

hp OpenView

Transaction Management with HP OpenView

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Part 1 of 4

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Covered

- Solution architecture and management strategy
- Installation and configuration of HP OpenView Internet Services (Synthetic Transaction Management)
- Installation and configuration of HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer (Live Transaction Breakdown and decomposition)
- Installation and configuration of HP OpenView Client Monitoring (Quality of Service)

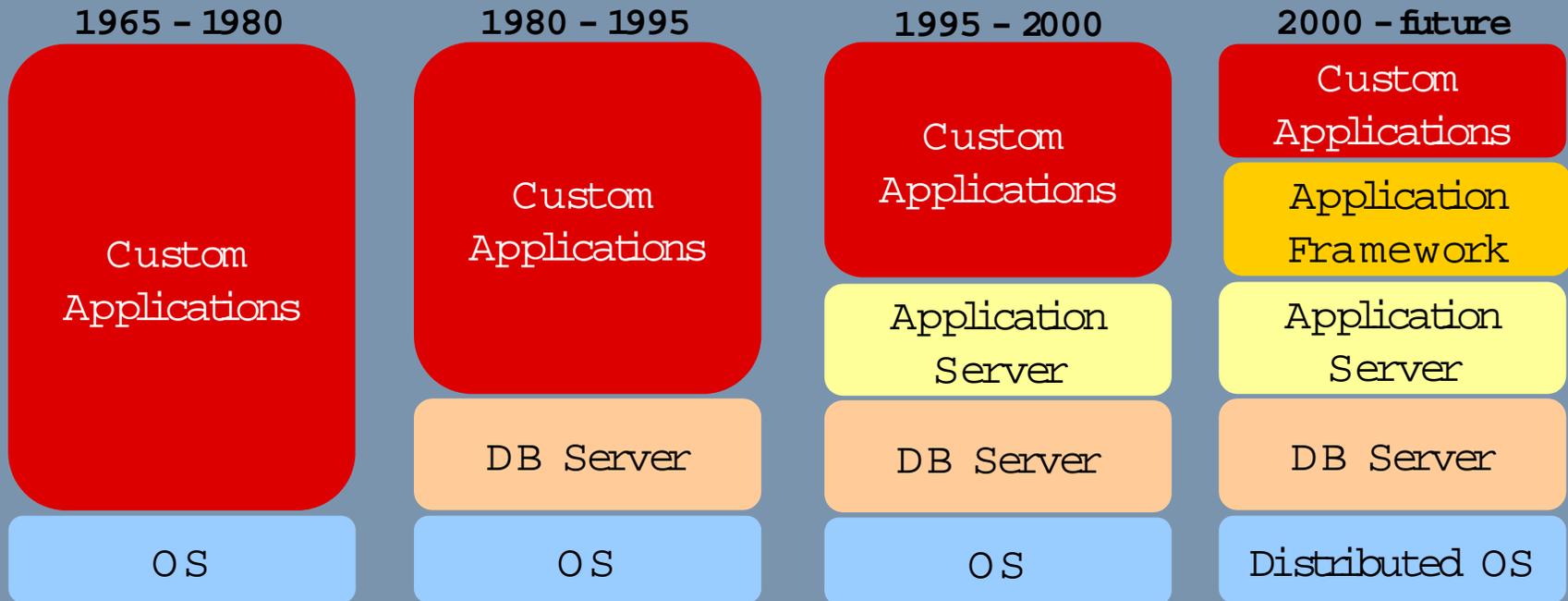
NOT Covered

- Installation of BEA WebLogic application server or iPlanet Web Server (trivial tasks, pointers are given)

Agenda (4 hours)

- Part 1 – Introduction to transaction management with HP OpenView featuring HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer (1 hour + 10 minute break)
- Part 2 – Installation of core HP OpenView solutions shown in Part 1 (1 hour + 10 minute break)
- Part 3 - Configuration of core HP OpenView solutions shown in Part 1 (1 hour + 10 minute break)
- Part 4 – Configuration of Client Monitoring for solution shown in Part 1 (30 minutes)
- Questions and Answers

Increasing cost to support modern business applications is driven in part by their complexity. More “domain specific” resources are required than ever before to drive it Service Support.

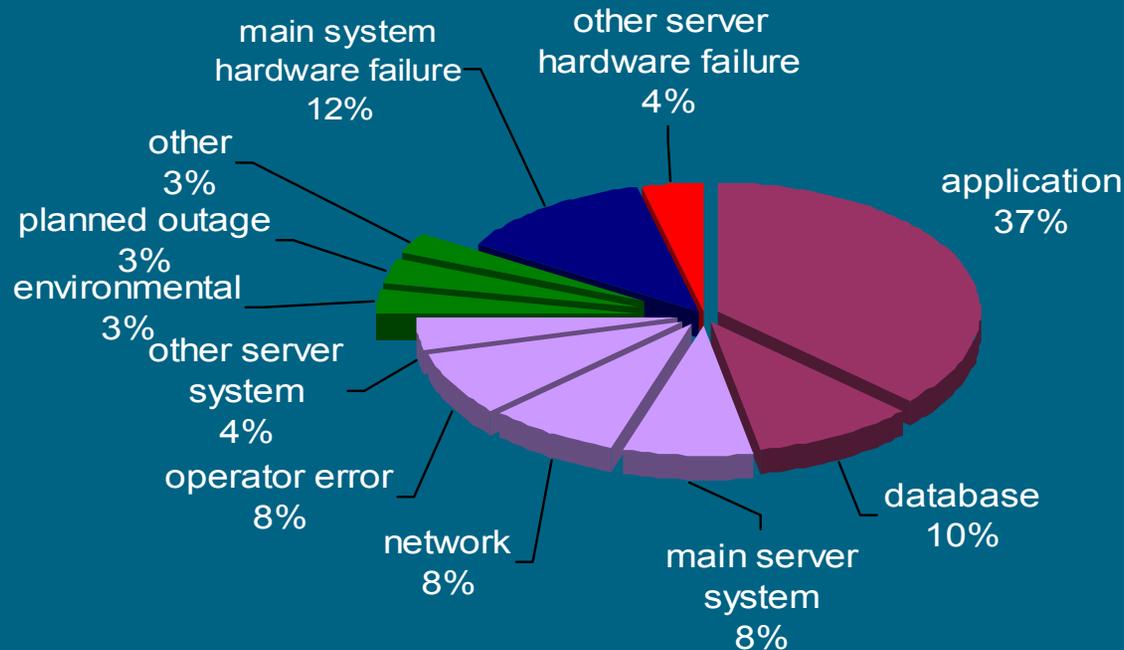


IT Service Support Budget Costs

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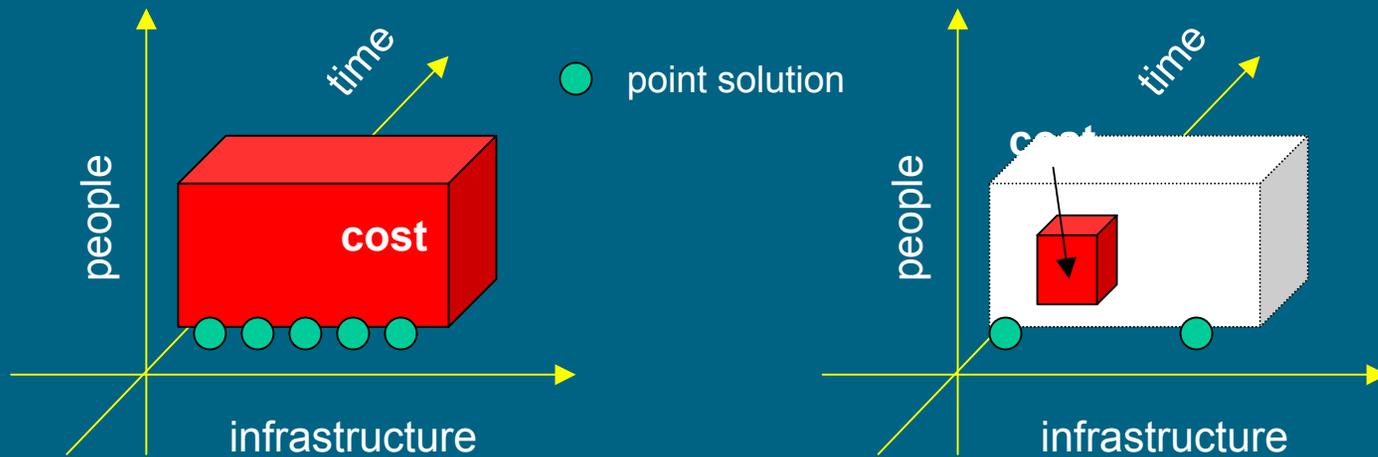
sources of downtime = sources of cost



What would your IT Service Support budget look like if nothing ever broke? Every incident has a cost associated with fixing it, the cost of the “triage” process. Your ability to drive out cost and increase shareholder value lies in part in being able to manage to the cost of fixing things when they break.

NOTE: application errors alone accounts for 37% of downtime and drive OpenView’s investment in OV Transaction Analyzer

the “triage” process (or “break/fix” as it is sometimes called) can be expensive but also can be managed



traditional

The problems entire profile has to be “scanned” using point tools and people to isolate the fault – a manual and expensive process involving lots of people and time.

this amounts to “burning people” (money) to solve problems ...

OV approach

hp OpenView cuts down on point solutions and creates a triage process bringing only the right people to the right place at the right time through a streamlined workflow.

this minimizes triage costs ... the value of Service Management and hp OpenView

the OpenView solution

your customer
or end-user



End-User
"top-down"

Customer Experience Mgmt
Service Level Management

Transaction
"bridging the gap"

Rapid Problem Resolution

Infrastructure
"bottoms-up"

Event Management
Resource Management



your back-end infrastructure

OVIS

OVTA
OVWTO

Glance
OVPM

Problem
Diagnosis

.NET
SPI

OV
Operations

J2EE
SPIs

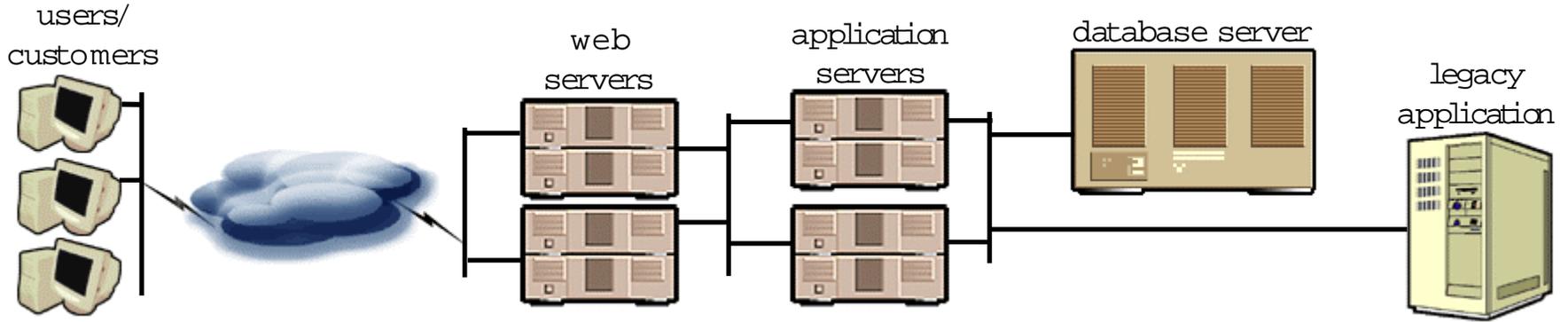
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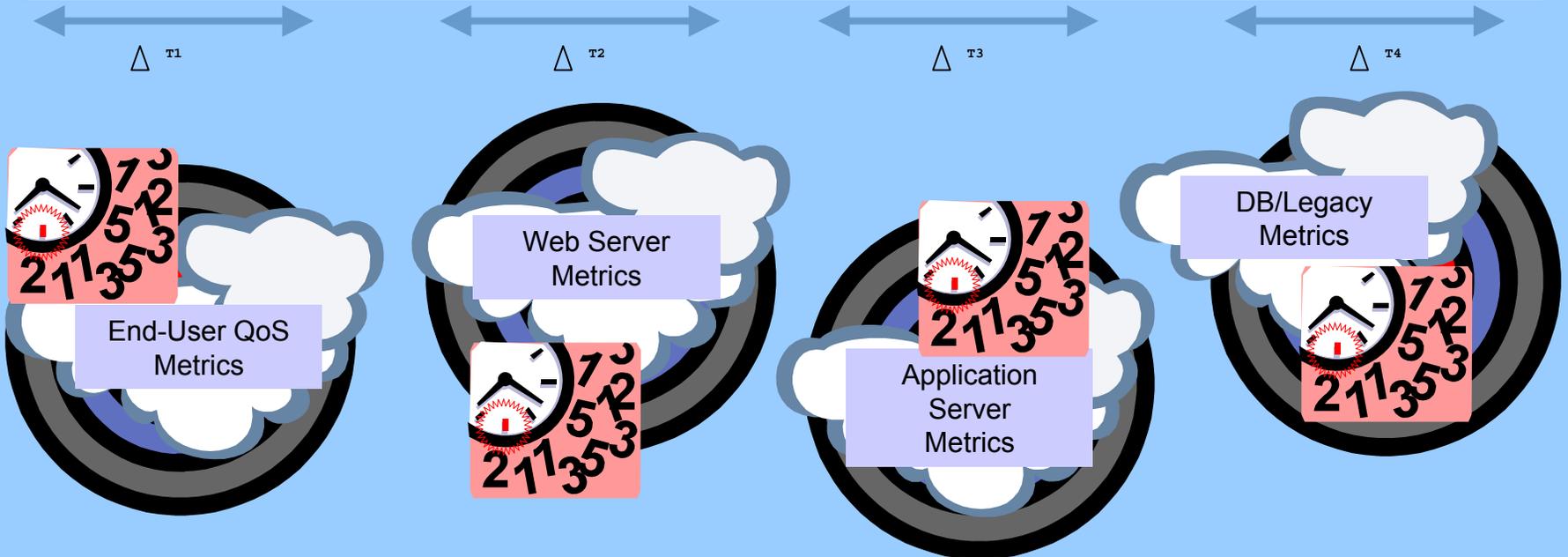
OV
Reporter

IS SPI

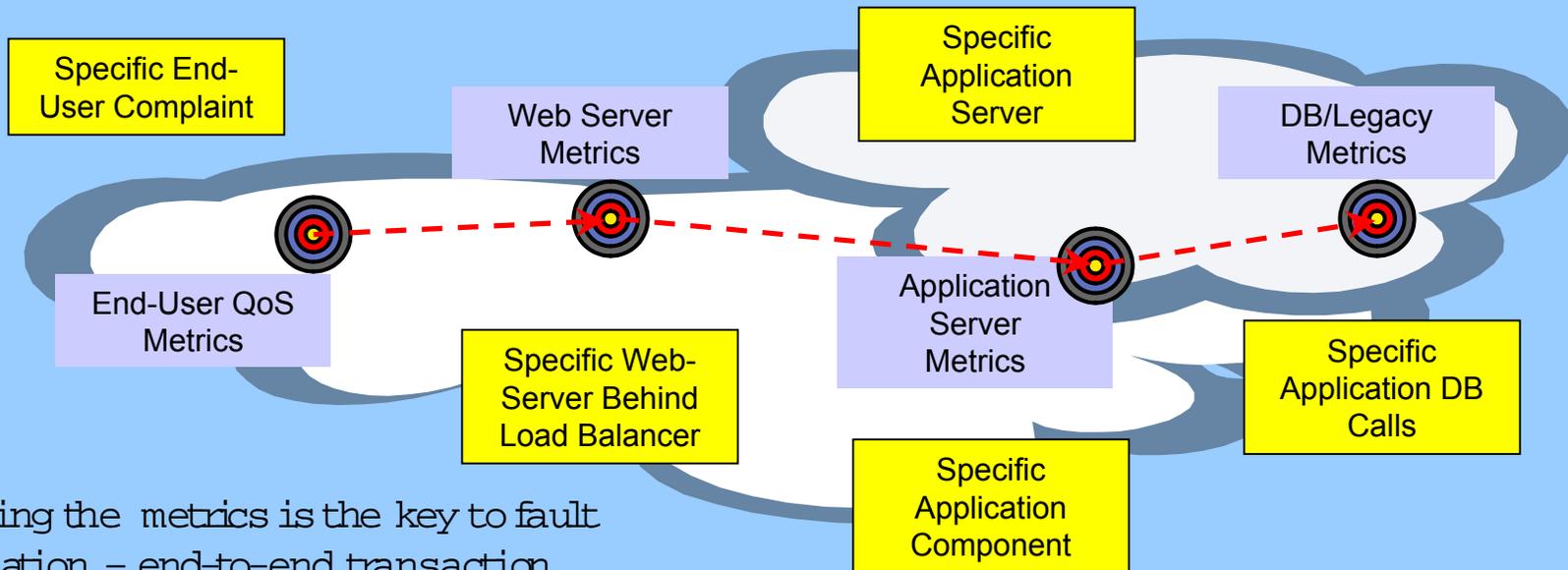
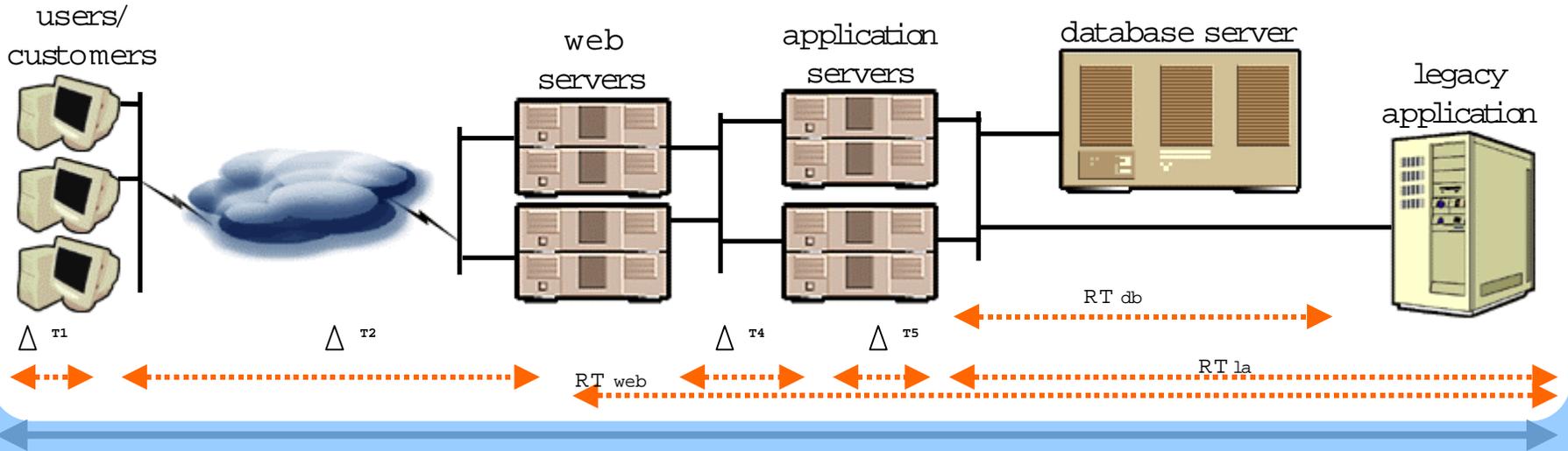
distributed performance management in an ocean of metrics – the hard way



using time as a "correlation ID", everyone looks for spikes in their data

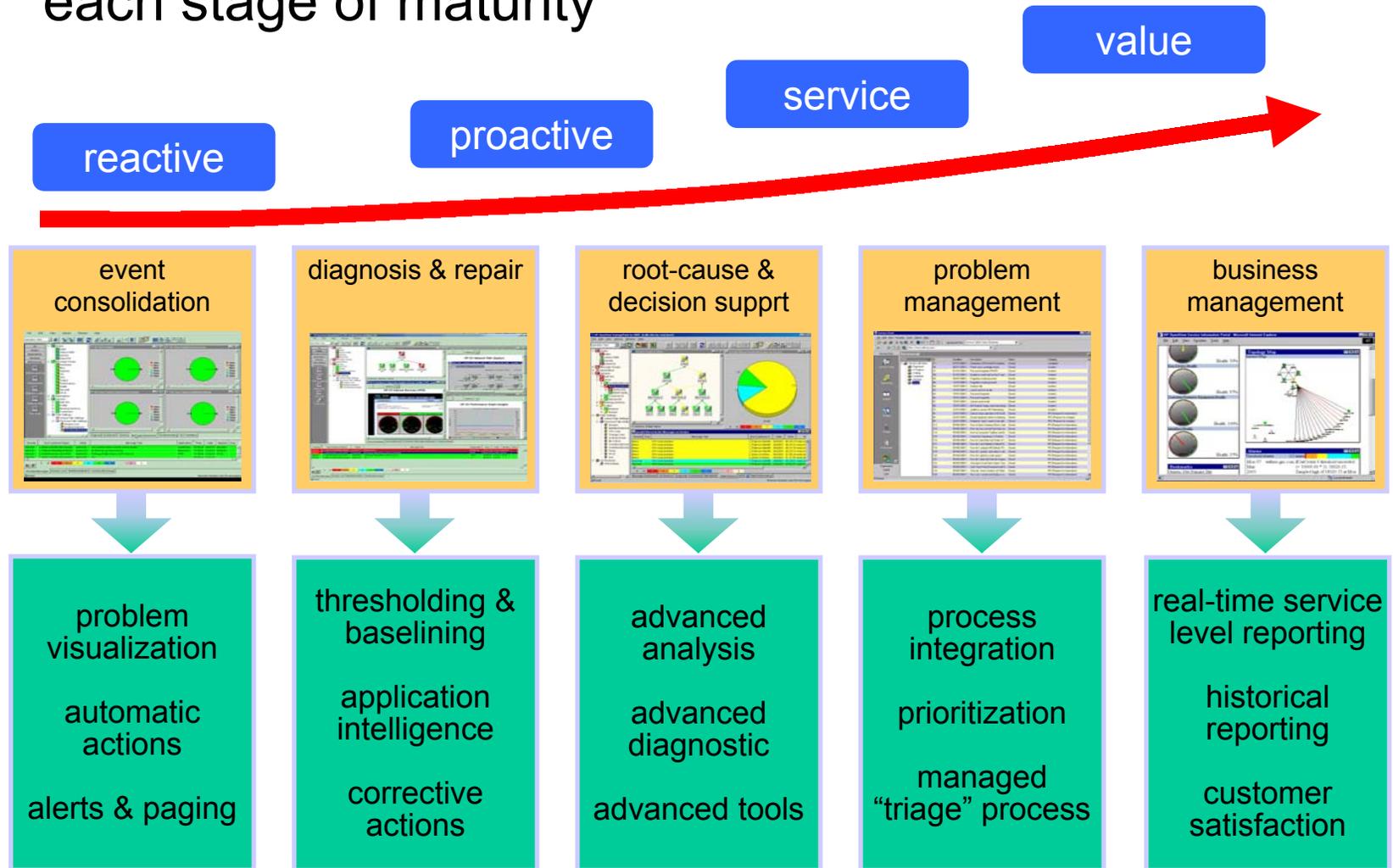


distributed performance management in an ocean of metrics – pre-correlation is a better way



linking the metrics is the key to fault
isolation – end-to-end transaction
correlation

hp OpenView solutions at each stage of maturity



service assurance

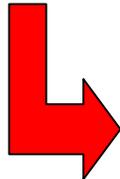
your customers

OV Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring † –
Measuring Real Transactions– answers the question **“are customers getting the service I expect”**



your infrastructure

OV Internet Services –
Heartbeat transactions assures service in absence of customer transactions – answers the question **“am I ready for customers”**



OV Transaction Analyzer – drilling into REAL *or* SYNTHETIC transactions **“if it breaks what went wrong and who needs to fix it?”**



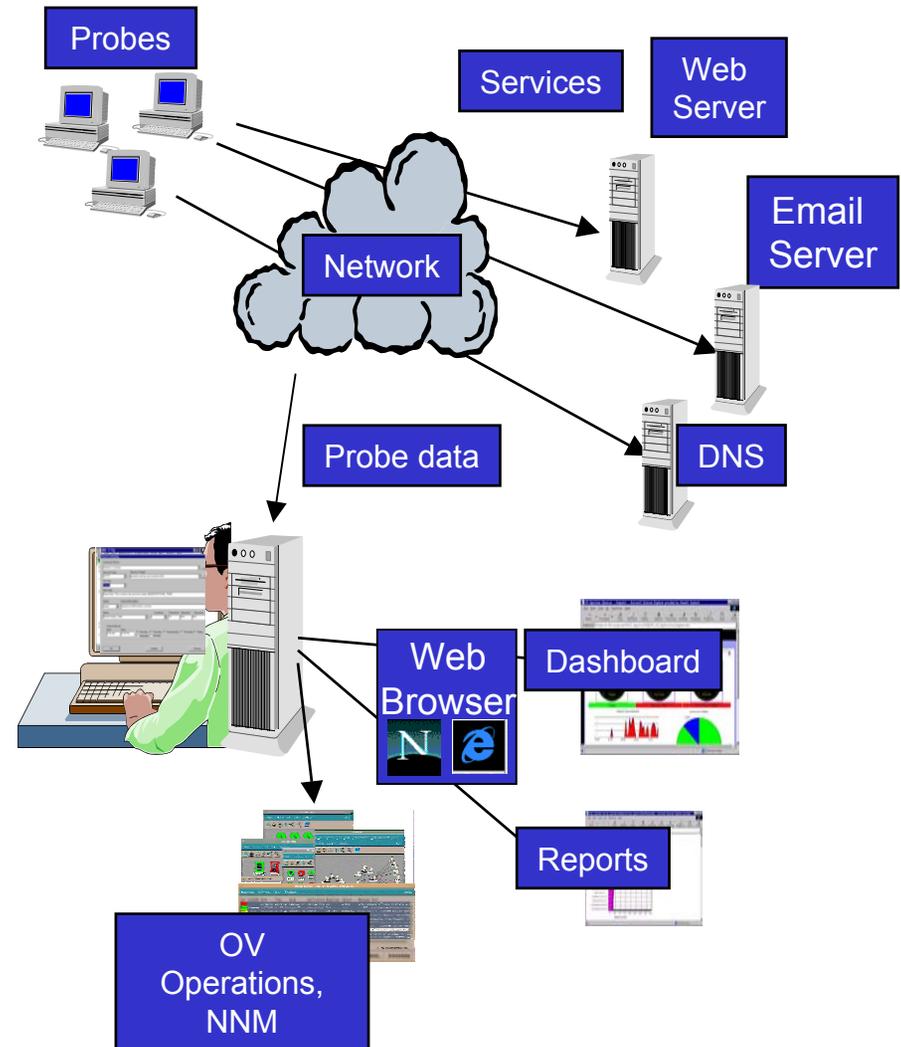
hp OV Domain Specific Tools – Knowing what component is at fault provides context for linked launch into tools. These tools include “drill down” application fault management tools like the **hp OpenView BEA WebLogic Smart Plug-In**

† The functionality of hp OpenView Web Transaction Observer is being rolled into OVTA Client Monitoring

synthetic transaction management with hp OpenView internet services

How do you characterize and measure the availability of IT services? How do you support the availability lifecycle of that service?

1. Define the service, it's subcomponents, and the SLA.
2. Define SLO 'heartbeat' transactions needed to support the SLA
3. Execute the synthetic transactions that make up the SLO and compute the state of the SLA
4. Report, diagnose/operate around, and enhance the SLA



hp OVTA automatically instruments J2EE/COM applications

J2EE is instrumented automatically with OVTA transaction agents on J2EE application servers. This instrumentation automatically instruments the J2EE Component layer with little or no configuration required.

OVTA advantage: OVTA is non-intrusive (no source code modifications). Also, OVTA takes care of passing the correlator from tier to tier in the J2EE architecture so transactions can be traced. Finally, OVTA instruments the web tier (where the source code for the web server is generally not owned).

The screenshot displays the OpenView Transaction Analyzer Console interface. The left pane shows a tree view of transactions for the host 127.0.0.1, with the 'pittsjames.pitts.org' folder expanded. The main pane shows a table of transactions for 'pittsjames.pitts.org' over the last 4 hours. A red arrow points from the text on the left to the 'Java Petstore Signon' transaction in the table. Below the table, the 'Call Graph' view is shown, detailing the execution flow of the 'Java Petstore Signon' transaction, including steps like 'User.findByPrimaryKey', 'DataSource.getConnection', and 'PreparedStatement.executeQuery'.

Date	Transaction	Response	Status	User	Reques
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Signoff	.117	Ok (200)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Shopping Cart	.191	Ok (200)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Customer Profile	.417	Ok (200)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Signon Welcome Page	.165	Ok (200)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Signon Welcome Page	.147	Ok (200)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Signon	.106	Ok (302)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Signon	.133	Ok (302)	Probe	PITTSJAME
May 01, 10:50 AM	Java Petstore Signon Welcome Page	.173	Ok (200)	Probe	PITTSJAME

Transaction	Response	secs	Status	Started
post /petstore/j_signon_check	.133	0.15	Ok (302)	10:50:06.76
EncodingFilter.doFilter	.129		Ok	10:50:06.76
SignOnFilter.doFilter	.129		Ok	10:50:06.76
SignOn.create	.000		Ok	10:50:06.76
SignOn.authenticate	.019		Ok	10:50:06.76
User.findByPrimaryKey	.016		Ok	10:50:06.76
DataSource.getConnection	.000		Ok	10:50:06.76
PreparedStatement.executeQuery	.005		Ok	10:50:06.76
Connection.close	.000		Ok	10:50:06.76
User.matchPassword	.001		Ok	10:50:06.76
ShoppingClientController.processEvent	.028		Ok	10:50:06.76
ShoppingClientFacadeLocal.setUserId	.000		Ok	10:50:06.76
ShoppingClientFacadeLocal.getCustomer	.020		Ok	10:50:06.76
Customer.findByPrimaryKey	.015		Ok	10:50:06.76
DataSource.getConnection	.001		Ok	10:50:06.76
PreparedStatement.executeQuery	.006		Ok	10:50:06.76
Connection.close	.000		Ok	10:50:06.76
Customer.getProfile	.005		Ok	10:50:06.76
DataSource.getConnection	.000		Ok	10:50:06.76

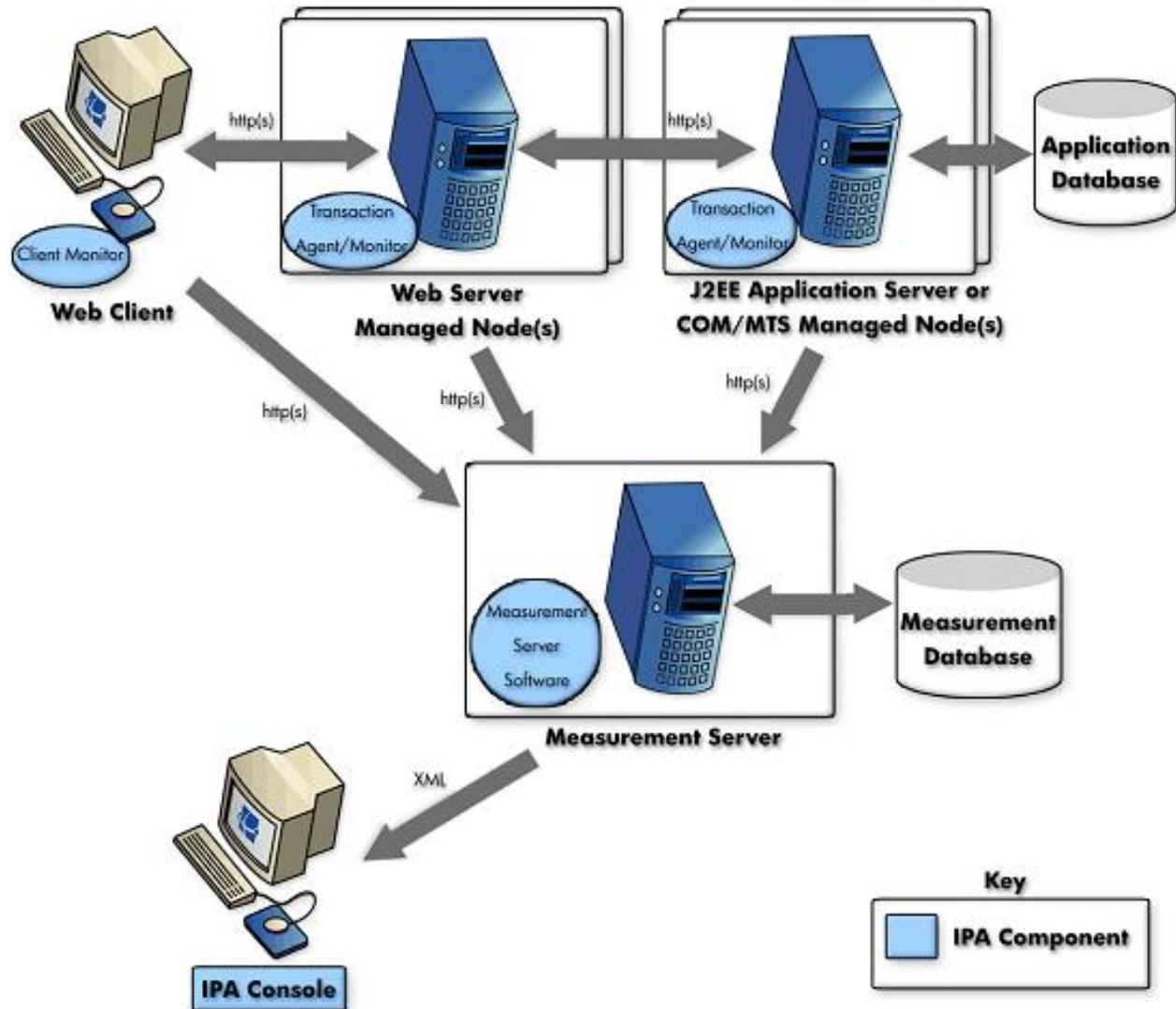
This works for MS Windows DNA applications with COM/MTS/IIS components as well as J2EE applications



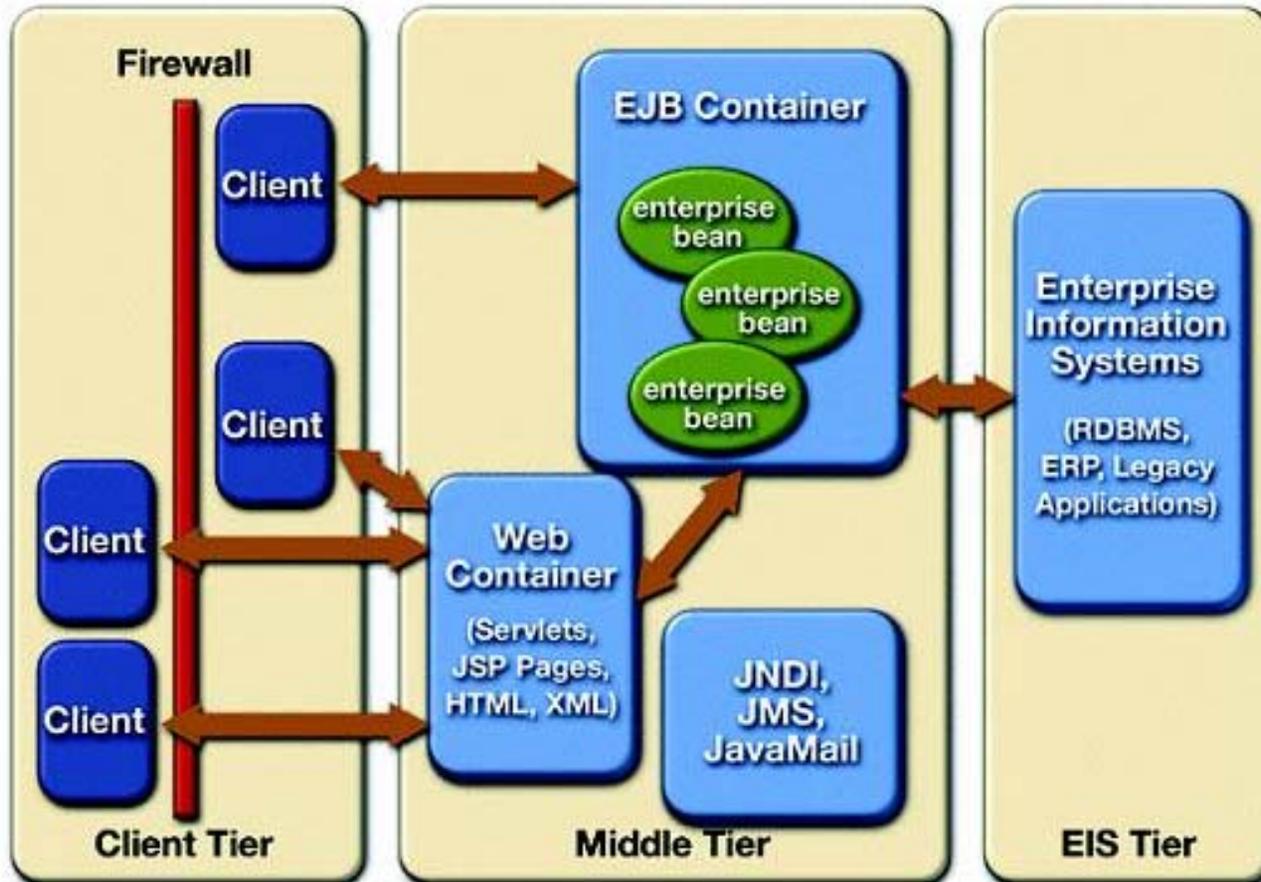
OV Transaction Analyzer Key Features

- **OVTA** refines the problem resolution (“triage”) processes.
 - Measures discovers and averages data for all transactions in a highly scalable fashion, but selective tracing minimizes impact to infrastructure.
 - Traces OV “Heartbeat” transactions
 - Optionally Measures and Traces customer transactions from their web browser for detailed end-user diagnostics of problems.
- **OVTA** delivers transaction drill-down for J2EE and/or COM executable environments
 - No source code changes for core functionality (optional web browser client monitoring requires use of a JavaScript client monitor that involves a trivial change).
 - Auto-adaptive (automated provisioning of logical web hosts and transaction sub-components).
 - Auto baselining of transaction components
- **OVTA** delivers end-to-end SLA management of transactions through data-level integration with OVIS.

hp OpenView transaction analyzer: how it works



J2EE Architecture – Diagram



For detailed information see: <http://java.sun.com/blueprints/>



OV Transaction Analyzer Data Aggregation

- **OVTA** discovers the components of an application as it executes. This information is stored in the OVTA database as a ‘parent/child’ data structure that defines the relationship between components.
- **OVTA** measures statistics for all transactions executed on the applications path. The data is averaged into “buckets” and a record is posted every 5 minutes. This is called aggregated data and is used for general purpose discovery and the construction of baselines.
 - Data aggregation has a very low overhead on the application because it doesn’t involve heavy in-line logic. It is literally nothing more than “stopwatch” calls being thrown out to an off-line process in an asynchronous fashion.
 - Typical overhead for Web Tier = 2-3 msec (.001 seconds) per http request.
 - Typical overhead for J2EE components = 100 μsec (.0001 seconds) per application component (EJB, JDBC call, etc.)
- **OVTA** decouples inline transaction processing and off-line data management to minimize impact on the application. Only “active” transactions have their data posted.



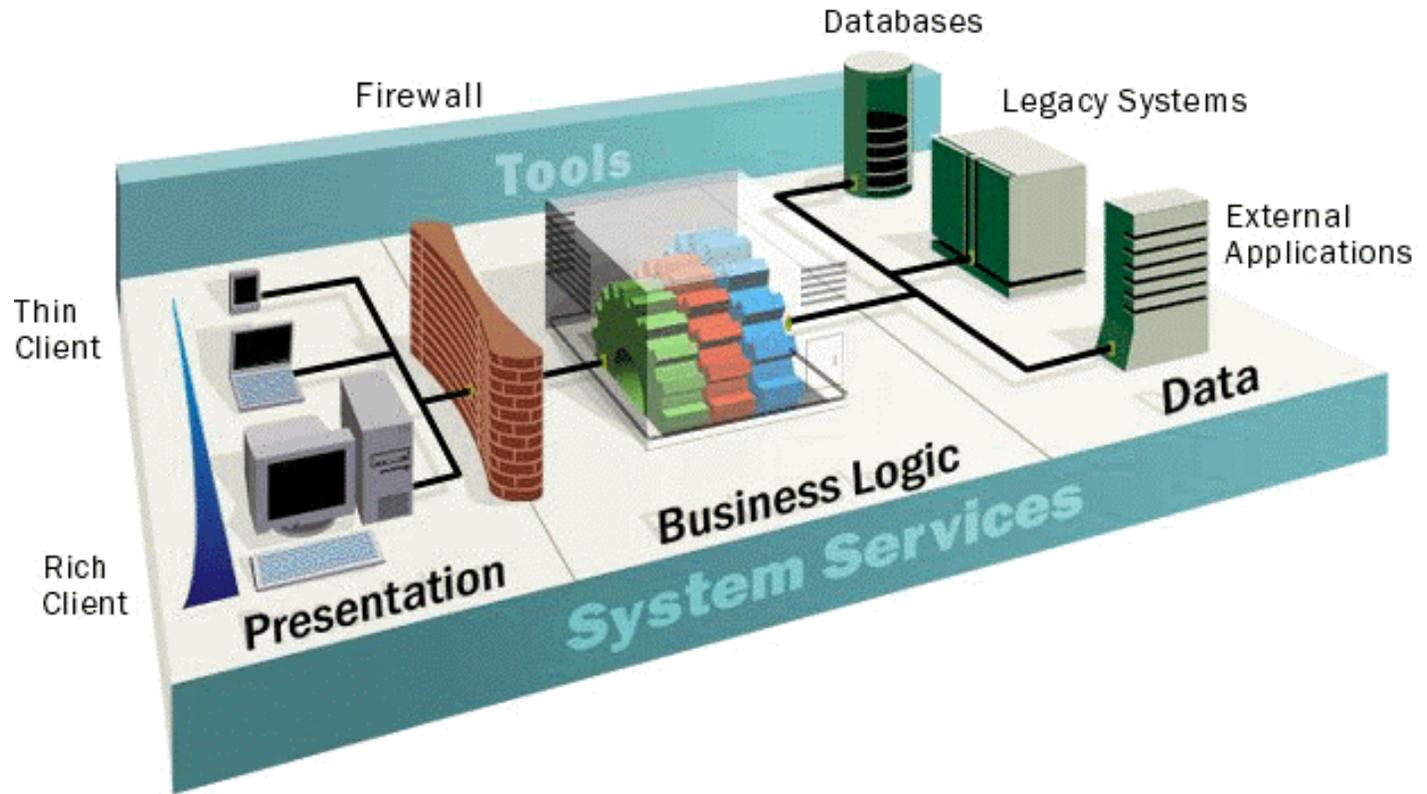
OV Transaction Analyzer Tracing

- **OVTA** tracing is selective meaning that only certain conditions trigger a trace. Out of the box these are:
 - OVIS probes executing web transactions against the application. OVTA recognizes OVIS probe transactions and automatically traces all the “heartbeats” out of the box.
 - Transactions originating from a web browser that is accessing a web page that has been instrumented with the OVTA JavaScript client monitor (a session base cookie identifies the session as one that is to be traced).
- **OVTA** tracing overhead inline to the application is the same as for aggregated data:
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- **OVTA** tracing “offline” processing overhead involves assembling the trace and posting it to the measurement server.

J2EE Application Transactions

- ❑ With J2EE Applications, OVTA automatically detects and classifies business transactions flowing through Web servers (IIS, iPlanet, or Apache) used in conjunction with J2EE applications deployed to BEA WebLogic, and IBM WebSphere application servers.
- ❑ The Apache and iPlanet Web server instances must be manually configured if they are to be recognized as the beginning of the transaction. With IIS this instrumentation is performed automatically.
- ❑ Once the OVTA transaction monitor has been installed and configured on a managed node with a supported application server then all **Servlet, filter, JSP, EJB, and JDBC component** response times are automatically recorded and associated with the corresponding top-level business transaction.
- ❑ Only those application server instances that have been started with monitoring enabled will record transaction response times. The modifications consist of adding additional startup arguments to the command that launches the application server.

Microsoft Windows DNA

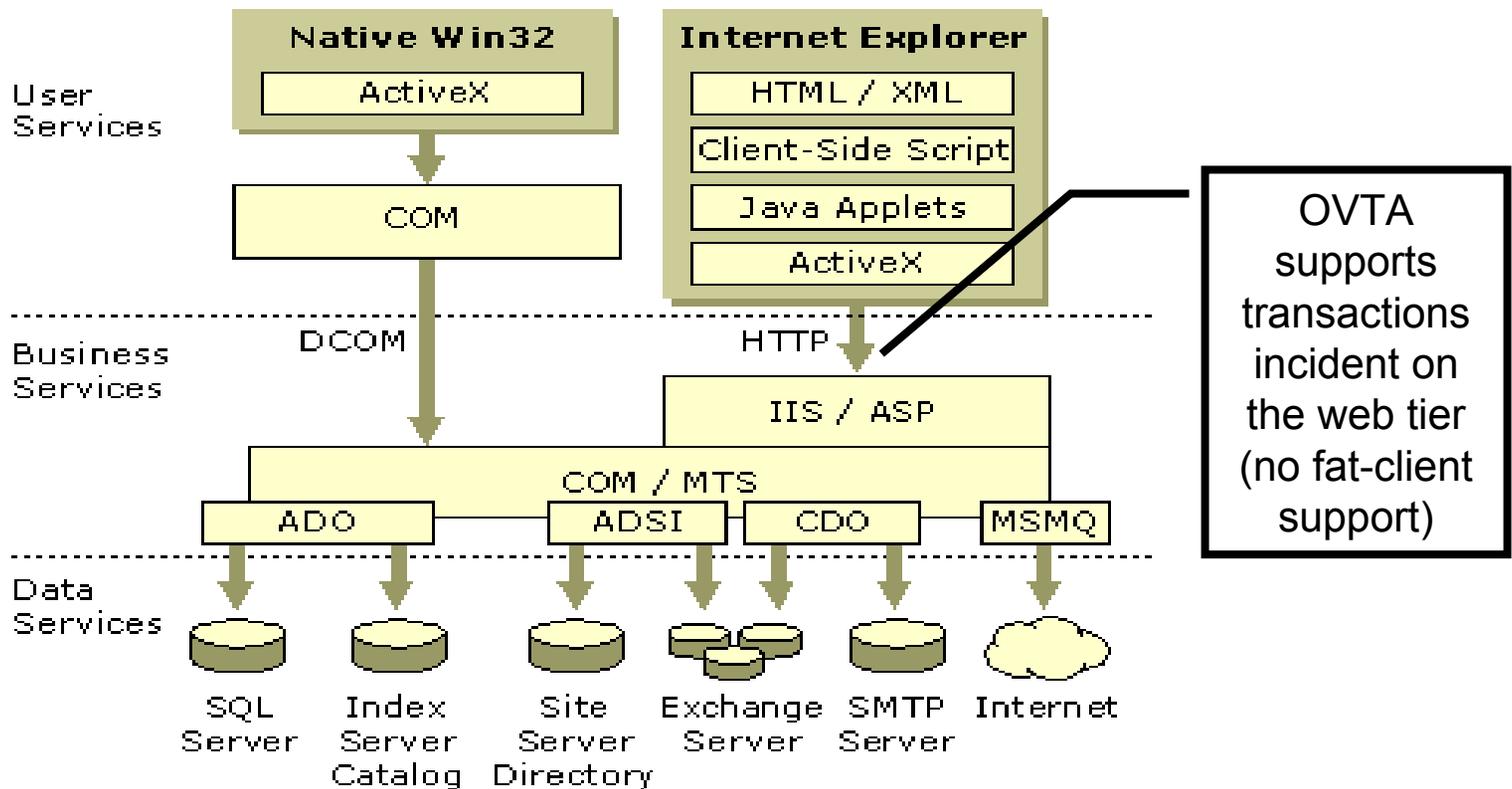


For detailed information see:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dndna/html/dnasolutions.asp>

OVTA Windows DNA Support

Microsoft Technologies for Three-Tier Applications



Windows DNA Application Transactions

- ❑ OVTA automatically detects transactions flowing through **IIS**, classifying the different URLs into logical "transaction types" using user-specified classification rules.
- ❑ OVTA captures transaction response times, OUT OF THE BOX, for most COM business logic by including **inetinfo.exe** and **mtx.exe** as monitored applications. For COM objects that execute outside MTS, the user must specify the corresponding COM executables using the OVTA Configuration Editor.
- ❑ These transactions are then traced through **ASPs** into **MTS** packages and their constituent COM objects, with response times being recorded at each component boundary, including **ADO** and **OLEDB** database component boundaries. Note: OVTA records the time spent in the application that invokes the database components; it does not, however, distinguish time spent within the database server itself.
- ❑ Microsoft Windows DNA Components Include:
 - Presentation : Internet Information Services (IIS 4.0/5.0),
 - Presentation/Business Logic : Active Server Pages (ASP),
 - Business Logic : Microsoft Transaction Server (MTS),
 - Business Logic: Component Object Model (COM),
 - Data : ADO/OLEDB and COMTI.

OVTA Demo ...



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the remainder of tutorial covers
setting this up and running this
solution

OVRTA Features – Console

Snapshot View - overall

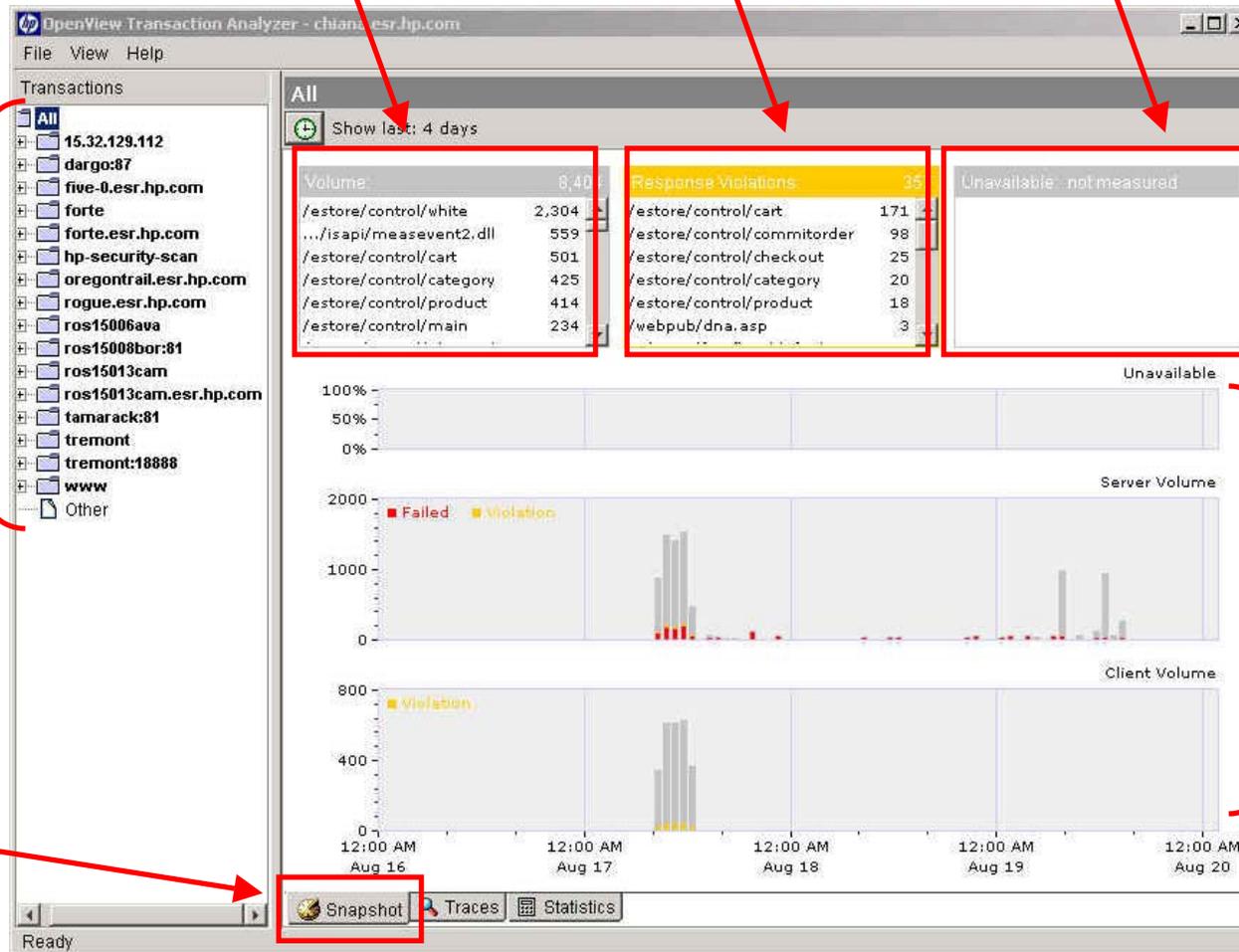
Transaction Volumes and list

Response Time Violations

Availability

Logical Web Hosts (auto discovered)

Current View



Summary Charts

OVTA Features – Console Statistics View - J2EE transaction

Any "Column Headings" when selected affect sorting. They can also be moved left/right.

Particular Component Kind and Transaction Type

Selected Top-level Web Transaction

Transaction Response Times

The screenshot shows the OpenView Transaction Analyzer console for a J2EE transaction. The main window displays a table of transaction statistics for the path `/petstore/main.screen`. The table columns are: Kind, Transaction, Servicing N..., Requesting..., Response, Violations, Volume, Completed, Failed, and Aborted. The data rows include various servlets, JSPs, and JDBC/HTTP/EJB transactions.

Kind	Transaction	Servicing N...	Requesting...	Response	Violations	Volume	Completed	Failed	Aborted
servlet	TemplateServlet.doGet	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.258	0	135	135	0	0
servlet	SignOnFilter.doFilter	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.089	0	1,080	1,078	2	0
servlet	EncodingFilter.doFilter	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.089	0	1,080	1,078	2	0
JSP	__banner_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0	0	135	135	0	0
JSP	__template_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.224	0	135	135	0	0
JSP	__mylist_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.075	0	135	134	1	0
JSP	__sidebar_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.122	0	135	135	0	0
JSP	__main_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0	0	135	135	0	0
JSP	__advice_banner_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.001	0	135	134	1	0
JSP	__footer_jspService	dh731632...	dh731632...	0	0	135	135	0	0
JDBC	Connection.close	dh731632...	dh731632...	0	0	269	269	0	0
JDBC	DataSource.getConnection	dh731632...	dh731632...	0	0	269	269	0	0
JDBC	PreparedStatement.execute...	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.022	0	538	538	0	0
HTTP	get /petstore/main.screen	dh731632...	Unknown	0.229	0	1	1	0	0
HTTP	get /petstore/main.screen	dh731632...	Unknown	0.291	0	144	134	10	0
EJB	ShoppingClientController.cre...	dh731632...	dh731632...	0.002	0	135	135	0	0
EJB	ShoppingClientFacadeLocal...	dh731632...	dh731632...	0	0	135	135	0	0

At the bottom of the console, there is a graph titled "Response volume" showing response times in seconds over time. The x-axis represents time from 8:40 AM to 8:40 PM on Aug 19. The y-axis represents response time in seconds, ranging from 0 to 4. The graph shows a sharp initial spike followed by a relatively flat line around 0.5 seconds.

Annotations in the image include:

- A red arrow pointing to the "Column Headings" of the table, with the text: "Any 'Column Headings' when selected affect sorting. They can also be moved left/right."
- A red arrow pointing to the tree view on the left, with the text: "Particular Component Kind and Transaction Type".
- A red arrow pointing to the selected transaction in the tree view, with the text: "Selected Top-level Web Transaction".
- A red arrow pointing to the "Response volume" graph, with the text: "Transaction Response Times".
- A red arrow pointing to the "Statistics" button at the bottom, with the text: "Current View".

Current View

OVTA Features – Console

Trace View - J2EE transaction “Summary”

Traced Transaction Instances

Selected Transaction

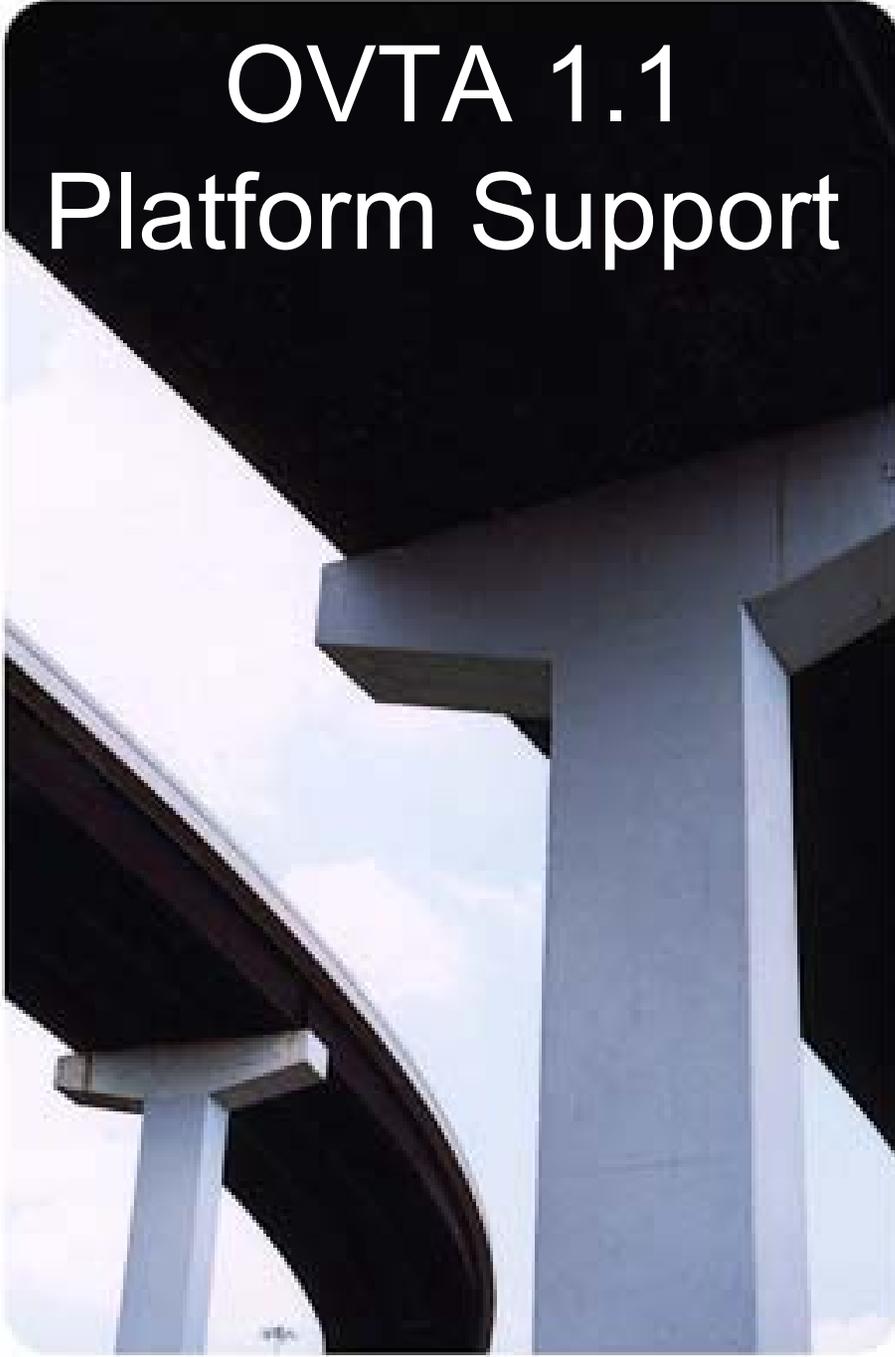
Current View

Transaction Summary by Component Kind

Note : Probe means that transaction was initiated by an OVIS probe (which are traced by default).

Date	Transaction	Response	Status	User	Requesting Node
Aug 19, 10:06 PM	/petstore/main.screen	1.073	Ok		Browser TZ=+420 MODEM
Aug 19, 10:07 PM	/petstore/main.screen	1.065	Ok		Browser TZ=+420 MODEM
Aug 19, 09:15 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.490	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 10:00 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.407	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:30 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.268	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 10:05 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.248	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:25 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.217	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:55 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.216	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:40 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.215	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:45 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.198	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:10 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.166	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:20 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.161	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:50 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.160	Ok	Probe	
Aug 19, 09:35 PM	/petstore/main.screen	.156	Ok	Probe	

Transaction	Time (secs)	Status	Started	Service
get /petstore/main.screen	1.073			
HTTP	.932			
JSP	.062			
JDBC	.052			
servlet	.027			



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Platform Support

supported platforms

systems:

- HP-UX 11.x, Solaris 2.6 7.0 8.0
- Windows NT 4.0 SP 6a, Windows 2000 >= SP1

application servers:

- BEA WebLogic 5.1 ,6.1, 7.0 (Unix/Windows)
- IBM Websphere 3.5, 4.0 (Unix/Windows)
- Microsoft Windows DNA (MTS/COM) (Windows)

web servers:

- iPlanet 3.6x, 4.x, 6.x (Unix/Windows)
- Apache 1.3.x (Unix)
- IBM HTTPD (Unix)
- Microsoft IIS 4.0, 5.0 (Windows)



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Real-time install demo hp OpenView Internet Services (Windows Platform)

Internet Services Configuration Manager

File View Action Tools Help

Service Agreements Service Groups Service Targets Objectives Probes

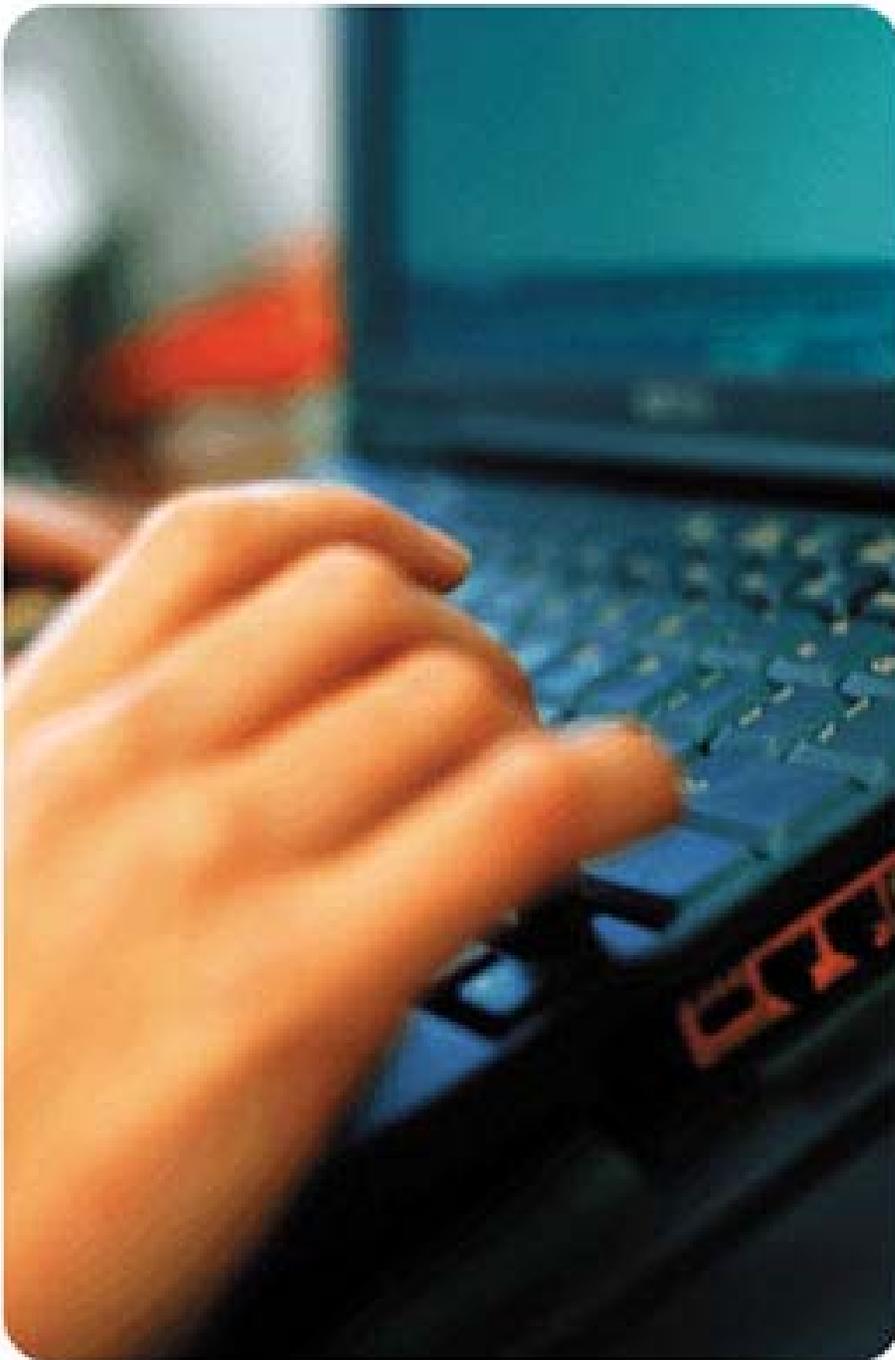
Customer: OV Service Assurance Demo Service Group: WebLogic Applications

Service Group	Service	Host	Port	Target Information
WebLogic Applications	WEBAPP	pittsjames.pitts.org	7555	[pittsjames.pitts.org]
WebLogic Applications	WEBAPP	pittsjames.pitts.org	7555	[pittsjames.pitts.org]

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OVTA Installation Overview

- Install the measurement server software on a node along with its database (Solid or Oracle 8.x). This will also install HPAS 8.1, which is currently the framework upon which the measurement server is built.
- Install a transaction agent and associated component monitors on each of the servers supporting web applications. These are called managed nodes. These managed nodes include the nodes acting as Web servers in the web tier, nodes running supported application servers, and any other back-end servers on which business logic components execute.
- Configure the Web servers and application servers to work with OVTA (e.g. Web server virtual directories, filters, application server startup scripts).
- Once deployed, OVTA automatically detects application components and the business transactions flowing through them and forwards transaction and component response times to the OVTA measurement server.



other OVTA requirements

console:

- IE 5+
- Netscape 4.5+
- JRE 1.3.1
- Sun Java Web Start

measurement Server:

- Solid 3.5x (bundled)

or

- Oracle 8.1.7, 9i
- JRE 1.3.1 (bundled)

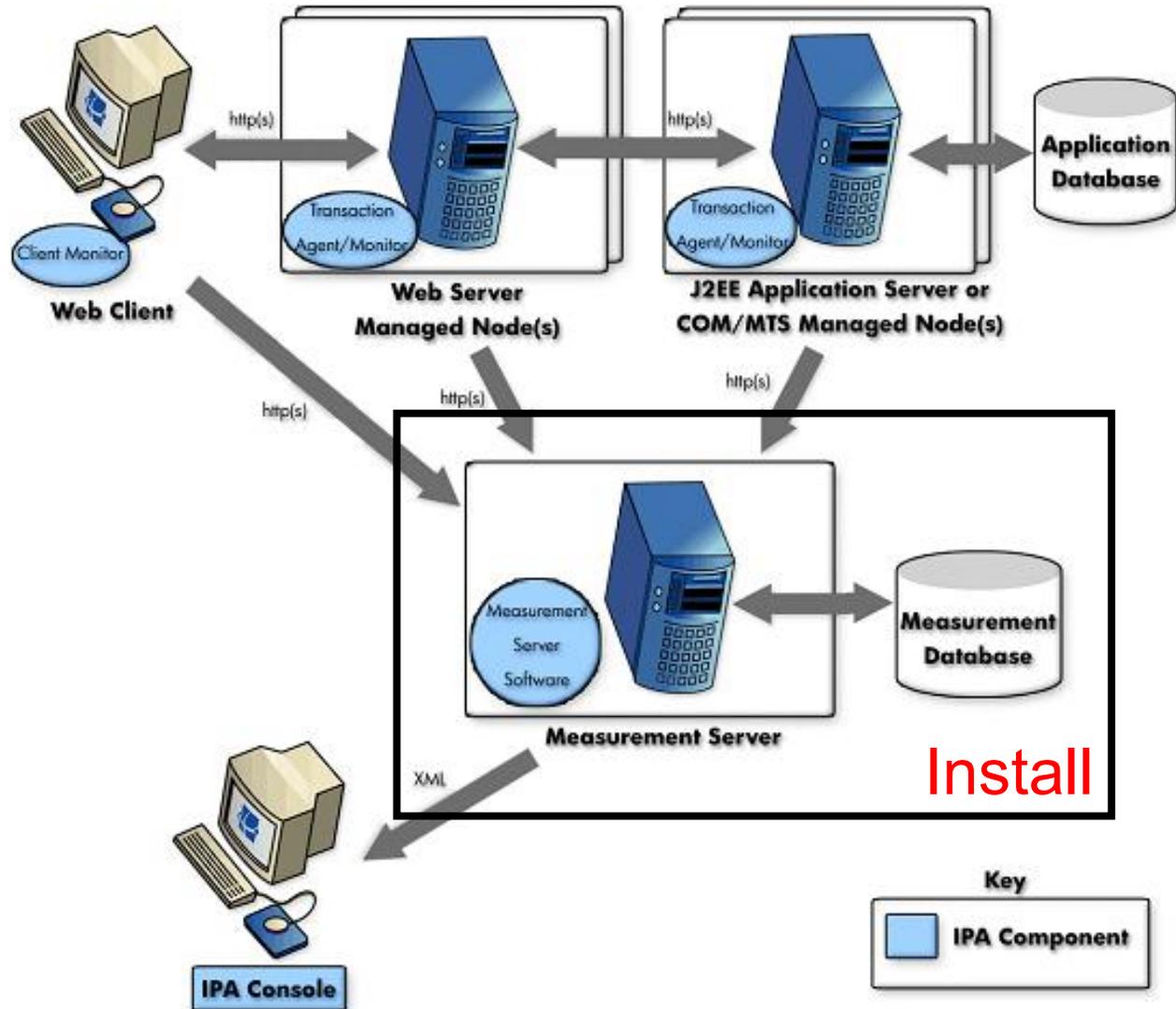
See OVTA 1.1 product brief

Typical Deployment Steps

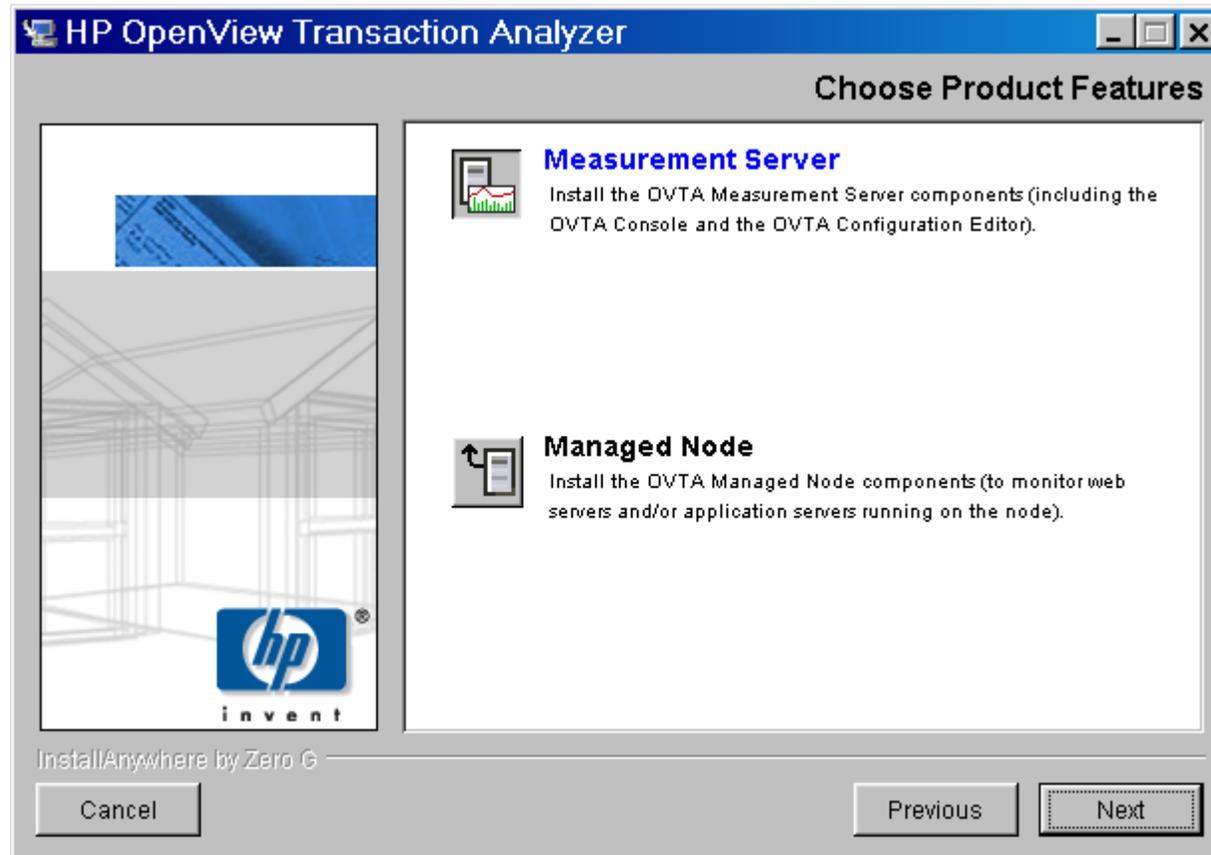
First, identify an application you want to monitor, then:

- Install the measurement server portion of OVTA (~8 minutes) and configure the application server startup (~5 minutes). System reboot is also required FOR THE MEASUREMENT SERVER ONLY.
- Install the managed node portion of OVTA (~6 minutes/node) and manually configure the Web servers and J2EE application servers for OVTA (~5 minutes per web/application server, IIS requires no configuration).

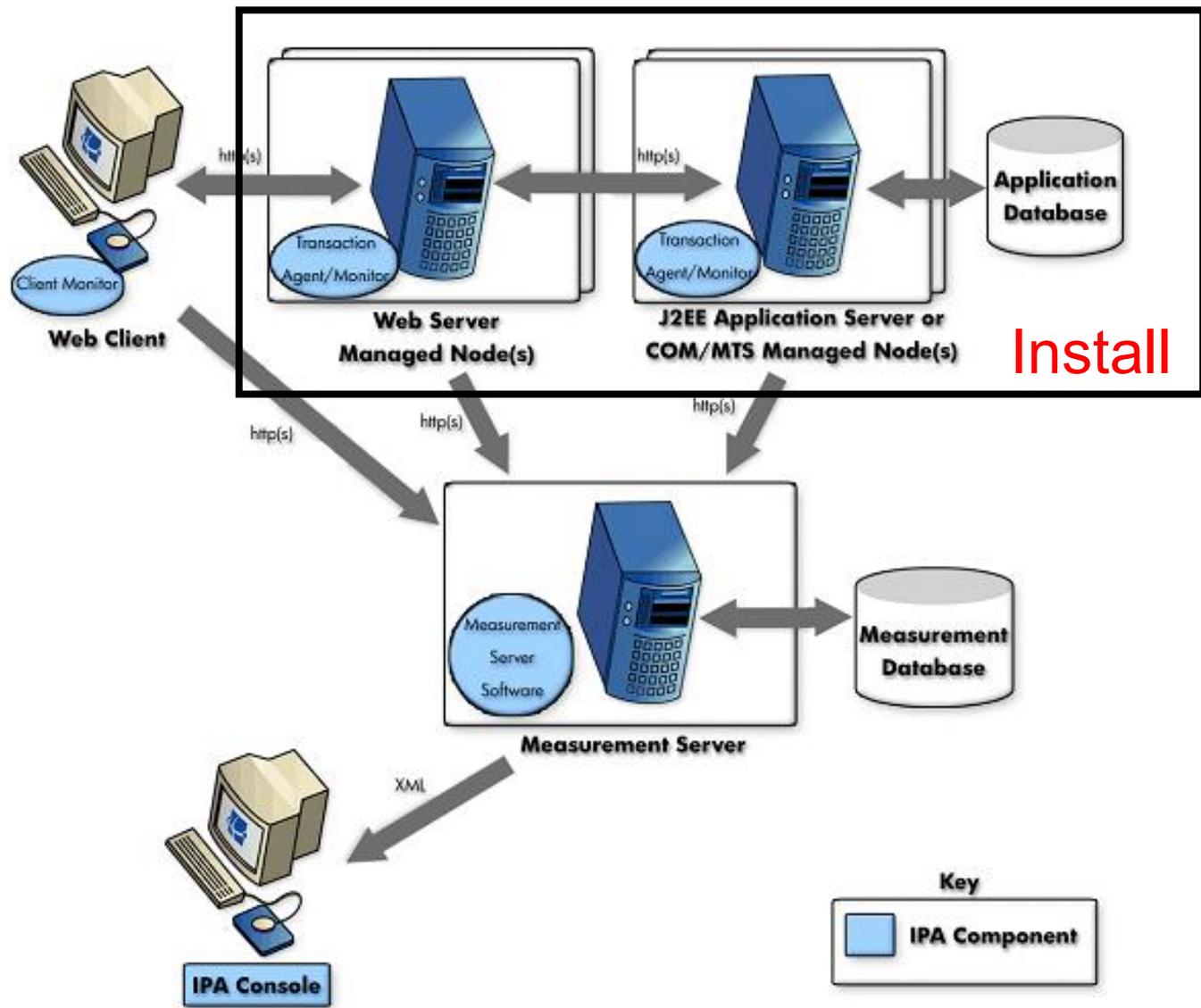
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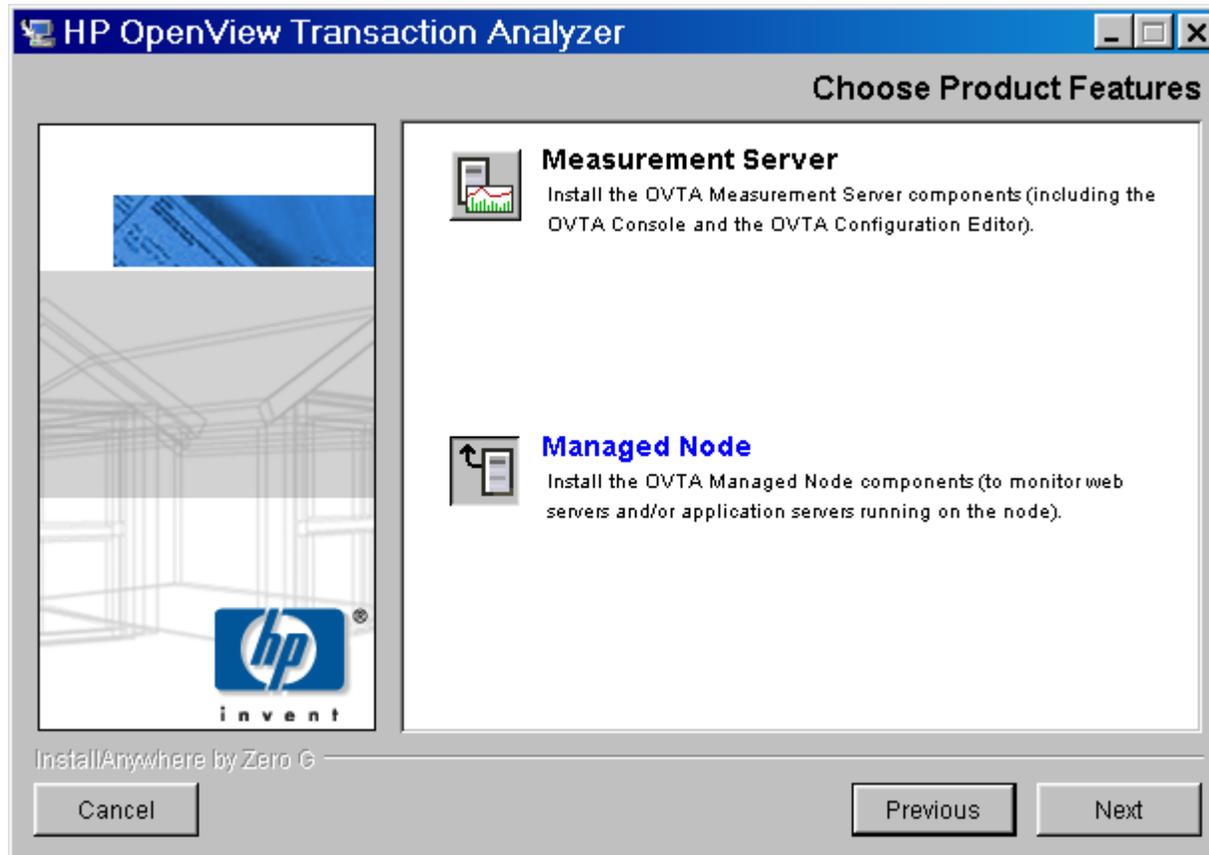
Real-time install demo OVTA Measurement Server (Windows Platform)



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Real-time install demo OVTA Managed Node (Windows Platform)





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Configuration

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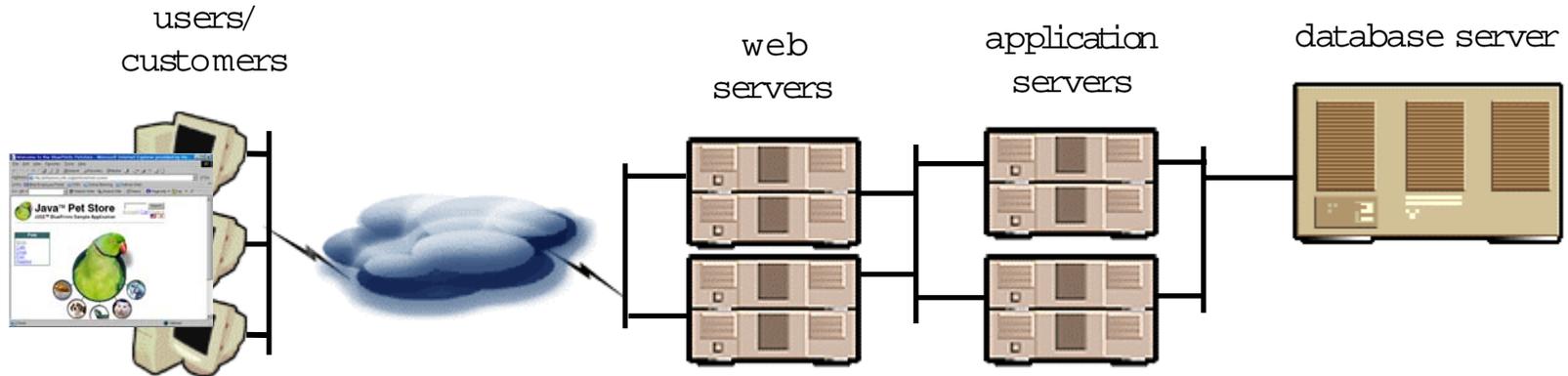


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Tutorial Architecture



Internet Explorer
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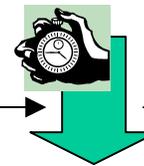
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Transaction
Analyzer
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iPlanet (Sun
Netscape
Alliance)



hp OpenView
Transaction
Agent

WebLogic
(BEA)



hp OpenView
Transaction
Agent

Pointbase
(Ships with
BEA
Samples)



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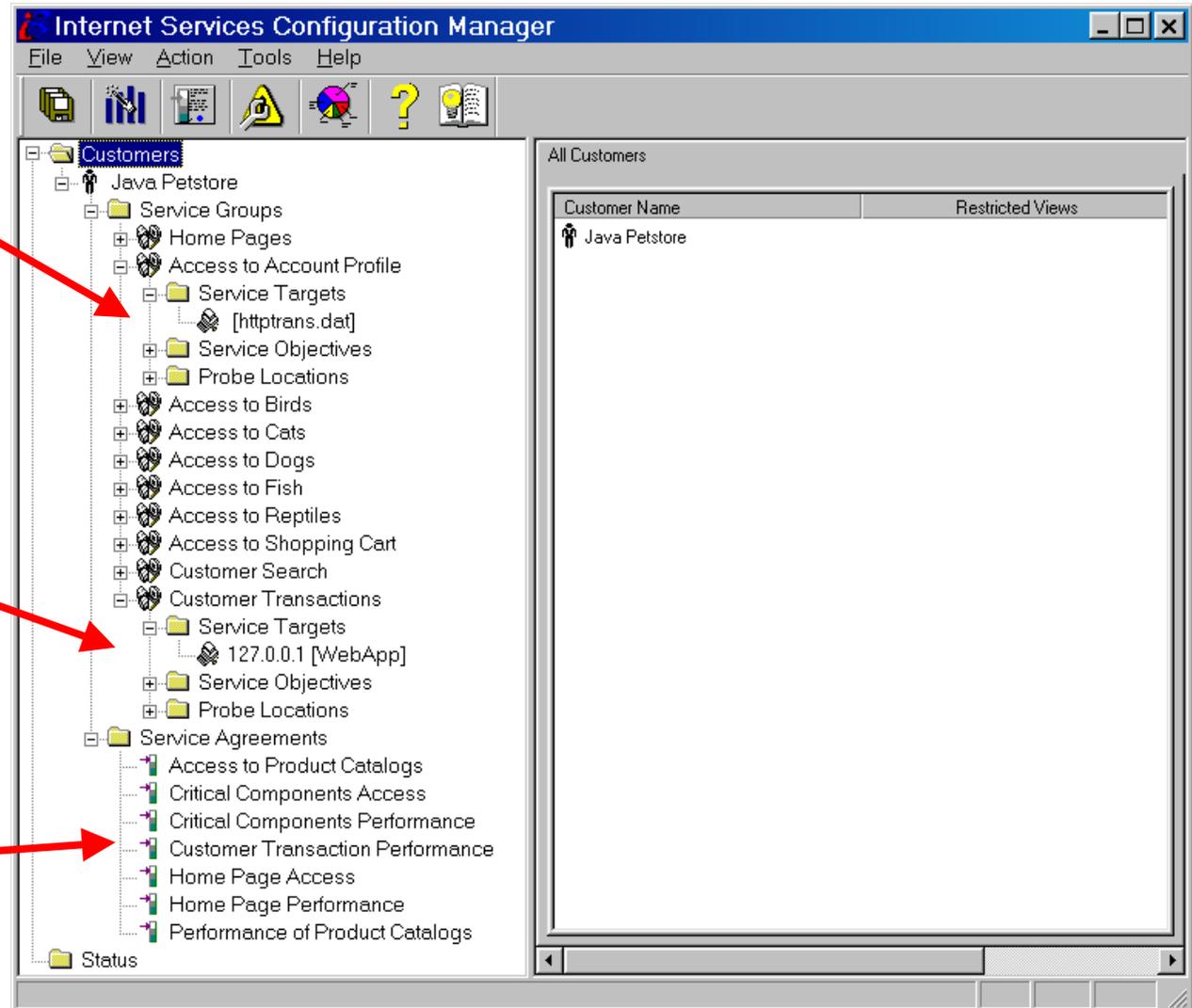
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Configuration of OV Internet Services (Live Demo)

Complex Synthetic Web Transactions

Integration with OVTA Live Transactions

Service Level Agreements

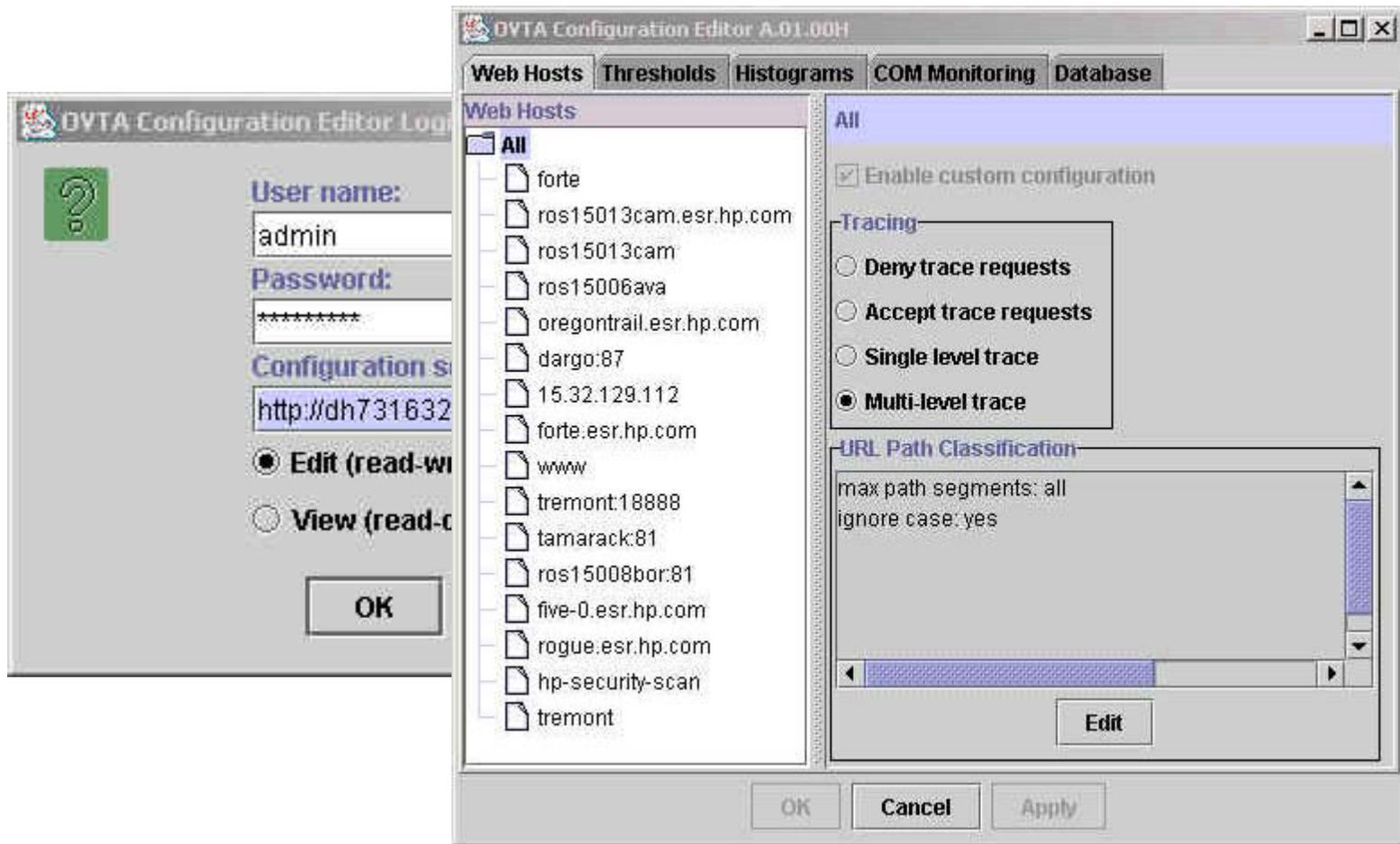


Typical Configuration Steps for OVIS

OVIS generally requires the definition of basic services that one wants to monitor. These are the definitions of the synthetic transactions. This includes:

- Definition of customer groups (logical grouping)
- Definition of service groups that these customers will subscribe to.
- Configuration of transaction, objectives, and probe location for synthetic transaction.
- Other options include: Alarm destinations, administrative options, scheduled downtime, and OVTA instrumentation (among many other options outside the scope of this tutorial).

Configuration of OV Transaction Analyzer (Live Demo)



Typical Configuration Steps for OVTA

OVTA generally requires little or no modification from “out of the box” for basic operation, however there are some key features that enhance basic function:

- Control of data labels in UI (so that business names of transactions appear in UI rather than web URL's).
- Configuration of histogram thresholds and bin sizes.
- Tracing options.
- Database maintenance and other administrative tasks.



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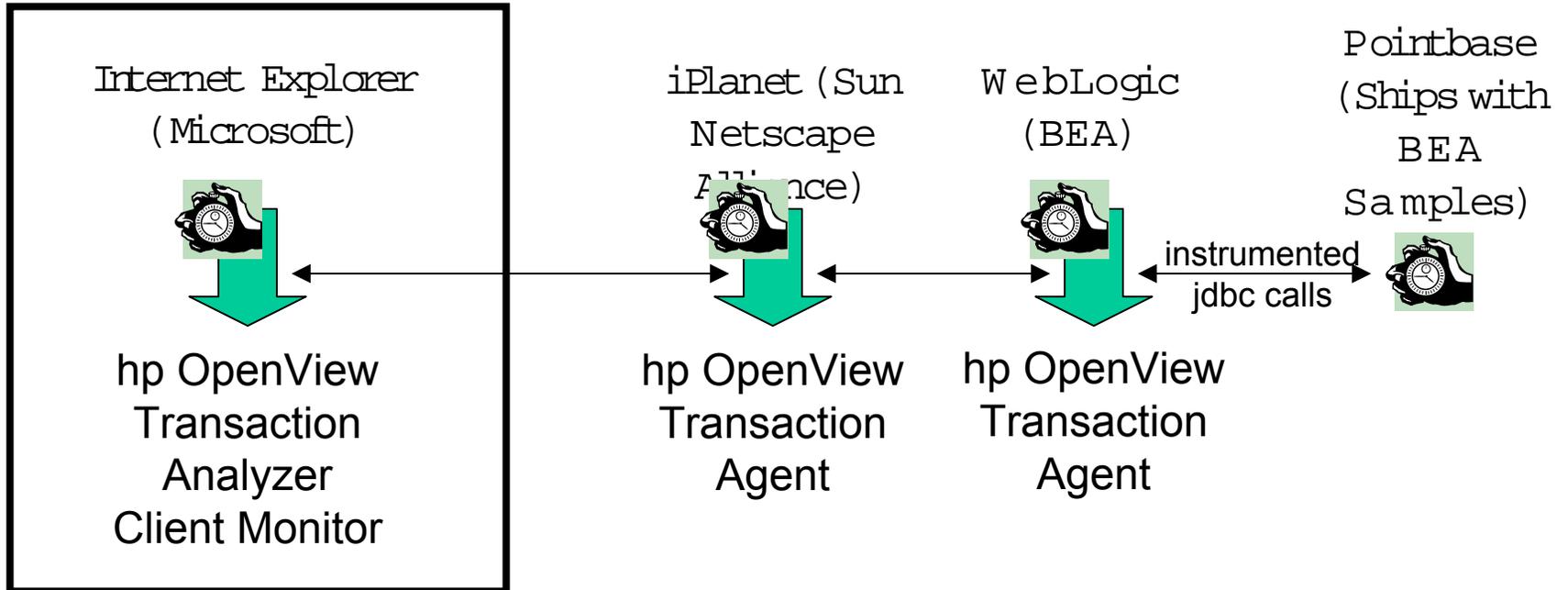
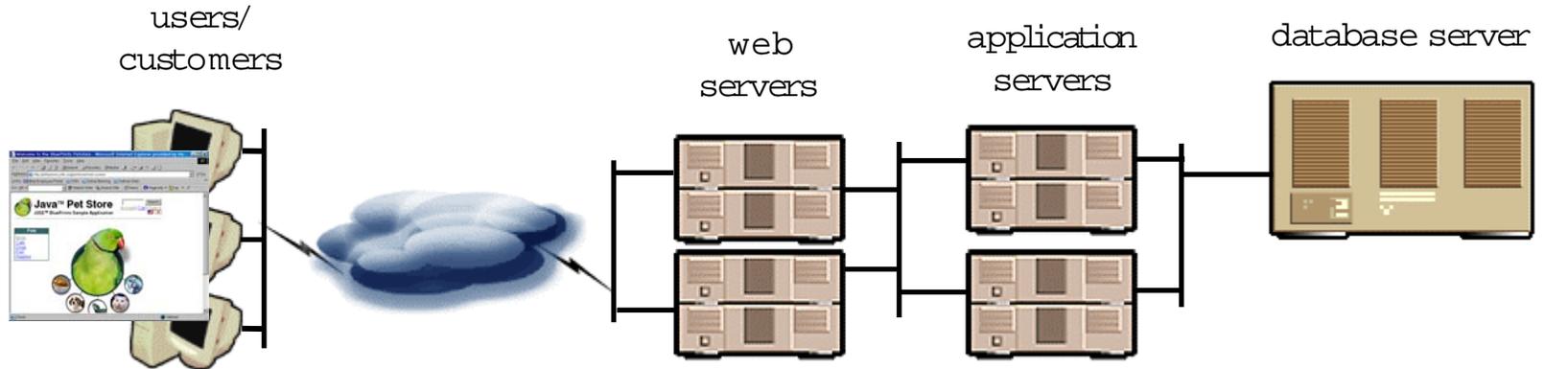


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Agenda (4 hours)

- Part 1 – Introduction to transaction management with HP OpenView featuring HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer (1 hour + 10 minute break)
- Part 2 – Installation of core HP OpenView solutions shown in Part 1 (1 hour + 10 minute break)
- Part 3 - Configuration of core HP OpenView solutions shown in Part 1 (1 hour + 10 minute break)
- Part 4 – Configuration of Client Monitoring for solution shown in Part 1 (30 minutes)
- Questions and Answers

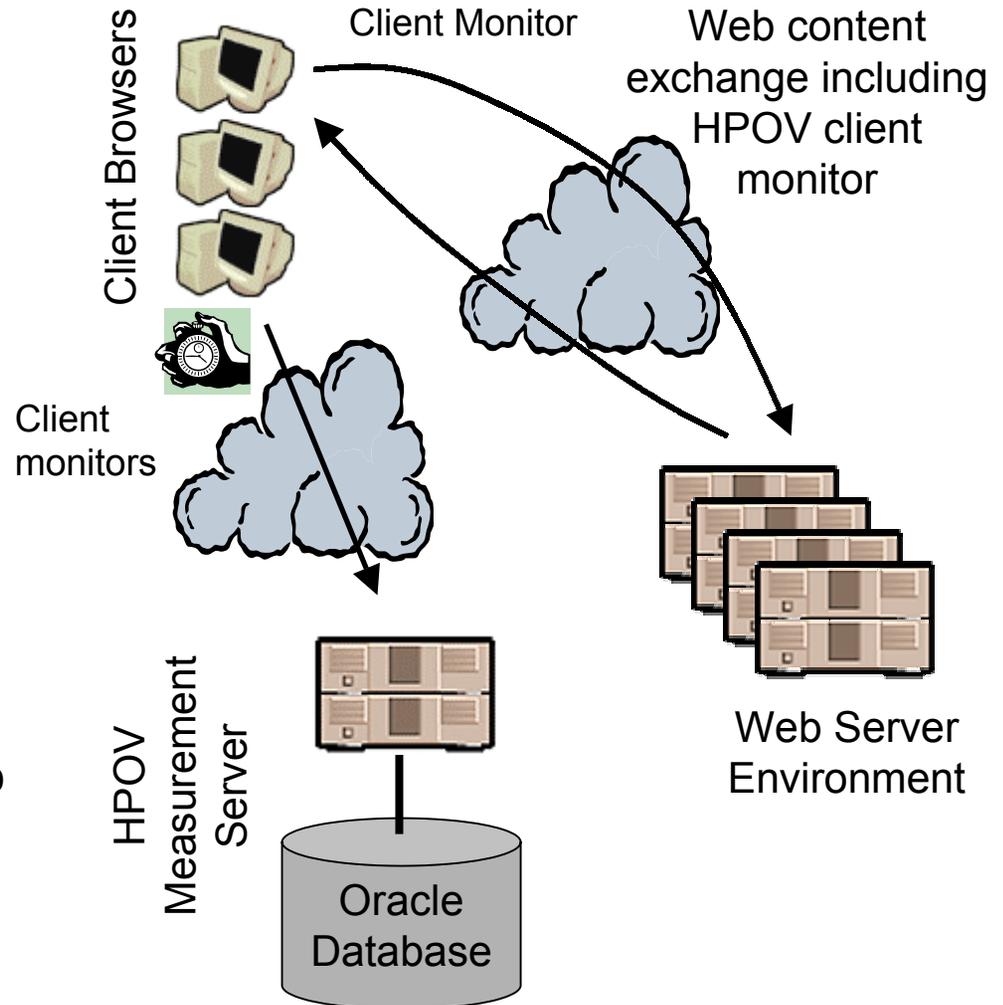
Tutorial Architecture



HP OpenView Client Monitoring

Basic architecture:

- Client monitors collect end-user data. Technologies and implementation options vary (next slide).
- Customer interacts with web server environment as they normally would.
- Data from measurements return posted to HPOV (firewall configuration and other options available).
- Measurements are transparent to end-user.
- Metrics are very generic but can be made to be very application specific.



HP OpenView Client Monitors

HP OpenView JavaScript client monitor (most common for “Internet” customers):

- Small (11K) per session payload.
- Must be imbedded in web page to enable monitoring. Common technique to “hook” applications. Typical implementation is in a document “template” and looks like:

```
<script SRC="/HPOV_IPA/IPAmon.js" LANGUAGE="JavaScript1.2"> </script>
```

- Advantages: No software installed on client systems, works with IE and Netscape clients
- Disadvantages: Requires (minimal) code changes to application, changes in application/monitored transactions means more code changes.

HP OpenView ActiveX client monitor (most common for “Intranet” customers):

- One-time download which installs as a “plug-in” to Intranet Explorer.
- Advantages: Increased number of metrics, very non-intrusive if implemented correctly, changes in application/monitored transactions requires no code changes
- Disadvantages: Installs software on customer PC, works only with IE clients (no support for Netscape clients available or planned)

HP OpenView Client Monitoring

HP OpenView Legacy solution – Web Transaction Observer (WTO)

- Successful “end of pipe” monitoring solution.
- Required Microsoft OV Infrastructure (no Unix Measurement Server).
- Features both JavaScript and ActiveX client monitor technologies.
- No linkage to OV Internet Services
- Collection, aggregation, and reporting of “end of the pipe” transactions.

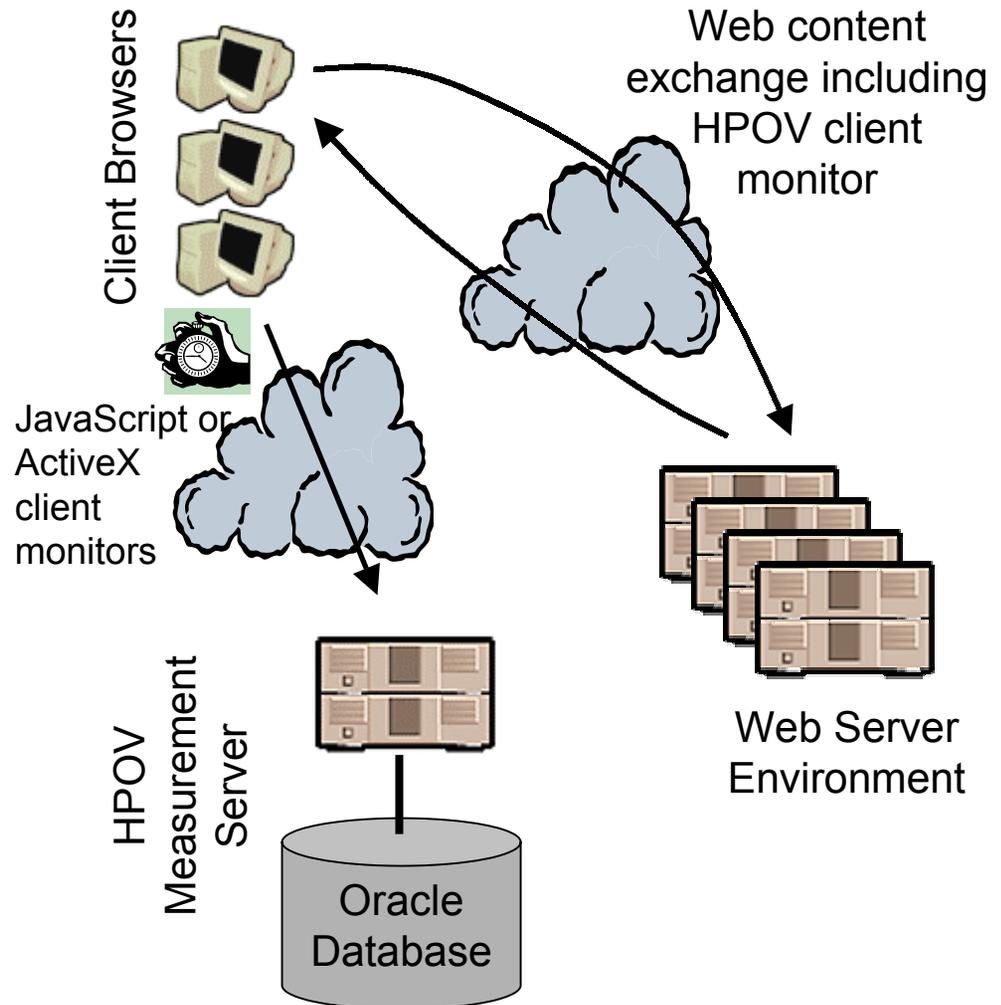
Current shipping product – OpenView Transaction Analyzer (OVTA) Client Monitoring

- Features of WTO “rolling” into OVTA.
- JavaScript client monitor implemented and shipping as part of 1.1 release.
- ActiveX client monitor potentially included in 2.0 (September '03 MR date)
- “Data level” linkage to OV Internet Services
- Collection, aggregation, reporting, and detailed breakdown of transactions.

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Architecture

Basic architecture:

- 1.1 (currently shipping) includes JavaScript client monitor. ActiveX committed to in 2.0 release in September '03.
- Client access web application as they normally would.
- Client monitors post data to OVTA Measurement Server servlet which collects the posts, aggregates them, and processes and traces that were requested.
- Tracing is enabled through the use of a cookie and it's use should be highly selective.



Typical Deployment Steps for Client Monitor (JavaScript)

First, identify the parts of the application you want to monitor, then:

- Insert the call to the JavaScript client monitor in the web page (JSP, html, etc).
- Re-build the application (if required)
- Re-deploy the application

Note: Basic monitoring of OVTA/OVIS does not require this step, this is an optional step to enable client monitoring

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)

Welcome to the BluePrints Petstore - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

← Back → Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Media Print Copy Paste

Address <http://proton.openview.com/petstore/main.screen> Go

Links [Customize Links](#) [Free Hotmail](#) [Windows](#) [Windows Media](#) [Petstore Application](#) [Trace](#)

 **Java™ Pet Store** Search
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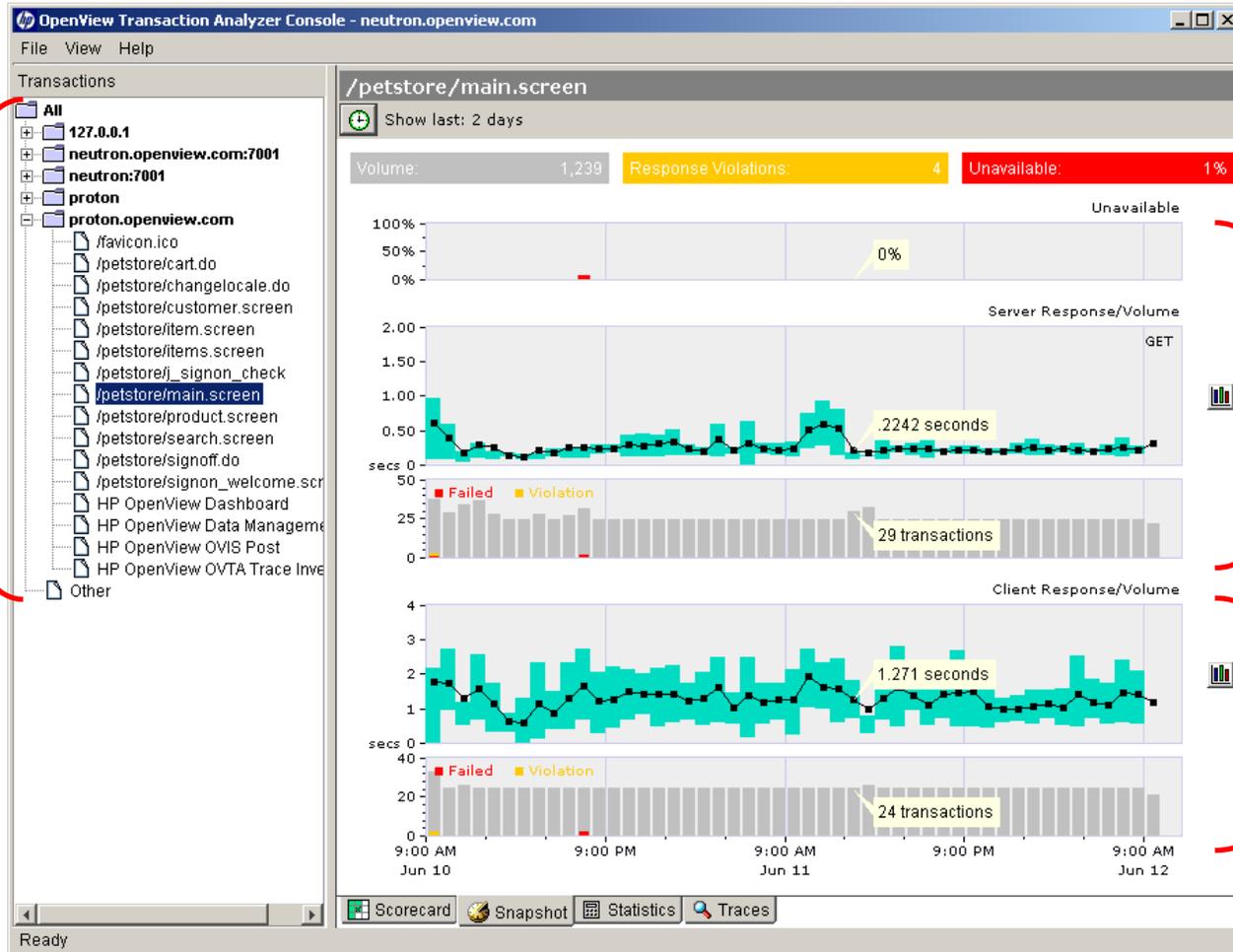

 
 


http://proton.openview.com/petstore/product.screen?category_id=REPTILES Internet

This example is based on the Java Petstore application, although many web applications can be managed using OVTA (including Windows DNA or general web applications).

OVRTA Features – Console Snapshot View – (Aggregated Data)

Logical Web Hosts and URLs
(auto discovered)



Infrastructure
Response Time,
Volume and
Availability
(aggregated data)

End-User
Response Time
and Volume
(aggregated data)

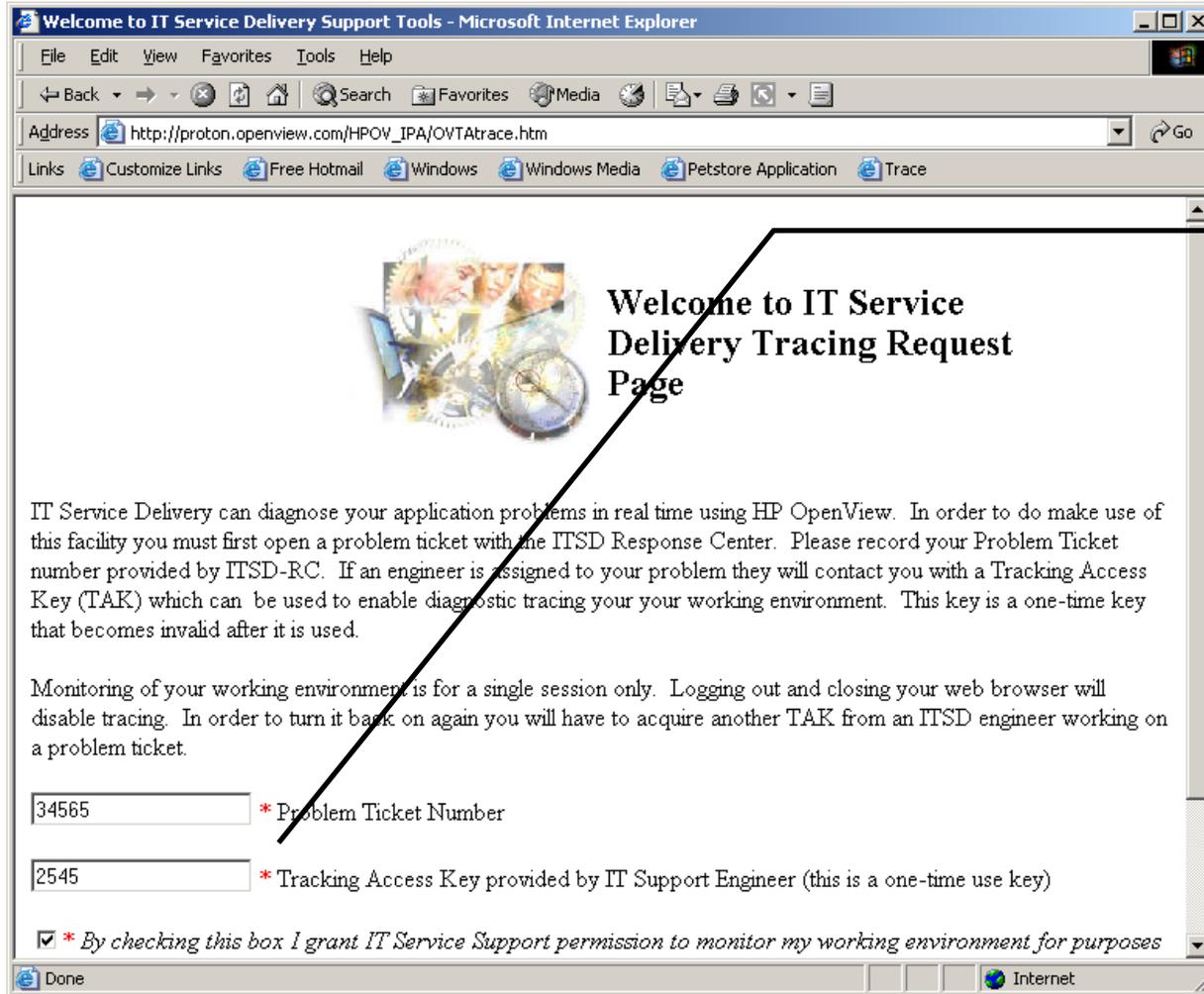
HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)



Note we have put a “trace” button on the browser (this is not required, just used for this demo)

Users with response time problems can click on this to “trace” their transactions

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the title 'Welcome to IT Service Delivery Support Tools - Microsoft Internet Explorer'. The address bar contains the URL 'http://proton.openview.com/HPOV_IPA/OVTrace.htm'. The page content includes a header with a gear and clock icon and the text 'Welcome to IT Service Delivery Tracing Request Page'. Below this is a paragraph explaining the tracing process, followed by two input fields: one for a Problem Ticket Number (containing '34565') and one for a Tracking Access Key (containing '2545'). At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled '* By checking this box I grant IT Service Support permission to monitor my working environment for purposes' which is checked. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Done' and 'Internet'.

Welcome to IT Service Delivery Tracing Request Page

IT Service Delivery can diagnose your application problems in real time using HP OpenView. In order to do make use of this facility you must first open a problem ticket with the ITSD Response Center. Please record your Problem Ticket number provided by ITSD-RC. If an engineer is assigned to your problem they will contact you with a Tracking Access Key (TAK) which can be used to enable diagnostic tracing your your working environment. This key is a one-time key that becomes invalid after it is used.

Monitoring of your working environment is for a single session only. Logging out and closing your web browser will disable tracing. In order to turn it back on again you will have to acquire another TAK from an ITSD engineer working on a problem ticket.

* Problem Ticket Number

* Tracking Access Key provided by IT Support Engineer (this is a one-time use key)

* By checking this box I grant IT Service Support permission to monitor my working environment for purposes

The “Trace” button takes the user to a URL that processes trace requests. I have created a sample web page that puts an authentication step between the end user and the trace request for this example.

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)

Welcome to IT Service Delivery Support Tools - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Media Print Refresh

Address http://proton.openview.com/HPOV_IPA/OVTATrace.htm Go

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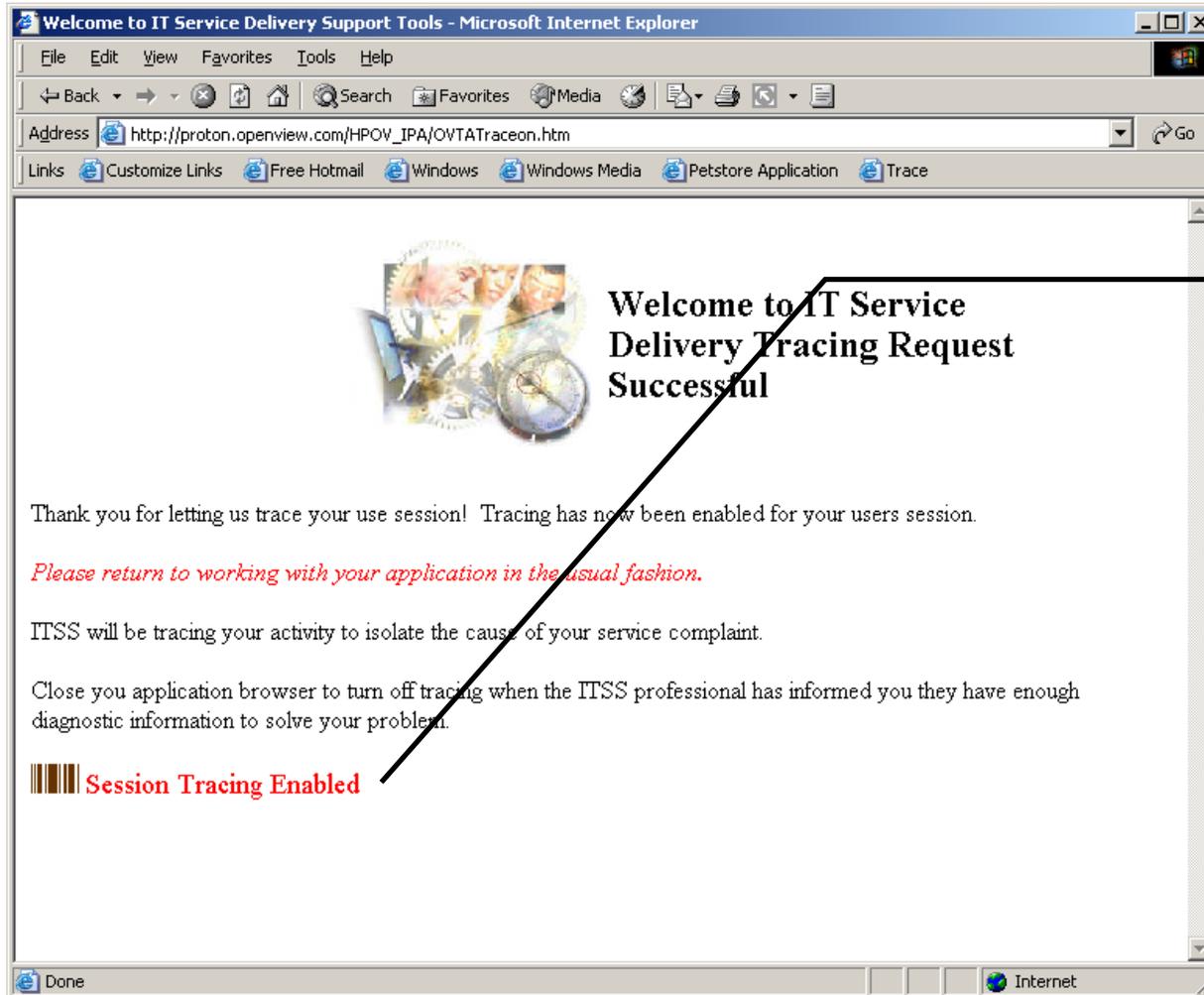
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Enable Session Tracing

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This for (and the handling of the data from the post) is an implementation mechanism and is not part of the standard product. This is one very simple way to incorporate tracing into a working environment.

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)



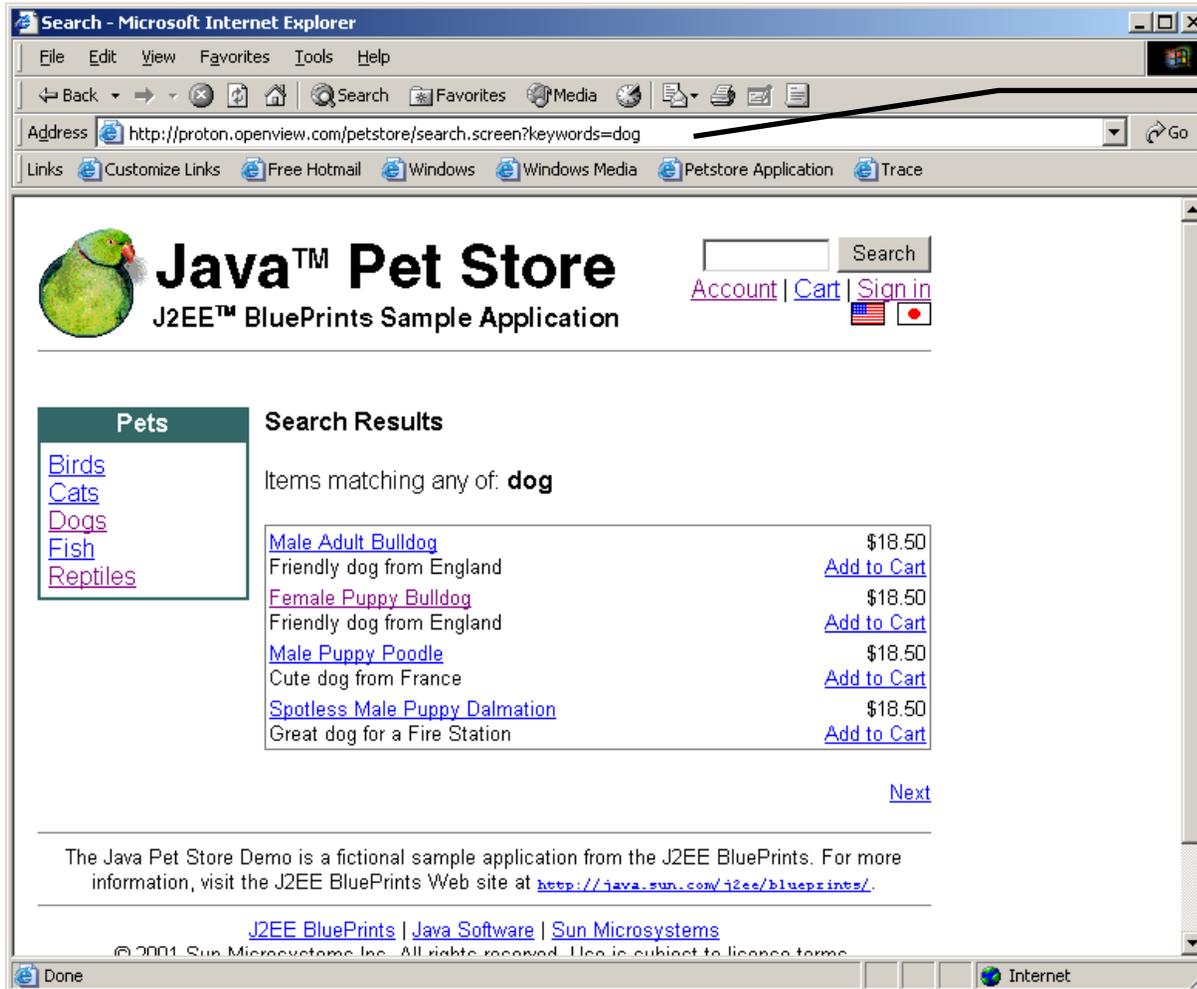
No real magic has taken place here. All we did was validate the request was appropriate and then send a cookie to the browser that signals that this session should now be traced.

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)



Customer now goes back and “does it again” to see if the problem can be reproduced. In this case we are troubleshooting a show search time from the main menu.

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)

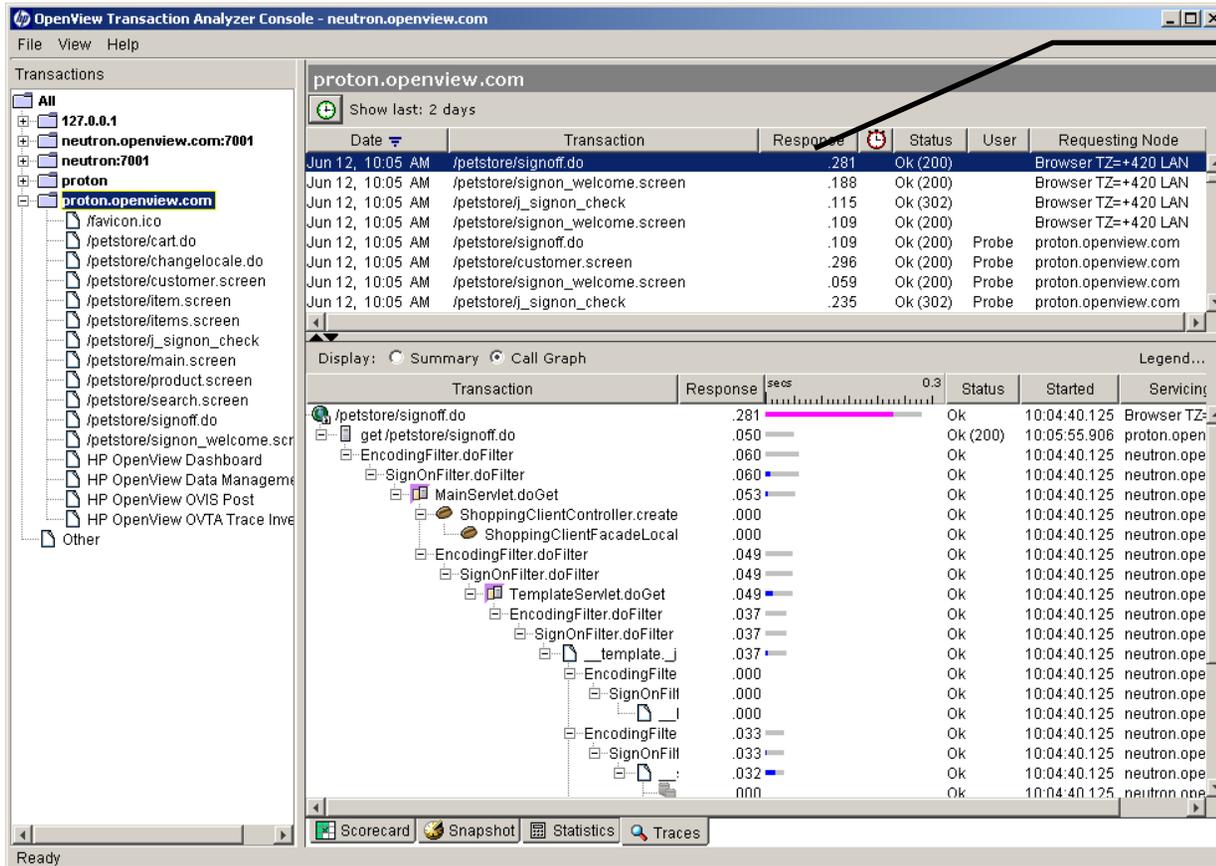


We have monitored the previous step with OVTA and traced it as well as this step (the load time for the search result screen).

Both results were aggregated (data is always aggregated for posts)

We have also traced this transaction because the cookie was sent requesting a trace.

HP OpenView Transaction Analyzer Client Monitoring Example (Tracing)



Client monitoring traces are apparent by the blank “User” field (potentially populated in a later release) and a “Requesting Node” field that contains data we collected from the browser.

The breakdown of the transaction is apparent (note the “globe” is the “end user” response time (what the customer saw).



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Thank You!