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OMEGAMON XE Alert Management Considerations And Best Practices

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Agenda

The Roadmap

- Traditional OMEGAMON Alert Management
 - Classic Interface, CUA Interface and OMEGAVIEW
 - NetView And Automation interfaces
- Tivoli Enterprise Portal (TEP) Alert Management Technology
- Trade Offs, Considerations, and Recommendations

Summary



Understanding The OMEGAMON Roadmap

- Tivoli Enterprise Portal (TEP) is the strategic direction of the OMEGAMON products
- OMEGAMON as currently packaged consists of a set of user interfaces (Classic, CUA, XE GUI)
 - Each has its own inherent components and capabilities
 - Customers are working to understand the most effective ways to use the technology
- Many customers have large 3270 OMEGAMON deployments
 - Need assistance developing TEP migration strategies



In The Beginning... There was command mode followed by Classic Interface



Classic exception screens commonly used in many console rooms

Uses OMEGAMON classic exception settings stored in classic profiles



Classic Exceptions



- Each Classic OMEGAMON (MVS, IMS, DB2, CICS) has a set of pre-defined exceptions
 - Note OMEGAMON for Mainframe Networks and Storage do not have Classic interface
- Settings are stored in a profile member may have multiple profiles
- XACB command sets threshold ON or OFF or sets threshold level, enables XLF logging facility, and automated screen facility



Classic Interface Automated Screen Facility An Example

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Use facilities such as ASF to execute series of screens and commands based upon an OMEGAMON detected exception



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OMEGAMON Interfaces Over Time Interface Options Grew

OMEGAMON XE GUI Interface

- Java client or web browser Tivoli Portal
- Real time and historical
- Automation & alerts Situations & Policies
- Plex level information (CF, n-way)

OMEGAMON Classic

- 3270 Interface command interface
- Real Time & Historical
- Major & Minor commands
- Exceptions stored in classic profile

• OMEGAMON CUA

- 3270 interface
- Different views from Classic
- Warning & Critical exception alerts
- OMEGAVIEW Integration Netview PPI

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OMEGAMON 3270 Address Space Overview



Logon to Classic APPLID XLFOUT DD for classic exceptions 2 char classic profile ASF screen facility Interface classic to automation

Logon to CUA APPLID (or thru OMEGAVIEW) CUA exception profiles (Warning & Critical) Logon to CUA to drill down to Classic



OMEGAMON Classic Automation Interfaces





OMEGAMON And SA Interoperation



- Use of performance and availability information for application automation
 - More facts, more accurate decisions
 - Sources: OMEGAMON MVS, DB2, CICS, IMS
- Provides API to communicate with OMEGAMON monitors to
 - Obtains and filters installation-defined exceptional conditions
 - Sends commands to OMEGAMON, for example to respond to such conditions
- Provides exception monitor based on the Monitor Resource concept
 - Monitors "interesting" set of exceptions
 - Sets application health state based on existence of such exceptions
 - Provides means to react and resolve exceptional conditions



SA OMEGAMON Sessions



- OMEGAMON sessions are defined as policy items in the network policy (NTW)
- A definition consists of
 - Session attributes to identify and control VTAM session
 - User attributes to enable logon
- A session can be used by multiple operators
 - Automation operators, for example running Monitor Resource commands
 - Human operators
- Separate automation operators are reserved to control one or more sessions



SA To OMEGAMON API

- Command INGOMX serves as interface between operators and a particular OMEGAMON session
- Possible interactions
 - Call OMEGAMON exception analysis and find interesting exceptions
 - Enter one or more OMEGAMON and other commands
 - To collect additional OMEGAMON performance information
 - To create an exec that issues a series of OMEGAMON and other commands
 - Do exception checking on a very tight (example 5 second) interval
- Monitor command INGMTRAP serves as a customized interface to INGOMX primarily intended to
 - Find interesting exceptions in the context of a monitor command
 - Drive NetView automation table processing to set application health state and for recovery



Classic Alert Mechanisms – Trade-offs

Classic alert methods – Pros

- Commonly used and proven mechanism
- Easy to set up requiring only mainframe centric technology
- Sets of pre-defined alerts
- Useful for SA interface alerts
- Classic alert methods Cons
 - Requires an active logged on session to get alerts
 - No integrated automation (except for ASF function)
 - Full automation requires an automation engine (for example SA)
 - No easy way to do things like putting a message on a console
 - No built in e-mail or SNMP interface
 - Profiles must be managed and copied for each monitoring session
 - Lacks flexibility Only get alerts defined by OMEGAMON



OMEGAVIEW And OMEGAMON Integration CUA Interface

OMEGAVIEW





OMEGAMON CUA Exceptions & Thresholds

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CUA allows for warning and critical values (unlike Classic) Settings stored in profiles allocated to CUA address spaces



For Example - OMEGAMON 3270 DB2 Status Items

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Granularity is limited Alerts for each session Sessions maintained by OMEGAVIEW Thresholds values set in OMEGAMON **OMEGAVIEW** may forward to Netview

Workloads



OMEGAVIEW And OMEGAMON Integration with NetView – An Example





CUA Alert Mechanisms – Trade-offs

- CUA/OMEGAVIEW alert methods Pros
 - Commonly used and proven mechanism
 - Easy to set up requiring only mainframe centric technology
 - Sets of pre-defined alerts (Warning & Critical levels)
 - OMEGAVIEW maintains sessions under the covers
- CUA/OMEGAVIEW alert methods Cons
 - No integrated automation
 - Full automation requires an automation engine (for example SA)
 - No easy way to do things like putting a message on a console
 - Forwarding alerts to NetView through OMEGAVIEW is often simplest
 - No built in e-mail or SNMP interface
 - Profiles must be managed and copied for each monitoring session
 - Only get alerts defined by OMEGAMON
 - CUA Interface is not strategic TEP is the direction



Tivoli Enterprise Portal (TEP) Tool, Data, and Process Integration





OMEGAMON XE Example OMEGAMON Address Spaces And Components





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Use Situations To Build Alerts





Alert Flexibility

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Automation Example

Command And Console Interfaces Integrated Within The Tool

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Advanced Automation Capabilities Policy Automation Expands The Capabilities





Alert Types And Options

- Visual View Custom Views Enterprise View
 - Red/Yellow indicators and icons in XE/DE displays
- Console messages
 - Example Issuing messages and commands to the z/OS console
 - Use this as a mechanism to feed other automation
- Paging and emails
 - Issue commands to feed paging systems
 - Use 3rd party tools such as Postie to issue emails from the command prompt
 - Console messages may be used to feed email systems
- SNMP traps and alerts
 - Universal agent provides a bidirectional SNMP interface
 - Issue SNMP traps from the command prompt using situations or policies
- Tivoli Enterprise Console (TEC) events
 - ITM 6 adds TEC integration
- Alerts to 3rd party tools
 - Example Interfaces to HP/Openview and CA/Unicenter

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Visual Alert Views – Use Graphics With Icons





Customizing The Graphic View Take Advantage Of Style Options To Customize Icons



Control Alert Association





Using Situations To Issue Messages To The z/OS Console Add Attributes To The Message String





Situations Can Issue Message To The z/OS Console See The Message On The Console

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Issuing E-mails Using Tools Such As Postie





OMEGAMON XE Interfaces To The TEC Forwarding Important Availability Alerts Between OMEGAMON & TEC





TEC Integration with Tivoli Enterprise Portal

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- TEC console as a drop down view for any workspace
- Bi-directional support
- From resource view to TEC events in context
- Requires ITM6 level of portal support be enabled



OMEGAMON XE Interfaces To SNMP Universal Agent Provides A Bi-directional SNMP Interface





Using SNMP Events – Universal Agent Requires a Policy Mechanism





Pass Attributes Through The SNMP Event

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Alert Considerations

- Visual View Custom Views Enterprise View
 - Someone must be logged on and looking to see alert
- Console messages
 - Simple to do and only requires a situation
 - Good way to feed automation
- Paging and emails
 - Simple to do and may only require a situation (depending on customer facilities)
 - Customers often want this capability
- SNMP traps and alerts
 - Universal Agent approach typically will require a policy
- Tivoli Enterprise Console (TEC) events
 - Requires a policy to drive alert to TEC
- Alerts to 3rd party tools
 - Always complexities when interfacing to 3rd party technology



TEP Alert Mechanisms – Trade-offs

TEP Portal alert methods – Pros

- Most flexible anything monitored may be used in an alert
- Easy to set up if comfortable with GUI technology
- Sets of pre-defined alerts (Product Provided Situations)
- Automation capability integrated within the tool
- Easy way to integrate with management frameworks and 3rd party tools
 - TEC and SNMP methods
- Superior monitoring and alert integration
- TEP Portal alert methods Cons
 - Requires a portal
 - Requires a Windows box or zLinux
 - Some users still prefer 3270 based solutions



TEP Provides Superior Integration - An Example Classic Interface Requires A Monitoring Session For Each Managed System To Get Alerts

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Some Different Examples – Where Classic Alerts May Be Useful

- Customer wants to use OMEGAMON IMS or OMEGAMON DB2 to alert on lock conflicts
 - In the TEP situations may only execute on a 30-second interval at the narrowest
 - Often inadequate to catch lock conflict information in a timely manner
 - Customer may use a classic session to catch conflict alerts on a 5 second interval
- Customer wants to execute a set of OMEGAMON commands based upon an alert
 - Similar to ASF scenario shown earlier
 - Automation checks a classic session for an alert and then executes and logs an OMEGAMON classic screen space



Considerations And Recommendations

- Understand the infrastructure and requirements
 - What is the alert Manager Of Managers (if any)?
 - > Are there any mechanisms in place for notification (paging, emails, etc.)?
- Feed existing infrastructure where possible
 - Most customers already have email, paging, and other alert processes in place
 - Use OMEGAMON command capabilities to feed existing mechanisms
- Be prepared to review the various alert mechanisms and weigh the pros and cons
 - ▶ 3270 Classic versus 3270 CUA versus TEP
 - Keep in mind the direction of OMEGAMON towards the TEP



More Considerations And Recommendations

- This presentation is really about how to build a road map
 - To understand how to get where you need to go, you need to understand where you are now
 - Many customers have CUA and Classic implemented now and want to implement TEP
 - Tivoli Enterprise Portal is flexible and powerful and many customers need guidance in how and where to begin
- TEP is the strategic direction of the OMEGAMON product set
 - Customers need to be educated on the benefits of this strategy
 - Customers need assistance in planning how to migrate and implement TEP technology



Thank You!