



Monitoring Business Services

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Introduction to Business Services



Overview

This manual describes how to use SL1 to create and manage business services for your company. Business services let you gauge the availability, health, and risk of your services and the devices that provide those services.

NOTE: Business Services and IT Services created in the classic SL1 user interface are *not* included in the new Business Services, and "classic" Business Services and IT Services are not related in any way to the new business services, IT services, and device services. For more information about the classic versions, see the **Service Provider Utilities (formerly Business Services)** and **IT Services (Classic)** manuals.

To view a case study of using Business Services to diagnose and resolve service-impacting issues, watch the video at <https://sciencelogic.com/product/resources/diagnose-resolve-service-impacting-issues>.

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What is a Business Service?

A **business service** includes one or more technical services that provide value to internal or external customers. Some examples of business services include verifying Internet access or website hosting, online banking, remote backups, and remote storage. Usually a business service includes an associated Service Level Agreement (SLA) that specifies the terms of the service.

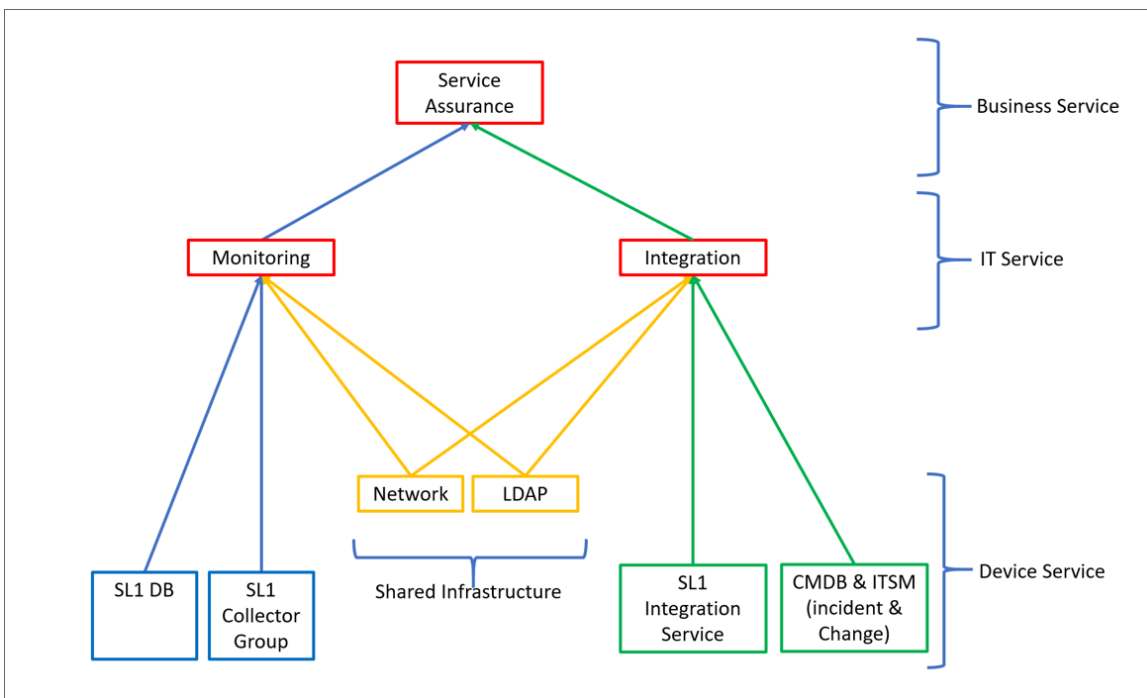
There are two methods by which you can create business services in SL1:

Option 1:

You can create the following types of services on the **Business Services** page, in the following order:

1. **Device Service.** Monitors a set of related IT infrastructure components (devices) that deliver a discrete function, such as a DNS or Collector Group, or all devices in a specific region.
2. **IT Service.** Monitors a service that IT provides to your organization. An IT Service provides a way to define how a set of related Device Services work together to power a given IT service, such as a DNS plus Collector Group plus a database.
3. **Business Service.** Monitors a service your organization provides to your customers. A business service consists of one or more IT services.

The following figure shows an example of how your business services may be organized.



Option 2:

Alternatively, if you require more flexibility in modeling your business service, you can create a custom **Service Model** based upon how your organization defines its structure.

This option, which is also called an "N-tier" service model, uses a wizard to walk you through the process of building custom service models with multiple nested or connected service levels, each of which you can label to match the terminology used in your business. This enables you to create service hierarchies with a custom number of tiers that accurately reflect your service structures within your organization, rather than being confined to the three-tier business service/IT service/device service model.

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However, services that you want to sync between the two systems must either be built entirely in ServiceNow or entirely in SL1; you cannot merge services between the two.

ScienceLogic recommends syncing services from ServiceNow into SL1 rather than building custom service models in SL1 and syncing them into ServiceNow.

For more information, see the section on "Syncing Business Services" in the **ServiceNow CMDB Synchronization PowerPack** manual.

The Business Services Page

The **Business Services** page displays a list of the business, IT, and device services that you have access to, as well as some basic info and the health, availability, and risk metrics for each service.

To navigate to the **Business Services** page, click the **Business Services** icon (

The Business Services Page

| NAME | DESCRIPTION | SERVICE TYPE | ORGANIZATION | CONTACT USER | AVAILABILITY | HEALTH | RISK | POLICY |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|------|-----------------------------|
| VA | - | State | System | appwiz01 | Available | Notice | 80% | Service Mod... DEFAULT |
| US | - | Country | System | appwiz01 | Available | Notice | 80% | Service Mod... DEFAULT |
| test-device-service | test-device-service | Device Service | System | em7admin | Available | Major | 75% | Device Servi... DEFAULT |
| Test SM | - | Places | System | appwiz01 | Available | Minor | 80% | Service Mod... DEFAULT |
| SP | - | State | System | appwiz01 | Available | Major | 80% | Service Mod... DEFAULT |
| Shared DS | - | Device Service | AUTO_Microsoft_Win... | appwiz01 | Available | Major | 75% | Device Servi... DEFAULT |
| Reston | - | City | System | appwiz01 | Available | Healthy | 0% | Device Servi... DEFAULT |
| RB | - | City | System | appwiz01 | Available | Major | 75% | Device Servi... DEFAULT |
| DCM IT Service | - | IT Service | DCM_Tree_Org | neusa.sotil | Available | Notice | 80% | IT Service P... DEFAULT |
| DCM Device Service | - | Device Service | DCM_Tree_Org | em7admin | Available | Notice | 80% | DCM test policy |
| DCM Device Service | DCM Device Service | Device Service | DCM_Tree_Org | em7admin | Available | Minor | 50% | DCM Policy |
| CT | - | Village | System | appwiz01 | Available | Major | 75% | Device Servi... DEFAULT |
| CRT | - | Village | System | appwiz01 | Unavailable | Major | 75% | Device Servi... DEFAULT |
| critical-health-risk-unavailability-it-serv | critical-health-risk-un... | IT Service | System | - | Unavailable | Critical | 92% | critical-health-risk-sta... |
| critical-health-risk-unavailability-bs-ser | critical-health-risk-un... | Business Service | System | - | Unavailable | Critical | 93% | critical-health-risk-sta... |
| critical-health-risk-availability-device-s | critical-health-risk-ava... | Device Service | System | - | Unavailable | Critical | 92% | critical-health-risk-un... |

These business services let you gauge the health, availability, and risk of your services or the devices that provide those services. On the **Business Services** page, these values display in the following format and order:

1. **Availability:** The availability of a Device Service is derived from the availability rules. This may or may not be linked to device availability. A service or device is considered unavailable if SL1 is not able to collect data from the device or service, or if a device is usable or not usable. A value of 0 means a device or service is unavailable, and a value of 1 means a device is available. Availability uses the following icons:



2. **Health:** Indicates the current status of a Device Service—for example, the rate of processing or throughput for the devices in the Device Service. In the case of SL1 CDB devices, the Rows Behind presentation objects can provide a good measure of how effectively the CDB is processing Collector data. Health is represented by a color-coded "severity" icon that corresponds to a numerical value between 0 and 100. For example, the Health value could indicate when a device is intermittently unavailable because of a power problem, thereby falling below the required level of performance. Health uses the following icons by default:



3. **Risk:** Displays a percentage value between 0 and 100 that indicates how close a service is to being in an undesirable state. Use risk for data that is known to cause issues if left unchecked, such as critical events, swap usage, or low database logging space. The safest possible risk value is 0%, while the worst risk value is 100%.

These values are computed in this order because SL1 uses *Availability* values to compute *Health*, and then uses both *Availability* and *Health* values to compute *Risk*.

You can define metrics for *device services* based on:

- availability
- latency
- event count
- event severity
- device state
- Dynamic Application performance data collected by SL1
- collection label metrics (for example, CPU, Memory, or Swap)

NOTE: IT services created in the classic user interface are *not* included in the new user interface, and "classic" IT services are not related in any way to the new business services, IT services, and device services.

The **Business Services** page displays the following about each service:

- **Name.** The name of the service.
- **Description.** A description of the service.
- **Service Type.** Indicates the service type. Values include *Business Service*, *IT Service*, *Device Service*, or a custom service type.
- **Organization.** The organization that owns the service.
- **Contact Organization.** The organization that should be contacted with any questions about the service.
- **Contact User.** The user who should be contacted with any questions about the service.
- **Availability.** The service's current availability value.
- **Health.** The service's current health value.
- **Risk.** The service's current risk value.
- **Policy.** The service policy associated with the service.
- **Date Updated.** The date and time at which the service was last updated.
- **Last Updated By.** The username of the user who last updated the service.
- **RCA Options.** Indicates whether Root Cause Analysis is enabled or disabled for the service.

NOTE: To delete one or more services, select the check boxes of the services you want to delete from the **Business Services** page and then click **[Delete Services]**. You can also select every visible service by selecting one check box and then clicking **[Select All Visible]**, or you can deselect every check box by clicking **[Deselect All]**. Alternatively, you can delete a single service by clicking the **Actions** button (**...**) for that service and then selecting *Delete*.

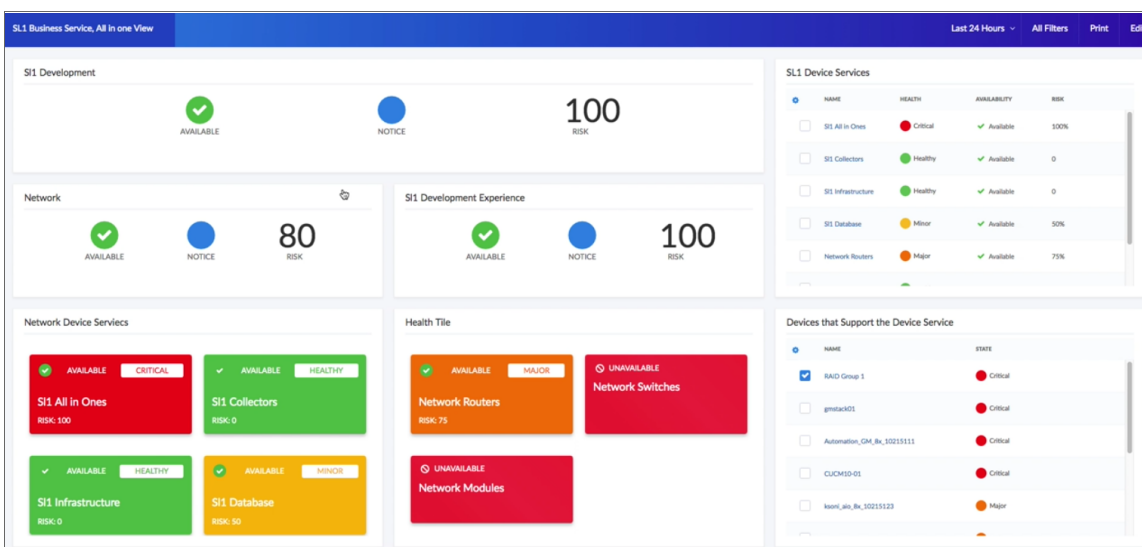
Business Service Dashboards

SL1 includes three default dashboards relating to business services on the **Dashboards** page (**☰**):

- NOC Overview dashboard
- Business Services dashboard
- Business Service Details dashboard

For more information about these dashboards, see the **Dashboards** manual.

In addition to these default dashboards, you can also choose to create your own custom dashboards for business services. For more information, see the **Dashboards** manual.



Example: Retail Banking

Using SL1 to monitor a business service lets you quickly see whether the service is available and working as expected for a customer or end user. For example, a banking company wants to ensure that its retail banking service is available around the world. It would use the following workflow to set up its services in SL1 :

1. Because the company has offices around the world, it creates multiple **device services** that organize devices based on location or region. The company adds all of its devices to the relevant device services.
2. The company then creates multiple **IT services** to monitor the device services (from step 1), including separate IT services for online banking, teller systems, and ATM networks.
3. Next, the company creates a **business service** for its retail banking business, and this business service includes all of the IT services (from step 2) that deal with retail banking.



NOTE: As needed, the banking company repeats steps 1-3 to create additional business services (made up of IT services and device services) to monitor their commercial banking and investment banking devices and services.

Creating Services and Service Policies

Overview

This chapter describes how to create and monitor business services, IT services, and devices services, as well as custom service models. This chapter also describes how to create and use policies for each service to assist with monitoring those services.

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Administrative Processes for BusinessServices

Two administrative processes (System > Settings > Admin Processes) are used to calculate business service values:

- **Business Services: Service Management Engine.** This process aggregates all of the metric information from your devices and services to create the Health, Availability, and Risk values. This is a long-running process which typically runs every 15 minutes. You should only run it more frequently if you have a robust Collector Database (CDB) with room to support the more frequent collection.
- **Business Services: Service Topology Engine.** This process calculates the relationships between your services and your devices. By default, this process runs every 5 minutes. If your services and device relationships are relatively static, you can decrease the frequency to every 15 minutes.

The screenshot shows the 'Admin Processes' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Admin Processes', 'Activity', and user information 'Jude.Evans-Mccarthy'. Below this is a 'Process Manager' section with 'Reset' and 'Guide' buttons. The main area contains a table with the following columns: Process Name, Program File, Frequency, Runtime Offset, Async Throttle, Batch Factor, Time Factor, Run Length, State, Debug, ID, Edited By, and Edit Date. Two processes are listed:

| Process Name | Program File | Frequency | Runtime Offset | Async Throttle | Batch Factor | Time Factor | Run Length | State | Debug | ID | Edited By | Edit Date |
|---|------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|-----------|---------------------|
| 1. Business Services: Service Management Engine | business_service_mgmt.py | 15 Minutes | 0 | -- | 30 | 0 | 15 | Enabled | Disabled | 244 | em7admin | 2018-02-17 14:37:39 |
| 2. Business Services: Service Topology Engine | business_service_topology.py | 5 Minutes | 1 | -- | 30 | 0 | 5 | Enabled | Disabled | 246 | em7admin | 2019-02-11 14:07:00 |

Understanding Health, Availability, and Risk

NOTE: None of the metrics described in these examples actually pinpoint the exact cause of the unavailability, degradation in health, or increase in risk, but they do bring it to your attention quickly and with a minimal level of administration. When you use key performance indicators (KPI) for responsiveness or availability, you may find it much easier than trying to model every way a service can break

Understanding Availability

Availability assesses whether something is reachable or is performing at a level to be useful. Here are a few examples to help you understand availability:

- **Website.** The URL for a website must be responsive, that is, it must respond either with the expected page or with an error page indicating that the site is unreachable (up/down). The web site's response also needs to be fast enough that users will not leave the page due to a slow response time. This should be considered when defining availability.
- **Cluster of database servers.** Assume one database server can process 1,000 transactions per second with good response times. To maintain those response times with 3,000 transactions per second, four equivalently configured database servers are put into a cluster. This method allows for any one database server to be down without losing acceptable throughput and responsiveness. If three servers in the database cluster become unavailable, the one remaining database server will not be able to maintain throughput or responsiveness, so the cluster is effectively unavailable.
- **Processes.** Consider that Process A passes work to Process B by way of a queue. If the queue depth sits at zero, it indicates that Process A is not passing any new work and is considered to be unavailable. If the queue grows to a specified threshold, it indicates that Process B is not pulling work from the queue and is considered to be unavailable.

Understanding Health

A decline in health for a given service or device means that one or more key performance indicators (KPI) are degrading. Left unchecked, this can be expected to degrade throughput or responsiveness. Here are a few examples of issues that impact health:

- **Database Server.** On an SL1 Database Server, a key database function is to retrieve and store events and Dynamic Applications data. You can create Device Service policies that degrade health as the volume of high frequency (HF) rows climbs, as this indicates the CDB is becoming overloaded or slow to process incoming data. This could lead to delays in events from Collectors being presented to automation actions or the Events page, and can impact overall system performance.
- **Windows server.** In some cases, the CPU Queue depth on a Windows server starts to increase, indicating the CPU has insufficient bandwidth to process its workload. When this happens, all processes or applications running on the Windows server will run slowly, impacting either responsiveness or throughput. You can build a policy that lets you know if this is happening on any Windows servers.

- **Website.** A website that is the face of an application has increasing web URL response times, indicating stress in the delivery of the URL. If it is known that the URL becomes functionally unavailable at 5 seconds, meaning that your customer may give up and goes to another vendor, then setting health to degrade for 1 to 4 seconds will give notice that the service health is degrading and investigations and resolution can be performed before the URL reaches an unavailable state.

Understanding Risk

In considering risk, think of the consequences of a KPI degrading. If a selected KPI is known to indicate situations that, if left unaddressed, will impact Health or Availability, you will want to create a policy for that. Some examples:

- On an SL1 Database Server, if the InnoDB table runs out of space, MariaDB will stop, which leads the Database Server to become unavailable. A shrinking level of available InnoDB space will not degrade the responsiveness and throughput of MariaDB, and therefore the Database Server, but it can indicate that your Database Server availability is at risk.
- Another way to measure risk for devices in a service is by monitoring the level of severity for events. This provides a reasonable baseline for risk. For example, many critical events for a device either indicates a false positive that should be suppressed or that monitoring has found a condition that is deemed to be unacceptable.

Creating Services

You can create services in SL1 using one of two methods:

- You can create a **three-tier service**, consisting of a business service, one or more IT services, and one or more device services.
- You can create a **custom service model** with a user-defined business hierarchy.

When designing your service structure, a good design principle is to begin with the end in mind. To create a new business service, you should first determine the following:

- *Stakeholders.* Who is the intended audience for the service?
- *Purpose.* What problem are you trying to solve for your stakeholders?
- *Visibility.* Who needs to see which services?
- *Workflow.* How are your stakeholders currently performing fault isolation?
- *Right-sizing.* What is the right number of services? Consider the following:
 - The devices that impact the business service
 - The IT services that impact the business service
 - The specific conditions that you want to monitor, based on your business processes

If you follow the design flow described above, you will have an outline of which model type to create and which specific services you need to build. For example, if you provide email service, then a failure of your primary SMTP server and backup SMTP server would constitute a Critical status.

The next consideration is to determine which devices share a common description of health, availability, and risk rules. If two devices need different rules, you will need to create two Device Services.

TIP: You can copy an existing service on the **Business Services** page by clicking the **[Actions]** button (**⋮**) for that service and selecting *Duplicate*.

Creating Business, IT, or Device Services

To create a Business, IT, or Device Service:

1. On the **Business Services** page, click the **[Create Service]** button. The **New Service** page appears.

The screenshot shows a 'New Service' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main heading is 'Select a Service Type'. There are four service type options, each with a diagram and a description:

- Business Service:** Diagram shows a tree with 'BS' at the top, two 'IT' nodes below it, and three 'DS' nodes at the bottom. Description: 'See how your company provides business value to your customers.'
- IT Service:** Diagram shows a tree with 'BS' at the top, two 'IT' nodes below it, and three 'DS' nodes at the bottom. Description: 'Show how IT delivers value to the business.'
- Device Service:** Diagram shows a tree with 'BS' at the top, two 'IT' nodes below it, and three 'DS' nodes at the bottom. Description: 'Aggregate status of similar devices.'
- Service Model:** Diagram shows a tree with 'BS' at the top, two 'IT' nodes below it, and three 'DS' nodes at the bottom. Description: 'Create a service tree based upon how your organization defines your structure.'

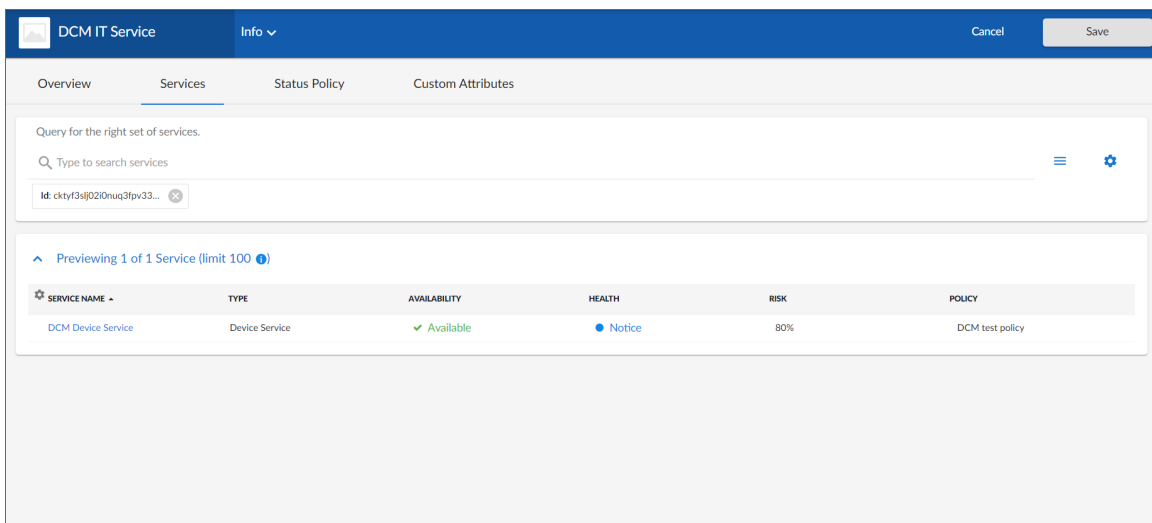
Below the options, there is a form with the following fields:

- Service Name:** Retail Banking
- What organization manages this service?:** System (with a dropdown arrow)
- Service Description:** Monitors retail banking IT services, including online banking, teller systems, and the ATM network. Ensures that devices are responsive and performing as expected.

A blue 'Create Service' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

2. Select a service type. You should start by creating your device services, then your IT services, and then finally your business service. Your options include:
 - **Device Service.** Monitors a set of related devices.
 - **IT Service.** Monitors a service that IT provides to your organization. An IT service includes one or more device services.
 - **Business Service.** Monitors a service that your organization provides to your customers. A business service includes one or more IT services.

3. Complete the remaining fields:
 - **Service Name.** Type a unique name for this service.
 - **What organization manages this service?** Select the name of the organization that owns this service.
 - **Service Description.** (Optional) Type a short description of this service and its purpose. You can use the text in this description to search for this service on the **Business Services** page. For example, if a collection of Device Services all have a description of "Shared Infrastructure", then an IT Service can search to include every Device Service in the same organization that has a description of "Shared Infrastructure". As you add more "Shared Infrastructure" device services, the IT Service will automatically expand to include them. This makes building service trees quick and self-maintaining, without resorting to rigid service names.
4. Click the **[Create Service]** button. If you selected *Device Service* in step 2, the **[Devices]** tab appears, with a list of available devices in the **Preview** section. If you selected *Business Service* or *IT Service* in step 2, the **[Services]** tab appears, with a list of available services in the **Preview** section.
5. In the **Search** field, type search criteria for the services or devices you want to monitor. A list of services or devices that match your search criteria appears in the **Preview** pane.



TIP: If you are looking for a very specific set of services or devices, click the gear icon (⚙️) to the right of the **Search** field and select *Advanced*. In this mode you can create an advanced search using "AND" or "OR" for multiple search criteria. You must click **[Search]** before you can view the results of your search. For more information, see the "Performing an Advanced Search" topic in the *Introduction to SL1* manual.

TIP: If you want to search for devices that have specific custom attributes, use Advanced Search. Use the following format:

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attribute has (id == custom attribute and value == value)
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Note that search cannot process colons (:) in strings. The presence of a colon in service inclusion searches will stop the engine that calculates health, availability, and risk for that service. For more information, see the "Advanced Search" topic in the *Introduction to SL1* manual.

NOTE: The "ANY" search option is disabled on the [Services] or [Devices] tab.

TIP: The **Preview** pane indicates the maximum number of constituent services or devices that will be used for computing health, availability, and risk.

6. When you have the right combination of services or devices, click the **[Save]** button. The default policy for the type of service you selected is automatically added to the new service.
7. If you want to use a different business policy with the new service, see [Selecting a Business Service Policy](#).
8. If you want to create a new business policy to use with the new service, see [Creating a Business Service Policy](#).
9. Repeat this process until you have the right combination of device services and IT services in your business service (or business services, if needed).

Creating a Custom Service Model

If you require more flexibility in modeling your service beyond the standard three-tier business service/IT service/device service model, you can instead create a custom **Service Model**, which is also called an "N-tier" service model.

For example, if you needed to monitor individual conference rooms within your organization from a high level, you could build the following service model to do so:

Country > Region > State > City > Building > Floor > Conference Room

Custom service models enable you to build service hierarchies with a unique number of tiers that accurately reflect the service structures within your organization, using user-defined labels that can match the terminology used in your business.

NOTE: You cannot convert a three-tier business service model to a custom service model.

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For more information about creating a custom service policy, watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nioZg5WaBg>.

To create a custom service model:


1. On the **Business Services** page, click the **[Create Service]** button. The **New Service** page appears.
2. Select *Service Model*, and then click **[Next]**. The service creation page of the **New Service** wizard appears:

The screenshot shows the 'New Service' wizard interface. It includes the following fields and values:

- Service Model Name:** Retail Banking
- What organization manages this service?:** Appwiz Org
- Service Model Description:** Monitors retail banking services, including physical, online, and mobile banking.
- Visible Organizations:** AzureAutomation

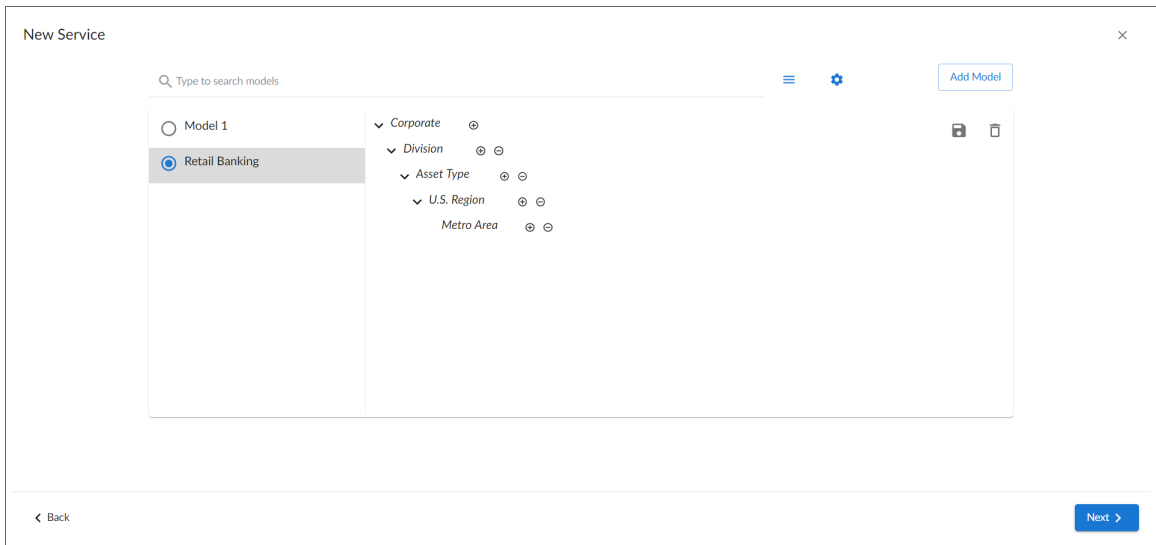
At the bottom, there is a '< Back' button on the left and a 'Next >' button on the right. A help box titled 'Creating a Service Model' is visible on the right side of the form.

3. Complete the following fields:
 - **Service Model Name.** Type a unique name for this service model.
 - **What organization manages this service?.** Select the name of the organization that owns this service model.
 - **Service Model Description.** (Optional) Type a short description of this service model and its purpose. You can use the text in this description to search for this service on the **Business Services** page. For example, if multiple services all have a description of "Shared Infrastructure", then you could create another service search to include every service in the same organization that has a description of "Shared Infrastructure". As you add more "Shared Infrastructure" services, the other services that include those "Shared Infrastructure" services will automatically expand to include them. This makes building service trees quick and self-maintaining, without resorting to rigid service names.
 - **Visible Organizations.** (Optional) Select one or more organizations from which you can select devices to use in the service model. For example, if you selected Acme for this field, then any service that is aligned with Acme can access devices in the Acme organization.
4. Click **[Next]**. The model selection page of the **New Service** wizard appears.
5. On the model selection page, do one of the following:
 - Click the **[Add Model]** button to design a new service model. If you do this, proceed to step 6.
 - Use the search bar if necessary to search for an existing model to which you want to make customizations or changes. If you do this, skip ahead to step 7.
 - Use the search bar if necessary to search for an existing model to which you *do not* want to make any customizations or changes. Select that model's radio button and then click **[Next]**. If you do this, skip ahead to step 9.

TIP: If you are looking for a very specific set of models, click the gear icon () to the right of the **Search** field and select *Advanced*. In this mode you can create an advanced search using "AND" or "OR" for multiple search criteria. For more information, see the "Performing and Advanced Search" topic in the **Introduction to SL1** manual.

6. On the **New Model** modal, type a name for the service model in the **Model Name** field and then click **[Create]**. The newly created service model is added to the model selection page.

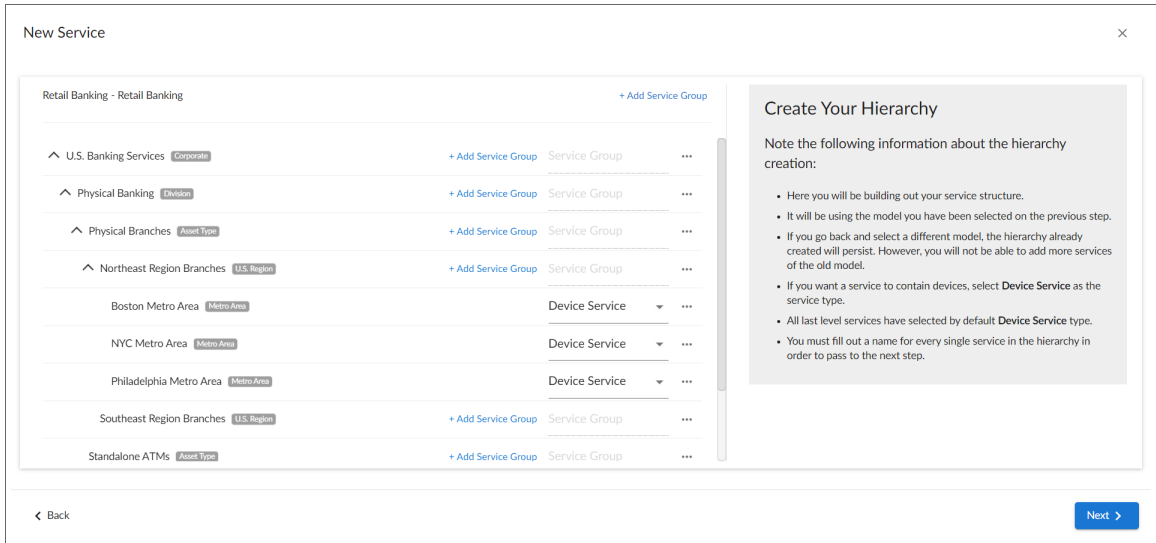
7. On the model selection page, select the new service model you just created or an existing model to which you want to make customizations or changes, and then customize the model as needed:



You can customize the service model to fit your business needs in the following ways:

- Click the model name, then type a new model name to replace the existing name.
- Use the plus (+) and minus (-) icons to build the tiers of your service model. For each tier, click the tier label and then type a new tier label to replace the existing label.
- Click the save icon (💾) to save your custom service model.
- Click the delete icon (🗑️) to delete your custom service model.



8. When you are finished customizing the service model, click **[Next]**. The hierarchy creation page of the **New Service** wizard appears.
9. On the hierarchy creation page, use the model you selected to build out the full hierarchy structure of your service:



You can customize the service hierarchy to fit your business needs in the following ways:

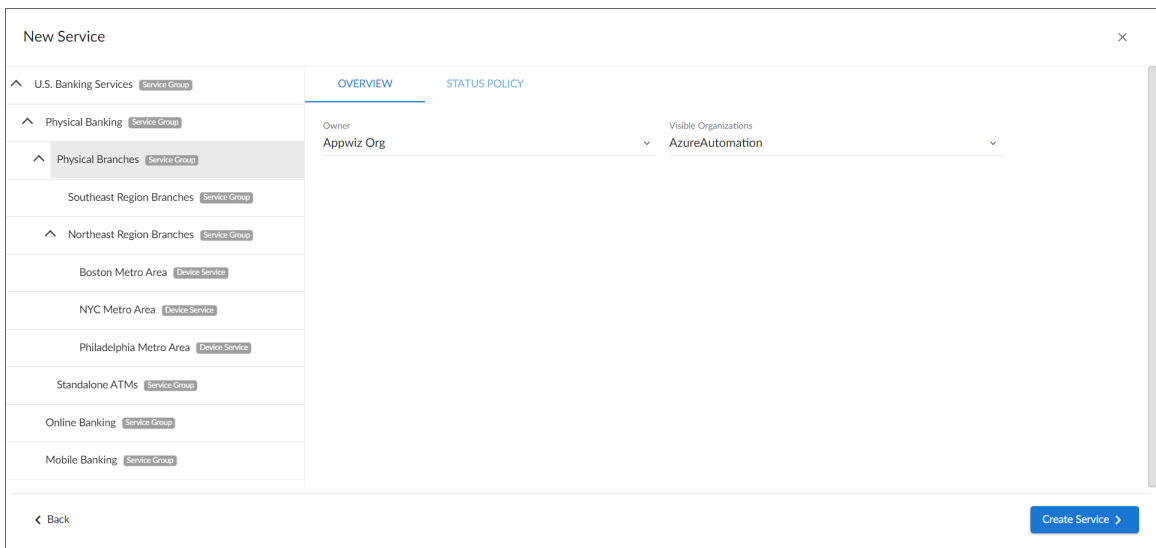
- Click the name of each tier in your service model, then for each tier, type a new label that is specific to the service you want to monitor. For example, your service model might have a tier labeled "U.S. Region"; you might click that tier and type "Northeast" if your service includes assets in the Northeast.

NOTE: You must fill out a name for every service in the hierarchy before you can proceed to step 10.

- Click the expand () and contract () icons to expand and contract parts of the service hierarchy tree.
- Click a hierarchy row to drag and drop that row (and any rows that fall below it on the service hierarchy) into a different location in the service hierarchy. If you are able to drop the row in a particular location, the row will turn solid blue. If you are unable to drop the row in a particular location, the row will be white with a red border.
- Click **[+Add Service Group]** at the top of the service hierarchy to add a copy of the entire service model structure to the hierarchy. For example, if your service model includes five tiers and you click **[+Add Service Group]** at the top of the service hierarchy, SL1 will add an additional set of all five tiers to the hierarchy.
- Click **[+Add Service Group]** for a particular row to add to a new set of sub-tier rows in the hierarchy under the existing row. For example, if you have a service model tier labeled "Physical Banking" and the next level of the service model under that is a tier labeled "Branch Locations" and under that are several other tiers, then when you click **[+Add Service Group]** on the "Physical Banking" row, SL1 will add a new "Branch Locations" tier along with all of its sub-tiers under the "Physical Banking" row.

- Click the Actions button (☰) for a particular row and then select *Delete* to delete that row from the hierarchy.
- If you want the next-to-last-level service row within the hierarchy to have device services below it, click the Actions button (☰) for that row and then select *Add Device Services*. The **Add Device Services** modal appears. On that modal, search for and select any existing device services that you want to add below the selected service row, and then click **[Add Services]**.
- If you want the last-level service row within the hierarchy to contain devices, select *Device Service* from the service type drop-down at the end of the row. If you do not want the row to contain devices, select *Service*. All last-level services are set to *Device Service* by default. All service rows that are not last-level rows have a service type of *Service Group*.

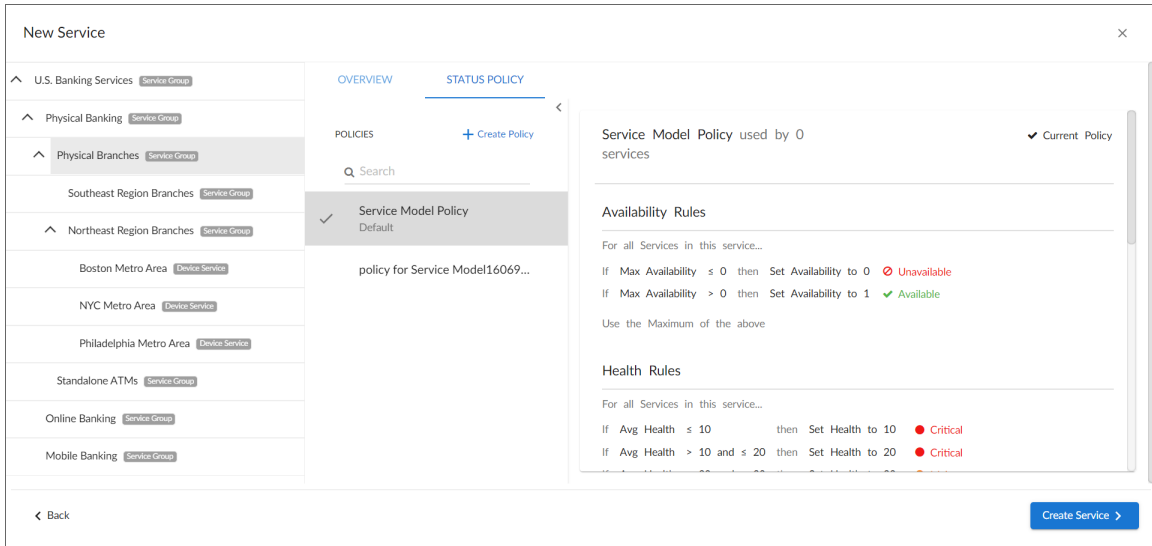
10. When you are finished customizing your service hierarchy, click **[Next]**. The **[Overview]** tab for the new service appears:



11. On the **[Overview]** tab, you can update the managing organization and visible organizations for the individual levels within your service model hierarchy if they differ from the managing organization and visible organizations you selected for the entire model in step 3. To do so, click the hierarchy level on the left side of the page, and then complete the following fields:

- **Owner**. Select the name of the organization that owns the selected service level.
- **Visible Organizations**. Select one or more organizations from which you can select devices to use in the selected service level.

12. Click the **[Status Policy]** tab:



13. On the **[Status Policy]** tab, click on each row within your service hierarchy and then do one of the following for each:

- To apply an existing policy to the selected service level, search for and select the policy that you want to apply. When you select a policy from the list, the details of that policy appear in the right panel. If a status policy is already applied to a service level, "Current Policy" appears in the top right corner of the right panel; otherwise, a **[Use Policy]** button appears. To apply a different status policy, click the **[Use Policy]** button.
- To create a new policy, click the **[Create Policy]** button. In the **Create Policy** modal, type a **Policy Name**, and then click **[Create Policy]**. The policy is added to the list. To apply it to the selected service level, select the policy from the list and then click the **[Use Policy]** button in the top right corner of the right panel.

14. Click **[Create Service]**. A confirmation message displays, indicating that your service model and its hierarchy have been created successfully.

NOTE: After you have created the service model, you cannot use the **New Service** wizard to edit the model.

15. Click **[Close]**.

16. If you want to use a different service policy with the new service, see [Selecting a Business Service Policy](#).


17. If you want to create a new service policy to use with the new service, see [Creating a Business Service Policy](#).

Selecting a Service Policy

Each service type requires a **policy** that determines what it monitors. A business service policy contains a set of rules and conditions that define the Availability, Health, and Risk values for the service, depending on your business needs. Each service requires that one policy be associated with a service at a time.

NOTE: The *Business Services PowerPack* contains a set of business service policies you can use for your services.


When you create a business service of any type, SL1 automatically uses the *default* policy for that particular type of business service. You can remove the default policy after you create a new policy. The default policies cannot be edited.

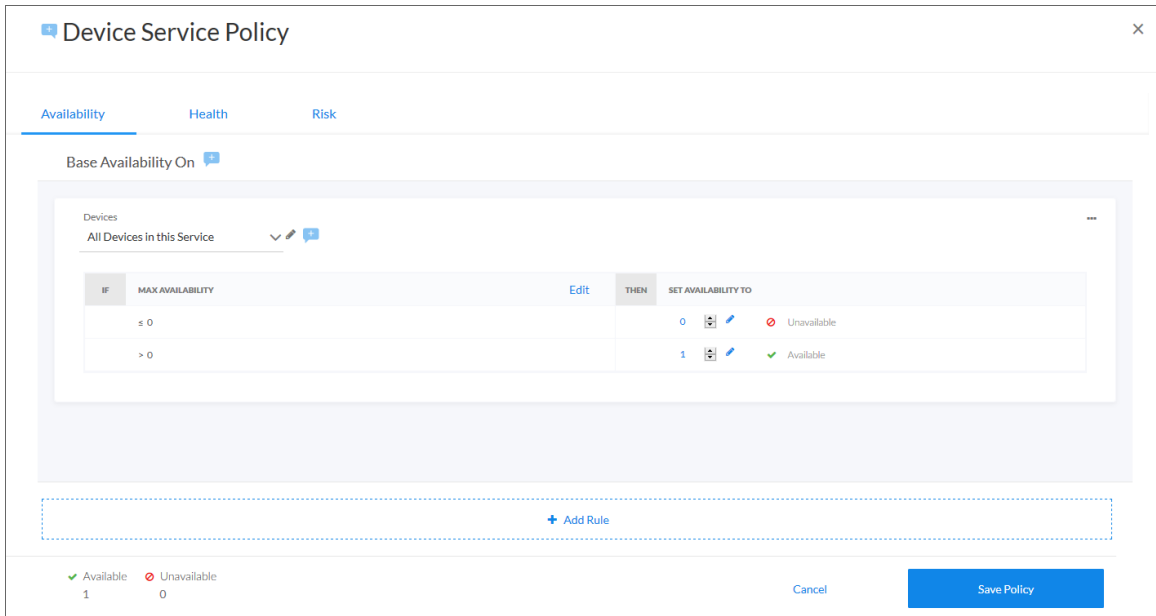
TIP: If a policy contains errors, an error icon () appears next to the policy name. To view details about what makes the policy invalid, select the policy and hover over the error icon next to the policy name in the right-hand section. A pop-up window lists the problems with the policy. Note that most Status Policies will display the icon during the time between a save and the next HAR aggregation cycle. For best results, wait for the next HAR cycle before investigating whether there is a true error.

To select an existing business service policy:


1. On the **Business Services** page, select the service that needs a policy. The **[Overview]** tab for the service appears.
2. Click the **[Status Policy]** tab.
3. In the **Policies** section on the left, select the policy you want to use.




TIP: You can type basic search criteria in the **Search** field to locate a specific policy in the list.

- To view the details of a selected policy, click the **[Actions]** button () for that policy and select *Edit* (or *View* for the default policy). The **Policy Editor** page appears:



- Click the **[Cancel]** button when you are done viewing the details for that policy.

TIP: You can copy an existing service policy on the **Business Services** page by clicking the **[Actions]** button () for that policy and selecting *Duplicate*.

- To add a policy to the service, select the policy in the **Policies** section and click the **[Use Policy]** button in the right-hand section. A check mark icon () appears next to that policy in the **Policies** section, and the words "Current Policy" replace the **[Use Policy]** button in the right-hand section.
- To make a copy of a policy, click the **[Actions]** button () for that policy and select *Duplicate*.
- To *delete* a policy you no longer want to use, click the **[Actions]** button () for that policy, select *Delete*, and then click **[Delete Policy]**. If that policy is used by any other services, those services are assigned the default policy type. You cannot delete a default policy.

Creating a Service Policy

When you create a business service of any type, SL1 automatically uses the *default* policy for that particular type of business service. You can create a new policy to replace the default policy. When you create a new policy, the new policy uses the values from the default policy for that type of service as a starting point.

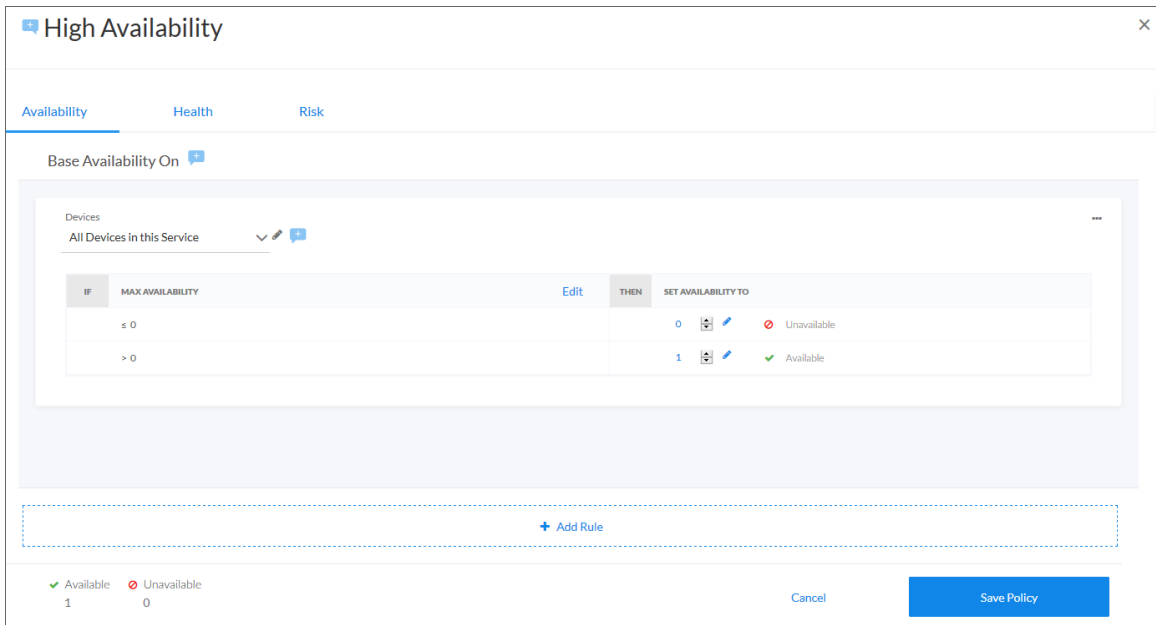
A policy includes a set of **rules**, and each rule can include one to three **conditions**. If you have multiple rules and conditions, *all* rules and conditions on a tab must be met to generate the Availability, Health, or Risk value. In other words, if a rule had three conditions, you would set up the conditions for that rule as an IF, AND, AND, THEN statement.

NOTE: Before you configure your service policy, it is important to understand why each severity is set as a range. For example, Critical for Risk is 81-100. The range allows one rule to be more causal or important than another. For example, suppose a Device Service for Linux servers has two risk rules: one for memory utilization and one for swap utilization. A server that has exhausted memory but still has free swap space to expand into will stay running but will slow down. A server that has exhausted swap space is likely to fail. Therefore, while both statuses can be bad, the lack of free swap space is worse than having low memory. When building Risk rules, we could set 95% memory utilization as Critical with a score of 85, but set Swap at 95% utilization to Critical with a score of 95. This will indicate that swap space is more causal than memory, and that as soon as you fix the swap space issue, you will need to check into the problems with memory.

To create a policy:


1. On the **Business Services** page, select the service for which you want to create a policy. The **Service Investigator** page appears.
2. Click the **[Status Policy]** tab, and then click **Create Policy** in the **Policies** section. A **Create Policy** window appears.
3. Type a policy name and click **[Create Policy]**. The new policy is added to the **Policies** section on the **[Status Policy]** tab.

- Click the **[Actions]** button (⋮) for the new policy and select *Edit*, or click the **[Edit Policy]** button. The **Service Policy Editor** page appears, with a default rule already configured on each tab for Availability, Health, and Risk:



- On the **[Availability]**, **[Health]**, and **[Risk]** tabs, edit the rules and conditions for each of the three values that make up this policy. Each tab uses the same layout.

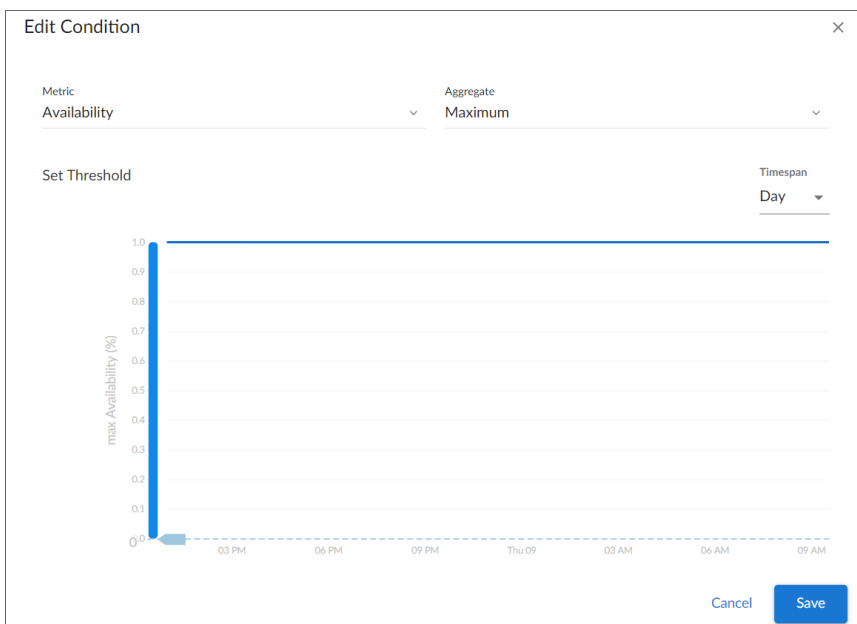
NOTE: Availability is not populated for component devices. Therefore, Availability will have a null value for any Device Service that includes component devices. The null value is displayed as a hyphen. However, a potential alternative is to change the rule from Availability to Count, because Count only considers devices that are shown to be available from a collection perspective.

- In the **Services** or **Devices** drop-down list, select one of the following options to filter the services for this policy, as needed:
 - All Services in this Service* or *All Devices in this Service*. This default setting uses all services or devices that are included in the service.
 - Queried Services* or *Queried Devices*. This setting uses only the devices or services you specify in the **Search** field that appears when you select this option. This setting lets you filter the list of devices or services for this policy.
 - Edit* (pencil icon). Click the **Edit** icon to specify a query to find specific devices. To filter health, availability, or risk based on a specific message text mask, click the  icon to allow for an advanced search. Search using the following format:
event has (message contains 'text mask')

7. To update an Availability, Health, or Risk value for a rule, edit the value in the **SET <VALUE> TO** column:

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
8. To edit the default conditions for an existing rule, click the **[Edit]** button for that rule. The **Edit Condition** window appears:



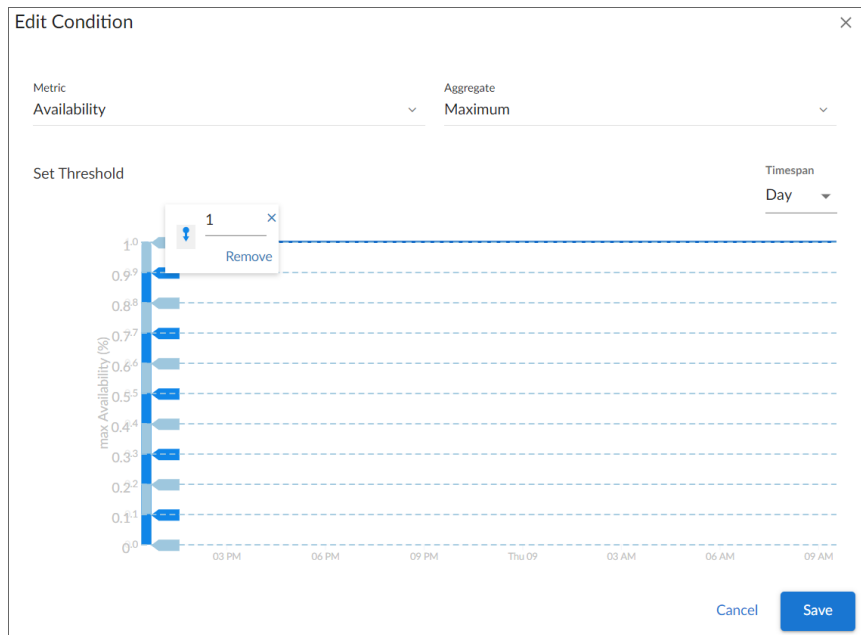
9. Complete the following fields:

- **Metric.** Select the metric you want to monitor for this condition:
 - If this is a business service or an IT service, your options include *Availability*, *Health*, and *Risk* for the services you want to monitor.
 - If this is a device service, select a device metric, such as Vitals like *Availability* and *Latency*, performance metrics, metrics collected by the SL1 Agent, or Dynamic Application metrics.
- **Aggregate.** Select an aggregation method for the data for this condition. Your options include *Average*, *Minimum*, *Maximum*, *Count*, and *Sum*. For example, suppose you have a web server farm consisting of three web servers. You have created a rule for web response time and are building for *Health*.
 - *Minimum* will drive health based on the fastest responding web server.
 - *Maximum* will drive health based on the slowest responding web server.
 - *Average* will drive health based on the average between slowest and fastest. This may give false positives. For example, assume that 5 seconds is the ideal target response time. If web server 1 gives a .1-second response time, web server 2 gives a 5-second response time, and web server 3 gives a 10-second response time, then the average will be 5 seconds, masking the fact that one of the response times is grossly unacceptable.
 - *Count* determines how many devices are currently being included in the Device Service. (The devices must be available as seen on the Device page). This is useful if we need at least 2 out of our 3 web servers to be active at any one time.
 - *Sum* is the result of adding up the value of the metric from all devices currently included in the Device Service. This is useful when you need to know how many devices are available across all the devices in the Device Service.
- **Day.** Select a time frame for the data in the graph in the **Set Threshold** section, below. You can use this graph to select reasonable thresholds for your condition. Your options include *Day*, *Week*, and *Month*.

10. In the **Set Threshold** section, click and drag the slider to specify a threshold for this condition. A small **Threshold** window appears, where you can specify the following threshold details:

- The upper threshold icon () lets you set the highest acceptable number for that condition, including any numbers less than that number. For example, $x \leq 80$.
- The lower threshold icon () lets you set the lowest acceptable number for that condition, including any numbers greater than that number. For example, $x \geq 60$.
- The equals icon () in conjunction with a number lets you set a specific number only for this condition. For example, $x = 75$.
- You can specify a range of values by clicking to add a second slider to the **Set Threshold** graph. For example, $40 < x < 60$.
- You can type a number in the **Threshold** window instead of using the slider.

- If needed, you can add a threshold that extends past the existing Y-axis of the table. The scale of the table automatically adjust to the new value.
- The different ranges for your conditions display in alternating shades of dark blue and light blue:



TIP: If the line below the number in the **Threshold** window is red, then your current threshold is invalid. Click the icons or adjust the slider to make sure the line is not red under the threshold value.

11. To save the conditions and threshold settings and close the **Edit Condition** window, click the **[Save]** button.
12. To add more conditions to a rule, click **Edit** on the **Service Policy Editor** page and follow the instructions in steps 8-11.

TIP: To *remove* a condition from a rule, click the **[Actions]** button (⋮) for that condition and select *Delete*. To *copy* a condition, click the **[Options]** button (⋮) for that condition and select *Duplicate*.

13. If you have more than one rule, select the type of aggregation you want to use in the **Use <type> of rules** field. You can choose to use the minimum, maximum, or average value for the rules.

NOTE: The Availability value calculates only the minimum and maximum values for rules.

14. Edit any additional conditions or rules on the remaining tabs for this policy, and then click the **[Save Policy]** button.

Deleting a Service Policy

On the **Policies** page (Business Services > Policies), you can search for and delete one or more service policies.

To delete a single service policy from the **Policies** page, click the **[Actions]** button for the service policy you want to delete, and then select *Delete*.

To delete multiple service policies from the **Policies** page, select the check boxes of the policies you want to delete, and then click **[Delete Policies]** at the bottom of the page.

NOTE: You can select every visible service policy by selecting one check box and then clicking **[Select All Visible]**, or you can deselect every check box by clicking **[Deselect All]**.

Creating a Service Template

You can create a **service template** from an existing service to simplify the process of replicating an entire service or service hierarchy on another SL1 system. For example, if you want to create the same service hierarchy, but only change the owner of the service hierarchy, creating a service template from an existing service streamlines this process.

To create a service template:

1. On the **Business Services** page, click the **[Actions]** button (☰) for the service you want to use as the basis for your template and select **Create Template**. The **Create Template From Service** window appears. This window contains important information about what you can and cannot do with a service template.

2. After reading the information that appears on the **Create Template From Service** window, click **[Next]**. The next **Create Template From Service** window appears:

Create Template from Business Service

Template Name
Example Template

Description (Optional)

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3. Type a name for the template in the **Template Name** field, and type a description of the template in the **Description** field, if needed. Click **[Next]**. The next **Create Template From Service** window appears:

Create Template from East Coast Services

East Coast Services

DC IT Services

Services Status Policy

Query for the right set of services.

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Search

Dynamic?

Preview: 1 Service

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| DC IT Services | IT Service | IT Service Policy |

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Create Template

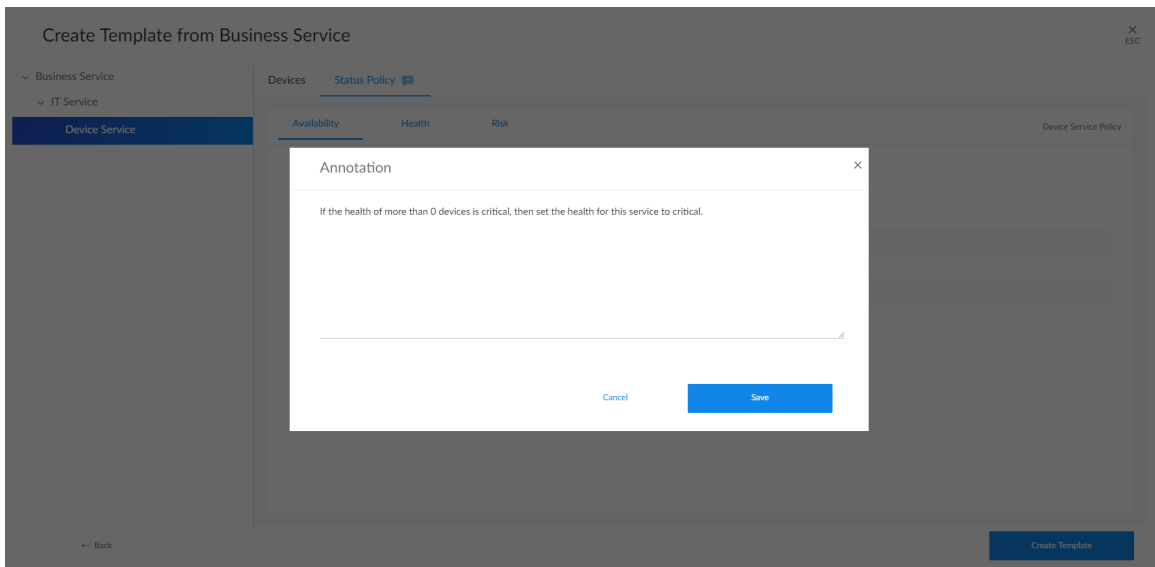
4. The left side of the window displays the tree for the service hierarchy that is being made into a template. You can select each service in the tree to see information related to that service on the right side of the window. For example, if you select a device service, the **Devices** tab displays the search query used for the devices included in that service. If you select a business service or an IT service, the **Services** tab displays the search query for that service. Note the following about the **Dynamic?** slider.
 - If **Dynamic?** is disabled, the template inherits the result of the services inclusion search. This is useful if you want to lock the service tree at the time of template creation. For example, a Managed Service Provider (MSP) might do this to allow end customers to create services from the template but not to modify them. Another use case is if you want to use searches for tags to lock in a set of services that matched the rules at template creation time. By default, **Dynamic?** is disabled.
 - If **Dynamic?** is enabled, the original rule is maintained in the template, so every service tree created from the template will be dynamic based on the services that match the rules.

Query for the right set of services.


Dynamic?

TIP: The search uses the Advanced Search mode that lets you use "AND" or "OR" for multiple search criteria. For more information, see the "Performing an Advanced Search" topic in the *Introduction to SL1* manual.

5. Click the **Status Policy** tab to view the status policy definition for Availability, Health and Risk for that service.
6. On the **Status Policy** tab for a device service, you can add annotations for the policies in the template. When a new user uses the template on another system, your annotations can help that user understand the purpose of this status policy.




- To leave an annotation for a status policy or rule, click the annotation icon () next to the rule or tab. Type your annotation text in the **Annotation** window and click **[Save]**. The annotation icon now displays as solid blue, while empty annotation icons contain a plus sign.
- Click **[Create Template]**. A confirmation window appears stating that you created the template. Click **[Close]**. The template appears on the **Service Templates** page (Business Services > Templates).

NOTE: To delete one or more service templates, select the check boxes of the templates you want to delete from the **Service Templates** page and then click **[Delete Templates]**. You can also select every visible template by selecting one check box and then clicking **[Select All Visible]**, or you can deselect every check box by clicking **[Deselect All]**. Alternatively, you can delete a single service template by clicking the **Actions** button () for that template and then selecting *Delete*.

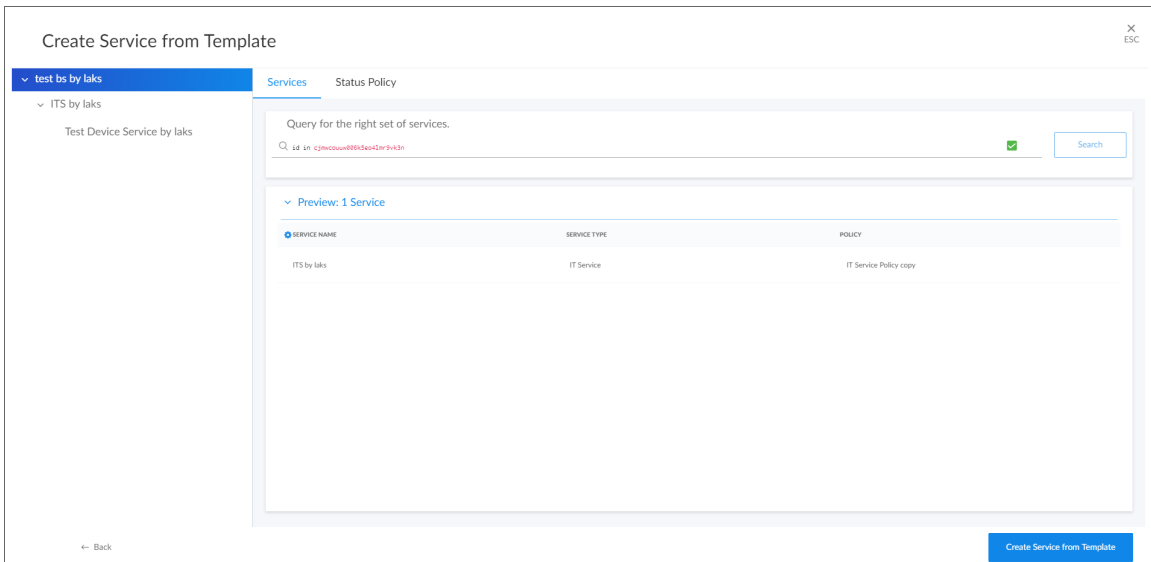
Creating a Service From a Template

To create a service from a template:

- Go to the **Service Templates** page (Business Services > Templates) and click the **[Actions]** button () for the template you want to use and select *Create Service*. The **Create Service from Template** window appears.

TIP: You can also go to the **Business Services** page, click the down arrow on the **[Create Service]** button, and select *Create Service from Template*.

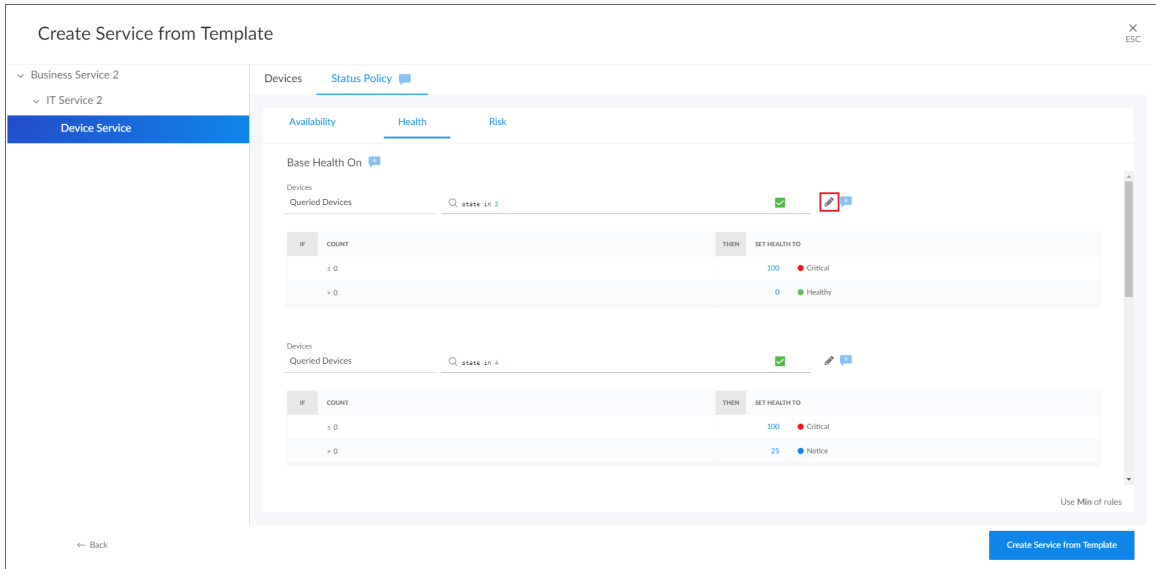
- Select an organization from the **What organization manages this service?** drop-down list and click **[Next]**. The next **Create Service from Template** window appears:



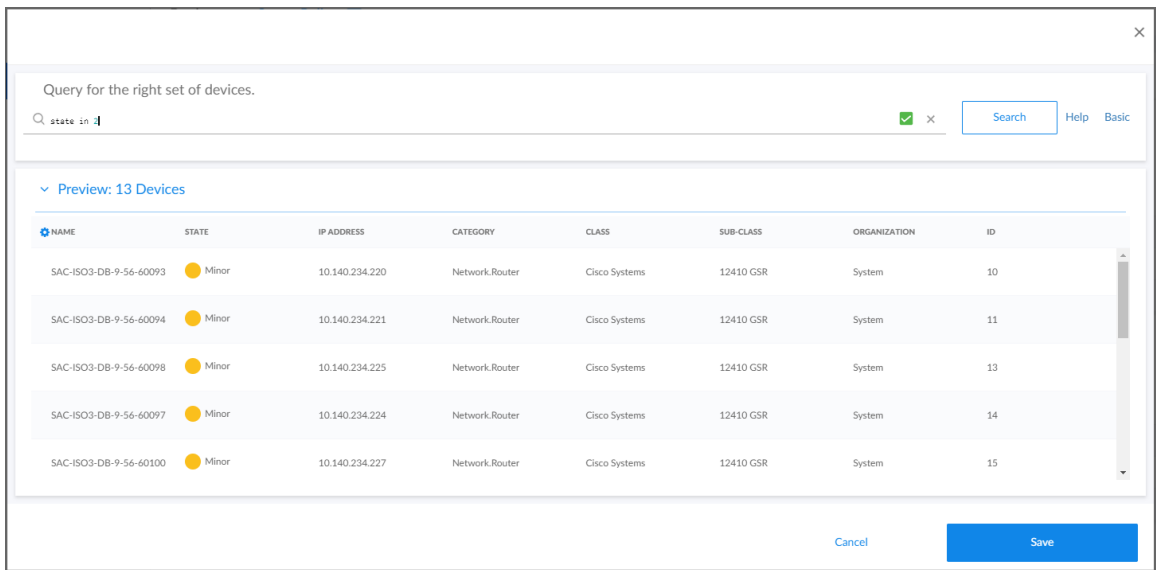
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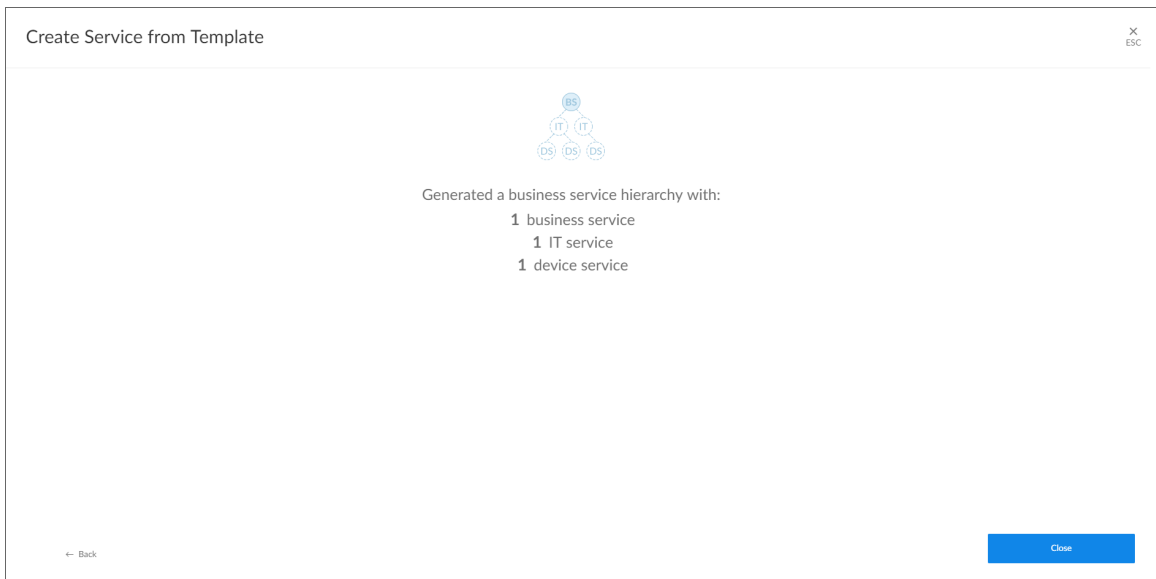
- To edit the names of the services in the hierarchy at the left, click the service name and update the name. Updating the service names is recommended if you are creating the new service on the same system from which the template was created.
- Any annotations for a device service that were added when the template was created will be present, and you can edit them and add new annotations.
- You can edit the rules for Availability, Health, and Risk for a device service in the template.



- To edit a rule, click the gray pencil icon (🖋️) next to the rule, and an edit window appears where you can update the rule:



7. Click the **[Save]** button to close the edit window.
8. Click the **[Create Service from Template]** button to save your service. A confirmation window appears:



9. Click the **[Close]** button. The new services appear on the **Business Services** page.

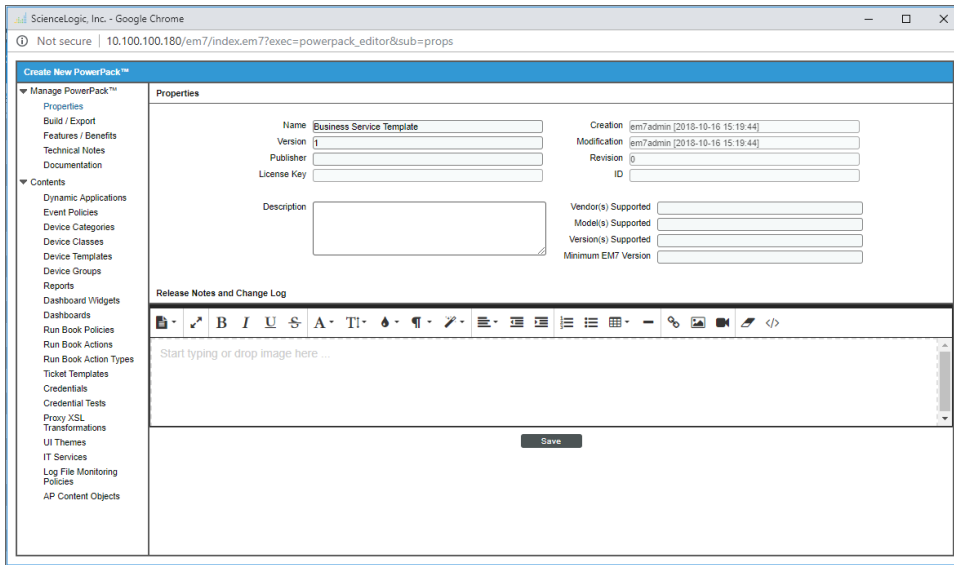
Exporting a Service Template

If you want to use a business service template on another SL1 system, you can package that template into a PowerPack and export it to the other system.

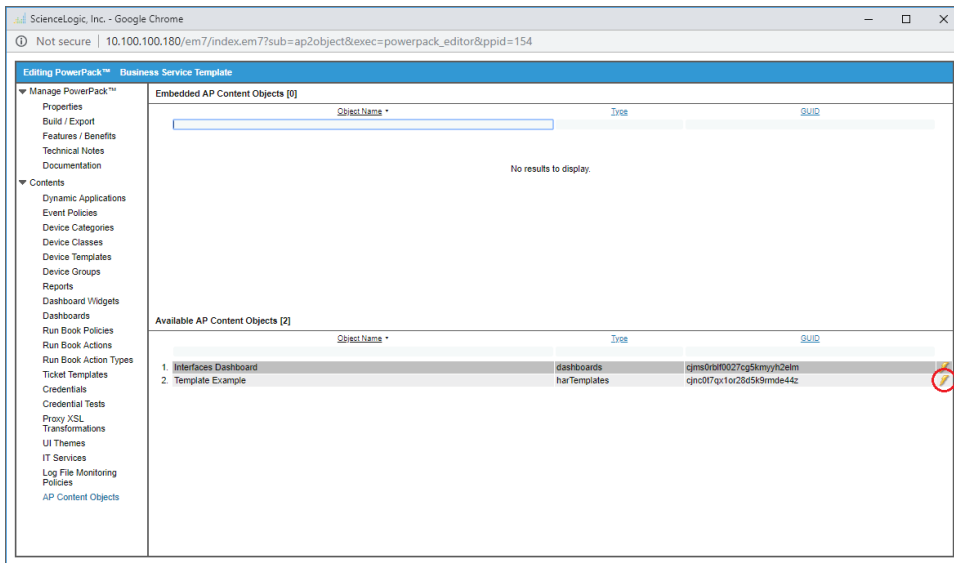
To package and export a service template:

1. Go to **The PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
2. Click the **[Actions]** button and select *Create a New PowerPack*.

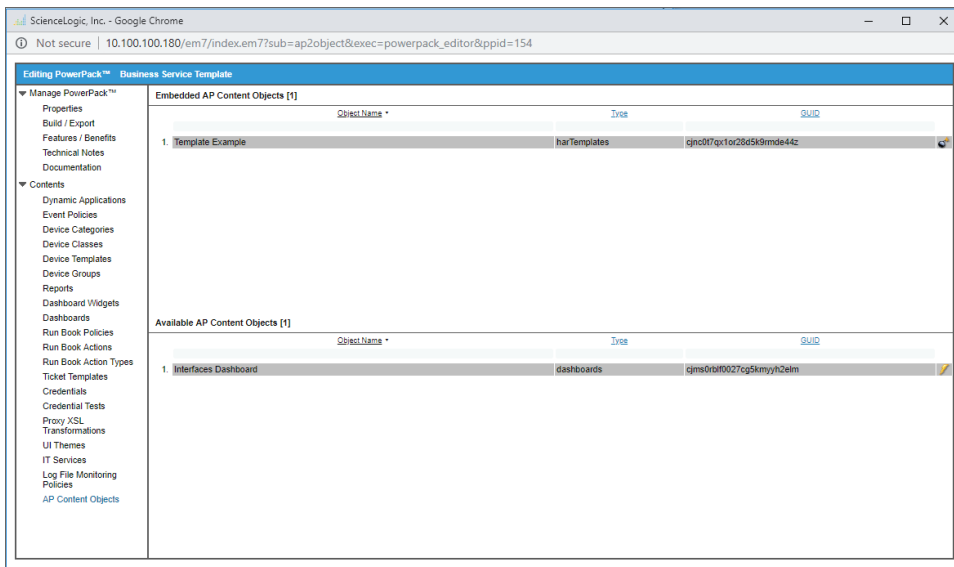
- On the **PowerPack Properties** page, type a name for the PowerPack in the **Name** field and click **[Save]**.



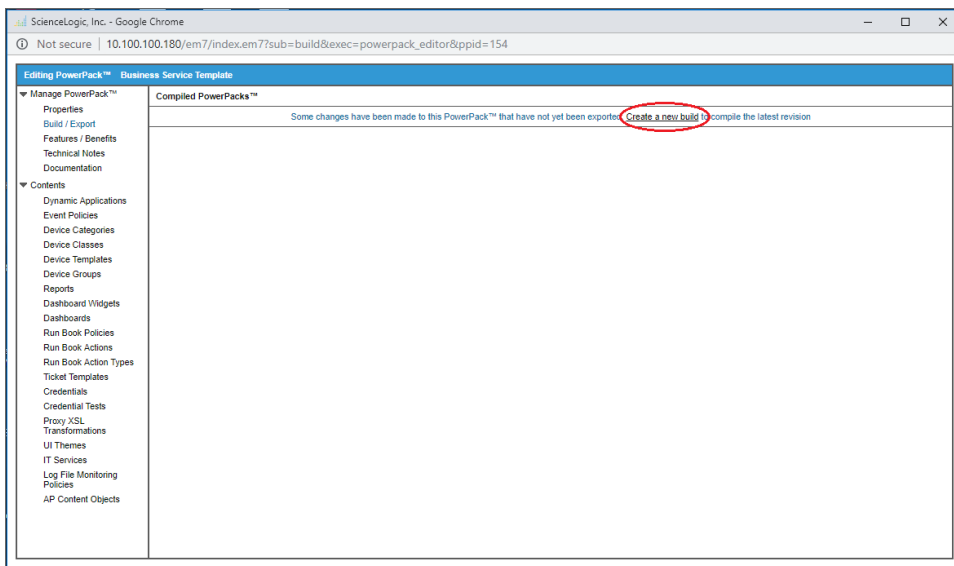
- Select **AP Content Objects** from the left-nav on the **PowerPack Properties** page. Your template appears in the **Available AP Content Objects** pane:



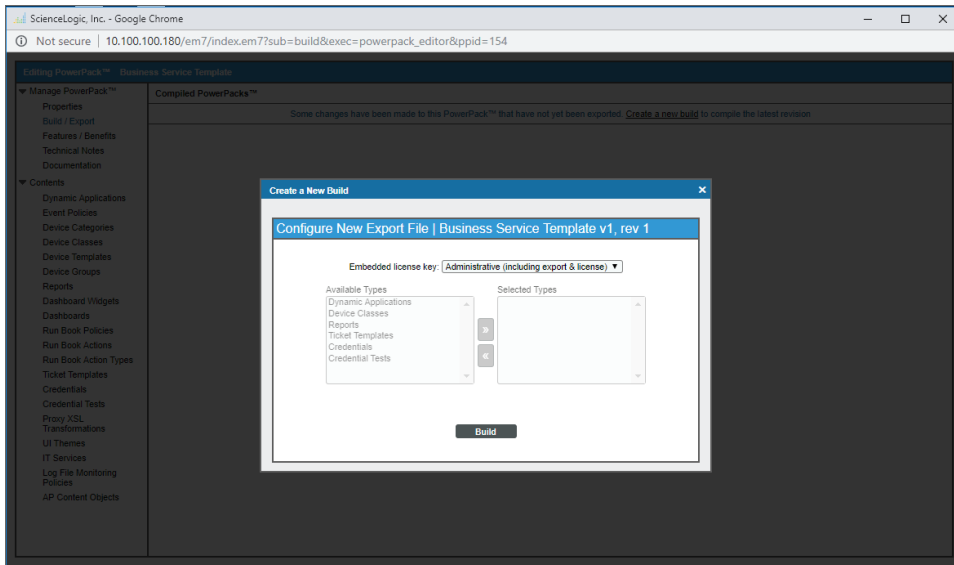
- Click the lightning bolt icon (⚡) next to the template to add it to the PowerPack. The template moves up to the **Embedded AP Content Objects** pane:



- Select **Build/Export** from the left-nav to open the **Compiled PowerPacks** window, and then click the **Create a new build** link:



7. In the **Configure New Export File** window, select *Administrative (including export & license)* from the **Embedded license key** drop-down list. Click **[Build]**.



8. When the PowerPack finishes building, you can download the build with the download icon (📄) and use that file to upload the template to a new SL1 system.

Installing a Template from a PowerPack

1. On the SL1 system where you want to install the template, import the PowerPack on the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
2. After you have imported the PowerPack, click the **[Actions]** button and select *Install PowerPack*.
3. Locate the PowerPack you created in the **Imported PowerPacks** window and click its lightning bolt icon (⚡).
4. When the **Install PowerPack** window appears, click the **[Install]** button.
5. After you install the PowerPack, you can access the template on the Service Templates (Business Services > Templates).

Default Service Policy Settings

The following sections describe how the three default service policies calculate Availability, Health, and Risk:

Device Service Default Policy

Availability: Maximum available: if one device is available, then all are available

Health: Based upon the worst device severity, then uses the following settings:

- Critical = 0-20
- Major = 21-40
- Minor = 41-60
- Notice = 61-80
- Healthy = 81-100

Risk: Based upon the worst device severity, then uses the following percentages:

- Healthy= 0-20%
- Notice = 21-40%
- Minor = 41-60%
- Major = 61-80%
- Critical = 81-100%

IT Service Default Policy

Availability: Maximum available: If one service is available, then all are available

Health: Average Health value of all services

Risk: Maximum Risk value of any service

Business Service Default Policy

Availability: Maximum available: If one service is available, then all are available

Health: Average Health value of all services

Risk: Maximum Risk value of any service

Custom Service Model Default Policy

Availability: Maximum available: If one service is available, then all are available

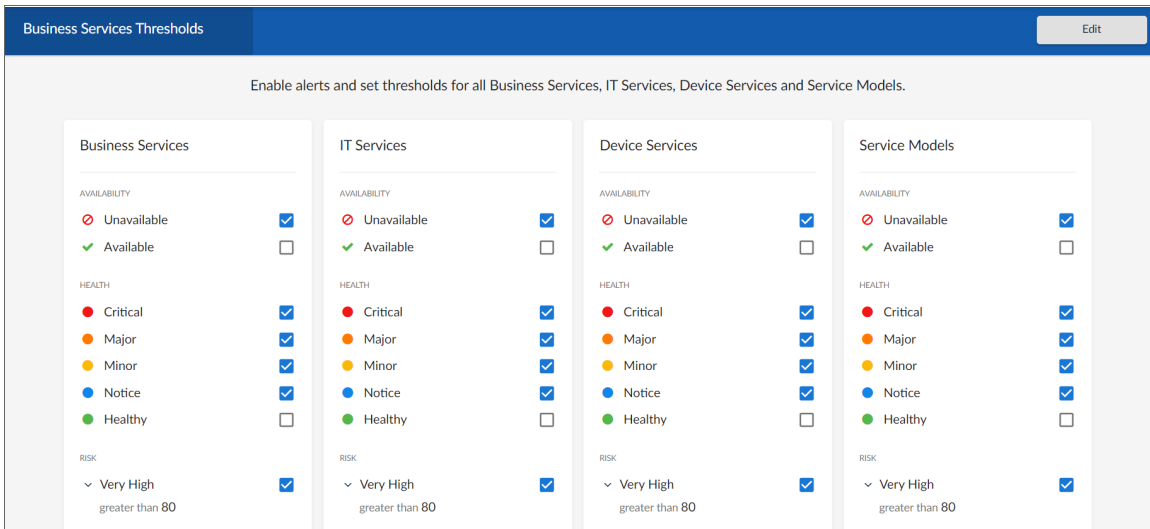
Health: Average Health value of all services

Risk: Maximum Risk value of any service

NOTE: Unlike IT services and business services, which use "0" as the lowest possible Health and Risk values in their default service policies, custom service models use "10" as the lowest Health and Risk values in their default service policies.

Managing Service Thresholds

When SL1 evaluates the state of a service, it reviews the Health, Availability, and Risk values produced by your business services, IT services, devices services, and service models. SL1 then compares those values against the alert thresholds that are defined on the **Business Service Thresholds** page (Business Services > Thresholds).



If any of the thresholds on the **Business Service Thresholds** page are crossed, SL1 generates an alert message. For an event to be produced, you need to create or install an event policy that watches for that alert message and produces an event when it sees that alert message.

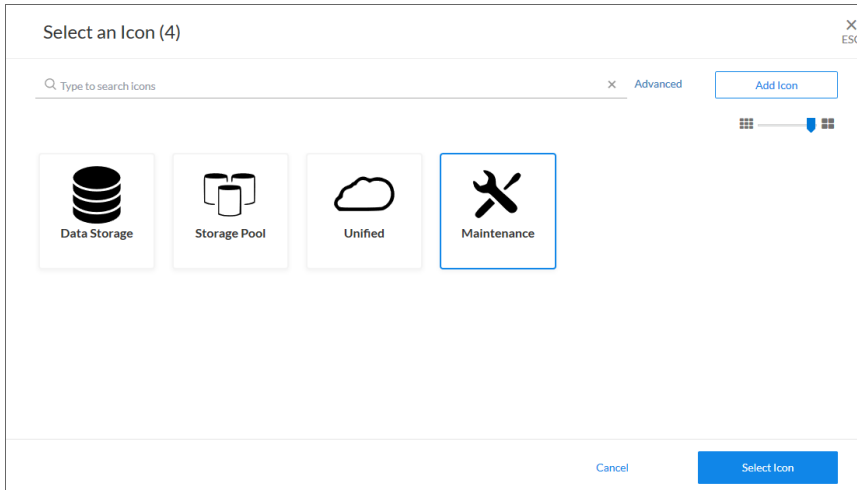
TIP: To update the thresholds on this tab, click the **[Edit]** button, select which thresholds should generate an alert message, and then click **[Save]**.

By monitoring the events tied to your business services, you can act quickly if one of your services is unavailable, unhealthy, or potentially at risk.

Assigning an Icon to a Service

To assign an icon to a service:

1. On the **Business Services** page, locate the service to which you want to add an icon.
2. Click the **[Actions]** button (☰) for that service and select *Assign Icon*. The **Select an Icon** window appears:



3. To use an existing icon, select that icon from the list of icons and click the **[Select Icon]** button.

TIP: If an icon includes a tag, you can search for that icon by typing some or all of the tag text in the **Search** field.

4. To upload an icon from your local drive, make sure that the image file meets the following criteria:
 - The image file should be in .SVG format.
 - The file should not be larger than 40 KB.
 - The file should not be animated.
 - The file should not contain bitmaps

5. To start the upload process, click the **[Add Icon]** button. The **Add an Icon** window appears:

The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Add an Icon" with a close button (X ESC) in the top right corner. The window contains the following elements:

- An "Icon name" input field.
- An "ADD TAGS" section with a "# New tag" input field.
- A "Browse or Drop" area with a dashed border.
- A "REUSE TAGS" section.
- A list of requirements: "Icons must: Be SVG format, Be no more than 40kb, Not be animated, Not contain bitmaps".
- "Cancel" and "Add Icon" buttons at the bottom.

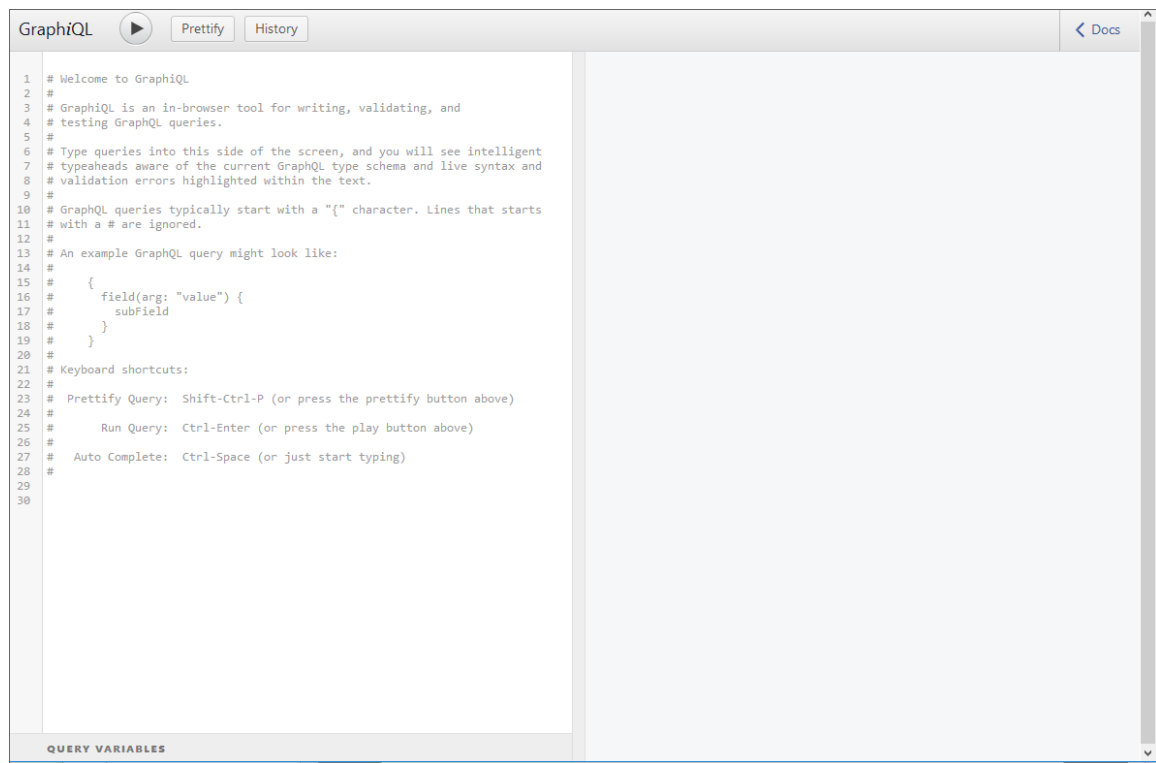
6. In the **Icon name** field, type a name for the icon you want to upload.
7. In the **Add Tags** field, type a short descriptor for the icon, without spaces. You can use this tag for searching later.
8. You can click the **Browse or Drop** area to browse for and select the icon, or you can drag and drop the icon file onto the **Add an Icon** window.
9. Click the **[Add Icon]** button. The icon is added to the **Select an Icon** window.
10. Click the **[Select Icon]** button to add the icon to the service.

Exporting Service Data with the ScienceLogic API

By navigating to the GraphQL interface, you can export business service data with the ScienceLogic API. GraphQL is a user interface for interactively exploring the capabilities of, and executing queries against, a GraphQL API.

To access the GraphiQL interface:

1. In a browser, type the URL or IP address for SL1.
2. Type `/gql` at the end of the URL or IP address. For example, you could type <https://sl1.sciencelogic.com/gql>. The GraphiQL interface appears:



3. In SL1, make a note of the URL that displays for the service you want to export. For example, if you have a service named "East Coast Tech," and its URL in SL1 is <http://sl1.sciencelogic.com/inventory/services/cjumt2se20p3izg6lmiqool5b/overview>. Make a note of the unique value between `/services` and `/overview`. In this example, the value you need is **`cjumt2se20p3izg6lmiqool5b`**.
4. In the GraphiQL interface, create a *harProvider* query for the service you want to export, using the following format:

```
query {harProvider (id:"<Service_URI>") { name} }
```

- where *Service_URI* is the value found in the URL for the Service you want to export.

- Click the **[Execute Query]** (Play) button to tell GraphQL to send the query to the GraphQL server and get the results. Using the example service from step 3, the query and its data appear in the following format:

The screenshot shows the GraphQL interface with a query on the left and its JSON response on the right. The query is:

```

1 {
2   harProvider(id:"cjumt2se20p3izg6lmiqool5b") {
3     name
4   }
5 }

```

The JSON response is:

```

{
  "data": {
    "harProvider": {
      "name": "East Coast Tech"
    }
  }
}

```

- To export additional data, use the filter-while-you-type capabilities of the GraphQL interface to gather other information, such as the collection timestamp, health, availability, and risk:

The screenshot shows the GraphQL interface with a query on the left and its JSON response on the right. The query is:

```

1 {
2   harProvider(id:"cjumt2se20p3izg6lmiqool5b") {
3     name
4     collectionTime
5     health
6     availability
7     risk
8   }
9 }

```

A dropdown menu is open over the 'risk' field, showing a list of suggestions:

- origin
- description
- organization
- referenceFilter
- contactOrganization
- additionalOrganizations
- id
- Float The most recently computed risk for this provider

The JSON response is:

```

{
  "data": {
    "harProvider": {
      "name": "East Coast Tech"
    }
  }
}

```

- After you finish updating your query, click the **[Execute Query]** button.

The screenshot shows the GraphQL interface with the updated query on the left and its JSON response on the right. The query is:

```

1 {
2   harProvider(id:"cjumt2se20p3izg6lmiqool5b") {
3     name
4     collectionTime
5     health
6     availability
7     risk
8   }
9 }

```

The JSON response is:

```

{
  "data": {
    "harProvider": {
      "name": "East Coast Tech",
      "collectionTime": 1558531800,
      "health": 50,
      "availability": 1,
      "risk": 80
    }
  }
}

```


- To return to the SL1 user interface, replace the "gql" and any text after it in the URL with "ap2", such as <https://sl1.sciencelogic.com/ap2>.

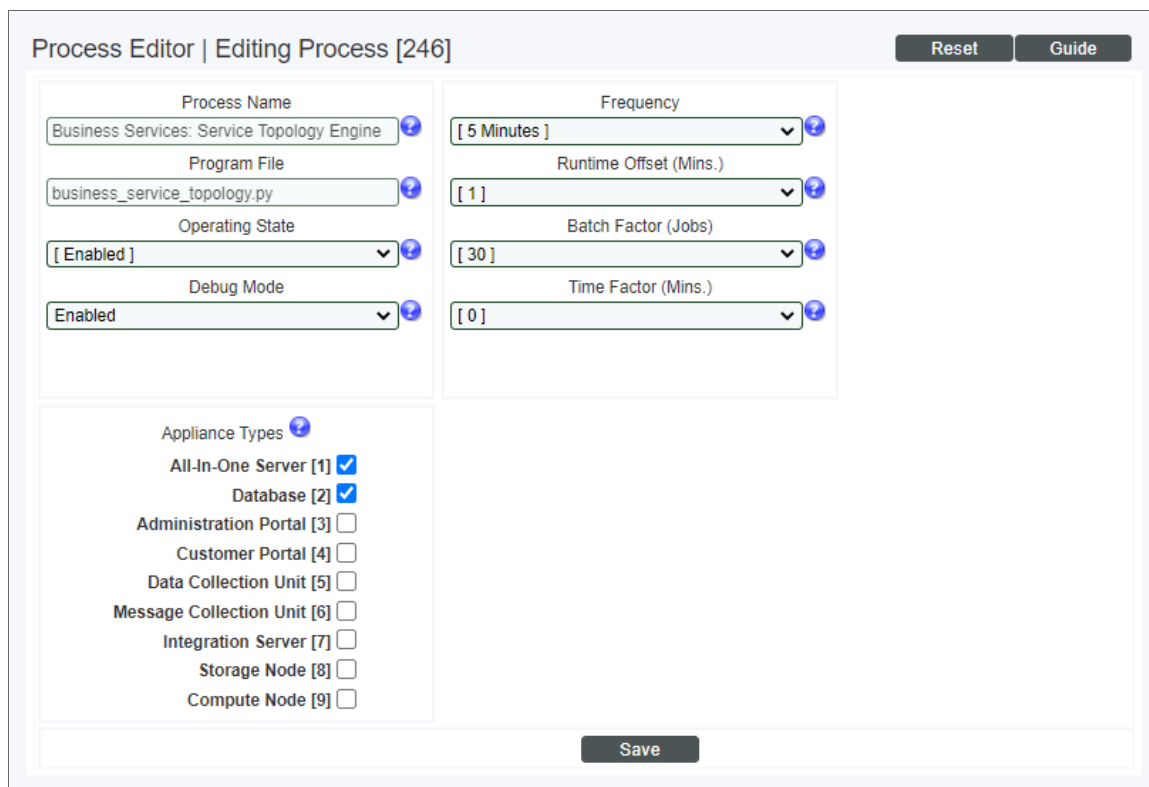
TIP: For more information about GraphQL and the GraphiQL user interface, see the [ScienceLogic GraphQL API Quick Start Guide](#).

Tuning the Processing Interval

After you have some business services created and running, you might want to examine and minimize your latency and mean time to restore (MTTR) between when an issue occurs and when you are notified. Two key timings you should understand are how long the "Business Service Management Engine" and "Business Services Topology Engine" processes take to execute. After you understand the timings, you can set the intervals to suit your specific needs. For an introduction to these processes, see [Administrative Processes for Business Services](#).

To determine the processing interval, temporarily enable debugging for both processes:

1. Go to the **Admin Processes** page (System > Settings > Admin Processes).
2. Locate the "Business Service Management Engine" and "Business Services Topology Engine" processes by typing "Business" in the **Process Name** field.
3. For each admin process, do the following:
 - a. Click the wrench icon () to edit the process. The **Process Editor** modal page opens.



The screenshot shows the "Process Editor | Editing Process [246]" modal window. It features a "Reset" button and a "Guide" button in the top right corner. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Process Name:** A text input field containing "Business Services: Service Topology Engine".
- Program File:** A text input field containing "business_service_topology.py".
- Operating State:** A dropdown menu set to "[Enabled]".
- Debug Mode:** A dropdown menu set to "Enabled".
- Frequency:** A dropdown menu set to "[5 Minutes]".
- Runtime Offset (Mins.):** A dropdown menu set to "[1]".
- Batch Factor (Jobs):** A dropdown menu set to "[30]".
- Time Factor (Mins.):** A dropdown menu set to "[0]".
- Appliance Types:** A list of appliance types with checkboxes:
 - All-In-One Server [1]
 - Database [2]
 - Administration Portal [3]
 - Customer Portal [4]
 - Data Collection Unit [5]
 - Message Collection Unit [6]
 - Integration Server [7]
 - Storage Node [8]
 - Compute Node [9]

A "Save" button is located at the bottom center of the modal.

- b. In the **Debug Mode** field, select *Enabled*.
- c. Click **[Save]**.

Let the processes run in debug mode for about 30 minutes. This will give you an idea of the current timing for the processes. After that time has elapsed, review the logs as follows.

To review the debug logs for the processes:

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. At the command line, enter the following:

```
sudo grep -i "Business Services on demand processing" /var/log/em7/silo.log
```
4. Note how many seconds the process took to execute. For example, if on-demand processing shows that it took 400 seconds, on average, you know that you need an interval of at least seven minutes.
5. Now review the Topology Engine logs. Enter the following at the command line:

```
sudo grep -i "Business Services Topology Processing" /var/log/em7/silo.log
```
6. Note how many seconds the process took to execute.

Choosing Processing Intervals

When you have collected the information about how long each process takes to execute, you can decide on your settings. For example, if the "Business Service Management Engine" process completes in seven minutes, your interval should be at least seven minutes. If you want a buffer, you can round it up to 10 minutes. If the "Business Services Topology Engine" process completes in about two minutes, you can set it to five minutes if you want a buffer.

You should consider the following when choosing processing intervals for these processes:

- Since the Topology Engine calculates relationships, if devices and services are not changing frequently, then an interval of five minutes is fine in the above example. If you expect more frequent changes, minimize your interval for this process.
- You will want to stagger the processes so that the Service Management Engine executes after the Topology Engine by setting the intervals and an offset.

For example, if you want to set the Topology Engine to run at five minute intervals, then in the **Process Editor** modal page (System > Settings > Admin Processes > wrench icon), first set the "Business Service Management Engine" process as follows:

- Set the **Frequency** to *10 minutes*.
- Set the **Runtime Offset** to *5 minutes* (the processing frequency for our Topology Engine)
- Set **Debug Mode** to *Disabled*.
- Click **[Save]**.

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Process Name Business Services: Service Management Engi | Frequency 10 Minutes |
| Program File business_service_mgmt.py | Runtime Offset (Mins.) 5 |
| Operating State [Enabled] | Batch Factor (Jobs) [30] |
| Debug Mode Disabled | Time Factor (Mins.) [0] |

Appliance Types

- All-In-One Server [1]
- Database [2]
- Administration Portal [3]
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- Data Collection Unit [5]
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Save

Then, in the **Process Editor** modal page (System > Settings > Admin Processes > wrench icon), first set the "Business Service Topology Engine" process to have a **Frequency** of 5 minutes.

Process Editor | Editing Process [246]
Reset Guide

| | |
|---|--|
| Process Name <input type="text" value="Business Services: Service Topology Engine"/> | Frequency <input type="text" value="[5 Minutes]"/> |
| Program File <input type="text" value="business_service_topology.py"/> | Runtime Offset (Mins.) <input type="text" value="[0]"/> |
| Operating State <input type="text" value="[Enabled]"/> | Batch Factor (Jobs) <input type="text" value="[30]"/> |
| Debug Mode <input type="text" value="[Disabled]"/> | Time Factor (Mins.) <input type="text" value="[0]"/> |

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NOTE: Remember to disable Debug Mode when you set your new intervals.

Performance Considerations

When choosing your interval, note that you will get the benefit of decreased latency but more time spent aggregating results if you set the interval to a low number. If we look at the example provided above, our values will put the machine at load 70 percent of the time. With an interval of 15 minutes, the machine would be at load less than 50 percent of the time. The "Business Service Management Engine" process uses more of your CPU resources than the "Business Service Topology Engine" process, but the latter process is also less important for improving MTTR.

If you change your interval settings and notice decreased performance of the SL1 user interface, the problem could be that the "Business Service Management Engine" process is using too many resources relative to your typical stack usage patterns. Consider temporarily disabling that process or increasing the interval to see if the user interface performance improves. If your problems persist, see the "Advanced Troubleshooting" section in the *Troubleshooting Business Services* chapter.

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
Using the Service Investigator

Overview

This chapter describes how to use the **Service Investigator** page for a particular business, IT, device service, or custom service model.

For more information on how you can use the features on the **Service Investigator** page to help you avoid business service impact and lower Mean Time to Repair (MTTR), watch the video at <https://sciencelogic.com/product/resources/avoid-business-service-impact>.

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 the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon (.

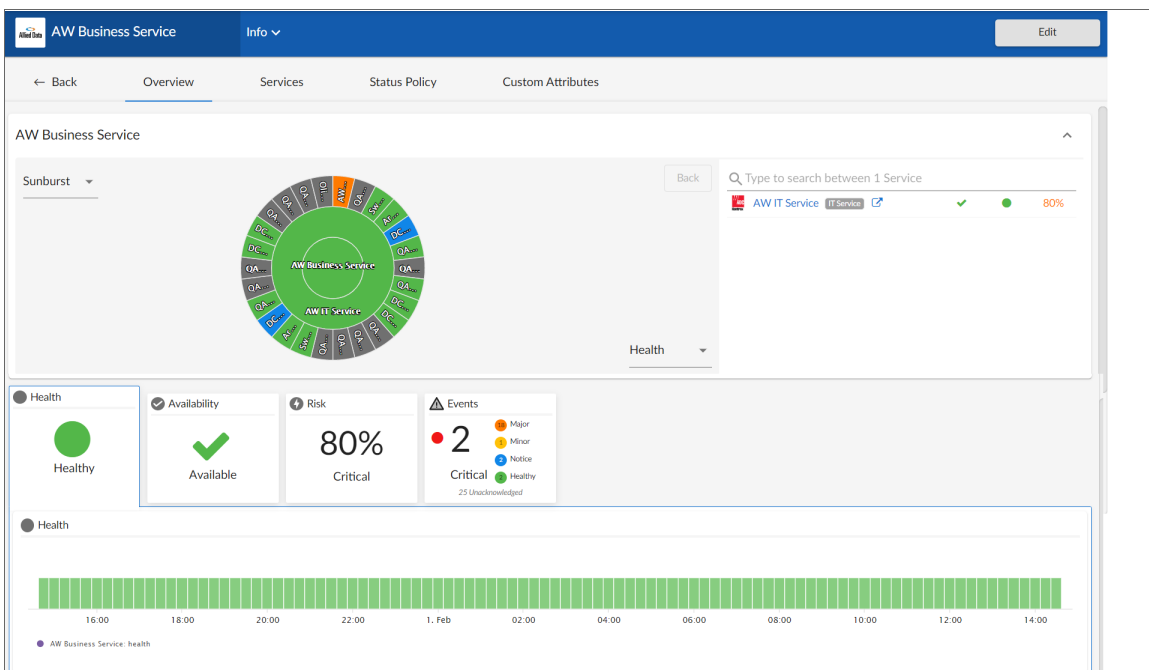
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Viewing the Service Investigator

To view the **Service Investigator** page, select a service from the list on the **Business Services** page (🔍).



The Tabs on the Service Investigator Page

The **Service Investigator** page contains the following tabs:

- [Overview](#)
- [Services/Devices](#)
- [Status Policy](#)
- [Custom Attributes](#)

Each of these tabs is described in the following sections.

The Overview Tab

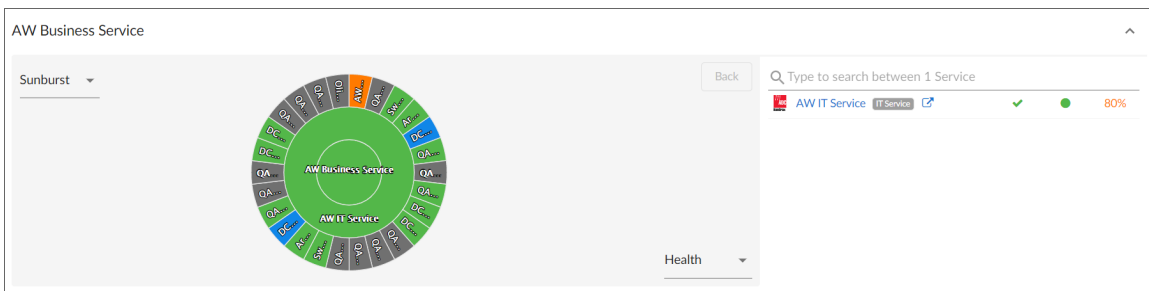
The **[Overview]** tab provides a single-page view of your services. This tab enables users to determine the **behavioral correlation** between a service's health, availability, and risk values and the events, anomalies, or other causes that might be impacting those values. This behavioral correlation feature provides users with a "big picture" view of the service and enables them to determine the root cause of any problems the service might be experiencing and then troubleshoot those problems.

The **[Overview]** tab consists of the following widgets:

- [Sunburst](#) or [Map](#) dashboard widget
- [Health, Availability, and Risk](#) widgets
- [Change Events widget](#)
- [Events widget](#)
- [Anomalies widget](#)

Each of these widgets is described in the following sections.

Sunburst Widget



The top dashboard widget of the **[Overview]** tab displays either a *Sunburst* chart view or a *Map* view of your services. Use the drop-down menu in the top left corner of the widget to select which view you want to appear.

When you select the *Sunburst* view:

- The left pane includes a sunburst chart that displays the current Health, Availability, and Risk values for the service, as well as for any constituent IT services or device services that belong to that top-level service. For device services, the sunburst includes the device name and Health values for any devices that belong to the service. Additionally, this pane indicates the maximum number of constituent services or devices that will be used for computing health, availability, and risk.
- The right panel includes a list of constituent services or devices. Each service in this panel includes icons that represent that service's Availability, Health, and Risk metrics; devices include icons that represent each device's Health value. The right panel also includes a search bar at the top of the panel that enables you to search for specific constituent services or devices.

In the sunburst chart, the center circle represents the selected service. The selected service drives the context for the page title and **Info** drawer, as well as all the other panels and widgets on the **[Overview]** tab. This means that the right panel, widgets, and other elements on the page will all reflect the metrics for the service in the center circle of the sunburst.

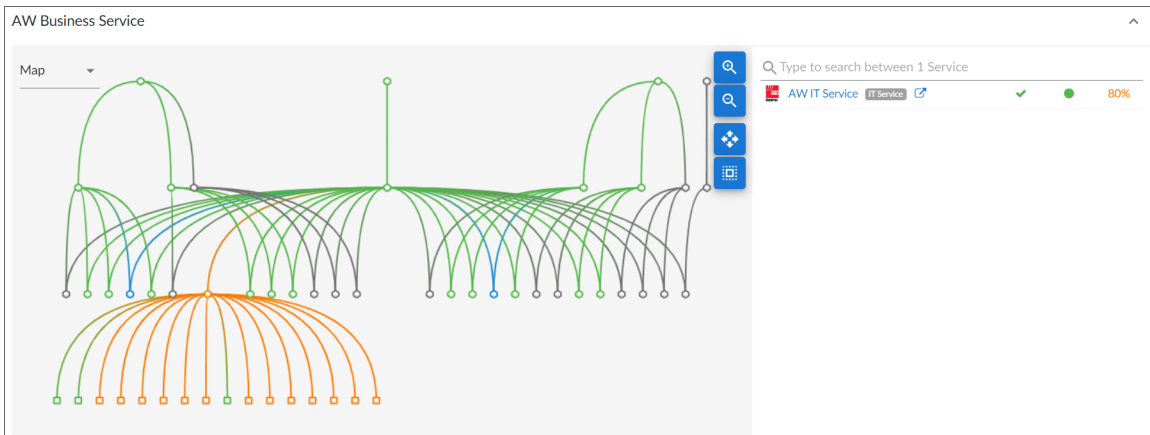
You can navigate through services on the widget in the following ways:

- In the left panel, you can click any of the constituent IT services or device services in the sunburst to select that service. To return to the parent IT service or business service, click the center circle or click the **[Back]** button.
- In the right panel, you can click the service name of any of the constituent IT services or device services to select that service. To return to the parent IT service or business service, click the breadcrumb links that appear in the top-left corner of the widget.

By default, the sunburst displays the Health value for the selected service and its constituent services or devices. To view the current Availability or Risk value for the selected service, click the drop-down button in the lower-right corner of the left pane and select *Availability* or *Risk*.

To collapse the sunburst widget, click the up arrow icon (^) in the top-right corner of the widget. To reopen it, click the down arrow icon (v).

Map Widget







The top dashboard widget of the **[Overview]** tab displays either a *Sunburst* chart view or a *Map* view of your services. Use the drop-down menu in the top left corner of the widget to select which view you want to appear.

When you select the *Map* view:

- The left pane includes a map of the service and any constituent services and devices that belong to that top-level service.
- The right panel includes a list of constituent services or devices. Each service in this panel includes icons that represent that service's Availability, Health, and Risk metrics; devices include icons that represent each device's Health value. The right panel also includes a search bar at the top of the panel that enables you to search for specific constituent services or devices.

In the map view, you can click on the top-level service or any of its constituent services or devices. The selected service drives the context for the page title and **Info** drawer, as well as all the other panels and widgets on the **[Overview]** tab. This means that the right panel, widgets, and other elements on the page will all reflect the metrics for the service that you have clicked in the map view.

In the map view, use the following buttons to manipulate the map in the left pane:

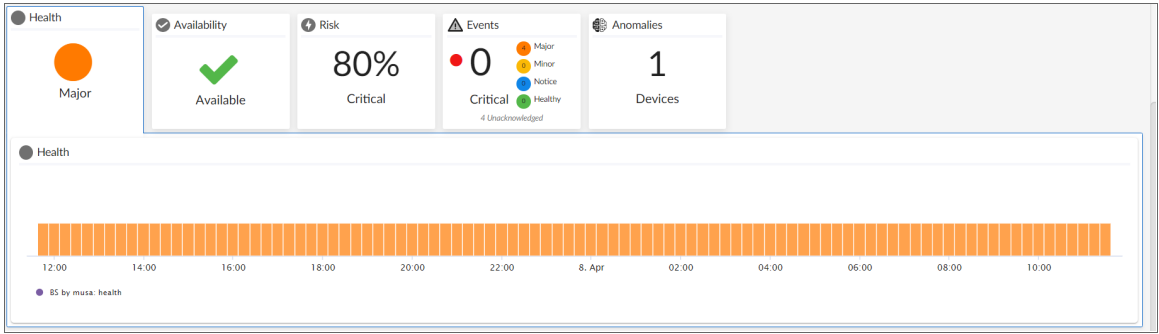
-  : Zoom in on the map.
-  : Zoom out on the map.
-  : Fit all elements of a map into the viewing pane.
-  : Center all selected elements of a map in the viewing pane.

The viewing pane displays the following two types of graphical elements:

1. **Nodes** that represent Devices, Topology Elements, and Business Services defined in SL1. The shape of the node represents its type: Services, such as business services, IT services, or device services, are represented by hexagons, while devices are represented by squares. The color of the outline specifies the current state of the node.
2. **Edges** are lines that represent the relationships and hierarchies between nodes.

TIP: When you hover over a node, a pop-up **Properties** pane appears with the metadata for that node. Click the **[Go to service]** or **[Go to device]** link at the top of the pane to open the **Investigator** page for that service or device in a new browser window.

Health, Availability, and Risk Widgets



The **Health**, **Availability**, and **Risk** widgets display a time series chart with the historical values of those metrics for the selected service from each polling cycle over the previous 24 hours.

From these widgets, you can do the following:

- Hover your mouse over the chart to view the value for each polling cycle from the previous 24 hours.
- Click and drag your mouse over a series of bars in the chart to zoom in on that specific timespan. To return to the 24-hour view, click **[Reset zoom]**.
- Click a specific polling cycle to view the historic Health, Availability, and Risk values for that polling cycle.

TIP: If the **RCA Options** field is enabled, you can also view Root Cause Analysis information for the service to help you troubleshoot the root cause of a particular Health, Availability, or Risk value for a specific polling cycle. To view Root Cause Analysis information, click one of the polling cycles in the time series chart. For more information, see [Using the Root Cause Analysis Feature](#).

NOTE: For more information about Health, Availability, and Risk, see the section [Understanding Health, Availability, and Risk](#).

Change Events Widget


The **Change Events** widget can be used by SL1 PowerFlow users. This widget displays a list of events that are created when PowerFlow pulls change data from ServiceNow, including both active and cleared change events.

The **Change Events** widget tile displays the number of active change events that are impacting the service.

NOTE: The **Change Events** widget appears only if it has been properly [configured and enabled](#).

From the **Change Events** widget, you can do the following:

- Use the drop-down menu to choose which type of change events display in the widget: *Active Events* or *Cleared Events*.
- Use the search field to search for specific change events.

- For active events that are aligned to devices, click the down-arrow icon () next to the event to open the Event Drawer panel, which displays 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 timespan by clicking the **[Reset zoom]** button.
 - **Tools.** A set of network diagnostic tools or user-initiated actions that you can run on the device associated with the event. Click the search bar to search for a tool or action to run, or click one of the default tools or actions that are available based on the device type and your user permissions.
 - **Logs.** A list of the log entries from the device's log file, sorted from newest to oldest by default.
- View the **Organizational Summary** page for the organization aligned with an active event by clicking the link in the **Organization** column.
- View the **Service Investigator** or **Device Investigator** page for the service or device aligned with an active event by clicking the link in the **Name** column.
- View the **Event Investigator** page for an active event by clicking the link in the **Message** column.
- View the ServiceNow ticket associated with an active event by clicking the link in the **Ticket External Reference** column.
- Acknowledge an active event by clicking the **[Acknowledge]** button. When you acknowledge an event, you let other users know that you are aware of that event, and you are working on a response.
- Clear an active event by clicking the **[Clear]** button. When you clear an event, you let other users know that the event has been addressed.
- Create a ticket from an active event.
- View the event policy for an active event.
- Select multiple active events for action using the check boxes next to the events.

Configuring and Enabling the Change Events Widget

To use the **Change Events** widget, you must first configure and enable the widget. To do so, perform the following steps:

1. Ensure that you are running SL1 version 11.1.0 or greater and have *Business Services Base Pack PowerPack v2.1* or greater installed in SL1. For more information, see the chapter on "Installing a PowerPack" in the **PowerPacks** manual.
2. Ensure that you are running SL1 PowerFlow platform version 2.2.2 or greater and have *ServiceNow Change Management Synchronization PowerPack v3.2.0* or greater installed in PowerFlow. For more information, see the **ServiceNow Change Management Synchronization PowerPack** manual.
3. In SL1, [create a SOAP/XML credential](#) to connect with PowerFlow and make note of its credential ID.
4. In PowerFlow, [sync SL1 devices with ServiceNow](#) and make note of the **Configuration** field value in the Sync Devices from SL1 to ServiceNow application.
5. In SL1, open the "ServiceNow: Send Change Request Event to PowerFlow" Run Book Action (which is included in the *Business Services Base Pack PowerPack v2.1* and greater) and [edit the input parameters](#) to

include the credential ID from step 3 and the **Configuration** field value from step 4.

6. Do one of the following:

- Permanently enable the **Change Events** widget by [editing the NextUI configuration file](#) on your SL1 system.
- Temporarily enable the **Change Events** widget by [running a GraphQL mutation](#) on your SL1 system.

Creating a SOAP/XML Credential for PowerFlow

To create a SOAP/XML credential to connect SL1 with PowerFlow:

1. Follow the steps in the section on "Creating a SOAP/XML Credential for PowerFlow" in the **Monitoring SL1 PowerFlow** manual.
2. After saving the credential, make note of the credential ID. This number can be found at the top of the **Edit SOAP/XML Credential** modal or in the **ID** column on the **Credentials** page (Manage > Credentials) or **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).



Syncing SL1 devices with ServiceNow

To sync SL1 devices with ServiceNow:

1. Follow the steps in the section on "Running a Device Sync" in the **ServiceNow CMDB Synchronization PowerPack** manual.
2. In the **Configuration** pane of the "Sync Devices from SL1 to ServiceNow" application, make note of the value in the **Configuration** field.

Editing the Run Book Action

To edit the input parameters in the "ServiceNow: Send Change Request Event to PowerFlow" Run Book Action:

1. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
2. Locate the *Business Services Base Pack* PowerPack and click its wrench icon (). The **Editing PowerPack** modal appears.
3. In the **Editing PowerPack** modal, click **Run Book Actions** in the left Navbar. The **Embedded Run Book Actions** page appears in the modal.
4. Click the wrench icon () for the "ServiceNow: Send Change Request Event to PowerFlow" Run Book Action. The **Policy Editor** modal appears.
5. In the **Policy Editor** modal, make the following edits to the **Input Parameters** field:
 - Replace `<sl1 credential id for powerflow>` with the credential ID of the [SOAP/XML credential you created for PowerFlow](#).
 - Replace `<pf config id>` with the **Configuration** field value from the ["Sync Devices from SL1 to ServiceNow" application in PowerFlow](#).

6. Click **[Save]**, then exit the **Policy Editor** modal.
7. Exit the **Editing PowerPack** modal.

Permanently Enabling the Widget

To permanently enable the Change Events widget using the NextUI configuration file:

1. Start an SSH session into the Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance.
2. Using vi or another text editor, edit the `/opt/em7/nextui/nextui.conf` file. To do so, enter the following at the shell prompt:

```
sudo vi /opt/em7/nextui/nextui.conf
```

3. Add the following line at the bottom of the NextUI configuration file:

```
BUSINESS_SERVICES_CHANGE_EVENTS_TAB=enabled
```

4. Save your changes, and then restart the NextUI service by running the following command:

```
sudo systemctl restart nextui
```

Temporarily Enabling the Widget

To temporarily enable the Change Events widget using GraphQL:

1. To access the GraphiQL interface, type the URL or IP address for SL1 in a browser, add `/gql` to the end of the URL or IP address, and press **[Enter]**. The GraphiQL interface appears.
2. In the main query pane, type the following mutation:

```
mutation updateChangeEventsTab {
  updateFeatureToggle (
    id: "system:BUSINESS_SERVICES_CHANGE_EVENTS_TAB"
    value: "enabled"
  ) {
    id
    value
  }
}
```

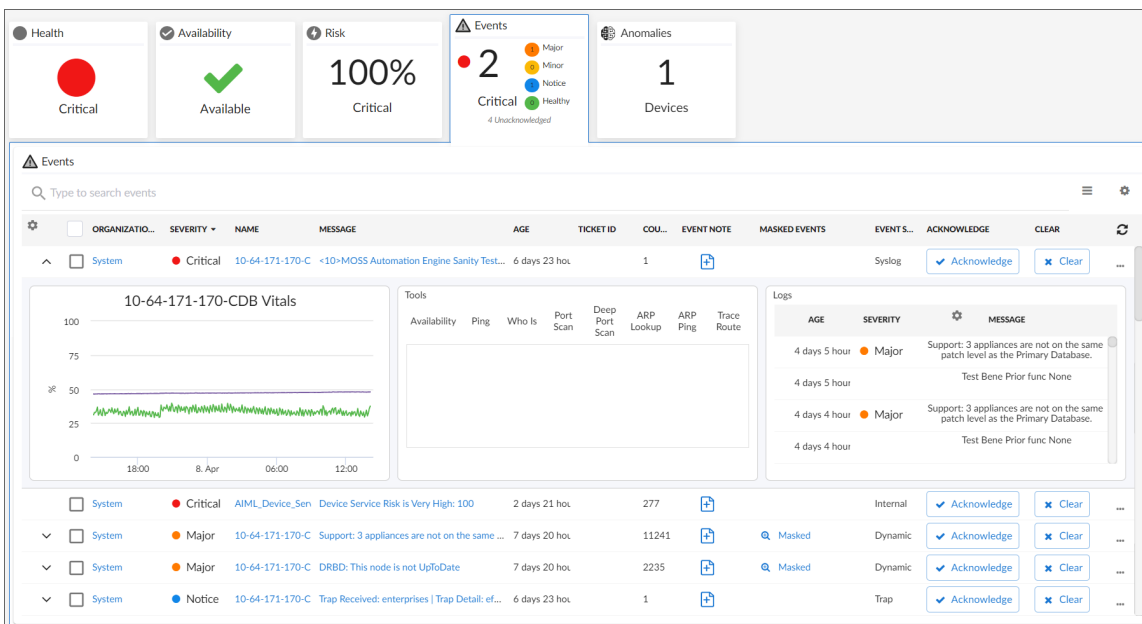
TIP: Click the **[Prettify]** button to format the mutation and to add syntax highlighting to make the mutation easier to read. Note that the *Prettify* process removes the `query` syntax if only one query is present in the main query pane.

3. Click the **[Execute Query]** (Play) button. The mutation executes, and the results appear in the pane on the right side.

NOTE: If the **Change Events** widget does not appear in SL1 after executing the mutation, refresh the page using the F5 key or clicking the refresh button in your web browser.

NOTE: For more information about GraphQL, see the [GraphQL documentation](#). For more information about the GraphiQL user interface, see the [GraphiQL user interface documentation](#).

Events Widget



The **Events** widget displays a list of events for the selected service. This widget has much of the same functionality as the **Events** page.

NOTE: The **Events** widget tile displays the number of events of each severity type, after masking, that are currently impacting the service. When opened, the **Events** widget lists all events impacting the service, including masked events. Therefore, the number of events that appear in the widget tile might be smaller than the number of events that appear in the opened widget.

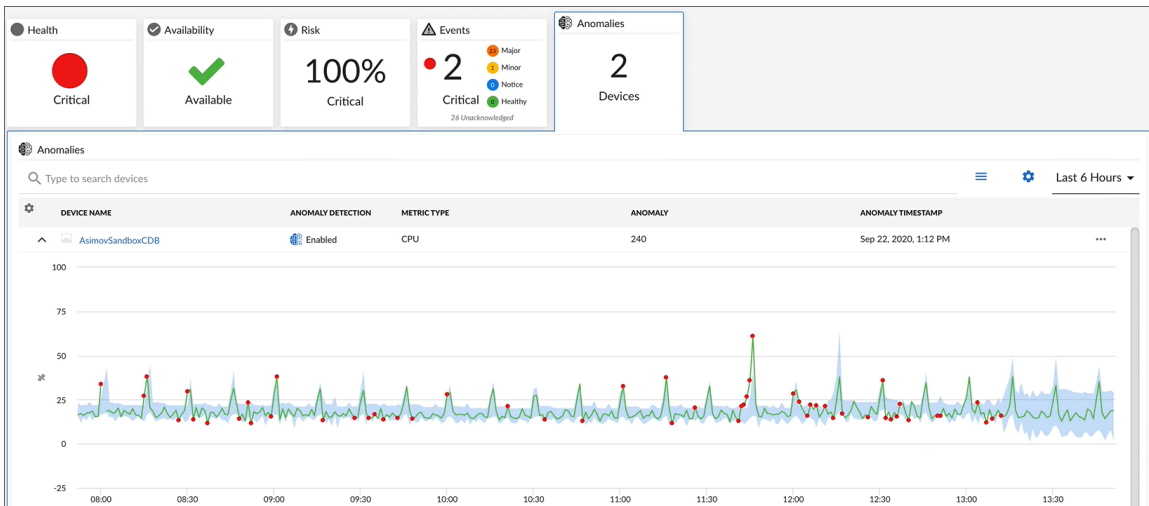
From the **Events** widget, you can do the following:

- Use the search field to search for specific events.
- For events that are aligned to devices, click the down-arrow icon (▼) next to the event to open the Event Drawer panel, which displays 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 timespan by clicking the **[Reset zoom]** button.

- **Tools.** A set of network diagnostic tools or user-initiated actions that you can run on the device associated with the event. Click the search bar to search for a tool or action to run, or click one of the default tools or actions that are available based on the device type and your user permissions.
 - **Logs.** A list of the log entries from the device's log file, sorted from newest to oldest by default.
- View the **Organizational Summary** page for the organization aligned with the event by clicking the link in the **Organization** column.
 - View the **Service Investigator** or **Device Investigator** page for the service or device aligned with the event by clicking the link in the **Name** column.
 - View the **Event Investigator** page for the event by clicking the link in the **Message** column.
 - View or edit event notes by clicking the **Note** icon (📝) in the **Event Note** column or by clicking the **[Actions]** button (⋮) and selecting *Edit Event Note*. Event notes 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 service or device you are monitoring.
 - View more information about masked events by clicking the magnifying glass icon (🔍) or the **Masked** link in the **Masked Events** column. Masked events are related events that occur in quick succession on a single device or service that are rolled up and posted together under one event description, with only the highest severity event displayed.
 - Acknowledge the event by clicking the **[Acknowledge]** button. When you acknowledge an event, you let other users know that you are aware of that event, and you are working on a response.
 - Clear the event by clicking the **[Clear]** button. When you clear an event, you let other users know that the event has been addressed.
 - Create a ticket from the event.
 - View the event policy.
 - View a log of automations that have occurred for the event by clicking the **[Actions]** icon (⋮) and selecting *View Automation Actions*.
 - Select multiple events for action using the check boxes next to the events.

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| <p>NOTE: For more information about events, see the Events manual.</p> |
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Anomalies Widget



The **Anomalies** widget displays a list of devices within the selected service that have anomaly detection enabled.

NOTE: The **Anomalies** widget appears only if you have at least one device in the selected service that has anomaly detection enabled. For more information about enabling anomaly detection, see the *Machine Learning and Anomaly Detection* manual.

NOTE: Machine learning and anomaly detection are available only in SL1 Premium solutions. To upgrade, contact ScienceLogic Customer Support.

The **Anomalies** widget displays the following information about each device and metric in the list:

- **Device Name.** Displays the name of the device. Click the hyperlink to go to the **[Machine Learning]** tab of the **Device Investigator** for the device.
- **Anomaly Detection.** Indicates whether anomaly detection is enabled or disabled for the device and metric.
- **Metric Type.** Indicates the metric that SL1 is evaluating for anomalies on the device.
- **Anomaly.** The most recent anomaly value for the metric listed in the *Metric Type* column.
- **Anomaly Timestamp.** The time at which the most recent anomaly occurred.

From the **Anomalies** widget, you can do the following:

- Use the search field to search for specific devices.
- Click the expand icon (∨) next to the device name to open a graph showing the anomalies detected for the device during the selected time span. This graph displays:

- A blue band representing the range of probable values that SL1 expected for the device metric.
- A green line representing the actual value for the device metric.
- A red dot indicating anomalies where the actual value appears outside of the expected value range.

NOTE: You can use the time span filter on the **Anomalies** widget to adjust the time span of anomalies that appears in the graph. The default filter is *Last 24 hours*, but you can select a time span ranging from *Last Hour* up to *Last 2 Years*.

For more granularity, you can hover over any part of the graph with your mouse to see the exact historical values for each polling cycle. Also, you can zoom in on a shorter time frame by clicking and dragging your mouse over the part of the chart representing that time frame, and you can return to the original time span by clicking the **[Reset zoom]** button.

- Enable or disable anomaly detection on the devices listed by clicking the **[Actions]** icon (⋮) and selecting *Enable* or *Disable*.

The Services/Devices Tab

For business services and IT services, the **[Services]** tab displays the services currently being used in the service; for device services, the **[Devices]** tab displays devices included in the service. You can edit the query at the top of the tab to control which services or devices appear on the page when you click **[Search]**.

The screenshot shows the 'Services' tab for a 'DCM IT Service'. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Query for the right set of services.' and a search input field containing 'Id: ckyf13sj020nuq3fpv33...'. Below the search bar is a table with the following data:

| SERVICE NAME | TYPE | AVAILABILITY | HEALTH | RISK | POLICY |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|------|-----------------|
| DCM Device Service | Device Service | ✓ Available | ● Notice | 80% | DCM test policy |

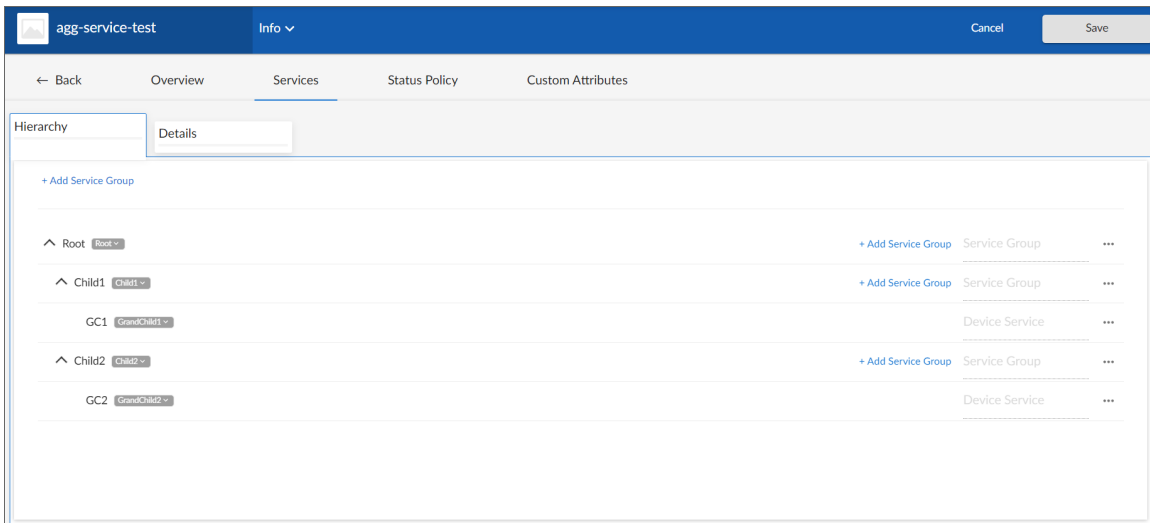
NOTE: The "ANY" search option is disabled on the **[Services]** or **[Devices]** tab.

NOTE: For more information about the **[Services]** or **[Devices]** tab for business services, IT services, and device services, see the section on [Creating Business, IT, or Device Services](#).

For custom service models, the **[Services]** tab displays two tabs:

- **Hierarchy**. Enables you to edit your service hierarchy by adding, moving, or deleting service groups.
- **Details**. Includes two sub-tabs:
 - **Overview**. Enables you to update the managing organization and visible organizations for the individual levels within your service model hierarchy.
 - **Status Policy**. Enables you to create a new status policy or apply an existing status policy for the individual levels within your service model hierarchy.

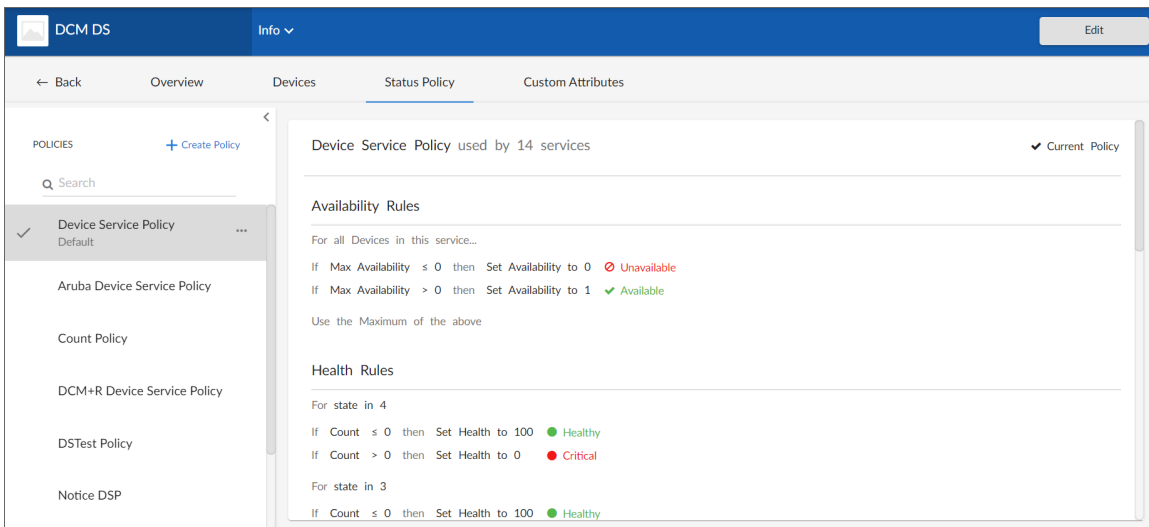
To make changes on either of these tabs, click **[Edit]**, make your updates, and then click **[Save]**.



NOTE: For more information about the **[Services]** tab for service models, see the section on [Creating a Custom Service Model](#).

The Status Policy Tab

The **[Status Policy]** tab displays a list of all the policies of that service type that are currently in the system and that can be chosen to associate with the service being viewed.



On this tab, you can change the policy used by a service, and you can also create a new service policy. A **Default** label appears next to the default policies.

NOTE: For more information about selecting or changing a service policy, see the section on [Selecting a Service Policy](#). For more information about creating a new service policy, see the section on [Creating a Service Policy](#).

Depending on the thresholds you configured on the **Business Services Thresholds** page (Business Services > Thresholds), SL1 generates an alert message if a threshold is crossed.

NOTE: For more information about thresholds, see the section on [Managing Service Thresholds](#).

The Custom Attributes Tab

The **[Custom Attributes]** tab displays a list of all of the custom attributes that are aligned with your service. On this tab, you can align additional custom attributes to the service, edit the values for the custom attributes, and unalign custom attributes from the service.

| DISPLAY NAME | VALUE TYPE | VALUE | ATTRIBUTE TYPE |
|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| Example_Service_CA_2 | String | | Base |
| Example_Service_CA_3 | Integer | 0 | Base |

Custom Attributes are customized name-value pairs. You can use custom attributes to add custom fields to services. In SL1, you can create and update custom attributes via the API, in configuration Dynamic Applications, and on the **Custom Attributes** page (Manage > Custom Attributes).

You can use custom attributes when importing services from an integrated system to handle incoming properties that are not defined in SL1.

There are two categories of custom attributes:

- **Base Custom Attributes.** Base custom attributes for services are aligned to all services. Therefore, all base custom attributes in your SL1 system that have a **Resource Type** of Service will appear on the **[Custom Attributes]** tab for all services. You can edit the value of a base custom attribute for a particular service, but you cannot unalign a base custom attribute from a service.
- **Extended Custom Attributes.** Extended custom attributes that have a **Resource Type** of Service can be aligned individually to one or more services. For example, you could align an extended custom attribute only to those services to which the custom field applies. You can also edit an extended attribute value for a particular service or unalign an extended custom attribute from a service.

From the **[Custom Attributes]** tab, you can click the **[Edit]** button to do the following:

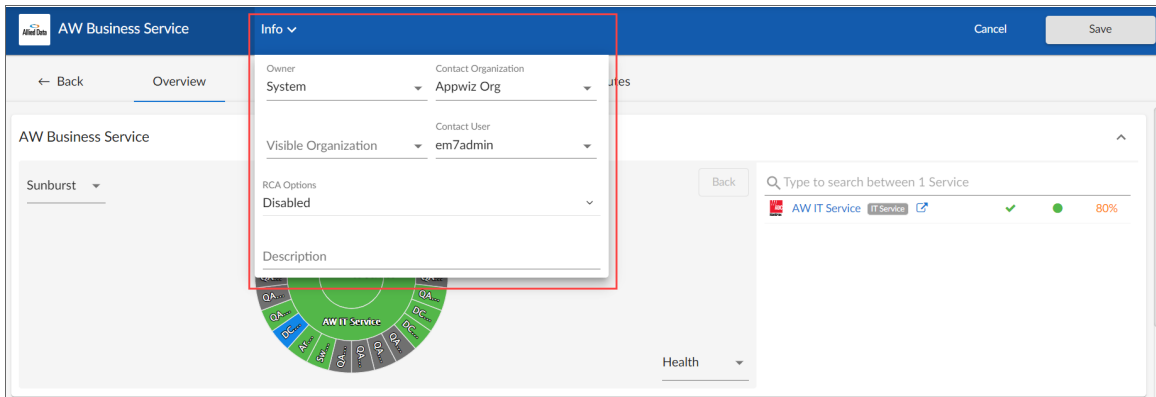
- Click **[Align Attribute]** to align an extended custom attribute to the service and define its value.
- Click the **Actions** button (⋮) and then select *Edit Attribute* to edit an attribute value.
- Click the **Actions** button (⋮) and then select *Unalign Attribute* to unalign an extended custom attribute.

NOTE: Custom attributes cannot be used in dashboards for business services.

NOTE: For more information about custom attributes, see the "Custom Attributes" chapter in the *Device Management* manual.

The Info Drawer on the Service Investigator Page

The **Info** drawer at the top of the **Service Investigator** page displays the following:



- **Owner.** The organization that owns the service.
- **Contact Organization.** The organization that should be contacted with any questions about the service.
- **Visible Organizations.** A list of organizations from which you can select devices to use in Device Services or IT Services. For example, if you selected Acme for this field, then any service that is aligned with Acme can access devices in the Acme organization. This implies the devices can be included in IT Services. There are two uses for Visible Organizations:
 1. *Device Services.* Allow the inclusion of devices from the owning organization, as well as the visible organizations.
 2. *IT Services.* Allow the inclusion of Device Services from the owning organization, as well as the visible organizations.
- **Contact User.** The user who should be contacted with any questions about the service.
- **RCA Options.** Allows you to enable or disable the Root Cause Analysis feature, an advanced feature for troubleshooting. For more information, see [Using the Root Cause Analysis Feature](#).

NOTE: Root Cause Analysis is a beta feature.

- **Description.** A description of the service. You can use this field as a metadata tagging field that can be exploited in the search by a parent service. For example, if a collection of Device Services all have a description of "Shared Infrastructure", then an IT Service can search to include every Device Service in the same organization that has a description of "Shared Infrastructure". As you add more "Shared Infrastructure" device services, the IT Service will automatically expand to include them. This makes building service trees quick and self-maintaining, without resorting to rigid service names.
- **Include devices from visible organizations.** Allows you to include devices from other organizations in a Device Service. Turn the toggle on (blue) to include other organizations' devices; turn it off (gray) to exclude other organizations' devices. This option appears only on the **Service Investigator** page for Device Services.

NOTE: Click the **[Edit]** button to edit the content on all three tabs and to edit the fields on the **Info** drawer. You can also edit the service name and the icon associated with the service. Click **[Save]** to save your changes.

Using the Root Cause Analysis Feature

SL1 users can use the **Root Cause Analysis** feature to determine what is causing a service to be unhealthy, troubleshoot that service, and refine their policies.

NOTE: When you enable Root Cause Analysis on a business service or IT service, it will also implicitly enable Root Cause Analysis on any child IT services or device services.

NOTE: Root Cause Analysis is a beta feature.

Enabling Root Cause Analysis

To enable Root Cause Analysis:

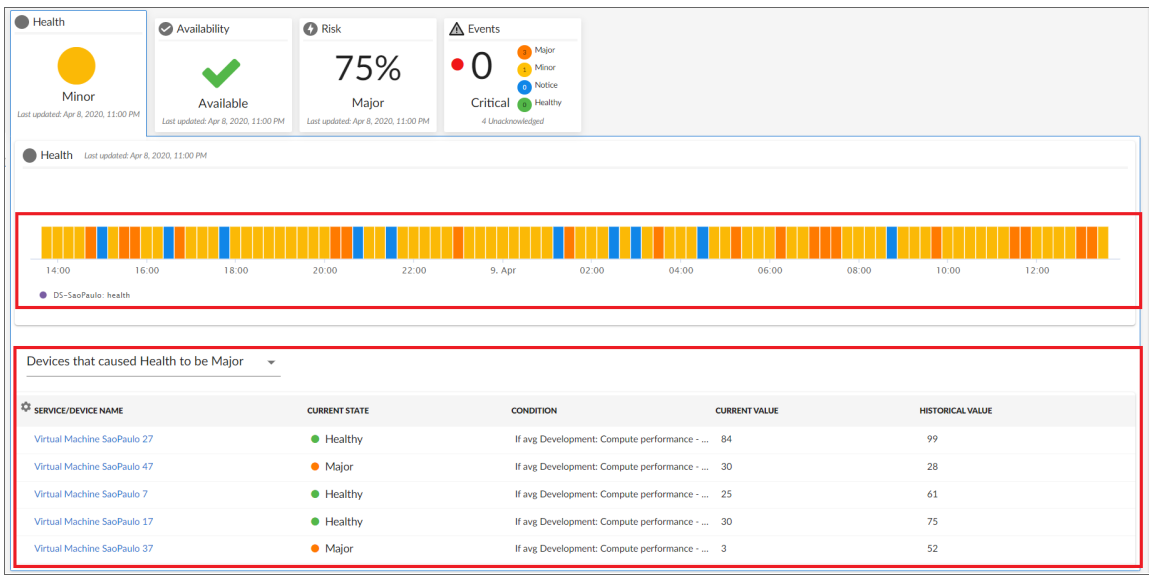
1. Click on the **Business Services** icon (🏠) to go to the **Business Services** page.
2. Click the **Name** of an existing service. The **Service Investigator** page for that service displays.
3. On the **Service Investigator** page, click **[Edit]**.
4. Click the **Info** drawer and select one of the following options from the **RCA Options** drop-down:
 - *Disabled*. The Root Cause Analysis feature is disabled.
 - *Enabled (contributors only)*. The Root Cause Analysis feature is continuously enabled only for contributing rules and devices. When you select this option, a full analysis will be generated and saved in the time series chart, but it will exclude results from non-contributing rules and devices.
 - *Enabled (next run only)*. The Root Cause Analysis feature is enabled only for the next data collection.
 - *Enabled*. The Root Cause Analysis feature is continuously enabled for all rules and devices. When you select this option, a full analysis will be generated and saved in the time series chart, and it will include results from non-contributing rules and devices.

NOTE: You might experience performance slowdown if Root Cause Analysis is continuously enabled.

5. Click **[Save]**.

Viewing Root Cause Analysis

You can view the Root Cause Analysis for a service's Health, Availability, or Risk metrics by clicking one of the time stamps in the time series chart for that metric. When you do so, a pane appears that explains which child devices or services contributed in the calculation for the resulting Health, Availability, or Risk for the selected time period:



The following columns appear on the Root Cause Analysis pane:

- **Service/Device Name.** The name of the service or device that contributed to the Health, Availability, or Risk status for the selected time period.
- **Current State.** The current Health, Availability, or Risk status for the service or device.
- **Condition.** The equation that is used to determine the Health, Availability, or Risk status for the service or device.
- **Current Value.** The current Health, Availability, or Risk value for the service or device, as determined by the value of the equation used in the **Condition** column.
- **Historical Value.** The Health, Availability, or Risk value for the service or device for the selected time period, as determined by the value of the equation used in the **Condition** column.



TIP: You can click on any of the column heading labels to sort the Root Cause Analysis pane by the values in that column.

Troubleshooting Business Services

Overview

This chapter covers some of the issues you might encounter while working with services and policies on the **Business Services** page, and how to resolve those issues.

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 the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ().

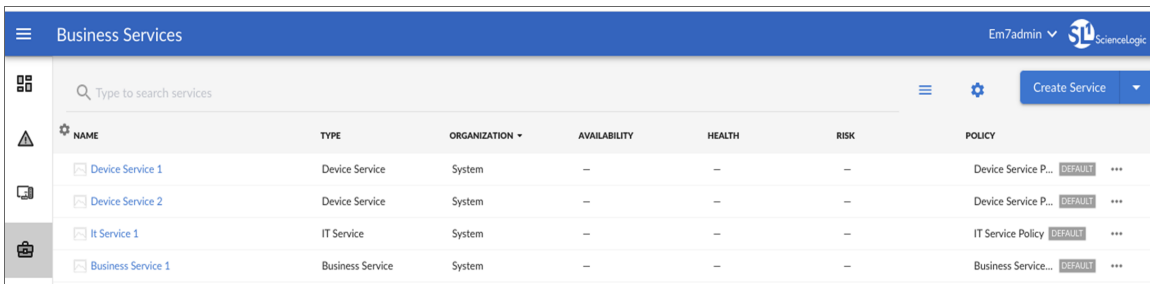
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Business Services Have Empty Values

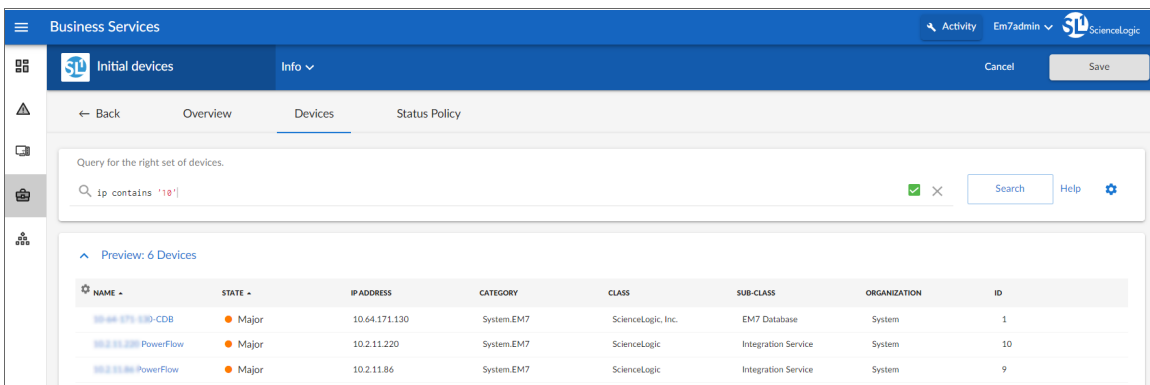
All Business Services Have Empty Values

If all of your business services show empty values, as shown in the figure below, ensure that you have given your admin processes adequate time to complete. To populate these values, both the "Business Services: Service Management Engine" and "Business Services: Service Topology Engine" processes must run once. With default settings, it could take up to 30 minutes to see your first results.



| NAME | TYPE | ORGANIZATION | AVAILABILITY | HEALTH | RISK | POLICY |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|------|---------------------------------|
| Device Service 1 | Device Service | System | - | - | - | Device Service P... DEFAULT *** |
| Device Service 2 | Device Service | System | - | - | - | Device Service P... DEFAULT *** |
| IT Service 1 | IT Service | System | - | - | - | IT Service Policy DEFAULT *** |
| Business Service 1 | Business Service | System | - | - | - | Business Service... DEFAULT *** |

In SL1 platform version 10.1.0 and later, services are not evaluated if they have an empty filter. For more information on using a filter, see the section on [Creating a Service](#). The figure below shows the results of using a filter to find all devices for which the IP address contains "10".



| NAME | STATE | IP ADDRESS | CATEGORY | CLASS | SUB-CLASS | ORGANIZATION | ID |
|-----------|-------|---------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|----|
| CDDB | Major | 10.64.171.130 | System:EM7 | ScienceLogic, Inc. | EM7 Database | System | 1 |
| PowerFlow | Major | 10.2.11.220 | System:EM7 | ScienceLogic | Integration Service | System | 10 |
| PowerFlow | Major | 10.2.11.86 | System:EM7 | ScienceLogic | Integration Service | System | 9 |

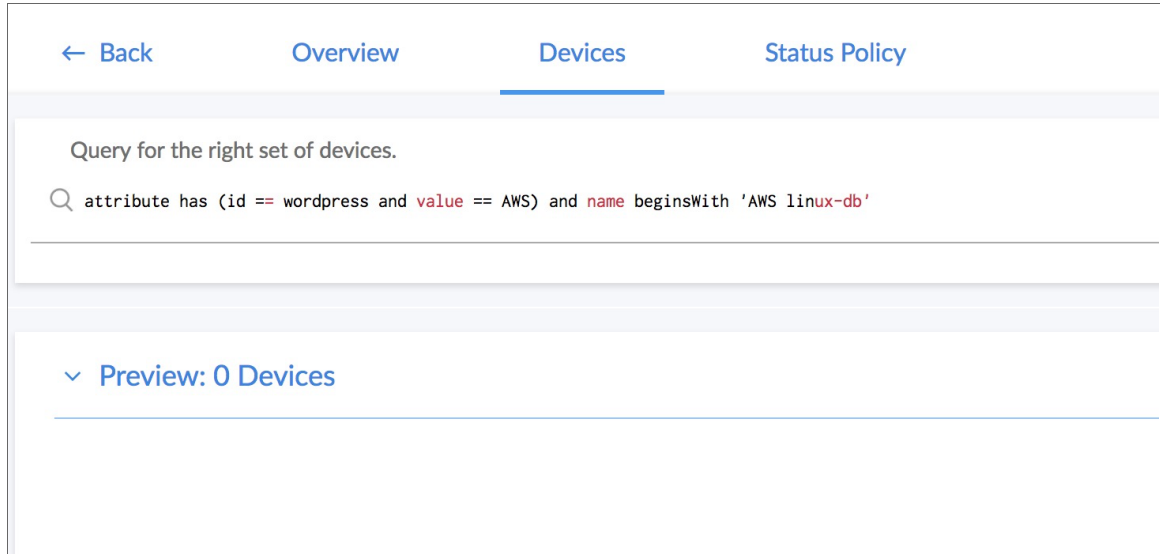
Some Business Services Have Empty Values

If only some of your business services are missing values, troubleshoot using the following procedure.

To troubleshoot a business services missing values:

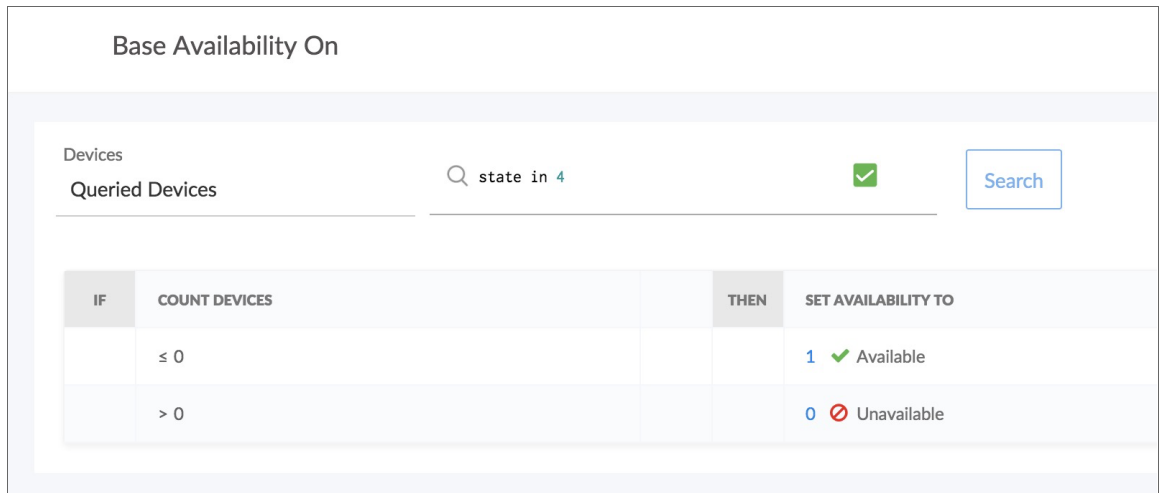
1. Ensure that your business service has some constituents:
 - a. Go to the **Business Services** page (📦).
 - b. Click on the service that is missing values.

- c. Click on the **[Devices]** or **[Services]** tab and review the devices or services listed. Modify your query as needed.



2. Ensure that your service filter results in some constituents. Click on the **[Status Policy]** tab and modify your service filter as needed.

- Rule filters select a subset of the devices or services defined by the service filter. For example, if a device service filter results in five devices, the rule filter will select some subset of those five devices. A rule filter might exclude all devices or services for a given business service, resulting in no metric values.
- **Example.** The following rule filter will select only the devices that have a state of "4", meaning "Critical". If no devices have a state of "4", the resulting list of devices will be empty; therefore, it will be impossible to get device metric values back. In this example, we are counting the devices, so the count will be zero. Values are produced based on the condition table. If the metric had been a normal device metric, such as latency, the result would have been null, because gathering the average latency on zero devices results in null.



Services Missing Up-to-Date Values

If you have disabled the default administrator account ("em7admin"), you will need to identify another account to use for running business services and run a database query to change the account used for internal communication in SL1.

To change the internal account:

1. Go to the **User Accounts** page (Registry > Accounts > User Accounts).
2. Identify the account you want SL1 to use for internal communication. In this example, notice that the "em7admin" account is suspended. We want to use the account with ID "5" instead.

| Users | Last Name First Name | Account Type | User Policy | Priority Organization | Email Address | Status | Auth Type | User ID | Edited By | Last Edited |
|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1. | AutoAdmin Admin, Auto | Administrator | -- | System | AutoAdmin@sciencelogic.local | Active | EM7 | 2 | em7admin | 2020-03-17 20:24:24 |
| 2. | AutoRegUser User, AutoReg | User | -- | System | AutoRegUser@sciencelogic.local | Active | EM7 | 3 | em7admin | 2020-03-17 20:24:24 |
| 3. | myOtherAccount myOtherAccount | Administrator | -- | System | myOtherAccount@sciencelogic.com | Suspended | EM7 | 5 | em7admin | 2020-03-17 20:24:24 |
| 4. | em7admin Admin, Bangalore | Administrator | -- | System | em7admin@sciencelogic.com | Suspended | EM7 | 1 | em7admin | 2020-03-17 20:24:24 |
| 5. | em7admin Admin, Bangalore | Administrator | -- | System | em7admin@sciencelogic.com | Active | EM7 | 4 | em7admin | 2020-03-17 20:24:29 |

3. Update the internal account.
 - a. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).
 - b. Select "master" as the database.
 - c. Enter the following SQL Query and then click **[Go]**:

```
UPDATE
  master.system_settings_core
SET
  api_internal_account =<account_id>
```

Where <account_id> is the ID number of the account you want to use. In the example, we use "5".

DB Tool

Database Tool | Database Support Interface

Select Database: master

SQL Query: UPDATE master.system_settings_core SET api_internal_account=5;

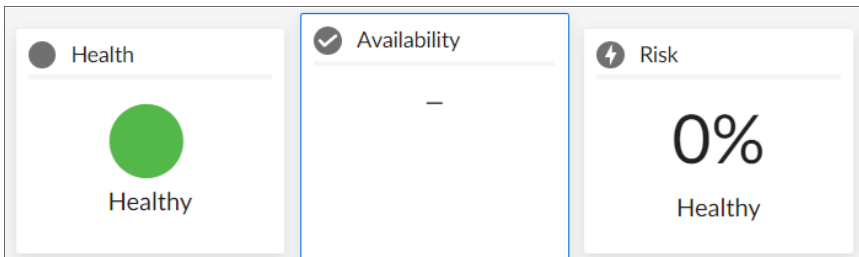
Go

Affected Rows: 1

SQL Statement Ran with No Errors.

Some Services Fail to Generate Health, Availability, or Risk Values

In this situation, some services in SL1 do not generate any values for Health, Availability, or Risk. For example, a dash might appear instead of a value in one of the widgets on the **Service Investigator** page:



To address this issue, review the following settings and suggestions:

Step 1: Turn up the log level to trace:

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. Open the file `/usr/local/silo/nextui/nextui.env` with `vi` or another text editor:

```
sudo vi /usr/local/silo/nextui/nextui.env
```

4. Change the log setting to the following: **NEXT_UI_LOG_LEVEL=all:trace**
5. Restart SL1 and GraphQL with the following command:

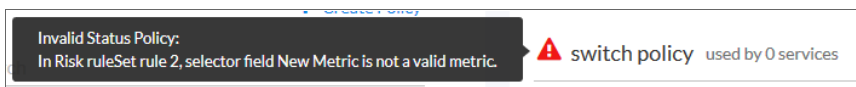
```
sudo systemctl restart nextui
```

6. Tail the log with the following command:

```
sudo journalctl -u nextui -f
```

Step 2: Ensure that your service policy is valid:

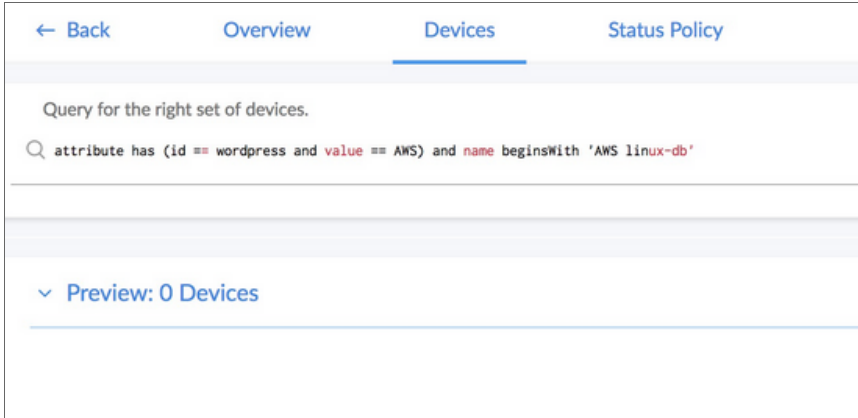
1. In SL1, navigate to your service on the **Business Services** page.
2. Review the policy used by that service for any validation errors, as in the following example:



3. Address any errors in the service policy.

Step 3: Ensure that your service contains at least one service or device:

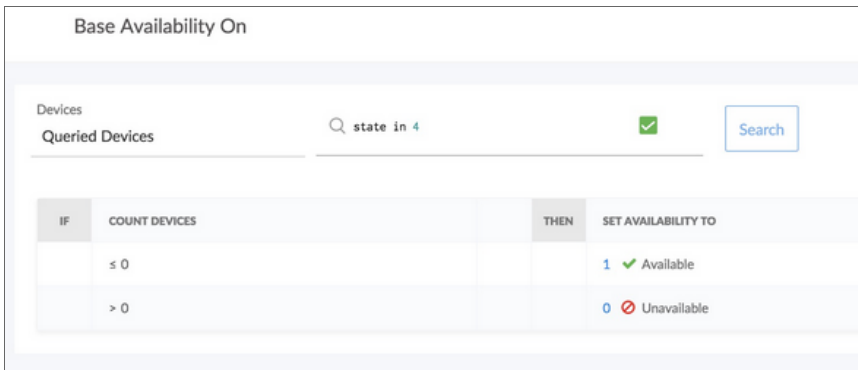
1. Navigate to the **Business Services** page.
2. Navigate to the **[Devices]** or **[Services]** tab for the service or services that are not displaying values.



3. Ensure that at least one device or service appears in the **Preview** section. If not, create a new filter to search for devices or services.

Step 4: Ensure that your service policy *rules* contain at least one service or device:

1. Rule filters select a subset of the devices or services defined by the service filter. If a device service filter results in five devices, the rule filter selects some subset of those five devices. You might create rule filters that exclude all devices or services in the service, resulting in no metric values.
2. The following rule filter only selects the devices with a state of 4, or Critical. If no devices have a state of 4, the resulting list of devices for that filter will be empty, and you cannot get any device metric values:



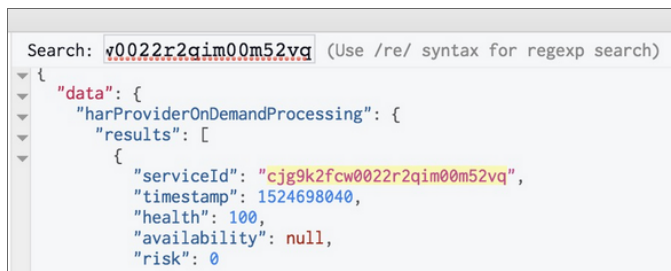
3. In this case, we are counting devices, so the count is zero and produces a value based in the condition table.
4. If the metric had been a normal device metric like latency, the result would have been "null," because getting the average latency from zero devices results in null.

Step 5: Generate audit data by running onDemandProcessing with the GraphQL interface:

1. In a browser, type the URL or IP address for the new user interface, and then type **/gql** at the end of the URL or IP address. The GraphiQL interface appears.
2. On the left side of the GraphiQL editor, type the following query:

```
query onDemand {
  harProviderOnDemandProcessing(ids: []) {
    results { serviceId timestamp health availability risk }
    auditHistory { serviceId ruleSetId ruleId timestamp sequence message }
  }
}
```

3. Click the **[Execute Query]** (Play) button to tell GraphiQL to send the query to the GraphQL server and get the results:
4. Review the resulting audit information on the right side of the GraphiQL editor:
5. If you know the service ID you are looking for, search for it by clicking inside the right pane and entering **Ctrl+f**. The GraphiQL interface highlights the services that match the ID you searched for:



6. Scroll down to see the audit information for this service (look for the highlighted information):

```

},
"auditHistory": [
  {
    "serviceId": "cjk9k2fcw0022r2qim00m52vq",
    "ruleSetId": "cjfcyh40m00a31byxi5chr1u5",
    "ruleId": "cjfcyh48300a41byxqcw5tqx4",
    "timestamp": 1524698040,
    "sequence": 1,
    "message": "Service has no constituents for rule. Service: Web DS Cloud Policy: Device Service Policy RuleSet:
availability Rule: 1"
  },
  {
    "serviceId": "cjk9k2fcw0022r2qim00m52vq",
    "ruleSetId": "cjfcyh40m00a31byxi5chr1u5",
    "ruleId": "cjfcyh48300a41byxqcw5tqx4",
    "timestamp": 1524698040,
    "sequence": 2,
    "message": "No matching row found in condition table Result: null Service: Web DS Cloud Policy: Device Service
Policy RuleSet: availability Rule #: 1 Matching Row #: none Constituents: 0 Values: {max availability: null}"
  },
  {
    "serviceId": "cjk9k2fcw0022r2qim00m52vq",
    "ruleSetId": "cjfcyh40m00a31byxi5chr1u5",
    "ruleId": null,
    "timestamp": 1524698040,
    "sequence": 3,
    "message": "RuleSet Result: null Service: Web DS Cloud Policy: Device Service Policy RuleSet: availability
Aggregation: max Values: []"
  },
  {
    "serviceId": "cjk9k2fcw0022r2qim00m52vq",
    "ruleSetId": "cjfcyglb00931byxmyu8zdm",
    "ruleId": "cjfcygos00941byxg2o5k3hu",
    "timestamp": 1524698040,
    "sequence": 4,
    "message": "Service has no constituents for rule. Service: Web DS Cloud Policy: Device Service Policy RuleSet:
health Rule: 1"
  },
  {
    "serviceId": "cjk9k2fcw0022r2qim00m52vq",
    "ruleSetId": "cjfcyglb00931byxmyu8zdm",
    "ruleId": "cjfcygos00941byxg2o5k3hu",
    "timestamp": 1524698040,
    "sequence": 5,
    "message": "Rule Result: 100 Service: Web DS Cloud Policy: Device Service Policy RuleSet: health Rule: 1
Matching Row #: 1 Matching Row: [IF (-Infinity <= count <= 0) THEN 100] Constituents: 0 Values: {count : 0}"
  },
  {
    "serviceId": "cjk9k2fcw0022r2qim00m52vq",
    "ruleSetId": "cjfcyglb00931byxmyu8zdm",
    "ruleId": "cjfcygtf00981byxam86mbiv",
    "timestamp": 1524698040,
    "sequence": 6,
    "message": "Service has no constituents for rule. Service: Web DS Cloud Policy: Device Service Policy RuleSet:
health Rule: 5"
  }
]

```

7. After running onDemandProcessing with the GraphiQL interface and updating the log settings on the server to do *all:trace*, you can now see trace-level log messages in the terminal where you ran `sudo journalctl -u nextui -f`.

- Review the log messages for errors and warnings:

```
user_id=asc
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: 00:22:03.169 <warn> dao.js:327 (Object.getMetricValuesForConstituents) [ { GraphQLError: Variable "$metricSearch" got invalid value {"first":{"guid":{"eq":"d check"}}}; Field "guid" is not defined by type MetricSearch at value.first; did you mean id?
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at coercionError (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/utilities/coerceValue.js:179:10)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at coerceValue (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/utilities/coerceValue.js:148:36)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at coerceValue (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/utilities/coerceValue.js:132:30)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at coerceValue (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/utilities/coerceValue.js:55:12)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at getVariableValues (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/execution/values.js:74:53)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at buildExecutionContext (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/execution/execute.js:246:63)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at executeImpl (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/execution/execute.js:148:17)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at execute (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/execution/execute.js:131:229)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at graphqlImpl (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/graphql.js:112:31)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at /var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/graphql.js:66:223
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at new Promise (<anonymous>)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at graphql (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/graphql/graphql.js:63:10)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at Object.gqlLocal [as graphql] (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/@sciencelogic/s1-em7-ogql/build/middleware/gql.js:116:33)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at Object.getMetricValuesForConstituents (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/@sciencelogic/s1-em7-ogql/build/lib/businessServices/dao.js:321:26)
Apr 26 00:22:03 dc2-s11-db01 node[25004]: at Object.getMetricValuesForConstituents (/var/opt/em7/gui/nextui/lib/node_modules/@sciencelogic/ap2/node_modules/@sciencelogic/s1-em7-ogql/build/lib/businessServices/dao.js:321:26)
```

All Services Fail to Generate Health, Availability, and Risk Values

In this situation, *all* of your services in SL1 fail to generate any values for Health, Availability, or Risk.

To address this issue, review the following settings and suggestions.

Step 1: Confirm that the Business Services processes exist:

- Go to the **Process Manager** page (System > Settings > Admin Processes) and start typing "Business" in the **Process Name** filter.
- Ensure that the "Business Services: Service Management Engine" and "Business Services: Service Topology Engine" processes appear and are enabled.

Step 2: Follow the steps in [Generate audit data using the GraphiQL user interface](#), above. If the process times out, then the processing has taken more than two minutes to complete, and no computed results are stored.

Step 3: Look for logs from the Python process:

- The Python process calls the onDemandProcessing GraphQL query. If Python is having trouble connecting to GraphQL, it could be an authentication problem or some other code-related issue.
- Look in `/var/log/em7` for newly created logs, and `ls -lrt` to see if any new error logs were created with "business" in the file name.
- Also check the **silos.log** for messages related to the `business_service_management` process by using the following command:

```
grep service /var/log/em7/silos.log
```

Device Services Fail to Load After an Upgrade

If you have upgraded your appliance from an earlier version of SL1 and your device services are not loading on Business Service pages, you might have outdated device class filters in your user preferences.

To clear the older device class filters:

1. Open the GraphiQL interface on your appliance by appending "/gql" to your appliance name (or IP address) in a browser window.
2. Enter the following in the left side of the GQL interface and execute the mutation by pressing the **[Execute Query]** button:

```
mutation deletePreference{
  deletePreference (preferenceId: "services.detaildevices.table.sort.order") {
    id
    preferenceValue
  }
}
```

502, 503, or 504 Errors: Health, Availability, and Risk Values are All the Same or are Inaccurate

Step 1: Check the number of services you have configured. If you are seeing 503 errors in the nextui log or within the SL1 user interface, use the following procedure to check the number of services you have configured on your ScienceLogic SL1 system.

To determine the number of services you have:

1. Open the GraphiQL editor on your system:

```
http://<SL1_IP_address>/gql
```

2. Enter the following query:

```
query harProviders {
  harProviders {
    pageInfo {
      matchCount
    }
  }
}
```

3. Click **[Execute Query]** (Play) to see the number of services. In this example, the results shows that 10 services are configured.

```
"data": {
  harProviders {
    pageInfo {
      matchCount: 10
    }
  }
}
```

Step 2: (503 Errors) Confirm that the nginx configuration has an appropriate limit set. In some cases, the `limit_conn` value might be set to 20. Increase the value to 200.

To address this issue:

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. Confirm that the nginx config file has the `limit_conn perip` value set to 200 instead of 20:
`sudo vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/em7_limits.conf`
4. If needed, update the line to say:
`limit_conn perip 200;`
5. Run the following command:
`sudo systemctl restart nginx`

Step 3: (503 Errors) Check to see if the nginx server is rate-limiting you.

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. Enter the following command:
`sudo grep excess /var/log/em7/nginx.log`
4. If you see any results from the above command, then the nginx proxy is rate-limiting requests to your database. In that case, you should increase the rate limit to 100 requests per second. Edit the **em7_limits.conf** file:
`sudo vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/em7_limits.conf`
5. Change the following line to **100r/s** from the default `5 r/s`.
`limit_req_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=addr_req:10m rate=100r/s;`
6. Restart your SL1 system.
`sudo systemctl restart nextui`

Step 4: (502 Errors) Check node memory usage.

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. Enter the following command:
`sudo journalctl -u nextui|grep "JavaScript heap out of memory"`

4. If you see any results from the above command, the node.js process is running out of memory. In that case, you should increase the space limit allocated. Edit the **nextui.service** to increase memory to 4096 or 8192 MB, depending on how much memory you have at your disposal.

```
ExecStart=/usr/bin/node --max-old-space-size=4096 /usr/local/silo/nextui/index.js
```
5. Restart your SL1 system.

```
sudo systemctl restart nextui
```

Step 5: (504 Errors) Check Nginx timeout.

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. Edit the `nextui.fragment` file:

```
sudo vi /opt/em7/share/config/nginx.d/nextui.fragment
```
4. Change the `proxy_read_timeout` under "location /gql" to **900** as follows:

```
proxy_read_timeout 900;
```
5. Restart your SL1 system.

```
sudo systemctl restart nextui
```

Generating Business Services Topology Relationships Failed

If you see the message "Generating Business Services Topology Relationships failed" in your SL1 system logs (System > Monitor > System Logs), an issue might exist in dbTranslator. Another symptom of this issue is that if you run the following mutation in GQL, the mutation will try to run for a long time and will fail.

```
mutation saveHarProviderTopologyRelationships {
  saveHarProviderTopologyRelationships {
    id
  }
}
```

First, ensure that your SL1 appliance is at platform version 10.1.1.1 or later. If updating the system does not resolve the issue, you can disable dbmode.

To disable dbmode:

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. At the command line, open the `nextui.env` file in the vi editor:

```
sudo vi /opt/em7/nextui/nextui.env
```
4. Add the following line (or modify the line, if it exists):

```
BUSINESS_SERVICES_CONSTITUENTS_DB_MODE=disabled
```
5. Save and exit the `nextui.env` file.
6. Restart nextui.

```
sudo systemctl restart nextui
```
7. Validate that your feature toggle update is correct by executing the following query in GraphQL:

```
query askFeatureState{
  featureToggle(id: "system:BUSINESS_SERVICES_CONSTITUENTS_DB_MODE") {
```

```
    id
    value
  }
}
```

The expected response is as follows:

```
{
  "data": {
    "featureToggle": {
      "id": "system:BUSINESS_SERVICES_CONSTITUENTS_DB_MODE",
      "value": "disabled"
    }
  }
}
```

After about 10 minutes, validate that the following mutation works:

```
mutation saveHarProviderTopologyRelationships {
  saveHarProviderTopologyRelationships {
    id
  }
}
```

Advanced Troubleshooting

Customization for Environments with More Than 2,500 Services

If you have an environment that has more than 2,500 services, you might need to modify some default settings in SL1, as described in this section.

Update Settings and Increase Default Values

To update your settings and increase your default values:

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. Increase the maximum service count variable. (The default value is 2500.)
 - a. At the command line, enter
`sudo vi /opt/em7/nextui/nextui.env`
 - b. Add the following line (or modify it, if it already exists), where "new_service_limit" is the maximum number of services you need in your environment:
`BUSINESS_SERVICES_MAX_SERVICES=new_service_limit`
4. Increase the Node.js memory limit.
 - a. At the command line, enter
`sudo vi /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/nextui.service`

- b. Change the ExecStart line to the following, where the size is either 4096 or 8192, depending on how much memory you have available:

```
ExecStart=/usr/bin/node --max-old-space-size=size  
/usr/local/silo/nextui/index.js
```

5. Restart `nextui` by entering the following at the command line:
`sudo systemctl restart nextui`

Modify NGINX Rate Limit

If you have a large number of services in your environment and are seeing 503 errors, you might need to increase your NGINX rate limit.

To increase your NGINX rate limit:

1. Either go to the console of the SL1 server or use SSH to access the SL1 appliance.
2. Log in as user **em7admin**.
3. At the command line, enter the following:
`sudo grep excess /var/log/em7/nginx.log`
4. If you see any results from this command, consider increasing your NGINX rate limit to 100 requests per second.
 - a. Enter the following at the command line to edit the limit file:
`sudo vi /etc/nginx/conf.d/em7_limits.conf`
 - b. Change the *value* in the following line to "300r/s" from the default value of "100r/s":
`limit_req_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=addr_req:10m rate=value`

WARNING: If this value is set too high, the database will begin seeing errors for too many connections.

5. Restart NGINX.
`sudo systemctl restart nginx`

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