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1. System presentation

1.1 Context

The goal of the Action Manager is to be able to remotely run actions inside hynesim entities. This framework enables users to develop their own actions to instrument virtual machines. It can be used to perform automatic actions, such as:

- Loading a webpage
- Running a program inside of virtual machines
- Reading or writing files

With a set of actions, one can launch multiple actions, fetch their results and react to their outputs to automatically play scenarios inside topologies, which could be:

- Malicious file or attachment opening by a user
- Attack scenario (vulnerability scanning, exploitation...)
- Generating background traffic

1.2 Software design

The agent is a software client running on the instrumented virtual machine. Its role is to contact the host upon startup, to fetch available actions and run them. The host acts as a server and runs on the hynesim master. It is the endpoint for client interaction. Its goal is to manage agents, handle client requests and transmit orders to agents. It also stores input and output files, actions and agents history. The clients are users or programs that communicate with the host using its REST interface. Communicating with the REST interface can be done through classic URL requests or using the front web application.

1.3 Integration into hynesim

The Action Manager agent communicates over a serial port which has to be activated on the virtual machine.



2. Virtual machine setup

2.1 Hynesim setup

Open the virtual machine properties on which you wish to use the Action Manager. Go to the **Hynesim** tab and check **Serial port for action manager**.

System	Shared folder
🐡 General	Immutable
🔆 Hynesim	Serial port for action manager 😾
📕 Motherboard	Template
😃 Date/Time	Show advanced properties
[®] ∣ Boot	
I/O Devices	
💿 CD ROMs	
Network	
🧧 USB	
💻 Video	
🖾 Disks	
🛧 Input	
Other	
d Details	Cancel Apply

Fig. 1: Serial port activation in hynesim

2.2 Guest setup

2.2.1 Files location

Get the stub binary through the Action Manager API using this URL:

{APIURL}/v2/stub

• {APIURL} is the Action Manager API URL (usually http://am.hns-platform.com)

There is an easy access from the web application with the **tools** button located at the top right corner of any page, near the API documentation.





Fig. 2: **Stub** button for resources

Then you can choose on the left if you want a binary for Windows or Linux. On each pages you have the instructions to install the stub on the target VM.

2.2.2 Linux stub installation

Binary and config

In the virtual machine, create a *hns-actionmanager* folder as root at the location */opt*. Put the stub file in this folder, resulting in the path */opt/hns-actionmanager/stub_linux-amd64*.

Finally make it executable by running:

```
chmod +x stub_linux-amd64
```

Installation

To install the stub, run:

```
./stub_linux-amd64 --install
```

This will create a new *am-stub* service that will be started and enabled (meaning it will start at every machine startup).

Troubleshooting

If the service does not appear to be running, check:

- If the stub is executable
- If the serial port box is checked in hyneview

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2.2.3 Windows stub installation

VirtIO setup

First, you need to install VirtIO drivers to allow for a serial connection in the machine. Download the latest stable version here and put it in your guest machine.

Double-click on the ISO and run the installer fitting your architecture.

Na	me	Date modified	Туре	Size
	amd64	7/20/2020 7:59 PM	File folder	
	Balloon	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	data	7/20/2020 7:59 PM	File folder	
	guest-agent	7/20/2020 8:04 PM	File folder	
	i386	7/20/2020 7:59 PM	File folder	
	NetKVM	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	pvpanic	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	qemufwcfg	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	qemupciserial	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	qxI	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	qxldod	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	smbus	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	vioinput	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	viorng	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	vioscsi	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	vioserial	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	viostor	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	File folder	
	virtio-win_license	7/20/2020 7:57 PM	Text Document	2 KB
ß	virtio-win-gt-x64	7/20/2020 8:04 PM	Windows Installer	5,769 KB
6	virtio-win-gt-x86	7/20/2020 8:04 PM	Windows Installer	4,818 KB
1	virtio-win-guest-tools	7/20/2020 8:04 PM	Application	25,173 KB

Fig. 3: VirtIO installers

Binary and config

In the virtual machine, create a *hns-actionmanager* folder at the location C:\. Put the stub file in this folder, resulting in the path

C:\hns-actionmanager\agent-stub_windows-{arch}.

Where {arch} is the architecture type (ex: amd64).

Check that everything runs well by executing C:\hns-actionmanager\agent-stub_windows-{arch} in an administrator command prompt. After a few seconds, the stub should be sending heartbeats.



Now that you are sure it works, run the stub executable as administrator to start it. The agent will automatically be registered at each machine startup from now.

Troubleshooting

If the stub does not appear to be running, check:

- If the serial port box is checked in hyneview
- If the virtIO drivers are installed (see VirtIO setup)



3. Usage

3.1 Concepts

For the Action Manager, an **action** is any executable with customizable inputs. These actions can be made for Windows or Linux OSes. They are a way to easily instrument a machine and even schedule actions ahead of time with the Scheduler.

When an **action** is started on a virtual machine, it creates a **run**. It is an **action** that is being executed, or has been executed.

Finally, we call **live agent** an agent we can reach from the Action Manager's webui.

3.2 Basic features

3.2.1 List topologies

The topologies listing is the main page of the site. You can access it by clicking on the **Y** button. This page displays topologies, whether they are loaded or not, and information regarding them (live entities inside and total number of entities). If you have many topologies, it is possible to search through them by typing their name in the search bar on the left.

O DIATEAM - ACTION MANAG	ER 2.6.0 (>> (A) Search		^к 🌣
🔨 Run action	Topologies		
FILTERS	actionmanager	LIVE ENTITIES O	total entities 2
Search	See entities		•••
Q Search topology			
	actionmanager2	live entities O	total entities
	See entities		•••

Fig. 1: Topologies listing page

3.2.2 List agents

You can access the agents listing by clicking on the **See entities** button of a specific topology.

DIATEAM - ACTION MANAG	ER 2.6.0 Y (> Q Search		^к 🌣
🔨 Run action	Topologies		
FILTERS	actionmanager	LIVE ENTITIES	TOTAL ENTITIES
Search	See entities		•••
C course topology	actionmanager2	LIVE ENTITIES O	TOTAL ENTITIES
	See entities		•••

Fig. 2: See entities button

This page displays entities, whether they're live or not, and information regarding them (total number of runs, topologies, etc). You can display only live entities if you need to and find an entity by typing its name with the menu on the left side.

O DIATEAM - ACTION MANAGE	ER 2.6.0 🍾 🌾 🛛 Q. Search				^K	¢
✤ Topologies > ✤ actionmanager	2				🔨 Run ac	tion
SORT BY	Entities				Purge Topology Ru	ns
 ♣^A₂ Name (ascending) ♣^A_A Name (descending) Last used 	Debian 9 Gnome → actionmanager2 → notlMachin formation training email traffic generator IP Windows	active 0	FAILED 23	total runs 203	Run action on this entities	ty
FILTERS	See runs					•••
All Only show live entities Search Search entity	Windows 10 ● Y actionmanager2 및 DESKTOP-T7H7B41	active O	FAILED 82	total runs 243	Kun action on this enti	ty
	See runs					•••
	Windows_10 TC0 Test ● Y actionmanager2 및 DESKTOP-T7H7B41	active O	FAILED	total runs 30	Kun action on this enti	ty
	See runs					•••

Fig. 3: Entities listing page

3.2.3 List runs

To see runs from a specific entity, click on **see runs** under the entity.



Fig. 4: See runs button



Runs appear in chronological order and can be restarted by clicking **Re-run**.

Runs (1-10 of 203)	Display:	10/page	¢	1	2	3	4	5	6	. 21	>	≫+5	Purge succeeded runs
Whoami 1.0.0 Started: a month ago ① Duration: 0.04 seconds											🔨 R	e-Run	Entity Information
✓ Succeeded Details												•••	Debian 9 Gnome
Whoami 1.0.0 聞 Started: a month ago ① Duration: 0.04 seconds											🔨 R	e-Run	Hostname notlMachin Platform
✓ Succeeded Details												•••	Linux Architecture amd64
Whoami 1.0.0 聞 Started: a month ago ③ Duration: 0.04 seconds											🔨 R	e-Run	Last contact 28/02/2023
✓ Succeeded Details												•••	Agent uptime 5 minutes, 35 seconds
firefox 1.0.0 聞 Started: a month ago ③ Duration: 49.1 seconds											🔨 R	e-Run	Topology actionmanager2
✓ Succeeded Details												••••	Linux amd64 formation
Whoami 1.0.0 Started: 2 months ago ① Duration: 0.04 seconds											🔨 R	e-Run	
✓ Succeeded Details												•••	
Read bash history 1.0.0 Started: 3 months ago ③ Duration: 0.08 seconds											🔨 R	e-Run	
✓ Succeeded Details												•••	



3.2.4 List actions

The **Actions** (**4**) page lists all the actions uploaded on the Action Manager. You can filter them as in the entities' page using the menu on the left side.

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		Sispici, 12/page + 1	1
nport action	☆ foreground 1.0.0 Sets a window foreground by	☆ TTO 1.0.0	Check parent process 1.0.0
ORT BY	its PID		notepad.exe is executed by cmd. Return the executable
J ^Z Name (descending)	Linux amd64 x86	Linux amd64 x86	Windows amd64 x86
Last created	A Check Ele path 10.0	A Restart stub arout 10.0	A Innuts exemple 10.2
Last used	Check if a file is present based on is full path	restart the stub and the agent for windows.	Juste une action bateau sur laquelle je mets des champs

Fig. 6: Actions list page



3.2.5 Actions versioning

Each action is given a version at its creation. You can set it by yourself, the default value is 1.0.0. It allows you to have actions with the same name but different executable, depending on your needs.

It is also a way to differentiate your actions between those imported and those you created.

3.2.6 Get action details

You can edit, download, duplicate or delete the action using the menu in the bottom right corner.

Clicking on an action title will redirect you to a detailed view of the action with the list of its inputs, resources and details about its use.

Download big file		Edit action 👻
DESCRIPTION Create and download a large file	INPUT LIST A bytes bytes to generate in the file	~
INFORMATION Version 1.0.0	A file path to the file	~
Executable download-big-file.ps1	A type fileteype	~
Target OS Windows 1.0.0		
Architecture amd64, x86		
Added Mar 12th 2021 16:40:43	RESOURCE LIST	
Last use Apr 1st 2021 14:30:39		
Last update Mar 24th 202114:55:55	This action has no resources	
TAGS No tags.		

Fig. 7: Actions details page

3.2.7 Create actions

To create a new action, go to the **Actions** page and click on the **Create action...** button.



O DIATEAM - ACTION MANAG	ER 2.6.0 Y		^K 🌣
+ Create action	Actions (49-60 of 168)	Display: 12/page 🗢 < 1	3 4 5 6 7 14 > »+5
\land Import action	☆ foreground 1.0.0	☆ TTO 1.0.0	☆ Check parent process 1.0.0
SORT BY	Sets a window foreground by its PID		By default it will check if notepad.exe is executed by cmd. Return the executable
↓ ^Z Name (descending)	Linux amd64 x86	Linux amd64 x86	Windows amd64 x86
Last created			
Last used	Check file path 1.0.0 Check if a file is present based on is full path	Restart-stub-agent 1.0.0 restart the stub and the agent for windows.	☆ Inputs example 1.0.2 Juste une action bateau sur laquelle je mets des champs d'input différents pour faire de
FILTERS			.
No You have no favorites	Windows amd64 x86	Windows amd64 x86	Linux amd64 x86

Fig. 8: Create an action

You will then be prompted with the **Create new action** form.

Create new action		×
Name (Required)	Version (Required)	
New action #1	1.0.0	
Description		Tags
		Select or enter tags
Press 🖌 enter to make a line	break. max.	250 characters
Executable (Required)	Platform	Architecture
	Browse Linux W	/indows amd64 x86 Both
Inputs (0)		
↔ Add input		
Resources (0)		
Add resource		
		Cancel Create action

Fig. 9: Create action popup

Fill in the fields needed for your action:

- Name: the action name
- Version: the action version (see Actions versioning)
- Description (optional): details about the action, used in research
- Tags (optional): keywords to describe your action, used to filter actions when listing them
- Executable: the script that will be run on the entity (.ps1, .bat or .sh)

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- Platform: the OS on which the script is made to run
- Architecture: the architecture of the agent's OS
- Inputs (optional):
 - Name: name of input
 - Type: data type
 - Description: details about the input
 - Default: value used if the field is not filled in
 - Example: value suggested
- Resources (optional): one or more files packaged with the action

Note: The purpose of resources is to have one or more files packaged directly with the action. Meaning they are saved between runs and it is not needed to reupload them each time, unlike inputs.

3.2.8 Import actions

If you downloaded an action (.am or .zip format). You can import it to the Action Manager. In the **Actions** page, click on **Import action...** You will be prompted with a popup to add your action. You can either choose to drag and drop it or find it on your machine with the button **Select file**.



Fig. 10: Popup for action import

3.2.9 Download actions

If you need to share an action to another instance of the Action Manager or wish to make a backup of your actions, you can download them.



☆ killProcess 1.0.0 Kills a process in Linux
Linux amd64 x86
☆ hydraG Runs a g Download action
Download executable
Linux 🕴 🔨 Run this action
A hping3 Oelete Runs hping3 in flood mode.

Fig. 11: Download an action

Import strategies

There are 4 options to choose from when importing actions to handle conflicts between existing actions and actions being imported.

- Error: the default, returns an error if there is a conflict
- Create or replace: replaces the existing action with the action imported
- Ensure exists: keeps the existing action, discarding the imported action
- **Increase version**: keeps the existing action to its version, increments the version of the imported action (see *Actions versioning*)



Import actio	ns	×
	Specify the behaviour when an action already exists in the library:	
	Increase version Automatically increment the version of the imported action.	
	O Ensure exists Do not import, return the pre-existing action.	
∧ Files	Create or replace Replace the pre-existing action.	
Encoding PS	O Error Do not import, return an error.	tes
	The uniqueness of an action is defined by the combination of its name, version, os and architecture.	
Conflict handling:	Error Cancel Upload actions	

Fig. 12: Conflict handling dialog

3.2.10 Run actions

There are several ways to run an action:

- On the **Entities** page (when you select a topology)
 - with the button **Run action**
 - with the button **Run action on this entity...** on each entity
- On the Actions page with the button ... on each action
- On the **Action page**, when you select an action, click on the arrow right of the **Edit action** button and **Run this action...**.
- On the runs listing, every action has a button **Re-Run**

By using any of these ways you should be prompted with the action **Launcher**.



Launcher					×
ENTITIES	Clear all	ACTIONS	Clear all	Actions Library	T
+ A0	dd entity	+ Add action		☆ Q Find action	114
Debian 9 Gnome		List process 1.0.0		Hide incompatible actions	
Ƴ actionmanager2 Linux amd64		Linux amd64 x86		☆ Test resources 1.0.0 test des resources. cat file.txt Linux amd64 x86 Use	0
				☆ nmapIPToOs 1.0.0 Linux amd64 x86 Use	0

Fig. 13: Action launcher

The action Launcher is divided in 3 columns:

- The list of entities selected for a run
- The list of actions that will be performed on these entities
- The menu with which you can choose your entities, actions, and inputs

If you want the menu on the right to display the list of entities, click on **Add entity**. If you want the list of actions, click on **Add action**. Finally, if you want the inputs for a specific action click on the action tile.

Note: Actions with available inputs appear with a 🌣 at the bottom right of their tile.

3.2.11 Purge runs

When you have run many actions, the run page and the quick-view of the active, failed and total runs on an entity can become cluttered. There are two buttons to purge the runs of a whole topology. One of them is located in the **Topologies** page, in the options of any topology. The other one is located on the **Entities** page of any topology, above the list of all entities.

Action Manager 2	LIVE ENTITIES TOTAL ENTITIES 4 4
See entities	
	💼 Remove Topology Entities
Action Manager	💼 Purge Topology Runs





Entities				Purge Topology Runs
Debian 9 Gnome ● ❤ actionmanager2 ☑ notIMachin	active O	FAILED 23	total runs 203	Run action on this entity
formation training email traffic generator IP Windows				
See runs				•••



By going to the **Runs** page of an entity, there is also a way to **Clean succeeded runs...**, which will leave only the failed or running runs on display. Lastly, it is possible to delete each run one by one, by clicking on **Delete** in the options of every run on this page.



Fig. 16: Purge a specific run

3.2.12 Remove entities

If there are entities that you no longer use, it is possible to remove them from the Action Manager's listings. You can go to the **Entities** page and click on the options button, then select **Remove entity...**.

Ƴ actionm ₽ notIMac	anager2					active 0	failed 23	total runs 203	4	Run action on this entity
formation	training	email	traffic generator	IP	Windows					
See runs										
Windows	10 🔹									Remove Entity
🖌 actionm	nanager2					ACTIVE	FAILED	TOTAL RUNS	1	Purge Entity Runs

Fig. 17: Removing a single entity

Note: The entity must be stopped in hynesim to remove it from the AM. If it is restarted, it will be displayed again within a few seconds.

It is possible to remove all the entities from a topology, too. In the **Topologies** page, click on the options button of a topology and select **Remove Topology Entities...**.



Action Manager	LIVE ENTITIES TOTAL ENTITI 0 3
See entities	
	💼 Remove Topology Entities
	m Purge Topology Runs



Note: A topology will disappear from the **Topologies** page if all of its entities are removed. It will be displayed again if any of its entity is restarted.

3.3 Advanced features

3.3.1 Scheduler

The scheduler allows you to postpone an action run and have it run at any time you want. It is located in the action **Launcher**, click on the action you want to postpone. In the panel on the right, there is a **Not scheduled** link. Click on it and choose the date and time you want the action to run at.

	Мо	ти	Wo	Th	Er	Sa		
g	1	2	3	1	5	6 G		
,	0	0	10	11	10	12		
	0	9	10	11	12	15		
1	15	16	17	18	19	20		
1	22	23	24	25	26	27		
8	29	30	31	1	2	3		
		^	^	~				
	1	16 :	52	: 50	D			
		~	~	~	,			
d	ay				Ca	ncel		
		-	-	-	-	-		
ot	scher	fuled						

Fig. 19: Schedule an action



3.3.2 Action inputs

Upon action creation, you can specify inputs. These inputs can either be a file if you need to compare it to a file in the VM for instance, or text which can be a flag to a shell command.

Let's create a simple action, which returns the hardware address of a specific network interface. First, create a .sh script on your host and paste this code in it:

#!/bin/bash
cat /sys/class/net/\$1/address

This script could be run directly in a linux shell by typing:

./macAddr.sh eth0

It would output the physical address of the argument, the interface **eth0**.

Now, we want to have this script as an action in the Action Manager, create it as such:

Create new action			×					
Name (Required) macAddr	Version (Required) 2.0.0							
Description Tags Returns the hardware address of the specified interface Select or enter tags Press & enter to make a line break. max. 250 characters								
Executable (Required) macaddr.sh Bro	Platform Archi owse Linux Windows amdd	tecture 54 x86 Both						
Inputs (1) Name (Required) interface Add input	Type Description File Text Specific network inter	Default/Savename face eth0	Example					
Resources (0) Add resource			Cancel Create action					

Fig. 20: Creating macAddr action

The input "Interface" will result in a form in the action launcher, in which you can specify any interface. This form is accessible by adding the action to the list of actions to run and click on its card in the list.

This input is going to be the argument of the script.



Launcher					×
ENTITIES	Clear all	ACTIONS	Clear all	Configure macAddr	Replace 🗸
+ Add entity		+ Add	laction	Returns the hardware ad interface	ldress of the specified
Debian 9 Gnome		macAddr 2.0.0		interface	
Ƴ actionmanager2		Linux amd64	0	ens3	🖸 Default: eth0
Linux amd64				Specific network interface	0
				LACULADIE NAME	
				Run as User	
				Not scheduled	0
Last saved: Feb 28, 2023, 10:18:42				C	Cancel Run action(s) 🗸

Fig. 21: Running macAddr action

Note: In this example, we chose "eth0" as a default but it is up to you to choose the default you want or even not put any default at all.

Here is the result, it will obviously vary depending on the VM's hardware addresses.

macAddr Succeeded</th <th></th> <th>🤸 Re-Run</th>		🤸 Re-Run
🛗 Started: a few seconds ago	🖵 Entity: Debian 9 Gnome	
O Duration: 0.03 seconds	<pre> Action: macAddr - 2.0.0</pre>	
🛌 Exit status: 0	• Run as user: root	
Logs Text Inputs		
Q Search	T, Run System 1 Info 🛦 Warning 1 Error	✓ Follow logs
RUN 1 6c:b3:50:6a:36:ea		

Fig. 22: Logs of macAddr run

If you need to, you can check the provided input of any action at any time in the "Text Inputs" tab. It should list every text input with its name, description and value. When there are file inputs, they are located in a "File Inputs" tab.



macAddr Succeeded</th <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>🤸 Re-Run</th>						🤸 Re-Run		
🛱 Started: a few seconds ago	ds ago 🛛 🖵 Entity: Debian 9 Gnome							
() Duration: 0.03 seconds	Action	Action: macAddr - 2.0.0						
🛌 Exit status: 0	• Run as user: root							
Logs Text Inputs								
Name	Туре	Description		Value				
interface	Text	Specific network interface		ens3				



It works the same way with input files. The only thing that changes at the action creation is the **Type** selector, which you have to switch to **File**. Files used as inputs will be located in the "./inputs" folder.

Here is a script to use file inputs as an example:

#!/bin/bash	
cat ./inputs/file.txt	

It will display in the Action Manager logs the content of the file "file.txt", located in the folder "./inputs".

Now, create an action with this script:

Create new action				×
Name (Required)	Version (Required)			
DisplayInputFile	2.0.0			
Description		Tags		
Display the input file in './input	s' folder.	Select or enter tags		
Press 🖌 enter to make a line break	x. max. 250 characters			
Executable (Required)	Platform Architect	ure		
useInput.sh Bro	wse Linux Windows amd64	x86 Both		
Inputs (1)				
Name (Required)	Type Description	Default/Savename	Example	
File	File Text File to display		Ī	Ī
⊕ Add input				
Resources (0)				
Add resource				
			Cancel Create action	on

Fig. 24: Create action with input file

Run the action, to select the file to use as input, there is a button to browse your filesystem and find it easily.



Launcher						×
ENTITIES	Clear all	ACTIONS	Clear all	Configure DisplayInputFil	e Replac	e 🗸
+ Add entity		+ Add action		Display the input file in './inpu	ts' folder.	
	_			File		
Debian 9 Gnome		DisplayInputFile 2.0.0		file.txt	Replace	亩
Y actionmanager2		Linux amd64 x86	¢	File to display		
				Executable path		0
				Executable name		0
				Pup as liser		0
				101 05 0501		•
				Not scheduled		-0
Last saved: Feb 28, 2023, 10:37:42				Cance	Run action(s)	~

Fig. 25: Run action with input file

The Action Manager should display the content of the file you used as input.

3.3.3 Action resources

If you need to use a file every time you run an action, it can be tedious to put it in input each and every run. For instance, if you need to install several times a software with source files, it is really practical to have them always packaged in the action. That is why there are resources. They are files packaged with an action at its creation time.

Let's use them in an example. Here is the script we use:

```
#!/bin/bash
cat "resources/file.txt"
```

We upload a file.txt file to be displayed in the logs. It could be any other file format.



Create new action				×
Name (Required)	Version (Required)			
Use resources	2.0.0			
Description		Tags		
Action to show the use of resou	irces in the AM.	Select or o	enter tags	
Press 🖌 enter to make a line break.	max. 2	50 characters		
Executable (Required)	Platform	Architecture		
resource.sh Brow	wse Linux Windows	amd64 x86 Both		
Inputs (0)				
↔ Add input				
Resources (1)				
file.txt Rep	lace 💼			
Add resource				
				Cancel Create action

Fig. 26: Create resource using action

This script simply displays the content of the file used as resource, here is the output:

Use resources v Succeed	led	🔨 Re-Run
🛗 Started: a few seconds ago	🖵 Entity: Debian 9 Gnome	
O Duration: 0.03 seconds	Action: Use resources - 2.0.0	
🖬 Exit status: 0	O Run as user: root	
Logs		
Q Search	T, Run System 🕕 Info 🔺 Warning 🔮 Error	∠ Follow logs
RUN 1 I am a file used as	resource, I am packaged with the action on its creation and available at resources/filename i	n Linux OSes and ro

Fig. 27: Resource display result

Note: Resources are at the same location on Linux or Windows, in the "./resources" folder.

3.3.4 Action outputs

If you need to store an action's output data on a file for easier handling, there is the ./outputs folder. Files stored in this folder during a run are sent to the host.

Here is an example script:



#!/bin/bash

,	.,				
echo	'This i	s going to	the output files	s' > ./outputs/	'file.txt

Now, create the action:

Create new action			×
Name (Required)VerUse Output1.0	rsion (Required) 0.0		
Description		Tags	
Action to use the output folder.		Select or enter tags	
Press enter to make a line break.	max. 250 character		
Executable (Required)	Platform A	rchitecture	
useOutput.sh	Browse Linux Windows	amd64 x86 Both	
Inputs (0)			
Resources (0)			
⊕ Add resource			
		Cancel Create action	

Fig. 28: Create action using output

Run the action as a basic action, there is no input to handle.

Once the action has run, you can find the output files in the **Outputs** tab on the run page.



Fig. 29: Outputs tab on run page

There you can directly download your output files.



3.3.5 User actions

By default the actions are run as administrator on the machines. The administrator is the nt authority on Windows and root on Linux. It does not let us pop graphical applications or do user-specific actions.

This is why we can impersonate a user to run an action. It is done by specifying its username in the action launcher, when we have an action selected. If you don't want to run the action as a user, leave the field empty.

Here are two example scripts for Linux and Windows, they both pop a calculator:

Linux:

#!/bin/sh
export DISPLAY=:0 # This line is to let Linux know where to instantiate the app
gnome-calculator

Windows (powershell):

C:\Windows\System32\calc.exe

Now, specify the user that is going to run the action, "hns" in our case:

Launcher					×
ENTITIES	Clear all	ACTIONS	Clear all	Configure Gnome calculator	Replace 🗸
	+ Add entity	+ Add action		Starts the calculator in GNOME DE.	
Debian 9 Gnome Y actionmanager2 Linux amd64		Gnome calculator 1.0.0		No inputs to be confi You can manage action properties from library.	igured and add inputs
				Executable path	U
				Executable name	0
				hns	0
				Not scheduled	0
Last saved: Feb 28, 2023, 1	0:50:32			Cancel	un action(s) 🗸 🗸



Note: For Windows actions, it is mandatory to have the specified user logged in his session.



Otherwise it will not work.

As a result, you should see a calculator pop open on the screen of the specified user.

3.3.6 Executable name

By default the action will be named like **exec**, but you have the possibility to rename the action.

You just have to specify the name that you want use, and in the VM the file will be renamed:

Launcher					×
ENTITIES	Clear all	ACTIONS	Clear all	Configure Gnome calculator	Replace 🗸
+ Add entity		+ /	Add action	Starts the calculator in GNOME DE.	
				No inputs to be cor	nfigured
Debian 9 Gnome 'y actionmanager2 Linux amd64		Linux amd64 x86	0.0	You can manage action propertie from library.	es and add inputs
				hello	0
				Run as User	0
				Not scheduled	0
Last saved: Feb 28, 2023, 10:55:03				Cancel	Run action(s) 🗸

Fig. 31: Change the executable name

Note: You can ommit the extention, by default the AM use **.ps1** for Windows and in Linux the executable will be run using Bash.

3.3.7 Executable path

By default the action will be executed in the temporary directory. You can change the directory that the action will be executed.



You just have to specify the path that you want use, and in the VM the action will be upload inside:

Launcher						×
ENTITIES	Clear all	ACTIONS	(Clear all	Configure powerOff	Replace 🗸
Printes Pr		+ Ad powerOff 1.0.0 Windows amd64 x86	Id action		No inputs to be co You can manage action proper from library.	ponfigured ties and add inputs
Last saved: Feb 28, 2023, 11:03:53					Cancel	Run action(s) 🗸

Fig. 32: Change the executable name

3.4 Error management

When you create a script using Windows PowerShell, batch or Linux bash, you should test your program to define the return error cases.

For example:

& "C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe"

This action will return **Success** but the created process is failing because of an external reason. What is actually happening is that we get the status of the process starting the action itself. As it started the action successfully, the returned value is **Success**, even if the action itself failed, this use case happens when you don't handle errors in your script.





Fig. 33: Action firefox failed

3.4.1 Windows Powershell

In Windows Powershell, you can use the **try catch** block to exit with an error if the action fails:

```
try{
   & "C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe"
}catch{
   Write-Error "firefox.exe cannot be started"
   exit 1
}
# If the process fails, the exit code of the action is 1
# Else it is the exit code of the binary firefox.exe
```

You can also use the **automatic variables** to test the action's ending state.

First there is **\$?**, it's used to return a boolean True or False according to the last executed command:

```
Start-Process "C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe"
if( -not $? ){
    Write-Error "Action has failed"
    exit 1
}
# If $? == false, the exit code of the action is 1
# Else it is the exit code of the binary firefox.exe
```

Second is **\$LastExitCode**, it's used to return the error code of the **last executed binary**:



```
Start-Process "C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe"
if($LastExitCode -ne 0){
    Write-Error "Action has failed"
    exit $LastExitCode
}
# If the $LastExitCode == 4, the exit code of the action is 4
# Else it is 0
```

3.4.2 Windows batch

The variable %ERRORLEVEL% can be tested with 0 (success) and 1 (fail):

```
@echo off
START "C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe"
IF %ERRORLEVEL% neq 0 (
    echo "Fail"
    exit 1
)
echo "Success"
exit 0
REM If firefox.exe can't start, it will print "Fail" and return the exit code 1
REM Else "Success" is printed and 0 is returned
```

3.4.3 Linux

In Linux you can use the variable **\$?** to test the exit code:

```
#!/bin/bash
firefox $1
if [[ $? -ne 0 ]]; then
    echo "Fail"
    exit 1
fi
echo "Success"
exit 0
# If firefox error code == 1, the script prints Fail and returns the exit code 1
# Else the script prints "Success" and returns the exit code 0
```