Butler 5.1: Setting the stage for future Butler versions

March 2021 update from Ptarmigan Labs.

It's only been a week but there is already a new Butler version available. Version 5.1.0 was released minutes ago on GitHub. Docker images also available.

There aren't a lot of new features in this release, instead it focuses on creating a framework for making future Butler versions better.

This is done by adding telemetry logging.
It's not as bad as it sounds though...

Telemetry..?

True, Butler will call home if you allow it.

But no sensitive information leaves your Butler instance - period.

We're serious about this one and give full transparency about how the telemetry works and what information is sent from Butler to the servers here at Ptarmigan Labs.

And it's of course an optional feature.

And you can request your already logged information to be deleted if you get second thoughts. But due to (thanks to!) the anonymization you have to tell us which data is yours - we just don't have that information ourselves.

Why telemetry?

Simple:
If the Butler developers know which features are used most and on what OSs and types of hardware/VMs etc Butler runs, they can do a much better job when it comes to refining those popular features and supporting the most commonly used platforms.
That's it - telemetry is 100% about making future Butler versions better.

On the other hand: If you turn off telemetry the Butler developers will be in the dark as to what features are actually used and on what kinds of operating systems and computers.

Telemetry is simply a way to make future Butler versions as good and relevant as possible.

What about those future Butler versions?

Ah yes... You're the first to hear this:
A new feature is in late stage testing.

The idea is to create a seamless integration between Qlik Sense and enterprise incident management tools, using Butler as the link in between.

The concept is already working, what remains is deciding how to package this as part of the larger Butler tool.

Stay tuned!

Curious? Welcome over to butler.ptarmiganlabs.com.
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