



Advanced Techniques for managing HP-UX with HP Systems Insight Manager

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Agenda

- What is HP SIM?
- Installation of HP SIM
- Setup / configure SSH
- Importing (& exporting) tools with mxtool
- XML for copying script and executing it





"[System] administration can prove quite challenging. It takes skill and experience..."

Bruce Momjian Core developer on PostgreSQL



Systems Management for HP-UX 11i: Delivering The Most Manageable Platforms with Best RoIT



Note: HP Systems Insight Manager replaces HP Servicecontrol Manager.

HP Systems Insight Manager: Built from a Strong Heritage



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- **ProLiant servers**
- Windows management
- Fault management
- Large installed base
- Remote management

Toptools

- Ease of use
- Multiple HP platforms (IA-32 clients & servers, printers, networking, storage)

Servicecontrol Manager

- **HP-UX and Linux** •
- Multi-system administration
- **Role-based security** •
- Central point of life-cycle • management through modular plug-in structure
- GUI and command line

Brings together the strengths of best-of-breed tools

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HP Systems Insight Manager The best foundation for Adaptive Management

- Comprehensive management through core services
 - HP-UX, Windows, Linux, more...
 - Fault, configuration, asset, performance management
 - Role-based security; OS security integration; SSL, SSH support

Easily extend core services:

- Greater breadth of device coverage: servers, clients, storage, printers...
- Complete device lifecycle management: rapid deployment, performance mgmt, workload mgmt.
- Integrates with HP OpenView products
 - End-to-end management from hardware to IT services



More control and flexibility through modularity and extensibility



Enterprise management integration modules

•HP OpenView •Tivoli •CA •BMC

HP Systems Insight Manager core services

Discovery, inventory, fault management, enhanced security, roles, distributed tasks,....





Installing HP SIM on HP-UX

- Remove any older versions (including SCM)
 - Also remove directories left behind after uninstall
- swinstall –s /opt/Nimbus.depot T1864AA
- Initialize the database
 - /opt/mx/bin/mxinitconfig –a
- Wait for the initialization to complete •
 - Check with /opt/mx/bin/mxuser –lt
 - If the user is present, init is complete
- Setup SSH •
 - cat /etc/opt/mx/config/sshtools/.dtfSshKey.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized keys2
- Verify services started
 - ps –ef | grep mx
 - Look for mxdomainmgr, mxinventory, mxadmin, mxdtf, mxagent





Event Management (Faults)





HW status is based on connectivity based status poll for HP-UX servers







Select HP-UX system from list and then select EMS from tool menu







Verify HP-UX server to run EMS on







Since EMS has an X based GUI we need to specify where the GUI should be displayed (IP address where browser is being run)







HP SIM will show new task is running on selected HP-UX server. The tool's X based GUI will pop-up in separate window.





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With EMS you can select from a large number of resources to monitor and send an SNMP trap when a threshold is reached







The SNMP traps from the **HP-UX** server show up in the Event List.





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Drilling down into the event shows the resource name being monitored



Fault – HP-UX EMS Tips



- 1. To set up trust relationship between CMS and managed HP-UX server use **mxagentconfig** command on the CMS.
- 2. To run a X based tool like EMS you need to make sure you can display the X window from the computer you are browsing from. To add a X host to a Red Hat Linux computer use: **xhost +hostname**. On Windows computer you will need to run an Xserver tool like ReflectionX.
- 3. To add a trap destination to a managed HP-UX server, on that server:
 - Use: /sbin/init.d/SnmpMaster stop to stop SNMP process.
 - Use: **chmod** +**w snmmpd**.**conf** to allow file to be written to.
 - Edit: /etc/SnmpAgent.d/snmpd.conf and uncomment "# trap-dest" and add the IP address of the HP SIM CMS
 - Use: /sbin/init.d/SnmpMaster start



Remote Command Execution & Management





OpenSSH

- OpenSSH is a FREE version of the SSH protocol suite
- OpenSSH encrypts all traffic (including passwords)
- The password for telnet, rlogin, ftp, and other such programs is transmitted across the Internet unencrypted
- OpenSSH provides a myriad of secure tunneling capabilities, as well as a variety of authentication methods.
- The OpenSSH suite includes
 - ssh program which replaces rlogin and telnet
 - scp which replaces rcp
 - sftp which replaces ftp
 - sshd which is the server side of the package
 - and other basic utilities like <u>ssh-add</u>, <u>ssh-agent</u>, <u>ssh-keysign</u>, ssh-keyscan, ssh-keygen and sftp-server.
 - OpenSSH supports SSH protocol versions 1.3, 1.5, and 2.0.
- O'Reilly's <u>SSH book</u> by Daniel Barrett and Richard Silverman is an excellent reference.







The SSH Protocol

Authentication

 Reliably determines someone's identity. If you try to log into an account on a remote computer, SSH asks for digital proof of your identity (key-based or password-based.) If you pass the test, you may log in; otherwise SSH rejects the connection

Encryption

 Scrambles data so it is unintelligible except to the intended recipients. This protects your data as it passes over the network.

Integrity

Guarantees the data traveling over the network arrives unaltered.
 If a third party captures and modifies your data in transit, SSH detects this fact.





Authentication and Authorization

- Every SSH connection involves two authentications in the following order:
 - <u>Server authentication</u> the SSH client verifies the identity of the SSH server
 - This ensures the SSH server is genuine, not an imposter, guards against an attacker redirecting the network connection to a different machine
 - <u>User authentication</u> the SSH server verifies the identity of the user requesting access
- Authorization occurs after authentication
 - Privileges granted after authentication (after knowing who they are)
 - Controlled at the user account level after SSH login



Use of SSH features

- OpenSSH runs natively on HP-UX and Linux
- HP has provided OpenSSH for Windows
- SSH's most immediately useful features
 - Logging into a remote computer over a secure connection
 - Transferring files between computers over a secure connection
- HP SIM uses the features of SSH to remotely manage target systems, including the CMS as a managed platform
- The HP SIM role-based security either allows or disallows a CMS logged-in user to use CMS tools to managed authorized systems
- HP SIM uses SSH for initiating the CMS SSH client login to managed systems (public key) and execute a command securely



Setup of SSH

- Deploy HP's OpenSSH to the managed devices through HP SIM
- Or, deploy manually and run mxagentconfig from the CMS to connect to the remote system and setup the keys
- Manually copy the HP SIM keys to the target nodes





Tools in HP SIM

- My Custom Commands
 - Managed through GUI
 - Runs on the CMS

TDEFs

- Managed through CLI
- Can run on the CMS or the managed device
- Can be restricted per user per device
 - Part of an authorization
- 3 types of tools: web-launch, CLI, and X Windows tool



Distributed Task Facility



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Note: All the command tools are based on tool definitions shipped with HP SIM.

Each tool definition can be found in an XML file.





CLI for Tools

- mxtool •
 - Main command to import, export, and modify tools
 - mxtool -a : add a tool
 - mxtool –l : export a tool
 - mxtool m : modify a tool
 - mxtool –r : remove a tool
 - --f <filename> works with any of the command to read/write to a file (easiest way to work with mxtool)





MXTOOL – XML file

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    XML file – web-launch tool
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<tool-list>
    <web-launch-tool name="WebJetAdmin" max-targets="1">
 <category>Local Tools</category>
  <description>View printer via WebJetAdmin.</description>
 <execute-as-user>root</execute-as-user>
 <toolbox-enabled value="true" />
 <include-filter type="hardware">
      <node-filter name="DeviceType" operator="eq"
 value="Printer"/>
 </include-filter>
 <web-block accepts-targets="true">
     <main-url>http://rook:8000/device/%n/</main-url>
 </web-block>
 <attribute name="menu-path">Tools|System
Information</attribute>
  <attribute name="target-frame">WJAFrame</attribute>
    </web-launch-tool>
</tool-list>
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Copying files: crontab replacement

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XML file – UX command
 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
 <tool-list>
 <ssa-command-tool name="Replace root crontab" >
 <category>General Tools</category>
 <description>Replace the root crontab with the one from the
   CMS</description>
 <owner>root</owner>
 <execute-as-user>root</execute-as-user>
 <ssa-block>
    <copy-block>
      <source>/var/spool/cron/crontabs/root</source>
      <destination>/var/tmp/root crontab</destination>
    </copy-block>
    <command log="true">
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- Replaces SAM's kernel configuration area
- Dynamic discovery of kernel tunable updates
- ✓ Kernel tunable usage charts
- Static/dynamic kernel tunable tuning
- ✓ DLKM support
- \checkmark Set alarms for kernel tunables
- Easy access to kernel monitoring information
- Capability to analyze top consumers of certain kernel parameters
- Displays kernel tunable man pages
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