

EventTracker: Text Messaging Using- Textbelt API

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About The Document

EventTracker triggers an alert on more than one occurrence of the same event. In addition, EventTracker will run any batch file or custom script. Using these functionalities, a text message is generated and forwarded to mobile phone. This document explains how to use **Textbelt API** to generate a text message when an alert is triggered.

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Prerequisites

- The **Curl** utility - Required to generate message on Textbelt API.
- **Batch file**- Required to parse value of alert description and send message.
- **Enable firewall settings** -Create an exception for <http://textbelt.com> , port 80 on firewall.

Textbelt.com Limitations

- IP addresses are limited to 75 texts per day. Phone numbers are limited to 3 texts every 3 minutes.
- Some carriers may deliver text messages from "txt@textbelt.com."
- Textbelt.com support only U.S. providers: Alltel, Ameritech, AT&T Wireless, Boost, CellularOne, Cingular, Sprint PCS, Telus Mobility, T-Mobile, Metro PCS, Nextel, O2, Orange, Qwest, Rogers Wireless, US Cellular, Verizon, Virgin Mobile
- Only 160 characters are allowed in a message. Above 160 characters, the message will be truncated.

Summary

This tool consists of batch files. Once an alert is triggered on EventTracker server, configured console remedial action runs the script. The script parses the alert details and results are passed to Textbelt API with support of the **Curl** utility.

Configuration Steps

Step 1- Download Curl on EventTracker host machine

Download Curl from <http://curl.haxx.se/download.html> link. Extract the files and place them on root folder (Example: - c:\curl).

Step 2- Create a batch file containing following script

```
@echo on
rem %1 = Event Type
rem %2 = Log Type
rem %3 = Source system
rem %4 = Event Source
rem %5 = Category
rem %6 = Event ID
rem %7 = User
rem %8 = Description

set dt=%date% %time%
set srcsys=%3%
set evtid=%6%
set dscr=%8%
set appname=none
rem echo %dscr%

for /f "tokens=2 delims=\<>" %i in (%dscr%) do set appname=%i
echo %appname%

cd c:\curl
curl.exe http://textbelt.com/text -d number=4438xxxxxx -d message="Software Uninstalled-
%appname% from -%srcsys% at %dt%" > log.txt
```

Note: The newly created batch file can be placed on the same folder as **Curl** folder.

Example of event description:-

```
Event Time: 2012-06-06 18:46:51.
Type: Info.
Computer: PNPL-7-SUP
Source: EventTracker
EvtID: 3209
User: N/A\SYSTEM
```

Descr: Detected software <Kiwi SyslogGen> has been uninstalled from this system.

Name: Kiwi SyslogGen

Output Message Example: -

Software Uninstalled- Mozilla Firefox 11.0 (x86 en-US) from -PNPL-7-SUP at Wed 05/30/2012 20:42:00.21

Note: -

The message will contain application name and system name, which has been parsed from EventTracker event. The date & time are also included when the message is sent.

Step 3- Enable remedial action in EventTracker Enterprise

1. Login to **EventTracker Enterprise**.
2. Click the **Admin** hyperlink, and then click **Alerts**.
3. Click an alert which needs to be configured to send the text message.

EventTracker takes you to **Alert configuration** page.

The screenshot shows the 'Alert configuration' page. At the top, there's a title 'Alert configuration' in a red box. Below it, there are several input fields: 'Alert Name' with the value 'Software uninstalled from a system', 'Threat level' set to 'Medium', 'Threshold level' set to 'Medium', and 'Show in' set to 'Compliance Dashboard'. To the right of these fields are navigation links: 'Previous Event Details --> Event Filter --> Custom --> Systems --> Actions Next'. The 'Actions' link is highlighted with a red box and a mouse cursor. Below the navigation links is a row of tabs: 'E - mail', 'Rss', 'Beep', 'Net message', 'SNMP', 'syslog', 'Agent Remedial Action', and 'Console Remedial Action'. The 'Console Remedial Action' tab is selected and highlighted in orange. To the right of the tabs is a red text prompt: 'Click the 'Actions' pane'. Below the tabs is a large text area titled 'Remedial Action at Console' in a red box. It contains the following text: 'Select a file to execute when an event occurs', 'The order of command line arguments to the file is as shown in the example given below', 'Eg: C:\myfile.bat Event Log Type, Log Type, Computer, Source, Category, Event Id, User, Description', and 'File: C:\text message.bat'. The 'File' field is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom right of the page are two buttons: 'Finish' and 'Cancel'.

Figure 1

4. Configure Event Details and other tabs appropriately.
5. Click **Next** or click the **Actions** hyperlink, and then click the **Console Remedial Action** tab.
6. In the **File** field, type the batch file path.
7. Click the **Finish** button to save the alert configuration.
8. On the **Alert Management** page, search for the configured alert.

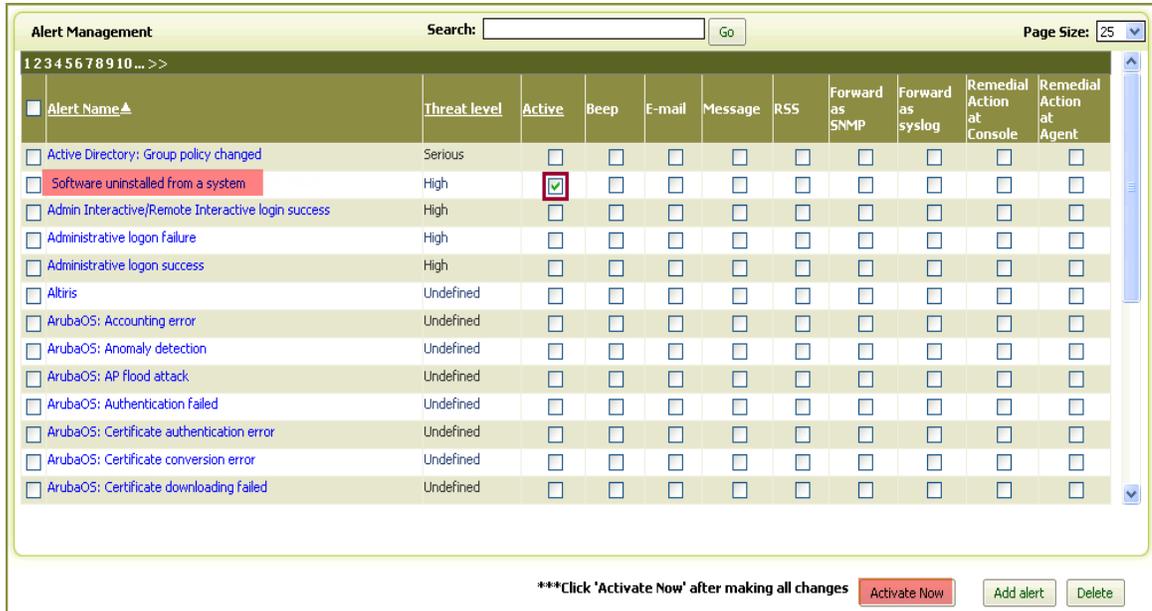


Figure 2

9. Check the **Active** option.

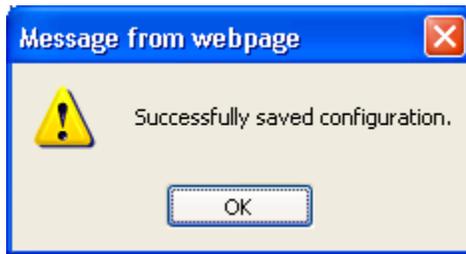


Figure 3

10. Click the **OK** button.

11. On the **Alert Management** page, click the **Activate Now** button to activate the configured alert.

Scenario: - Monitoring Software uninstalled on client machines.

- Created a batch file 'software uninstalled.bat' and placed it on c:\curl folder. Remedial action will execute the batch file.

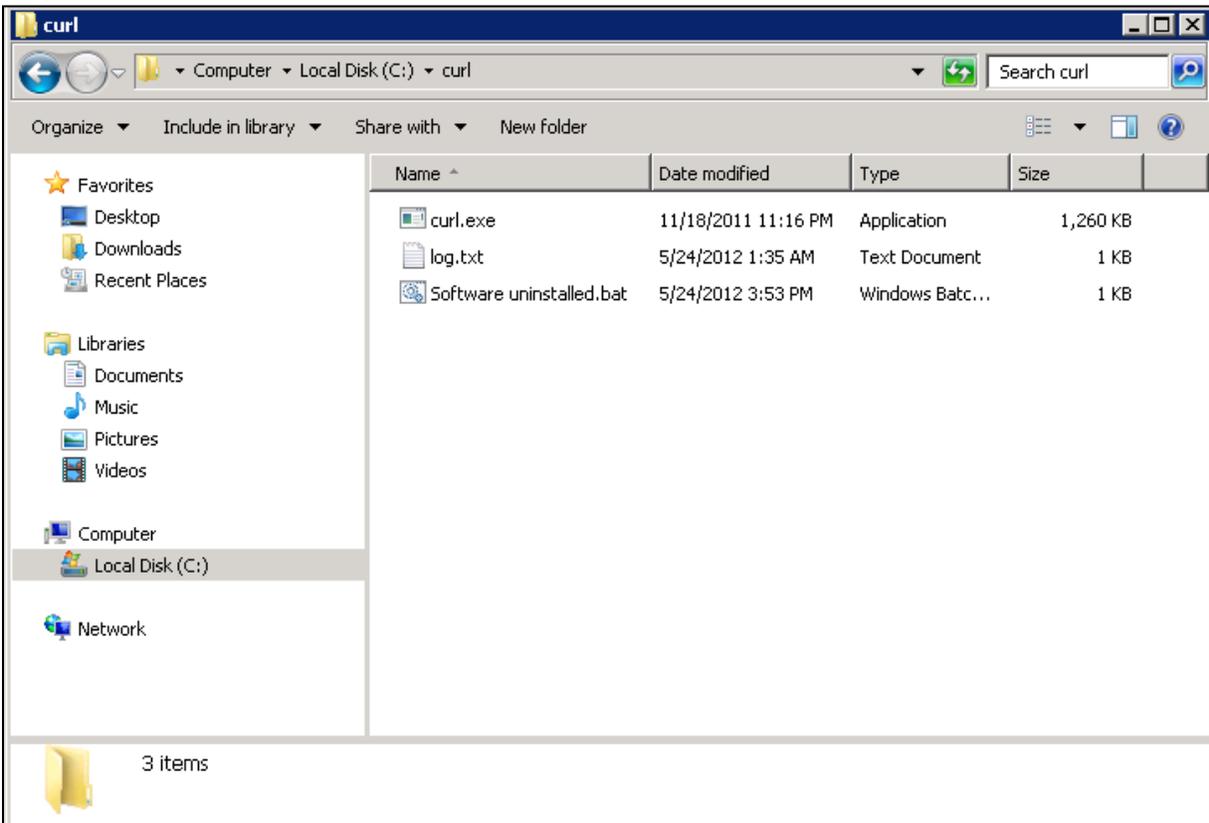


Figure 4

- On **Alert Management** page, **Software uninstalled from a system** alert template is configured to generate the text message.
 - Note:** Software uninstalled event will be captured by EventTracker with **Event ID 3209**.
- Alert is tested successfully by uninstalling an application on one of the client machine.
- **Incident** dashboard will display the alert details as shown in the figure 5.

The screenshot displays the EventTracker web interface. At the top, a navigation menu includes 'Incidents', 'Status', 'Behavior', 'Dashboard', 'Netflow', 'Search', 'Reports', 'My EventTracker', 'Change Audit', and 'Config Assessment'. Below the menu, a control bar shows filters for 'System Group' (ALL), 'Top' (5), 'Interval' (Last 1 Day), and 'Refresh once in' (5 mins). A 'Refreshed at: 2:28:21 PM' timestamp is also present.

The main content area features a system overview card for 'TYRONE'. It contains a blue circular icon and a red-bordered box with the text 'Software uninstalled fro..'. Below this, the 'Latest Incidents' section is visible, showing a table of the most recent events.

Date/Time	Incident No	Risk	Event Id	System	Event Type	Source	User	Description	Ack status	Notes
11:54:44 AM Fri 07/06	201207010000	Low	3209	TYRONE	Information	EventTracker	SYSTEM	Incident Name: Software uninstalled from a system Description: Detected software <UltraEdit-32 Uninstall> has been uninstalled from this system. Name: UltraEdit-32 Uninstall	<input type="checkbox"/>	

At the bottom of the interface, the EventTracker logo is on the left, and server performance metrics ('Server Time: 07/06 02:28:16 PM', 'Response: 0.46 secs') and a copyright notice ('© Copyright 1999 - 2012 Prism Microsystems, Inc.') are on the right.

Figure 5