

Zenoss Core Release Notes

Release 5.3.1

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About this document

Zenoss Core Release Notes contains important information about minor and micro releases of Zenoss Core.

For information about Control Center, refer to the Control Center Release Notes.

This document provides information about the following releases of Zenoss Core:

Date	Release
31 August 2017	5.3.1
17 August 2017	5.3.0

Supported operating environments

Zenoss Core, Control Center, and operating systems

The following table identifies the supported combinations of Zenoss Core, Control Center, and operating system releases.

Zenoss Core release	Control Center	
	release	Host OS
5.3.0, 5.3.1	1.3.0, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.4.0	RHEL/CentOS 7.1, 7.2, or 7.3 (64-bit)
5.2.0, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.6*	1.2.0, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.3.0, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.4.0	RHEL/CentOS 7.1, 7.2, or 7.3 (64-bit)
5.1.9, 5.1.10	1.1.9, 1.2.0	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)
5.1.8	1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.1.7. 1.1.8, 1.1.9	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)
5.1.7	1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.1.7, 1.1.8	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)
5.1.6 (internal release only)	(none)	(none)
5.1.4, 5.1.5	1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.1.7	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)
5.1.3	1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.5	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)
5.1.2	1.1.2, 1.1.3	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)
5.1.1	1.1.1, 1.1.2	RHEL/CentOS 7.1 or 7.2 (64-bit)

Supported clients and browsers

The following table identifies the supported combinations of client operating systems and web browsers.

Client OS	Supported Browsers
Windows 7 and 8.1	Internet Explorer 11 (Enterprise mode only; compatibility mode is not supported.)
	Internet Explorer 10*

^{*} Version 5.2.5 was withdrawn.

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Support for Internet Explorer 10 will be withdrawn beginning with the next major release of Zenoss Core.

Client OS	Supported Browsers
Windows 10	Internet Explorer 11 (Enterprise mode only; compatibility mode is not supported.)
	Internet Explorer 10*
	Firefox 50 and later
	Chrome 54 and later
	Microsoft Edge
Windows Server 2012 R2	Firefox 30
	Chrome 36
Macintosh OS/X 10.9	Firefox 30 and above
	Chrome 36 and above
Ubuntu 14.04 LTS	Firefox 30 and above
	Chrome 37 and above
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.5,	Firefox 30 and above
CentOS 6.5	Chrome 37 and above

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Zenoss Core 5.3.1

The sole purpose of this release is to provide the fix described in *Fixed issue* on page 5.

All information Zenoss Core 5.3.0 release notes apply to 5.3.1. For details, see the following sections:

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- Limitations, errata, and documentation on page 10

Note If you are upgrading from Zenoss Core 5.3.0, an additional procedure is required. For information, refer to the *Zenoss Core Upgrade Guide*.

Fixed issue

Table 1: Release 5.3.1

ID	Description
ZEN-28477	ZenPacks with MIB data throw traceback errors during installation or upgrade.
ZPS-1988	

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Zenoss Core 5.3.0

Beginning with this release, Zenoss has implemented a change to release artifacts. Appliance artifacts remain the preferred option for installations and upgrades. These artifacts are OVA for VMware installations, ISO images for vSphere and bare metal installations, and the ISO updater. If you choose not to use the appliance, a single set of artifacts with all components and prerequisites is available. Use the converged artifacts for all installations and upgrades, whether online with an internet connection, or offline without a connection. When upgrading your system, use the converged artifacts, regardless of whether the original installation was performed online or offline.

New Zenoss Core artifacts are no longer available from Docker Hub, and a Docker Hub account is no longer required to access Zenoss Core images. Download all artifacts via the Zenoss rpm mirror in GitHub.

For Zenoss Core versions earlier than 5.3.0, artifacts will remain available from Docker Hub. Users should carefully review the Install and Upgrade Guides for both Zenoss Core and Control Center for details.

New features

This release of Zenoss Core provides the following new features.

Graph enhancements

To better accommodate graphs with many series (for example, component graphs with many components with "All On Same Graph" selected), the upper and lower graph legends are now consolidated into one active legend below the graph. Controls for making a particular series visible or not, formerly available in the upper legend, are now located in the legend below the graph.

Issues with pan, zoom, and shift functions in standalone graphs have been addressed.

Multi-Graph Report portlet

The Multi-Graph Report portlet displays an existing Multi-Graph Report that was created by using the **Reports** page. You can choose a specific graph group from the multi-graph report and select the time range for the portlet.

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Fixed issues

Table 2: Release 5.3.0

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Known issues

Table 3: Release 5.3.0

ID	Description	Status
ZEN-23606	When modeling Linux servers as a root user, you must not require the root user to use TTY. See the "Notes and workarounds" section below for detailed instructions.	Open
ZEN-27381	ZenPack dependencies not always installed in correct order during Zenoss Core upgrade.	Open
ZEN-27499	"ERR Failed to publish events caused by: EOF" error messages caused by issues with filebeat and Logstash closing connections it thinks are idle. This is a benign error. The ZenPack install and upgrade completes just fine.	Open
ZPS-1988	Upgrade from 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, or 5.1.4 to 5.3.0 with the BigIP ZenPack causes a traceback. The workaround is to remove the BigIP ZenPack and move forward with the upgrade.	Open

ZenPacks

This release of Zenoss Core supports ZenPacks at the current version listed in the following table. For more information about ZenPacks, see the http://www.zenoss.com/product/zenpacks.

Table 4: Release 5.3.0

ZenPack	Current version	Previous version
ZenPacks.zenoss.ApacheMonitor	2.1.4	Same
ZenPacks.zenoss.Dashboard	1.2.6	1.2.5
ZenPacks.zenoss.DeviceSearch	1.2.2	Same
ZenPacks.zenoss.LinuxMonitor	2.2.6	2.2.0
ZenPacks.zenoss.Microsoft.Windows	2.7.8	2.7.0
ZenPacks.zenoss.MySqlMonitor	3.0.9	3.0.7
ZenPacks.zenoss.NtpMonitor	2.2.2	Same
ZenPacks.zenoss.PythonCollector	1.10.1	1.9.0
ZenPacks.zenoss.ZenMail	5.1.0	Same
ZenPacks.zenoss.ZenPackLib	2.0.6	2.0.5

Notes and workarounds

ZEN-27866: Loading MIBs change

Zenoss Core prevents duplicate OID values in the database, regardless of the MIB module in which the OID exists. When loading a MIB, Zenoss Core compares OID values with data from the source (zenmib input file, ZenPack objects.xml file, or browser interface), and takes the following action:

- If the OID exists in the same MIB module, it overwrites the OID with data from the source.
- If the OID exists in a different MIB module, it deletes the OID, and then creates the OID as defined in the source.
- If the OID does not exist, it creates the OID as defined in the source.

ZEN-23606: Using a root user to model Linux devices

The Linux Monitor ZenPack requires the ability to run the pvs, vgs, lvs, systemctl, initctl, and service commands remotely on your Linux server(s) using SSH. By default, these commands are only allowed to be run locally. To remotely run these command, the root user must not be required to use TTY.

Perform the following on your Linux server(s):

- 1 Install the sudo package on your server(s).
- 2 Allow root user to execute commands via SSH without a TTY.
 - a Edit the /etc/sudoers file.
 - **b** Find the line containing root ALL=(ALL) ALL.
 - c Add the following line underneath it:

```
Defaults:root !requiretty
```

d Save the changes and exit.

Limitations, errata, and documentation



This section includes the following information:

- Known limitations of Zenoss Core
- Release-specific documentation errata, if any
- Descriptions of additional documentation

Limitations

The size of the CentralQuery maximum memory allocation pool is set by the *RAMCommitment* variable in the CentralQuery service definition. The default value is 1024MB. Do not change the value to anything less than 1024MB. (ZEN-15907).

Additional information

Beginning with release 5.0.0, all Zenoss Core distributions include PDF versions of the following documents:

- Zenoss Core Planning Guide
- Zenoss Core Configuration Guide
- Zenoss Core Administration Guide

Likewise, all releases of Control Center include an HTML version of its documentation.

The documentation included in a release is in sync with the release. That is, instead of inserting errata into release notes, document errors are corrected, and the corrected documents are included in the upgrade or patch release. Similarly, when a feature change or addition is included in an upgrade or patch release, the documentation is updated, too.

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