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Introduction to Autonomic Computing

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Autonomic Computing Is

A continuously evolving and dynamic state that establishes the correct balance between what is managed by a person and what is managed by the system



Focus on business, not infrastructure

Self-managing Systems

Self-managing systems that deliver:

Increased Responsiveness

Adapt to dynamically changing environments

Operational Efficiency

Tune resources and balance workloads to maximize use of IT resources

Business Resiliency

Discover, diagnose, and act to prevent disruptions

Secure Information and Resources

Anticipate, detect, identify, and protect against attacks

"Autonomic computing allows companies to operate more efficiently and achieve more from their existing IT environments, enabling increased responsiveness, business continuance and availability." —Rick Sturm

Self-

Configuring

Self-

Optimizing

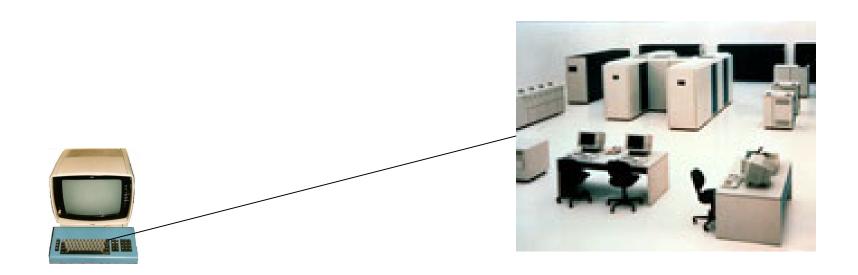
Self-

Healing

Self-

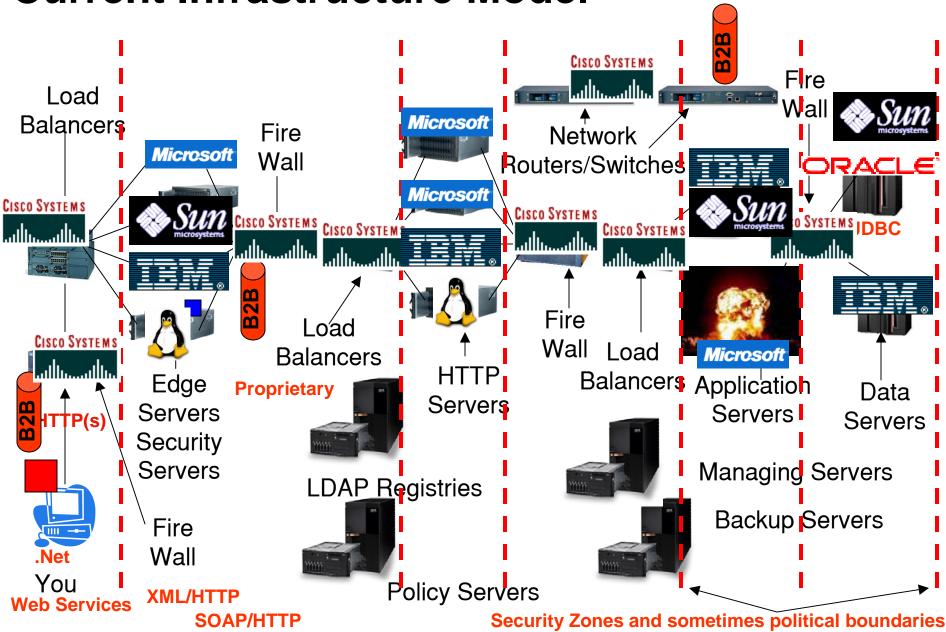
Protecting

Old Infrastructure (less than 20 years ago)



Problems and management were pretty simple "Way back when". The terminal was connected to the server, maybe a control unit, in between, but the connection and application either worked or it didn't, there weren't a lot of places to look, if something was wrong.

Current Infrastructure Model





Current Monitoring/Management Process

- Usually done at the server level and some subsystem level using
 - Tivoli
 - BMC
 - Candle
 - Etc.
- Network components usually done separately
- "Applications" usually aren't monitored or are not tied in
- Correlation of failure and request are not easy

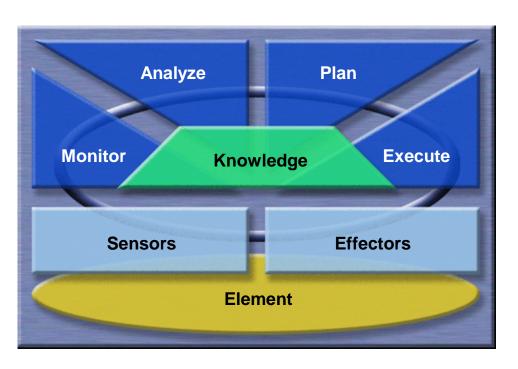
System 390 Mainframes (for over 10 years)

- Memory Sparing
- CPU Sparing
- If either the Memory or CPU fails
 - The bad element is taken out of service
 - The spare is placed in service
 - IBM is notified (by phone) to come repair the system
- This technology is now being placed in other server lines

Autonomic Computing Deployment Model

	Basic Level 1	Managed Level 2	Predictive Level 3	Adaptive Level 4	Autonomic Level 5
Characteristics	Multiple sources of system generated data	Consolidation of data and actions through management tools	System monitors, correlates and recommends actions	System monitors, correlates and takes action	Integrated components dynamically managed by business rules/policies
Skills	Requires extensive, highly skilled IT staff	IT staff analyzes and takes actions	IT staff approves and initiates actions	IT staff manages performance against SLAs	IT staff focuses on enabling business needs
Benefits	Basic Requirements Met	Greater system awareness Improved productivity	Reduced dependency on deep skills Faster/better decision making	Balanced human/system interaction IT agility and resiliency	Business policy drives IT management Business agility and resiliency
	Manual Autonomic				

Core Building Blocks for an open architecture



- An autonomic element contains a continuous control loop that monitors activities and takes actions to adjust the system to meet business objectives
- Autonomic elements learn from past experience to build action plans
- Managed elements need to be instrumented consistently

How do we make components autonomic?

- Autonomic elements have two management tasks
 - They manage themselves
 - They manage their relationships with other elements through negotiated agreements

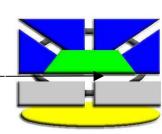
Autonomic Database



"I need to allocate some additional table space"

"I am reallocating storage and moving the information"

Autonomic Storage Array



Multiple Contexts for Autonomic Behavior

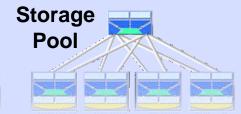
Customer Relationship Management



Enterprise Resource **Planning**

Business Solutions (Business Policies, **Processes, Contracts)**

Server **Enterprise Farm Network**



Groups of Elements (Inter-element self-management)













System Elements

Servers

Storage

Network Devices

Middleware

Database

Applications

(Intra-element self-management)

Standards based solutions

- Some standards already exist
 - HTTP, XML, Web Services etc.
- Need new ones
 - New event/log format standard (proposed by IBM)
 - CBE (Common Base Event) format
 - XML based
 - Extendable
 - Vendor neutral
 - Generic Log Adapters to convert existing logs to CBE format on the fly
 - Tools to work with the new standard (IBM's is Eclipse based)

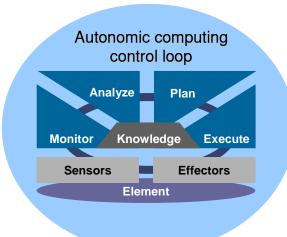
Autonomic Technologies













Self-Healing/Problem Determination



Tivoli Intelligent Orchestrator Autonomic Computing core technologies innovation provides building blocks that enable key on-demand capabilities

Heterogeneous workload management

Solution Install

Customer pain point: Difficulty of deployment in complex systems

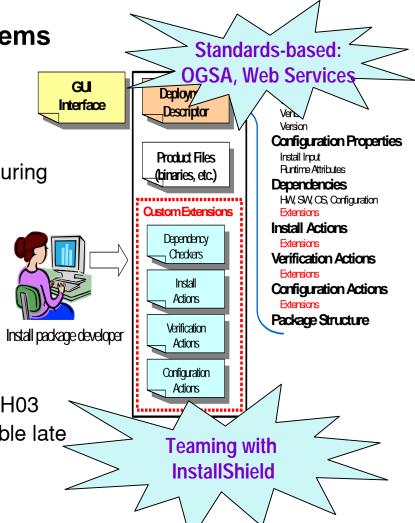
Value:

 One consistent software installation technology across all products

- Consistent and up-to-date configuration and dependency data, key to building self-configuring autonomic systems
- Reduced deployment time with less errors
- Reduced software maintenance time, improved analysis of failed system components
- Component-based product install

Delivery:

- ISMP V5 currently available
- Component-based install available in ISMP V6 2H03
- Dependency mgmt API for solution config available late '03/early '04



Integrated Solutions Console for Common

System Admin

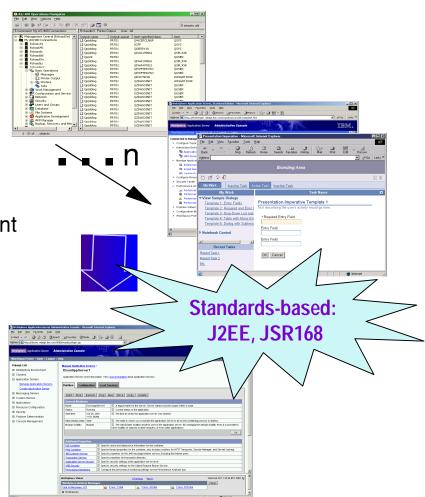
Customer pain point: Complexity of operations

Value:

- One consistent user interface across product portfolio
- Common runtime infrastructure and development tools based on industry standards, component reuse
- Provides a presentation framework for other autonomic core technologies

Delivery:

- Rollout by IBM server, storage and software products beginning 2H03
- Toolkit available for customers and ISV's within products as they roll out
- Check out ITM Health Monitor, or zPM



Policy Tools for Policy-based Management

Customer pain point:

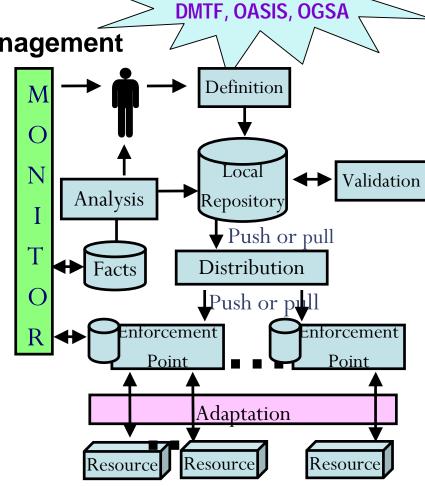
Complexity of product and systems management

Value:

- Uniform cross-product policy definition and management infrastructure, needed for delivering system-wide self-management capabilities
- Simplifies management of multiple products; reduced TCO
- Easier to dynamically change configuration in on-demand environment

Delivery:

- In early development stages of policy building blocks such as policy specification standards and WS-Policy enablement
- Some components available on alphaWorks in late 2003



Standards-based:

Business Workload Manager for Heterogeneous Workload Mgmt eWLM

Customer pain point: Unable to definitively determine cause of bottleneck in system

Value:

- Response time measurement and reporting of transaction processing segments
- Dynamic learning of transaction workflow topology through servers and middleware
- Drill-down through service class reporting to identify bottleneck processes

Delivery:

- ➤ Initial function rollout 2H04 (Now, part of VE)
- ➤ ARM instrumentation demo available on alphaWorks



Monitoring Engine for Autonomic Monitoring

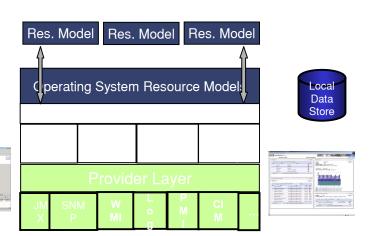
Customer pain point: Difficult to determine problem's root cause required to take corrective action

Value:

- Root cause analysis for IT failures not just surfacing symptoms
- Server level correlation of multiple IT systems
- Applies intelligent, automated corrective action

• Delivery:

- ITM available today
- Rollout across IBM products beginning 2H03
- Resource Model Builder available on alphaWorks now
- New release of ITM and RM Builder coming in 3Q03





Log and Trace Tool for Problem Determination

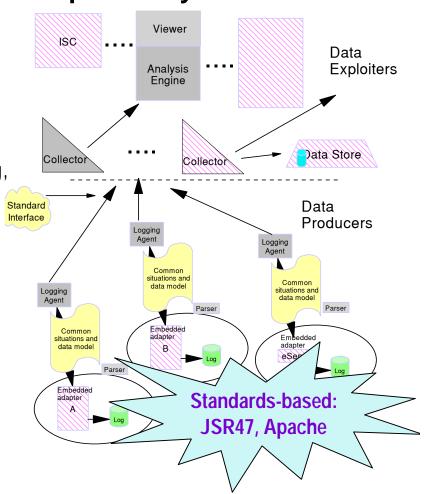
Customer pain point: Difficulty in analyzing problems in multi-component systems

Value:

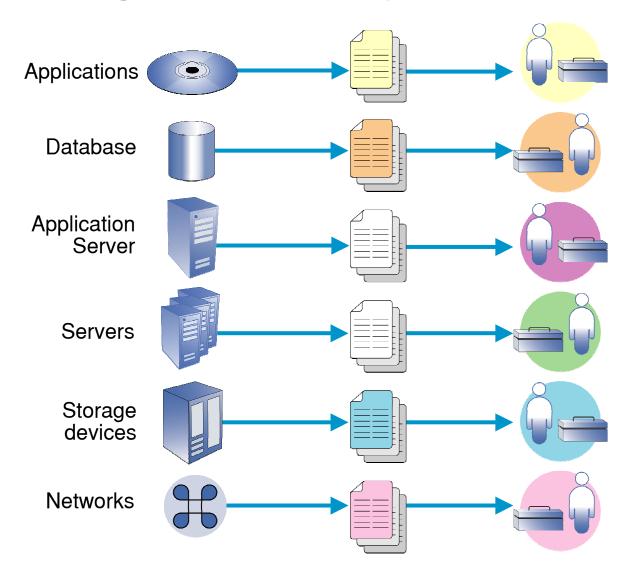
- Reduced time spent in problem analysis
- Central point of interaction with multiple data sources
- Introduces standard interfaces and formats for logging and tracing, key to building self-healing, self-optimizing autonomic system capabilities
- Correlated views of data

Delivery:

- Rollout by IBM server, storage and software products beginning 2H03
- Initial tool available on alphaWorks
- Eclipse-based version available in April
- Based on CBE (Common Base Event format Standard)

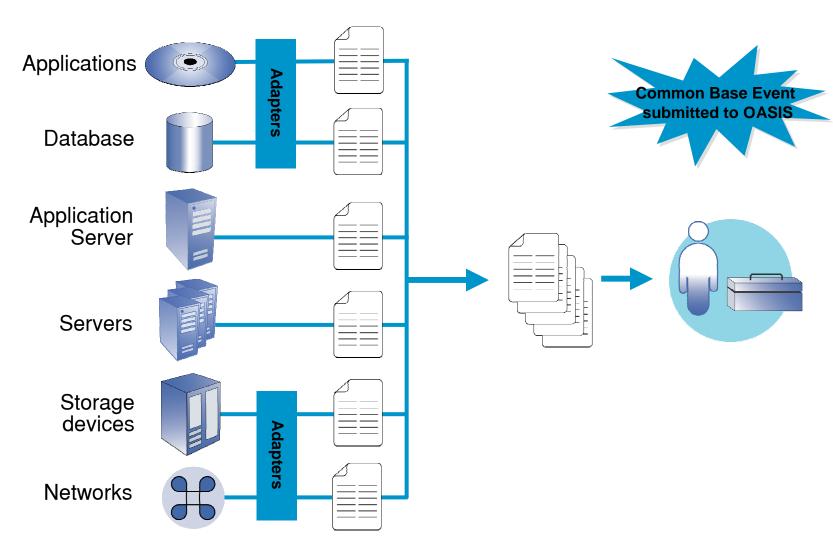


Log format today

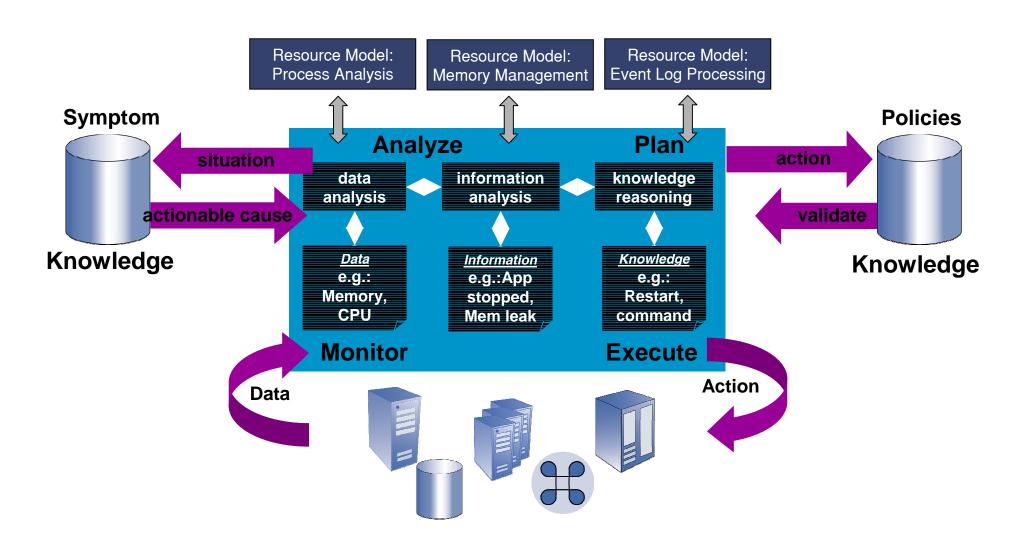


- Disparate pieces and parts
- Tools focused on individual products
- No common interfaces among tools
- No synergies in building tools OR in creating log entries

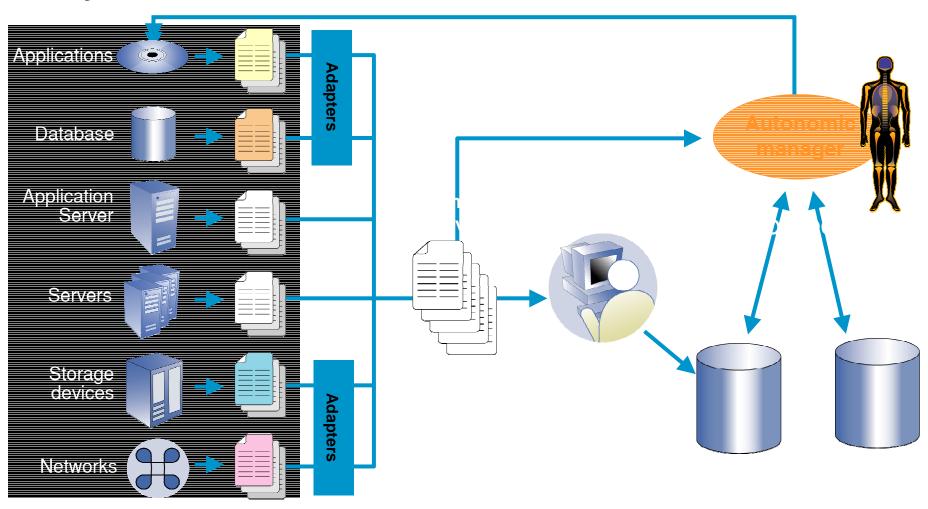
Log format tomorrow



Autonomic manager directions



Autonomic computing self-healing systems

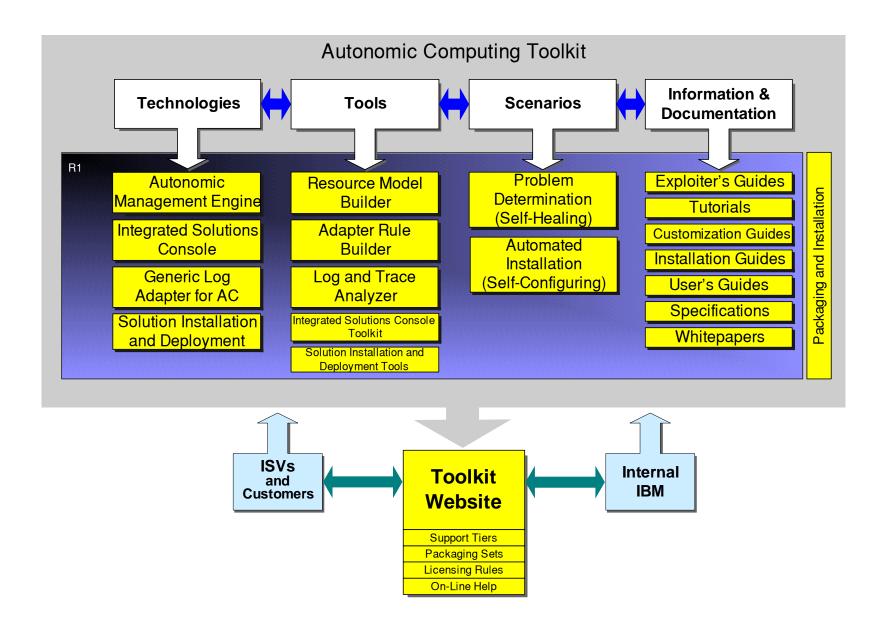


Introducing: An Autonomic Computing Toolkit

Customer pain point: How to implement end-to-end autonomic solutions Value:

- A complete implementation of a null autonomic manager which can be customized to meet your needs
- Components to simplify the incorporation of autonomic functions into applications
 - Building blocks for self-management
 - Monitoring, analysis, planning and execution components
 - Including autonomic computing technologies, grid tools, and services
- Pluggable
 - Defines interfaces and provides implementations for each major toolkit component
- Detailed examples and documentation for all components
 Delivery:
 - Now

AC toolkit components

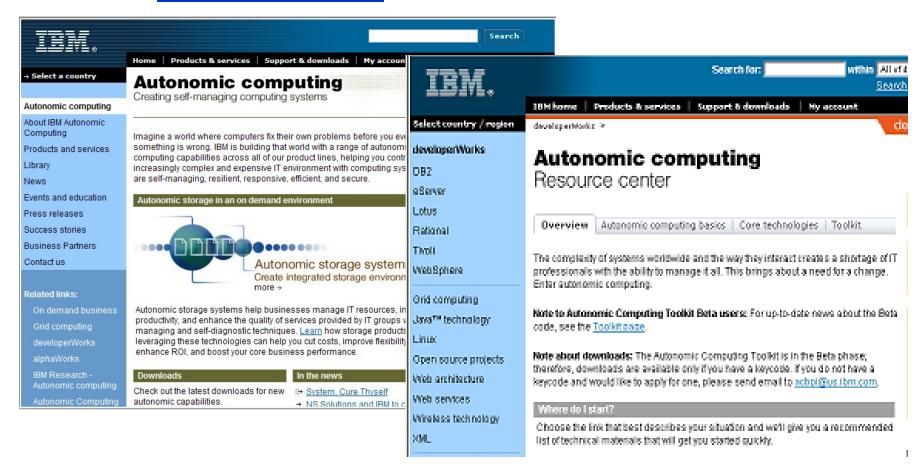


When will these technologies show up

- Available Now (or within 2 months)
 - Virtualization Engine (VE) (ISC & eWLM)
- In Plan
 - Tivoli Portal Manager has ISC in Plan
 - CBE Formatted logs in DB2, WebSphere, etc. products
 - Tivoli using Generic Log Adapter, CBE formatted events, Autonomic Management Engine, ISC is in plan

Autonomic computing toolkit

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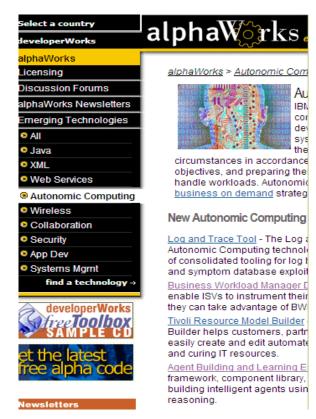
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Autonomic Computing alphaWorks Zone

One way to get started developing autonomic solutions

now

- Available on alphaWorks:
 - Log and Trace Tool
 - Business Workload Management Demo
 - Tivoli Resource Model Builder
 - Agent Building and Learning (ABLE)
 - IBM Grid Toolbox
 - Web Services Tools
- Coming in 2H03 components from:
 - Autonomic Computing Toolkit
 - Solution Install
 - Policy-based Management
 - and more!



Summary

- Autonomic Computing is evolutionary
- The journey has started
- There are some core capabilities and technologies that make up an Autonomic Computing Infrastructure
 - Log and Trace, Problem Determination
 - Common User Model
 - Monitoring
 - Common Install
 - Policy
 - Complex Analysis
 - Workload Management