



Monitoring Microsoft Azure ELK Stacks

ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack version 100

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Chapter

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Introduction

Overview

This manual describes how to monitor Microsoft Azure component devices that are part of an Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana (ELK) stack in SL1 using the *ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack*.

The following sections provide an overview of Azure ELK stacks and the *ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack*:

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NOTE: The *ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack* is meant to be used in conjunction with the *Microsoft: Azure PowerPack*. For more information about the *Microsoft: Azure PowerPack*, including how to install the PowerPack and discover Azure devices, see [Monitoring Microsoft Azure](#).

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What is an Azure ELK Stack?

An ELK stack is a centralized log management platform consisting of three open-source products:

- **Elasticsearch**, a storage solution with search and indexing capabilities
- **Logstash**, a server-side data collection engine
- **Kibana**, a web user interface used for visualizing stored data

In an ELK stack, Logstash collects data, Elasticsearch indexes and stores the data, and Kibana visually presents the data in a user-friendly manner.

You can install an ELK stack on a Microsoft Azure instance to collect, store, and visualize data about that instance.

What Does the ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack Monitor?

The *ELK: Azure Activity Log* PowerPack includes the following features:

- A sample Credential that you can use to create Basic/Snippet credentials to monitor Azure component devices in ELK stacks
- Dynamic Applications that align to Azure component devices in ELK stacks and then monitor Azure Activity Logs and state changes on Azure virtual machines
- An Event Policy that notifies users when the ELK Dynamic Applications have aligned to Azure components
- Run Book Policies and Actions that align the ELK Dynamic Applications to Azure components and update the alignment status on the ScienceLogic Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance

Installing the ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack

Before completing the steps in this manual, you must import and install the latest version of the *ELK: Azure Activity Log* PowerPack.

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 [Global Settings](#).

IMPORTANT: The minimum required MySQL version is 5.6.0.

To download and install the PowerPack:

1. Search for and download the PowerPack from the **PowerPacks** page (Product Downloads > PowerPacks & SyncPacks) at the [ScienceLogic Support Site](#).
2. In SL1, go to the **PowerPacks** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
3. Click the **[Actions]** button and choose *Import PowerPack*. The **Import PowerPack** dialog box appears.
4. Click **[Browse]** and navigate to the PowerPack file from step 1.

5. Select the PowerPack file and click **[Import]**. The **PowerPack Installer** modal displays a list of the PowerPack contents.
6. Click **[Install]**. The PowerPack is added to the **PowerPacks** page.

NOTE: If you exit the **PowerPack Installer** modal without installing the imported PowerPack, the imported PowerPack will not appear in the **PowerPacks** 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*.

Chapter 2

Configuration and Discovery

Overview

The following sections describe how to configure Azure component devices in ELK stacks for monitoring by SL1 using the *ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack*:

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Prerequisites for Monitoring Azure ELK Stacks

To configure SL1 to monitor Azure component devices in ELK stacks using the *ELK: Azure Activity Log PowerPack*, you must first:


1. Install the *Microsoft: AzurePowerPack*.
2. Create a virtual device in SL1 to represent your Azure service.
3. Discover Azure component devices by manually aligning the "Microsoft: Azure Account Discovery" Dynamic Application to the virtual device.
4. Ensure that your Azure Activity Log is properly configured for all read/write events.

NOTE: For more information about the *Microsoft: Azure PowerPack*, including how to install the PowerPack and discover Azure devices, see the **Monitoring Microsoft Azure** manual.

Creating an Azure ELK Credential

To use the Dynamic Applications in the *ELK: Azure Activity Log* PowerPack, you must first define a credential in SL1. This credential enables the Dynamic Applications in the *ELK: Azure Activity Log* PowerPack to monitor your Azure component devices in ELK stacks. The PowerPack includes a sample Basic/Snippet credential (**ELK: Azure Example**) that you can use as a template.

To define an Azure ELK credential:

1. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
2. Click the wrench icon () for the **ELK: Azure Example** credential. The **Credential Editor** modal page appears.
3. Enter values in the following fields:
 - **Credential Name**. Type a new name for your Azure ELK credential.
 - **Hostname/IP**. Type the IP address or hostname for the Logstash server that collects data for the Azure components in your ELK stack.
 - **Port**. Type "9200".
 - **Timeout(ms)**. Type a timeout value, in milliseconds.
 - **Username**. Type the username of a user with access to the Azure Logstash server.
 - **Password**. Type the password associated with the **Username**.

NOTE: If the Logstash server that collects data for your Azure components is not password-protected, you must still enter values in the **Username** and **Password** fields, as they are required fields. However, in this scenario, the values you enter do not matter.

4. Click the **[Save As]** button, and then click **[OK]**.

Aligning the Azure ELK Dynamic Applications

To monitor your Azure component devices in ELK stacks, you must manually align the "ELK: Azure Alignment" Dynamic Application with the Azure virtual device. When you do so, the remaining Dynamic Applications from the *ELK: Azure Activity Log* PowerPack automatically align to the appropriate Azure component devices.

To manually align the "ELK: Azure Alignment" Dynamic Application to your virtual device:

1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Registry > Devices > Device Manager).
2. Locate your Azure virtual device and click its wrench icon ()
3. In the **Device Administration** panel, click the **[Collections]** tab. The **Dynamic Application Collections** page appears.

4. Click the **[Actions]** button, and then select *Add Dynamic Application* from the menu.
5. In the **Dynamic Application Alignment** modal page, select *ELK: Azure Alignment* in the **Dynamic Applications** field.
6. In the **Credentials** field, select the *credential you created for your Azure ELK components*.
7. Click **[Save]**.

NOTE: By default, the "ELK: Azure Alignment" Dynamic Application begins collecting data after 60 minutes. If you want to begin collecting data immediately, click the lightning bolt icon (⚡) for the "ELK: Azure Alignment" Dynamic Application on the **Dynamic Application Collections** page.

When you align the "ELK: Azure Alignment" Dynamic Application to the Azure root device, SL1 then aligns the following Dynamic Application from the *ELK: Azure Activity Log* PowerPack to the appropriate component devices:

- ELK: Azure Activity Log
- ELK: Azure Activity Logs Vm Stats

To view the data collected by the "ELK: Azure Activity Log" Dynamic Application, navigate to the **Journal View** page (Registry > Devices > Device Manager > bar-graph icon > Journals) and click **ELK: Azure Activity Log** on the left menu.

To view the data collected by the "ELK: Azure Activity Logs Vm Stats" Dynamic Application, navigate to the **Device Performance** page (Registry > Devices > Device Manager > bar-graph icon > Performance) and click **ELK: Azure Activity Logs Vm Stats** on the left menu:

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