

Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack

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Chapter

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Introduction

Overview

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

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What is the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack?

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack enriches SL1 network connectivity events, such as availability and latency issues, by automatically running common network diagnostic commands and adding the output to the SL1 event log or an associated incident. This PowerPack includes custom action types for running ping, traceroute, nslookup, and nmap commands with parameters that you specify. The PowerPack also includes two dynamic device groups for IPv4 devices and IPv6 devices.

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack does not contain or require credentials to operate. The Network Connectivity Automations actions are executed from the SL1 All-In-One Appliance or Data Collector.

Installing the Network Connectivity AutomationsPowerPack

Before completing the steps in this manual, you must import and install the latest version of the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack.

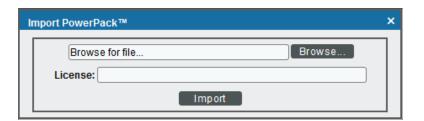
NOTE: The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack requires SL1 version 8.10.0 or later. For details on upgrading SL1, see the appropriate SL1Release Notes.

CAUTION: You must install version 101 of the Datacenter Automation Utilities PowerPack before proceeding.

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

To download and install a PowerPack:

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



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

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

TIP: To use the standard automation policies, no other configuration is necessary. These automation policies run in response to network connectivity-related events that are included in SL1.

Chapter

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Network Connectivity Automation Policies

Overview

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

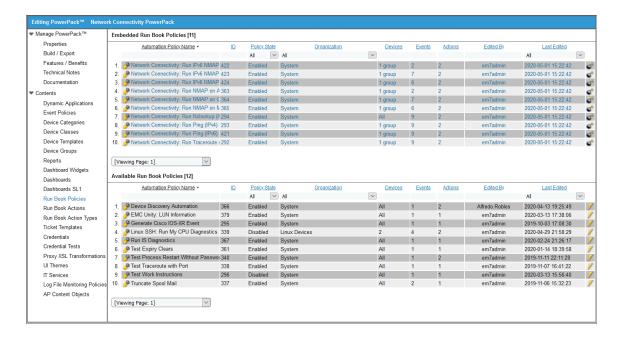
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Standard Automation Policies

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack includes six standard automation policies, shown in the figure below. These automation policies run automatically in response to network availability events to diagnose problems. To use these standard policies, you do not have to do any additional configuration after you install the PowerPack.

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

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action (Default)
Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Affected Port	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	Run NMAP: Single Port from Event
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML
Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Affected Port	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	Run IPv6 NMAP: Single Port from Event
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML
Network Connectivity: Run NMAP	Poller: Availability and	Run NMAP: Common Port List
on Common Ports	Latency checks failed	Datacenter Automation:
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	Format Command Output as HTML
	 Poller: Availability Check Failed 	
	Poller: Availability Flapping	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	

Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action (Default)
	Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold	
Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Common Ports	Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed	Run IPv6 NMAP: Common Port List
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as
	Poller: Availability Check Failed	HTML
	Poller: Availability Flapping	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
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	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	Format Command Output as HTML
	Poller: Availability Check Failed	
	Poller: Availability Flapping	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	
Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Monitored Ports	Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed	Run IPv6 NMAP: Monitored Ports
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as
	Poller: Availability Check Failed	HTML
	Poller: Availability Flapping	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	
Network Connectivity: Run Nslookup (IPv4)	Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed	Run Nslookup: Default Options

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Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action (Default)
	Poller: Availability Check Failed	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as
	Poller: Availability Flapping	HTML
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	
	 Poller: DNS hostname resolution time above threshold 	
	 Poller: Failed to resolve hostname 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
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	Poller: Availability Flapping	
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	
	Poller: Network Latency Exceeded Threshold	
	Poller: TCP connection time above threshold	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	
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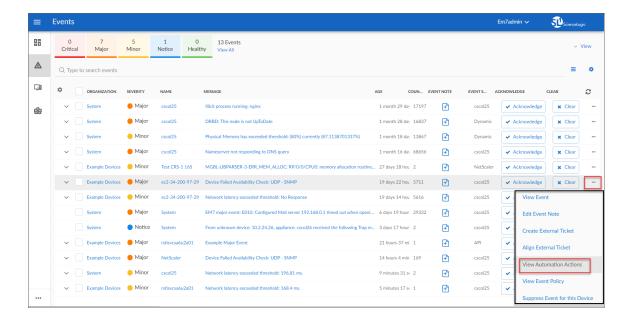
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	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	
	Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold	
Network Connectivity: Run Traceroute (IPv4)	 Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed 	Run Traceroute: Default Options
	 Poller: Availability Check Failed 	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as
	Poller: Availability Flapping	HTML
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	
	Poller: Network Latency Exceeded Threshold	
	Poller: TCP connection time above threshold	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP) 	
	Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold	
Network Connectivity: Run Traceroute (IPv6)	 Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed 	Run IPv6 Traceroute: Default Options
	Poller: Availability Check Failed	Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as
	Poller: Availability Flapping	HTML
	Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)	
	Poller: Network Latency Exceeded Threshold	
	Poller: TCP connection time above threshold	
	 Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding 	

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Automation Policy Name	Aligned Events	Automation Action (Default)
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	Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold	

For every device that has an IP address, SL1 monitors availability every five minutes. If you have enabled Critical Ping for a device and enabled the event "Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)", you can monitor availability at a higher frequency than five minutes. The automation policies included in this PowerPack respond to events from Critical Ping, as well.

The following figure shows some network availability events on the **Events** page:



To see the automation actions triggered by an event, click the [Actions] button (—) and select View Automation Actions. The Event Actions Log page appears. Notice the highlighted NMAP, Ping, and Nslookup information in the following figure. The log indicates that the following actions ran successfully and indicates which SL1 appliance ran the action:

- Run Nslookup (IPv4): Default Options and Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML
- Run NMAP on Common Ports and Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML
- Run Ping (IPv4): Default Options and Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML



TIP: Although you can edit the automation actions described in this section, best practice is to "Save As" to create a new, renamed automation action, instead of customizing the standard automation policies.

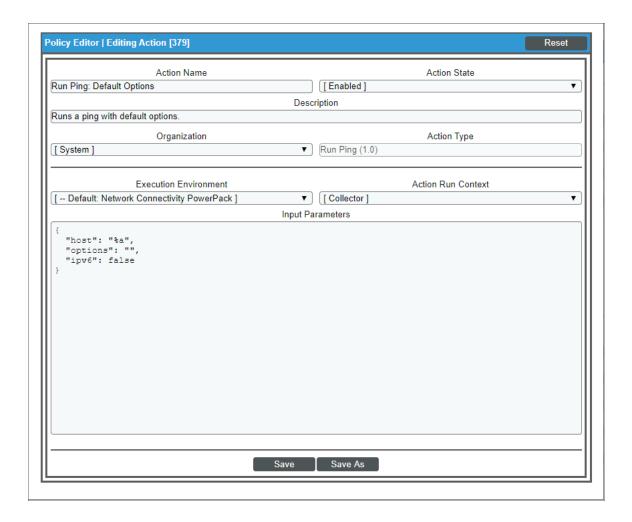
Standard Ping Automation Policy

The "Network Connectivity: Run Ping (IPv4)" or "Network Connectivity: Run Ping (IPv6)" automation policies are triggered by the following events, depending on the address type of the device:

- Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed
- Poller: Availability Check Failed
- Poller: Availability Flapping
- Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)
- Poller: Network Latency Exceeded Threshold
- Poller: TCP connection time above threshold
- Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding
- Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)
- Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold

Default Behavior. When these events occur, the appropriate automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run Ping (IPv4)" or "Network Connectivity: Run Ping (IPv6)" executes the action "Run Ping: Default Options" or "Run Ping6: Default Options", respectively, and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". The output of the command is formatted for display in the SL1 **Events** page, or in an incident ticket on an external system.

The following figure shows the details of the IPv4 ping action:



For information about customizing automation policies, see Customizing an Automation Policy.

Standard Traceroute Automation Policy

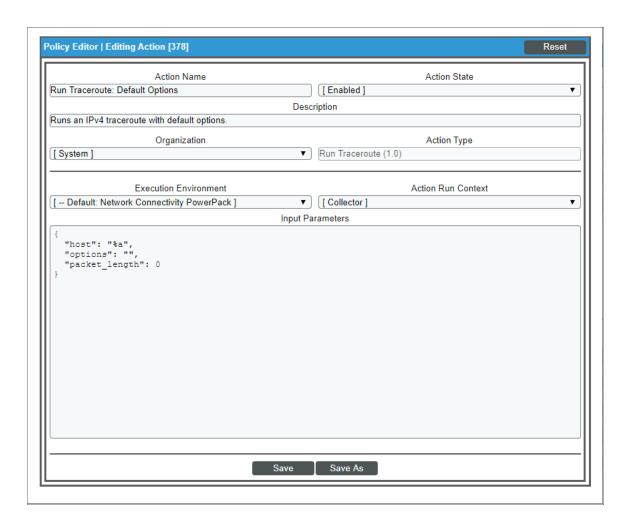
The "Network Connectivity: Run Traceroute (IPv4)" or "Network Connectivity: Run Traceroute (IPv6)" automation policies are triggered by the following events:

- Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed
- Poller: Availability Check Failed
- Poller: Availability Flapping

- Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)
- Poller: Network Latency Exceeded Threshold
- Poller: TCP connection time above threshold
- Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding
- Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)
- Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold

Default Behavior. When these events occur, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run Traceroute (IPv4") or "Network Connectivity: Run Traceroute (IPv6)" executes the "Run Traceroute: Default Options" or "Run IPv6 Traceroute: Default Options" action, depending upon the type of network address of the device that triggered the event. These actions run a standard traceroute command automatically. The output of the command is formatted for display in the SL1 **Events** page, or in an incident ticket on an external system.

The following figure shows the details of the IPv4 traceroute action:



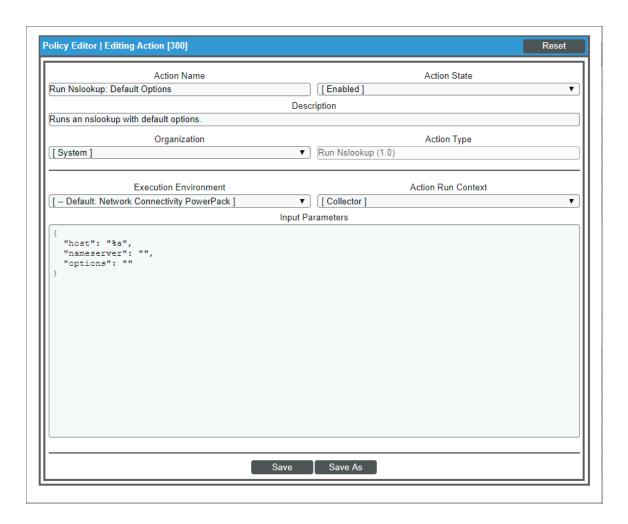
For information about customizing automation policies, see Customizing an Automation Policy.

Standard NSLOOKUP Automation Policy

The "Network Connectivity: Run Nslookup (IPv4)" automation policy is triggered by the following events:

- Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed
- Poller: Availability Check Failed
- Poller: Availability Flapping
- Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)
- Poller: DNS hostname resolution time above threshold
- Poller: Failed to resolve hostname
- Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding
- Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)
- Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold

Default Behavior. When these events occur, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run Nslookup (IPv4") executes the action "Run Nslookup: Default Options" and formats the output with "Enrichment: Util: Format Command Output as HTML". This action runs a standard NSLOOKUP (IPv4) command automatically. The output of the command is formatted for display in the SL1 **Events** page, or in an incident ticket on an external system.



Options. In some cases, you may want to modify the action that is run in response to the triggering events. For example, you can run NSLOOKUP with plaintext output.

For information about customizing automation policies, see Customizing an Automation Policy.

Standard NMAP Automation Policies

Three NMAP automation policies for IPv4 devices and three NMAP automation policies for IPv6 devices are included with this PowerPack. Each policy is described in more detail in this section.

Run NMAP on Affected Port

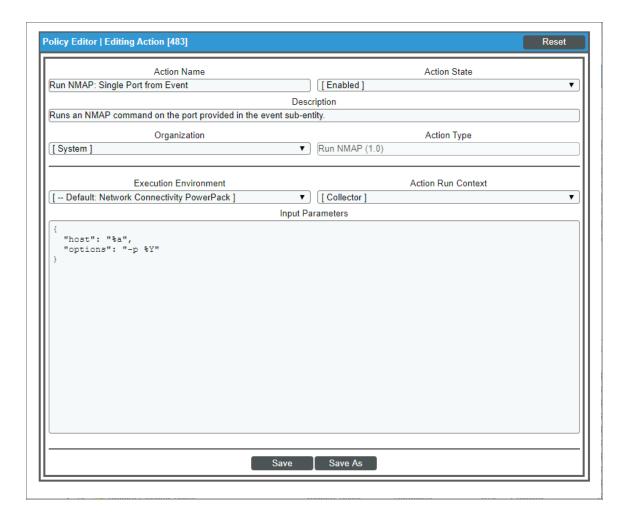
The "Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Affected Port" or "Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Affect Port" automation policies are triggered by the following events:

• Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding

• Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)

Default Behavior. When these events occur for IPv4 devices, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Affected Port" executes the action "Run NMAP: Single Port from Event" and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". For IPv6 devices, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Affected Port" executes the "Run IPv6 NMAP: Single Port from Event" action and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". Either action runs a standard NMAP command on the port provided in the event. The output of the command is formatted for display in the SL1 **Events** page, or in an incident ticket on an external system.

The following figure shows the details of the IPv4 NMAP action:



For information about customizing automation policies, see Customizing an Automation Policy.

Run NMAP on Common Port List

The "Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Common Port List" or "Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Common Port List" automation policies are triggered by the following events:

- Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed
- Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)

• Poller: Availability Check Failed

• Poller: Availability Flapping

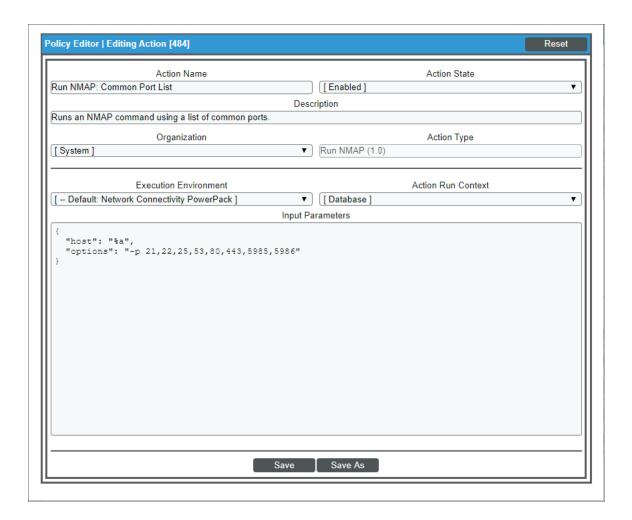
• Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding

• Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)

• Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold

Default Behavior. When these events occur for IPv4 devices, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Common Port List" executes the action "Run NMAP: Common Port List" and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". When these events occur for IPv6 devices, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Common Port List" executes the action "Run IPv6 NMAP: Common Port List" and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". Either action runs a standard NMAP command on ports 21, 22, 25, 53, 80, 443, 5985, and 5986. The output of the command is formatted for display in the SL1 **Events** page, or in an incident ticket on an external system.

The following figure shows the details of the IPv4 NMAP action:



For information about customizing automation policies, see Customizing an Automation Policy.

Run NMAP on Monitored Ports

The "Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Monitored Ports" or "Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Monitored Ports" automation policies are triggered by the following events:

• Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed

• Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)

• Poller: Availability Check Failed

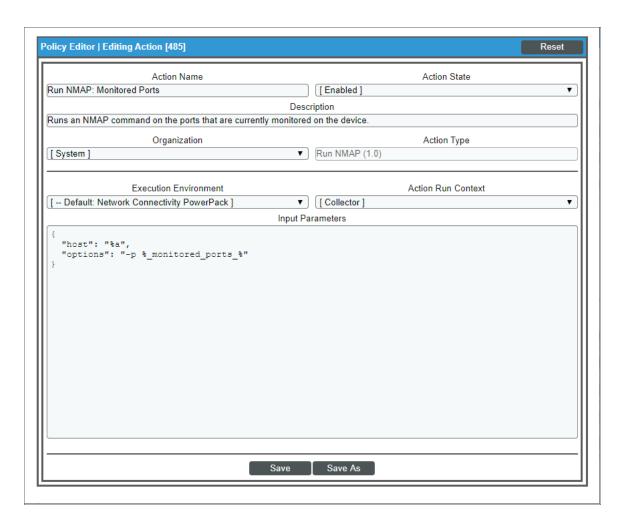
• Poller: Availability Flapping

• Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding

Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)

Default Behavior. When these events occur for IPv4 devices, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run NMAP on Monitored Ports" executes the action "Run NMAP: Monitored Ports" and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". When these events occur for IPv6 devices, the automation policy "Network Connectivity: Run IPv6 NMAP on Monitored Ports" executes the action "Run IPv6 NMAP: Monitored Ports" and formats the output with "Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML". Either action runs a standard NMAP command on any ports that are currently monitored with a port monitoring policy on the triggering device. The output of the command is formatted for display in the SL1 **Events** page, or in an incident ticket on an external system.

The following figure shows the details of the IPv4 NMAP action:



For information about customizing automation policies, see Customizing an Automation Policy.

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Creating and Customizing Automation Policies

Overview

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

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Prerequisites

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

- Which commands (Ping, Traceroute, NSLOOKUP, or NMAP) you want to run on a device when an event occurs. There are 11 automation actions in the PowerPack that run these commands with different options. You can also create your own automation actions using the custom action types supplied in the PowerPack.
- What event criteria you want to use to determine when the automation actions will trigger, or the set of rules that an event must match before the automation is executed. This can include matching only specific event policies, event severity, associated devices, and so on. For a description of all the options that are available in Automation Policies, see the *Run Book Automation* manual.

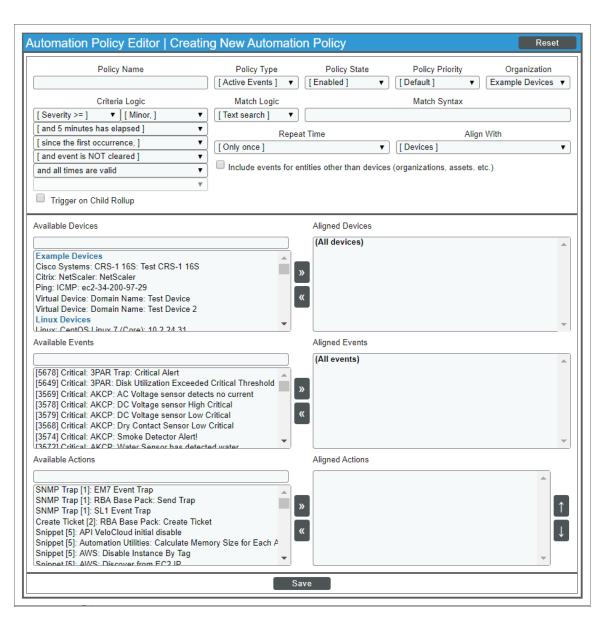
Creating an Automation Policy

To create an automation policy that uses the automation actions in the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack, perform the following steps:

1. Go to the **Automation Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Automation).

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2. Click [Create]. The Automation Policy Editor page appears.



- 3. Complete the following required fields:
 - Policy Name. Enter a name for the automation policy.
 - **Policy Type**. Select whether the automation policy will match events that are active, match when events are cleared, or run on a scheduled basis. Typically, you would select Active Events in this field.
 - Policy State. Specifies whether the policy will be evaluated against the events in the system. If you
 want this policy to begin matching events immediately, select Enabled.
 - **Policy Priority**. Specifies whether the policy is high-priority or default priority. These options determine how the policy is queued.

- Organization. Select one or more organizations to associate with the automation policy. The automation policy will execute only for devices in the selected organizations (that also match the other criteria in the policy). To configure a policy to execute for all organizations, select System.
- Aligned Actions. This field includes the actions from the Network Connectivity
 Automations PowerPack. You should see Run Ping, Run Traceroute, Run Nslookup, and Run NMAP actions in this field.

To add an action to the **Aligned Actions** field, select the action in the **Available Actions** field and click the right arrow (>>). To re-order the actions in the **Aligned Actions** field, select an action and use the up arrow or down arrow buttons to change that action's position in the sequence. Select an output format action from the Datacenter Automation Utilities PowerPack.

CAUTION: Remember that you must include an output format action (from the Datacenter Automation Utilities PowerPack) for this action to produce output.

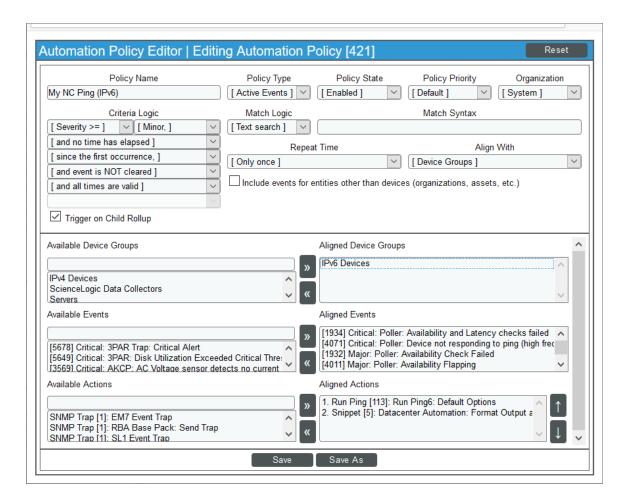
- 4. To align the policy with a device group ("IPv4 Devices" or "IPv6 Devices") supplied in the PowerPack, do the following:
 - a. In the Align With dropdown menu, select "Device Groups".
 - b. In the **Available Device Groups** field, select the "IPv4 Devices" or "IPv6 Devices" device group, and click the right arrow (>>).
- 5. Optionally, supply values in the other fields on this page to refine when the automation will trigger.
- 6. Click [Save].

NOTE: You can also modify one of the automation policies included with this PowerPack. Best practice is to use the [Save As] option to create a new, renamed automation policy, instead of customizing the standard automation policies.

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

Example Automation Configuration

The following is an example of an automation policy that uses the automation actions in the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack:



The policy uses the following settings:

- Policy Name. The policy is named "My NC Ping (IPv6)".
- Policy Type. The policy runs when an event is in an active state. Active Events is selected in this field.
- Policy State. Enabled is selected in this field.
- Organization. The policy executes for all organizations, so System is selected in this field.
- Criteria Logic. The policy is configured to execute immediately when an event matches these criteria:
 "Severity >= Minor, and no time has elapsed since the first occurrence, and event is NOT cleared, and all times are valid".
- Aligned Devices. The policy is configured to trigger for all devices in the "IPv6 Devices" dynamic device aroup.

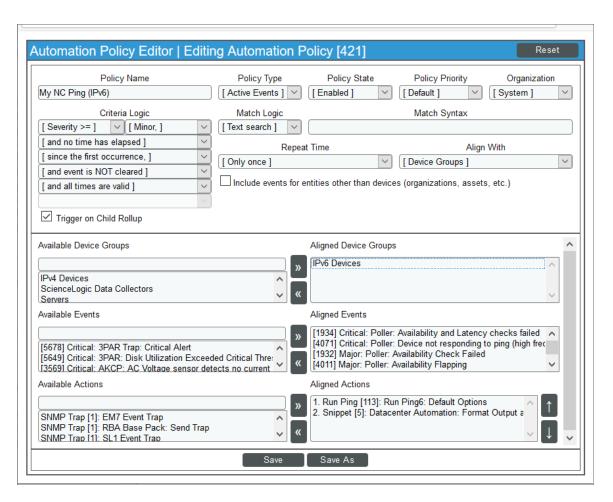
- Aligned Events. The policy is configured to trigger only when the following events are triggered:
 - o Critical: Poller: Availability and Latency checks failed
 - o Critical: Poller: Device not responding to ping (high frequency)
 - o Major: Poller: Availability Check Failed
 - o Major: Poller: Availability Flapping
 - Major: Poller: TCP/UDP port not responding (SMTP)
 - o Major: Transactions: Round trip mail did not arrive within threshold
 - o Minor: Poller: Network Latency Exceeded Threshold
 - Minor: Poller: TCP connections time above threshold
- Aligned Actions. The automation includes the following actions. The formatting action allows you to view the output of ping in the Automation Log, accessed through the SL1 Event Console:
 - Run Ping6: Default options
 - o Datacenter Automation: Format Command Output as HTML

Customizing an Automation Policy

To customize an automation policy:

1. Go to the **Automation Policy Manager** page (Registry > Run Book > Automation).

2. Search for the Network Connectivity Automations automation policy you want to edit and click the wrench icon () for that policy . The Automation Policy Editor page appears:



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

Aligned Actions. This field includes the actions from the Network Connectivity Automations
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CAUTION: Remember that you must include an output format action (from the Datacenter Automation Utilities PowerPack) for this action to produce output.

- Organization. Select the organization that will use this policy.
- 4. To align the policy with a device group ("IPv4 Devices" or "IPv6 Devices") supplied in the PowerPack, do the following:
 - a. In the Align With dropdown menu, select "Device Groups".
 - b. In the **Available Device Groups** field, select the "IPv4 Devices" or "IPv6 Devices" device group, and click the right arrow (>>).
- 5. Optionally, supply values in the other fields on the **Automation Policy Editor** page to refine when the automation will trigger.
- 5. Click [Save].

Removing an Automation Policy from a PowerPack

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

To remove content from a PowerPack:

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

Chapter

4

Customizing Network Connectivity Actions

Overview

This manual describes how to customize the three action types embedded in the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack to create automation actions to meet your organization's specific requirements.

For more information about creating automation policies using custom action types, see Creating and Customizing Automation Policies.

This chapter covers the following topics:

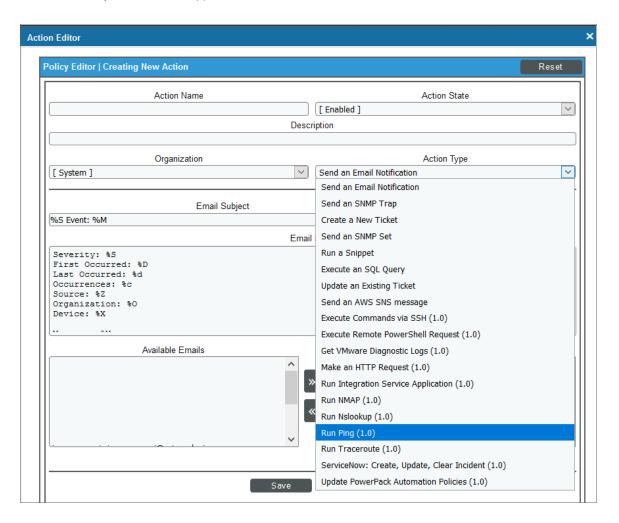
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Creating a Custom Action Policy with Network Connectivity Actions

You can use one of the Action Types included with the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack to create custom actions that you can then use to build custom automation policies.

To create an action policy:

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



- 4. In the Action Policy Editor page, supply a value in each field.
 - Action Name. Specify the name for the action policy.
 - Action State. Specifies whether the policy can be executed by an automation policy (enabled) or cannot be executed (disabled).

- **Description**. Allows you to enter a detailed description of the action.
- Organization. Organization to associate with the action policy.
- Action Type. Type of action that will be executed. Your choices are:
 - Run Ping
 - Run Traceroute
 - Run Nslookup
 - Run NMAP
- **Execution Environment**. Select from the list of available Execution Environments. The default execution environment is System.
- Action Run Context. Select Database or Collector as the context in which the action policy will run.
- Input Parameters. A JSON structure that specifies each input parameter. Each parameter definition includes its name, data type, and whether the input is optional or required for this Custom Action Type.

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

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

Customizing Ping Actions

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack includes two automation actions that execute a Ping or Ping6 command. You can specify the host and the options in a JSON structure that you enter in the *Input Parameters* field in the **Action Policy Editor** modal.

The following automation actions that use the "Run Ping" action type are included in the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack.

Action Name	Description	host	options	ipv6
Run Ping: Default Options	Runs a ping with default options	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default is None (empty string)	false
Run Ping6: Default Options	Runs a ping6 with default options	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default is None (empty string)	true

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom Ping Action Parameters

The Ping actions accepts the following parameters in JSON:

Paramter	Input type	Description
host	string	The hostname or IP address to include in the ping command. You can also use the substitution variable "%a" to specify the IP address of the current device.
options	string	The options string to include in the command. Escape characters are not supported. You can include any of the options supported by the ping command-line utility in this field. If you do not include the "-c" or "-w" options in this field, the ping command will automatically include the option "-c 5", meaning that Ping will send five ECHO_REQUEST packets.
ipv6	boolean	(optional) If the ipv6 option is true, the ping6 command will be executed. If the ipv6 option is false, the ping command will be executed.

NOTE: The pipe (|) and semi-colon (;) characters are not permitted as input to the "host" and "options" parameters.

Using Substitution Values. The host and options inputs can contain substitution values that match the keys in EM7_VALUES. For example, to run a ping against the IP address of the device that triggered the event, you can specify "%a" in the "host" parameter.

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom Ping Action Examples

IPv4. If the options parameter contains either "-c" or "-w" as a sub-string, and the ipv6 parameter is false or not supplied, the ping command string is built in the following format:

```
ping [options input] [host input]
```

For example, for the following settings:

- host. 192.168.1.1
- options. -c 10

The equivalent ping command string would be: ping -c 10 192.168.1.1

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
    "host": "192.168.1.1"
    "options": "-c 10"
    "ipv6": false
```

IPv6. If the options parameter contains either "-c" or "-w" as sub-string and the ipv6 parameter is true, a ping command string is built in the following format:

```
ping6 [options input] [host input]
```

For example, for the following settings:

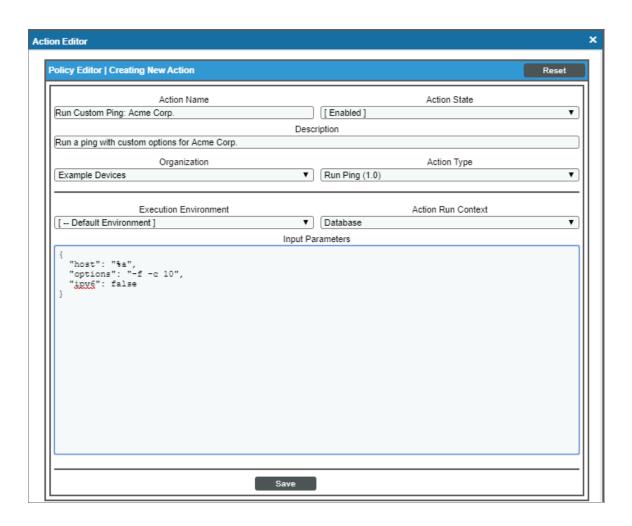
- host. 192.168.1.1
- options. -c 10

The equivalent ping command string would be: ping6 -c 10 192.168.1.1.

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
    "host": "192.168.1.1"
    "options": "-c 10"
    "ipv6": true
}
```

The following figure shows a custom ping action for a fictitious company. This custom action is designed to ping IPv4 addresses 10 times without fragmenting the ICMP packets. The action will use the IP address of the current device as the IP address argument.



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

Customizing Traceroute Actions

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack includes two automation actions that execute a traceroute command. You can specify the host and the options in a JSON structure (name:value pairs) that you enter in the *Input Parameters* field in the *Action Policy Editor* modal.

The following automation actions that use the "Run Traceroute" custom action type are included in the Network Connectivity Automations Power Pack.

Action Name	Description	host	options	packet_ length
Run Traceroute: Default Options	Runs an IPv4 traceroute with default options	Default value is %a (IP address of the current device)	Default value is None (empty string)	Default value is 0
Run IPv6 Traceroute: Default Options	Runs an IPv6 traceroute with all other options as default	Default value is %a (IP address of the current device)	Default value is -6	Default value is 0

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom Traceroute Action Parameters

The custom Traceroute action type accepts the following parameters:

Paramter	Input type	Description
host	string	The hostname or IP address to include in the traceroute command. You can also use the substitution variable "%a" to specify the IP address of the current device.
options	string	The options string to include in the command. You can include any of the options supported by the traceroute command-line utility, except for "-T" and "-I", in this field.
packet_ length	integer	The packet length to include in the traceroute command. To use the default packet length, use "0".

NOTE: The pipe (|) and semi-colon (;) characters are not permitted as input to the "host" and "options" parameters.

Using Substitution Values. The host and options inputs can contain substitution values that match the keys in EM7_VALUES. For example, to run a traceroute against the IP address of the device that triggered the event, you can specify "%a" in the "host" parameter.

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom Traceroute Action Examples

For the following settings, the equivalent traceroute command string would be: traceroute -T 192.168.1.1

- host. 192.168.1.1
- options. -T
- packet_length. 0

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
    "host": "192.168.1.1"
    "options": "-t"
    "packet_length": 0
```

For the following settings, the equivalent traceroute command string would be: traceroute 192.168.1.2 100

- host. 192.168.1.2
- options. An empty string
- packet length. 100

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
    "host": "192.168.1.2"
    "options": ""
    "packet_length": 100
```

Customizing NSLOOKUP Actions

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack includes an automation action that executes an NSLOOKUP command. You can specify the host and the options in a JSON structure (name:value pairs) that you enter in the *Input Parameters* field in the **Action Policy Editor** modal

The following automation actions that use the Run Nslookup custom action type are included in the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack.

Action Name	Description	host	options	nameserver
		Default value is %a (IP address of the current device)		Default value is None (empty string)

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom NSLOOKUP Action Parameters

The custom NSLOOKUP action type accepts the following parameters:

Paramter	Input type	Description
host	string	The hostname or IP address to include in the NSLOOKUP command. You can also use the substitution variable "%a" to specify the IP address of the current device.
nameserver	string	The IP address or hostname of the nameserver to include in the NSLOOKUP command
options	string	The options string to include in the command. You can include any of the options supported by the NSLOOKUP command-line utility in this field.

NOTE: The pipe (|) and semi-colon (;) characters are not permitted as input parameters.

Using Substitution Values. The host and options inputs can contain substitution values that match the keys in EM7_VALUES. For example, to run a traceroute against the IP address of the device that triggered the event, you can specify "%a" in the "host" parameter.

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom NSLOOKUP Action Examples

For example, for the following settings, the equivalent NSLOOKUP command string would be:

```
nslookup -timeout=10 192.168.1.1
```

- host. 192.168.1.1
- options. -timeout=10
- nameserver. An empty string

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
   "host": "192.168.1.1"
   "nameserver": ""
   "options": "-timeout=10"
}
```

For the following settings, the equivalent NSLOOKUP command string would be:

```
nslookup 192.168.1.2 10.644.148.32
```

- host. 192.168.1.2
- options. An empty string
- nameserver. 10.64.148.32

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
"host": "192.168.1.2"
   "nameserver": "10.64.148.32"
   "options": ""
}
```

Customizing NMAP Actions

The Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack includes three automation actions that execute an NMAP command. You can specify the host and the options in a JSON structure that you enter in the *Input Parameters* field in the **Action Policy Editor** modal.

The following automation actions that use the "Run NMAP" action type are included in the Network Connectivity Automations PowerPack.

Action Name	Description	host	options
Run NMAP: Common Port List	Runs an NMAP command using a list of common ports.	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default ports are 21, 22, 25, 53, 80, 443, 5985, and 5986.
Run IPv6 NMAP: Common Port List	Runs an IPv6 NMAP command using a list of common ports.	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default ports are 21, 22, 25, 53, 80, 443, 5985, and 5986.
Run NMAP: Monitored Ports	Runs an NMAP command on the ports that are currently monitored on the device.	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default is %_monitored_ports_%
Run IPv6 NMAP: Monitored Ports	Runs an IPv6 NMAP command on the ports that are currently monitored on the device.	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default is %_monitored_ports_%
Run NMAP: Single Port from Event	Runs an NMAP command on the port provided in the event sub-entity.	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default is %Y
Run IPv6 NMAP: Single Port from Event	Runs an IPv6 NMAP command on the port provided in the event sub-entity.	Default is %a (IP address of current device)	Default is %Y

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom NMAP Action Parameters

Custom NMAP action types accept the following parameters:

Paramter	Input type	Description
host	string	The hostname or IP address to include in the NMAP command. You can use the substitution variable "%a" to specify the IP address of the current device.
options	string	The options string to include in the command. See the parameters for specific NMAP actions earlier in this section.

NOTE: The pipe (|) and semi-colon (;) characters are not permitted as input to the "host" and "options" parameters.

Using Substitution Values. The host and options inputs can contain substitution values that match the keys in EM7 VALUES.

The special %_monitored_ports_% substitution variable is supported for the "Run NMAP" and "Run IPv6 NMAP" action types. This variable replaces a comma-separated list of ports from the monitoring policies aligned to the triggering device.

TIP: For more information about substitution variables, see Appendix A.

Custom NMAP Action Examples

For example, for the following settings, the equivalent NMAP command string would be:

```
nmap -p 22 192.168.1.1
```

- host. 192.168.1.1
- options. -p 22

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
   "host": "192.168.1.1"
   "options": "-p 22"
}
```

Suppose you want to scan a range of ports. In this example, we're scanning the ports from 1 to 100. For the following settings, the equivalent NMAP command string would be:

```
nmap -p 1-100 192.168.1.1
```

- host. 192.168.1.1
- options. -p 1-100

The equivalent JSON structure would be:

```
{
  "host": "192.168.1.2"
  "options": "-p 1-100"
}
```

Appendix



Run Book Variables

Overview

This appendix defines the different variables you can use when creating an action policy.

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

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

This appendix covers the following topics:

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

- In an action policy of type **Send an Email Notification**, you can include one or more of these variables in the fields **Email Subject** and **Email Body**.
- In an action policy of type **Send an SNMP Trap**, you can include one or more of these variables in the **Trap**OID field, **Varbind OID** field, and the **Varbind Value** field.
- In an action policy of type *Create a New Ticket*, you can include one or more of these variables in the *Description* field or the *Note* field of the related Ticket Template.
- In an action policy of type Send an SNMP Set, you can include one or more of these variables in the SNMP OID field and the SNMP Value field.
- In an action policy of type Run A Snippet, you can access variables from the global dictionary EM7 VALUES.
- In a policy of type **Execute an SQL Query**, you can include one or more of these variables in the **SQL Query** field.

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

Variable	Source	Description
%W	Asset	Asset make
%m	Automation	Automation policy note
%n	Automation	Automation policy name
%F	Dynamic Alert	Alert ID for a Dynamic Application Alert
%I (uppercase "eye")	Dynamic Alert	For events with a source of "dynamic", this variable contains the index value from SNMP. For events with a source of "syslog" or "trap", this variable contains the value that matches the <i>Identifier Pattern</i> field in the event definition.
%T	Dynamic Alert	Value returned by the Threshold function in a Dynamic Application Alert.
%V	Dynamic Alert	Value returned by the Result function in a Dynamic Application Alert.
%a	Entity	IP address
%_category_id	Entity	Device category ID associated with the entity in the event.
%_category_name	Entity	Device category name associated with the entity in the event.
%_class_id	Entity	Device class ID associated with the entity in the event.
%_class_name	Entity	Device class name associated with the entity in the event.
%_parent_id	Entity	For component devices, the device ID of the parent device.
%_parent_name	Entity	For component devices, the name of the parent device.
%_root_id	Entity	For component devices, the device ID of the root device.
%_root_name	Entity	For component devices, the name of the root device.

Variable	Source	Description
%1 (one)	Event	Entity type. Possible values are: 0. Organization 1. Device 2. Asset 4. IP Network 5. Interface 6. Vendor 7. Account 8. Virtual Interface 9. Device Group 10. IT Service 11. Ticket
%2	Event	Sub-entity type. Possible values for organizations are:
%4	Event	Text string of the user name that cleared the event.
%5	Event	Timestamp of when event was deleted.
%6	Event	Timestamp for event becoming active.

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

Variable	Source	Description
%G	Event Policy	Event Category
%R	Event Policy	Event policy cause/action text
%_event_policy_ name	Event Policy	Name of the event policy that triggered the event.
%B	Organization	Organization billing ID
%b	Organization	Impacted organization
%C	Organization	Organization CRM ID
%o (lowercase "oh")	Organization	Organization ID
%O (uppercase "oh")	Organization	Organization name
%r	System	Unique ID / name for the current SL1 system
%7	Ticket	Subject of email used to create a ticket. If you specify this variable in a ticket template, SL1 will use the subject line of the email in the ticket description or note text when SL1 creates the ticket. NOTE: When referring to a ticket, %7 represents the subject line of an Email used to create a ticket. When referring to an event, %7 represents severity (for previous versions of SL1).
%t	Ticket	Ticket ID

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