

# Amazon Web Services PowerPack Release Notes

Version 101

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#### Overview

Version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack migrates data collection for multiple services to a later version of the AWS python library. These changes do not change the functionality of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack, but do improve the supportability of the PowerPack and are recommended by Amazon.

The minimum required platform version for version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack is 8.2.0 and the Data Collector(s) used to monitor the AWS account must be running the Oracle Linux 7.2 operating system. If your system is not currently running version 8.2.0 or later, you must upgrade to 8.2.0 as part of the upgrade process for version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack.

#### This document describes:

- The upgrade process for systems running version 100 of the PowerPack
- The upgrade process for systems running version 8.1.0 or earlier of the PowerPack
- The enhancements and issues addressed in version 101
- The known issues that affect version 101

## Upgrade Process from PowerPack version 100

To upgrade from version 100 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack, perform the following steps:

TIP: By default, installing a new version of a PowerPack will overwrite all content in 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 local changes for some commonly customized fields from being overwritten.

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the Known Issues for this release.
- 2. If you have not done so already, upgrade your system to the 8.2.0 or later release.
- 3. Download version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack from the Customer Portal to a local computer.
- 4. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks). Click the Actions menu and choose *Import PowerPack*. When prompted, import version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack.
- 5. After importing the PowerPack, you will be prompted to install the PowerPack. Click the Install button to install the PowerPack.

## Upgrade Process from PowerPack version 8.1.0 and Earlier

This section describes the upgrade process when upgrading to version 100 or later of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack for the first time.

The process for upgrading from version 8.1.0 or earlier to version 100 or later of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack includes executing a series of commands on every Data Collector monitoring an AWS account. There are two options for this step in the upgrade process:

- Execute the commands manually from the command-line of each Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance.
- If you are using a distributed system, use a Linux server running Ansible to execute the commands. This
  option is recommended if your system includes a large number of Data Collectors monitoring AWS accounts.
  For information on installing Ansible, see <a href="http://docs.ansible.com/ansible/intro">http://docs.ansible.com/ansible/intro</a> installation.html. The
  Ansible server must meet the following requirements:
  - Ansible version 2.0 or later must be installed. To check the installed version, execute the following command:

```
ansible --version
```

The /etc/ansible/hosts file must include an entry for each Data Collector used to monitor an AWS
account and an entry for each Database Server in the following format:

```
[collectors_aws]
<Data Collector IP address>
<Data Collector IP address>
.
.
<Data Collector IP address>
[database]
<Database IP Address>
<Database IP Address>
<Database IP Address>
<Database IP Address>
```

- The host fingerprint for each Data Collector and Database Server listed in the /etc/ansible/hosts file must be included in the known\_hosts file.
- The server must be able to communicate with each Data Collector and Database Server listed in the /etc/ansible/hosts file. To test connectivity, execute the following command:

```
ansible all --ask-pass -m ping -u em7admin
```

o The aws pp post upgrade.yml file must be saved on the local file system of the Ansible server.

To upgrade from a previous version of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack to version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack, you must perform the following general steps:

- 1. Disable collection for AWS devices.
- 2. Upgrade to the 8.2.0 or later release.
- 3. If you have made changes to the AWS PowerPack, optionally enable selective PowerPack field protection.
- 4. Install the AWS 101 PowerPack.
- 5. If you enabled selective PowerPack field protection, edit collection objects.

- 6. Verify the installation and clear the cache on all Data Collectors.
- 7. Unalign the AWS Custom Metrics Dynamic Application.
- 8. Enable collection for AWS devices.
- 9. If you enabled selective PowerPack field protection, optionally disable selective PowerPack field protection after the installation.

#### Step 1: Disable Collection for AWS Devices

To disable collection for AWS devices:

- 1. Go to the **Device Components** page (Registry > Devices > Device Components).
- 2. Select the checkbox for all Amazon Web Services root devices.
- 3. In the Select Actions drop-down list, select Change Collection State: Disabled (recursive).
- 4. Click the Go button.

#### Step 2: Upgrade to the 8.2.0 or Later Release

If you have not previously done so, upgrade your system to an 8.1.1 or later release using the documentation applicable to your current version:

- For systems running an 8.x release, see the 8.2.0 Release Notes.
- For systems running a 7.x release, see the 8.2.0 Migration Steps document.

### Step 3 (Optional): Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection

If you have made changes to the Amazon Web Service PowerPack on your system, you can use the **Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection** option to preserve changes to some fields. For a full list of fields that are preserved by this option, click the Guide button on the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior). If you use the **Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection** option, you must perform the steps listed in the **Step 5**(If Applicable): Edit Collection Objects section after installing version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack.

To enable selective PowerPack field protection:

- 1. Go to the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior).
- 2. Enable the Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection checkbox.
- 3. Click the Save button.

## Step 4: Install Version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack

To install the version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack:

- 1. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
- 2. Click the Actions button and select Import PowerPack. The Import PowerPack modal page appears.

- 3. Click the Browse button and select the PowerPack file in your file browser.
- 4. Click the Import button. A confirmation dialog appears.
- 5. Click the OK button. The **PowerPack Installer** modal page appears.
- 6. Click the Install button. A confirmation dialog appears.
- 7. Click the OK button.

#### Step 5 (If Applicable): Edit Collection Objects

If you performed the steps listed in the Step 3 (Optional): Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection section, you must perform the following steps:

- 1. Go to the Dynamic Applications Manager page (System > Manage > Application).
- 2. Click the wrench icon ( ) for the AWS CloudFront Origin Dynamic Application. The **Dynamic**Applications Properties Editor page appears.
- 3. Click the Collections tab.
- 4. Click the wrench icon (🎤) for the Distinguished Name collection object.
- 5. Enable the **Hide Object** checkbox.
- 6. Click the Save button.

#### Step 6: Verify Installation and Clear Data Collector Cache

This step can be performed manually or using an Ansible server.

**NOTE**: It can take up to five minutes after the installation of a PowerPack for the update content library to install on a Data Collector.

To perform this step using an Ansible server:

- 1. Log in to the command-line of the Ansible server:
- 2. Execute the following command:

```
ansible-playbook --extra-vars "aws_ppcl_version=1.7.1" aws_pp_post_upgrade.yml -v
-k
```

- 3. Validate that the output includes the following for every Data Collector used to monitor an AWS account:
  - The "Validate content library version" task did not fail
  - The "Remove Self-Monitoring Cache" task did not fail

It can take up to five minutes after the installation of a PowerPack for the update content library to install on a Data Collector. If the output indicates the "Validate content library version" task failed, wait five minutes and execute the command listed in step 2 again. If the "Validate content library version" task fails again, contact ScienceLogic Support.

To perform this step manually, perform the following steps for every Data Collector used to monitor an AWS account:

- 1. Log in to the command-line of the appliance as the em7admin user.
- 2. Execute the following command:

```
watch cat /var/lib/em7/content/aws/version.txt
```

- 3. Within five minutes of the PowerPack installation, the command should return "1.7.1". If the command does not return "1.7.1", contact ScienceLogic Support.
- 4. Enter "Ctrl + C" to exit the command.
- 5. Execute the following command to open a MariaDB prompt:

```
silo mysql
```

6. Execute the following command:

```
DELETE FROM cache.dynamic app WHERE `key` LIKE 'AWS SELF MONITOR %';
```

#### Step 7: Unalign the AWS Custom Metrics Dynamic Application

A previous release of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack erroneously aligned the AWS Custom Metrics Dynamic Application to certain types of devices. To unalign the AWS Custom Metrics Dynamic Application from these devices:

- 1. Copy the provided aws\_unalign\_custom\_metrics\_app.py file to the home directory of the em7admin user on an appliance in your system:
  - If your system includes All-In-One Appliances, use the primary All-In-One Appliance.
  - If your system includes Database Servers where the user interface/API has not been disabled on the Database Servers, use the primary Database Server.
  - If your system includes Database Servers where the user interface/API has been disabled on the Database Servers, use an Administration Portal.
- 2. Log in to the command-line of the appliance as the em7admin user.
- 3. Execute the following command:

```
sudo python aws_unalign_custom_metrics_app.py --base-url http://<IP address of
appliance> --username <username of administrator user> --password <password of
administrator user>
```

The output will show information about each device from which the AWS Custom Metrics Dynamic Application was unaligned.

### Step 8: Enable Collection for AWS Devices

To enable collection for AWS devices:

- 1. Go to the **Device Components** page (Registry > Devices > Device Components).
- 2. Select the checkbox for all AWS Web Services root devices.

- 3. In the Select Actions drop-down list, select Change Collection State: Enabled (recursive).
- 4. Click the Go button.

### Step 9 (Optional): Disable Selective PowerPack Field Protection

If you performed the steps listed in the Step 3 (Optional): Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection section and want to disable the option for future PowerPack updates, perform the following steps:

- 1. Go to the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior).
- 2. Disable the **Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection** checkbox.
- 3. Click the Save button.

#### Enhancements and Issues Addressed

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#### Known Issues

The following are known issues with version 101 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack that will be addressed in a future release:

- An erroneous CloudFront RTMP Distribution is discovered by the PowerPack.
- During the upgrade process, a "FileNotFound" unhandled exception can occur.
- After upgrading to version 100 of the Amazon Web Services PowerPack, duplicate journal entries are collected by the AWS OpsWorks Service Health Dynamic Application.
- Region and Availability Zone components are created for regions that include no provisioned resources.

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