

Release Control ServiceNow Plugin Quick Reference

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Preparing the Plugins

The integration between each integrating product and Release Control is implemented through the corresponding plugin.

Documentation References

- Information on installing, configuring, and using this plugin is included in this document.
- For overview and getting started information on Release Control, see the *Release Control Getting Started Guide*.

For information on preparing this plugin for use, see the following:

- About Plugins [page 5]
- Installing Plugins [page 6]
- Release Control Administration Overview [page 6]
- Adding Plugins [page 7]
- Adding Base Configurations [page 8]
- Adding Plugin Configurations [page 9]
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About Plugins

Plugins implement integrations with external products to provide core functionality for Release Control. After applying the Release Control configuration in SBM Configurator, all default plugins are already installed for you. You can access Release Control Administration from SBM Configurator to add plugins and one or more unique configurations for each plugin.

Default Plugins

Release Control installs the following plugins as part of the default installation:

- Atlassian JIRA
- CA Nolio
- ChangeMan ZMF *
- Deployment Automation *
- Dimensions CM *

- Jenkins
- SBM *
- ServiceNow

* Example configurations for these are included in the Release Control installation.

Provider Types

Plugins implement object and execution provider types. In the default plugins, object provider type is used for requests and deployment units and execution provider type is used for deployment tasks. Each plugin can implement any number of variations of provider types as needed, so only one plugin is needed per integrating product.

For information on creating custom provider types, see the *Release Control SDK Reference*.

Installing Plugins

Default plugins are installed by the Release Control installer.

If you have created a custom plugin, are using a plugin version that is not installed by default, or are restoring a plugin, you will need to install it.

If the plugin (or version of the plugin) you want to use is already installed, continue with Adding Plugins [page 7].

For information on upgrading plugins, see the latest Plugin Release Notes on Documentation Center.

To install a plugin:

1. Download the plugin jar files that you want to install from the Support website, under the latest version of Release Control.

The latest plugin file name is as follows:

rlc-provider-servicenow-3.0.jar

2. For Release Control version 6.2 or later only, copy the jar files to the Release Control plugins installation directory. For example:

C:\Program Files\Micro Focus\Release Control\Plugins



Important: Plugins version 3.0 and later are supported only for Release Control version 6.2 and later. For installation instructions for earlier plugin versions with earlier versions of Release Control, see the plugin Quick References for those versions.

Release Control Administration Overview

Use Release Control Administration to prepare your plugins for use.

There are several ways to navigate to the same place within the user interface. The procedures in this documentation show one of the ways to navigate. Use the included examples to become familiar with the navigation.

To access Release Control Administration, in your Web browser, enter the URL for Release Control Administration. For example:

http://serverName/workcenter/tmtrack.dll?StdPage&Template=rlc/admin

Release Control Administration includes the following global menu options:

- Plugins: Add plugins that are installed on your system.
- **Configurations:** Add base configurations and configurations created from them.
 - Base Configurations:
 - A set of shared properties that enables you to quickly create and update configurations of different types using that information.
 - A base must be created for each set of configurations.
 - Multiple versions of configurations can be added for the same base configuration.
 - You can add multiple execution and object type configurations (called actions and item configurations in the examples) within one base configuration.
 - Configurations:
 - A configuration is a specific set of information needed to connect to and integrate with external products using a particular plugin.
 - Configurations are selected from collections to add items such as Requests, Deployment Units, and Deployment Tasks.
 - The first configuration is created at the same time you create the base and you can create as many configurations as you need based on each base.
 - Many fields can be overridden to give more flexibility in creating configurations for different groups or slightly different purposes.
 - If the base is updated and fields are overridden, the updates in the base are ignored.
- Tags:
 - Unique names you can assign to plugin configurations in addition to the plugindefined Type Name.
 - These are referenced in collection widgets to categorize the objects, such as requests, deployment units, and deployment tasks.
 - Several plugin-defined tags are available for the default implementation of Release Control, such as Request, Deployment Unit, and Deployment task tag.

Adding Plugins

Several of the default plugins have been added for you. If you don't see the default plugin you want to use, you can add it. If you have just installed a non-default or custom plugin, you will need to add it.

If the plugin (or version of the plugin) you want to use is already added, continue with Adding Plugin Configurations [page 9].



Important: The Release Control Administration options can be performed only by users with Managed Administrator privileges.

CAUTION:



If you are using Internet Explorer as your web browser, ensure Compatibility View is not set for the Release Control site. Otherwise, you will receive the error "Your browser is not supported."

To add a plugin:

1. In your Web browser, enter the URL for Release Control Administration. For example:

http://serverName/workcenter/tmtrack.dll?StdPage&Template=rlc/admin



Tip: The link for your installation is in SBM Configurator on the **Release Control** page.

- 2. In the **Plugins** tab, click the **Add Plugin** icon.
- 3. In the Available Plugins list, select the ServiceNow plugin you want to use .



Note: If you have multiple versions of the same plugin installed, you can choose an the version to add. By default, the latest one is selected.

Adding Base Configurations

A base plugin configuration must be created for each set of configurations. It stores connection information and other shared properties and enables you to quickly create configurations of different types using that information.



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To add a base configuration:

1. In your Web browser, enter the URL for Release Control Administration. For example:

http://serverName/workcenter/tmtrack.dll?StdPage&Template=rlc/admin



Tip: The link for your installation is in SBM Configurator on the **Release Control** page.

- 2. Select the **Configurations** tab.
- 3. To create a base with a new set of connection details and shared properties:
 - a. Click the Add Configuration icon (

- b. Give a unique title and description for the first configuration for the base.
 - **Tip:** The configuration title is the name that appears in the drop-down selection when adding requests, deployment units, and deployment tasks. Consider including the server name if you have configurations for multiple servers, integrating product version, plugin version, or any other distinguishing information.
- c. In the **Plugin Instance** field, select the ServiceNow plugin .
- d. In the **Type Name** field, select the specific implementation of the provider type that you want to use.
- e. In the **Base Configuration** field, select **New**.
- f. In **Base Configuration Title**, give a unique title for the base configuration that encompasses the scope of the configurations that will inherit its settings.



Tip: Consider including the server name if you have configurations for multiple servers, integrating product version, plugin version, or any other distinguishing information.

g. Fill out the remaining fields presented in the user interface. See ServiceNow Item Configuration Details [page 20] .

Adding Plugin Configurations

Plugin configurations provide connection information, product-specific details, and filters telling the plugin what data to obtain from the integrating product. You may use multiple configurations to point to different systems or projects, to use different versions of an integrating product or plugin, or to use different filters.

Before you can use a plugin, you must at minimum update it with your specific connection information for the configuration. Each of the plugin configurations in the default implementation have example values, but you'll need to update these according to your own implementation.

If you are using one of the plugins with example configurations, you can update the example configurations with your connection information and other details or you can add new configurations.



Important: The Release Control Administration options can be performed only by users with Managed Administrator privileges.

To add a plugin configuration:

1. In your Web browser, enter the URL for Release Control Administration. For example:

http://serverName/workcenter/tmtrack.dll?StdPage&Template=rlc/admin



Tip: The link for your installation is in SBM Configurator on the **Release Control** page.

2. Select the **Configurations** tab.

- 3. To create a configuration from an existing base:
 - a. Click the + beside the base that you want to use to create the configuration.
 - b. Give a unique title and description for the configuration.



Tip: The configuration title is the name that appears in the drop-down selection when adding requests, deployment units, and deployment tasks. Consider including the server name if you have configurations for multiple servers. You may also want to include integrating product version, plugin version, or other distinguishing information.

- c. In the **Plugin Instance** field, select the ServiceNow plugin .
- d. In the **Type Name** field, select the specific implementation of the provider type that you want to use.
- e. In the **Base Configuration** field, select the base that you want to use for this configuration.



Tip: Select **New** to create a new base configuration as you create the configuration instead of using an existing configuration. See Adding Base Configurations [page 8].

- f. Fill out the fields presented in the user interface. See ServiceNow Plugin Configuration Overview [page 20].
- g. To enter different information in any grayed out fields, select **Override**.

Updating Plugin Configuration Details

Some settings can be changed after you have created a configuration.

To update a plugin configuration:

- Edit the base configuration to change shared information for all its subordinate configurations.
- Edit the configurations to change non-base settings.
- Override base settings at the configuration level.
 - You can change a base field, which is shown in gray, only if there is an override option beside it. Select **Override** to make the field editable. If there is no override option, you can create a new configuration.
 - If you override at the configuration level and then update the base configuration, the configuration retains the override rather than inheriting the new base configuration setting.



Note: You can also override fields at the item or project level to filter selections available in collections. See Overriding Configuration Settings [page 12].

For field descriptions, see ServiceNow Plugin Configuration Overview [page 20]

Adding Plugin Configuration Tags

Tags are unique names you can assign to plugin configurations in addition to the systemassigned Type Name. These tags are used in collection widgets to show or not show the objects, such as requests and deployment units.

Tags are provided for the default plugin configurations and are pre-selected in the example settings. However, you may add any type of object needed for your custom implementations of Release Control and the plugins.



Warning: Do not remove the default tags unless you are customizing the system. Object configurations must have tags assigned to them; otherwise, items cannot be linked to deployment tasks, because the configuration for items does not appear and the selection says "No configurations available".



Note: When you create tags or assign tags to a configuration, those tags are not used by existing items. The tags will be used only for items added after the tags are created or assigned.



Important: The Release Control Administration options can be performed only by users with Managed Administrator privileges.

To add tags to a specific configuration:

1. In your Web browser, enter the URL for the Release Control Administration. For example:

http://serverName/workcenter/tmtrack.dll?StdPage&Template=rlc/admin



Tip: The link for your installation is in SBM Configurator on the **Release Control** page.

2. In the **Configurations** tab, select a plugin configuration.



Note: If you add a tag at the configuration level, that tag is available to be selected by other configurations and is listed in the global **Tags** list.

- 3. Click the **Tags** tab.
- 4. Click Edit.
- 5. To use existing tags, select one or more tags, use the arrows to move them to the **Selected Tags** box.
- To create a new tag, click Create New below the selection box and give the tag a name and description. This creates the tag and automatically adds it to the Selected Tags box.



Tip: You can view tags for all configurations in the global **Tags** tab. From there you can create tags, edit existing tag names and descriptions, and copy tags.

Updating Collections to Use Different Tags

Tags defined in Release Control Administration are used in collections to determine what plugin information to show.

If you are using the default implementation, you do not need to make any changes. However, if you've added tags to use for custom collections or to combine types of information shown in the default collections, you need to modify the collections to use the tags you want.

To update the collections to use different tags:

- 1. In SBM Composer, open the process app that you want to update, such as *RLC Release Package* or *RLC Release Train*.
- 2. Select **Visual Design** in the App Explorer.
- 3. Select the form to update, such as **RT Deployment State Form**.
- 4. In the form, select the tab for the collection you want to update.
- 5. Select the collection widget.
- If you are updating an object collection, such as **Requests** or **Deployment Units**, in the Property Editor Parameters **Tags** field, update the list of tags. In execution collections, such as Deployment Tasks, update the **View Tags** field.
- 7. If you are changing the name of the collection, you should update the tab name to match.
- 8. Deploy the process app.

For details on updating and deploying process apps, see the SBM Composer documentation.

Overriding Configuration Settings

Configuration field values can be overridden in several ways, depending on your needs. Overrides are available as follows:

- Within a configuration, you can override base settings for fields that have an Override checkbox beside them. See Adding Plugin Configurations [page 9].
 - These overrides are used to limit value selections when adding objects in collections, such as requests, deployment units, and deployment tasks.
 - These overrides are also used by the system for validation and execution.
- Using entries in the *Configuration Overrides* table, you can pre-define sets of field values for specific purposes, such as for a project, an application, or a release.
 - These overrides are used to limit value selections when adding objects in collections, such as requests, deployment units, and deployment tasks.
 - You can define sets of overrides for all configurations or limit them by configuration UUID or by a specified tag.

- You can use dynamic values in the *Configuration Overrides* table to access the exact values for fields set within an item, such as a release package or deployable release train. To dynamically override the field, it must be used on a form.
- These overrides are not used when validating and executing deployment tasks.

CAUTION:



It is not recommended to override connection information this way unless you are doing it only to restrict the selections for objects such as requests. If a user in an override has permission to make selections but the user in the configuration or its internal override does not have enough permissions to execute the deployment, the deployment may fail. The user in the configuration or its internal override must have the permissions necessary for validation and execution.

To override configuration settings:

- 1. Select the fields for which overriding is allowed. See Making Fields Eligible for Override [page 13].
- 2. Add entries to the *Configuration Overrides* table. See Creating Configuration Overrides [page 14].
- 3. Select an override entry in one of the following ways:
 - In a release package or deployable release train, select an entry in the **Configuration Override** field. See *Release Control Getting Started Guide* or online Help, "Creating Release Packages" or "Creating Deployable Release Trains".
 - In SBM Composer, process app designers can select the override entry for the project and hide the field in the process app. This way the overrides are set automatically for each new release package and deployable release train in that project.

For more details, see the following:

- Making Fields Eligible for Override [page 13]
- Creating Configuration Overrides [page 14]

Making Fields Eligible for Override

To override plugin configuration field values in an item or project using a *Configuration Override* auxiliary table entry, the fields must be eligible for override.



Important: The Release Control Administration options can be performed only by users with Managed Administrator privileges.

To select overrides for a configuration:

1. In your Web browser, enter the URL for Release Control Administration. For example:

http://serverName/workcenter/tmtrack.dll?StdPage&Template=rlc/admin



Tip: The link for your installation is in SBM Configurator on the **Release Control** page.

2. In the **Configurations** tab, select a plugin configuration at the level you want to allow overrides, either base or configuration level.

If you allow configuration overrides on the base level, the child actions or items configurations inherit these settings. You can also allow overrides on the child level even if they were already set in the base configuration. If you remove an override selection from the base in this case, it will still be allowed on the child level.

- 3. In the **Details** tab, select **Overrides** from the drop-down.
- 4. Click Edit.
- 5. Select the fields you want to allow for override and click **Save**.



Note: If you allow overrides at the configuration for an actions configuration but not at the item configuration level, there may be situations where your deployment task cannot be overridden completely due to the associations of items. In this case, it is better to override at the base level so that it encompasses the related actions and item configurations.

Creating Configuration Overrides

Configuration overrides are auxiliary items that can be set up to enable overriding plugin configuration field values at the item or project level. Each configuration override entry can have multiple property value rows, so that a set of field overrides is contained in a single table entry. Once created, the set of configuration overrides can be selected in options for deployable release trains and release packages.

To create a configuration override entry:

- 1. In Work Center, click the user icon in the upper right of the page, and then select **Manage Data**.
- 2. In the **Table** field, select *Configuration Override*.
- 3. Click Submit.



Tip: If you want to see if an override already exists, select any filters needed to limit results and click **Search** to search for existing rules.

- 4. Enter a title and description.
- 5. Click Add Row.
- 6. Enter **Property Name**, which is the internal name of the field you want to override.



Tip: In the plugin configuration **Overrides** view, click the copy icon next to the field name to copy the field's internal name to the clipboard.

7. Enter **Property Value**, which is the value for the field that you want to use instead of the one defined in Release Control Administration.



Note: For selection values, use *true* for selected and *false* for deselected.

- 8. Select **Scope** as follows:
 - **Global**: The override is applied to all same-named properties for all configurations.
 - **By UUID**: The override is applied only to a specific configuration. For this, you must specify the UUID of the configuration.
 - **By Tags**: The override is applied only to configurations with a specified tag. You must specify the internal name of the tag.



Tip: In Release Control Administration in a **Tags** page, click the copy icon beside the tag definition to copy the field internal name to the clipboard.

9. Enter **Scope Value**. For example, if **UUID** is selected for **Scope**, enter the UUID from the configuration to which you want this override to apply.



Tip: In Release Control Administration in the configuration view, click the copy icon beside the UUID field to copy the UUID to the clipboard. The UUID is not shown on the configuration edit page.

10. Click Submit.

Custom Columns

Custom columns enable you to specify which fields from integrating products that you want to reference in Release Control. These are typically used to display information in collection lists, such as requests and deployment units.

Default collection columns and their related custom column table entries are preconfigured in the default installation, so you do not have to do any extra configuration to have a working implementation. However, you can customize them for your implementation.

For information on configuring custom column fields, see the following:

- Updating Custom Column Items [page 15]
- Adding Custom Column Items [page 16]
- Selecting Custom Column Entries [page 17]
- General Fields [page 18]

Updating Custom Column Items

To update custom column auxiliary table entries:

1. In SBM Application Administrator, click **Auxiliary Data**.

- 2. Select the *RLC Custom Columns* auxiliary table.
- 3. Select a row and click **Details**.
- 4. Click **Update**.
- 5. Update existing or add new field information in **Display Names** and matching **Internal Names** using the built-in fields.



- Use the general fields for columns that are not provider-specific. See General Fields [page 18].
- Use the Help on the right side of the update form as a reference for the field names for some of the plugins, such as DA, SBM, Dimensions CM, and ChangeMan ZMF. Copy and paste using the provided **Copy** buttons.
- For more information on fields specific to your plugin, see the corresponding section in the documentation for your plugin.
- Use the provided aliases if you are using more than one provider for deployment units or requests and the use similar column data, such as create date. See Aliases for Similar Provider-Specific Fields [page 19].
- Use extended or custom fields in the plugin configurations to specify any other fields you may want to reference.
- Specify a width for a column by appending a colon and the width to the Internal name. For example, description:300.

Adding Custom Column Items

To add custom column entries:

- 1. In SBM Application Administrator, click Auxiliary Data.
- 2. Select the *RLC Custom Columns* auxiliary table.
- 3. Click New.
- 4. Enter a title and description.

5. Enter **Display Names** and matching **Internal Names** using the built-in fields.



- Tip:
 - Use the general fields for columns that are not provider-specific. See General Fields [page 18].
 - Use the Help on the right side of the update form as a reference for the field names for some of the plugins, such as DA, SBM, Dimensions CM, and ChangeMan ZMF. Copy and paste using the provided **Copy** buttons.
 - For more information on fields specific to your plugin, see the corresponding section in the documentation for your plugin.
 - Use the provided aliases if you are using more than one provider for deployment units or requests and the use similar column data, such as create date. See Aliases for Similar Provider-Specific Fields [page 19].

Selecting Custom Column Entries

The release package item contains the custom column entries that are used to populate its Deployment Unit or Request Collection widget columns.

An administrator should set a default value for this field in the Release Packages project, and typically, non-administrative users should not be able to change the selection. However, should you need to select the custom column entries to use for a particular release package, use the following procedure.



Note: The RLC Custom Column auxiliary table implementation is provided so that you don't have to manually update columns on the forms. However, if you don't want to use this implementation and instead choose to manually enter custom columns as parameters into the widget, remember to update all occurrences of the widget on state forms and transition forms.

To select custom column entries:

- 1. In Work Center in Release Control, create or update a release package or other item that includes the Deployment Unit or Request Collection widget.
- 2. In the **Options** section of the submit or edit form you are filling out, find and select the custom column entry you want to use for each of the following fields:
 - Deployment Unit Widget View
 - Deployment Unit Widget Add
 - Request Widget View
 - Request Widget Add

The default selections are shown in the following figure:

▼ Options			
Bypass Deployed State:		Bypass Deployment Complete State:	
Yes		No 🗸	
Deployment Unit Widget View:		Deployment Unit Widget Add:	
Q Enter value to find here		Q Enter value to find here	⊟
Default DU Custom Columns 🔹 🗸	6	Default DU Custom Columns 🛛 🗸	
Request Widget View;		Request Widget Add:	
Q Enter value to find here		Q Enter value to find here	⊟
Default Requests Custom Columns	6	Default Requests Custom Columns 🗸 🔒	

General Fields

Following are the general custom column fields, which are common across providers:

```
id
artifact_id
request_id
description
name
provider_instance_uuid
provider_instance_name
syncattempteddatetimestring
syncsucceededdatetimestring
syncmessage
syncstatus
title
type
url
```

General Fields for View Widgets Only

Some of the general fields can be shown only in the request and deployment unit *view* widgets, because they are populated on the Release Control side rather than on the provider side. If you use these fields in the request or deployment unit *add* widget, you should create a separate *RLC Custom Column* table entry for the add widget rather than sharing the column entry for the view and add widgets; otherwise, these fields will be empty. These fields are as follows:

```
artifact_id request_id
provider_instance_uuid provider_instance_name
syncattempteddatetimestring syncsucceededdatetimestring
syncmessage syncstatus
```

Synchronization Fields for Reload Data Transitions

Synchronization data appears in the columns for a request or deployment unit widget only if **Reload Request Data** or **Reload Deployment Unit Data** transitions are executed. (By default, this is done in release packages on the **Requests** or **Deployment Unit** tabs, respectively.) The sync fields are populated as follows:

- syncattempteddatetimestring: shows the last time a reload was done
- syncmessage: if the reload failed, shows the error received from the provider
- syncstatus: either FAILED or SUCCEEDED
- syncsucceededdatetimestring: shows the last time a reload was successful

For information on the reload transitions, see "Reloading Request Data" and "Reloading Deployment Unit Data" in the *Release Control Getting Started Guide*.

Aliases for Similar Provider-Specific Fields

Aliases are a type of general field that should be used if you are using multiple providers for deployment units or requests. Alias fields should be used instead of the related provider-specific field to avoid having the same type of data appear in separate columns. Following are the aliases and some of the provider-specific fields that they include. See the documentation for your plugin for more information.

Internal Names	Display Names	Included Provider-Specific Fields
createdBy	Created By	ZMF/SDA component version creator, SDA snapshot user, Dimensions CM originator, SBM Request createdBy, ServiceNow sys_created_by
createdOn	Created On	ZMF createDate, SDA created, Dimensions CM creationDate, SBM Request createdDate, ServiceNow sys_created_on
owner	Owner	SBM owner, Jira assignee, ServiceNow assigned_to
updatedBy	Updated By	Dimensions CM lastUpdatedBy, SBM request modifiedBy, ServiceNow sys_updated_by
updatedOn	Updated On	Dimensions CM updateDate, SBM request modifiedDate, ServiceNow sys_updated_on
type	Туре	SBM activeinactive, Jira issuetype

Plugin Custom or Extended Fields

Some plugins include custom fields, extended fields, or custom attribute fields that enable you to specify fields that you want to reference. The typical use for this is to specify them in custom column entries in addition to all of the other types of fields available.

ServiceNow Plugin Configuration Overview

Through the ServiceNow plugin, you can associate ServiceNow items with requests and execute ServiceNow actions through deployment tasks.

Before you can use the ServiceNow plugin, an administrator must do the following:

- Install and add the plugin. See Preparing the Plugins [page 5].
- Add one or more configurations of the plugin. See Adding Plugin Configurations [page 9] and the example ServiceNow plugin configuration described in the following table.
- Configure custom column fields to display appropriate data for ServiceNow requests. See Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns [page 28].

See the following for more details.

- ServiceNow Item Configuration Details [page 20]
- ServiceNow Actions Configuration Details [page 23]
- Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns [page 28]

ServiceNow Item Configuration Details

ServiceNow item configurations enable you to associate items in ServiceNow projects with Release Control requests.

You must create a separate configuration for each ServiceNow table that you want to access.



Note: ServiceNow is highly configurable. In the configuration, you map ServiceNow fields to the somewhat generic Release Control fields, and the field values are populated directly from your ServiceNow implementation during use.

Field Descriptions

The field descriptions are included in the UI. While creating or editing a base or configuration, point to a field name to view its description.

A few fields that may need additional explanation are described in the following table.



Important: The example values given here may not be in your ServiceNow table.

Field	Description	Example Values
ServiceNov URL	URL to the ServiceNow server, in the format of https:// <instance_name>.service- now.com</instance_name>	https://demo001.service-now.com

Field	Description	Example Values
Table	Specify a ServiceNow table to make available for searching.	change_request:Change Request
	Use a colon to separate table name and display name.	
	For example:	
	problem:Problem	
	Tip: See the ServiceNow wiki Tables and Classes topic to find the exact table names.	
	Note: A table that has an extension will also return all child items.	
	Tables are used in conjunction with the Field List and custom columns to display additional ServiceNow fields in Release Control. See Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns [page 28].	
Result Limit	Result limit for find requests action	300
System User Time Zone Name	Enter a time zone name compatible with the Java API, as specified in the Time zone field in the ServiceNow system user profile. If it is not provided, the default time zone for the Release Control server will be used.	America/Los_Angeles
System User Date Time Format	Specify the date and time format that is in the Date format field in your ServiceNow system user profile. This enables Release Control to correctly handle date time fields from ServiceNow.	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss
Title Field*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to Title so that it can be displayed in Release Control.	number

Field	Description	Example Values
Name Field*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to Name so that it can be displayed in Release Control.	short_description
Description Field*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to Description so that it can be displayed in Release Control.	description
Custom Fields*	Specify a comma-delimited list of fields to retrieve from the ServiceNow table listed in the Table field. For date and time fields specify DATETIME format delimited by a colon. Selection fields must be specified in ServiceNow Choices. **	state,active,category,priority,assigned_to
Text Fields for Search	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to text fields to use when searching for items to associate with Release Control.	number,short_description,description
Choice Field for Search*	Specify a field from the ServiceNow table to use when searching Choice field selections. This is used when adding or editing requests. This field is automatically treated as select format and must have Choices specified in ServiceNow. **	state
Fields for Create Item*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to fields to use when creating ServiceNow items through Release Control.	state,reason,type,category,priority,risk,scope,requested_by

* The fields entered must be in the table entered in the **Table** field. The default custom column fields for ServiceNow don't need to be included. See Custom Column Fields for ServiceNow [page 28]. For information on displaying these fields in collection lists, see Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns [page 28].

** Fields in select format must be specified in Choices in the ServiceNow UI. Choices specified in ServiceNow can be distributed across different tables, but Release Control loads only those choices that are in the table specified in the configuration **Table** field.

ServiceNow Actions Configuration Details

ServiceNow Actions configurations enable you to execute ServiceNow actions using deployment tasks.

You must create a separate configuration for each ServiceNow table that you want to access.



Note: ServiceNow is highly configurable. In the configuration, you map ServiceNow fields to the somewhat generic Release Control fields, and the field values are populated directly from your ServiceNow implementation during use.

Field Descriptions

The field descriptions are included in the UI. While creating or editing a base or configuration, point to a field name to view its description.

A few fields that may need additional explanation are described in the following table.



Important: The example fields given here may not be in your ServiceNow table.

Field	Description	Example Values
ServiceNow URL	URL to the ServiceNow server	https://demo001.service-now.com

Field	Description	Example Values
Table	Specify a ServiceNow table to make available for searching.	change_request:Change Request
	Use a colon to separate table name and display name.	
	For example:	
	problem:Problem	
	Tip: See the ServiceNow wiki Tables and Classes topic to find the exact table names.	
	Note: A table that has an extension will also return all child items.	
	Tables are used in conjunction with the Field List and custom columns to display additional ServiceNow fields in Release Control. See Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns [page 28].	
Result Limit	Result limit for find requests action	300

Field	Description	Example Values
System User Time Zone Name	Enter a time zone name compatible with the Java API, as specified in the Time zone field in the ServiceNow system user profile. If it is not provided, the default time zone for the Release Control server will be used.	America/Los_Angeles
System User Date Time Format	Specify the date and time format that is in the Date format field in your ServiceNow system user profile. This enables Release Control to correctly handle date time fields from ServiceNow.	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss
Title Field*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to Title so that it can be displayed in Release Control.	number
Name Field*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to Name so that it can be displayed in Release Control.	short_description
Description Field*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to Description so that it can be displayed in Release Control.	description

Field	Description	Example Values
Custom Fields*	Specify a comma- delimited list of fields to retrieve from the ServiceNow table listed in the Table field. For date and time fields specify DATETIME format delimited by a colon. Selection fields must	state,active,category,priority,assigned_to
	be specified in ServiceNow Choices. **	
Text Fields for Search	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to text fields to use when searching for items to associate with Release Control.	number,short_description,description
Choice Field for Search*	Specify a field from the ServiceNow table to use when searching Choice field selections. This is used when adding or editing requests. This field is automatically treated as select format and must have Choices specified in ServiceNow. **	state

Field	Description	Example Values
Fields for Update Item*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to choice fields to use when updating ServiceNow items through Release Control. Fields listed here are automatically treated as select format and must be specified in ServiceNow Choices. **	state,reason,category,priority,risk,scope,requested_by,assignment_group
Fields for Check Item*	Enter ServiceNow table entries to map to choice fields to use when checking ServiceNow item information through Release Control. Fields listed here are automatically treated as select format and must be specified in ServiceNow Choices. **	state,priority
Polling Interval for Check Item	Tells the job polling system at what intervals to check the ServiceNow item, in seconds. The default polling interval for newly-added configurations is 60 seconds.	60

* The fields entered must be in the table entered in the **Table** field. The default custom column fields for ServiceNow don't need to be included. See Custom Column Fields for ServiceNow [page 28]. For information on displaying these fields in collection lists, see Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns [page 28].

** Fields in select format must be specified in Choices in the ServiceNow UI. Choices specified in ServiceNow can be distributed across different tables, but Release Control loads only those choices that are in the table specified in the configuration **Table** field.

Displaying ServiceNow Fields in Collection Columns

You can display ServiceNow fields in collections. In addition to the custom column fields that are available by default, any fields you have mapped to Release Control, such as Custom Fields and Choice Field for Search, can be displayed in columns, since they are added to Release Control tables when they are mapped.

To make ServiceNow fields available to display in collections:

- 1. In the configuration, map the fields you want to use.
- 2. In SBM Application Administrator, do the following:
 - a. In Auxiliary Data, select the *RLC Custom Columns* auxiliary table.
 - b. Update the entry you are using for your request columns, such as *Default Requests Custom Columns*, using any of the following:
 - Any of the general custom column fields
 - Default fields for ServiceNow Custom Columns
 - Alias fields that map to the ServiceNow fields
 - Any fields mapped in the ServiceNow configurations

Related Topics

Custom Column Fields for ServiceNow [page 28]

General Fields [page 18]

ServiceNow Item Configuration Details [page 20]

ServiceNow Actions Configuration Details [page 23]

Custom Column Fields for ServiceNow

If you are using the ServiceNow plugin for requests, following are the custom column fields specific to this provider. For information on configuring them, see Custom Columns [page 15].

Internal Names	Display Names
assigned_to, number, sys_created_by, sys_created_on, sys_updated_by, sys_updated_on	Assigned To, Number, Created By, Created On, Updated By, Updated On

Aliases

Following are the aliases that can be used for similar fields when you are using multiple plugins for requests. If you are using only ServiceNow for requests, you do not need to use these.

ServiceNow Plugin Field Names	Alias Field Names
Assigned To / assigned_to	Owner / owner
Created By / sys_created_by	Created By / createdby
Created On / sys_created_on	Created On / createdOn
Updated By / sys_updated_by	Updated By / updatedBy
Updated On / sys_updated_on	Updated On / updatedOn

Using the ServiceNow Plugin

After configuration is complete, you can do the following in Release Control:

In a release package Requests tab:

- Add ServiceNow items.
 - Objects displayed on the form are limited to those that match the table filter.
 - Searches are limited to your search criteria.
- View ServiceNow items that have been added.
 - View items in the list.
 - Open the item in ServiceNow by clicking the name link.
- Synchronize request data from ServiceNow using the **Reload Request Data** button.

For more information, see the following:

- Associating ServiceNow Items with Requests [page 31]
- Creating ServiceNow Items [page 32]
- Configuring Tasks to Check an Item [page 33]
- Configuring Tasks to Update Items [page 34]

Associating ServiceNow Items with Requests

After a ServiceNow Item configuration has been added or updated as needed, you can associate ServiceNow items with Release Control requests.

To associate ServiceNow items with requests:

- 1. In a deployable release train or release package, select the **Requests** tab.
- 2. Click Edit Requests.
- 3. Click the + icon to add a request.
- 4. Select the ServiceNow Item configuration.
- 5. Select **Search for items**.
- 6. Enter search criteria and then click **Find Items** to find and select the ServiceNow items to associate with the request.



Tip: If you have a lot of fields defined for your search filters, you may need to scroll down to see the returned search results.

The fields that are displayed when searching are described in the following table.

Field	Description	Example Values
Text	Use this field to search for ServiceNow items by full or partial text.	
	If you select Field Search in Fields for a more refined search, this field is ignored.	
Choice	Select one or more item statuses for which you want to search. For example: • Review	
	Closed	
	Canceled	
	If you select <i>Field Search</i> in Fields for a more refined search, this field is ignored.	
Fields	Select <i>Field Search</i> to see more filters that you can use to narrow the search results. These depend on the fields in your ServiceNow system.	

Creating ServiceNow Items

If a ServiceNow item that you want to associate with a Release Control request or configure an action for does not yet exist, you can create it while adding or linking the item.



Note: You can also create a request from the **Item** link option while adding or editing a deployment task.

To create JIRA items while adding or editing a request:

- 1. In a deployable release train or release package, select the **Requests** tab.
- 2. Click Edit Requests.
- 3. Click the + icon to add a request.
- 4. Select the ServiceNow Item configuration.
- 5. Select Create item.
- 6. Fill out the resulting fields.
- 7. Click Create & Add.

The fields that are displayed when creating ServiceNow requests are described in the following table.

Field	Description	Example Values
Fields	Select <i>Available Fields</i> . ServiceNow fields defined in the configuration in Fields for Create Item appear. See ServiceNow Actions Configuration Details [page 23].	

Configuring Tasks to Check an Item

After a ServiceNow Actions configuration has been added or updated as needed, you can create deployment tasks to check the ServiceNow item for specified values.

To check an item:

1. In a deployable release train or release package, select the **Deployment Tasks** tab.

2. Click Edit Deployment Tasks.

- 3. Click the + icon to add a deployment task.
- 4. Select a ServiceNow Actions configuration.

5. Select Check Item.



Tip: Click the copy icon beside a field to select and copy its value to other environments.

The fields that are displayed are described in the following table.

Field	Description	Example Values
Item	Click the link icon beside the field to select the ServiceNow item that you want to check.	Note: If you select more than one item
	Use available items : Select requests that have already been added.	in the search results, only
	Use available configurations : Search for existing requests or create new ones. This uses the ServiceNow Item configuration. See Associating ServiceNow Items with Requests [page 31] and Creating ServiceNow Items [page 32].	the first one will be associated with the deployment task.
Environment	Select each environment in which you want to execute the task. These are the environments configured in the deployment path. For example, Dev, Test, and Prod.	
Field Name	Select the field that you want to use to check the item, such as State or Priority.	

Field	Description	Example Values
Success Values	Select the values for the selected field.	
Failure Values	Select the values for the selected field.	
Wait for Values	Select Yes or No. If you select <i>Yes</i> , the Wait Until field appears. Click the calendar icon beside the Wait Until field and select the date and time.	
Schedule Options	Select the schedule option and fill out the additional fields that open based on your selection. Options include the following: • None • Specific Time • Opportunity Window • Time Window • Delay • Hold Until Released	

Configuring Tasks to Update Items

After a ServiceNow Actions configuration has been added or updated as needed, you can create deployment tasks to update ServiceNow requests.

To update a request:

- 1. In a deployable release train or release package, select the **Deployment Tasks** tab.
- 2. Click Edit Deployment Tasks.
- 3. Click the + icon to add a deployment task.
- 4. Select a ServiceNow Actions configuration.
- 5. Select Update Item.

The fields that are displayed are described in the following table.

Field	Description	Example Values
Item	Click the link icon beside the field to select the ServiceNow item that you want to update. Use available items : Select requests that have already been added. Use available configurations : Search for existing requests or create new ones. This uses the ServiceNow Item configuration. See Associating ServiceNow Items with Requests [page 31] and Creating ServiceNow Items [page 32].	Note: If you select more than one item in the search results, only the first one will be associated with the deployment task.
Environment	Select each environment in which you want to execute the task. These are the environments configured in the deployment path. For example, Dev, Test, and Prod.	
Fields	Select from the list of fields. These are populated by the Fields for Update Item defined in the configuration. See ServiceNow Actions Configuration Details [page 23].	
<additional fields></additional 	Fill out the fields that appear based on the selections. Requirements for these come from their ServiceNow definitions.	
Schedule Options	 Select the schedule option and fill out the additional fields that open based on your selection. Options include the following: None Specific Time Opportunity Window Time Window Delay Hold Until Released 	

Plugins Glossary

Artifacts

Files or other software elements. In Deployment Automation, these are represented by component versions.

Base Configurations

A base plugin configuration must be created for each set of configurations. It stores connection information and other shared properties and enables you to quickly create configurations of different types using that information. Many fields can be overridden to give more flexibility in creating configurations for different groups or slightly different purposes.

Baselines

In Dimensions CM, containers for release-ready components or artifacts. For more details, refer to the Dimensions CM documentation.

Change Packages

In ChangeMan ZMF, containers for release-ready components. For more details, see the ChangeMan ZMF documentation.

Component Versions

Instances of a Deployment Automation component, which contain the artifacts to be deployed or otherwise configured.

Configuration Overrides

You can override field values when creating or updating a configuration. You can also override the configuration settings at the SBM item level using auxiliary table override values. See Overriding Configuration Settings [page 12].

Configurations

Provide connection information, product-specific details, and filters telling the plugin what data to obtain from the integrating product.

Plugin Instances

Variations of a plugin that may represent different versions of the plugin or instances owned by different business units who want to maintain an independent maintenance schedule.

Plugins

Plugins are used to implement the integrations between Release Control and other products.

Projects

In SBM, containers for release items, such as application releases, release trains, and environments; SBM projects.

Single Sign-on (SSO)

Serena-installed software that enables a user to log in to a Web-based component of SBM and be recognized on subsequent accesses to that component or other Webbased components of SBM. This software also provides the ability for security tokens to be used in an orchestration, allowing Web services to be called without requiring the user to provide credentials at inconvenient times.

Snapshots

A Deployment Automation snapshot captures an application's current state, and as the application moves through different environments, the snapshot ensures that proper component versions are used.

Tags

Tags are unique names you can assign to plugin configurations in addition to the system-assigned Type Name. These are referenced in collection widgets to categorize the objects, such as requests, deployment units, and deployment tasks.

Type Name

Type indicates the type of configuration based whether the configuration is a base configuration or one of the provider types, integration entity (item) or execution (action). Type Name gives the specific instance name of the base configuration or provider type.