event will be suppressed on the child device.

#### For example:

- Suppose you have a device named Boise-DMZ. Suppose this device is a Cisco Catalyst switch. Suppose we define this switch as a parent device.
- Suppose we have a device named HQ-W2K3-VC01. Suppose this device is a server. Suppose we define this server as a child device to Boise-DMZ.
- Suppose we define the event "Poller: Interface operationally down" as a suppressing event.
- Suppose we define the event "Poller: Device not responding" as a suppressible event.
- Suppose we associate both events with the same event category.
- If an interface goes down on the switch Boise-DMZ, SL1 will not be able to communicate with the server, HQ-W2K3-VC01, attached to the switch.
- So if the event "Poller: Interface operationally down" occurs on Boise-DMZ, the event "Poller: Device not responding" will be suppressed on the server HQ-W2K3-VC01. On the **Events** page, only the event "Poller: Interface operationally down" on the device Boise-DMZ will appear.

### **Event Categories**

Event categories allow SL1 to more efficiently align suppressing events. When you align an event category to a suppressing or suppressible event, that event will be correlated only with events that are aligned with the same event category. An event can be aligned to multiple event categories; for event correlation to occur, the suppressing event and the suppressible event must both be aligned with a common event category.

Before defining suppressing events and suppressible events, you can define event categories to streamline event suppression.

- If you do not define any event categories, SL1 handles suppressing events and suppressible events like this:
  - If a suppressing event occurs on a parent device, SL1 will search all related children devices for suppressible events. On each child device, each occurrence of any event defined as suppressible will be suppressed. Only the suppressing event and the parent device will appear on the **Events** page. The suppressible events will be nested under the suppressing event and will not be displayed by default.
  - For example, suppose you have a parent device that is a chassis and a child device that is a blade.
  - Suppose you define two suppressing events: one for when SL1 can't collect data with a Dynamic Application (Dynamic App Collection Problem) and one for when a fan fails (Fan critical).
  - Suppose you define three suppressible events: one for when collection with a Dynamic Application times out (Dynamic Application taking too long to collect), one for when a device exceeds the recommended temperature (Temperature critical), and one for when a device is not available via SNMP (Availability check failed).
  - Suppose on the parent device (the chassis), the suppressing event "Dynamic App Collection Problem"
  - SL1 will search for all child devices associated with the chassis and then search for all suppressible events.
  - Suppose on the child device (the blade) two suppressible events occur: "Temperature Critical" and "Availability Check Failed".
  - On the **Events** page, SL1 will nest these two suppressible events under the parent event, even though there is no relationship between the parent event and the child events.

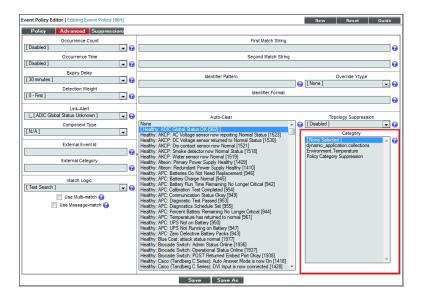
- Now suppose we define two event categories. Suppose we define "Environment.Temperature" and "Dynamic Applications.Collection":
  - Suppose you have a parent device that is a chassis and a child device that is a blade.
  - Suppose you define two suppressing events: one for when SL1 can't collect data with a Dynamic Application (Dynamic App Collection Problem) and one for when a fan fails (Fan critical).
  - Suppose you define three suppressible events: one for when collection for a Dynamic Application is timing out (Dynamic Application taking too long to collect), one for when a device exceeds the recommended temperature (Temperature critical), and one for when a device is not available via SNMP (Availability check failed).
  - Suppose when you define each event as suppressing or suppressible, you align event categories like this:

Event Name	Event Hierarchy	Event Category
Dynamic App Collection Problem	Suppressing	Dynamic Applications. Collection
Dynamic Application taking too long to collect	Suppressible	Dynamic Applications. Collection
Availability check failed	Suppressible	Dynamic Applications. Collection
Fan critical	Suppressing	Environment.Temperature
Temperature critical	Suppressible	Environment.Temperature

- Suppose on the parent device (the chassis) the suppressing event "Dynamic App Collection Problem"
- SL1 will search for all child devices and then search for all suppressible events that have the same event category, Dynamic Applications. Collection.
- Suppose on the child device (the blade) two suppressible events occur: "Temperature Critical" and "Dynamic application taking too long to collect".
- On the Events page, SL1 will display the event "Dynamic application taking too long to collect" under the parent event "Dynamic App collection problem", because both events belong to the same event category.
- The **Events** page will not nest the event "Temperature critical", under the parent event "Dynamic App collection problem", because the two events do not have the same event category.

### Assigning an Event Category to an Event

You can assign an event category to an event in the **Event Policy Editor** page, in the **[Advanced]** tab.



If you define an event as *suppressing* and assign an event category to the event, when the event occurs, SL1 will suppress only events that meet all of these criteria:

- Occur on a child device
- Are defined as suppressible
- Are aligned with the same event category

If you define an event as **suppressible** and assign an event category to the event, when the event occurs, SL1 will suppress the event only if all the following occur:

- The event occurs on a child device.
- A suppressing event occurs on the parent device.
- The suppressing event and the suppressible event are aligned with the same event category.

**NOTE**: If you assign an event category to an event that is neither suppressing nor suppressible, SL1 does not use the event category. The event category will have no effect.

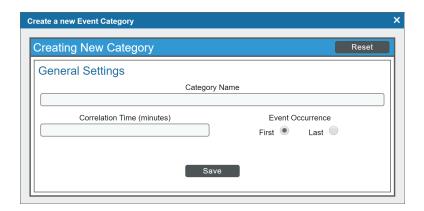
## Creating an Event Category

From the **Event Category Manager** page, you can define a new event category. This allows you to customize event categories to meet your business requirements.

To create an event category:

- 1. Go to the **Event Category Manager** page (Events > Categories).
- 2. In the **Event Category Manager** page, select the **[Create]** button.

3. The **Event Category Editor** page is displayed. In this page, you can define a new event category. Supply a value in the following fields:



- Category Name. The name of the event category. This can be any combination of numbers, letters, and symbols.
- Correlation Time. You can specify an integer value of zero ("0") or greater in this field. This value can be used in custom Run Book Actions, where Action Type is Run a Snippet. For details on Run Book Actions, see the Run Book Automation manual.
- **Event Occurrence**. Specifies whether Correlation Time should start after first occurrence of the event or after most recent occurrence of the event. Possible values are *First* or *Last*.
- 4. Click [Save] to save your new event category.

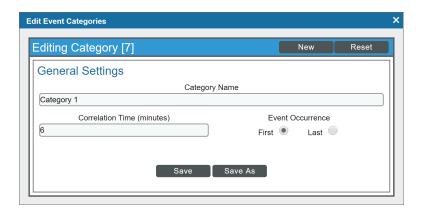
# Editing an Event Category

From the **Event Category Manager** page, you can edit the definition of an event category. This allows you to adjust or customize an existing category to meet your business requirements.

To edit an event category:

- 1. Go to the **Event Category Manager** page (Events > Categories).
- 2. In the **Event Category Manager** page, select the wrench icon (🏲) of the event category you want to edit.
- 3. The **Event Category Editor** page is displayed.

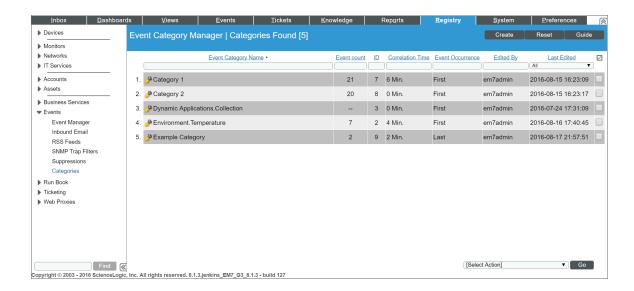
4. In the **Event Category Editor**, you can edit the following fields:



- Category Name. The name of the event category. This can be any combination of numbers, letters, and symbols.
- Correlation Time. You can specify an integer value of zero ("0") or greater in this field. This value can be used in custom Run Book Actions, where Action Type is Run a Snippet. For details on Run Book Actions, see the Run Book Automation manual.
- **Event Occurrence**. Specifies whether Correlation Time should start after first occurrence of the event or after most recent occurrence of the event. Possible values are First or Last.
- 5. Click [Save] to save your changes.
- 6. You can also click [Save As] to save your changes as a new event category with a different name.

# Viewing the List of Event Categories

The **Event Category Manager** page displays the following about each event category:



**TIP**: To sort the list of event categories, click on a column heading. The list will be sorted by the column value, in ascending order. To sort by descending order, click the column heading again. The **Last Edited** column sorts by descending order on the first click; to sort by ascending order, click the column heading again.

- Event Category Name. The name of the event category.
- Event Count. Number of events that are aligned with the event category.
- ID. Unique numeric ID for the event category, generated by SL1.
- Correlation Time. You can specify an integer value of zero ("0") or greater in this field. This value can be used in custom Run Book Actions, where Action Type is Run a Snippet. For details on Run Book Actions, see the Run Book Automation manual.
- **Event Occurrence**. Specifies whether Correlation Time should start after first occurrence of the event or after most recent occurrence of the event. Possible values are First or Last.
- Edited By. Name of the user who created or last edited the event category.
- Last Edited. Date and time the event category was created, imported into SL1, or last edited.

## Filtering the List of Event Categories

The Filter-While-You-Type fields appear as a row of blank fields at the top of the list. These fields allow you to filter the items that appear in the list.

The list is dynamically updated as you select each filter. For each filter, you must make a selection from a drop-down menu or type text to match against. SL1 will search for entries that match the text, including partial matches. Text matches are not case-sensitive, and you can use special characters in each text field.

By default, the cursor is placed in the first Filter-While-You-Type field. You can use the <Tab> key or your mouse to move your cursor through the fields.

You can filter by one or more of the following parameters. Only items that meet all of the filter criteria are displayed on the page.

The following describes each filter on the **Event Category Manager** page:

- Event Category Name. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the Event Category Manager page will display only event categories that have a matching category name.
- **Event Count**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Category Manager** page will display only event categories that have a matching event count.
- *ID*. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Event Category Manager** page will display only event categories that have a matching event category ID.
- Correlation Time. You can enter an integer to match, including special characters, and the Event Category Manager page will display only event categories that have a matching correlation time.

- **Event Occurrence**. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the Event Category Manager page will display only event categories that have a matching value in the Event Occurrence field.
- Edited By. You can enter text to match, including special characters, and the Event Category Manager page will display only event categories that have been created or edited by a matching user.
- Last Edited. Only those event categories that match all the previously selected fields and have the specified last edit date will be displayed. The choices are:
  - o All. Display all event categories that match the other filters.
  - o Last Minute. Display only event categories that have been created within the last minute.
  - o Last Hour. Display only event categories that have been created within the last hour.
  - o Last Day. Display only event categories that have been created within the last day.
  - Last Week. Display only event categories that have been created within the last week.
  - o Last Month. Display only event categories that have been created within the last month.
  - Last Year. Display only event categories that have been created within the last year.

### **Special Characters**

You can include the following special characters to filter by each column except those that display date and time:

**NOTE**: When searching for a string, SL1 will match substrings by default, even if you do not include any special characters. For example, searching for "hel" will match both "hello" and "helicopter". When searching for a numeric value, SL1 will not match a substring unless you use a special character.

#### String and Numeric

- , (comma). Specifies an "OR" operation. Works for string and numeric values. For example:
  - "dell, micro" matches all values that contain the string "dell" OR the string "micro".
- & (ampersand). Specifies an "AND" operation. Works for string and numeric values. For example:

"dell & micro" matches all values that contain both the string "dell" AND the string "micro", in any order.

- ! (exclamation point). Specifies a "not" operation. Works for string and numeric values. For example:
  - "!dell" matches all values that do not contain the string "dell".
  - "! ^ micro" would match all values that do not start with "micro".
  - "!fer\$" would match all values that do not end with "fer".
  - "! ^ \$" would match all values that are not null.
  - "! ^ " would match null values.
  - "!\$" would match null values.
  - "!\*" would match null values.
  - "happy, !dell" would match values that contain "happy" OR values that do not contain "dell".

**NOTE**: You can also use the "!" character in combination with the arithmetic special characters (min-max, >, <, >=, <=, =) described below.

• \* (asterisk). Specifies a "match zero or more" operation. Works for string and numeric values. For a string, matches any string that matches the text before and after the asterisk. For a number, matches any number that contains the text. For example:

"hel\*er" would match "helpers" and "helicopter" but not "hello".

- "325\*" would match "325", "32561", and "325000".
- "\*000" would match "1000", "25000", and "10500000".
- ? (question mark). Specifies "match any one character". Works for string and numeric values. For example:
  - "I?ver" would match the strings "oliver", "levers", and "lover", but not "believer".
  - "135?" would match the numbers "1350", "1354", and "1359", but not "135" or "13502"

#### String

- ^ (caret). For strings only. Specifies "match the beginning". Matches any string that begins with the specified string. For example:
  - "^sci" would match "scientific" and "sciencelogic", but not "conscious".
  - "^happy\$" would match only the string "happy", with no characters before or after.
  - "! ^ micro" would match all values that do not start with "micro".
  - "! ^ \$" would match all values that are not null.
  - "! ^ " would match null values.

- \$ (dollar sign). For strings only. Specifies "match the ending". Matches any string that ends with the specified string. For example:
  - "ter\$" would match the string "renter" but not the string "terrific".
  - "^happy\$" would match only the string "happy", with no characters before or after.
  - "!fer\$" would match all values that do not end with "fer".
  - "! ^ \$" would match all values that are not null.
  - "!\$" would match null values.

NOTE: You can use both ^ and \$ if you want to match an entire string and only that string. For example,
 " ^ tern\$" would match the strings "tern" or "TERN"; it would not match the strings "terne" or
 "cistern".

#### Numeric

- min-max. Matches numeric values only. Specifies any value between the minimum value and the maximum value, including the minimum and the maximum. For example:
  - "1-5 "would match 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- - (dash). Matches numeric values only. A "half open" range. Specifies values including the minimum and greater or including the maximum and lesser. For example:
  - "1-" matches 1 and greater. So would match 1, 2, 6, 345, etc.
  - "-5" matches 5 and less. So would match 5, 3, 1, 0, etc.
- > (greater than). Matches numeric values only. Specifies any value "greater than". For example:
  - ">7" would match all values greater than 7.
- < (less than). Matches numeric values only. Specifies any value "less than". For example:
  - "<12" would match all values less than 12.
- >= (greater than or equal to). Matches numeric values only. Specifies any value "greater than or equal to". For example:
  - =>7 would match all values 7 and greater.
- <= (less than or equal to). Matches numeric values only. Specifies any value "less than or equal to". For example:
  - "=<12" would match all values 12 and less.

- = (equal). Matches numeric values only. For numeric values, allows you to match a negative value. For example:
  - "=-5" would match "-5" instead of being evaluated as the "half open range" as described above.

#### **Additional Examples**

- "aio\$". Matches only text that ends with "aio".
- "^shu". Matches only text that begins with "shu".
- "^silo\$". Matches only the text "silo", with no characters before or after.
- "!silo". Matches only text that does not contains the characters "silo".
- "! ^ silo". Matches only text that does not start with "silo".
- "!0\$". Matches only text that does not end with "0".
- "! ^ silo\$". Matches only text that is not the exact text "silo", with no characters before or after.
- "! ^". Matches null values, typically represented as "--" in most pages.
- "!\$". Matches null values, typically represented as "--" in most pages.
- "!^\$". Matches all text that is not null.
- silo, laggr". Matches text that contains the characters "silo" and also text that does not contain "aggr".
- "silo, 02, laggr". Matches text that contains "silo" and also text that contains "02" and also text that does not contain "aggr".
- "silo, 02, laggr, !01". Matches text that contains "silo" and also text that contains "02" and also text that does not contain "aggr" and also text that does not contain "01".
- "^s\*i\*l\*o\$". Matches text that contains the letter "s", "i", "l", "o", in that order. Other letters might lie between these letters. For example "sXiXIXo" would match.
- "!^s\*i\*l\*o\$". Matches all text that does not that contains the letter "s", "i", "l", "o", in that order. Other letters might lie between these letters. For example "sXiXIXo" would not match.
- "!vol&!silo". Matches text that does not contain "vol" AND also does not contain "silo". For example, "volume" would match, because it contains "vol" but not "silo".
- "!vol&02". Matches text that does not contain "vol" AND also contains "02". For example, "happy02" would match, because it does not contain "vol" and it does contain "02".
- "aggr,!vol&02". Matches text that contains "aggr" OR text that does not contain "vol" AND also contains "02".
- "aggr,!vol&!infra". Matches text that contains "aggr" OR text that does not contain "vol" AND does not contain "infra".
- "\*". Matches all text.
- "!\*". Matches null values, typically represented as "--" in most pages.
- "silo". Matches text that contains "silo".
- "!silo". Matches text that does not contain "silo".
- "!^silo\$". Matches all text except the text "silo", with no characters before or after.
- "-3,7-8,11,24,50-". Matches numbers 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 24, 50, and all numbers greater than 50.

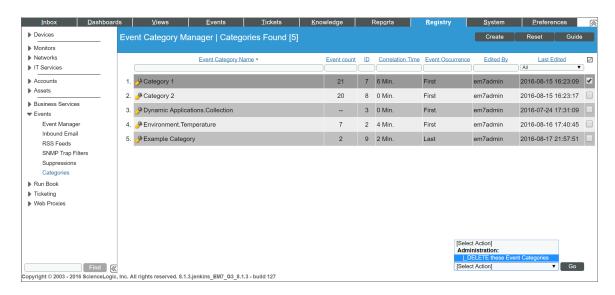
- "-3,7-8,11,24,50-,a". Matches numbers 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 24, 50, and all numbers greater than 50, and text that includes "a".
- "?n". Matches text that contains any single character and the character "n". For example, this string would match "an", "bn", "cn", "1 n", and "2n".
- "n\*SAN". Matches text the contains "n", zero or any number of any characters and then "SAN". For example, the string would match "nSAN", and "nhamburgerSAN".
- "^?n\*SAN\$". Matches text that begins with any single character, is following by "n", and then zero or any number of any characters, and ends in "SAN".

## Deleting One or More Event Categories

From the **Event Category Manager** page, you can delete an event category. To do so:

**NOTE**: When you remove an event category, the category is also removed from any event policy with which it is aligned.

- 1. Go to the **Event Category Manager** page (Events > Categories).
- 2. In the **Event Category Manager** page, select the checkbox ( $\square$ ) of each event category you want to delete.
- 3. In the Select Action drop-down list, select Delete these Event Categories, then select the [Go] button.
- 4. Each selected event category is removed from SL1.



### 6

# Chapter

6

# **Defining and Editing Event Policies**

### Overview

This chapter describes how to edit and define an event policy.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (=).
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ( ....).

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### How SL1 Generates Events

SL1 includes pre-defined events for the most commonly encountered conditions on the most common platforms. SL1 allows you to customize these events. If the pre-defined events do not meet the needs of your organization, you can define new events. You can edit existing event policies and create new event policies in the **Event Policy Manager** page.

SL1 monitors devices (and their applications and components). SL1 then generates log messages based on incoming trap and syslog data, incoming email messages, and user-defined policies. Each message is associated with a specific monitored device, organization, asset record, IP network, interface, IT service, vendor, user account, or virtual interface. SL1 then uses these log messages to generate events. SL1 examines each incoming log message and compares it to each event policy. If a log message matches an event policy, SL1 generates an instance of the event and displays the instance in the **Event Console** page. The event instance will be associated with the entity that triggered the original log message.

SL1 generates events by collecting logs and messages from the following:

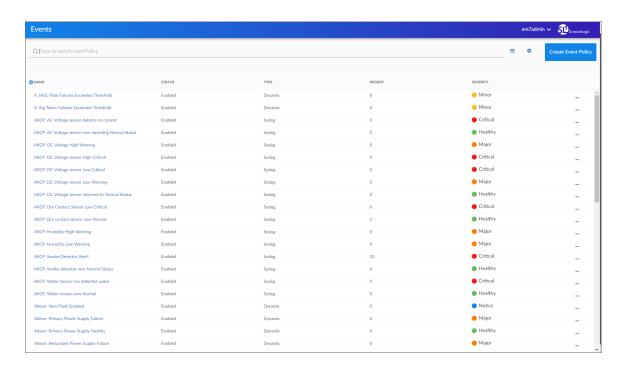
- **Syslog**. Message is generated by the syslog protocol. Syslogs can be sent by devices and proxy devices like MoMs. A syslog is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. Syslog is a standard log format supported by most networking and UNIX-based devices and applications. Windows log files can be converted to syslog format using conversion tools. For more information on sylogs, see the manual **Syslogs and Traps**.
- Internal. Message is generated by a ScienceLogic process. The message is about the SL1 system itself, instead of the devices that the SL1 system monitors.
- *Trap*. Message is generated by an SNMP trap. SNMP traps can be sent by devices and proxy devices like MoMs. An SNMP trap is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. A trap indicates that an emergency condition or a condition that merits immediate attention has occurred on the device. For more information on traps, see the manual *Syslogs and Traps*.
- Dynamic. Message is generated by a Dynamic Application alert. Dynamic Applications are customizable policies that tell SL1 how to monitor applications and devices. Users can define alerts in Dynamic Applications. An alert can trigger events based on the data collected by the Dynamic Application. Alerts allow users to examine and manipulate values retrieved by Dynamic Applications. When an alert evaluates to TRUE, the alert inserts a message in the associated device's device log. SL1 examines each new message in the device log and determines if the message matches an event definition. If it does, SL1 generates an instance of that event. For example, an alert might be defined to evaluate to TRUE if the temperature of a chassis exceeds 100 degrees F. If the chassis temperature exceeds 100 degrees F, the alert evaluates to TRUE, the SL1 system inserts a message in the associated device's log files, and the SL1 system matches that message with an existing event and then triggers the event. For more information on defining and using alerts, see the Dynamic Application Development manual.
- **Email**. Message is generated by an email message sent to SL1. For more information on generating events with email messages, see the **Events from Email** chapter.

- API. Message is generated by inserting a message into the main database. These messages can be inserted
  by a snippet automation action, a snippet Dynamic Application, or by a request to the ScienceLogic API. For
  more information on snippet automation actions, see the manual Run Book Automation. For more
  information on snippet Dynamic Applications, see the manual Snippet Dynamic Application
  Development. For more information on the ScienceLogic API, see the manual Using the ScienceLogic
  API.
- SL1 agent. Message is generated by log file messages collected by the SL1 agent. For more information about creating Log File Monitoring Policies to monitor log file messages collected by the agent, see the Monitoring Using the SL1 agent manual.

# Viewing the List of Event Policies

From the **Event Policies** page (Events > Event Policies), you can view a list of all event policies in SL1. To access the **Event Policies** page:

1. Go to Events > Event Policies. The **Event Policies** page appears:



2. The **Event Policies** page displays the following about each event policy:

**NOTE**: If you do not see one of the following columns in the **Event Policies** page, click the **Select Columns** icon ( ) and you may add more columns or remove them.

- Name. The name of the event policy.
- Status. Specifies whether event policy is to be operational or not. Possible values are "Enabled" or "Disabled."
- Type. Specifies the source for the event policy. Possible values are:
  - Syslog. Message is generated by the syslog protocol. Syslogs can be sent by devices and proxy
    devices like MoMs. A syslog is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. Syslog is a standard
    log format supported by most networking and UNIX-based devices and applications. Windows log
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  - SL1 agent. Message is generated by log file messages collected by the SL1 agent. For more
    information about creating Log File Monitoring Policies to monitor log file messages collected by
    the agent, see the Monitoring Using the SL1 agent manual. Monitoring
- **Weight**. If two event definitions are very similar, the weight field specifies the order in which SL1 should match messages against each event definition. This field is most useful for event policies that use expression matching. The event definition with the lowest weight will be matched first.

- PowerPack. Specifies whether the event is included in a PowerPack.
- **Severity**. The severity of the event. Choices are:
  - Healthy. Healthy events indicate that a device or condition has returned to a healthy state. Frequently, a healthy event is generated after a problem has been fixed.
  - Notice. Notice events indicate a condition that does not affect service but about which users should be aware.
  - Minor. Minor events indicate a condition that does not currently impair service, but the condition needs to be corrected before it becomes more severe.
  - Major. Major events indicate a condition that impacts service and requires immediate investigation.
  - *Critical*. Critical events indicate a condition that can seriously impair or curtail service and requires immediate attention (i.e., service or system outages).
- ID. Unique numeric ID for the event policy, generated by SL1.
- Expiry. If enabled, the time in which an active event will be cleared automatically if there is no reoccurrence of the event.
- *Time*. If enabled, the maximum amount of time to wait between multiple identical messages from the same source before creating a new event message in the Event Monitor. This allows related events to be rolled-up and posted together, under one event description.
- *Threshold*. If enabled, the number of instances of an identical event from the identical source that must occur before creating a new event message in the **Event Console** page.
- Edited By. Name of the user who created or last edited the event.
- Last Edited. Date and time the event was created, imported into SL1, or last edited.
- External ID. The external event ID for the event. The external event ID is an optional field that can be used to correlate an event policy with an event ID on another network-monitoring system or on another SL1 system where the event has a different event ID.
- Ext. Category. The category for the event. This is an optional field. If SL1 will be sending this event to an external system, this field defines the event category for use by the external system.

# **Defining an Event Policy**

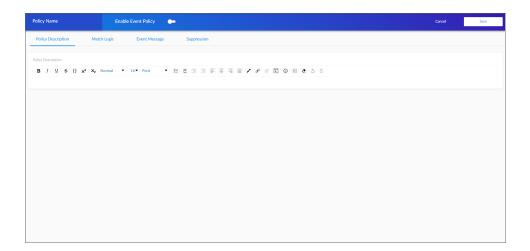
SL1 includes pre-defined events for the most commonly encountered conditions on the most common platforms. However, if the pre-defined events do not meet the needs of your organization, you can define new events that better suit your needs.

From the **Event Policies** page, you can define a new event. You can define custom events to meet your business requirements. You can also define events to be triggered by any custom Dynamic Application alerts you have created.

To create an event definition:

1. Go to **Event Policies** page (Events > Event Policies).

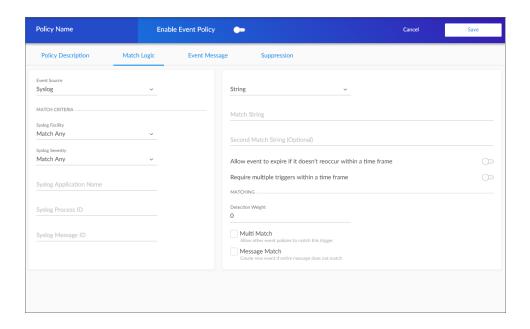
2. In the **Event Policies** page, click the **[Create Event Policy]** button. The **Event Policy Editor** page appears:



- 3. In the **Event Policy Editor** page and set of tabs, you can define a new event. The **Event Policy Editor** page contains the following fields and tabs:
  - Policy Name. Enter a name for the event policy.
  - Enable Event Policy. This toggle allows you to enable and disable the event policy.
  - Policy Description. Enter a description of the event policy.
  - Match Logic. Allows you to define pattern-matching for the event.
  - **Event Message**. Allows you to enter an event message and the severity of the event, as well as event masking.
  - Suppression. Allows you to suppress the event on selected devices and device groups.

### The Match Logic Tab

In the [Match Logic] tab, you can define or edit the following fields:



- **Event Source**. Specifies the source for the event. The fields below this field will change based on your selection. Your options are:
  - Syslog. Message is generated by the syslog protocol. Syslogs can be sent by devices and proxy devices like MoMs. A syslog is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. Syslog is a standard log format supported by most networking and UNIX-based devices and applications. Windows log files can be converted to syslog format using conversion tools. For more information on sylogs, see the manual Syslogs and Traps. The following fields will appear:
    - Syslog Facility. Select the facility information used by syslog to match an event message.
    - Syslog Severity. Select the severity information used by syslog to match an event message.
    - Syslog Application Name. Type the application name used by syslog to match an event message.
    - Syslog Process ID. Type the Process ID used by syslog to match an event message.
    - Syslog Message ID. Type the Message ID used by syslog to match an event message.

**NOTE**: For more information on the syslog fields for events, see http://www.rfc-archive.org/getrfc.php?rfc=5424.

• Internal. Message is generated by a ScienceLogic process. The message is about the SL1 system itself, instead of the devices that the SL1 system monitors. The following option will appear:

Select Link-Message. Click this button to specify the message generated by SL1. The Link-Message window will appear with a list of messages to select from. Once you have selected a Message, click the [Select] button.

**NOTE**: You can use the field at the top of the *Link-Message* field to filter the list of ScienceLogic messages. If you enter an alpha-numeric string in the field, the *Link-Message* field will include only ScienceLogic messages that match the string.

- Trap. Message is generated by an SNMP trap. SNMP traps can be sent by devices and proxy devices like MoMs. An SNMP trap is an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. A trap indicates that an emergency condition or a condition that merits immediate attention has occurred on the device. For more information on traps, see the manual Syslogs and Traps. The following options will appear:
  - Select Link-Trap. Click this button to display a list of trap OIDs that are included in the MIB files that have been compiled in SL1. Select one of the listed trap OIDs to associate with the event. The Link-Trap window will appear with a list of traps to select from. Once you have selected a trap, click the [Select] button.

**NOTE**: You can use the field at the top of the *Link-Trap* field to filter the list of SNMP traps. If you enter an alpha-numeric string in the field, the *Link-Trap* field will include only traps that match the string.

**NOTE**: Before selecting a trap OID, check the **SNMP Trap Filters** page (Registry > Events > SNMP Trap Filters) to be sure that the trap is not being filtered out. For more information on the **SNMP Trap Filters** page, see the **Syslogs and Traps** manual.

- Link-Trap. Manually enter a custom trap OID as an alternative to selecting a Link-Trap using the [Select Link-Trap] button. You can use an asterisk (\*) as a wildcard character at the end of the trap OID. If you add the wildcard character to the end of the trap OID, the event policy will match all trap OIDs that start with the specified OID string. This is useful for creating "catch all" event policies.
- Source Host Varbind. For events with a source of "trap", specifies an OID that is included in the trap. This OID will contain the IP address to align with the event. This field allows you to align an event with a device other than the trap's sender. For more information about traps in SL1, see the manual Syslogs and Traps.
  - If a value is specified in this field, SL1 examines the OID specified in this field. If the value stored in the OID matches the primary IP address of a device in SL1, the resulting event will be aligned with that device.
  - If a value is specified in this field, SL1 examines the OID specified in this field. If the value stored in the OID does not match a primary IP address of a device in SL1, the resulting event will be aligned with the device that sent the trap.

- If no value is specified in this field, but the trap includes the default snmpTrapAddress OID, SL1 will examine the value stored in the snmpTrapAddress OID. If the value stored in the default snmpTrapAddress OID matches the primary IP address of a device in SL1, the resulting event will be aligned with that device.
- If no value is specified in this field and the trap does not include the snmpTrapAddress OID, SL1 will align the resulting event with the device that sent the trap.
- Dynamic. Message is generated by a Dynamic Application alert. Dynamic Applications are customizable policies that tell SL1 how to monitor applications and devices. Users can define alerts in Dynamic Applications. An alert can trigger events based on the data collected by the Dynamic Application. Alerts allow users to examine and manipulate values retrieved by Dynamic Applications. When an alert evaluates to TRUE, the alert inserts a message in the associated device's device log. SL1 examines each new message in the device log and determines if the message matches an event definition. If it does, SL1 generates an instance of that event. For example, an alert might be defined to evaluate to TRUE if the temperature of a chassis exceeds 100 degrees F. If the chassis temperature exceeds 100 degrees F, the alert evaluates to TRUE, the SL1 system inserts a message in the associated device's log files, and the SL1 system matches that message with an existing event and then triggers the event. For more information on defining and using alerts, see the **Dynamic Application Development** manual. The following option appears:
  - [Select Link-Alert]. Click this button to display a list of alerts defined in Dynamic Applications. A Link-Alert window displays a list of alerts. After you search for and select an alert, click [Select]. The alert is added to the Link-Alert field.
- Email. Message is generated by an email message sent to SL1. For more information on generating
  events with email messages, see the Events from Email chapter.
- API. Message is generated by inserting a message into the main database. These messages can be inserted by a snippet automation action, a snippet Dynamic Application, or by a request to the ScienceLogic API. For more information on snippet automation actions, see the manual Run Book Automation. For more information on snippet Dynamic Applications, see the manual Snippet Dynamic Application Development. For more information on the ScienceLogic API, see the manual Using the ScienceLogic API.
- SL1 agent. Message is generated by log file messages collected by the SL1 agent. For more
  information about creating Log File Monitoring Policies to monitor log file messages collected by the
  agent, see the Monitoring Using the SL1 agent manual. The following option appears:
  - Log Policy. Select the Log File Monitoring Policy the agent will use to collect the log message.

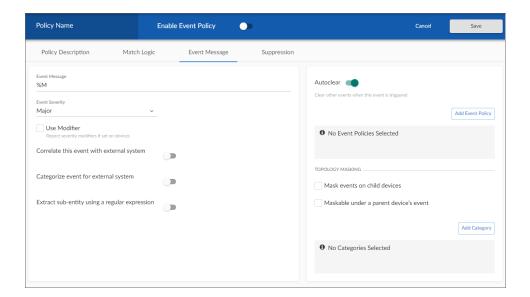
After selecting and defining your Event Source, enter values in the fields on the right side of the Match Logic tab:

- String/Regular Expression. Use this dropdown to select String or Regular Expression.
- Match String. A string used to correlate the event with a log message. Can be up to 512 characters in length. To match this event policy, the text of a log message or alert must match the value you enter in this field. Can be any combination of alpha-numeric and multi-byte characters. SL1's expression matching is case-sensitive. This field is required for events generated with a source of Syslog, API, and Email.
- Second Match String (Optional). A secondary string used to match against the originating log message. Can be up to 512 characters in length. Can be any combination of alpha-numeric and multi-byte characters. To match this event policy, the text of a log message or alert must match the value you enter in this field and the value you entered in the Match String field. This field is optional.

- Allow event to expire if it doesn't reoccur within a time frame. If toggled on, enter the time in which an active event will be cleared automatically if there is no reoccurrence of the event in the fields that appear. You can enter time in minutes or hours.
- Require multiple triggers within a time frame. If toggled on, enter the number of events and the time in
  which an event requires multiple triggers to occur in the fields that appear. You can enter time in minutes or
  hours.
- **Detection Weight**. If two event definitions are very similar, the weight field specifies the order in which SL1 should match messages against the similar event definitions. The event definition with the lowest weight will be matched first. This field is most useful for events that use expression matching. Options range from 0 (first) 20 (last).
- Multi Match. By default, SL1 will match a log message or alert to only one event policy. If a log message or alert matches multiple event polices, SL1 will use the Detection Weight setting to determine which event policy the log message or alert will match. If you select the Multi Match checkbox in all event policies that can match the same log message or alert, SL1 will generate an event for every event policy that matches that single log message or alert.
- Message Match. If SL1 has generated an event and then a second log message or alert matches the same event policy for the same entity, SL1 will not generate a second event, but will increase the count value for the original event on the Events page and in the Viewing Events page. By default, this behavior occurs regardless of whether the two log messages or alerts contain the same message. If you select the Message Match checkbox, this behavior will occur only if the log messages or alerts contain the same message.

### The Event Message Tab

In the [Event Message] tab, you can define or edit the following fields:



- Event Message. The message that appears in the Event Console page or the Viewing Events page when this event occurs. This field defaults to "%M" for new event policies upon creation. The message can be any combination of alphanumeric and multi-byte characters. Variables include the characters "%" (percent) and "|" (bar). You can also use regular expressions and variables that represent text from the original log message to create the Event Message:
  - To include regular expressions in the Event Message:

Surround the regular expression with %R and %/R. For example:

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%RFilename: .*? %/R
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Would search for the first instance of the string "Filename: " (Filename-colon-space) followed by any number of any characters up to the line break. The %R indicates the beginning of a regular expression. The %/R indicates the end of a regular expression.

SL1 will use the regular expression to search the log message and use the matching text in the event message.

For details on the regular expression syntax allowed by SL1, see http://www.python.org/doc/howto/.

- You can also use the following variables in this field:
  - "> %I ("eye"). For events with a source of "dynamic", this variable contains the index value from SNMP; this index value will be displayed in the Event Message. For Dynamic Applications, %I maps to the raw index that comes back from SNMP. For example, a walk of the MIB at .1.3.6.1.4.1.999.3.2.1 might return the following OIDs:

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1.3.6.1.4.1.999.3.2.1.1.1
1.3.6.1.4.1.999.3.2.1.2.1,
1.3.6.1.4.1.999.3.2.1.3.1.
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In this case, %I would return .1.1, .2.1, and .3.1, respectively.

- %I ("eye"). For events with a source of "syslog" or "trap", this variable contains the value that matches the Identifier Pattern field in the [Advanced]tab.
- %M. The full text of the log message that triggered the event will be displayed in **Event Message** field.
- %V. Data Value from log file will be displayed in the **Event Message** field.
- %T. Threshold value from the log file will be displayed in **Event Message** field.

**NOTE**: Events with a **Source** of *Rules Engine* contain the variable **%\_event\_detail\_uri**. This variable resolves to the URL of the incident and provides ScienceLogic users with more details about the event.

- **Event Severity**. Defines the severity of the event. Choices are:
  - Healthy. Healthy events indicate that a device or condition has returned to a healthy state. Frequently,
     a healthy event is generated after a problem has been fixed.
  - Notice. Notice events indicate a condition that does not affect service but about which users should be aware.
  - Minor. Minor events indicate a condition that does not currently impair service, but the condition needs to be corrected before it becomes more severe.
  - Major. Major events indicate a condition that impacts service and requires immediate investigation.
  - Critical. Critical events indicate a condition that can seriously impair or curtail service and requires immediate attention (i.e., service or system outages).
- Use Modifier. If selected, when the event is triggered, SL1 will check to see if the interface associated with this event has a custom severity modifier. If so, the event will appear in the Event Console with that custom severity modifier applied to the severity in the Event Severity field. For example, if an interface with an Event Severity Adjust setting of Sev -1 triggers an event with an Event Severity of Major and that event has the Use Modifier checkbox selected, the event will appear in the Event Console with a severity of Minor.
- Correlate this event with external system. Toggle this on if you want to correlate the event with an external system. Enter the External ID in the field that appears when this is turned on.
- Categorize event for external system. Toggle this on if you want to categorize this event for an external system. Enter the External Category in the field that appears when this is turned on.
- Extract sub-entity using a regular expression. Toggle this on if you want to extract a sub-entity using a regular expression. Enter values in the following fields that appear when this is turned on:
  - Identifier pattern. A regular expression used to extract the name of a sub-entity (like the name of a network interface) from within the log entry. By identifying the sub-entity, SL1 can create a unique event for each sub-entity, instead of a single event for the entire device. For an event to auto-clear another event, both events must have the same sub-entity name. The regular expression can be up to 512 characters in length and can include multi-byte characters.
  - Result order for multiple sub-entities. If the *Identifier Pattern* field returns multiple results, users can specify which results to use and in which order. Each result is represented by a variable. This field is optional. For example, users could specify "%2:%1" for "Interface %2: Peer %1" where %1 is the first match with identifier pattern and %2 is the second match with identifier pattern.
  - Y-type to override. Specifies a sub-entity type (yType). A sub-entity is a hardware component (CPU, disk, interface, etc). The "yType" value is stored as an integer in a database table; each sub-entity type is associated with a unique integer value (e.g. Interfaces = 7). If SL1 knows an interface's "yName" (specified in the *Identifier Pattern* field) and the "yType" (specified in the *Override YType* field), SL1 can determine the unique "yID" for the interface. The "yID" is stored in the table in which all instances of a specific sub-entity are stored. For example, for "yType" of "interface," the "yID" is a unique numeric ID for a specific interface on a specific device. This "yID" is stored in the table of all discovered interfaces (if id in master dev.device interfaces) and is unique within this table.

**NOTE**: If you used the previous three fields to associate an event with an interface, then on the **Events** page, the link icon for this event will be for an interface and will lead to a performance report for the specific interface.

NOTE: The %Y variable (yName) and %y variable (yID) can be used in policies associated with events that use the previous three fields. That is, Run Book Action Policies and related Ticket Templates that are triggered by the event can use the %Y variable and the %y variable. For details on Run Book Actions Policies and using Ticket Templates, see the section on Creating an Action Policy that Creates a New Ticket in the manual Run Book Automation.

- Autoclear. If enabled, this field specifies whether an event can be cleared from the event list automatically.
   Click the [Add Event Policy] button to select one or more events from the list. SL1 automatically removes the current event from the Events page if one of the selected events occurs.
  - For example, suppose you have an event "Device not responding to ping". If the next polling session produces the event "Device now responding normally to ping," the auto-clear feature could automatically clear the original event from the **Events** page.
- Topology Masking.
  - Mask events on child devices. If this event occurs on a parent device, SL1 will search all related children devices for masked events.
    - If you have assigned a **Category** to this event, SL1 will search all the children devices and mask all events that have been defined as masked and are assigned to the same **Category**. For more details on event categories, see the chapter on event correlation in the **Events** manual.
    - If you have not assigned a Category to this event, SL1 will search all children devices and mask all events that have been defined as masked and are not assigned to a Category. For more details on event categories, see the chapter on event correlation in the Events manual.
    - The masked events will not appear on the **Events** page. They will be nested under the parent event.
  - Maskable under a parent device's event. This type of event is masked on a child device only when a
    maskable event occurs on the parent device.
    - If you have assigned a *Category* to this event, SL1 will mask this event when it occurs on a child device and an event that has been defined as masked occurs on its parent device. The masked event must have the same *Category* as the maskable event. For more details on event categories, see the chapter on event correlation in the *Events* manual.
    - If you have not assigned a Category to this event, when a masked event that is not assigned to a Category occurs on the parent device SL1 will search all children devices and mask all events that have been defined as maskable and are not assigned to a Category. For more details on event categories, see the chapter on event correlation in the Events manual.

- The maskable events will not appear on the **Events** page. They will be nested under the parent event
- If Mask events on child devices and Maskable under a parent device's event are selected. If this event occurs on a parent device, it behaves as a masked event. If this event occurs on a child device, it behaves as a maskable event
- Add Category. When you define a hierarchy between events, you can include a Category. A Category allows SL1 to more efficiently align masked events with maskable events. When you align an event category to a masked or maskable event, that event will be correlated with only events that are aligned with the same category. An event can be aligned to multiple categories; for event correlation to occur, the masked event and the maskable event must both be aligned with a common category.

Click the [Add Category] button to open the Available Categories window and select the categories you want to add. For more details on event categories, see the chapter on event correlation in the Events manual.

**NOTE**: If you assign a topology category to an event that is neither suppressing nor suppressible, SL1 does not use the **Category**. The **Category** will have no effect.

- If you have assigned a **Category** to a masked event, SL1 will search all the children devices and suppress all events that have been defined as maskable and are assigned to the same **Category**.
- If you have not assigned a Category to a masked event, when the event occurs on the parent device
  SL1 will search all children devices and suppress all events that have been defined as maskable and
  are not assigned to a Category.

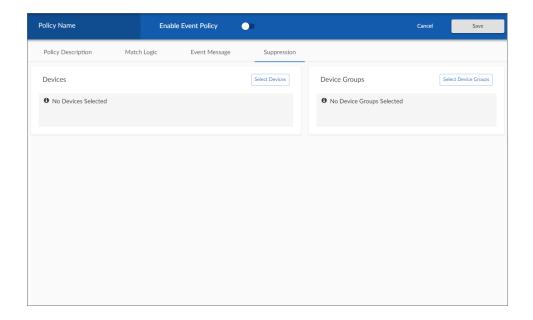
### The Suppression Tab

In the [Suppression] tab, you can suppress the event on selected devices or all devices in selected device groups. When you suppress an event, you are specifying that, in the future, if this event occurs again on a specific device, the event will not appear on the Events tab for the device.

A manually suppressed event is suppressed only for the selected devices and devices in the selected device groups. If the event occurs on another device, the event will appear on the **Events** page.

**NOTE**: If you want to disable an event for all devices, see the section on **disabling an event** in the chapter on responding to events.

In the [Suppressions] tab, you can define or edit the following:



• **Devices**. Devices on which you can suppress the current event. To suppress the current event on a device, click the **[Select Devices]** button and select one or more devices from the **Available Devices** window. The device(s) should now appear in a list under **Devices**. To remove a device from the list, click the icon next to the device name in the list.

NOTE: You can use the box at the top of the **Available Devices** field to filter the list of devices. You can enter an alpha-numeric string in the box, and the **Available Devices** field will include only devices that match the string.

• **Device Groups**. Device groups on which you can suppress the current event. To suppress the current event on all devices in a device group, click the [Select Device Groups] button and select one or more device groups from the Available Device Groups window. The device group(s) should now appear in the list under **Device Groups**. To remove a device group from the list, click the list. For information on device groups, see the **Device Groups and Templates** manual.

**NOTE**: You can use the box at the top of the **Available Device Groups** field to filter the list of device groups. You can enter an alpha-numeric string in the box, and the **Available Device Groups** field will include only device groups that match the string.

**NOTE**: Device groups that have *Event/View Suppression* enabled will appear in this field. For information on creating device groups, see the **Device Groups and Templates** manual.

After entering information in each tab, click the [Save] button to save your new event.

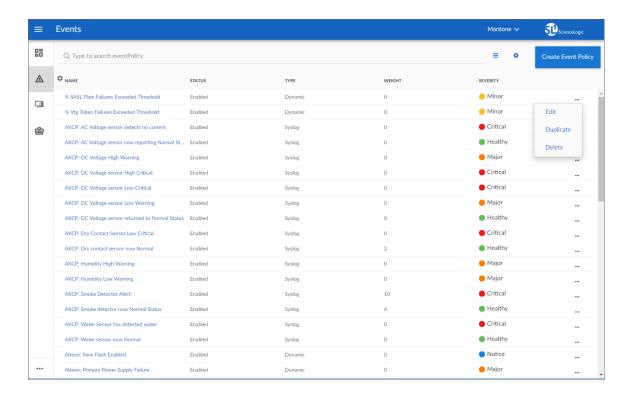
## Editing an Event Policy

SL1 includes pre-defined events for the most commonly encountered conditions on the most common platforms. SL1 allows you to customize these events to meet the needs of your organization. You can edit existing event policies in the **Event Policies** page.

CAUTION: If you edit an event policy that was imported into your SL1 system in a PowerPack, you should remove the event policy from the PowerPack. If you do not remove the event policy from the PowerPack and the same PowerPack is updated and re-imported into your system, any changes you have made in the [Policy] and [Advanced] tabs for the event policy will be over-written. For more information on PowerPacks, see the manual PowerPacks.

To edit an existing event policy:

1. Go to the **Event Policies** page (Events > Event Policies).



- 2. In the **Event Policies** page, select the Actions menu ( ) of the event policy you want to edit and select *Edit*.
- 3. The selected event policy is displayed in the **Event Policy Editor** page, where you can edit one or more properties of the event policy.
- 4. The **Event Policy Editor** page contains the following fields and tabs:
  - Policy Name. Edit the name for the event policy.
  - Enable Event Policy. This toggle allows you to enable and disable the event policy.
  - Policy Description. Edit the description of the event policy.
  - Match Logic. Allows you to define pattern-matching for the event. This tab is described in the Match Logic Tab section.
  - **Event Message**. Allows you to enter an event message and the severity of the event, as well as event masking. This tab is described in the **Event Message Tab** section.
  - **Suppression**. Allows you to suppress the event on selected devices and device groups. This tab is described in the **Suppression Tab** section.
- 6. Click [Save] to save your changes to the event policy.

#### **Best Practices for Event Definitions**

The **Event Policy Editor** page was designed to be an intuitive tool that allows technical users to quickly create customized events from standard collection methodologies. The following best practices will help make event definitions efficient and effective:

- For quicker setup and consistency across platforms, you can export and import event definitions using PowerPacks (System > Manage > PowerPacks), which allows for easy sharing and backing-up. A PowerPack is an exportable and importable package of one or more Dynamic Applications, event policies, device categories, device classes, device templates, device groups, reports, dashboard widgets, dashboards, run book automations, run book actions, ticket templates, credentials, XSL transformations, UI themes, and/or IT Service policies. You can use PowerPacks to share customized content among SL1 systems and to download customized content from ScienceLogic. For details on creating and using PowerPacks, see the manual *PowerPacks*.
- When creating new event definitions, make sure to set the Event Source field to the type of message you
  will be working with.
- Regular-expression matching in SL1 is case-sensitive.
- Use care when creating regular expressions. For example, remember that variables within messages (such as date, device name, and IP address) might differ from device to device.
- Using the "weight" function can help better qualify events and allow for greater definition of environmentspecific events. For example, suppose you created three slightly different event definitions:
  - Event 1:
    - First Match String = Server Down
    - Second Match String = left blank
    - Detection Weight = 10
    - Severity = Minor
  - Event 2:
    - First Match String = Server Down
    - Second Match String = dev
    - Detection Weight = 5
    - Severity = Major

#### • Event 3:

- First Match String = Server Down
- Second Match String = dev-mssql-001
- Detection Weight = 0
- Severity = Critical

Because it has the lowest weight, Event 3, the critical event, would always be checked first. Event 2, the major event, would be checked second. The least specific event, Event 1, would be checked third.

# Chapter

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## **Event Notification and Event Automation**

#### Overview

SL1 includes automation features that allow you to define specific event conditions and the actions you want SL1 to execute when those event conditions are met.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (=).
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ( ......).

This chapter provides an overview of these features, and it includes the following topics:

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### **Automation Policies**

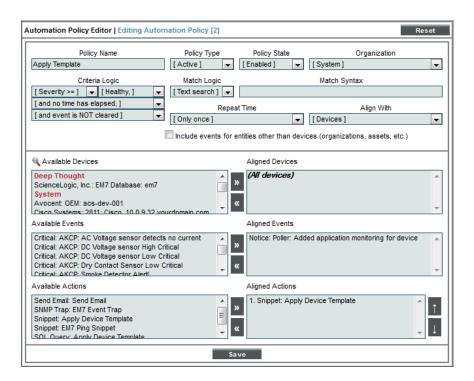
An automation policy allows you to define automatic actions that should be executed in response to events. An **automation policy** defines the event conditions that can trigger an automatic action.

When the event criteria in an automation policy is met, an action is executed. This action is defined in an action policy. To view a list of action policies, go to the **Action Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Actions).

For example, an automation policy might specify: if the event "illicit process" occurs on device "mailserver01", and the event is not cleared within five minutes, execute the action policy "Email NOC". The action policy "Email NOC" could notify all NOC staff about the "illicit process" event.

Automation policies can describe the following criteria. One or more of these criteria must be met before an action is executed:

- One or more specified events must have occurred.
- Events must have occurred on one of the specified devices.
- Event(s) must have the specified severity (critical, major, minor, notice, or healthy).
- Events must have the specified status (event is not cleared, event is not acknowledged, ticket is not created for event).
- Specific amount of time that must elapse while the status does not change.



When the criteria are met, the automation policy triggers the execution of one or more specified action policies.

To create an automation policy, go to the **Automation Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Automation).

#### **Action Policies**

An *action policy* is an action that can be automatically triggered in SL1 when certain criteria are met. The triggers are defined in an automation policy (Registry > Run Book > Automation).

An action policy can perform one of the following tasks:

- Send an email message to a pre-defined list of users.
- Send an SNMP trap from SL1 to an external device.
- Create a new ticket (using ticket templates defined in Registry > Ticketing > Templates page).
- Update an existing ticket.
- Write an SNMP value to an existing SNMP object on an external device.
- Execute a custom Snippet (Python program).
- Query a database.

To create an action policy, go to the **Action Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Actions).

## Creating Automation Policies and Action Policies

For details on creating automation policies and action policies, see the manual Using Run Book Automation.

## **Events from Email**

#### Overview

SL1 can generate events based on emails the system receives from external devices.

When an "Event from Email" policy matches an incoming email with a device in SL1, the Event from Email policy creates a log entry in the device log. The log entry includes the contents of the email subject line and message body. You can then configure SL1 to trigger events from those log entries.

### Configuring Events from Email

To configure SL1 to generate an event from an incoming email, you must perform the following tasks:

- Define settings in the **Email Settings** page (System > Settings > Email) that allow SL1 to receive incoming email messages.
- Ensure that the DNS server that handles name-service for the ScienceLogic network is configured correctly to direct email messages to SL1.
- In the Emailer Redirection page (Events > Inbound Email), define an email originator policy.
- Configure the third-party system to send event messages to SL1 via email.
- Define events based on incoming email messages. In the **Event Policy Editor** page (Events > Event Policies > create or edit), in the **Event Source** field, select *Email*.

For detailed instructions on how to complete each of these steps, see the chapter on *Events from Email* in the manual *Inbound Email*.

Events from Email

# Chapter

9

## **RSS Feeds and Events**

#### Overview

SL1 includes two types of RSS feeds that can be used with events:

- **Custom RSS** feeds that monitor events. You can define these in the **Custom RSS Feeds** page (Preferences > Desktop Tools > RSS Feeds).
- **RSS feeds from external web sites**. You can view these feeds within SL1 and configure SL1 to create an event each time the external RSS feed is updated.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (三).

This chapter will describe how to define and use each type of RSS feed:

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## Viewing Events with an RSS Feed

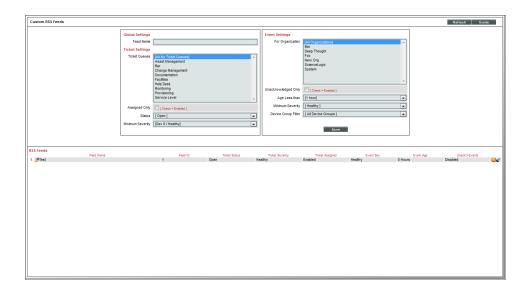
Custom RSS feeds allow you to view information about tickets and events without being logged in to SL1. Custom RSS feeds from SL1 can be viewed through a browser or through most free and commercially available feed viewers.

## Defining a Custom RSS Feed

You can create a custom feed that filters tickets and events, and includes only tickets and events that you are interested in monitoring.

To define the RSS feed and specify the ticket and event criteria:

- 1. Go to the **Custom RSS Feeds** page (Preferences > Desktop Tools > RSS Feeds).
- 2. Select the [Refresh] button to clear any values from the fields in the editor pane.



- 3. In the **Global Settings** pane, supply values in the following fields:
  - **Feed Name**. Name of the feed. Can be any combination of alphanumeric characters, up to 64 characters in length.
- 4. In the **Custom RSS Feeds** page, under the **Ticket Settings** pane, you can specify the criteria that a ticket must meet to be included in the RSS feed. Supply values in the following fields:
  - *Ticket Queues*. The RSS feed will include tickets only from the selected queues. You can select from a drop-down list of all ticket queues that you are allowed to view. By default, no queues are selected. To enable the RSS feed, you must select at least one queue. For more information on ticket queues, see

- Assigned Only. If you select this checkbox, the RSS feed will include only tickets that have been
  assigned.
- Status. The RSS feed will include only tickets with the status you select. The choices are:
  - All. Tickets of all statuses will be included in the RSS feed.
  - o Open. Only tickets with a status of Open will be included in the RSS feed.
  - Working. Only tickets with a status of Working will be included in the RSS feed.
  - Pending. Only tickets with a status of Pending will be included in the RSS feed.
  - o Resolved. Only tickets with a status of Resolved will be included in the RSS feed.
  - O/W/P. All tickets with a status of open, working, or pending will be included in the RSS feed.
- Minimum Severity. The RSS feed will include only tickets with a severity equal to or greater than the severity you select. Choices are:
  - Severity 5/Healthy. All tickets will be included in the RSS feed.
  - Severity 4/Notice. Healthy tickets will **not** be included in the RSS feed.
  - Severity 3/Minor. Healthy tickets and Notice tickets will **not** be included in the RSS feed.
  - Severity 2/Major. Healthy, Notice, and Minor tickets will **not** be included in the RSS feed.
  - Severity 1/Critical. Healthy, Notice, Minor, and Major tickets will not be included in the RSS feed.
- 5. In the **Custom RSS Feeds** page, under the **Event Settings** pane, you specify the criteria that an event must meet to be included in the RSS feed. Supply values in the following fields:
  - For Organization. This box will contain a list of all organizations about which you are allowed to view information. Select one or more organizations for which you want to view event information. (To select multiple organizations, hold down the <Ctrl> key while clicking.) The RSS feed will include only events assigned to the selected organization(s). Users must select at least one organization from this list.
  - Unacknowledged Only. Select this checkbox to include only unacknowledged events in the RSS feed. For details on acknowledging events, see the section on acknowledging events.
  - Age Less Than. The RSS feed will include only events with an age equal to or less than the selected age.
  - Minimum Severity. The RSS feed will include only events with a severity equal to or greater than the severity you select. Choices are:
    - Healthy. All tickets will be included in the RSS feed.
    - Notice. Healthy tickets will **not** be included in the RSS feed.
    - Minor. Healthy tickets and Notice tickets will **not** be included in the RSS feed.
    - Major. Healthy, Notice, and Minor tickets will not be included in the RSS feed.
    - Critical. Healthy, Notice, Minor, and Major tickets will not be included in the RSS feed.

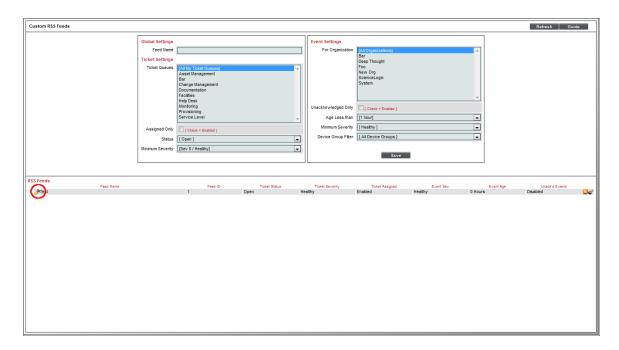
- **Device Group Filter**. The RSS feed will include only events associated with devices in the selected device group. In this field, you can select a device group from a list of all device groups you are allowed to view. For more information on Device Groups, see the manual on **Device Groups and Templates**.
- 6. Click [Save] to save the new Custom RSS Feed.

#### Editing a Custom RSS Feed

You can edit an existing custom RSS feed and make changes to the criteria for tickets and events. You can also delete an existing RSS feed.

To edit an existing RSS feed:

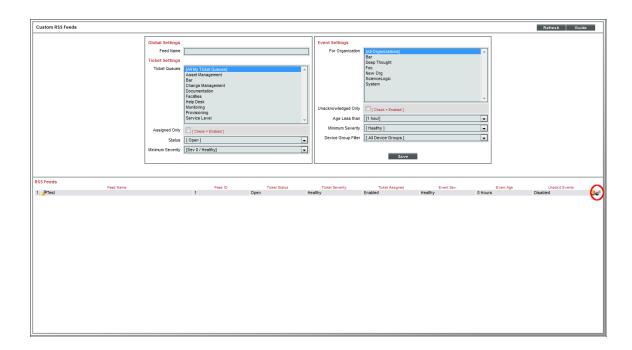
- 1. Go to the **Custom RSS Feeds** page (Preferences > Desktop Tools > RSS Feeds)
- 2. In the Custom RSS Feeds page, go to the RSS Feeds registry pane at the bottom of the page.



- 3. Select the wrench icon ( ) of the RSS feed you want to edit.
- 4. The top pane will be populated with values from the selected RSS feed. You can edit one or more values.
- 5. Click [Save] to save your changes.

To delete an existing custom RSS feed

- 1. Go to the **Custom RSS Feeds** page (Preferences > Desktop Tools > RSS Feeds).
- 2. In the Custom RSS Feeds page, go to the RSS Feeds registry pane, at the bottom of the page.



4. The RSS feed will be deleted from SL1.

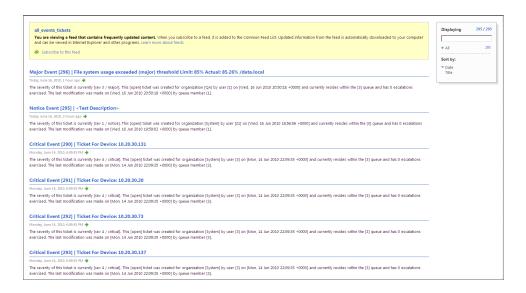
## Viewing a Custom RSS Feed

You can view a custom RSS feed in a browser window or in a third-party viewer.

To view a RSS feed from the **Custom RSS Feeds** page:

- 1. Go to the **Custom RSS Feeds** page (Preferences > Desktop Tools > RSS Feeds).
- 2. In the **Custom RSS Feeds** page, go to the RSS Feeds registry pane, at the bottom of the page.

3. Select the RSS icon () of the RSS feed you want to view.



- 4. The RSS feed displays in a browser window.
  - The window displays a list of all entries in the feed, and details on each entry (event or ticket).
  - Clicking on the ticket heading displays a new window containing the Ticket Report for that ticket.
  - In the Ticket Report, clicking on the "click here to login" link takes the user to the SL1 appliance where the ticket resides. Depending upon key privileges, users can then edit the ticket. Any changes to the ticket are dynamically updated in the RSS feed.

To view the RSS feed in a third-party viewer:

- 1. Perform the steps above to view the RSS feed in the **Custom RSS Feeds** page.
- 2. Copy the URL from the URL field in the browser window.
- 3. Launch the RSS viewer.
- 4. Paste the URL into the RSS viewer. The URL includes a key for authentication, so the viewer can retrieve the feed from SL1

### Defining an External RSS Feed to Trigger Events

You can view and monitor external RSS feeds from SL1. In SL1, you define one or more RSS feeds to monitor. You can then view the feeds directly from SL1. When new items are added to the feed, SL1 can generate an event to notify users. So SL1 allows you to:

- Monitor RSS feeds for new updates
- View RSS feeds
- Trigger events based on RSS feeds

SL1 allows you to monitor the following types of RSS feeds:

- RSS 1.0+
- RSS 2.0+
- ATOM

The following sections will describe how to define and/or edit an external RSS feed to monitor, and how to view the feed from within SL1.

### Viewing the List of Monitored RSS Feeds

The **RSS News Feed Manager** page displays a list of existing policies for monitoring RSS feeds. For each policy, the page displays:

**TIP**: To sort the list of RSS feeds, click on a column heading. The list will be sorted by the column value, in ascending order. To sort by descending order, click the column heading again. The **Edit Date** column sorts by descending order on the first click; to sort by ascending order, click the column heading again.

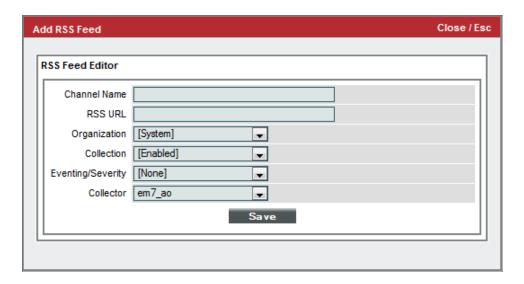
- Channel Name. Name of the RSS feed that is monitored by the policy.
- Feed URI. URL of the RSS feed.
- Organization. Organization to associate with this monitoring policy.
- Feed Count. Specifies the number of articles in the feed.
- State. Specifies whether SL1 is currently retrieving data for the policy. Choices are Enabled or Disabled.
- Collector. Name of the Data Collector that collects data for the policy.
- Edit User. The user who created or last edited the policy.
- Edit Date. Date the policy was created or last edited.

### Defining an RSS Feed to Monitor

In the **RSS News Feed Manager** page (Events > RSS Feeds) , you can define RSS feeds that you want to monitor with SL1. To monitor an RSS feed:

- 1. Go to the **RSS News Feed Manager** page (Events > RSS Feeds).
- 2. In the RSS News Feed Manager page, select the [Create] button.

3. The **RSS Feed Editor** modal page appears.



- 4. In the **RSS Feed Editor** modal page, supply a value in each of the following fields:
  - **Channel Name**. Name of the RSS feed. If you choose to trigger events based on updates to the RSS feed, this value will appear in the **Entity** field of the event.
  - RSS URL. URL of the RSS feed.
  - Organization. Organization to associate with this monitoring policy.
  - Collection. Specifies whether SL1 should retrieve data from the RSS feed. Choices are Enabled or Disabled.
  - **Eventing**. Specifies whether SL1 will create an event when a new article is detected in the RSS feed. Select from the drop-down list:
    - None. No event appears when new articles are detected.
    - Event Console. A description of the new article appears as an event in the **Event Console** page.
  - Severity. If new articles will trigger an event in the Event Console page, specifies the severity of the
    event. Select from the drop-down list of all event severities.
  - **Collector**. Specifies the Data Collector that will monitor the RSS feed. Select from the available choices in the drop-down list. For All-In-One Appliances, this field does not apply.
- 5. Click [Save] to save the policy and monitor the RSS feed.

#### Editing a Monitored RSS Feed

From the **RSS News Feed Manager** page (Events > RSS Feeds), you can edit an existing monitoring policy for an RSS feed. To do this:

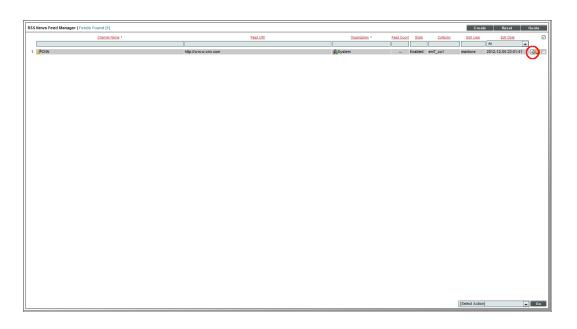
1. In the **RSS News Feed Manager** page, select the wrench icon ( ) of the monitored RSS feed you want to edit.

- 2. The **RSS Feed Editor** page appears, populated with values from the monitored RSS feed you selected.
- 3. In the **RSS Feed Editor**, you can edit the values in one or more fields. For a description of each field, see the previous section on *Defining an RSS Feed to Monitor*.
- 4. Click [Save] to save your changes to the policy.

#### Viewing Articles from an RSS Feed

From the **RSS News Feed Manager** page (Events > RSS Feeds), you can view a list of articles retrieved from a monitored RSS feed. To do this:

1. In the **RSS News Feed Manager** page, select the page icon ( ) of the monitored RSS feed you want to view.



2. The Article Catalog page appears.



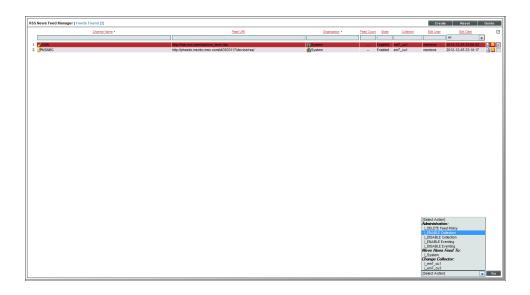
3. In the **Article Catalog** page, you can select and view articles from a monitored RSS feed. To view an article, select its globe icon ( or ).



#### Performing Administrative Tasks on One or More Monitored RSS Feeds

SL1 allows you to edit multiple RSS feeds simultaneously. The **Select Action** drop-down list in the **RSS News Feed Manager** page (Events > RSS Feeds) allows you to apply an action to multiple monitored RSS feeds at once.

**TIP**: To sort the list of RSS feeds, click on a column heading. The list will be sorted by the column value, in ascending order. To sort by descending order, click the column heading again. The **Edit Date** column sorts by descending order on the first click; to sort by ascending order, click the column heading again.



- 2. In the **Select Action** drop-down list, select one of the following actions:
  - DELETE Feed Policy. Deletes the monitored RSS feed. SL1 no longer monitors that RSS feed.
  - ENABLE Collection. SL1 will retrieve data from the selected news-feed policies.
  - DISABLE Collection. SL1 will not retrieve data from the selected news-feed policies.
  - ENABLE Eventing. SL1 will display an event when a new article is detected in the RSS feed.
  - DISABLE Eventing. SL1 will not display an event when a new article is detected in the RSS feed.
  - Move News Feed To (list of organizations). Associate selected news feed policies with selected organization.
  - Change Collector (list of collectors). Associate selected news feed policies with selected collector.
- 3. The selected action will be applied to each selected RSS feed.

# Chapter

10

# **Reports for Events**

#### Overview

SL1 provides the following types of reports on events:

- Event Statistics report from the Device Reports panel, in Viewing Events page. This report displays information about all events, both active and cleared, that have occurred on the selected device.
- Reports in Reports > Quick Reports. These reports are customizable and display detailed information about events.
- Event Overview from the System tab. This report provides a graphical overview of all events in SL1.
- Event Statistics from the System tab. This report displays a graph of the number of events processed by a selected All-In-One appliance, Database Server, Data Collection Server, or Message Collection Server.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

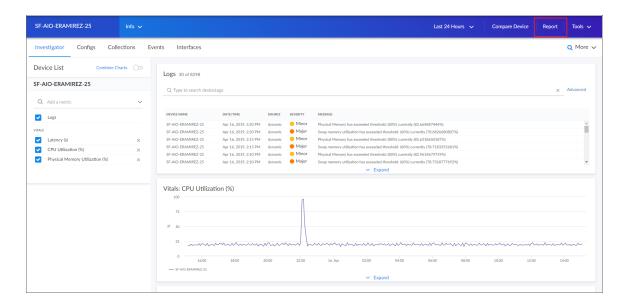
- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (三).
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ( ......).

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## Event Statistics for a Single Device

From the **Device Investigator** page, you can generate an Events report on that device.



- 1. On the Device Investigator page, click the [Report] button. The Device Report modal page appears.
- 2. In the **Select Type** drop-down, select Events.
- In the Select Format drop-down, select the format for the report. Options include HTML, PDF, DOC, XLS, or CSV.
- 4. Click the [Create Report] button to generate the report.

The report appears displaying events that have occurred for that device, including the event message, severity, last occurrence, and the number of times that event has occurred.



Device Report For: SILO.qa.sciencelogic.local May 14, 2019, 5:43 pm



Active Events		
Event Message	Severity	Last Occurance
SSL Certificate Has Expired: (expires On: 2016-04-27 10:10:44)	Major	2019-05-14 02:19:13
Netapp: Cluster Logical Interface 'TEST_lif04' Has Moved From Its Home Node Or Port	Minor	2019-05-14 17:36:26
Netapp: Cluster Logical Interface 'TEST_lif06' Has Moved From Its Home Node Or Port	Minor	2019-05-14 17:36:26
Netapp: Cluster Logical Interface 'cluster_mgmt' Has Moved From Its Home Node Or Port	Minor	2019-05-14 17:36:26

## Event Reports in the Reports Tab

The **Reports** page (Reports > Reports) allows you to create custom reports as well as view predefined reports. SL1 includes many predefined reports under **Run Report** > **Events** on the NavBar that are ready to be generated and viewed. Three such reports are the Event Clear Map report, the Event Detections report, and the Unique Event Detections report.

- The **Event Clear Map** report displays a list of events that are defined to auto-clear. For each event defined to auto-clear, the report displays the correlating event that will cause the auto-clear. Auto-clear means that when a specific event occurs, SL1 automatically removes the current event from the **Events** page. For example, suppose you have an event "Device not responding to ping." You could define the event as auto-clear when the event "Device now responding normally to ping" occurs. During the next polling session, if the event "Device now responding normally to ping" occurs, the auto-clear feature could automatically clear the original event "Device not responding to ping" from the **Events** page.
- The **Event Detections** report displays the number of occurrences of one or more events during the selected time period. The report can display either the total number of occurrences for each selected event or can display the occurrences per device. Users can choose to group events by organization and device.
- The *Unique Event Detections* report displays the number of unique occurrences of one or more events during the selected time period. The report contains two "sheets": Data and Control. The Data sheet contains information for each event detection such as the date and number of events, device, and event type. The Control sheet displays information such as a description, report version, date of report generation, organizations, devices, and duration.

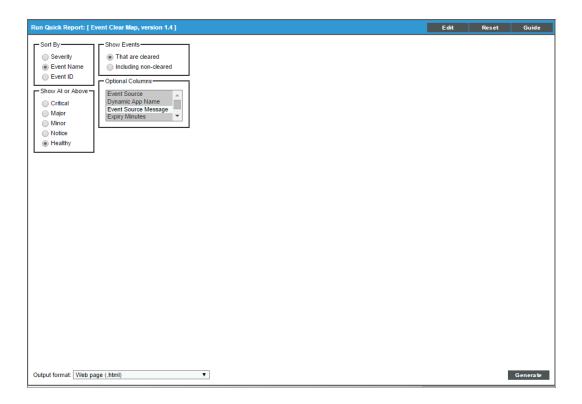
**NOTE**: For details on these event reports and event-related reports in the **Reports** page (Reports > Reports), see the chapter on *Default Reports* in the **Reports** manual.

Input and Output for Quick Reports complies with multi-tenancy. That is, only users of type **Administrator** can view options, devices, and policies for all devices. Users of type **User** can view options, devices, and policies for their own organization(s) only, both when selecting options and in the generated report.

#### **Event Clear Map Report**

To generate and view the Event Clear Map report:

 Go to the Run Quick Report page for the Event Clear Map report (Reports > Run Report > Events > Event Clear Map).



#### 2. Supply values in the following fields:

- Sort By. Specifies how the report will be organized. Choices are:
  - Severity. Events will be grouped by severity.
  - Event Name. Events will be listed alphabetically by event name. The secondary sort will be by severity.
  - Event ID. Events will be listed by event policy ID. Event ID is a unique numerical ID assigned by SL1 to each event policy.
- **Show At or Above**. Filter the events to include in the report. Only events of the selected severity or of a greater severity will be included in the report. Choices are:
  - Critical. Has a value of "4" (four). When you select this severity, only events with the severity "4" are included in the report.
  - Major. Has a value of "3" (three). When you select this severity, events with severities 3-4 are included in the report.
  - Minor. Has a value of "2" (two). When you select this severity, events with severities 2-4 are included in the report.
  - Notice. Has a value of "1" (one). When you select this severity, events with severities 1-4 are included in the report.
  - Healthy. Has a value of "0" (zero). So when you select this severity, events of all severities are included in the report.

- **Show Events**. Specifies whether to include only events that are defined as auto-clear or to include both events that are defined as auto-clear and events that are not defined as auto-clear. Choices are:
  - o That are cleared. The generated report will include only events that are defined as auto-clear.
  - Including non-cleared. The generated report will include both events that are defined as auto-clear and events that are not defined as auto-clear.
- Optional Columns. Specifies optional columns of event information to include in the report. If you do not select any additional columns in this field, the report includes the following default columns: Cleared Event, Severity, Direction, Clearing Event.
- Output Format. Select the format in which SL1 will save the generated report. Choices are:
  - ODF Speadsheet. Displays the output in the OpenOffice spreadsheet application.
  - Microsoft Excel. Displays the output in an .xlsx file.
  - Web page. Displays the output in an .html file.
  - Adobe Acrobat. Displays the output in a .pdf file.
- [Generate]. This button generates the report, using the parameters you specified in this page.

For each event that has been defined to auto-clear and that meets the selection criteria, the report can include the following columns:

**NOTE**: If you do not select any Optional Columns in the **Optional Columns** field, the report will contain only the default columns: **Cleared Event**, **Severity**, **Direction**, and **Clearing Event**.

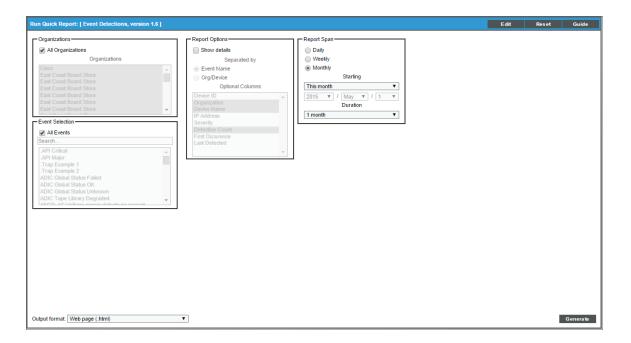
- Cleared Event. The name of the event.
- Severity. The severity of the event. Choices are Healthy, Notice, Minor, Major, and Critical.
- Source. Specifies the source for the event. Choices are:
  - Syslog. Standard log format supported by most networking and UNIX-based devices and applications.
     Windows log files can be converted to syslog format using conversion tools.
  - Internal. Message generated by SL1.
  - Trap. SNMP trap. SNMP traps can be sent by devices and proxy devices like MoMs. An SNMP trap is
    an unsolicited message from a device to SL1. A trap indicates that an emergency condition or a
    condition that merits immediate attention has occurred on the device.
  - Dynamic. Message generated by SL1's Dynamic Application tool. This tool allows SL1 to monitor
    applications and devices that are not monitored by SNMP or other agents.
  - Email. Message was generated by an email from an external agent, for example, Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM).
  - o API. Message was generated by another application and forwarded to SL1 with an integration API.

- **Dynamic Application Name**. If applicable, the Dynamic Application that contains the alert that triggered the original event.
- Cleared Source Text. Event messages from the event that was cleared.
- Expires. The time in which the active event will be cleared automatically if there is no reoccurrence of the event.
- **Direction**. Specifies whether the two events clear each other (<==0==>) or whether the event to the right clears the event to the left (0==>).
- Clearing Event . Name of the event defined to auto-clear the event in Cleared Event.

#### **Event Detections Report**

To generate and view the Event Detections report:

 Go to the Run Quick Report page for the Event Detections report (Reports > Run Report > Events > Event Detections).



- 2. Supply a value in each of the following fields:
- All Organizations. All events associated with all organizations will be included in the report.
- Organizations. This list contains an entry for each organization in SL1. Events associated with each selected organization will be included in the report.
  - To select all organizations, select the All Organizations checkbox.
  - To select individual organizations, unselect the *All Organizations* checkbox, then expand the organization and select each organization's checkbox.

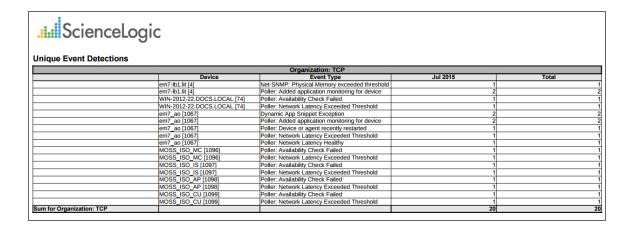
- All Events. All events will be included in this report.
- **Events**. This list contains an entry for each event in SL1.
  - To select all events, select the All Events checkbox.
  - o To select an event, unselect the All Events checkbox, then highlight an entry in the list.
  - To select multiple events, unselect the All Events checkbox, then hold down the CTRL key while clicking on each event that you want to select.
- Report Options. Specifies the amount of information to include in the report.
  - Show Details. Displays both the summary report and a detailed report, grouped by event name or by organization and device.
- **Separated By**. If you selected Show Details in the **Report Options** field, specifies how the report will be organized. Choices are:
  - Event Name. Events will be listed alphabetically by event name.
  - Org/Device. Events will be grouped first by organization and secondly by device.
- Optional Columns. Specifies optional columns of event information to include in the report. If you do not
  select any additional columns in this field, the report includes the following default columns: Event Name,
  Detection Count.
- **Report Span**. Specifies the time interval to use to select data for this report. The **Duration** field will use this interval. The choices are:
  - Daily
  - Weekly
  - Monthly
- **Starting**. Specifies the relative start date for the report. Data from that relative start date through the date determined by the **Duration** field will be included in the report.
- *From Date*. Specifies the absolute start date for the report. Data from that absolute start date through the date determined by the *Duration* field will be included in the report.
- **Duration**. Specifies the number of days, weeks, or months to include in the report. The increment displayed in this field depends upon the value selected in the **Report Span** field.
- Output Format. Select the format in which SL1 will save the generated report. Choices are:
  - ODF Speadsheet. Displays the output in the OpenOffice spreadsheet application.
  - o Microsoft Excel. Displays the output in an .xlsx file.
  - Web page. Displays the output in an .html file.
  - Adobe Acrobat. Displays the output in a .pdf file.
- [Generate]. This button generates the report, using the parameters you specified in this page.

For each event that has been selected to include in the report, the following is displayed:

- Event Name. Name of the event.
- **Detection Count**. Number of times the event occured.
- Device ID. The Device ID where the event occurred.
- Organization. Organization associated with the event.
- Device Name. The Device Name where the event occurred.
- IP Address. The IP address of the device where the event occurred.
- Severity. The severity (Healthy, Notice, Minor, Major, or Critical) of the event.
- Detection Count. The total number of occurrences of the event during the selected time span.
- First Occurrence. The date on which the event first occurred during the selected time span.
- Last Detected. The date on which the event last occurred during the selected time span.

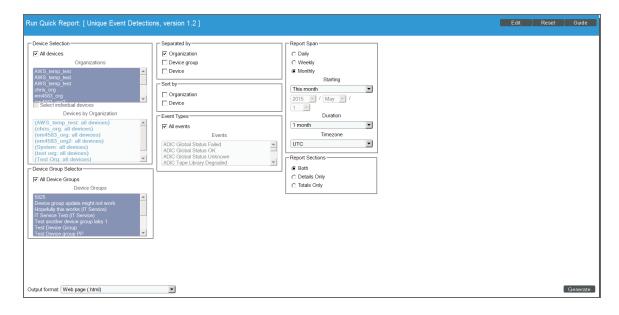
#### Unique Event Detections Report

This report contains two "sheets": Data and Control. The Data sheet contains information for each event detection such as the date and number of events, device, and event type. The Control sheet displays information such as a description, report version, date of report generation, organizations, devices, and duration.



To generate and view the Unique Event Detections report:

Go to the Run Quick Report page for the Unique Event Detections report (Reports > Run Report > Events > Unique Event Detections).



- 2. Supply a value in each of the following fields:
- Device Selection: Select the devices that will appear in the report. The choices are:
  - All devices. Select this checkbox if you want all devices in the system to be included in this report.
  - Organizations. If the All devices checkbox is unselected, select one or more Organizations. The report
    will contain only the devices in the organizations you select. You can further filter the list of devices to
    include in the report by selecting devices in the Devices by Organization field.
  - Select individual devices. If the All devices checkbox is unselected, the Select individual devices
    checkbox is available. Select this checkbox if you would like to use the Devices by Organization field to
    select the individual devices to include in the report.
  - Devices by Organization. This field displays a list of all devices in the organizations selected in the
    Organizations field. If the Select individual devices checkbox is selected, you can select one or more
    devices to include in the report.
- Device Group Selector: Select the device groups that will appear in the report. The choices are:
  - All Device Groups. Select this checkbox if you want to include all device groups in the report.
  - Device Groups. If the All Device Groups checkbox is unselected, select one or more device groups. The report will contain only the devices in the device groups you select.

- **Separated By**. Group devices by Organization, Device Group, or Device.
- Sort by. Select the checkboxes to sort the report by Organization or Device.
- Event Types. Select the types of events that will appear in the report. The choices are:
  - o All events. Select this checkbox to include all event types.
  - Events. If the All events checkbox is unselected, select one or more event types. The report will contain only the event types that you select.

**Report Span**. Specifies the time interval to use to select data for this report. The **Duration** field will use this interval. The choices are:

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- **Starting**. Specifies the relative start date for the report. Data from that relative start date through the date determined by the **Duration** field will be included in the report.
- *From Date*. Specifies the absolute start date for the report. Data from that absolute start date through the date determined by the *Duration* field will be included in the report.
- **Duration**. Specifies the number of days, weeks, or months to include in the report. The increment displayed in this field depends upon the value selected in the **Report Span** field.
- Timezone. Specifies the timezone conversion for the dates and times that display in the report.
- **Report Sections**. Specify how the report will be arranged. Select whether you want the report to display Details Only, Totals Only, or Both.
- Output Format. Select the format in which SL1 will save the generated report. Choices are:
  - ODF Speadsheet. Displays the output in the OpenOffice spreadsheet application.
  - Microsoft Excel. Displays the output in an .xlsx file.
  - Web page. Displays the output in an .html file.
  - Adobe Acrobat. Displays the output in a .pdf file.
- [Generate]. This button generates the report, using the parameters you specified in this page.

For each unique instance of an event, the report displays:

- Device. Specifies the device name where the event occurred.
- **Event Type**. Specifies the event description of the event.
- Time Period. Specifies the number of times the event occurred during the time period.
- Total. Specifies the total number of time the event occured on the specified Device.
- **Sum for Organization**. Displays total number of unique events that occurred during the time period for each organization.

- Sum for Device Group. Display total number of unique events that occurred during the time period for each device group.
- Sum for Device. Display total number of unique events that occurred during the time period for each device.

### **Event Overview Report**

The **Event Overview** page (System > Monitor > Event Overview) provides a graphical overview of all events in SL1. The **Event Overview** page displays the number of events by severity, the most common event types, and the mean time-to-resolution.

### Setting the Date for Reports

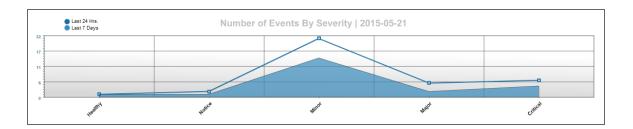
The **Event Overview** page includes a **Select Date** drop-down list in the upper right of the page. This drop-down allows you to define the date for the reports on this page.

• **Select Date**. Allows you to select a date. SL1 will generate the reports on this page using the selected date as the current date. If you do not select a value in this field, the default date is today's current date.

NOTE: When you select a date, SL1 uses that date as "today's date" to generate reports. So results for "24 hours" are for the 24-hours of the selected date. Results for "7 Days" are for the selected date and the six days preceding it, etc.

#### Number of Events by Severity

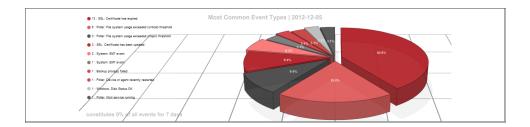
This graph displays event distribution by severity for the last 24 hours and for the last 7 days.



- The y-axis displays number of events.
- The x-axis displays severity.
- The blue line represents events in the last 24 hours.
- The blue solid aread represents events in the last 7 days.
- Mousing over a data point in the red line displays the number of events of the specified severity in the last 24 hours
- Mousing over the blue solid area displays the number of events of the specified severity in the last 7 days.

#### Most Common Event Types

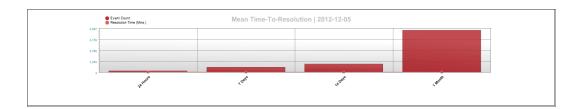
This pie graph displays the ten most frequently occurring events for the last seven days.



- Each slice of the pie represents an event type. The legend on the left maps slice color to event and lists the actual number of events of that type.
- The graph displays percent. Compared to the total number of occurrences for the top ten events, each slice displays the percent that belong to a specific event.

#### Mean Time-to-Resolution

This bar graph displays the number of events generated in the last 24 hours, 7 days, 14 days, and 30 days and their average resolution time.



- The y-axis displays number of events.
- The x-axis displays the time span. There is a bar for 24 hours, 7 days, 14 days, and 30 days.
- The bars represent the average number of events associated with the time-to-resolution.
- Mousing over a bar displays the number of events associated with the time-to-resolution.

#### **Event Statistics**

The **Event Statistics** page (System > Monitor > Event Statistics) displays a graph of the number of events processed by a selected All-In-One Appliance, Database Server, Data Collector, or Message Collector. To generate the report, you select from a list of ScienceLogic servers and then select an event type from a list of event types.

#### Defining the Date Range

• [Presets]. Allows you to select from a list of pre-defined time spans for the report.

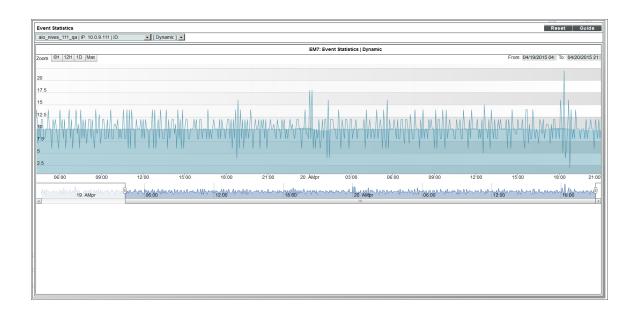
#### **Fields**

To generate the report, supply values in the following fields:

- **EM7 Server**. This field does not appear on All-In-One Appliances. Select from the list of all Database Servers, Data Collectors, and Message Collectors.
- Event Type. Select from the list of event types. The choices are:
  - o Syslog. Event was generated from a system log generated by a monitored device.
  - Internal. Event was generated by SL1.
  - o Trap. Event was generated by an SNMP trap.
  - o Dynamic. Event was generated by a Dynamic Application alert.
  - API. The event was generated by an external API.
  - Email. The event was generated by an incoming email.

### The Graph

The graph displays the average number of events processed by the selected ScienceLogic server, for the selected duration.



- The y-axis displays the average number of events.
- The x-axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the selected date range (from the **Preset** buttons).
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the high, low, and average value at that time-point in the **Data Table** pane.

• You can use your mouse to scroll the report to the left and right.

# Chapter

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# **Settings that Affect Events**

#### Overview

SL1 allows you to define default behavior for all events. You can do this by defining data retention settings and system settings.

Use the following menu options to navigate the SL1 user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (=).
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ( \*\*\* ).

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Settings that Affect Events

# Data Retention Settings that Affect Events

To define data retention settings for events:

- 1. Go to the **Data Retention Settings** page (System > Settings > Data Retention).
- 2. In the **Data Retention Settings** page, the system settings described below affect events:



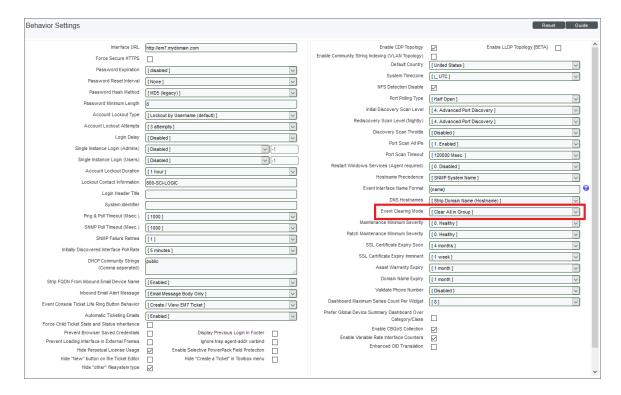
• **Event Logs**. You can select the number of days that SL1 should store event logs. Event history data is used to generate the **Event Overview** page (System > Monitor > Event Overview).

## System Settings that Affect Events

To define system settings for events:

1. Go to the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior).

2. In the **Behavior Settings** page, the following system setting affects events:



- Event Clearing Mode. Describes how clearing an event will affect correlated events. Options include:
  - Clear All in Group. When the parent event is cleared, clear all events correlated with the parent event. This is the default behavior.
  - Clear Selected Only. Clear only the selected events. If a parent event is cleared, the previously suppressed, correlated events will appear on the **Events** page.

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