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# REST: Toolkit PowerPack Release Notes

Version 101

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## Overview

Version 101 of the "REST: Toolkit" PowerPack includes performance improvements; updates to substitutions, steps, and custom step development; and changes to the PowerPack's credential.

- **Minimum Required Platform Version:** 11.3.0

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## Before You Install or Upgrade

Ensure that you are running version 11.3.0 or later of SL1 before installing or upgrading to the "REST: Toolkit" PowerPack version 101.

**IMPORTANT:** If you installed the "**CLI: Toolkit v100**" PowerPack or you have one or more PowerPacks that were built using the "CLI: Toolkit" PowerPack, then before you install the "REST: Toolkit" v101 PowerPack, you **must** first install the "**CLI: Toolkit v101**" PowerPack and align the Dynamic Applications that were built using "CLI: Toolkit" v100 with the execution environments that were included in "CLI: Toolkit" v101.

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## Installing or Upgrading the PowerPack

To install the "REST: Toolkit" 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 the new version of the PowerPack from overwriting local changes for some commonly customized fields.

1. See the [Before You Install or Upgrade](#) section. If you have not done so already, upgrade your system to 11.3.0 or later release.
2. Download the "REST: Toolkit" PowerPack from the Support Site to a local computer.
3. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks). Click the **[Actions]** menu and select *Import PowerPack*. When prompted, import version 101 of the "REST: Toolkit" PowerPack.
4. After importing the PowerPack, you will be prompted to install the PowerPack. Click the **[Install]** button to install the PowerPack.

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## Features

The "REST: Toolkit" PowerPack includes the following features:

- Libraries that provide REST-specific steps, as well as an execution environment with REST and other standard steps necessary for REST Dynamic Application development.
- Example snippet Dynamic Applications that enable SL1 to collect configuration and performance data from REST APIs.
- Dynamic Applications that enable SL1 to discover, model, and monitor an SL1 system on which you can create and experiment with the snippet Dynamic Applications that you build.
- Support for basic authentication APIs.

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## Enhancements and Issues Addressed

The following enhancements and addressed issues are included in this release of the PowerPack:

- Increased performance by removing similar calls for all steps.
- Made the following updates to substitution:
  - The toolkit now uses standard Python substitution. For more information, see the REST: Toolkit documentation on the [SL1 Developer Documentation site](#).
  - Custom substitution can now be functions that request any out-of-the-box substitution variables.
  - Deprecated the use of `<>` for substitution. You should now use `${ }` instead.
- Made the following updates to steps:
  - Added the step `jc` for general parsing.
  - Updated the step `paginator_offset` to allow limit and offset to be altered to meet the needs of the API.
  - Renamed the step `paginator_offset_limit` to `paginator_offset`.
  - Deprecated the step `jsonpath`. Use `jmespath` instead, as it is more performant.
  - Deprecated the step `simple_key`. Use `jmespath` instead, as it utilizes the same syntax.
  - Deprecated the step `stringint`.
  - Deprecated the step `stringfloat`.
  - Updated the step `http` to specify how a token should be refreshed during the collection cycle.
  - Fixed an issue with the step `http` where a URL could be created incorrectly.

- Made the following updates to support custom step development:
  - Added the following standard parameters:
    - `step_args`
    - `collection`
    - `credential`
    - `debug`
    - `metadata`
    - `request_id`
    - `set_metadata`
  - Updated `Requestor` and `Cacher` custom step development to use the standard parameters.
  - Created a new registration for `RequestMoreData`.
  - Added the flag to specify if a step is `mutable`, which affects the de-duplication process.
  - Deprecated the following standard parameters:
    - `result_container`
    - `action_number`
    - `action_arg`
  - Deprecated Processors to specify `type` for the `RequestMoreData` step. Use `register_rmd` instead.
  - Deprecated `TypeChecking`.
  - Deprecated `silos.low_code.RequestMaker`.
  - Deprecated the ability for a `Requestor` to request the parameter request.
  - Deprecated the ability for a `Cacher` to not consume standard parameters.
- Made the following updates to the "Rest snippet framework 101" credential type:
  - Added a new ***Authenticator Override*** field, which allows for custom authenticators.
  - Added a new ***Token Refresh Implementation*** field for token authentication types that enables you to specify the token refresh strategy as either key-based (*Dynamic*) or time-based (*Static*). The default value is *Dynamic*.
  - Fixed an issue where additional header fields were not always present.

**TIP:** Full documentation for the Snippet Framework is provided at the following location: <https://docs.sciencelogic.com/dev-docs/>

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