



How to Use Partition Manager and the Service Processor to increase the agility of your Adaptive Enterprise



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  - Event Management
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# HP Cellular Systems Family

Superdome (PA-RISC & Itanium®)



16 cells, 64 cpu's 512 DIMM slots 192 PCI slots

PA-RISC: rp8420 Itanium®: rx8620



4 cells, 16 cpu's 64 DIMM slots 32 PCI slots, 17U high, 19" rack

PA-RISC: rp7420 Itanium®: rx7620



2 cells, 8 cpu's 32 DIMM slots 16 PCI slots, 10U high, 19" rack





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# Platform Management

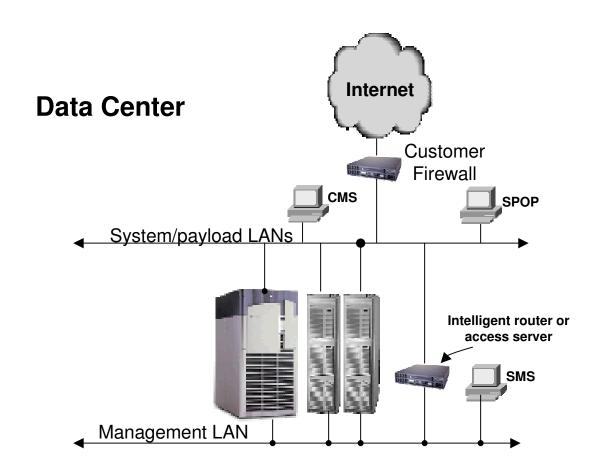
#### **Definitions**

- MP = GSP = Service Processor
- Complex: The entire box(es) including all partitions



# Management Components





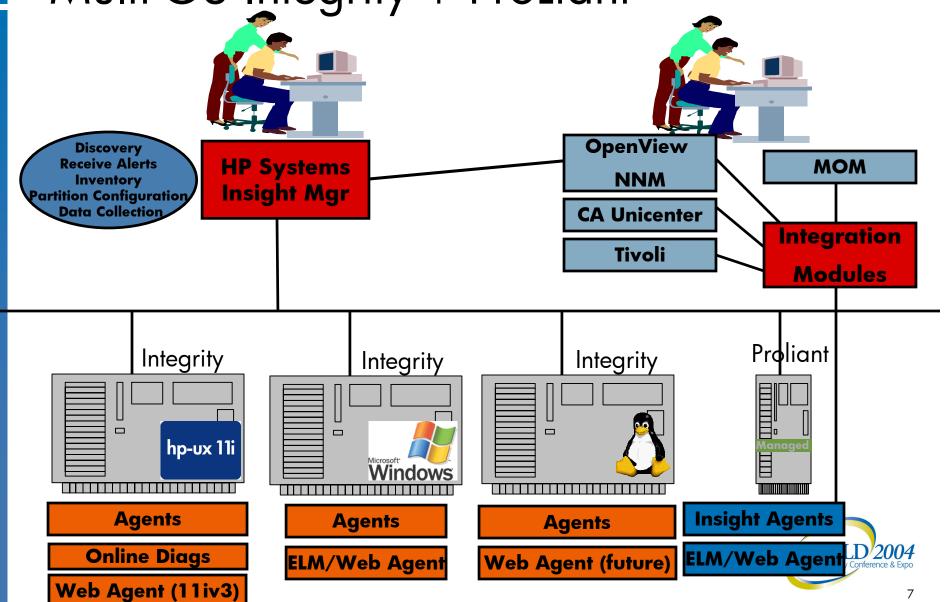
CMS: Central Management Station (Service Control Manager, Insight Manager)

SPOP: ISEE Support Point of Presence SMS: Support Management Station



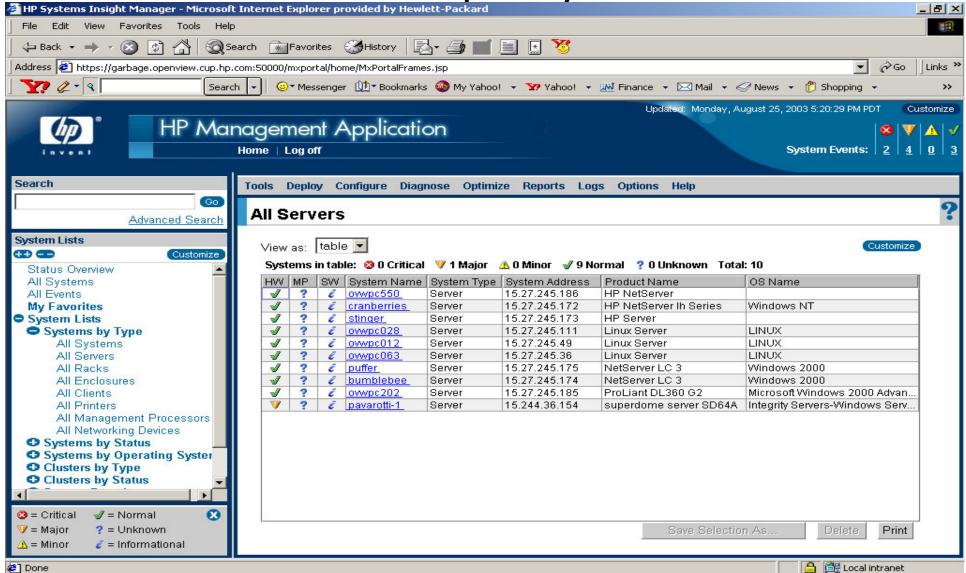
HP Systems Insight Manger with Multi-OS Integrity + ProLiant





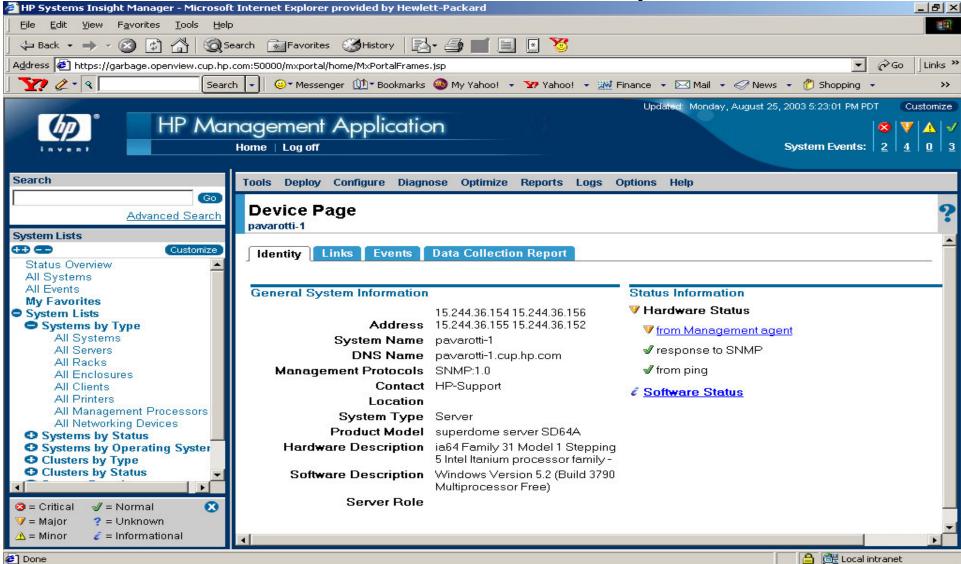


HP SIM Discovering a System



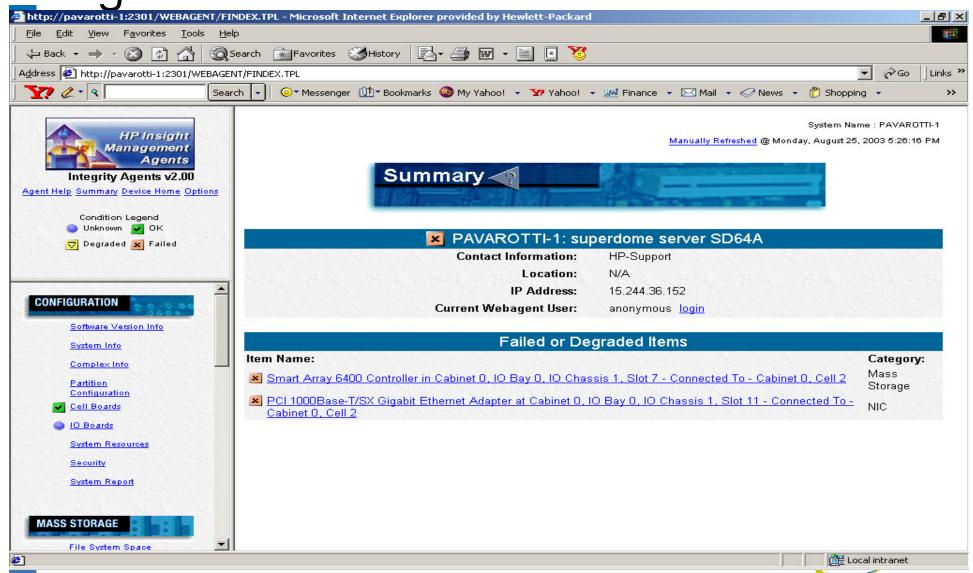


HP SIM - Server Device Page



# Windows Web Based Management Agent

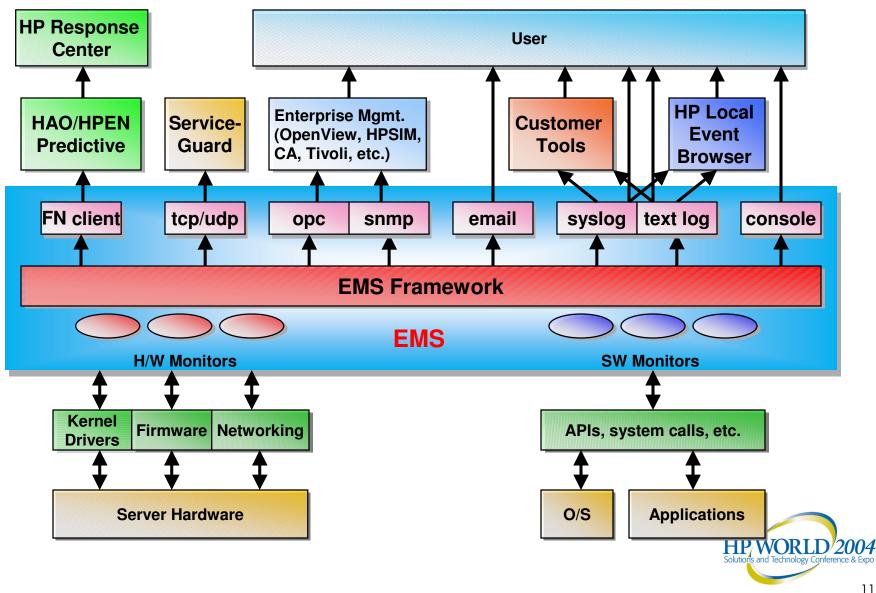




#### **HPUX Event Management** Software Stack

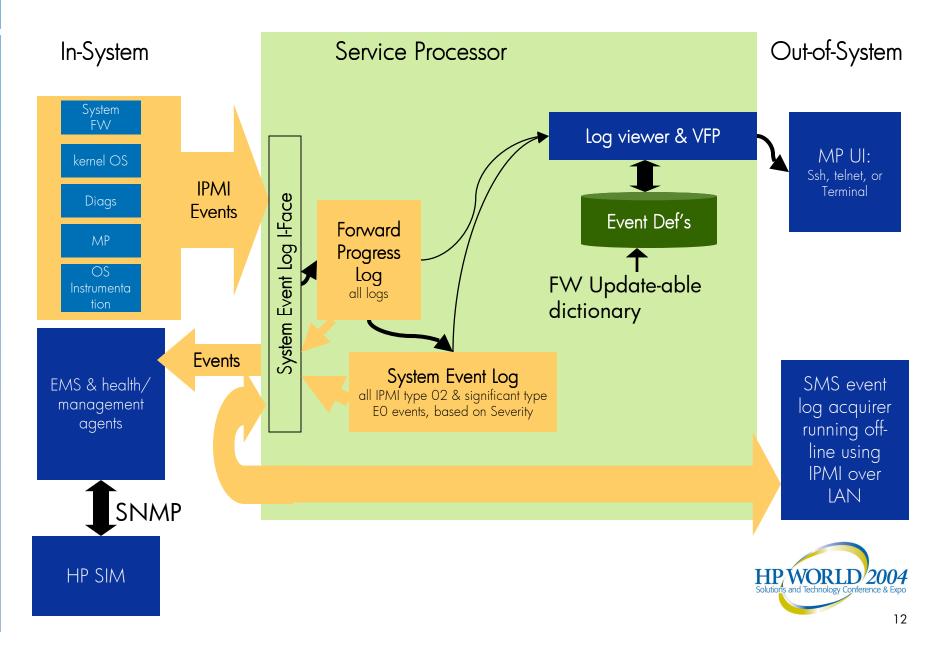


/etc/opt/resmon/lbin/monconfig to configure events



#### Platform Event Flow







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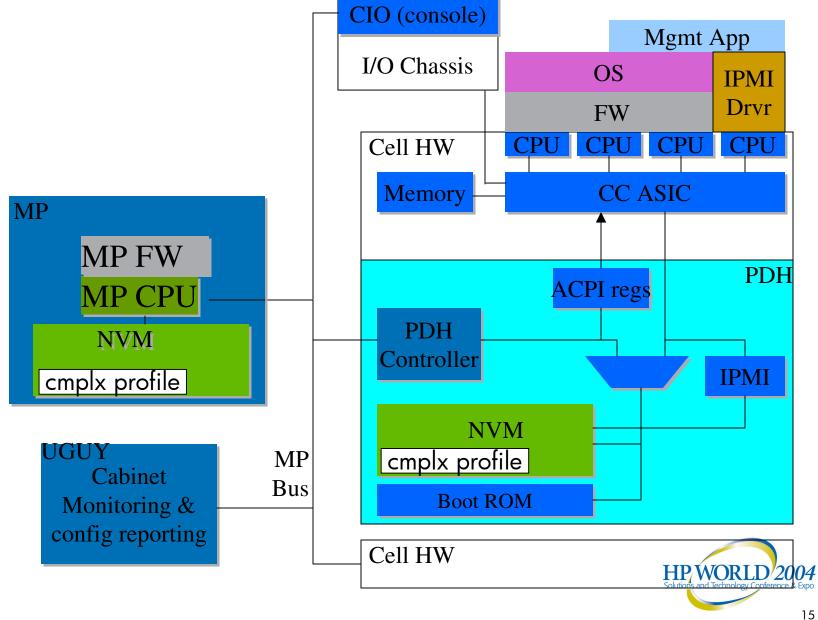
#### MP enhancements for Pinnacles Platforms

- √Support for network-based mgmt apps (parmgr, SMS)
- ✓ Support multi-OS, PA + IPF, multi-core CPUs
- ✓ More descriptive event decoding
- ✓ Enhanced security
  - ✓PARPERM cmd: Disable partition reconfig from partition
  - ✓ssh (late 2004)
  - ✓SA cmd: disable unneeded services
  - √SO cmd: IPMI password
- √PCI OL\* command



#### HW Architecture





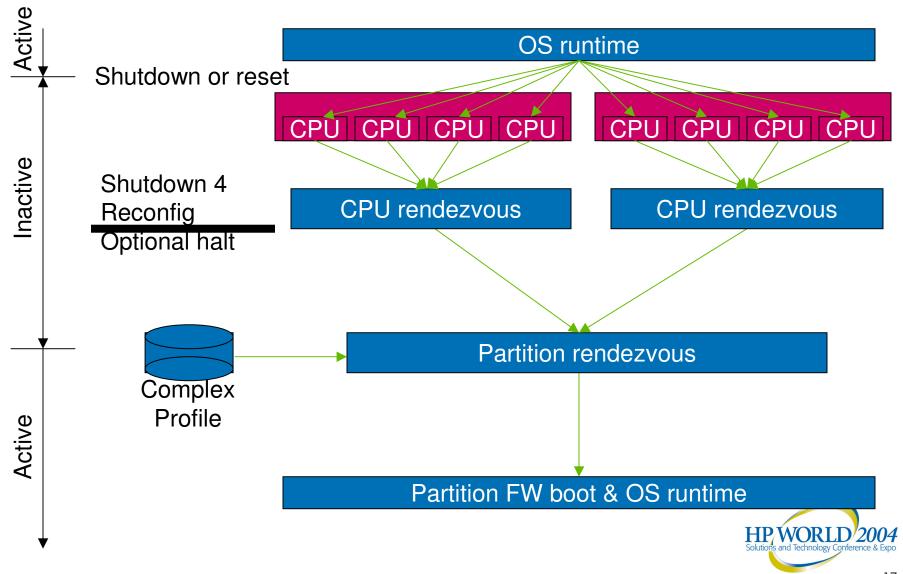
# Complex Profile & Active/Inactive Cells



- Complex Profile: a data structure stored redundantly in non-volatile memory, which contains the assignment of cells to partitions, partition names, etc.
- Active/Inactive Cell:
  - A cell is inactive in a partition from the time it starts booting until it reads the complex profile and rendezvous with the other cells in its partition.
  - -A cell is active in a partition from the time it reads the complex profile, through boot and OS-run, until it's partition is reset or shutdown.
- Inactive cells can be immediately reconfigured
- Partitions can be shut down for reconfiguration.

### SW flow - reboot with reconfiguration







#### Shutdown & Restart commands

#### Shutdown

- HPUX: shutdown -RH or shutdown -R
- -Windows: start→shutdown, shutdown or restart
- Linux: pwrdown or shutdown -r
- EFI FW: reconfigreset
- -MP: RR or RS

#### Restart from halted at reconfig

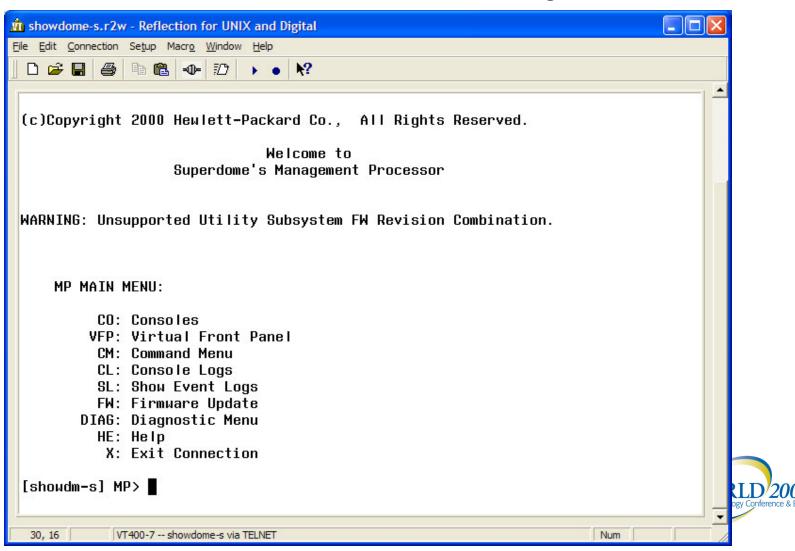
- MP: BO
- Partition mgmt tools: boot





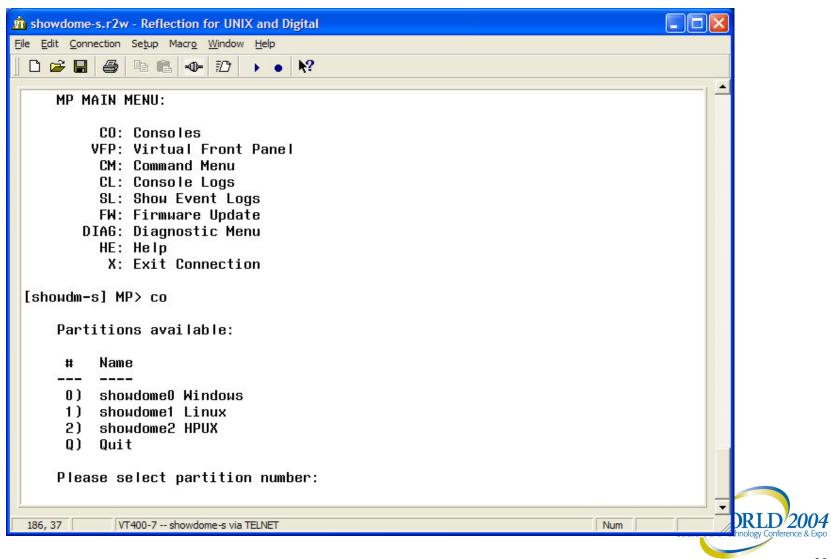
### MP operation

Always remember – HE from the main menu gets HELP!





### MP operation – Console menu





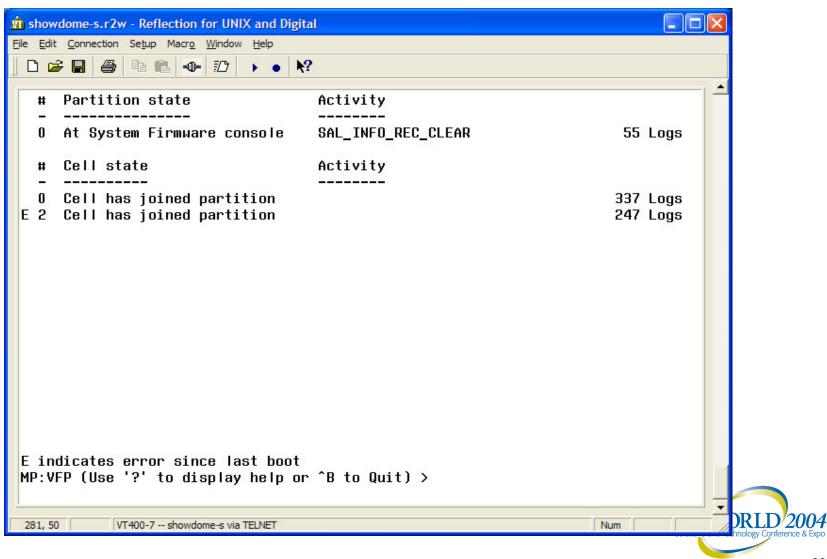
#### Telnet Clients for Console Access

Console	Reflection 1 for HP or hpterm (X)	1 1 · <i>r</i>	Other ANSI or VT100
HPUX	Best		
Windows	X	Best	
Linux			
IPF FW	X		
MP			





# MP operation - VFP



### Command menu concepts



#### Shared environment

- all users in the command menu share the environment,
- i.e. all users see commands typed by other users

#### Command ownership

 once a user types a command name, e.g. RS, they have exclusive ownership of that command until the command completes or an inactivity timer expires.

#### Command timeout

 if a user types a command but doesn't complete the action before the timeout expires, the command will be aborted



# Command menu concepts



- 3 User Capability Levels, set by SO command
  - Single\_Partition user
     Can only connect to assigned partition
     Can only execute commands that affect their assigned partition
  - 2. Operator

Has single partition user capabilities on all partitions

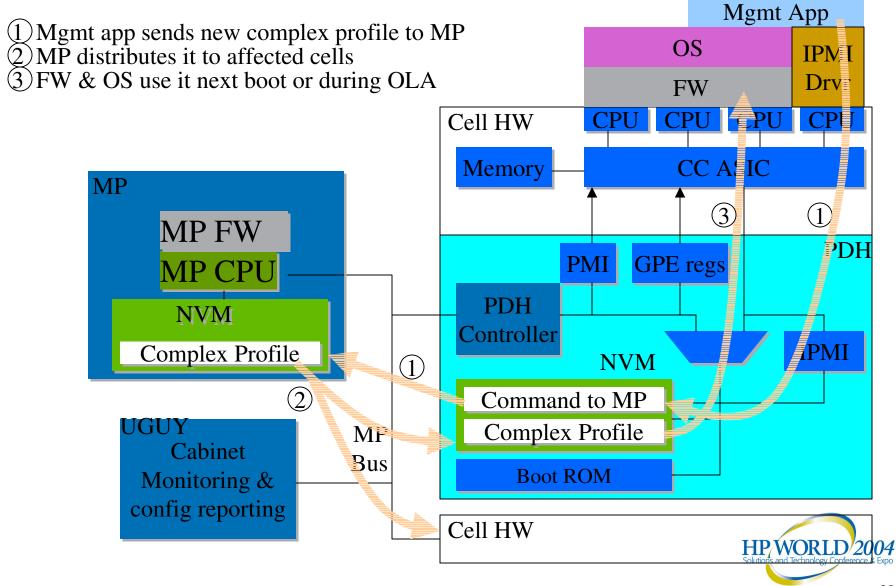
Can't reconfigure the MP

3. Administrator
Has operator level capabilities
Can reconfigure the MP



#### Configuration Management System







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# Superdome SMS Value proposition



- The purpose of the Support Management Station is to provide Customer Engineers with an industry-leading set of support tools, and thereby enable faster troubleshooting and more precise problem root-cause analysis. It also enables remote support by factory experts who consult with and back up the HP Customer Engineer.
- The SMS complements the proactive role of HP's High Availability Observatory (which is offered to Mission Critical customers), and ISEE Support Point of Presence by focusing on reactive diagnosis, for both mission-critical and non-mission-critical Superdome customers.

## SMS Accessibility Clients & Servers



#### Server access clients

- MP console access device
- Web browser
- Reflection 1 & Reflection X
- Terminal Services Client

#### SMS Access servers

- ftp server (e.g. IIS, or other) for fw update support
- Modem access support (e.g. PC-Anywhere)



#### SMS Tools



#### Diagnostic tools

- Scan diagnostic tools
- Console logger and viewer
- Event logger and viewer
   Superdome FW Image Repository
   Partition Management tools
- nPar commands (late 03)
- Parmgr (late 04)



# SMS Bundle Recipe Breakdown

Rp2470

(HPUX 11.00, 11.11)

Rx2600

(HPUX 11.23)

ML350-G3

(Win2K SP4)

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- ParCLI (Commands, WMI Provider, WMI Mapper, Commands Wizard)
- 3rd Party Software (Remote Desktop, Reflection X, Reflection HP, PC-Anywhere, Cygwin, Nero DVD Burning SW, PROMERLD 2004

# SMS Roadmap



Mid-2004: rx2600 SMS.

Smaller form factor, HPUX, parmgr GUI





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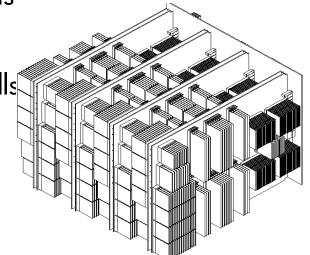
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### nPartitions: What are they?



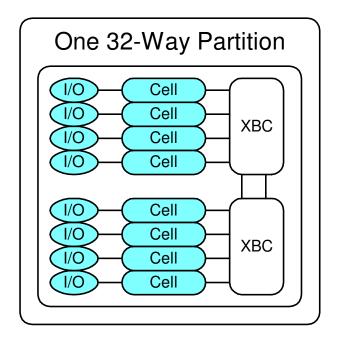
- Partitions are physical entities defined around cell board boundaries
- A partition's I/O consists of the I/O chassis attached to cells in the partition.
- A partition must contain at least one I/O chassis with a core I/O card along with sufficient I/O resources to boot the partition.
- An instance of an operating system uses the cells and I/O chassis assigned to the partition.
- Dynamic addition of new Partitions
- Adding/removing cell boards to existing Partitions does not impact any other Partition
- Follow-on release will increase the dynamism.
- HP also offers Virtual Partitions that can reside within nPartitions.

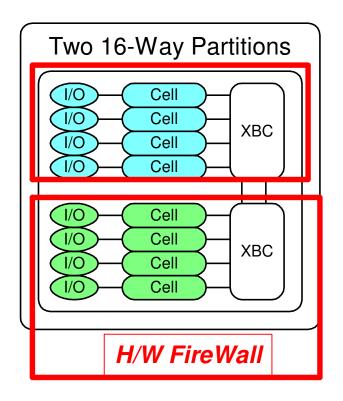






## nPartitions on an eight cell SD32000









### Partition Manager Overview

- Partition Manager (parmgr)
  - Shipping with HP-UX 11i v2
  - Partition commands shipping on Windows SMS
  - Partition Manager and commands will be released on Windows 1H05
- Supports the initial and ongoing configuration of HP Integrity Superdome systems
- Displays graphical hardware views
  - Configuration and status available at a glance, ranging from power supplies to individual dimms
- Easy, fast, reliable
- 100% Web based configuration tool
- Design based on customer feedback
- Supports "out-of-band" configuration



# HP Integrity Superdome Configuration Tool



#### Customers wanted...

- all relevant complex information available in one convenient location - you don't have to hunt around for what you want to know
- complete GUI & commands overlap for ALL tasks you can navigate through the GUI or launch directly from the command line
- Graphical views displaying hardware and logical configurations

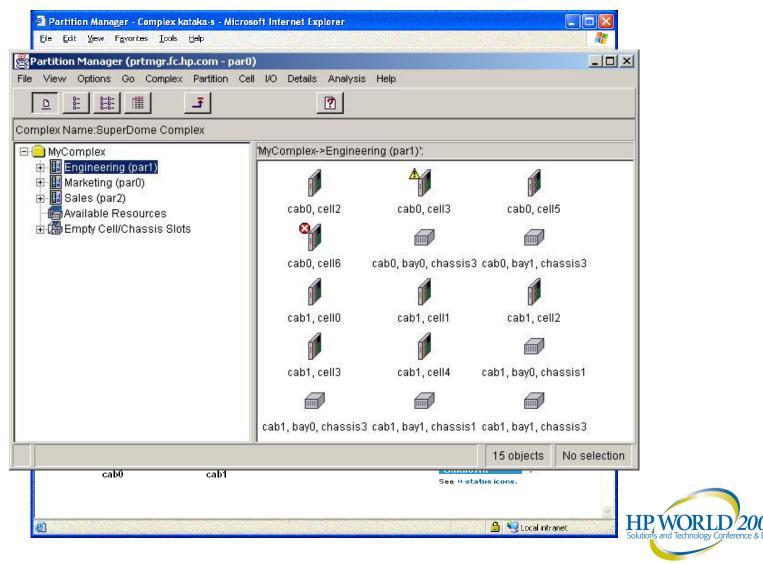


"Most people are picture-based; we want the big picture."





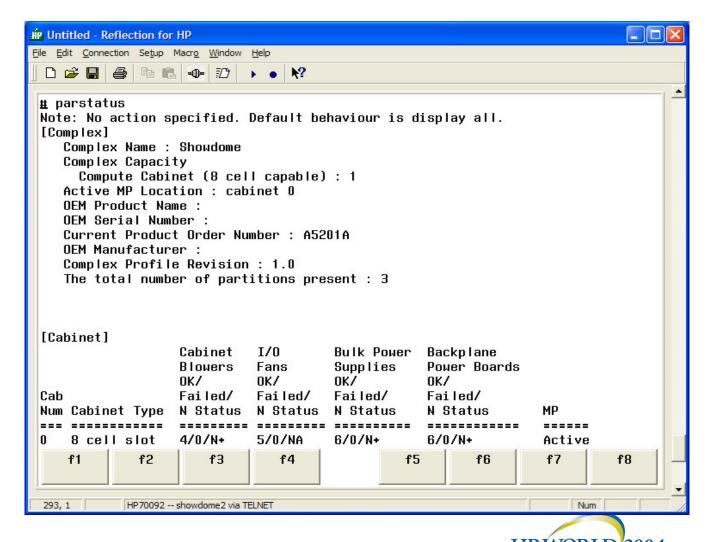
### Partition Manager "Big Picture View"





#### nPartition commands

- cplxmodify(1M)
- fruled(1)
- •frupower(1M)
- parcreate(1M)
- parmgr(1M)
- parmodify(1M)
- parremove(1M)
- parstatus(1M)
- •partition(1)
- parunlock(1M)





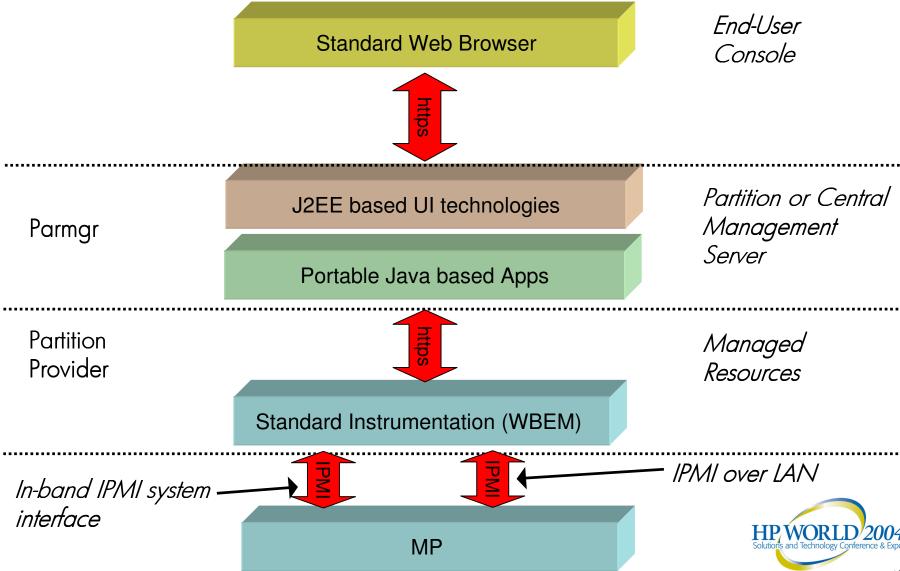
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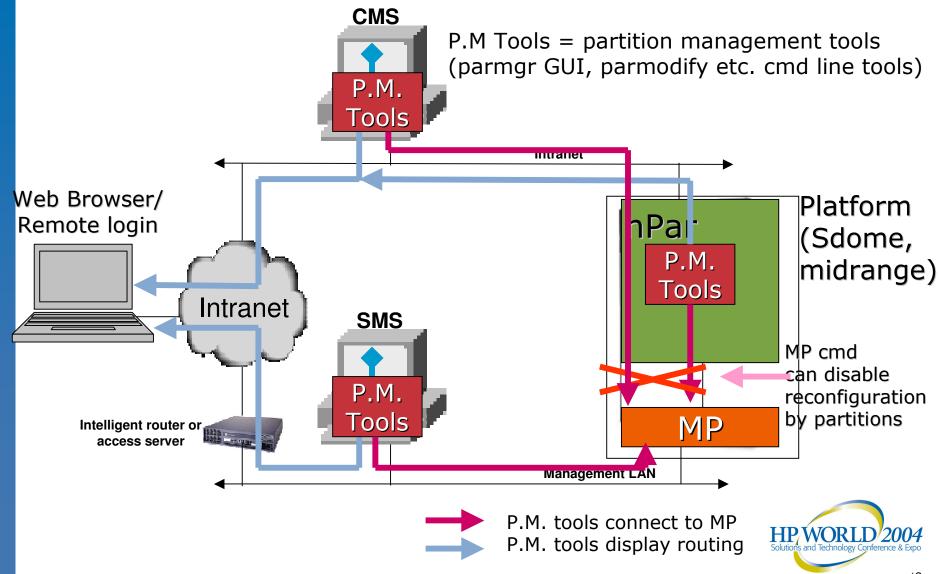
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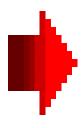






#### Parmgr Local Management







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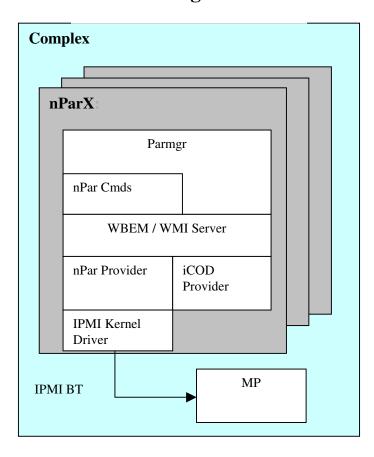
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## Partition Manager Architecture – IPMI/BT



#### **Local Management**







### Partition Manager Local Login

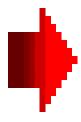






#### Parmgr Remote Partition Management







- System with supported web browser
- Partition Manager Application
- Partition CLI

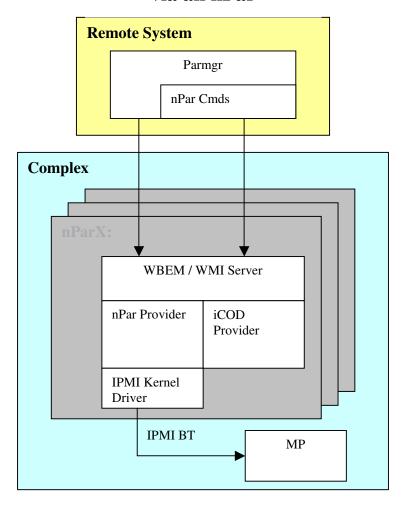
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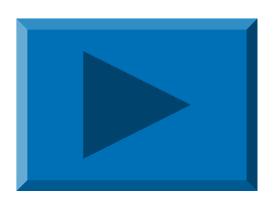
#### Remote Management via an nPar





# Partition Manager Remote Partition Login









#### Parmgr Remote Management



- Windows System (e.g. SMS), or HP-UX System
- Partition Manager Application
- Partition CLI
- WBEM / WMI Providers



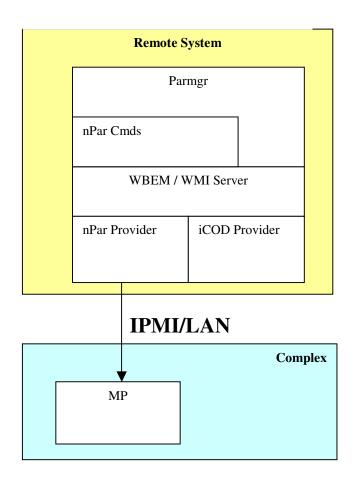
 Direct communication with service processor via IPMI/LAN interface



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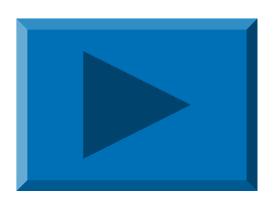
#### Remote Management via IPMI over LAN





#### Partition Manager Service Processor Login







## Partition Manager Architecture and Connection Options Summary



- nPartition management providing three main connection options:
- Local Management
  - Similar to partition management on legacy systems
  - Access to all other OS tools on managed nPartition
  - Management of other nPartitions can be restricted
- Remote Partition Management
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  - Requires only WBEM providers running on managed system
- Remote Management
  - Partition configuration in the absence of an OS on the managed system
  - Access to MP's network connection maybe not be available depending on your configuration
  - Allows full complex management when nPartition Configuration Privilege is enabled



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#### Partition Manager Security

 Self-signed certificates are generated on each system where parmgr is running which enables secure management



• Certificate Authority signed (CA-signed) certificates can be installed to increase security.



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## Parmgr Example Scenario: Sequence of Events



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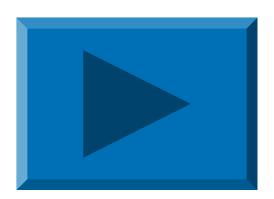


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### Big Picture Views





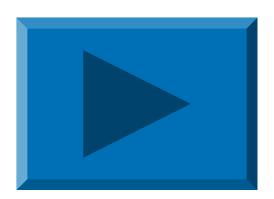


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### Refresh After Installing Hardware







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### Modify "Production" Partition







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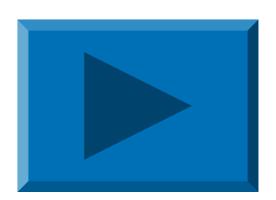


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#### **Boot Partitions**







#### More Information

- HP Technical Documentation Server
  - http://docs.hp.com
    - search for "HP System Partitions Guide"
- IT Resource Center (ITRC)
  - <a href="http://itrc.hp.com">http://itrc.hp.com</a>
- HP Superdome Servers
  - http://www.hp.com/go/superdome
- HP Software Depot
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