

An abstract network diagram with several nodes (circles) and directed arrows (lines with arrowheads) connecting them. The nodes are arranged in a hierarchical or branching structure, with some nodes having multiple incoming or outgoing connections. The diagram is rendered in a light blue/grey color against a dark blue background.

The Differing Ways to Monitor and Instrument

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APPDYNAMICS

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- 23 years in IT
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 - Security - CISSP, CISA, PCI
 - Started one of the first content filtering companies
- Head of global monitoring at Thomson Reuters
- Head of IT Operations at MFG.com – Bezos Expeditions
- Gartner Research VP 3.5 years
- Strategy AppDynamics 1.5 years

Agenda

- Introduction to Instrumentation
- Instrumentation done by people
- Challenges in instrumentation of the right processes
- Technical instrumentation of Browsers and Mobile
- Technical instrumentation of Server (php, Java, .NET...)
- How to implement the right logging
- How to correlate across technologies

Definitions

Instrumentation

“The design, construction, and provision of instruments for measurement, control, etc; the state of being equipped with or controlled by such instruments collectively.”

Telemetry

“Automated communications process by which measurements are made and other data collected at remote or inaccessible points and transmitted to receiving equipment for monitoring.”



Software Instrumentation Data Types

- Metrics
 - Key value pairs
 - Numeric values
 - Time series
- Events
 - Informational
 - Errors
 - Critical Events



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Use Cases for Data Types

- **Metrics**
 - Average, Peak
 - Percentage
 - Correlation to Metrics and Events



- **Events**
 - Search
 - Parse
 - Correlate to Metrics

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Software Instrumentation

- **Logging**
 - Supplied by vendor
 - Created by developers
 - Not easily controlled
- **Push Collection**
 - Attach and extract
 - Software agent or network tap
- **Pull Collection**
 - Polling APIs - HTTP, SNMP, WMI



Priorities for Instrumentation

- **Business**
- **Application**
- **Services**
- **Infrastructure**

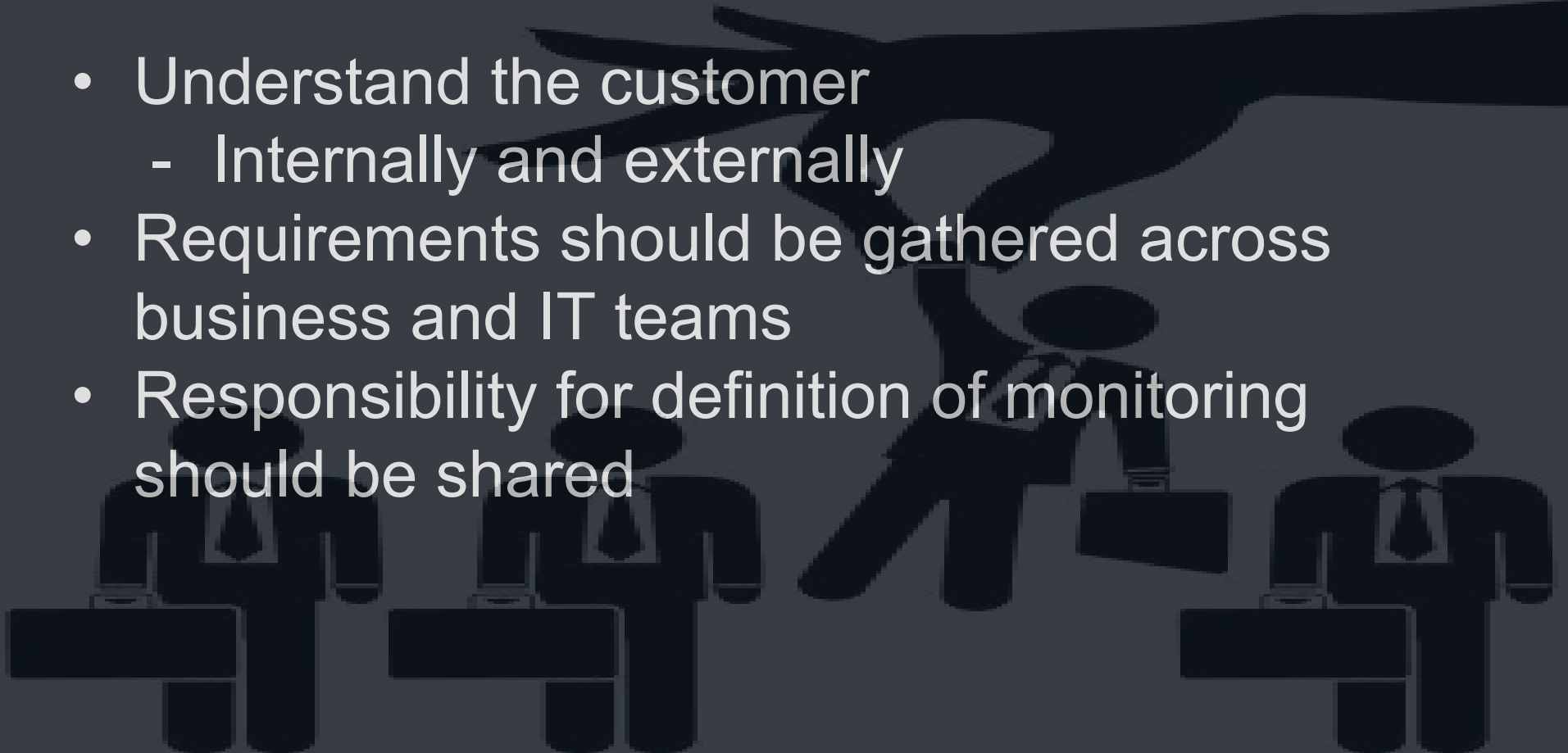
Events and Metrics

Business Instrumentation



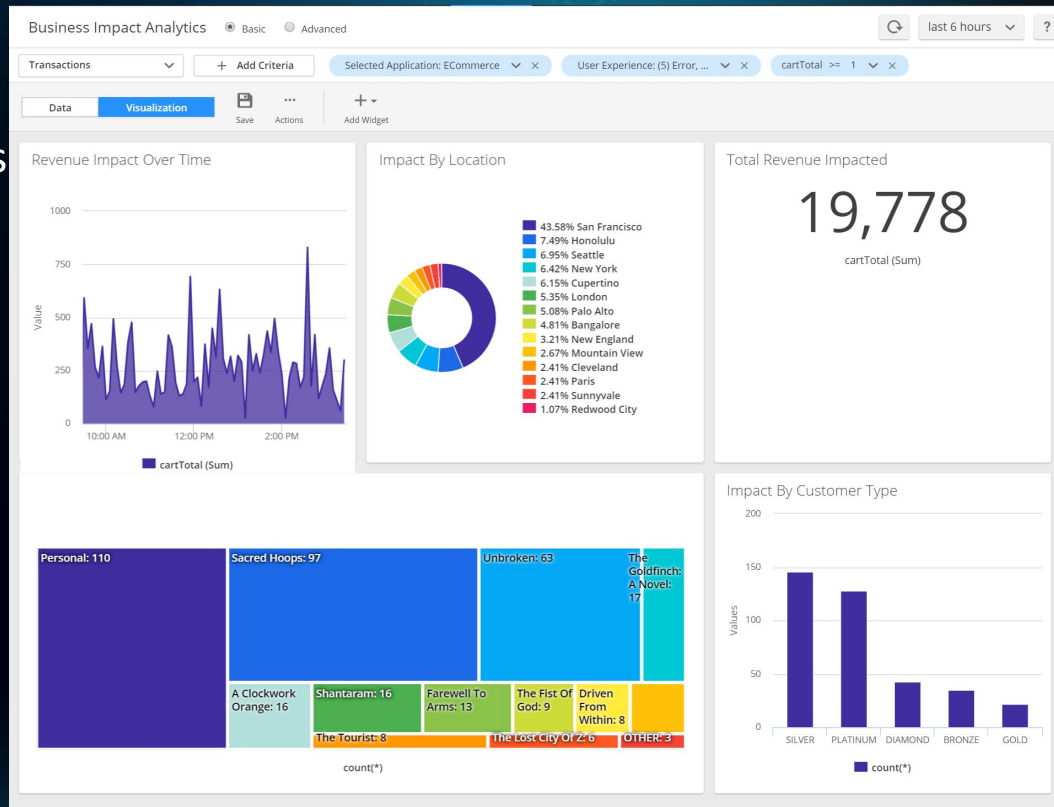
Uplevel the Conversation

- Understand the customer
 - Internally and externally
- Requirements should be gathered across business and IT teams
- Responsibility for definition of monitoring should be shared



Business Metrics and KPIs

- Customer Metrics
 - Conversion between products
 - Loyalty and retention (churn)
 - Usage metrics (feature and product)
- Sales / Marketing Metrics
 - Revenue
 - Cost of customer acquisition
 - User flows through applications



Technical Metrics and KPIs

- End to end performance
 - User through transaction hops
 - Error isolation
- End user experience
 - Client side errors
 - Latency per element (page or app) + 3rd party
 - Client side DNS
- Application component performance
 - Metrics from app server
 - Metrics from code
 - Queries
 - Errors
- Intra application component performance



Use Cases for Business and Technical Data

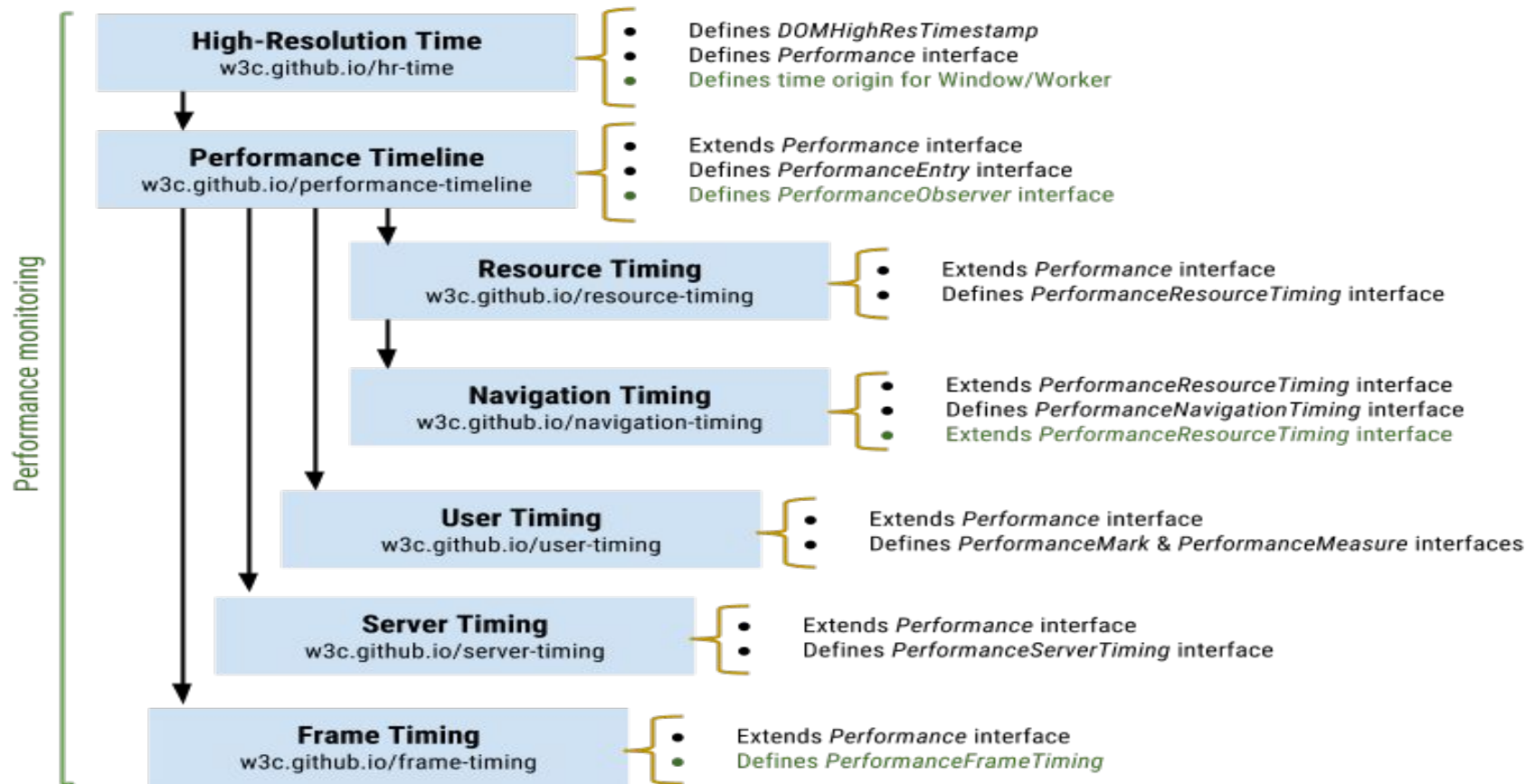
- Usage
- Problem identification - MTTI
- Problem resolution - MTTR
- User satisfaction
- Usability
- Performance
- Change analysis
 - A/B testing
 - data center moves
 - technology changes



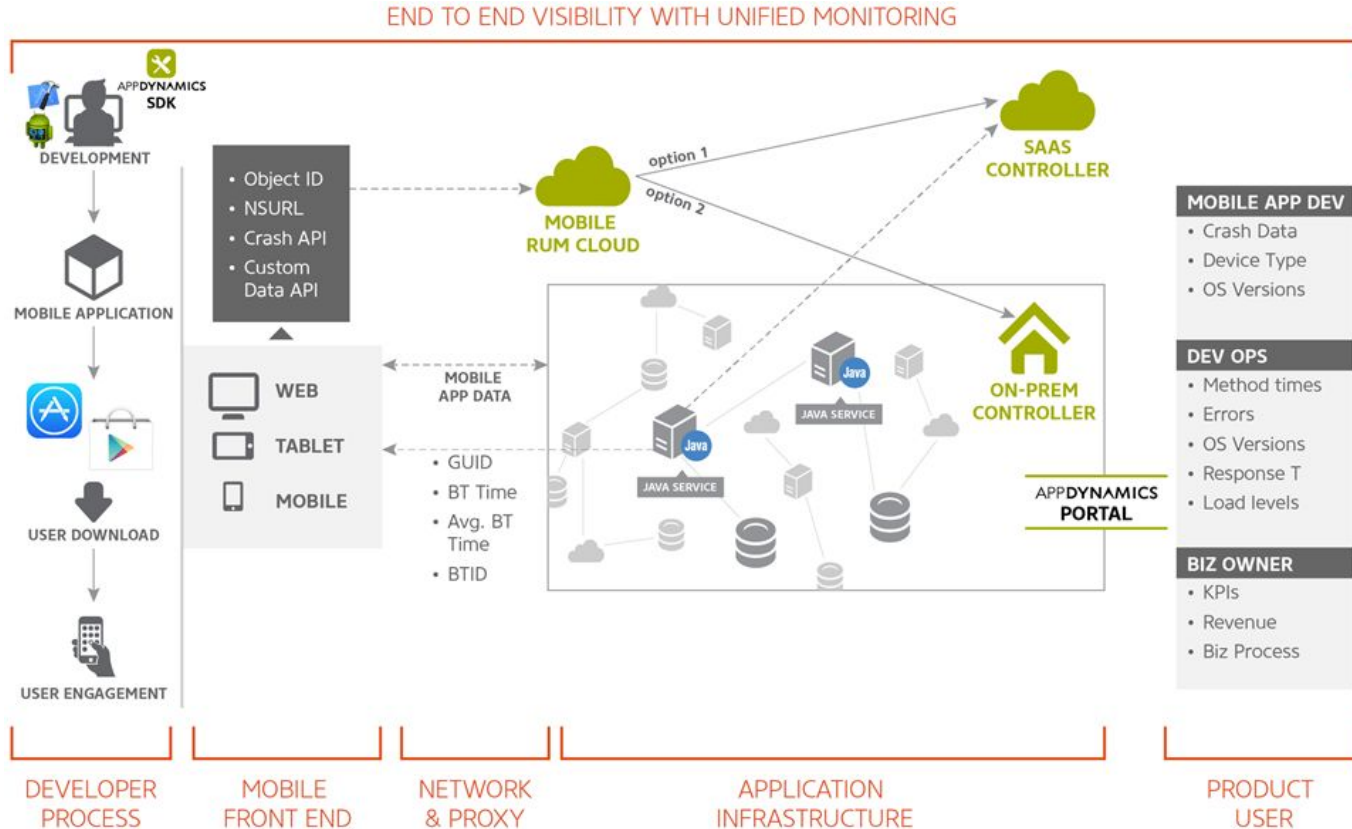
Frontend Instrumentation



Instrumenting Browsers



Instrumenting Mobile



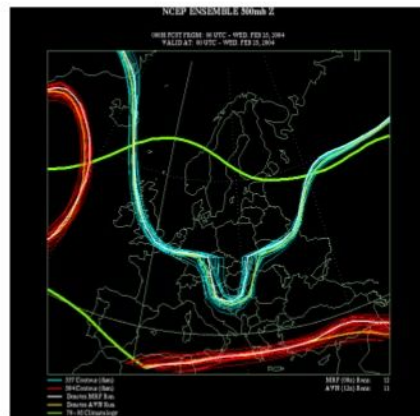
Simulating Users

Synthetic transactions are good for

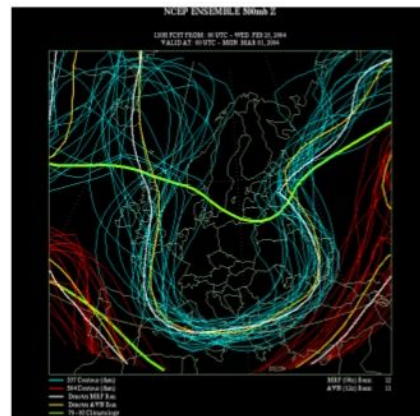
- SLAs
- Availability
- Baseline performance
- DNS
- SSL

But if you try to use it as a
barometer you will fail

Initial condition uncertainty



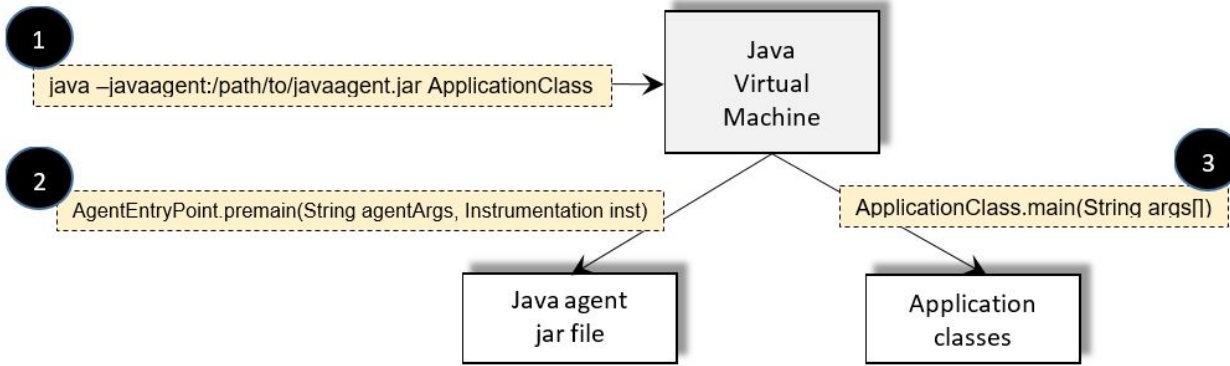
5-day forecast uncertainty



Backend Instrumentation of Java and .NET

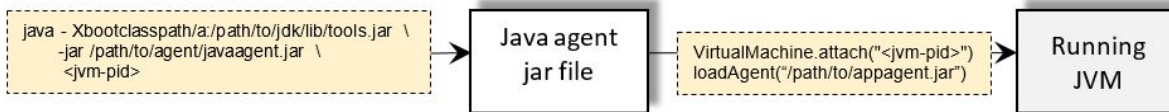


Java Instrumentation



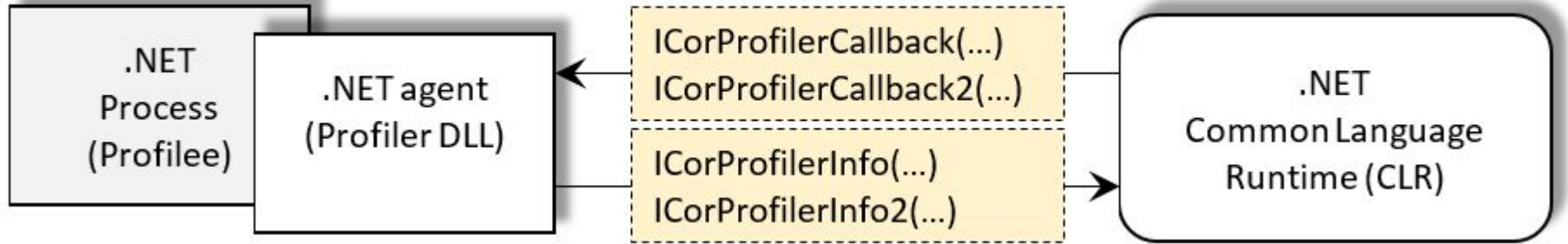
JSR-163 (Java™ Platform Profiling Architecture) added in Java 1.5

Overloads the default behavior of Java to allow hooks into code for many use cases



Since JDK 1.6, for the Oracle HotSpot JVM, a javaagent may be dynamically attached to a running JVM by specifying the process-id (pid).

.NET Instrumentation



- Profiling API loaded into the same process as the application process that is being profiled.
- Callback interface ([ICorProfilerCallback](#) in the .NET Framework version 1.0 and 1.1, [ICorProfilerCallback2](#) in version 2.0 and later)
- CLR calls the methods in that interface to notify the .NET agent of events in the profiled process
- Profiler can also call into the CLR by using the methods in the [ICorProfilerInfo](#) and [ICorProfilerInfo2](#) interfaces to obtain information about the state of the profiled application
- Callbacks are used to inject MSIL (Microsoft Intermediate Language) bytecode into existing application code for instrumentation.

Backend Instrumentation of Interpreted Languages



Monkey Patching

Wikipedia relevant definition:

In Ruby,[3] Python,[4] and many other dynamic programming languages... dynamic modifications of a class or module at runtime, motivated by the intent to patch existing third-party code as a workaround to a bug or feature which does not act as desired

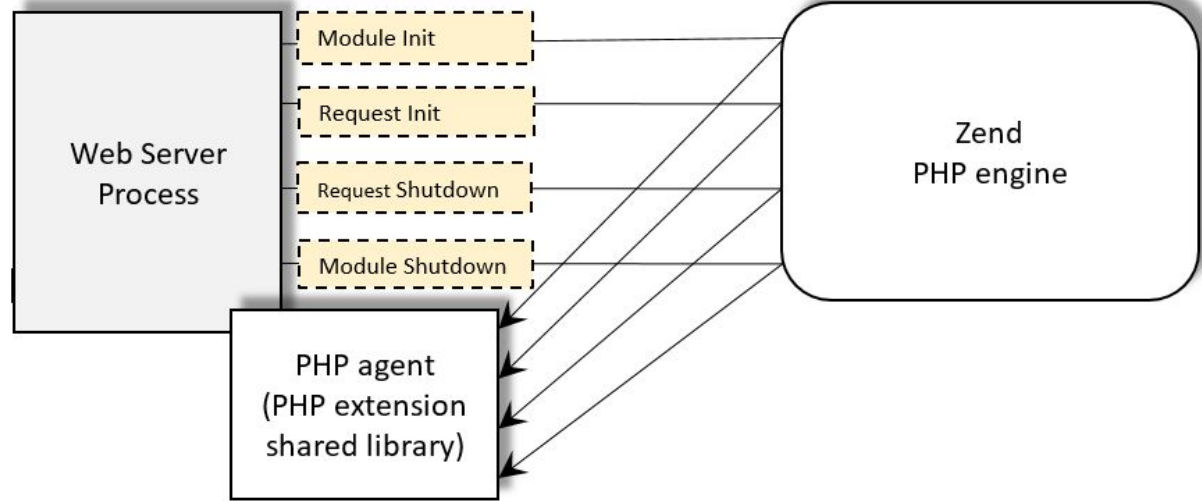
- Replace methods / attributes / functions at runtime
- Apply a patch at runtime to the objects in memory, instead of the source code on disk;



Disclaimer : Can be very dangerous, hard to maintain

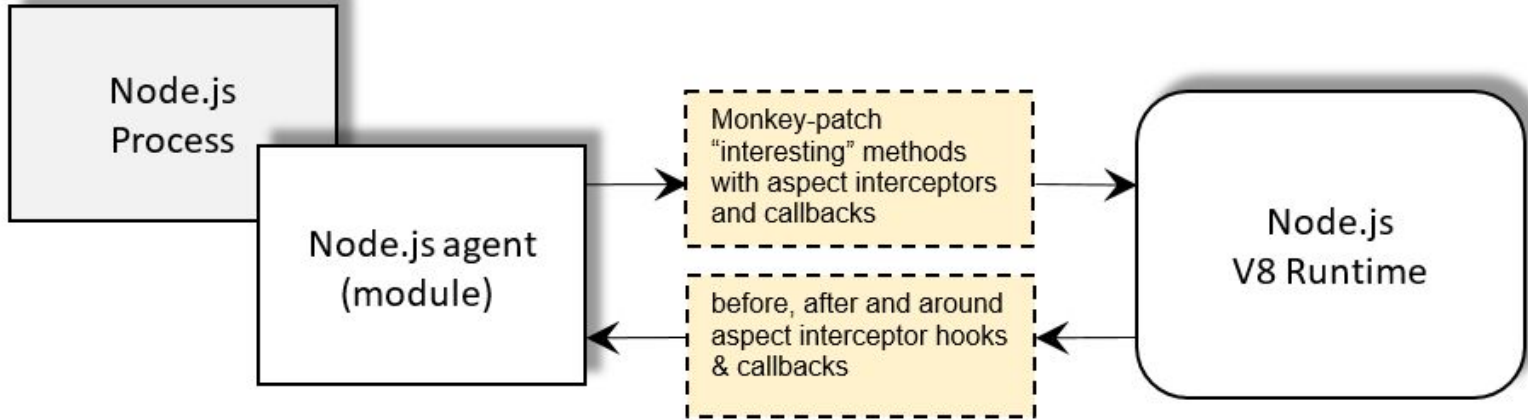
PHP Instrumentation

Handles state changes and new web server initialization (which are PHP instances)



Zend callback methods `zend_execute(...)`, `zend_execute_internal(...)` and `zend_compile_file(...)` so that it can wrap the original implementations with instrumentation code.

Node.js Instrumentation



- Wrap methods using before, after and around aspect interceptors.
- Callback along with after, before and around aspect interceptor.
- Notifications when asynchronous calls are complete.

Python Instrumentation

1

PYTHONPATH=appdynamics/autoinject: python ...

Python interpreter

run

2

Transient bootstrap
built-in module

4

Python
Application
code

3

Instantiate agent
Register interceptors

Python agent

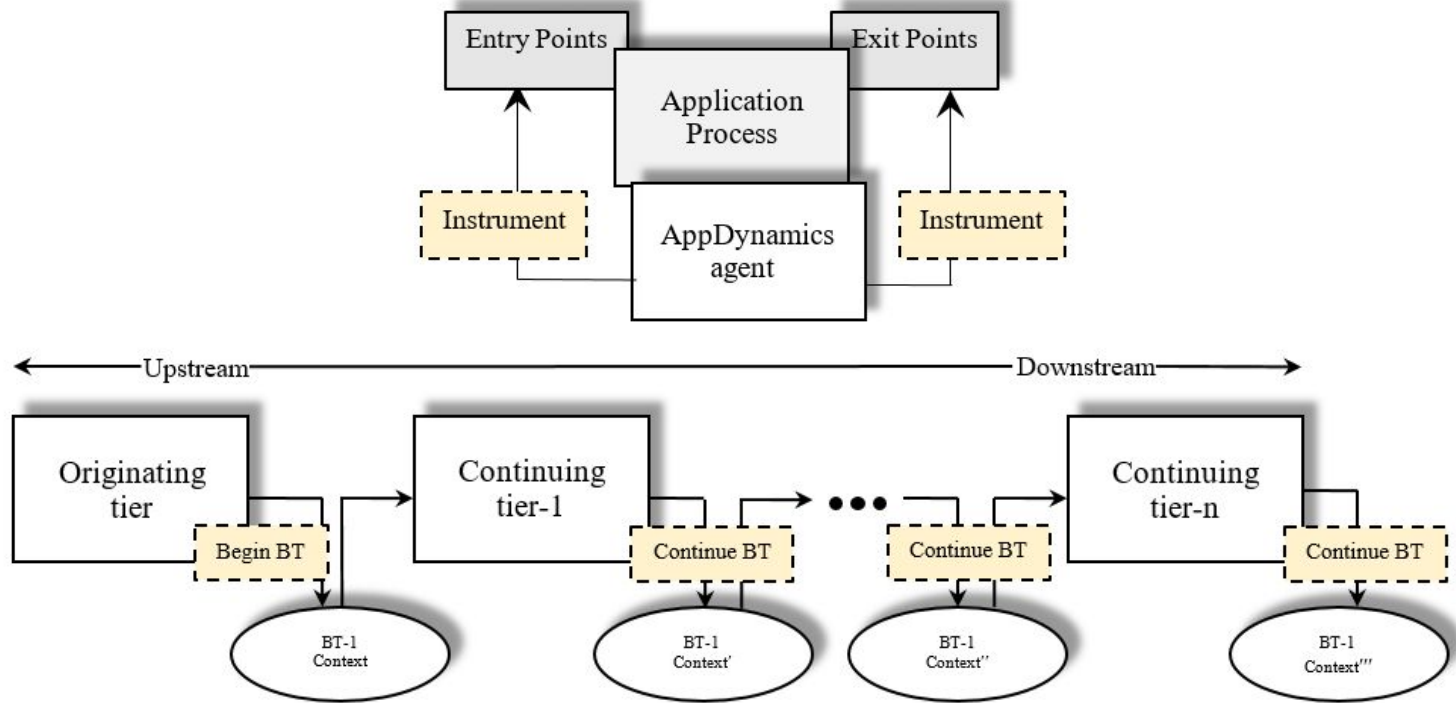
Logging Best Practices

- Easily parsed (JSON)
- Time (long), Source
- Log errors and exceptions
- Logs are not transaction records, they are not good metric stores
- Write your own identifiers for each statement logged (or instrument and inject)
- Think about security implications (plain text, on disk, syslog insecure)
- Keep small (thanks Java, .NET...)
- Don't overdo it (performance implications)

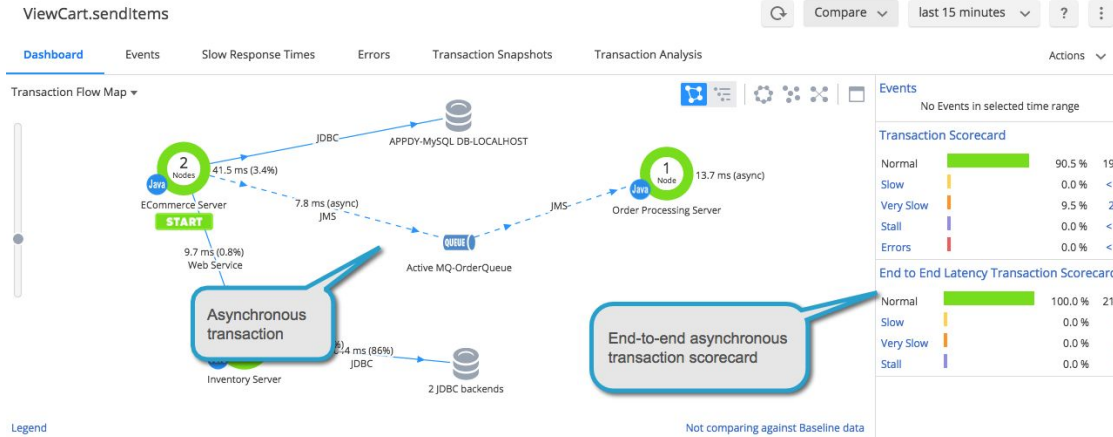
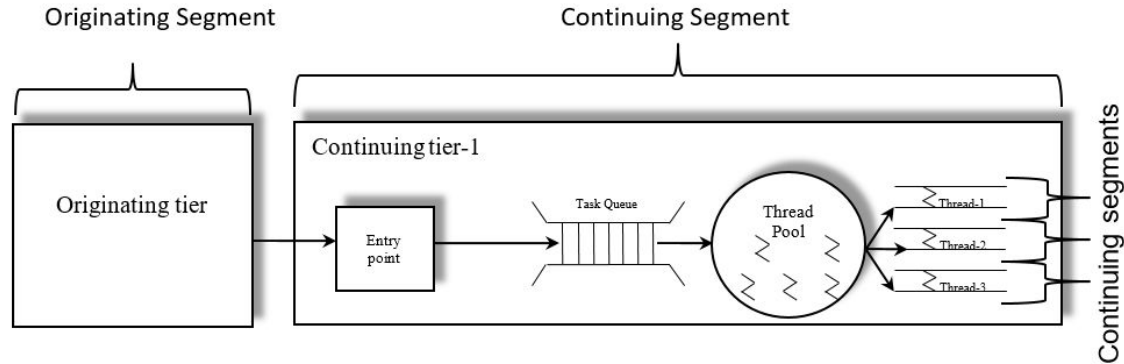
Transaction Correlation



Correlation in end to end APM



Correlation in asynchronous calls (headache)

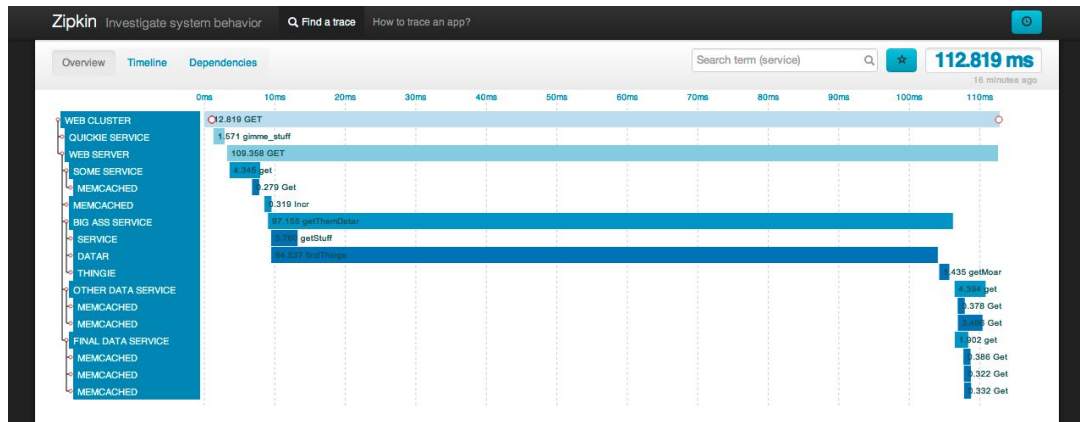
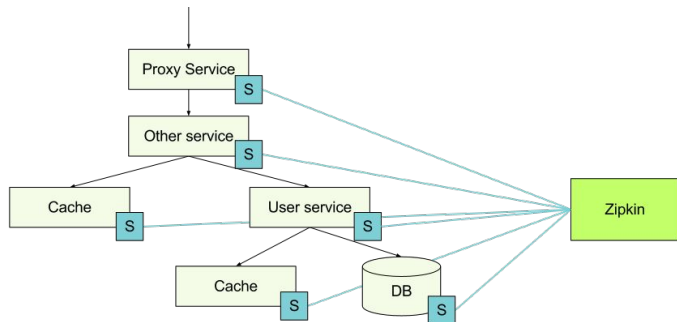


Correlation in Open Source



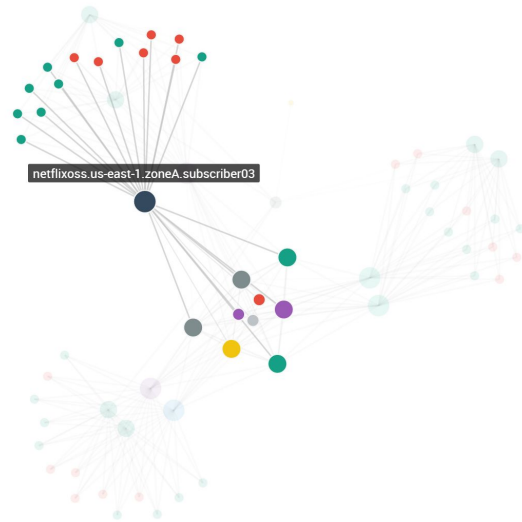
Zipkin is the most advanced, many new forks and instrumentations (Java, JavaScript, Python, Ruby, C#, Go)

No async support :(



Future of Correlation in Open Source

- OpenTracing an open standard API for instrumentation
 - Doesn't manage overhead, can hang yourself
- PivotTracing runs distributed traces on demand
 - After issues detected
- Spigo visualization and simulation lots of evolution



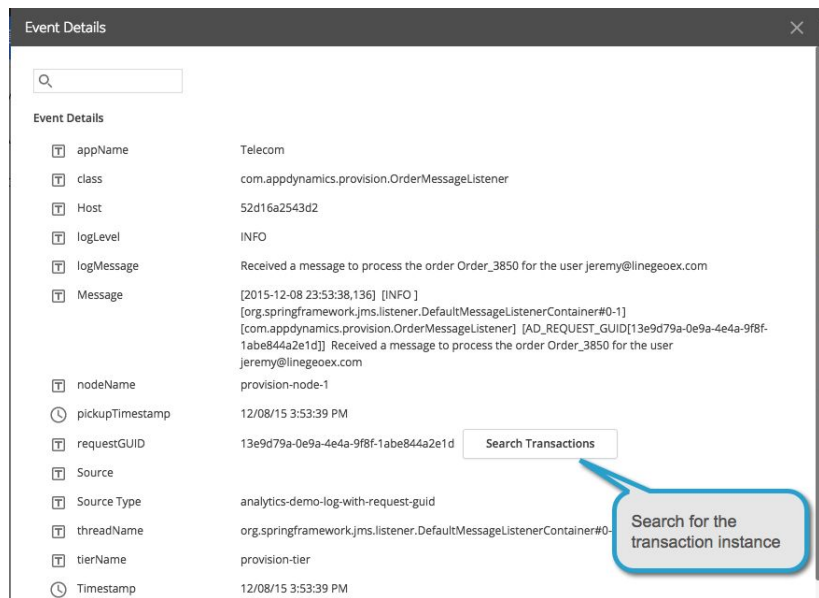
Correlation in Logs

- Log every transaction segment
- Persist a GUID or transaction ID
- This is very difficult in large teams
- Inefficient to analyze and pull metrics from logs
- Doesn't work unless you own the code

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INFO,2013-04-03 11:29:52.892,internal,345678,789012,service3,TheirApp,jimmy,NA,163,NA,NA
[/code]
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Transaction Correlation and Logs!

- Many integrations across APM and Log vendors
- Can add correlation in code and use any log tool
 - ex: [%X{AD.requestGUID}]
- We auto inject and correlate (one platform)



The screenshot displays the 'Event Details' window in AppDynamics. It features a search bar at the top and a table of event details. The table includes fields like appName, class, host, logLevel, logMessage, and Message. A callout box points to the 'Message' field, which contains a log entry with a transaction GUID. A button labeled 'Search Transactions' is visible, and a speech bubble indicates the search results.

Field	Value
appName	Telecom
class	com.appdynamics.provision.OrderMessageListener
Host	52d16a2543d2
logLevel	INFO
logMessage	Received a message to process the order Order_3850 for the user jeremy@lilinegeoex.com
Message	[2015-12-08 23:53:38.136] [INFO] [org.springframework.jms.listener.DefaultMessageListenerContainer#0-1] [com.appdynamics.provision.OrderMessageListener] [AD_REQUEST_GUID[13e9d79a-0e9a-4e4a-9f8f-1abe844a2e1d]] Received a message to process the order Order_3850 for the user jeremy@lilinegeoex.com
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pickupTimestamp	12/08/15 3:53:39 PM
requestGUID	13e9d79a-0e9a-4e4a-9f8f-1abe844a2e1d
Source	
Source Type	analytics-demo-log-with-request-guid
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tierName	provision-tier
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Search Transactions

Search for the transaction instance

Intro to AppDynamics



Principles of Digital Transformation

1

The App is the Business

2

Velocity is Critical

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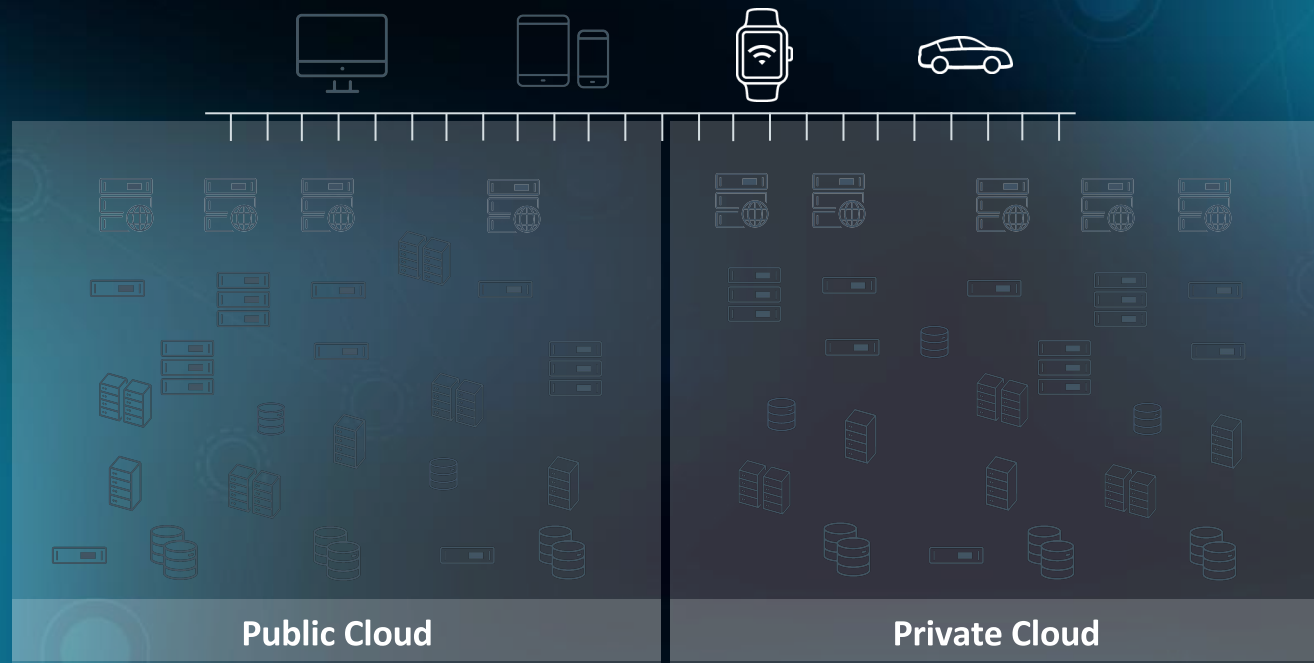
Agile Architectures

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Public Cloud

Application Complexity is Exploding

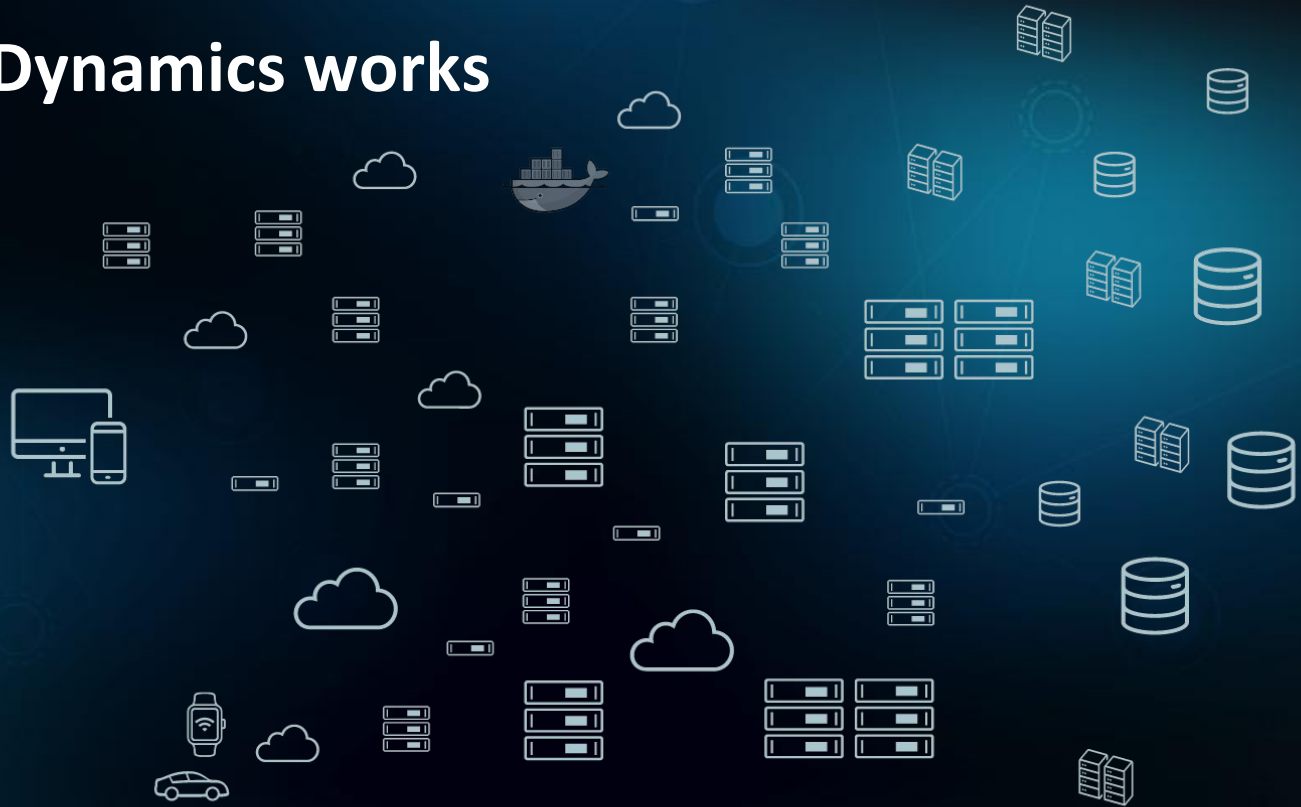
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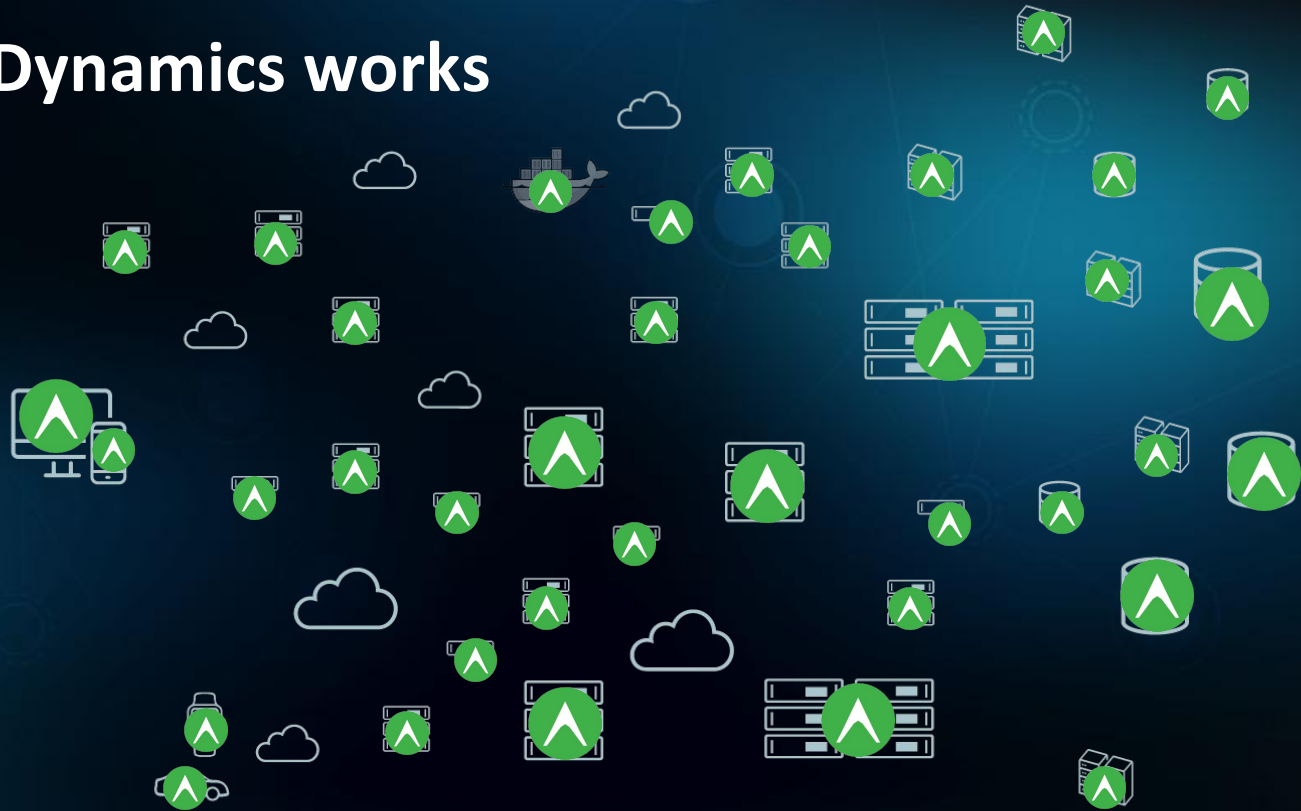
Trends

1. Multi-device & IoT
2. Microservices & Containers
3. Micro-databases & NoSQL
4. Hybrid Cloud
5. Continuous Deployment

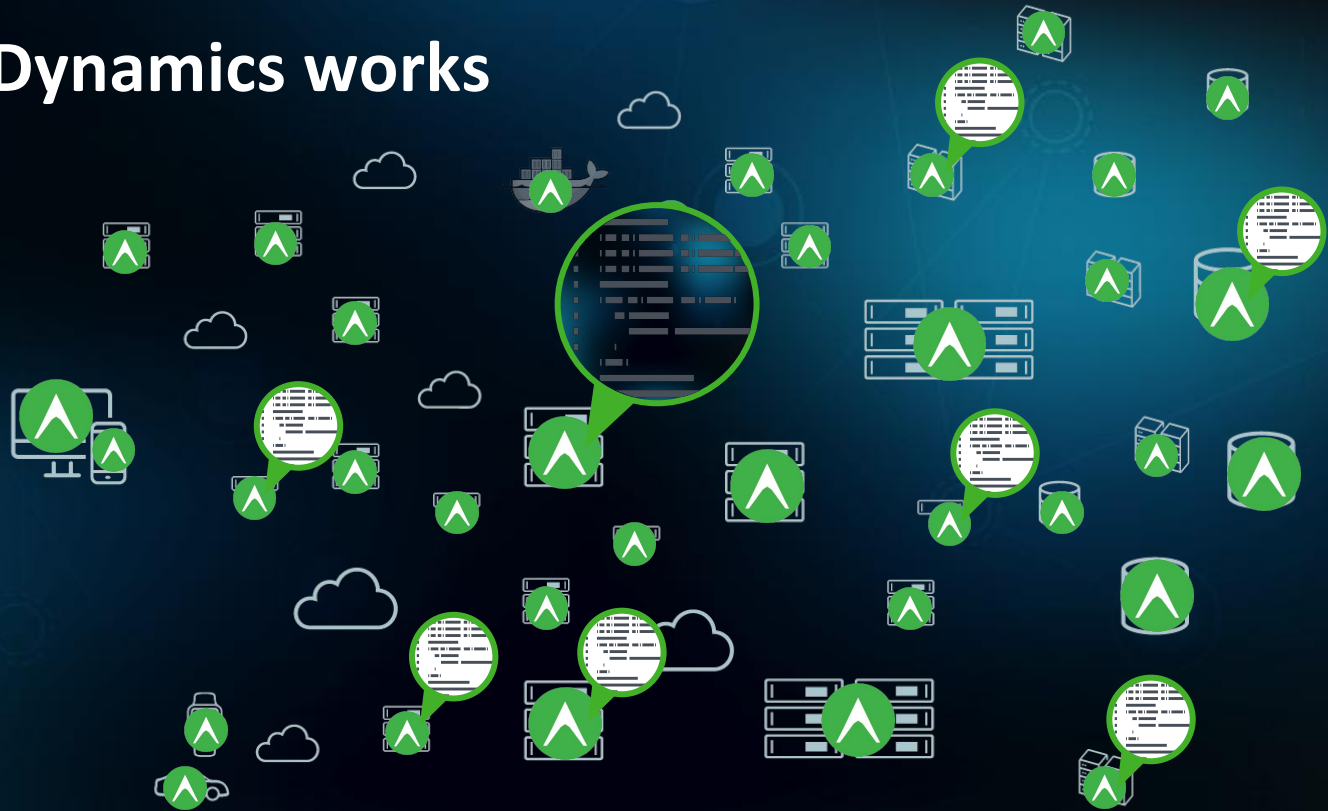
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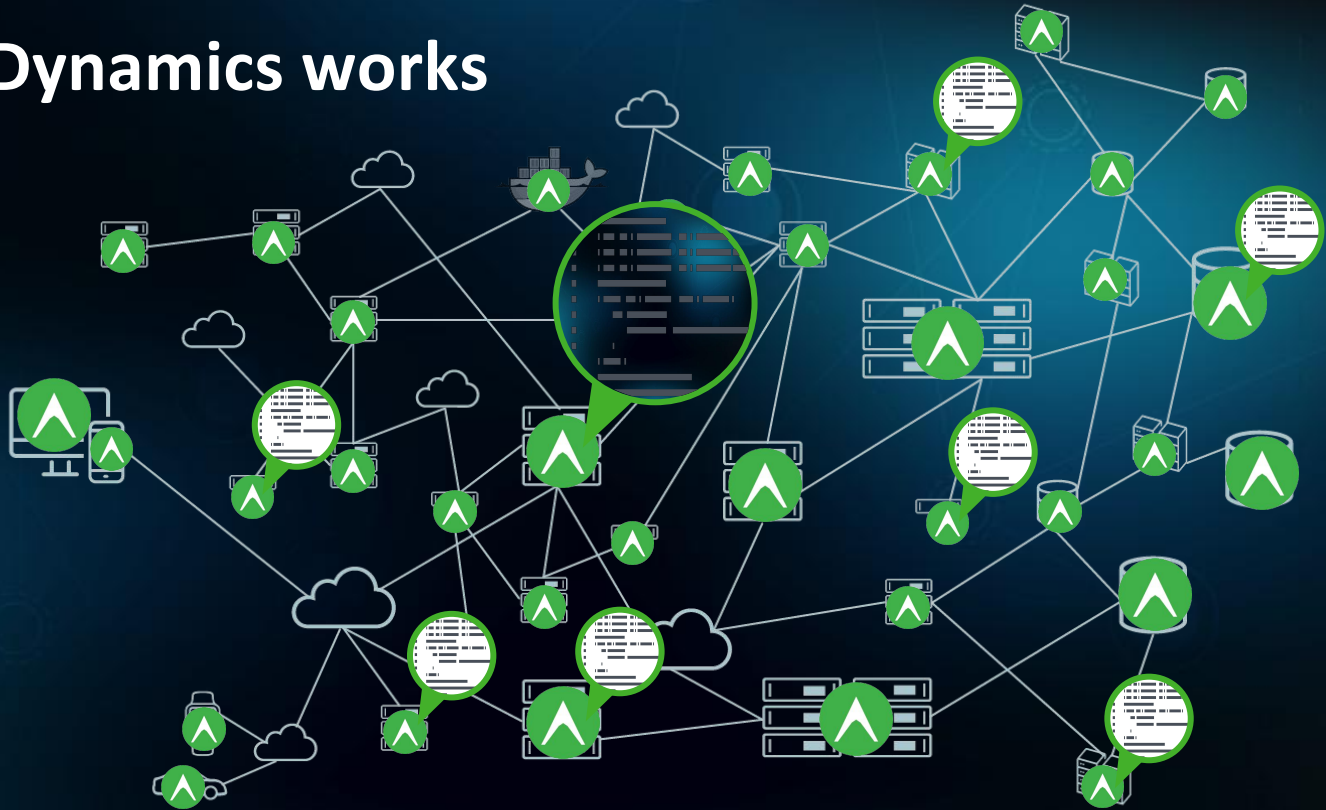
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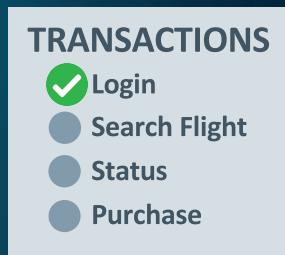
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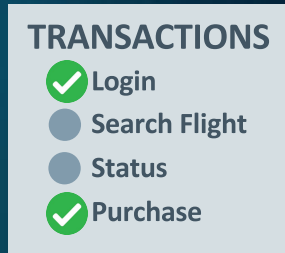
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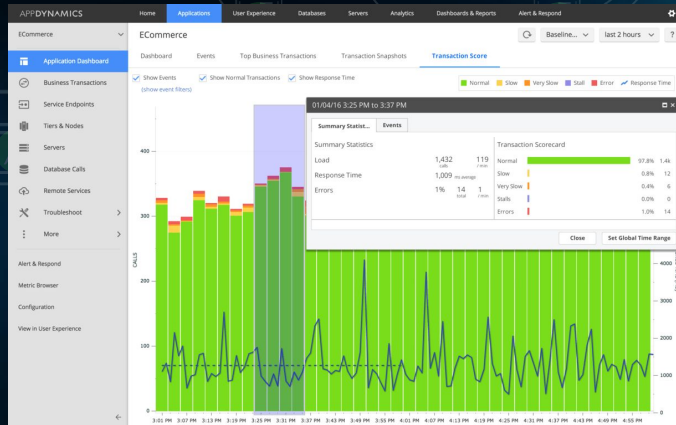
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Operations

TRANSACTIONS

- ✓ Login
- Search Flight
- Status
- Purchase



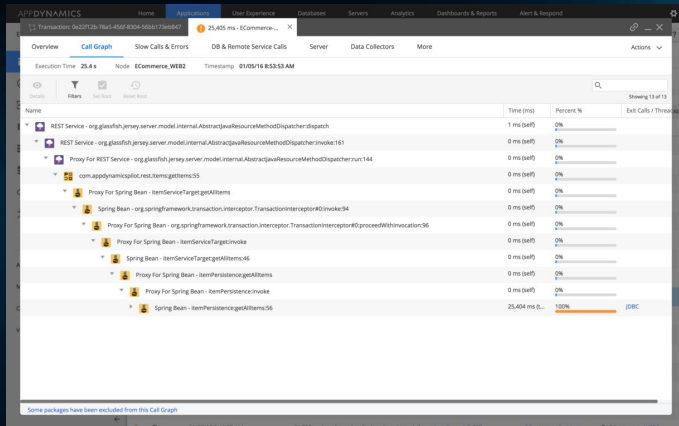
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Developer

TRANSACTIONS

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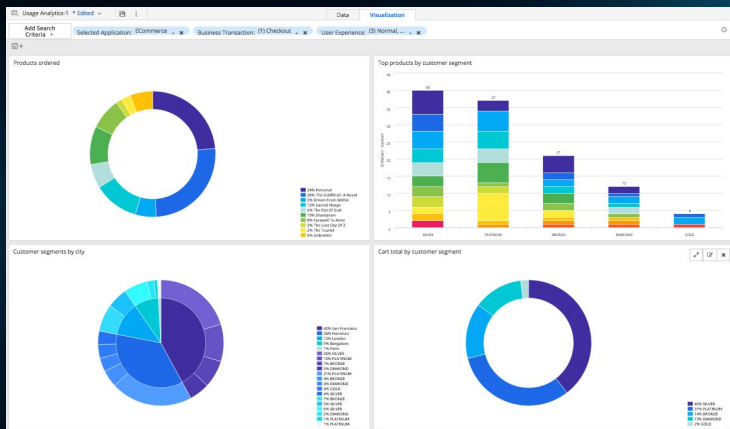
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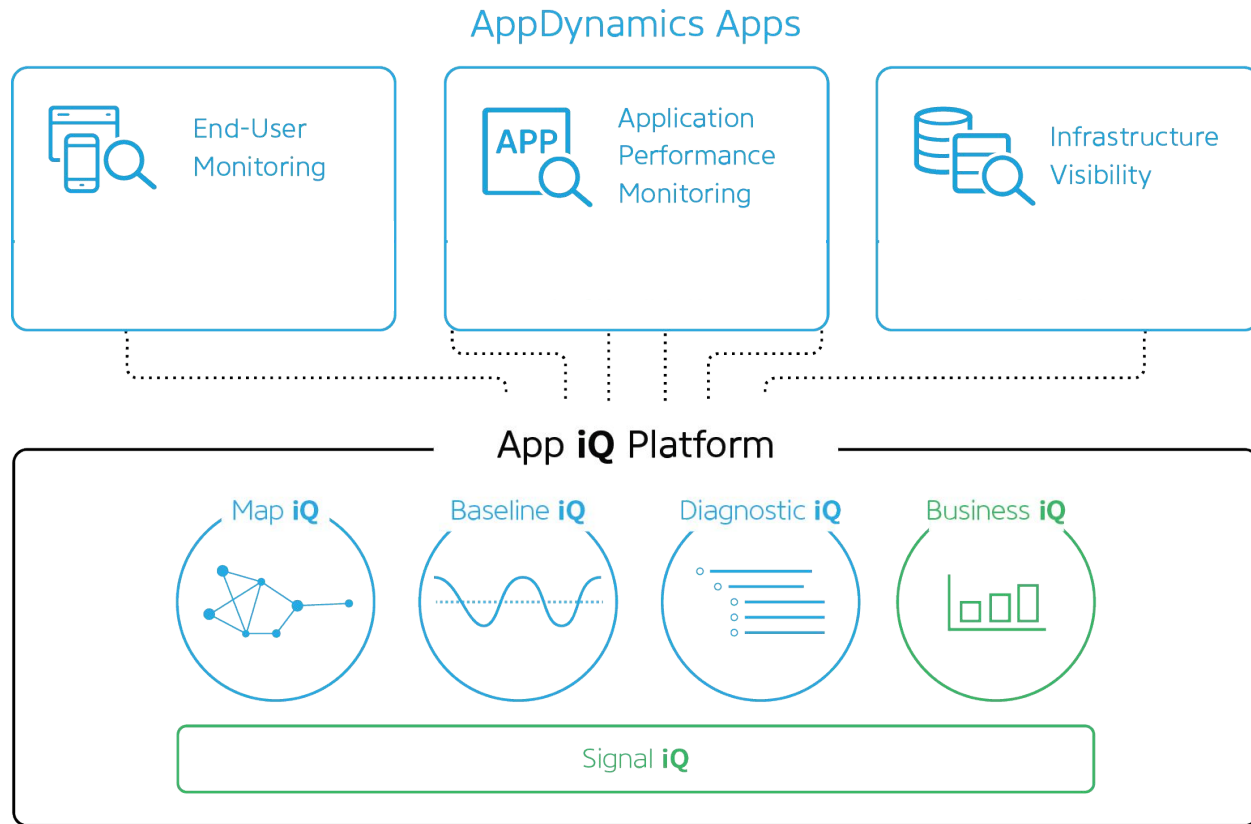
Business

TRANSACTIONS

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Application and Business Monitoring Products



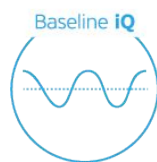
App iQ Platform Summary



Discover a business processing unit – BT

Self learn its performance metrics – report constantly, all traffic

Self learn its distributed activity – report constantly, all traffic



Self learn its performance thresholds – evaluate constantly

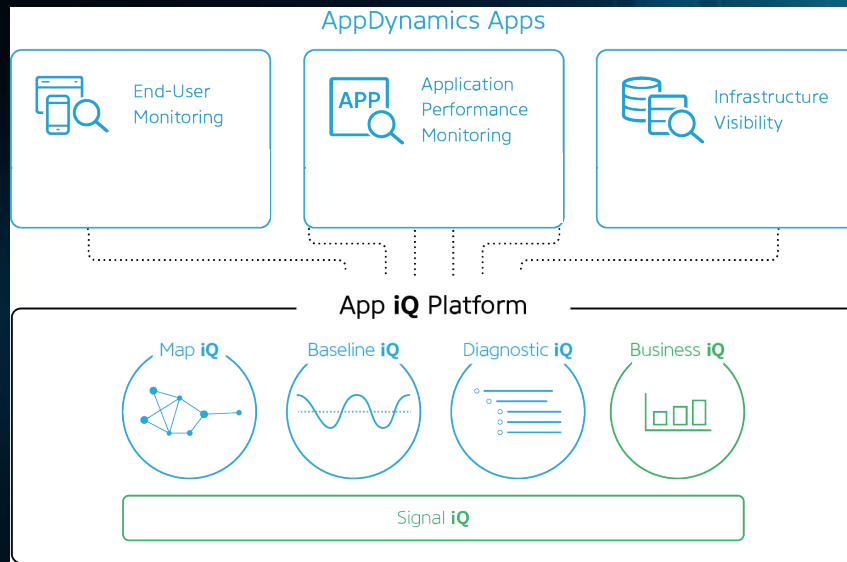
Self learn code level activity – report only when needed



Automatic detection of SLA failures

Self collect diagnostics – for anomalies and problem patterns

App iQ is Extensible



servicenow



Over 100 3rd Party Extensions



AppD Cloud

Private Cloud

Key AppDynamics Differentiators

Map iQ

End-to-end business transaction tracing

Full business context



Baseline iQ

Machine learning

Alerting on deviations from baseline



Diagnostic iQ

Deep diagnostic data to code-level

Low overhead, in high-scale, production environments



Business iQ

Real-time business monitoring and alerting

Correlate app performance and business impact

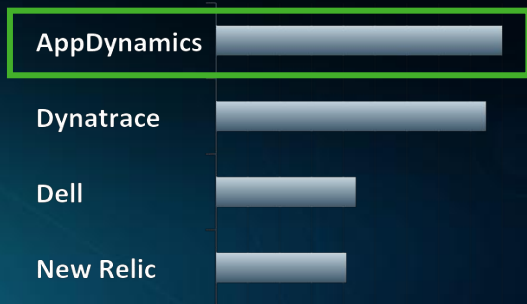


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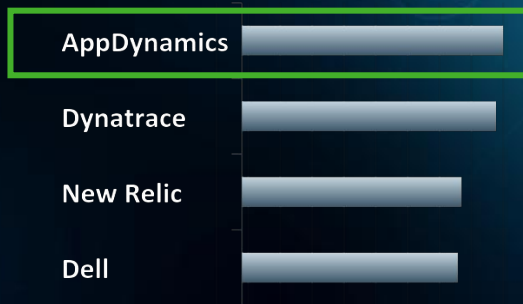


Gartner Rates AppDynamics #1 Across All Critical Capabilities

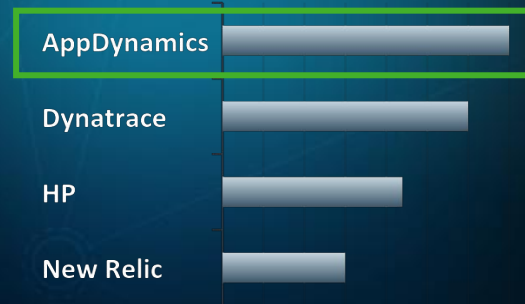
AppDynamics #1 – Application Support



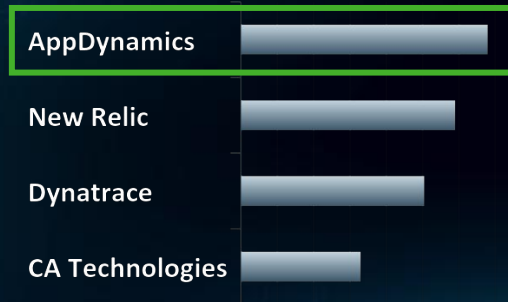
AppDynamics #1 – Application Development



AppDynamics #1 – IT Operations



AppDynamics #1 – Line of Business











































AppDynamics #1 – DevOps Release



Source: Gartner Critical Capabilities for APM, 2016

The World's Leading Enterprises Use AppDynamics

Financial Services	Industrial	Media and Entertainment	Tech/Telecom	Healthcare	Consumer	Government	Partners
							
							
							
							
							

“In their own words”

“Without AppDynamics, the transformation from being **reactive** to **proactive** would not have been possible!”

- The Container Store

“Business transactions gave the ING team an entirely new **perspective** on how to view requests across their distributed system.”

- ING

“AppDynamics provides historical data, so we can get **automated baseline** for normal performance and then trigger diagnostics if there’s a major deviation.”

- Priceline.com

“...it used to take several people looking at several different monitoring solutions, comparing numbers to find any problem with our system.”

- eHarmony

“AppDynamics is a **game changer**. It has transformed our applications into a living, breathing entity.”

- Pearson Education

“AppDynamics was rolled out globally across 23 data centers – deploying a total of 15,000 agents in just **one week** – all to a single AppDynamics report server.”

- Cisco

“It was **simple** to deploy. It took minutes, literally. In our proof of concept, we saw results within an hour.”

- NASDAQ

Source: AppDynamics Website

Thank You

