



HP Systems Insight Manager Best Practices



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Topics for discussion

- HP SIM Migration
- What's new? What's cool? What's useful?
- Custom Commands
- Security Hardening (SNMP, Firewalls, iLO, SSH, SSL)
- Local iLO Configuration
- Why use Performance Monitor
- Install and configuration





Migration from Insight Manager 7 to HP Systems Insight Manager





The Basics

The diamond icons are replaced with dropdown menus

Menus can be customized and menu options added

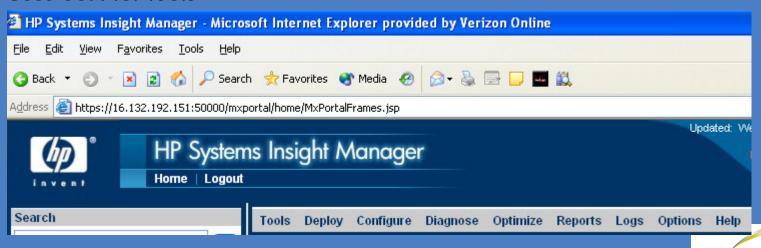
Specific tools for specific platforms, actions will warn you about inappropriate usage

Uses the same ports for console access: http: 280 and https: 50000

and agent access: http: 2301 and https: 2381

Uses SSL for communication to the agents

Uses SSH for tools





What's it called now?

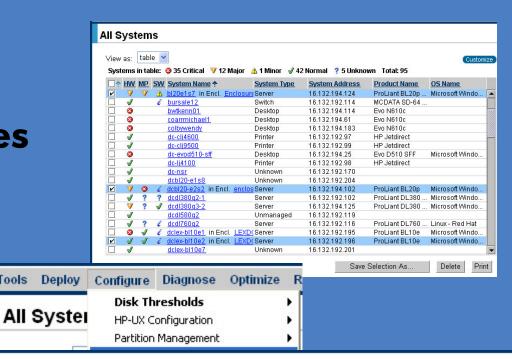
- Queries are either Systems Lists or Event Lists
- Tasks are still task but
 - Created using a wizard process under various menus
 - Resulted view in Logs Menu
- Devices are System Lists
- Events are still Events
- Application Launch is Custom Tools->Commands
- Event Notification is Automatic Event Handlers
- Reports are still Reports



Queries versus Lists – selecting targets



- Imbedded in the tasks
- Simple check boxes in a list
- Preserved for the next task



Replicate Agent Settings Description: Copy configurations from one system to groups of systems. Step 1: Verify Target Systems Type Tool launch OK? * Keep? System Name OS bl20e1s7 Microsoft Windows 2000 Advance Server Yes [Remove] dcbl20-e2s2 Microsoft Windows 2000 Advance Server Yes [Remove] dclex-bl10e2 Microsoft Windows XP Server Yes [Remove] Change Targets Next >



Data Migration Tool for IM7 to HP SIM

- HP SIM 4.1 has a Data Migration Tool
- Requires Insight Manager 7 SP2.3
- DMT migration in-place or remote
- Performance Management Pack (PMP 2.1) has a DMT to move to HP PMP 3.0
- Activated during installation process
 - -Warns about versions
 - -Creates DMT files in a special directory
- Whitepaper: HPSIM_Transitioning_IM7.pdf



Data Migration Tool: What Does it Do



- Migrates
 - Users
 - Tasks and Notification Tasks
 - -Queries and Folders
 - Devices and Protocol Settings
 - -All Reports
 - -Server Settings
 - Certificates (in-place only)
 - Device Type Manager Rules
- Does not migrate
 - Events archived to a CSV file
 - Historical or Single Instance Data
 - -User enrolled MIBs



To Use the Data Migration Tool or Not?



- How organized or disorganized is the current IM7
- Is the current Insight Manager 7 SP2.3?
- Is it OK to take Insight Manager 7 down to upgrade?
- Lots of custom
 - Queries
 - Control Tasks
 - Users
 - Event Notification Tasks?
- No = don't use the tool in place
- Yes = use the tool in place or new server





Migration

- Take segment or hostfile lists
 - @segmentfile
 - \$hostfile
- Good time to clean house
 - Remove old users, devices, events
 - Delete Orphans
- Use existing IM7 group configuration to move:
 - Trusts list use FQDM name of HP SIM server
 - Accept IP packets list, community names
 - Trap destinations
 - Version Control Repository Manager location



Installation of the Database for HP SIM



Good Things to Know about the Database



- Using MS SQL for HP SIM on Windows assumes that the user account you are logged into has rights to create the MS SQL database for HP SIM
- Linux/HP UX uses PostgreSQL = ~ 250 devices
- Assumes that MS SQL has set defaults and uses them, typically:
 - C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL\Data
- Can be changed after the installation
- Recommendations:
 - Split the log and the data drives
 - Use a cluster server for the database





Database Issue with Events

- Events collected over a log period of time degrade performance
- Purge events regularly: create a task to run weekly that deletes events older that 7 days - that keeps a weeks history
- Keep the event volume below 50000
- There is a notifications table you can extract events





Security Challenges?





The Challenge

- Excessive security challenges?
- Options->Security->System Link Configuration and select "Use the system's full DNS name"
- Fix Trust by Certificate or Name
- Making sure your DNS naming is well behaved, multiple names may not be in the order HP SIM resolves
- Bad time with good cookies synchronize your clocks, enable cookies



Users

- Located under Options->Security
- Users have profiles:
 - What rights
 - What toolboxes
 - What devices
- Still domain accounts not group accounts





Logs

- Located Agent's Logs tab
 - HTTP
 - Security who has accessed the agent
 - Version Control when and what software, firmware updates
 - Integrated Management Logs what is happening to the device





Naming

- HP SIM really likes FQDN, IM7 did not care
- Bad things happen if FQDN is not used:
 - Challenge pop-ups
 - Task failures, especially under deployment
 - Use NSLOOKUP to determine authoritative names
- Use FQDN for VCRM server names or IP address or create PTR records in the reverse lookup zone
- If DNS and reverse lookups are in flux create a host file on the HP SIM server, this helps discovery







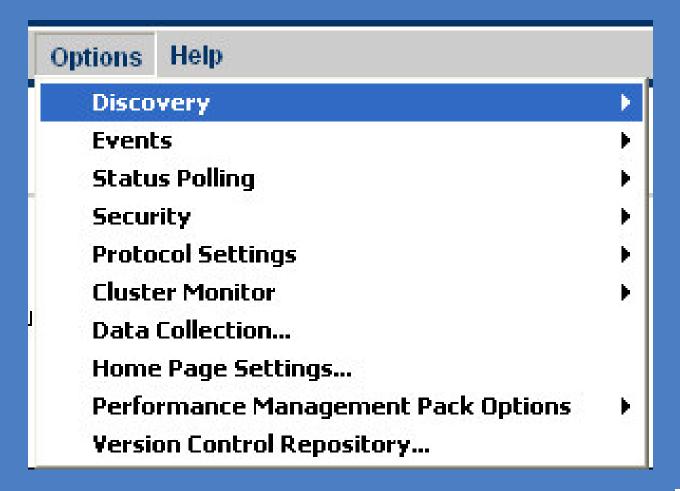


Options Menu





Options Menu







Discovery

- Located under Options->Discovery
- Filters are the same
- Methods:
 - You can disable PING discovery
 - WBEM and configuration added
 - More communities (you only need READ_ONLY)
 - Windows 2003 sets Accept SNMP Packets to localhost only; add your HP SIM servers
- Ranges: same by segment, by hostfile (can be imported from IM7)





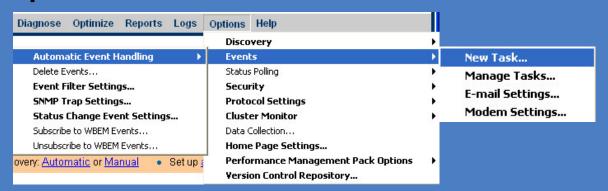
Options Menu

Automatic Discovery	Discovery)
Identify Systems	Events	•
Manage System Types	Status Polling	•
Manual Discovery	Security	•





Options-> Events



Event Handlers guide through the selection of events and devices as well as actions to perform

Using New Task or Manage Tasks

E-mail Settings are to set up the Send From Account

Modem Settings enable the use of a local modem for paging





Creating an Event Handler

Six easy steps:

Name it

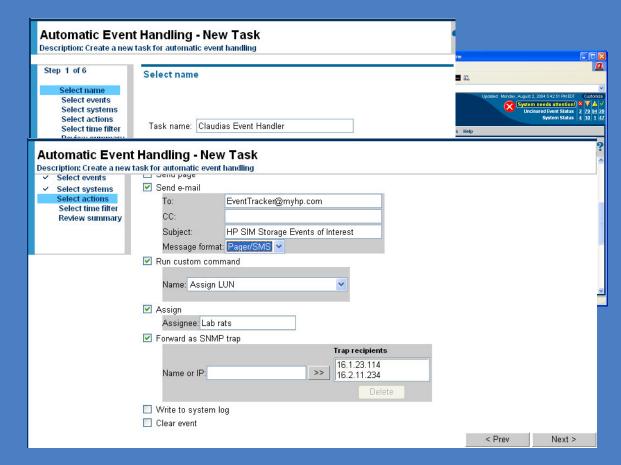
Select Events

Select Systems

Select Actions

Select Time Filters

Review and Save

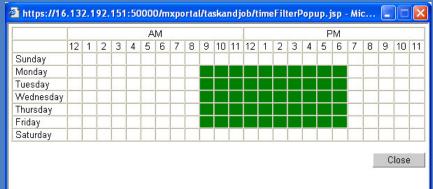






Event handling – Time filters







Event Handlers - Review and Save

Automatic Event Handling - New Task

Description: Create a new task for automatic event handling

Step 6 of 6

- Select name
- Select events
- ✓ Select systems
- Select actions
- Select time filter
 Review summary

Review summary

Review the configuration below and click on 'Finish' to save changes.

Task name: Claudias Event Handler

Time filter: Business Hours

Action(s): Send e-mail To:EventTracker@myhp.com

CC:

Subject: HP SIM Storage Events of Interest

Message format:Pager/SMS

Run custom command Name:Assign LUN Forward as SNMP trap To: 16.1.23.114

To: 16.2.11.234

Assign Assignee:Lab rats

E-mail settings: E-mail SMTP host: hp.com

Sender: claudia.peters@hp.com

Make sure that the e-mail settings are correctly configured.

Edit e-mail settings...

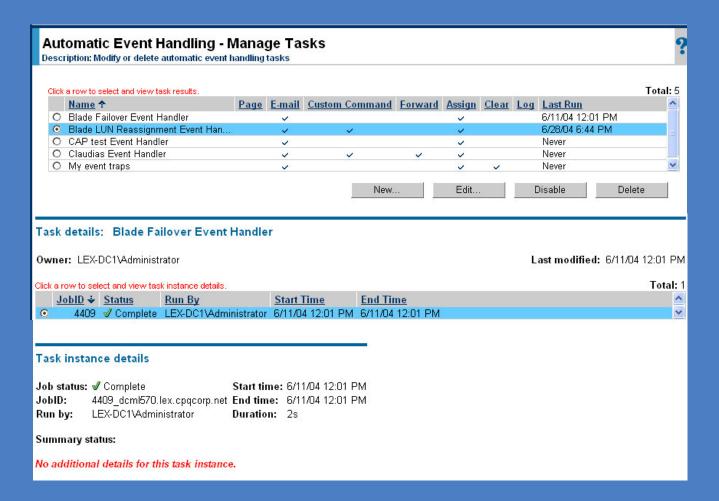
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Event Handlers – See How They Run





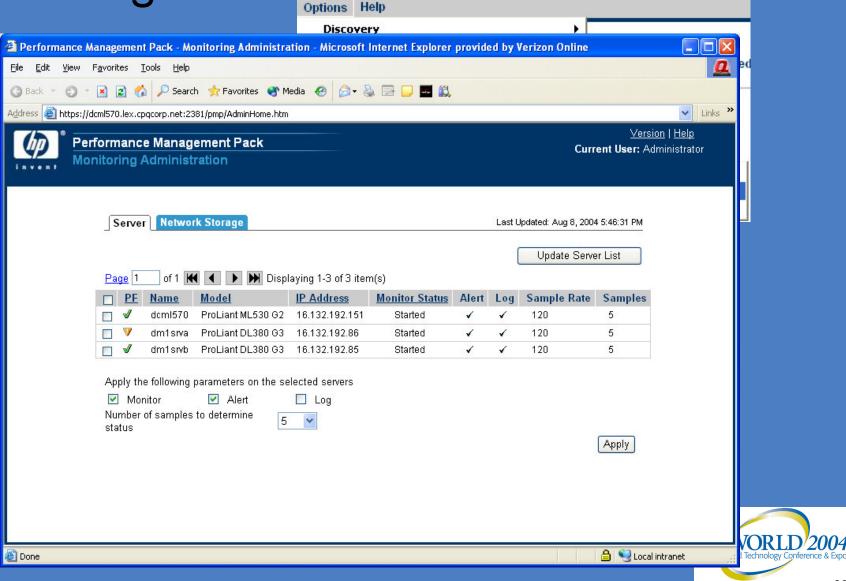


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Performance Manager -> Options Licensing

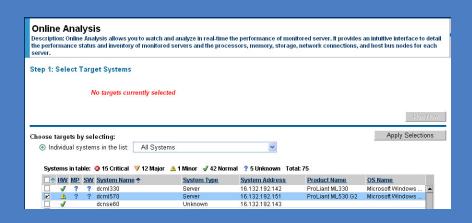




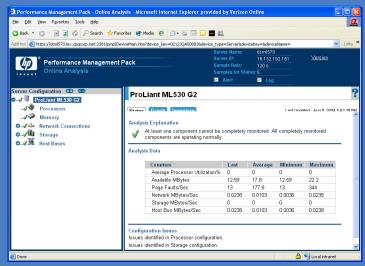


Performance Manager -> Optimize





Online Analysis Description: Online Analysis allows you to watch and analyze in real-time the performance of monitored server. It provides an intuitive interface to detail the performance status and inventory of monitored servers and the processors, memory, storage, network connections, and host bus nodes for each server.							
Step 1: Verify	Target Systems						
System Name	os	Type	Tool launch OK? ♠	Keep?			
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						Change Targets	Run Now







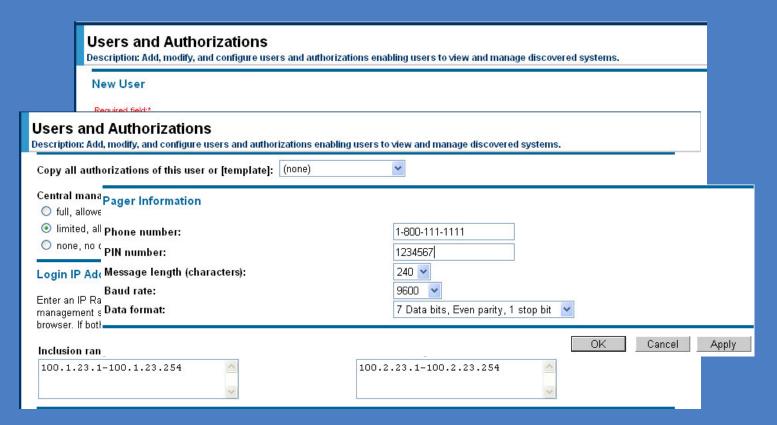
Options Menu - Security







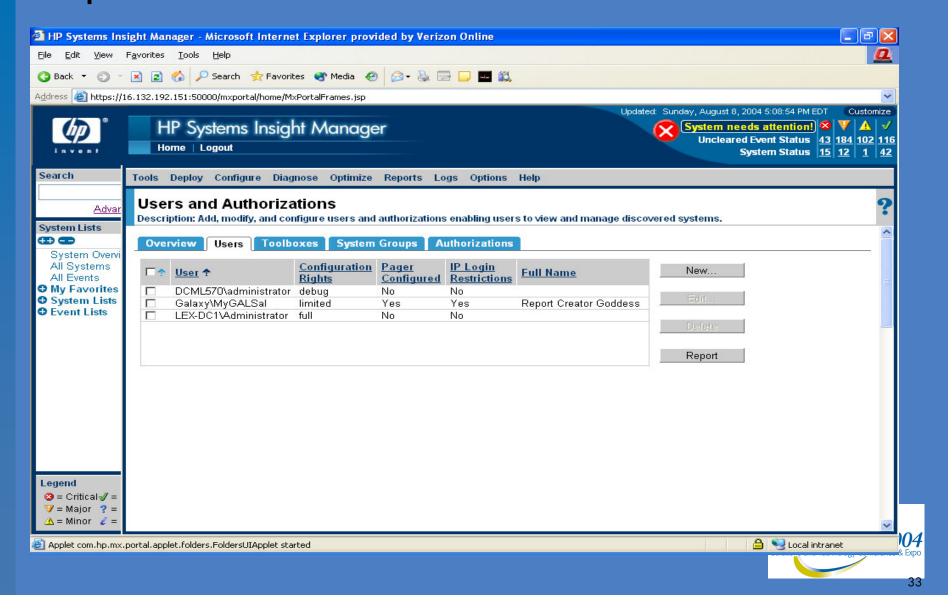
Options Menu – Adding a User







Options Menu – Review New User





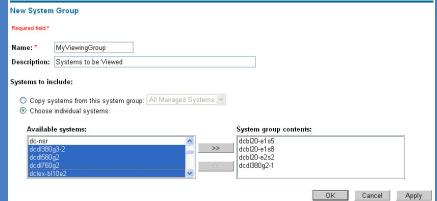
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Options -> Security Groups

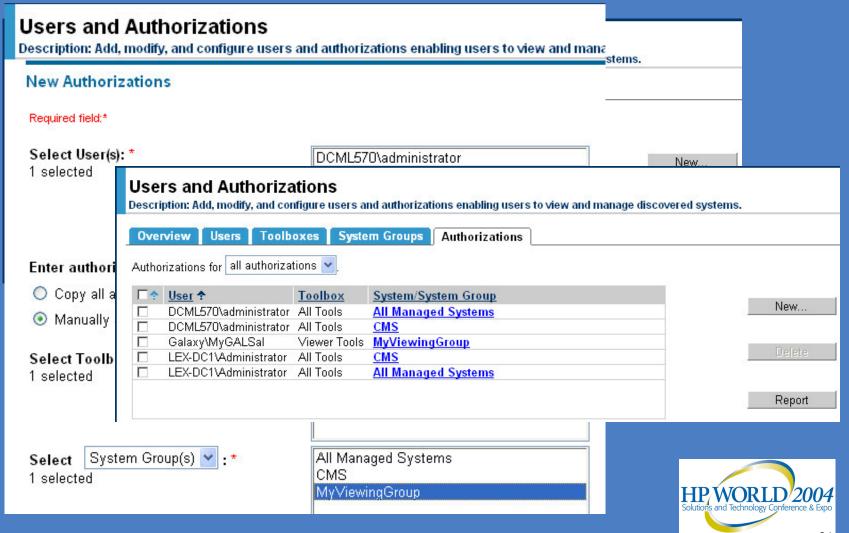




System Groups Report Date/Time: Sunday, August 8, 2004 5:22:45 PM EDT Name ? Member Systems Description All Managed Systems ... all managed systems... All Managed Systems Group Central Management Server System Group dcml570 MyViewingGroup dcbl20-e1s5 Systems to be Viewed dcbl20-e1s8 dcbl20-e2s2 dcdl380q2-1 dcdl380g3-2 dcdl580g2 dcdl760g2 dclex-bl10e2



Options -> Security Authorizations





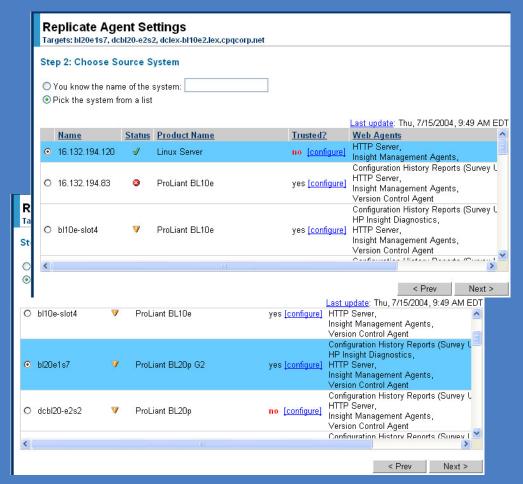
Agent Configuration – We do it until we get it right!



Task to Configure Agent Settings, part 1 – selecting the source



- Offers a list of source systems
- Tells it capabilities
- If it is configurable
- Select the source

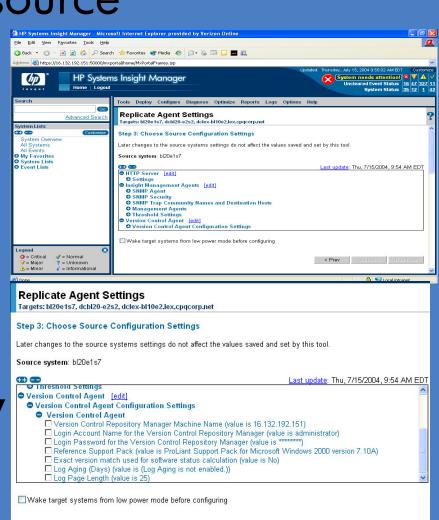




Task to Replicate Agent Settings, part 2 – configure the source



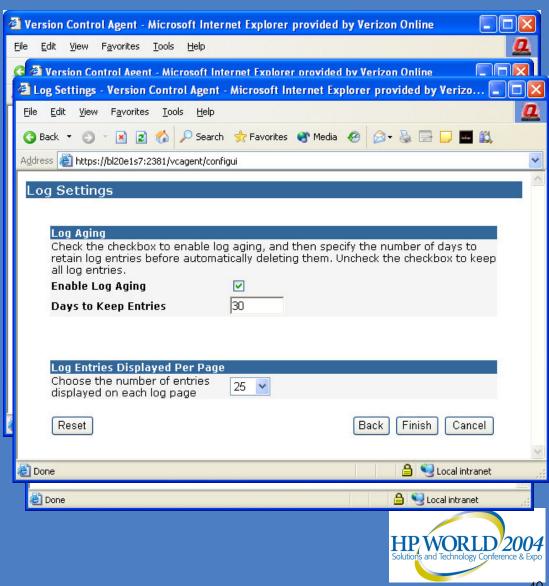
- Shows the configurable components list
- This options selects the version control attributes and shows the current defaults
- Select Edit to modify



Task to Replicate Agent Settings, part 3 – edit the source



- Shows the configurable components list
- This options selects the version control attributes and shows the current defaults
- Select Edit to modify



Task to Replicate Agent Settings, part 4 – select the attributes to send



- Shows the newly configured components, note the change in the log data
- Select Run Now
- Review the results, both successes and failures

Replicate Agent Settings Targets: bl20e1s7, dcbl20-e2s2, dclex-bl10e2.lex.cpqcorp.net	
Step 3: Choose Source Configuration Settings	
Later changes to the source systems settings do not affect the values saved and	d set by this tool.
Source system: bi20e1s7	
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Tool:	Replicate Agent Settings		js	End time:	7/15/04 - 10:06 AM EDT
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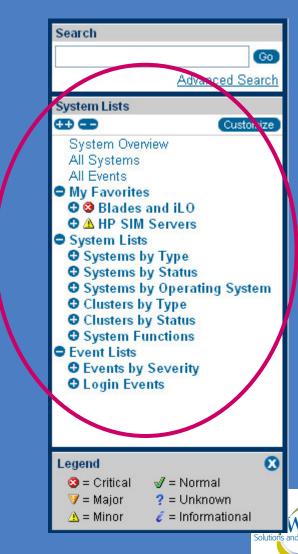
Working with Systems list





System Lists

- List of systems
- Lists of events
- My Favorites with status





Searching

- Search improved to match across several common attributes
- Modify Server Role field of several agents to be "Web Server"
- Searching on "Web" will list anything containing that in common attributes fields.
- Best way to do some event handlers







Over all Status

- Using ISO color and shape codes
- Customize view of status
- Special messages can be created for critical systems
- Still click on the number to view the system list

Updated: Wednesday, July 14, 2004 1:46:08 PM FDT Customize

System needs attention!

Uncleared Event Status

System Status

13 44 320 7

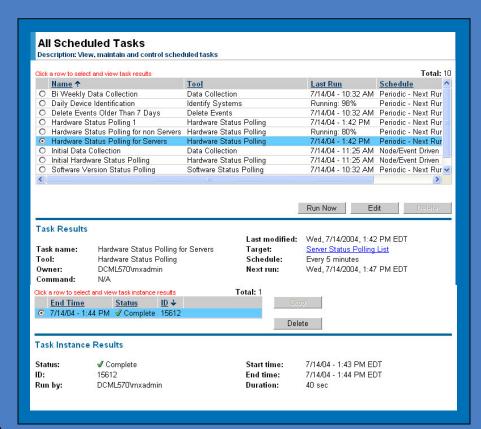
System Status

22 12 1 45



Tasks

- Located under Logs->View All Schedule Tasks
- The same status polling and identification tasks
- Displays how long it took to run
 - Determine best interval for status polling in large environments
 - Gauge how long a VCA updates might take (rule of thumb 30 minutes for older machines, 10-15 for newer machines)

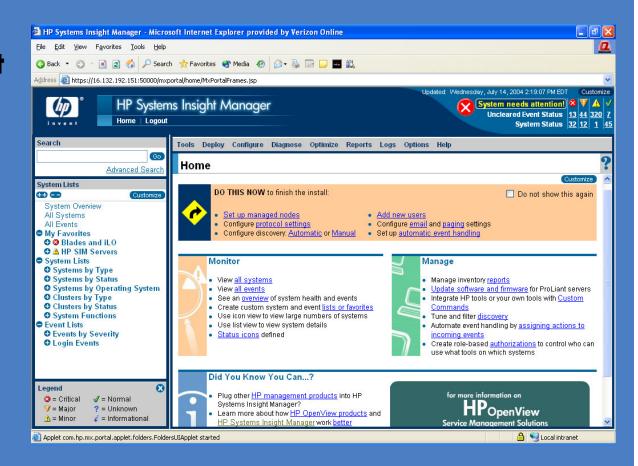






New Home Page

- Customize to your favorite list as new Home Page
- Reminder for first things to do:
 - Discovery
 - Add Users
 - Setup email
 - Create EventHandlers

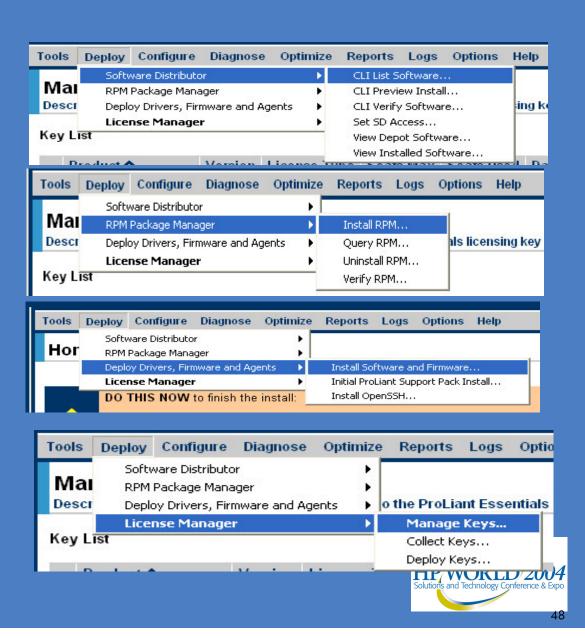






Deploy Menu

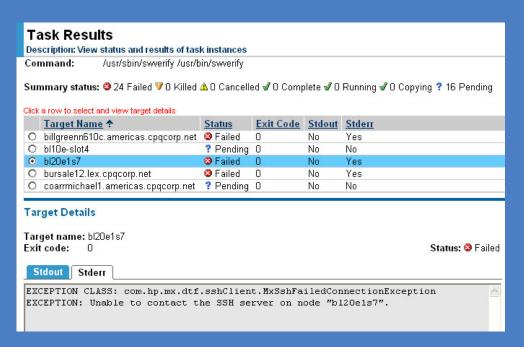
- Software Distributor
- RPM Package Manager
- Deploy Drivers, Firmware, and Agents
- LicenseManager





Deployment Failures

- Bad Trusts
- No VCRM set
- Fails because of SSH permissions







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Jordan Doe CIO, ABC Company





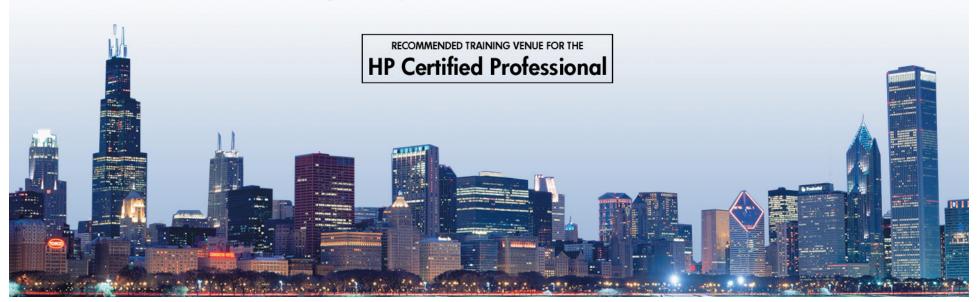




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