

Lifecycle hooks

You can implement lifecycle hooks to automatically run an action, such as displaying a dialog or notification, when a user installs or updates your Snap.

Steps

1. Request permission to implement lifecycle hooks

Request the[endowment:lifecycle-hooks](#) permission. Add the following to your Snap's manifest file:

```
snap.manifest.json "initialPermissions" :  
{ "endowment:lifecycle-hooks" :  
  {} }
```

2. Run an action on installation

To run an action when a user installs your Snap, expose the[onInstall](#) entry point and implement the action. For example, you can use `onInstall` to perform any initialization that is required upon installation.

The following example displays an[alert dialog](#) upon installation:

```
index.ts import  
  
type  
{ OnInstallHandler }  
  
from  
"@metamask/snaps-sdk" ; import  
{ heading , panel , text }  
  
from  
"@metamask/snaps-sdk" ;  
  
export  
  
const onInstall :  
OnInstallHandler  
=  
async  
( )  
=>  
{ await snap . request ( { method :  
  "snap_dialog" , params :  
    { type :  
      "alert" , content :  
        panel ( [ heading ( "Installation successful" ) , text ( "To use this Snap, visit the companion dapp at metamask.io." ) , ] ) , } ,  
      } ) ; } ;
```

3. Run an action on update

To run an action when a user updates your Snap, expose the[onUpdate](#) entry point and implement the action. For example, you can use `onUpdate` to perform any migrations that are required upon update.

The following example displays an [alert dialog](#) upon update:

```
index.ts import
type
{ OnUpdateHandler }
from
"@metamask/snaps-sdk" ; import
{ heading , panel , text }
from
"@metamask/snaps-sdk" ;
export
const onUpdate :
OnUpdateHandler
=
async
( )
=>
{ await snap . request ( { method :
"snap_dialog" , params :
{ type :
"alert" , content :
panel ( [ heading ( "Update successful" ) , text ( "New features added in this version:" , ) , text ( "Added a dialog that appears
when updating." ) , ] ) , } , } ) ; } ;
```

Example

See the [@metamask/lifecycle-hooks-example-snap](#) package for a full example of implementing lifecycle hooks.

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