

Enhancing Discipline in VMware Environments with Application Discovery Manager

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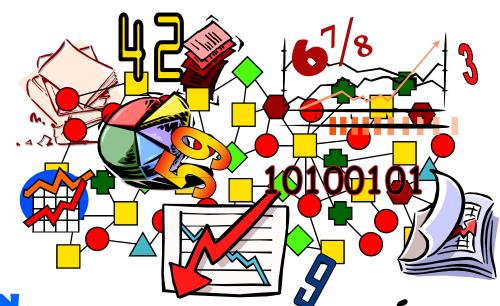
Marching Toward Complexity

IT systems and services are complex

Complexity is growing

Manual is futile

Automation is needed

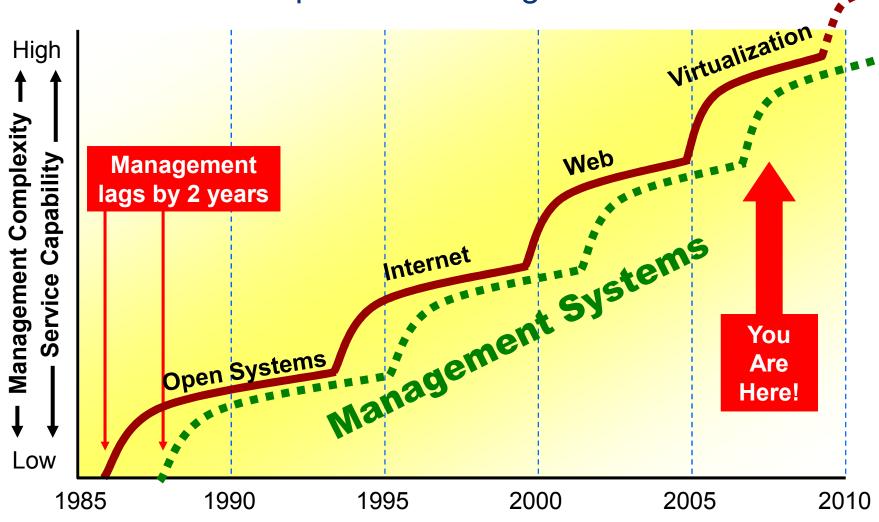


VIRTUALIZATION IS WONDERFUL!

but it takes complexity to a whole new level!

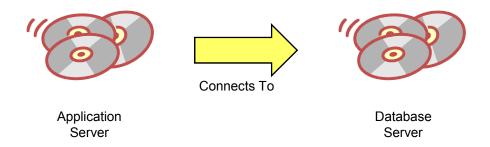


The Effects of Disruptive Technologies



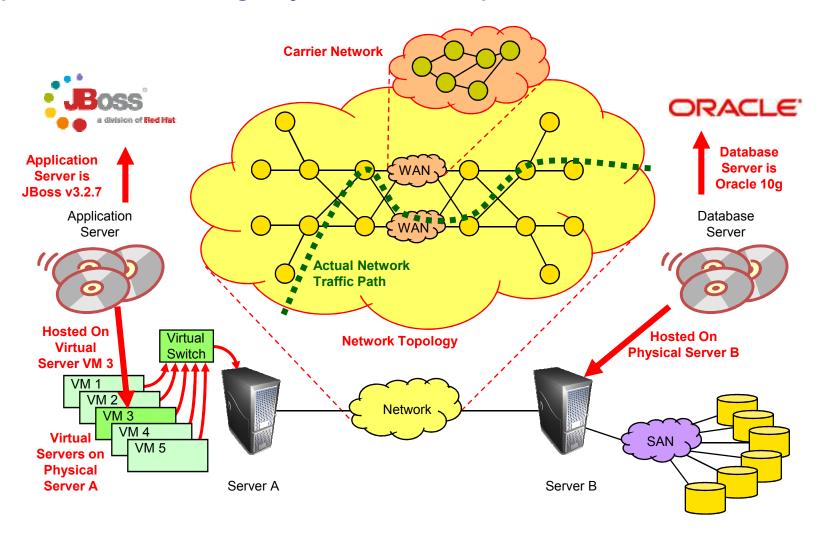


Applications: The Simple View



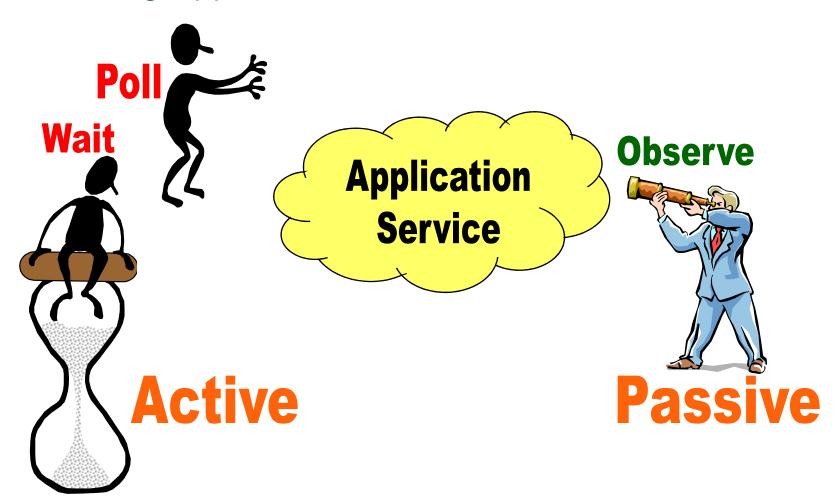


Applications: A Slightly More Complex View





Gathering Application Service Information



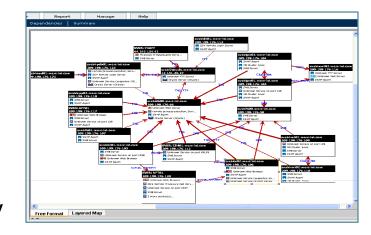


Application Discovery Manager (ADM)

Rapidly discovers systems and their software and applications

Appliance-based Technology

- Quick time to value
- Hybrid Passive and Active Discovery



Automatically maps software dependencies

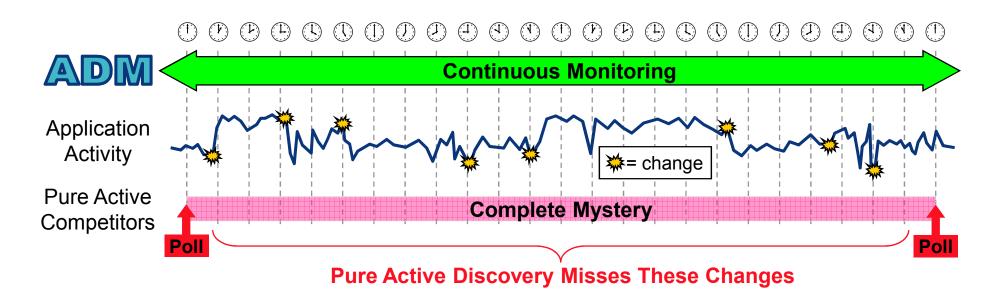
Collect hardware & software configuration details

Identify changes as they occur!

Learn the TRUTH about your environment!



ADM Offers Real-time Visibility

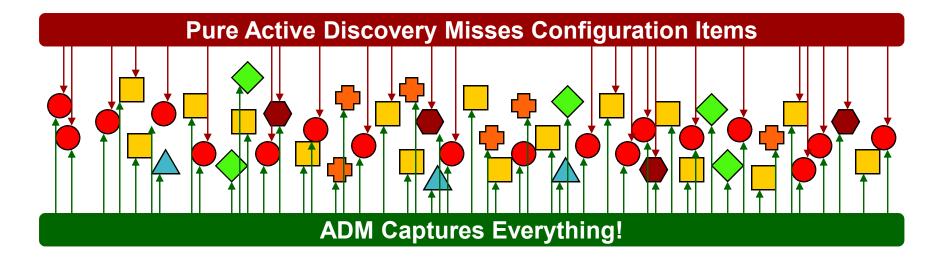


Virtualization allows applications to move between servers ADM will capture this movement

Full reliance on active mode cannot capture such changes



"I Don't Know What I Don't Know"

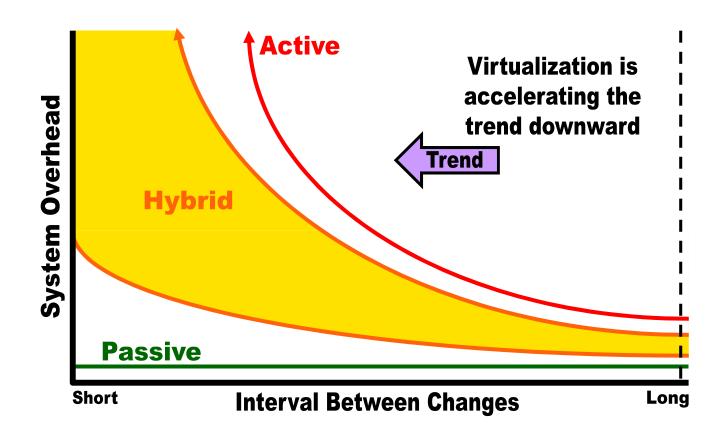


Discovery tools must learn from the actual environment
If you need to tell a tool what to discover, it's not discovery!
True discovery captures all elements and offers the TRUTH!
In a virtual world, elements may not be as they appear

You need the truth about your environment



The Challenge of Real-Time Management



A hybrid balances overhead with data richness



Keep Your CMDB Accurate in a Virtual World

Configuration information is critical to operational success

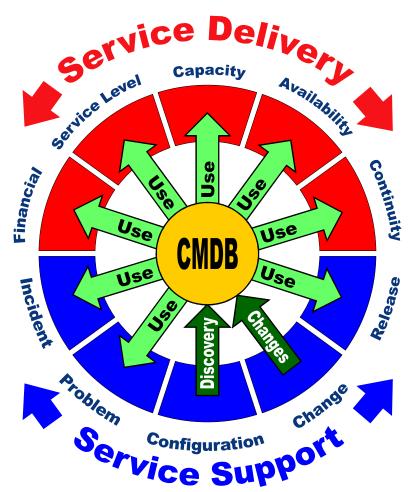
Embodied in the CMDB

Manual change management cannot insure CMDB integrity

Automated discovery must capture configuration changes

The TRUTH will guide operational discipline

Especially in a virtualized world!





Ensure Configuration Compliance Amidst Change

EMC IT Compliance Analyzer – Application Edition

Automated IT compliance

 Address compliance violations before other problems occur

Simplifies the application of internal and external IT compliance requirements

Roll out new applications with confidence

Capture policy exceptions as changes occur – not after some arbitrary delay

Proactively assess the impact of planned configuration changes





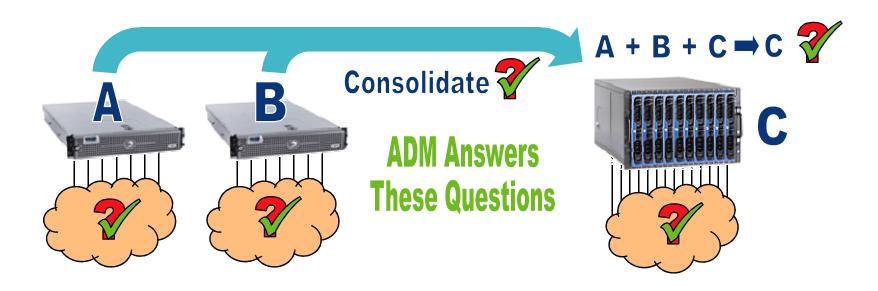
ADM Reduces Consolidation Risk

Automatically discover all application dependencies

Capture application demand to determine capacity needs

Embark upon consolidations with confidence

The decision will be a certain YES or NO, not ambiguous mystery





Migrating Applications Resembles Consolidation

Many of the same questions and risks apply

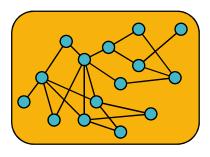
Similar uncertainties cloud decisions

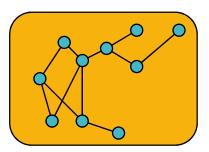
An automated solution is needed to remove the risk

In a virtualized world, application migration must be smooth

ADM reduces the risk by providing accurate insight

- Behavioral characteristics, not just structure
- Real time!
- Automated!







Guide Monitoring and Analysis Based on The Truth

Monitoring is the same regardless of importance

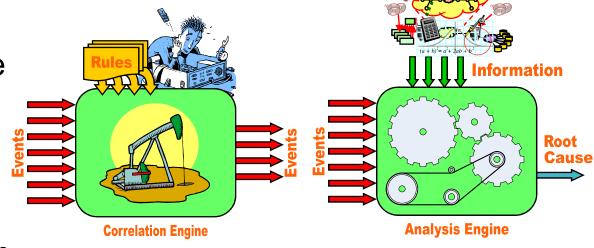
– Why? All elements are NOT the same, don't treat them the same!

Analysis should be driven by configuration information

As conditions change, analysis must adapt

Information-driven analysis yields more accurate results

- Decisions are based upon results
- Rules-based correlation is too rigid for virtualization



Rules-Based Correlation

Information-Driven Analysis



Stronger VMware Management via Stronger Discovery

Managing virtualized environments will continue to be a "work in progress" for a few years

Look to element managers for basic functions

e.g., VMware VirtualCenter

Unify virtual environments with management consolidators

e.g., EMC Smarts Service Assurance Manager

The whole discussion must be about applications

End users don't care about infrastructure, only applications

It all begins with good discovery

Real-time accuracy is being mandated with virtualization

Management: If it's not real time, it's useless





Next Steps

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