

Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack Release Notes

Version 108

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Overview

Version 108 of the *Microsoft: Windows Server* PowerPack includes the removal of legacy PowerShell requests from pre-caching versions of the PowerPack and a device to align PowerShell Dynamic Applications for use with the SL1 Agent.

- Minimum Required Platform Version: 8.10.0
- Support Status: GA

This document describes:

- Pre-installation or pre-upgrade information
- The installation and upgrade process for the PowerPack
- The features included in version 108
- The enhancements and issues addressed in version 108
- The known issues in version 108

Before You Install or Upgrade

Ensure that you are running version 8.10.0 or later of SL1 before installing version 108 of the Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack.

NOTE: For details on upgrading SL1, see the appropriate ScienceLogic <u>Release Notes</u>.

Installing or Upgrading to Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack Version 108

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 the new version of the PowerPack from overwriting local changes for some commonly customized fields.

NOTE: If you are currently using the Dynamic Applications in the *Microsoft: Windows Server* PowerPack to monitor devices, collection errors might occur for one or two polling cycles during the installation of a new version. To prevent collection errors during an upgrade, you can optionally disable collection for monitored devices before performing the following steps and re-enable collection after the upgrade.

To install the *Microsoft*: *Windows* Server PowerPack for the first time or to upgrade from a previous version, perform the following steps:

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the Known Issues for this release.
- 2. See the **Before You Install or Upgrade** section. If you have not done so already, upgrade your system to the 8.10.0 or later release.
- 3. Download version 108 of the Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack from the Customer Portal to a local computer.
- Go to the PowerPack Manager page (System > Manage > PowerPacks). Click the [Actions] menu and choose Import PowerPack. When prompted, import version 108 of the Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack.
- 5. After importing the PowerPack, you will be prompted to install the PowerPack. Click the **[Install]** button to install the PowerPack.
- 6. See the manual Monitoring Windows Systems with PowerShell for instructions on using the PowerPack.

Features

Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack version 108 includes the following features:

- Dynamic Applications that collect configuration and performance data about Windows Servers
- Event Policies that are triggered when Windows Server devices meet certain status criteria
- Device Classes for each type of Windows Server

NOTE: The Device Classes include older device types that can be discovered but are no longer supported by ScienceLogic.

- Run Book Policies and Run Book Actions that align a more detailed device class with each discovered device
- A sample Credential for discovering Windows Server devices

Enhancements and Issues Addressed

The following enhancements and addressed issues are included in version 108 of the *Microsoft: Windows Server* PowerPack:

- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Availability" Dynamic Application was updated to be enabled by default.
- The "SL1 Agent for Microsoft: Windows Server Template" device template and "Sl1 Agent PowerShell Default" credential were added to the PowerPack to align Dynamic Applications for use with Local Agent Execution.
- The PowerPack was updated to remove legacy PowerShell requests that remain in the database from precaching versions of this PowerPack.
- An issue was addressed in the "Microsoft: Windows Server Configuration Cache" Dynamic Application in which empty data sets erroneously occurred.
- The "Microsoft: Windows Server DCM+R Relationship" Dynamic Application was updated to have a 2-hour polling cycle.
- The "Microsoft: Windows Server DCM+R Relationship" Dynamic Application was updated to address issues with Dynamic Component Map relationships between Windows Servers and New Relic servers.
- An issue was addressed in the "Microsoft: Windows Server OS Configuration" Dynamic Application in which the Asset/Form link property was incorrectly mapped to "Operating System Version" rather than "Edition".
- An issue was addressed in the "Microsoft: Windows Server Disk Performance" Dynamic Application in which the "Microsoft: Windows % Disk Used (Logical Disk) exceeded threshold" alert triggered when values were below the threshold.
- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Filesystem Inventory" and "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Filesystem Performance" Dynamic Applications were updated to address an issue in which bad characters were causing calculations to fail.
- All producer- and consumer-caching Dynamic Applications were updated to address an issue with collector group load balancing.

Known Issues and Workarounds

The following known issues impact version 108 of the Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack:

- The Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack version 102 and above will not work on merged devices prior to SL1 version 8.12.2.
- If you use the "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Interface Performance" Dynamic Application to populate interface performance data, then you cannot enable the *Packets* setting on the Interface Properties page (Registry > Networks > Interfaces > interface wrench icon) without causing an unhandled exception.
- When the "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Interface Inventory" Dynamic Application is enabled, you might see a nightly unhandled exception that includes the message "MySQL has gone away." The fix for this is targeted for a future release of SL1.
- The "Microsoft: Windows Server Software Configuration" Dynamic Application cannot properly parse installation dates that are not in yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss format, such as "Wed Jul 05 12:41:46 EDT 2017".
- The winrm_configuration_wizard.ps1 script, used for configuring permissions for SL1 collection on the monitored Windows server, may not be allowed to set permissions on every Windows service on the server. A Domain Administrator may have to use Group Policy management to set permissions on all Windows services.

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