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Introduction to Linux SSH Automations Automation

Overview

This manual describes how to use the automation policies, automation actions, and custom action types found in the *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*.

TIP: This PowerPack requires a subscription to one of the following solutions:

- *Datacenter Automation Pack PowerPack*
- 2020 Pricing Advanced and Premium Packages
- 2020 Pricing Standard Package (does not include support for creating your own automation actions using the custom action type)

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What is the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack?

The *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack includes automation policies that:

- Enrich SL1 events for Linux devices (for example, from the *Linux Base Pack* PowerPack and native SNMP collection) by automatically running diagnostic commands via a remote SSH connection. The command output is added to the SL1 event log or associated incident. Supported events include CPU, swap, file system, interface, and system process issues.
- Run remediation commands via a remote SSH connection in response to SL1 system process events for Linux devices.

The Linux SSH Automations actions are executed on the SL1 All-In-One Appliance or Data Collector.

In addition to using the standard content, you can use the content in the *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack to:

- Create your own automation policies that include the pre-defined actions that run different sets of diagnostic commands.
- Use the supplied “Execute SSH Commands” custom action type to configure your own automation action by supplying a set of commands to be executed via SSH.

Installing the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack

Before completing the steps in this manual, you must import and install the latest version of the *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack.

IMPORTANT: You must install the Datacenter Utilities PowerPack before using the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack.

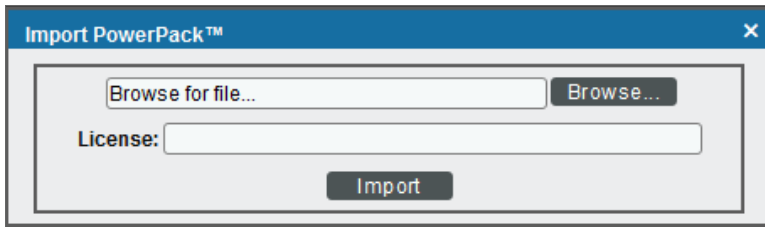
NOTE: The *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack requires SL1 version 8.10.0 or later. For details on upgrading SL1, see the appropriate SL1 [Release Notes](#).

TIP: By default, installing a new version of a PowerPack overwrites all content from a previous version of that PowerPack that has already been installed on the target system. You can use the **Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection** setting in the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior) to prevent new PowerPacks from overwriting local changes for some commonly customized fields. (For more information, see the **System Administration** manual.)

To download and install a PowerPack:

1. Download the PowerPack from the [ScienceLogic Customer Portal](#).
2. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
3. In the **PowerPack Manager** page, click the **[Actions]** button, then select *Import PowerPack*.

4. The **Import PowerPack** dialog box appears:



5. Click the **[Browse]** button and navigate to the PowerPack file.
6. When the **PowerPack Installer** modal page appears, click the **[Install]** button to install the PowerPack.

NOTE: If you exit the **PowerPack Installer** modal without installing the imported PowerPack, the imported PowerPack will not appear in the **PowerPack Manager** page. However, the imported PowerPack will appear in the **Imported PowerPacks** modal. This page appears when you click the **[Actions]** menu and select *Install PowerPack*.

TIP: If you will have the *Linux Base Pack* PowerPack installed and are monitoring your Linux devices, no other configuration is necessary. The automation policies in the *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack will run in response to aligned events.

Linux SSH Automation Policies

Overview

This chapter describes how to use the automation policies, automation actions, and custom action types found in the *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack.

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Standard Automation Policies

The *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack includes eight standard automation policies, shown in the following figure. Each policy triggers an automation action that collects diagnostic data or runs a remediation command over SSH, and an action that formats the output. All of the automation actions use the same custom action type, "Execute Commands via SSH", which is supplied in the PowerPack.

Editing PowerPack™ Linux SSH Automations							
▼ Manage PowerPack™							
Properties	Embedded Run Book Policies [8]						
Build / Export	Automation Policy Name						
Features / Benefits	ID	Policy State	Organization	Devices	Events	Actions	Edited By
Technical Notes	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
Documentation	127	Enabled	System	All	1	2	em7admin
▼ Contents	126	Enabled	System	All	1	2	em7admin
Dynamic Applications	123	Enabled	System	All	3	2	em7admin
Event Policies	124	Enabled	System	All	2	2	em7admin
Device Categories	125	Enabled	System	All	50	2	em7admin
Device Classes	128	Enabled	System	All	25	3	em7admin
Device Templates	125	Enabled	System	All	5	3	em7admin
Device Groups	130	Enabled	System	All	1	2	em7admin
Reports	Available Run Book Policies [1]						
Dashboard Widgets	Automation Policy Name						
Dashboards	ID	Policy State	Organization	Devices	Events	Actions	Edited By
Dashboards SL1	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
Run Book Policies	120	Enabled	System	2	5	1	em7admin
Run Book Actions	Available Run Book Policies [1]						
Run Book Action Types	Automation Policy Name						
Ticket Templates	ID	Policy State	Organization	Devices	Events	Actions	Edited By
Credentials	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
Credential Tests	120	Enabled	System	2	5	1	em7admin
Proxy XSL	Available Run Book Policies [1]						
Transformations	Automation Policy Name						
UI Themes	ID	Policy State	Organization	Devices	Events	Actions	Edited By
IT Services	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
Log File Monitoring	120	Enabled	System	2	5	1	em7admin
Policies	Available Run Book Policies [1]						
AP Content Objects	Automation Policy Name						

All of the standard automation policies are tied to included SL1 events generated by:

- Dynamic Applications from the Host Resources PowerPack
- Dynamic Applications from the Net-SNMP PowerPack
- Dynamic Applications from the Linux Base PowerPack
- Interface collection
- File System Collection
- System Process Monitoring Policies

All of the standard automation policies are configured to trigger immediately when the event occurs. The automation actions are configured to output in raw format. For each executed command, a dictionary is added to the list with the following keys:

- **command**. The command that was executed.
- **output**. The raw output of the command.

Several of the automation actions use the substitution character feature of the “Execute SSH Commands” custom action type. If an event variable is included in a command (such as “%Y” for the sub-entity name), the custom action type automatically replaces that variable with the value from the triggering event.

The following table shows the standard automation policies, their aligned events, and the automation action that runs in response to the events.

NOTE: The aligned events are included as part of this PowerPack and are not installed with the SL1 platform. You must install the PowerPack to obtain these events.

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action
Linux SSH: Illicit Process Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poller: Illicit process running 	Linux Illicit Process Remediation

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action
Linux SSH: Process Restart Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poller: required process not running 	Linux Process Restart Remediation
Linux SSH: Run CPU Diagnostic Commands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linux SSH: CPU utilization above threshold • Net-SNMP: CPU has exceeded threshold • Host Resource: CPU has exceeded threshold 	Linux CPU Diagnostic Commands
Linux SSH: Run File System Diagnostic Commands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linux SSH: File System over usage threshold • Poller: File system usage exceeded (critical) threshold • Poller: File system usage exceeded (major) threshold 	Linux File System Diagnostic Commands
Linux SSH: Run Interface Error/Discard Diagnostic Commands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poller: Interface reporting discards • Interface inbound discards has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface inbound discards has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface inbound discards has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface inbound discards has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface inbound discards has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface inbound discards has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface inbound discards percentage has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface inbound discards percentage has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface inbound discards percentage has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface inbound discards percentage has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface inbound discards percentage has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold 	Linux Interface Error/Discard Diagnostic Commands

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface inbound discards percentage has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface outbound discards has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface outbound discards has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface outbound discards has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface outbound discards has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface outbound discards has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface outbound discards has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface outbound discards percentage has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface outbound discards percentage has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface outbound discards percentage has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface outbound discards percentage has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface outbound discards percentage has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface outbound discards percentage has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface inbound errors has exceeded Rising-Medium threshold • Interface inbound errors has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface inbound errors has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface inbound errors has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface inbound errors has exceeded the Rising-High threshold 	

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface inbound errors has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface inbound errors percentage has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface inbound errors percentage has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface inbound errors percentage has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface inbound errors percentage has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface inbound errors percentage has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface inbound errors percentage has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface outbound errors has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface outbound errors has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface outbound errors has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface outbound errors has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface outbound errors has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface outbound errors has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface outbound errors percentage has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface outbound errors percentage has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface outbound errors percentage has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface outbound errors percentage has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface outbound errors percentage has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface outbound errors percentage has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold 	

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action
Linux SSH: Run Interface Utilization Diagnostic Commands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poller: Interface reporting packet errors • Poller: Bandwidth usage exceeded threshold • Interface inbound usage percentage has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface inbound usage percentage has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface inbound usage percentage has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface inbound usage percentage has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface inbound usage percentage has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface inbound usage percentage has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface inbound usage rate has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface inbound usage rate has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface inbound usage rate has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface inbound usage rate has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface inbound usage rate has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface inbound usage rate has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold • Interface outbound usage percentage has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface outbound usage percentage has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface outbound usage percentage has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface outbound usage percentage has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface outbound usage percentage has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface outbound usage percentage has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold 	Linux Interface Utilization Diagnostic Commands

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface outbound usage rate has exceeded the Falling-High threshold • Interface outbound usage rate has exceeded the Falling-Low threshold • Interface outbound usage rate has exceeded the Falling-Medium threshold • Interface outbound usage rate has exceeded the Rising-High threshold • Interface outbound usage rate has exceeded the Rising-Low threshold • Interface outbound usage rate has exceeded the Rising-Medium threshold 	
Linux SSH: Run Memory/Swap Diagnostic Commands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linux SSH: Swap usage above threshold • Net-SNMP: Swap has exceeded threshold • Host Resource: Swap Memory has exceed threshold • Host Resource: Physical Memory has exceeded threshold • Net-SNMP: Physical Memory exceeded threshold 	Linux Memory/Swap Diagnostic Commands
Linux SSH: Run System-Storage Diagnostic Commands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linux SSH: File System over usage threshold 	Linux System-Storage Diagnostic Commands

The following figure shows a file system usage threshold exceeded event with major criticality on the **Events** page. Click the **[Actions]** button (☰) for an event, and select *View Automation Actions* to see the automation actions triggered by the events.

The screenshot shows the ScienceLogic Events dashboard. At the top, there are filters for event severity: 1 Critical, 19 Major, 7 Minor, 0 Notice, and 2 Healthy, totaling 29 events. Below the filters is a search bar and a table of events. The table has columns for Organization, Severity, Name, Message, Age, Ticket ID, and Event ID. A context menu is open for the event 'Linux Devices' with ID 647, showing options like 'View Event', 'Edit Event Note', 'Create External Ticket', 'Align External Ticket', 'View Automation Actions', 'View Event Policy', and 'Suppress Event for this Device'. The 'View Automation Actions' option is highlighted with a red box.

The results shown for this event, in the Event Actions Log, include the automation policy that ran (shown at the top of the following figure), along with the automation actions (commands) that ran. Results for each command are also displayed. The following figure shows an example of this output.

The screenshot shows the Ticket Editor | Active Ticket [5] interface. The 'Automation' tab is selected, showing the 'Event Actions Log | For Event [20545]'. The log displays the automation policy 'Linux SSH: Run File System Diagnostic Commands action Linux File System Diagnostic Commands with HTML Output ran Successfully' and the output of the 'df -h' command. The output shows the disk usage for various file systems, including udev, tmpfs, /dev/mapper/hcl--ubuntu--30--vg-root, /dev/shm, /run/lock, /sys/fs/cgroup, /boot/sda1, and /run/user/1000.

To learn more about which commands are executed by default for a given automation action, see [Customizing Actions](#).

TIP: Although you can edit the automation policies described in this section, it is a best practice to use "Save As" to create a new automation policy, rather than to customize the standard automation policies.

Chapter

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Configuring Device Credentials

Overview

This chapter describes how to configure the credentials required by the automation actions in the *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*.

NOTE: If you already have the Linux Base Pack PowerPack installed and monitoring your Linux devices, you do not need to configure an additional credential.

This chapter covers the following topics:

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Authentication for Linux Devices with the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack

The "Execute Commands via SSH" custom action type supports hard-coded credentials (wherein you specify the ID of a credential in the automation action), or the custom action type can dynamically determine the credential to use. By default, the automation actions use the dynamic method (by specifying credential ID 0 in the input parameters). The dynamic method uses the first credential that matches the following rules:

- If the "Linux: Configuration Cache" Dynamic Application (from the *Linux Base Pack* PowerPack) is aligned to the device associated with the triggering event, the credential aligned to that Dynamic Application is used.
- If the "Linux: Performance Cache" Dynamic Application (from the *Linux Base Pack* PowerPack) is aligned to the device associated with the triggering event, the credential aligned to that Dynamic Application is used.
- If neither of the listed Dynamic Applications is aligned to the device associated with the triggering event, the first available SSH/Key credential aligned to the device as a secondary credential is used.

Creating a Credential

If you do not have the *Linux Base Pack* PowerPack installed, you must create an SSH credential that includes the username and password, or username and private key, combination to communicate with your Linux devices.

NOTE: If you already have the *Linux Base Pack* PowerPack installed and monitoring your Linux devices, you do not need to configure an additional credential.

To create a credential:

1. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
2. Click **[Actions]** and select *Create SSH/Key credential*. The *Create New SSH/Key Credential* page appears.
3. Supply values in the following fields:
 - **Credential Name**. Enter a name for the credential.
 - **Hostname/IP**. Hostname or IP address of the device from which you want to retrieve data.
 - You can include the variable %D in this field. SL1 will replace the variable with the IP address of the current device (device that is currently using the credential).
 - You can include the variable %N in this field. SL1 will replace the variable with hostname of the current device (device that is currently using the credential). If SL1 cannot determine the hostname, SL1 will replace the variable with the primary, management IP address for the current device.
 - **Port**. To use SSH to connect to the device, enter "22" in this field.
 - **Timeout(ms)**. Enter a timeout, in milliseconds, for the connection.
 - **Username**. Enter the username for an SSH user or user account on the device to be monitored.

- **Password**. Enter the password for the user you entered in the **Username** field.
 - **Private Key (PEM Format)**. Enter the SSH private key that you want SL1 to use, in PEM format.
4. Click **[Save]**.

For more information about configuring credentials in SL1, see [Credentials](#) in the SL1 user documentation.

Creating and Customizing Automation Policies

Overview

This chapter describes how to create automation policies using the automation actions in the *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*.

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Prerequisites

Before you create an automation policy using the automation actions in the *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*, you must determine:

- Which set of commands you want to run on a monitored device when an event occurs. There are eight automation actions in the PowerPack that run the "Execute Commands via SSH" action type with different commands and output formats. You can also create your own automation actions using the custom action type supplied in the PowerPack.
- What event criteria you want to use to determine when the automation actions will trigger, or the set of rules that an event must match before the automation is executed. This can include matching only specific event policies, event severity, associated devices, and so on. For a description of all the options that are available in Automation Policies, see the *Run Book Automation* manual.

Creating an Automation Policy

To create an automation policy that uses the automation actions in the *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*, perform the following steps:

1. Go to the **Automation Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Automation).
2. Click **[Create]**. The **Automation Policy Editor** page appears.

The screenshot displays the 'Automation Policy Editor | Editing Automation Policy [330]' interface. At the top right is a 'Reset' button. The main configuration area includes several sections:

- Policy Name:** Linux SSH: Run CPU Diagnostic Commands
- Policy Type:** [Active Events]
- Policy State:** [Enabled]
- Policy Priority:** [Default]
- Organization:** [System]
- Criteria Logic:** [Severity >=] [Minor.]
- Match Logic:** [Text search]
- Match Syntax:** (empty)
- Repeat Time:** [Only once]
- Align With:** [Devices]
- Include events for entities other than devices (organizations, assets, etc.)
- Trigger on Child Rollup

Below these are four list-based sections with 'Add' (») and 'Remove' («) buttons:

- Available Devices:** Example Devices, Cisco Systems: CRS-1 16S: Test CRS-1 16S, Citrix: NetScaler: NetScaler
- Aligned Devices:** (All devices)
- Available Events:** [5678] Critical: 3PAR Trap: Critical Alert, [5649] Critical: 3PAR: Disk Utilization Exceeded Critical Threshold, [3569] Critical: AKCP: AC Voltage sensor detects no current
- Aligned Events:** [6288] Major: Example Linux CPU Event, [3997] Major: Linux SSH: CPU utilization above threshold, [527] Minor: Host Resource: CPU has exceeded threshold, [4993] Minor: Net-SNMP: CPU has exceeded threshold
- Available Actions:** SNMP Trap [1]: EM7 Event Trap, SNMP Trap [1]: RBA Base Pack: Send Trap, SNMP Trap [1]: SL1 Event Trap
- Aligned Actions:** 1. Execute Commands via SSH [110]: Linux CPU Diagnostic Commands, 2. Snippet [5]: Enrichment: Util: Format Command Output as HTML

At the bottom are 'Save' and 'Save As' buttons.

3. Complete the following required fields:

- **Policy Name.** Enter a name for the automation policy.
- **Policy Type.** Select whether the automation policy will match events that are active, match when events are cleared, or run on a scheduled basis. Typically, you would select *Active Events* in this field.
- **Policy State.** Specifies whether the policy will be evaluated against the events in the system. If you want this policy to begin matching events immediately, select *Enabled*.
- **Policy Priority.** Specifies whether the policy is high-priority or default priority. These options determine how the policy is queued.
- **Organization.** Select one or more organizations to associate with the automation policy. The automation policy will execute only for devices in the selected organizations (that also match the other criteria in the policy). To configure a policy to execute for all organizations, select *System* without specifying individual devices to align to.
- **Aligned Actions.** This field includes the actions from the *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack. To add an action to the **Aligned Actions** field, select the action in the **Available Actions** field and click the right arrow (> >). To re-order the actions in the **Aligned Actions** field, select an action and use the up arrow or down arrow buttons to change that action's position in the sequence.

NOTE: You must have two Aligned Actions: one that runs the diagnostic or remediation commands and one that provides the output format. The actions providing the output formats are contained in the *Datacenter Utilities* PowerPack, which is a prerequisite for running automations in this PowerPack.

4. Optionally, supply values in the other fields on this page to refine when the automation will trigger.

5. Click **[Save]**.

NOTE: You can also modify one of the automation policies included with this PowerPack. Best practice is to use the **[Save As]** option to create a new, renamed automation policy, instead of customizing the standard automation policies. For more information, see [Customizing an Automation Policy](#).

NOTE: If you modify one of the included automation policies and save it with the original name, the customizations in that policy will be overwritten when you upgrade the PowerPack unless you remove the association between the automation policy and the PowerPack before upgrading.

Example Automation Configuration

The following is an example of an automation policy that uses the automation actions in the *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*:

The screenshot shows the 'Automation Policy Editor' interface for editing a policy. The policy name is 'Linux SSH: Run My CPU Diagnostic Commands'. The policy type is 'Active Events', the state is 'Enabled', the priority is 'Default', and the organization is 'Linux Devices'. The criteria logic is '[Severity >=] [Minor,] [and no time has elapsed] [since the first occurrence.] [and event is NOT cleared] [and all times are valid]'. The match logic is '[Text search]' and the match syntax is empty. The repeat time is '[Only once]' and the align with is '[Devices]'. There is a checkbox for 'Include events for entities other than devices (organizations, assets, etc.)' which is unchecked, and a checked checkbox for 'Trigger on Child Rollup'. The available devices list includes 'System', 'Dell EMC: Unisphere for Unity: Dell EMC Device', and 'Dell EMC: Unity LUN: ConsistencyLUN1-00'. The aligned devices list includes 'Linux Devices', 'Linux: CentOS Linux 7 (Core): 10.2.24.31', and 'Linux: Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS: 10.2.24.30'. The available events list includes '[5678] Critical: 3PAR Trap: Critical Alert', '[5649] Critical: 3PAR: Disk Utilization Exceeded Critical Threshold', and '[3569] Critical: AKCP: AC Voltage sensor detects no current'. The aligned events list includes '[6288] Major: Example Linux CPU Event', '[3997] Major: Linux SSH: CPU utilization above threshold', '[527] Minor: Host Resource: CPU has exceeded threshold', and '[4993] Minor: Net-SNMP: CPU has exceeded threshold'. The available actions list includes 'Snippet [5]: Cisco: VOS Node Classification and Cluster Creation', 'Snippet [5]: Datacenter Automation: Format Output for ServiceNow Non-Scoped', and 'Snippet [5]: Datacenter Automation: Format Output for ServiceNow Scoped'. The aligned actions list includes '1. Execute Commands via SSH [110]: Linux CPU Diagnostic Commands' and '2. Snippet [5]: Datacenter Automation: Format Output for ServiceNow Non-Scope'. The interface has 'Save' and 'Save As' buttons at the bottom.


The policy uses the following settings:

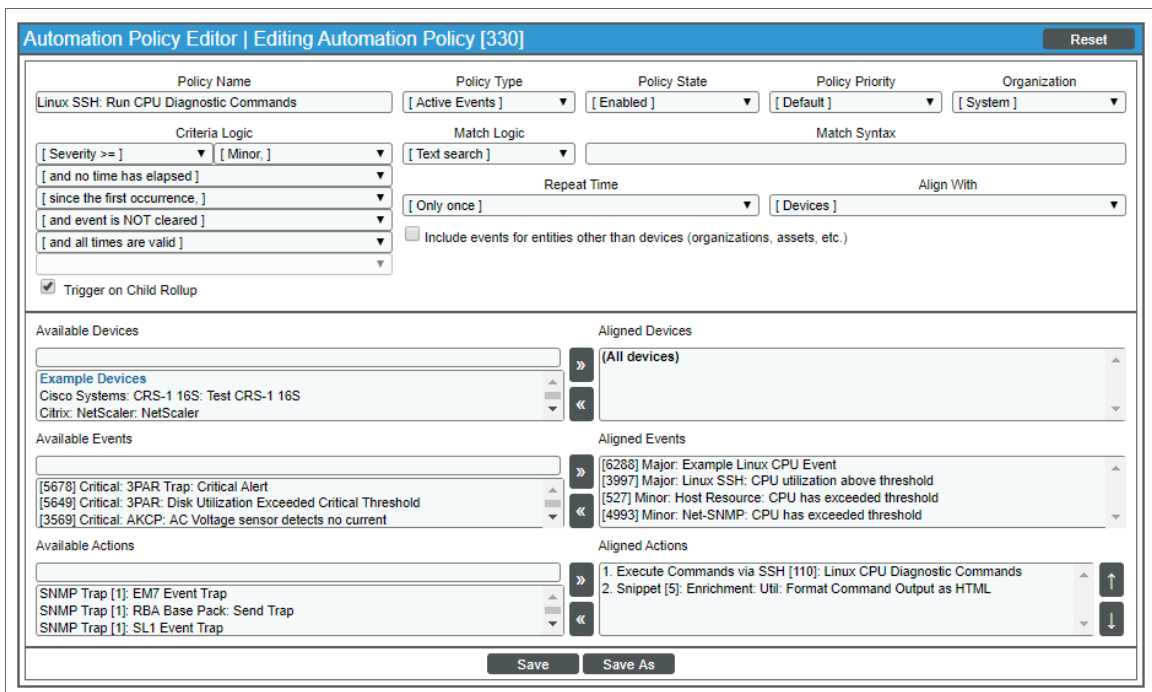
- **Policy Name.** The policy is named "Linux SSH: Run My CPU Diagnostics".
- **Policy Type.** The policy runs when an event is in an active state. *Active Events* is selected in this field.
- **Policy State.** *Enabled* is selected in this field. This policy is active and ready to use.
- **Organization.** The policy executes for the Linux Devices organization.
- **Criteria Logic.** The policy is configured to execute immediately when an event matches these criteria: "Severity >= Notice, and no time has elapsed since the first occurrence, and event is NOT cleared, and all times are valid".
- **Aligned Devices.** The policy is configured to trigger for the Linux devices group.
- **Aligned Events.** The policy is configured to trigger only when the following events are triggered:
 - Major: Example Linux CPU Event
 - Major: Linux SSH: CPU utilization above threshold
 - Minor: Host Resource: CPU has exceeded threshold

- Minor: Net-SNMP: CPU has exceeded threshold
- Notice: F5: BIG-IP: CPU fan speed signal not received
- **Aligned Actions.** The automation includes the following actions. This action allows you to view the output of the diagnostic commands in the Automation Log, accessed through the SL 1 **Events** page:
 - Execute Commands via SSH: Linux CPU Diagnostic Commands
 - Snippet [5]: Datacenter Automation: Format Output for ServiceNow Non-Scoped

Customizing an Automation Policy

To customize an automation policy:

1. Go to the **Automation Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Automation).
2. Search for the *Linux SSH Automations* automation policy you want to edit and click the wrench icon () for that policy . The **Automation Policy Editor** page appears:



The screenshot shows the 'Automation Policy Editor' interface for editing a policy named 'Linux SSH: Run CPU Diagnostic Commands'. The interface includes several sections for configuration:

- Policy Name:** Linux SSH: Run CPU Diagnostic Commands
- Policy Type:** [Active Events]
- Policy State:** [Enabled]
- Policy Priority:** [Default]
- Organization:** [System]
- Criteria Logic:** [Severity >=] [Minor,]
- Match Logic:** [Text search]
- Match Syntax:** []
- Repeat Time:** [Only once]
- Align With:** [Devices]
- Include events for entities other than devices (organizations, assets, etc.)
- Trigger on Child Rollup
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Buttons for 'Save' and 'Save As' are located at the bottom of the editor.

3. Complete the following fields as needed:
 - **Policy Name.** Type a new name for the automation policy to avoid overwriting the default policy.
 - **Policy Type.** Select whether the automation policy will match events that are active, match when events are cleared, or run on a scheduled basis. Typically, you would select *Active Events* in this field.
 - **Policy State.** Specifies whether the policy will be evaluated against the events in the system. If you want this policy to begin matching events immediately, select *Enabled*.

- **Policy Priority.** Specifies whether the policy is high-priority or default priority. These options determine how the policy is queued.
- **Aligned Actions.** This field includes the actions from the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack. You should see "Execute Commands via SSH" action in this field. To add an action to the **Aligned Actions** field, select the action in the **Available Actions** field and click the right arrow (>>). To re-order the actions in the **Aligned Actions** field, select an action and use the up arrow or down arrow buttons to change that action's position in the sequence.



NOTE: You must have two Aligned Actions: one that runs the diagnostic or remediation commands and one that provides the output format. The actions providing the output formats are contained in the Datacenter Utilities PowerPack, which is a prerequisite for running Linux SSH automations.

- **Organization.** Select the organization that will use this policy.
4. Optionally, supply values in the other fields on the **Automation Policy Editor** page to refine when the automation will trigger.
 5. Click **[Save As]**.

Removing an Automation Policy from a PowerPack

After you have customized a policy from a *Linux SSH Automations PowerPack*, you might want to remove that policy from that PowerPack to prevent your changes from being overwritten if you update the PowerPack later. If you have the license key with author's privileges for a PowerPack or if you have owner or administrator privileges with your license key, you can remove content from a PowerPack.

To remove content from a PowerPack:

1. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
2. Find the *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack. Click its wrench icon (.
3. In the **PowerPack Properties** page, in the navigation bar on the left side, click **Run Book Policies**.
4. In the **Embedded Run Book Policies** pane, locate the policy you updated, and click the bomb icon () for that policy. The policy will be removed from the PowerPack and will now appear in the bottom pane.

Customizing Linux SSH Actions

Overview

This manual describes how to customize the automation actions embedded in the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack to create automation actions to meet your organization's specific requirements.

For more information about creating automation policies using custom action types, see [Creating and Customizing Automation Policies](#).

This chapter covers the following topics:

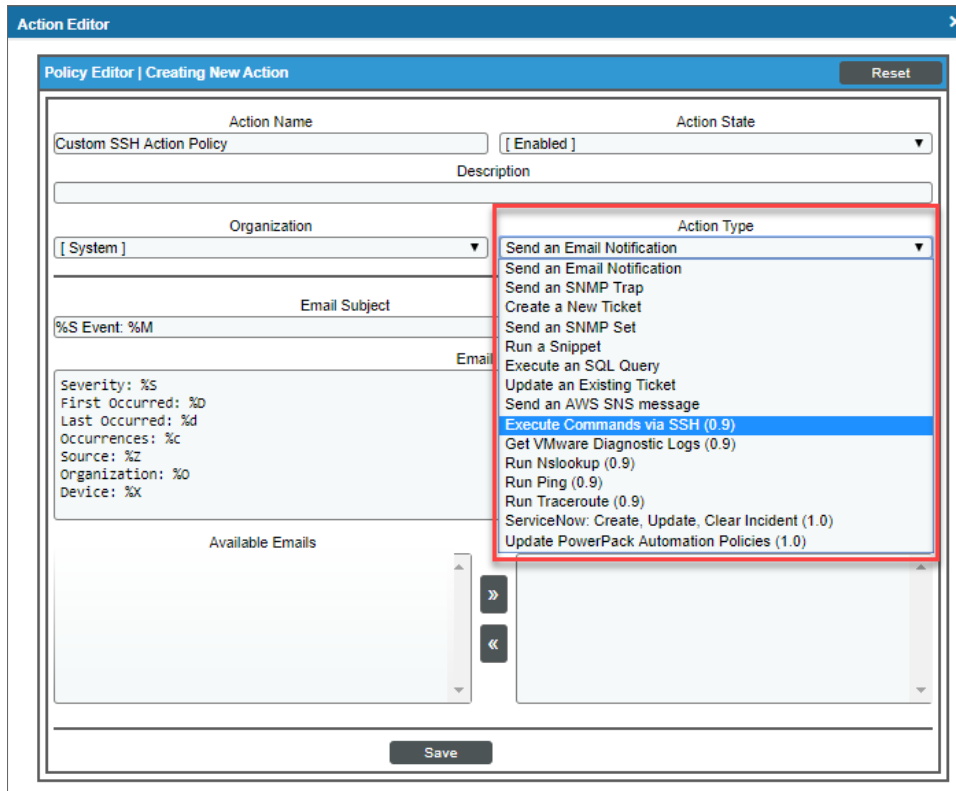
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Creating a Custom Action Policy

You can use the "Execute Commands via SSH" action type included with the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack to create custom automation actions that you can then use to build custom automation policies.

To create a custom action policy using the "Execute Commands via SSH" action type:

1. Navigate to the **Action Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Actions).
2. In the **Action Policy Manager** page, click the **[Create]** button.
3. The **Action Policy Editor** modal appears.



4. In the **Action Policy Editor** page, supply a value in each field.

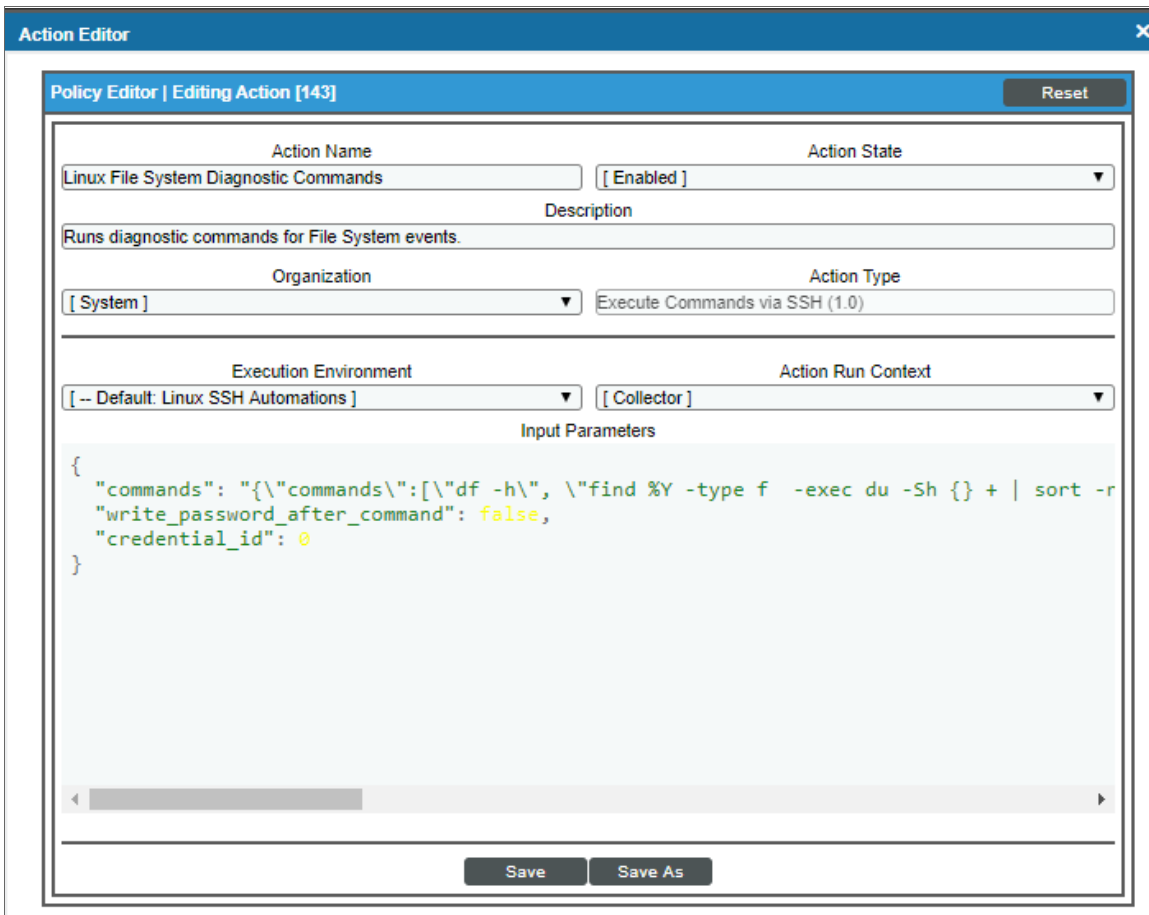
- **Action Name**. Specify the name for the action policy.
- **Action State**. Specifies whether the policy can be executed by an automation policy (enabled) or cannot be executed (disabled).
- **Description**. Allows you to enter a detailed description of the action.
- **Organization**. Organization to associate with the action policy.
- **Action Type**. Type of action that will be executed. Select the "Execute Commands via SSH (0.9)" action type (highlighted in the figure above).
- **Execution Environment**. Select from the list of available Execution Environments. The default execution environment is *System*.
- **Action Run Context**. Select *Database* or *Collector* as the context in which the action policy will run.
- **Input Parameters**. A JSON structure that specifies each input parameter. Each parameter definition includes its name, data type, and whether the input is optional or required for this Custom Action Type. For more information about the available input parameters, see the table in [Creating a New Linux SSH Automation Action](#).

NOTE: Input parameters must be defined as a JSON structure, even if only one parameter is defined.

- Click **[Save]**. If you are modifying an existing action policy, click **[Save As]**. Supply a new value in the **Action Name** field, and save the current action policy, including any edits, as a new policy.

Customizing Automation Actions

The *Linux SSH Automations* PowerPack includes 10 automation actions that use the "Execute Commands via SSH" action type to request diagnostic information or remediate an issue. You can specify the host and the options in a JSON structure that you enter in the **Input Parameters** field in the **Action Policy Editor** modal.



The following automation actions that use the "Execute Commands via SSH" action type are included in the Linux SSH Automations PowerPack. Compare the commands run with the example in the image above. For more information about input parameter fields, see the table in [Creating a New Linux SSH Automation Action](#).

Action Name	Description	Commands Run
Linux CPU Diagnostic Commands	Runs diagnostic commands for CPU events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> top -b -n 1 ps -eo pid,ppid,%cpu,%mem,args --sort=-%cpu head pidstat

Action Name	Description	Commands Run
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>iostat -x 2 5</code> • <code>dmesg tail</code>
Linux File System Diagnostic Commands	Runs diagnostic commands for File System events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>df -h</code> • <code>find / -type f -exec du /home -Sh {} + 2> /dev/null sort -rh head -20</code>
Linux Illicit Process Remediation	Collects a list of users logged in to the system and sends a term signal to a Linux process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>sudo -S who</code> • <code>sudo -S kill %y</code>
Linux Interface Error/Discard Diagnostic Commands	Runs diagnostic commands for Interface Error/Discard events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>ifconfig</code> • <code>ethtool %Y</code> • <code>dmesg tail</code> • <code>netstat -i</code>
Linux Interface Utilization Diagnostic Commands	Runs diagnostic commands for Interface Utilization events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>ethtool %Y</code> • <code>netstat -plunt</code> • <code>tcpdump -i %Y -c 100</code>
Linux Memory Dmidecode Command	Runs the dmidecode command with the memory option using sudo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>sudo -S dmidecode --type memory</code>
Linux Memory/Swap Diagnostic Commands	Runs diagnostic commands for Memory/Swap events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>top -b -n 1</code> • <code>ps -eo pid,ppid,%cpu,%mem,args --sort=-%mem head</code> • <code>swapon -summary</code> • <code>vmstat 2 5</code> • <code>dmidecode --type memory</code> • <code>dmesg tail</code>
Linux Process Restart Remediation	Restarts a Linux service and collects service status before and after the restart command.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>sudo -S service %Y status</code> • <code>sudo -S service %Y start</code> • <code>sudo -S service %Y status</code>
Linux System-Storage Diagnostic Commands	Runs diagnostic commands for File System events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>df -h</code> • <code>find / -type f -exec du -Sh {} + sort -rh head -n 20</code>

Action Name	Description	Commands Run
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>find / -type f -mmin -10 -exec du -Sh {} + sort -rh head -n 20</code> • <code>find / -type d -exec du -Sh {} + sort -rh head -n 20</code> • <code>find / -type d -mmin -10 -exec du -Sh {} + sort -rh head -n 20</code>
Linux Tcpdump Command	Runs the tcpdump command using sudo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>sudo -S tcpdump -i %Y -c 100</code>

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see [Appendix A](#).

Creating a New Linux SSH Automation Action

You can create a new automation action that runs SSH commands using the supplied “Execute SSH Commands” custom action type. To do this, select “Execute Commands via SSH” in the Action Type drop-down list when you create a new automation action. You can also use the existing automation actions in the PowerPack as a template by using the **[Save As]** option.

The SSH automation actions accept the following parameters in JSON:

Parameter	Input type	Description
commands	string	Specifies a single command or a list of commands, in JSON format, to execute. You can use substitution variables in the commands.
write_password_after_command	boolean	<p>Default value: False (0)</p> <p>Set to True(1) if you know the automation must navigate a password prompt after running the command. The automation writes the password as a second input. This navigates the password prompt for commands that require sudo. Sudo commands run using this method must use the “-S” flag.</p> <p>Example: <code>sudo -S service nginx restart</code></p>
credential_id	integer	<p>Default value: 0</p> <p>Specifies the credential_id to use for the connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If set to 0 (false), the custom action type will dynamically determine the credential. For more information, see Authentication for Linux Devices.

Parameter	Input type	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If set to an ID number, it maps to the credential ID specified. You can find credential IDs by going to System > Manage > Credentials.

Using Substitution Values. The commands input can contain substitution values that match the keys in EM7_VALUES.

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see [Appendix A](#).

For a description of all options that are available in Automation Policies, see the **Run Book Automation** manual.

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
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Run Book Variables

Overview

This appendix defines the different variables you can use when creating an action 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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Run Book Variables

You can include variables when creating an action policy. These variables are listed in the table below.

- In an action policy of type **Send an Email Notification**, you can include one or more of these variables in the fields **Email Subject** and **Email Body**.
- In an action policy of type **Send an SNMP Trap**, you can include one or more of these variables in the **Trap OID** field, **Varbind OID** field, and the **Varbind Value** field.
- In an action policy of type **Create a New Ticket**, you can include one or more of these variables in the **Description** field or the **Note** field of the related Ticket Template.
- In an action policy of type **Send an SNMP Set**, you can include one or more of these variables in the **SNMP OID** field and the **SNMP Value** field.
- In an action policy of type **Run A Snippet**, you can access variables from the global dictionary **EM7_VALUES**.
- In a policy of type **Execute an SQL Query**, you can include one or more of these variables in the **SQL Query** field.

Variable	Source	Description
%A	Account	Username
%N	Action	Automation action name
%g	Asset	Asset serial
%h	Asset	Device ID associated with the asset
%i (lowercase "eye")	Asset	Asset Location
%k	Asset	Asset Room
%K	Asset	Asset Floor
%P	Asset	Asset plate
%p	Asset	Asset panel
%q	Asset	Asset zone
%Q	Asset	Asset punch
%U	Asset	Asset rack
%u	Asset	Asset shelf
%v	Asset	Asset tag
%w	Asset	Asset model

Variable	Source	Description
%W	Asset	Asset make
%m	Automation	Automation policy note
%n	Automation	Automation policy name
%F	Dynamic Alert	Alert ID for a Dynamic Application Alert
%l (uppercase "eye")	Dynamic Alert	For events with a source of "dynamic", this variable contains the index value from SNMP. For events with a source of "syslog" or "trap", this variable contains the value that matches the Identifier Pattern field in the event definition.
%T	Dynamic Alert	Value returned by the Threshold function in a Dynamic Application Alert.
%V	Dynamic Alert	Value returned by the Result function in a Dynamic Application Alert.
%a	Entity	IP address
_%category_id	Entity	Device category ID associated with the entity in the event.
_%category_name	Entity	Device category name associated with the entity in the event.
_%class_id	Entity	Device class ID associated with the entity in the event.
_%class_name	Entity	Device class name associated with the entity in the event.
_%parent_id	Entity	For component devices, the device ID of the parent device.
_%parent_name	Entity	For component devices, the name of the parent device.
_%root_id	Entity	For component devices, the device ID of the root device.
_%root_name	Entity	For component devices, the name of the root device.

Variable	Source	Description
%1 (one)	Event	Entity type. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0. Organization • 1. Device • 2. Asset • 4. IP Network • 5. Interface • 6. Vendor • 7. Account • 8. Virtual Interface • 9. Device Group • 10. IT Service • 11. Ticket
%2	Event	Sub-entity type. Possible values for organizations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9. News feed Possible values for devices are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. CPU • 2. Disk • 3. File System • 4. Memory • 5. Swap • 6. Component • 7. Interface • 9. Process • 10. Port • 11. Service • 12. Content • 13. Email
%4	Event	Text string of the user name that cleared the event.
%5	Event	Timestamp of when event was deleted.
%6	Event	Timestamp for event becoming active.

Variable	Source	Description
%7	Event	Event severity (1-5), for compatibility with previous versions of SL1. 1=critical, 2=major, 3=minor, 4=notify, 5=healthy. NOTE: When referring to an event, %7 represents severity (for previous versions of SL1). When referring to a ticket, %7 represents the subject line of an email used to create a ticket.
%c	Event	Event counter
%d	Event	Timestamp of last event occurrence.
%D	Event	Timestamp of first event occurrence.
%e	Event	Event ID
%H	Event	URL link to event
%M	Event	Event message
%s	Event	severity (0 - 4). 0=healthy, 1=notify, 2=minor, 3=major, 4=critical.
%S	Event	Severity (Healthy - Critical)
_%user_note	Event	Current note about the event that is displayed on the Events page.
%x	Event	Entity ID
%X	Event	Entity name
%y	Event	Sub-entity ID
%Y	Event	Sub-entity name
%Z	Event	Event source (Syslog - Group)
%z	Event	Event source (1 - 8)
_%ext_ticket_ref	Event	For events associated with an external Ticket ID, this variable contains the external Ticket ID.
%3	Event Policy	Event policy ID
%E	Event Policy	External ID from event policy
%f	Event Policy	Specifies whether event is stateful, that is, has an associated event that will clear the current event. 1 (one)=stateful; 0 (zero)=not stateful.

Variable	Source	Description
%G	Event Policy	Event Category
%R	Event Policy	Event policy cause/action text
\$_event_policy_name	Event Policy	Name of the event policy that triggered the event.
%B	Organization	Organization billing ID
%b	Organization	Impacted organization
%C	Organization	Organization CRM ID
%o (lowercase "oh")	Organization	Organization ID
%O (uppercase "oh")	Organization	Organization name
%r	System	Unique ID / name for the current SL1 system
%7	Ticket	<p>Subject of email used to create a ticket. If you specify this variable in a ticket template, SL1 will use the subject line of the email in the ticket description or note text when SL1 creates the ticket.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>NOTE: When referring to a ticket, %7 represents the subject line of an Email used to create a ticket. When referring to an event, %7 represents severity (for previous versions of SL1).</p> </div>
%t	Ticket	Ticket ID

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