

Retrieving the External Reference ID for an Object

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Overview

External reference IDs are automatically generated and assigned to all objects created in Resolver. Retrieving an object's external reference ID is most commonly used when entering relationship data for import.

There are a number of ways to obtain the external reference ID of an object:

- Using a data visualization with a table element
- Using the Data Audit Trail tool
- Using API through Swagger Docs

User Account Requirements

The user must have either Administrator permissions or the **Data Management** advanced permission to access data visualizations.

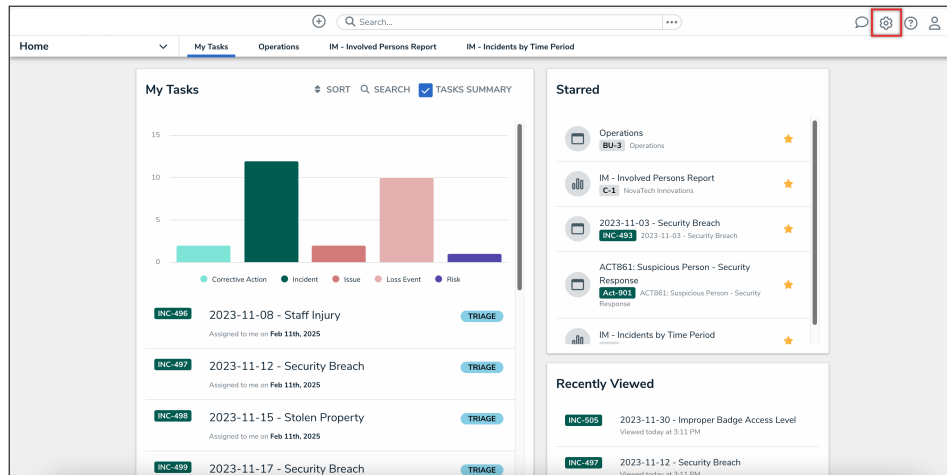
To use Swagger Docs or view the Data Audit Trail, the user must have Administrator permissions to in order to access the ***Admin Overview*** screen.

Related Information/Setup

For more information on using external reference IDs in Resolver, please refer to the [External, Internal & Unique IDs](#) article.

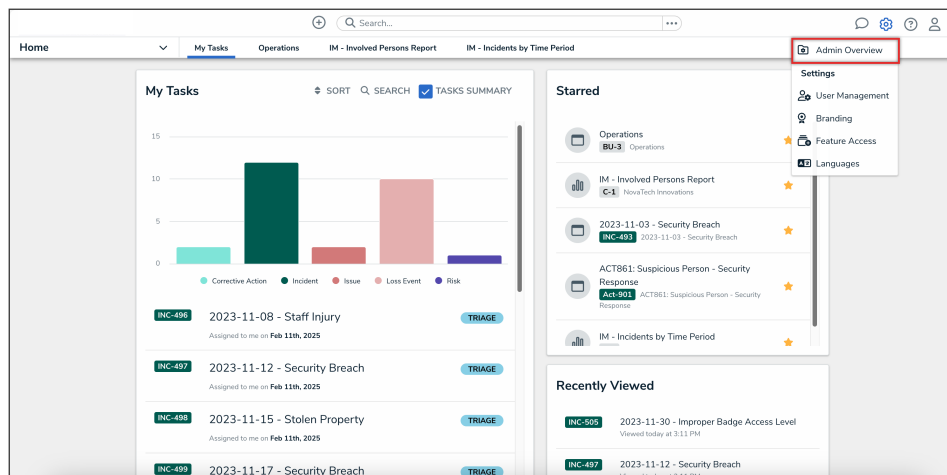
Retrieving an Object's External Reference ID Using a Data Visualization

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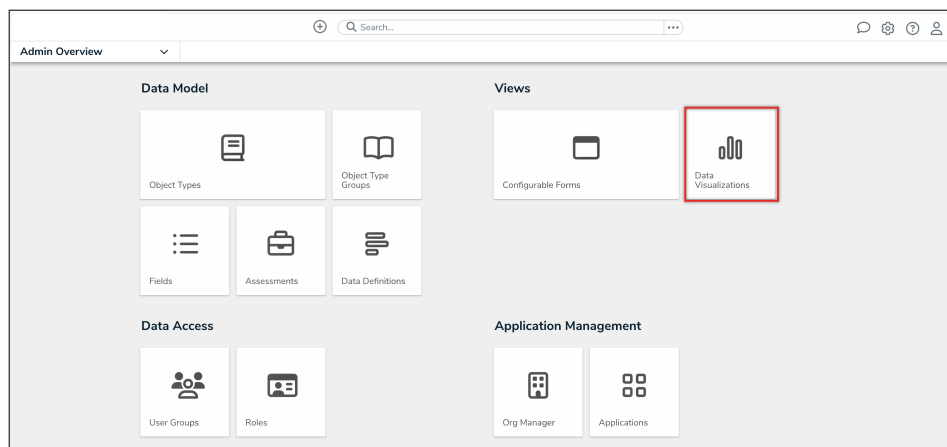
Administration Icon

- From the Administrator settings menu, click the **Admin Overview** link.



Administrator Settings Menu

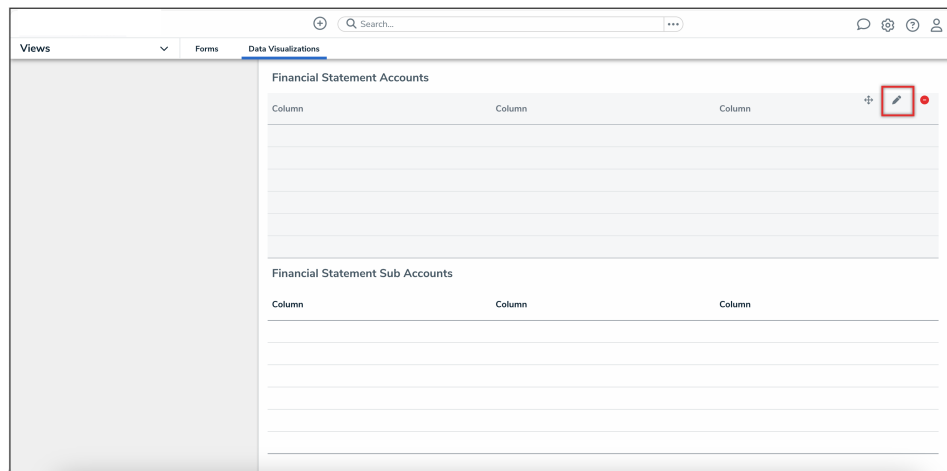
- From the **Admin Overview** screen, click the **Data Visualizations** tile under the **Views** section.



Data Visualizations Tile

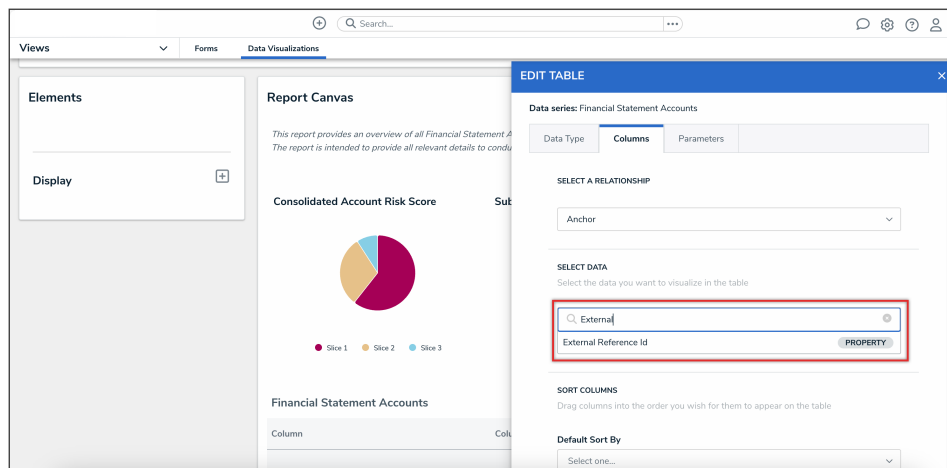
- From the **Admin: Data Visualizations** screen, open a report with a table element.

5. From the **Admin: Edit Report** screen, click the **Edit** icon on the table element.



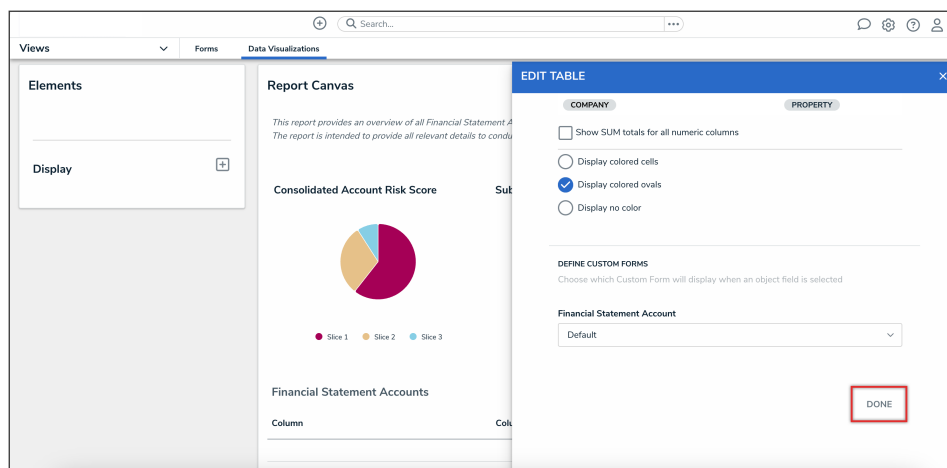
Edit Icon

6. In the **Edit Table** panel, from the **Columns** tab, search and select **External Reference Id**.



Columns Tab

7. Click the **Done** button to save your changes.



Done Button

8. Navigate to the report to view the external reference ID column in a table.

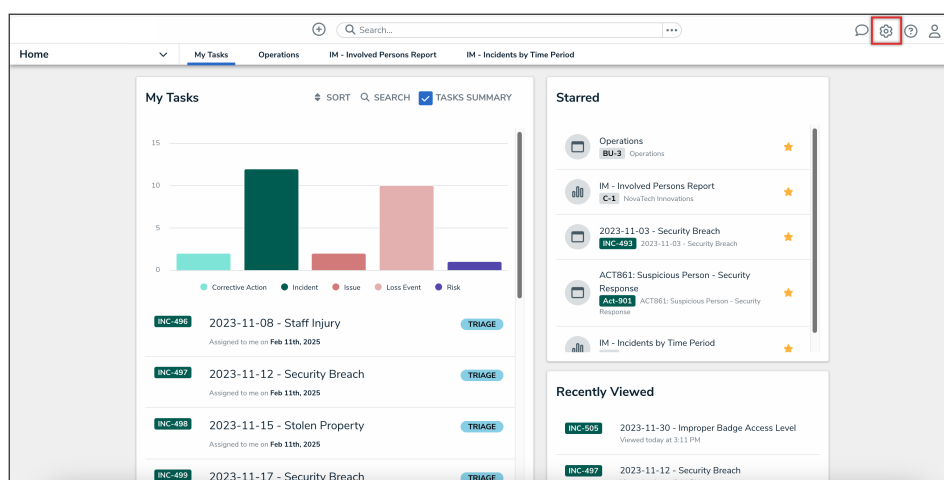


Note:

You may need to refresh the report to see the newly added external reference ID column.

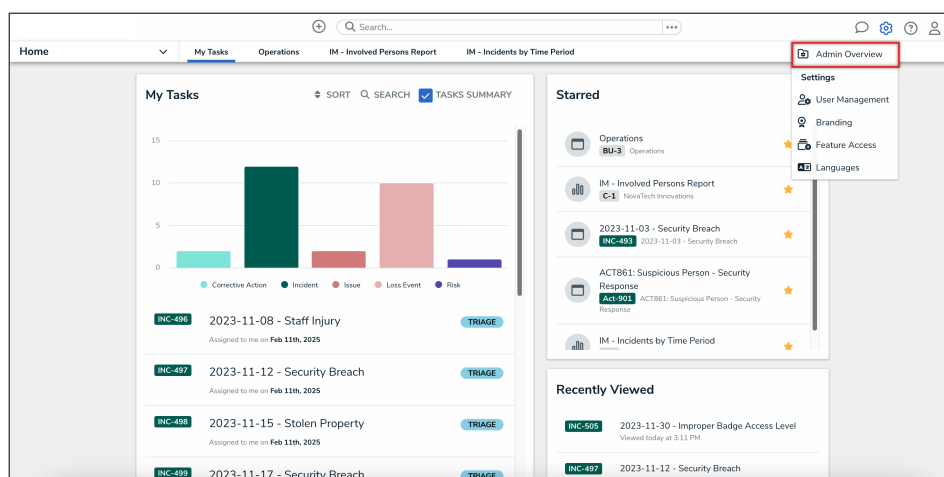
Retrieving an Object's External Reference ID From the Data Audit Trail

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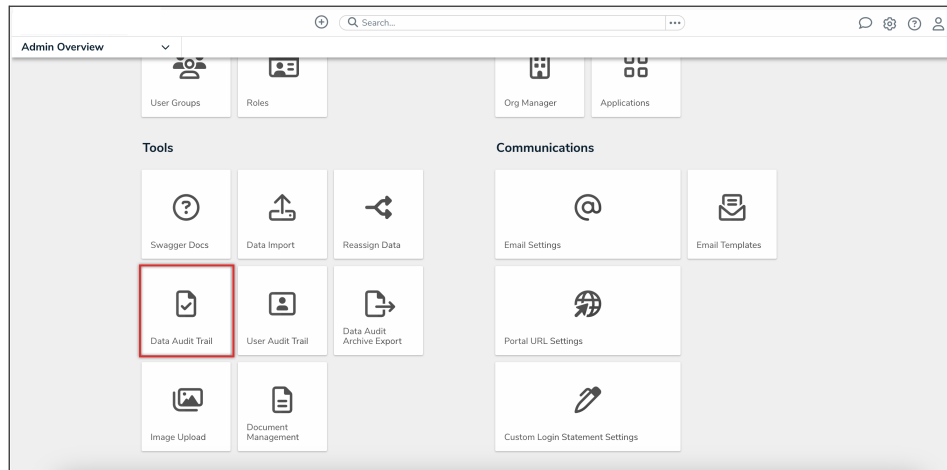
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2. From the Administrator settings menu, click the **Admin Overview** link.



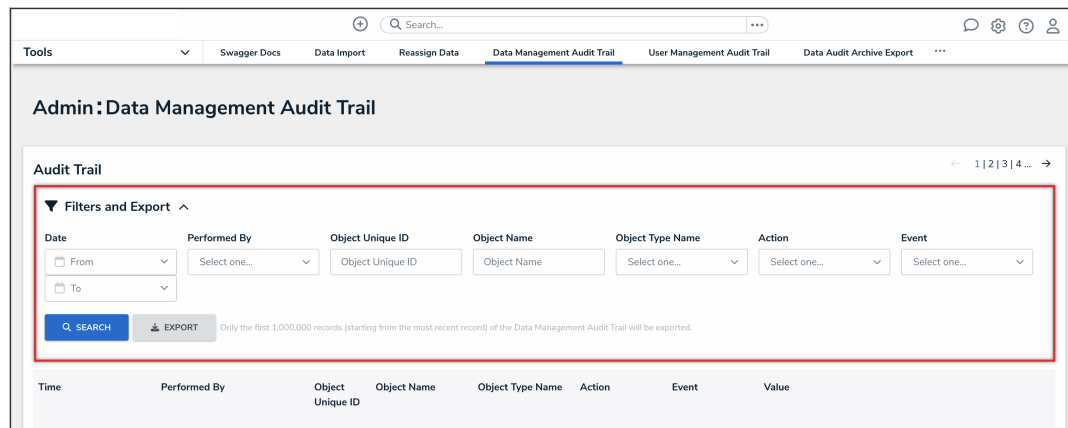
Administrator Settings Menu

3. From the **Admin Overview** screen, click the **Data Audit Trail** tile under the **Tools** section.



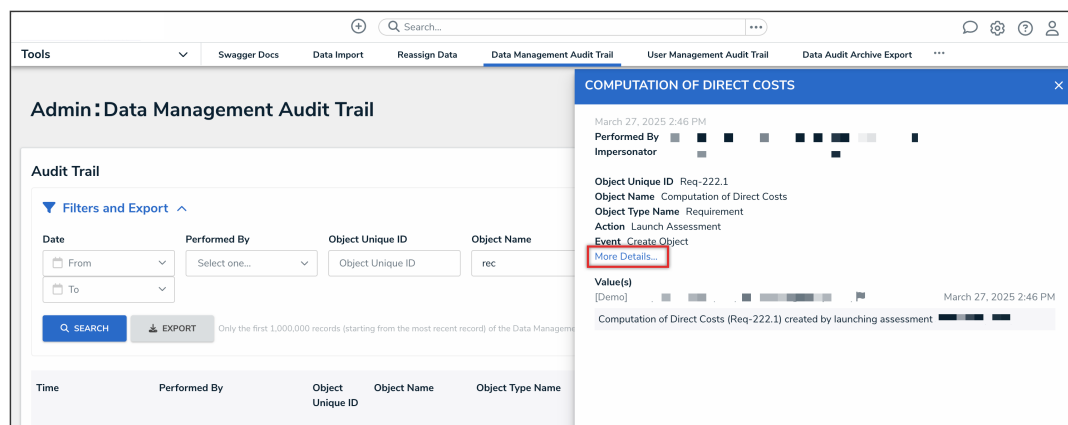
Data Audit Trail Tile

- From the **Admin: Data Management Audit Trail** screen, click the **Filters and Export** dropdown to apply filters and click the **Search** button to find the object.



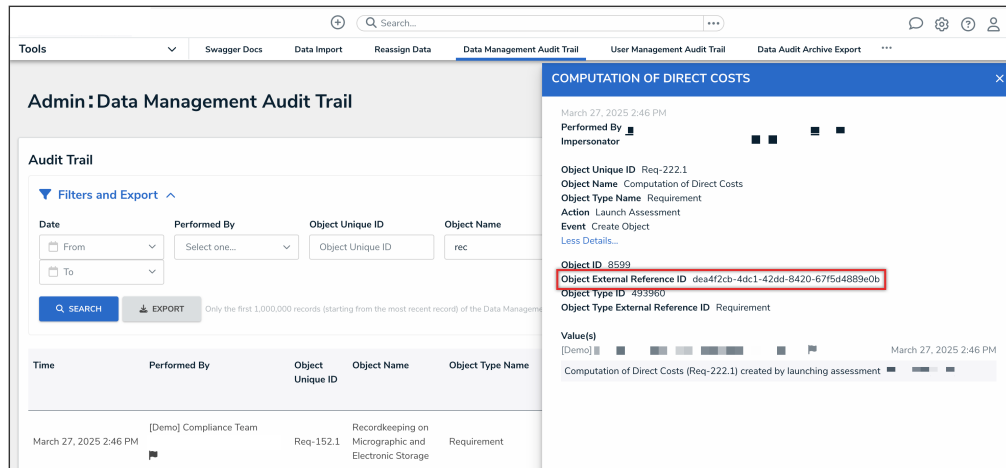
Filters and Export Dropdown

- From the object record, click the **More Details** link.



More Details Link

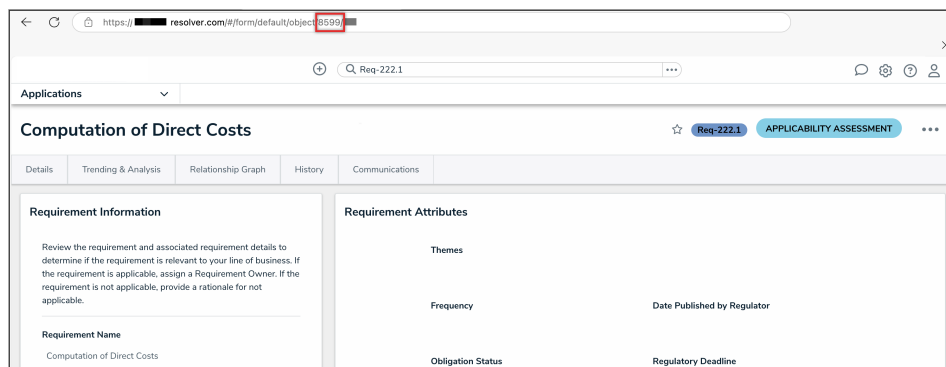
- You can view the object's external reference ID in the **Object External Reference ID** field.



Object External Reference ID Field

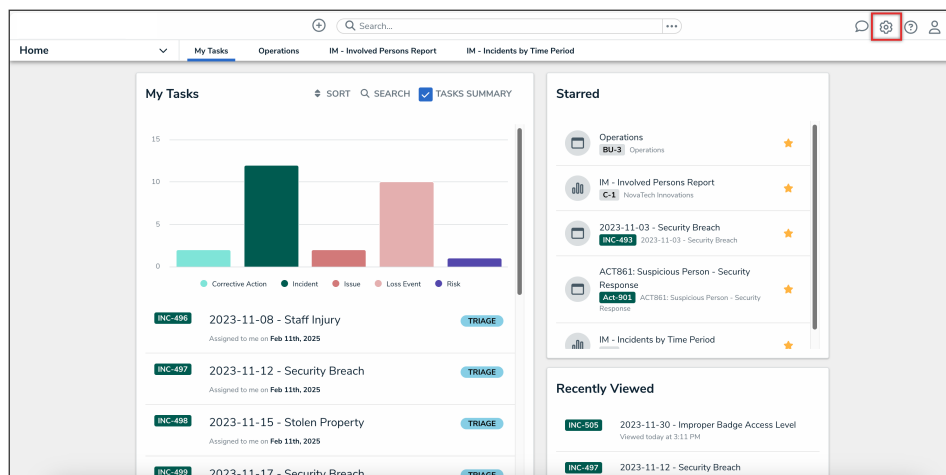
Retrieving an Object's External Reference ID Using Swagger Docs

1. From the object page, copy the internal ID from the URL.



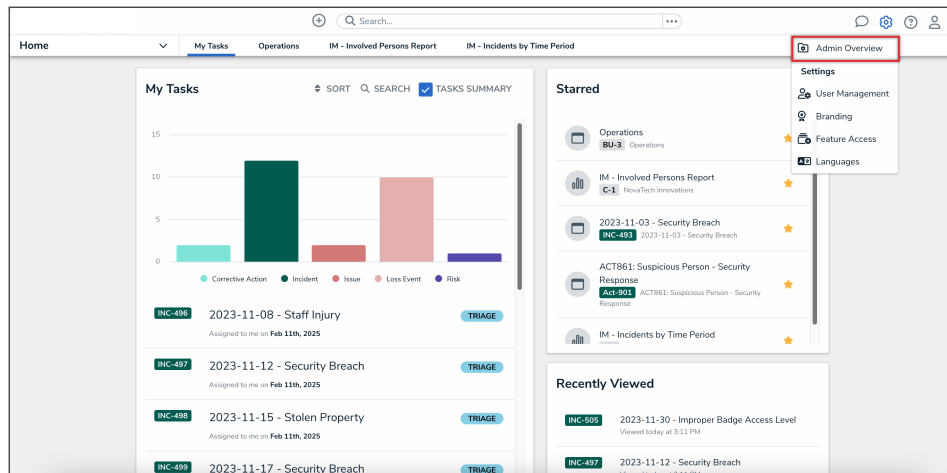
Internal ID

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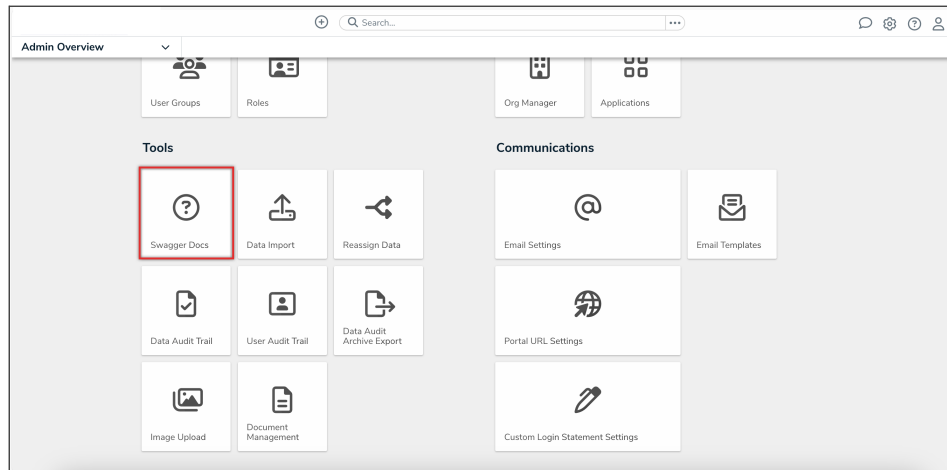
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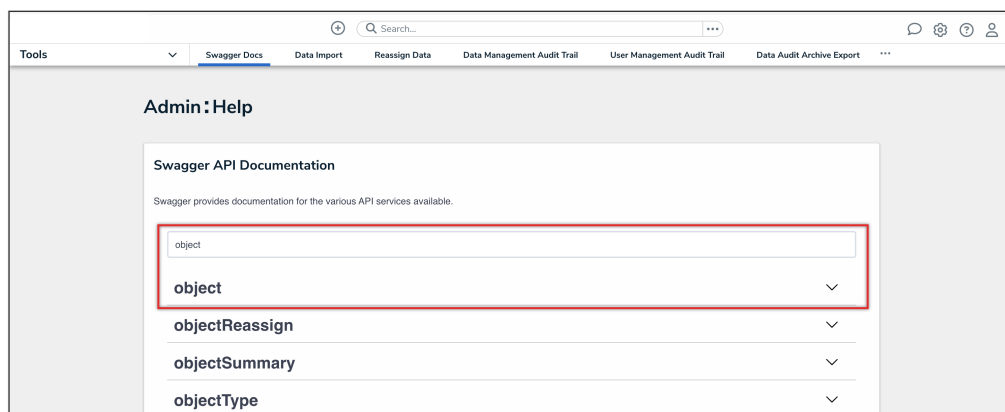
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- From the **Admin Overview** screen, click the **Swagger Docs** tile under the **Tools** section.



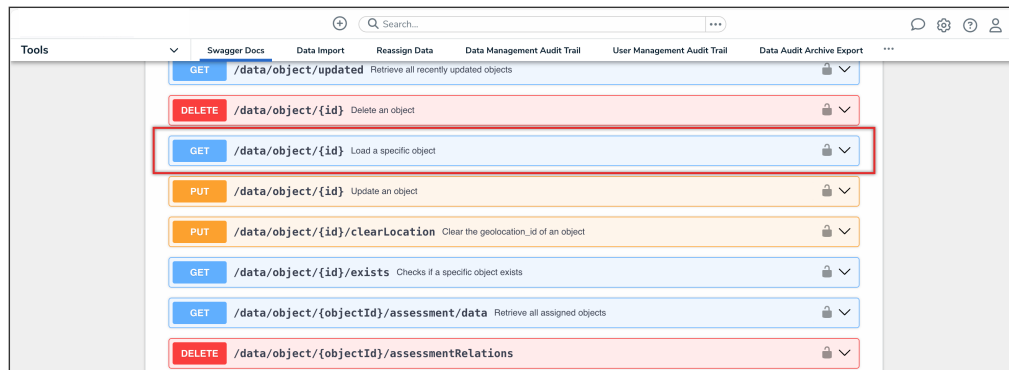
Swagger Docs Tile

- From the **Admin: Help** screen, enter the keyword **object** in the search text box, then click the **object** topic from the results.



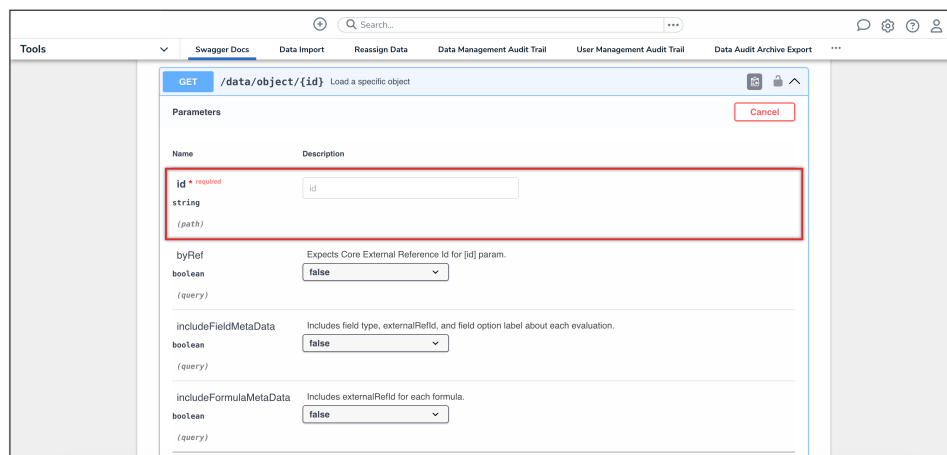
Object API Topic

- Click the **GET /data/object/{id}** endpoint to open the parameters.



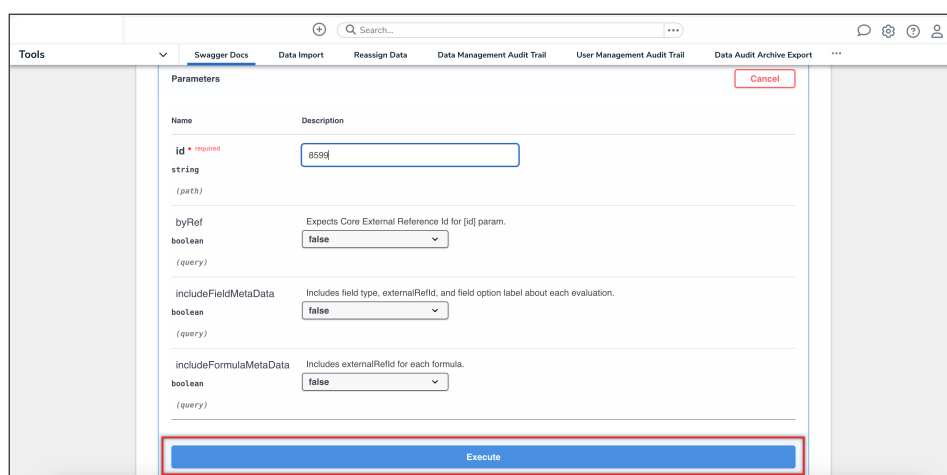
API Endpoint

- In the **id** field, paste the internal ID from step 1.



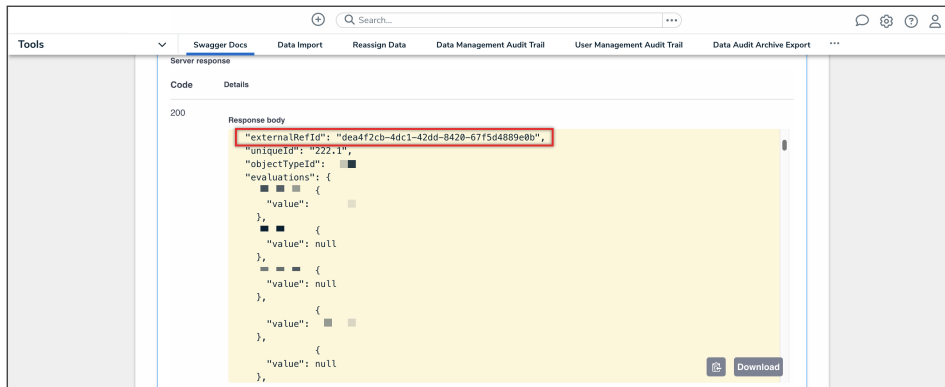
ID Field

- Click the **Execute** button.



Execute Button

- From the **Response Body** section, you can view the external reference ID.



External Reference ID