



Tivoli System Automation for z/OS

Health-based application automation using System Automation for z/OS and OMEGAMON

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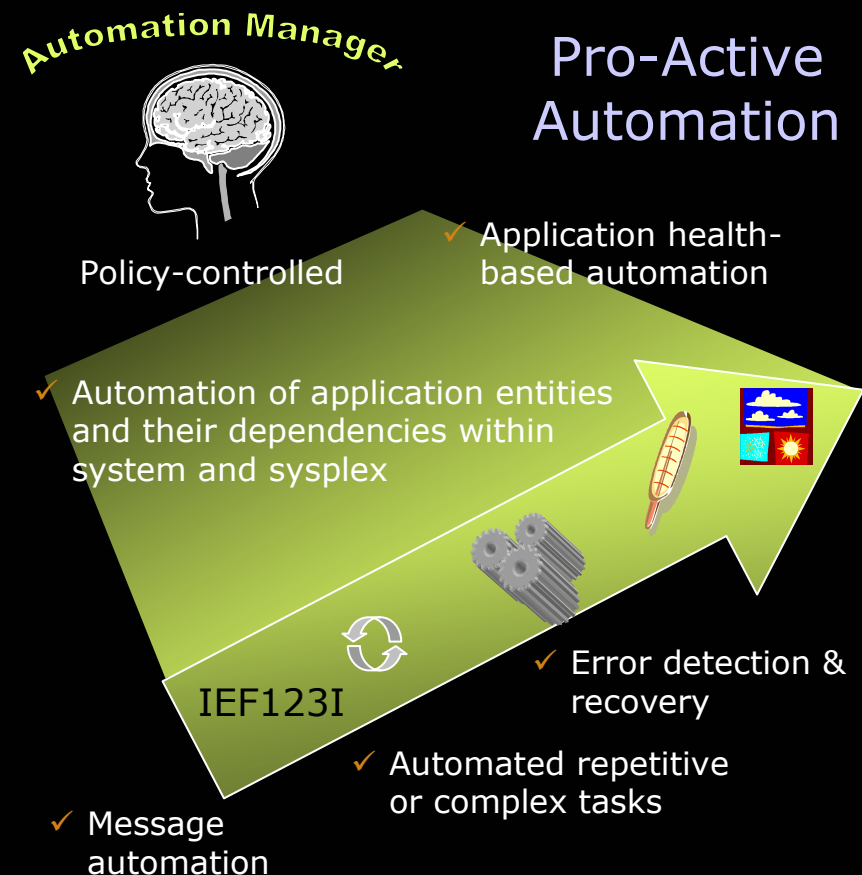
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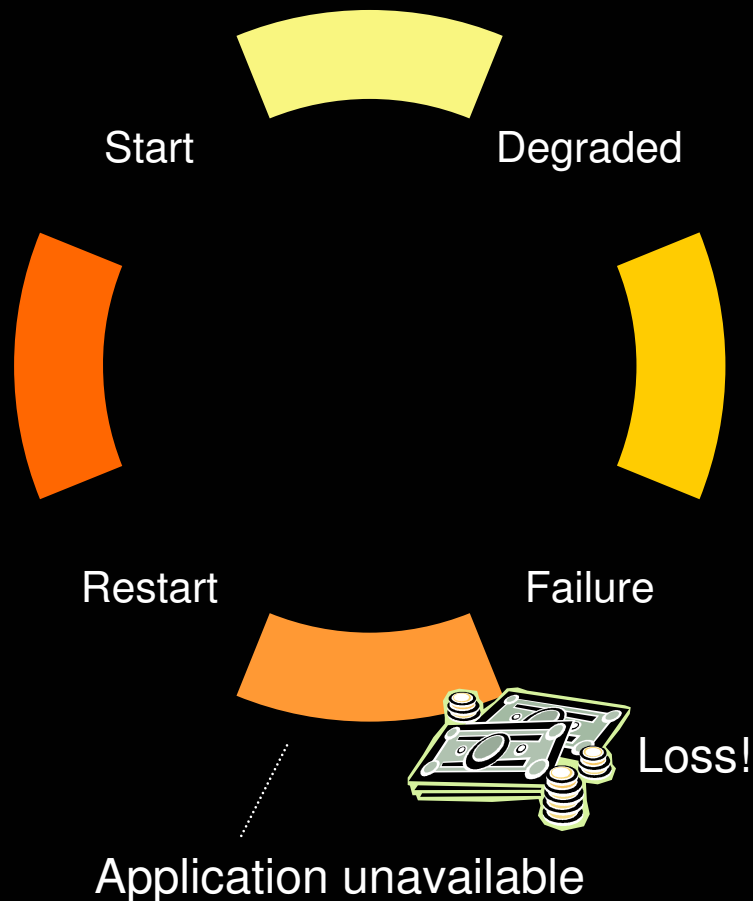
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Automation Evolution

- **Message filtering**
- **Message automation**
- **Error detection and recovery**
- **Resource management**
 - Start, stop, recycle
 - Dependencies between resources
- **High availability for business processes**
- **Autonomic computing**
 - Understanding health of system and applications
 - Pro-active automation

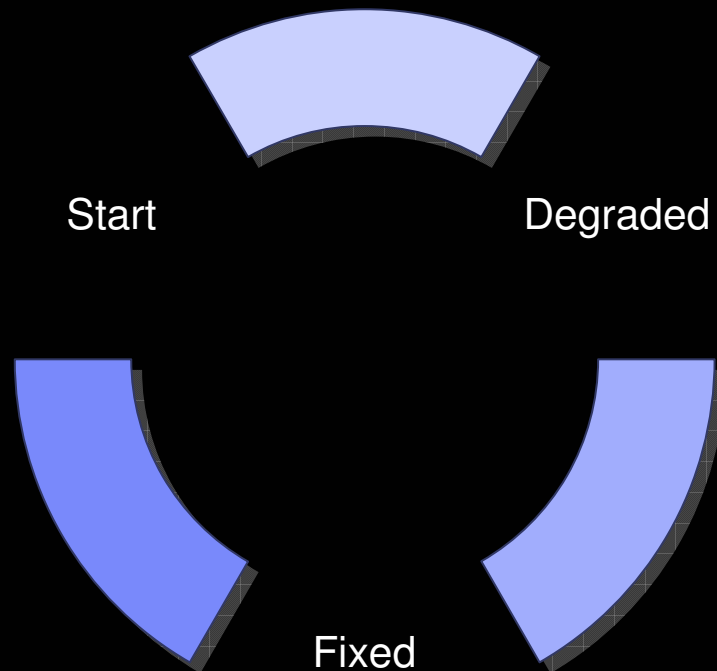


Application Life Cycle w/o Health Monitoring



- Application state is either up or down
- Gradients between up and down are unknown
- An outage may occur when a degraded application is detected too late
- Damage due to outages can be measured in '\$'s
- ➔ It is important to avoid or at least reduce application repair time to achieve higher availability

Application Life Cycle with Health Monitoring



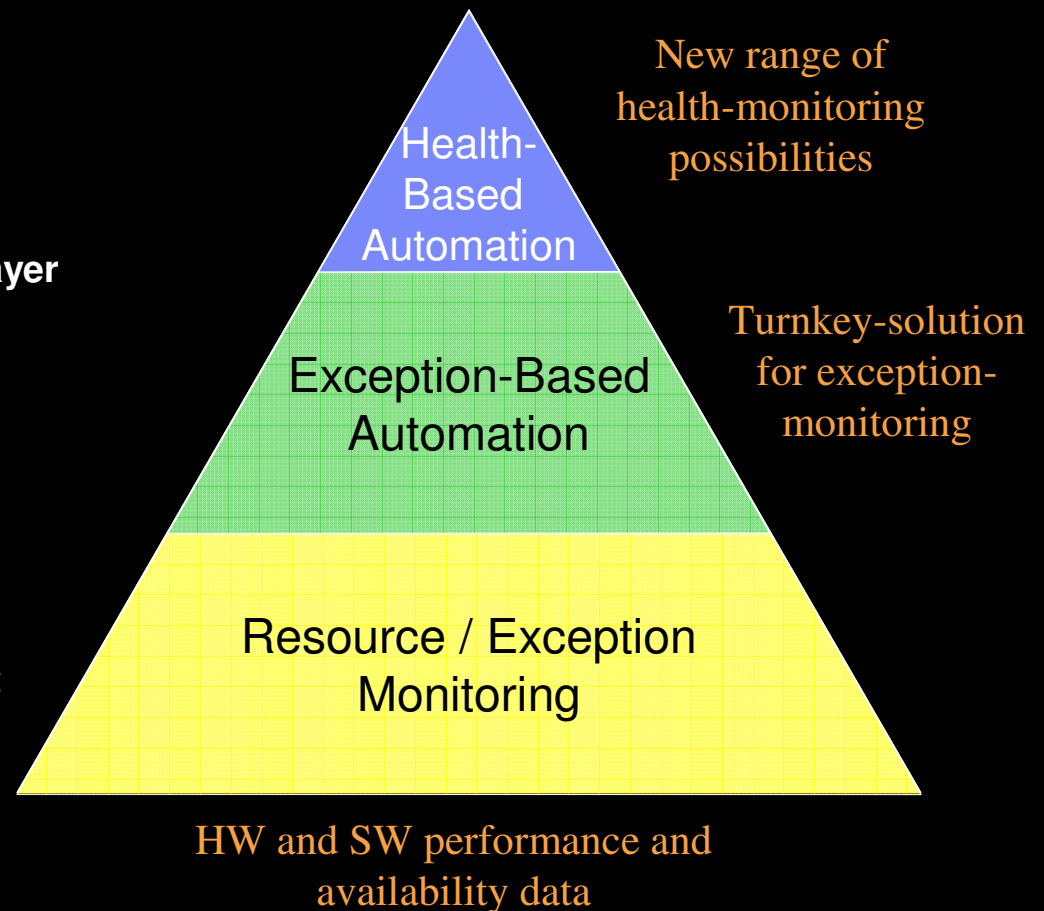
- **Ability to detect degraded health states**
- **Possible reactions**
 - Elimination of bottlenecks
 - Provisioning of additional resources
 - Consider pro-active application move
 - Prepare for “planned” outage
- **Goal: fix the problem before a failure occurs**

How does this Relate to Automation?

- **System Automation for z/OS**
 - Monitor Resource concept
 - Determination of application health
 - Ability to act before failure occurs

- **System Automation Integration-Layer**
 - OMEGAMON Classic interface
 - Situation detection New in V3.2
 - SOAP interface New in V3.2

- **IBM Tivoli Monitoring Products**
 - OMEGAMON Classic
 - OMEGAMON XE
 - Composite Application Management
 - Tivoli Business Systems Manager
 - Tivoli Workload Scheduler
 - NetView
 - ...



Tivoli Monitoring Integration Roadmap

TEP Integration

- ✓ Workspaces / Views / Situations
- ✓ Closer proximity to other z/OS monitoring applications
- ✓ Automation information in context with other monitoring information

SA z/OS V3.2

Integration with OMEGAMON XE

- ✓ Health-based automation based on situations
- ✓ Control of situations from automation scripts
- ✓ Access to performance + availability data of any IBM Tivoli Monitoring product

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OMEGAMON classic integration

- ✓ Health-based automation based on exceptions
- ✓ Access to performance + availability data of Tivoli OMEGAMON II products
- ✓ Ability to issue OMEGAMON classic commands

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Sample policy for former Candle products and components

- ✓ Start, stop and dependency management

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OMEGAMON Classic Exception Monitoring ...

- **OMEGAMON LEXSY-command triggers exception analysis for**
 - System-wide exceptions, e.g. XCSA for common storage area utilization
 - Address space exceptions, e.g. WAIT for address space wait times
- **Exceptional conditions are calculated based on internal OMEGAMON cycles**
- **Example:**

```
LEXSY      OMEGAMON/MVS Exception Analysis
+ XREP Number of Outstanding Replies = 6
+ FXFR STC *MASTER*      | Fixed Frames in use = 2937
+ WSHI      *MASTER*      | Working Set Size = 12592K (High)
+ FXFR STC PCAUTH         | Fixed Frames in use = 88
+ WAIT      PCAUTH         | wait: 8:04 DY
```

OMEGAMON Classic Exception Monitoring (*cont.*)

- **Exception thresholds can be set and displayed with the XACB command, e.g.**

```
XACB LIST=XCSA
```

```
: XCSA
+   DISPLAY Parameters:   THRESHOLD Parameters:   XLF Parameters:
:   State=ON             Threshold=85             Auto=OFF
:   Group=OP             Display=CLR2             Log=OFF
:   Bell=OFF             Attribute=NONE           Limit=0 (0)
:   BOX Parameters:      CYCLE Parameters:       Repeat=NO
:   Boxchar='+'          EXNcyc=0                 Persist=0
:   Boxclr=CLR2          Stop=0 (0)                SS=
:   Boxattr=NONE         Cumulative=0
```

- **In the example above, the setting for XCSA indicates that an exception is reported for CSA utilization > 85%**

IBM Tivoli Monitoring Situation Handling...

The screenshot shows the 'Situations for - Cryptographic Coprocessors' configuration window. The left pane lists various situations under the 'MVS System' category, with 'Crypto_CKDS_80PCT_Full' selected. The main pane shows the configuration for this situation, including a description, a formula editor, and various settings.

Description: The cryptographic key dataset is 80% full

Formula:

	Status	CKDS 80Full
1	== Active	== Yes
2		
3		

Click inside a cell of the formula editor to see a description of the attribute for that column and to compose the expression.

Add a condition by clicking **Add conditions** and selecting the situations to embed or

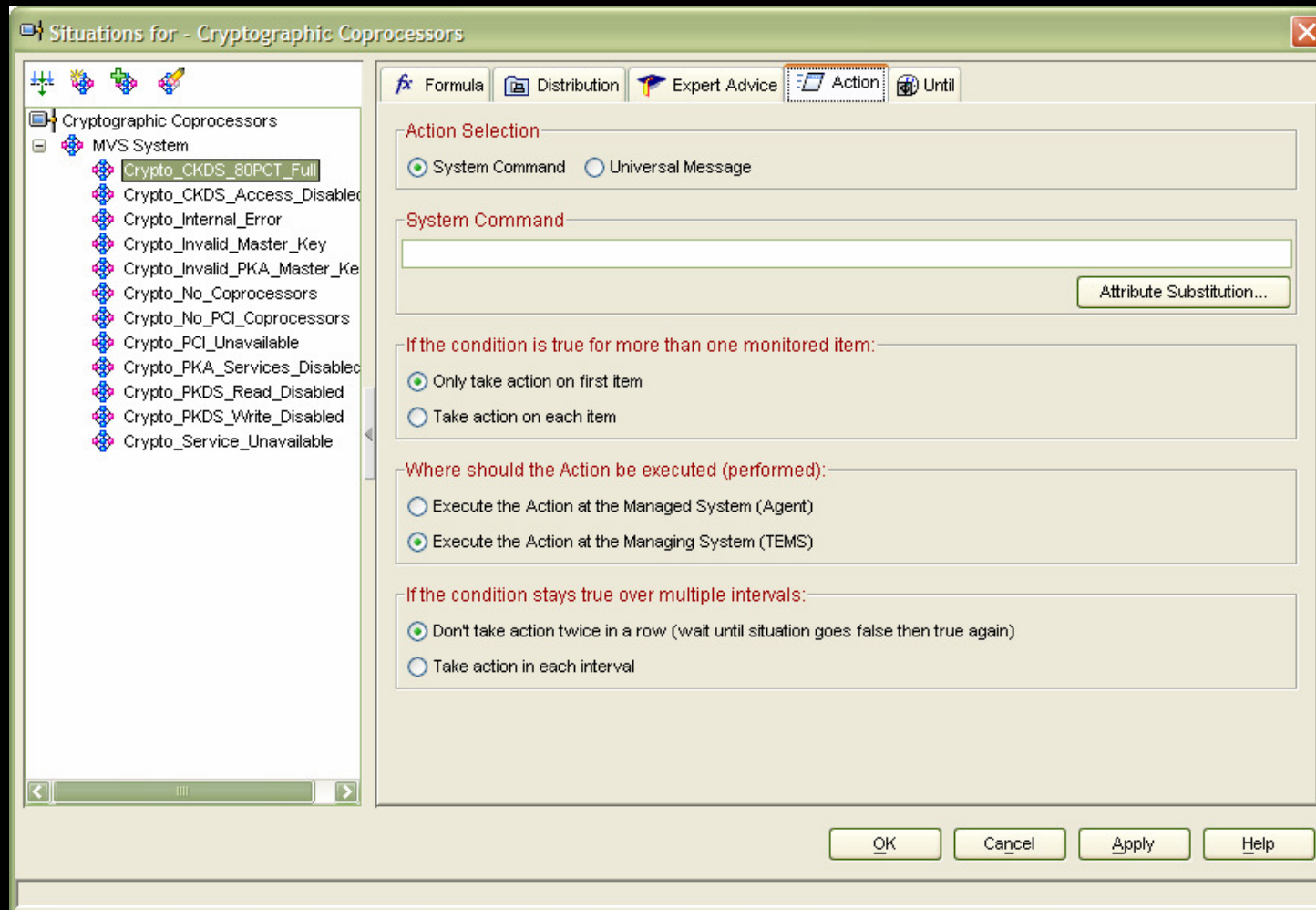
Situation Formula Capacity:

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ddd hh mm ss

Sound: Enable critical.wav

State: Critical

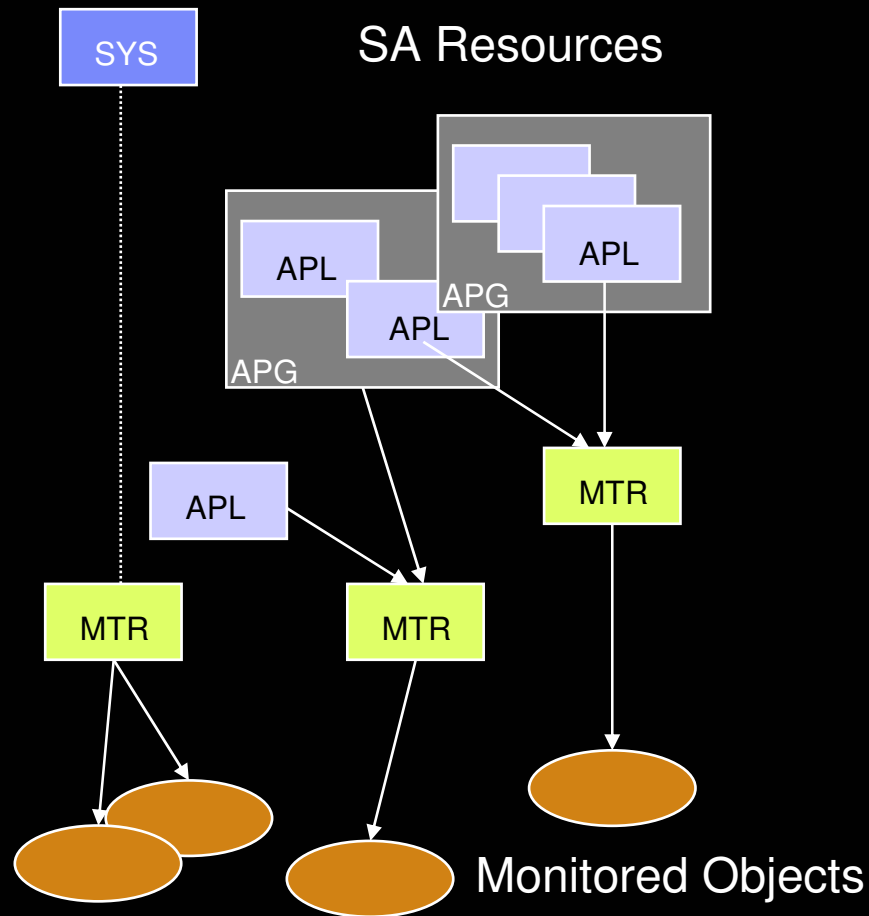
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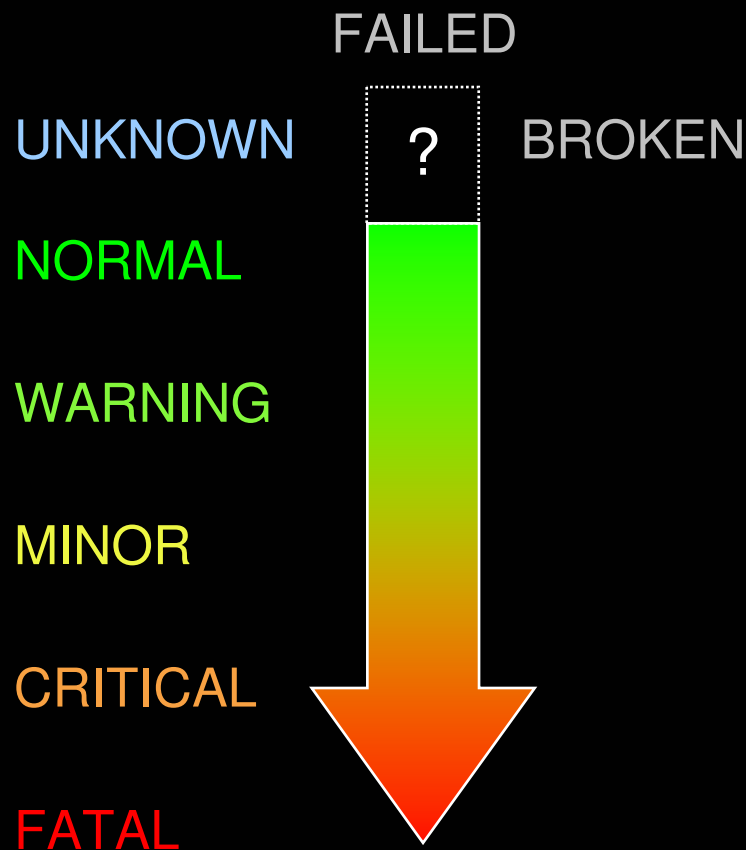
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Monitor Resources – At a Glance



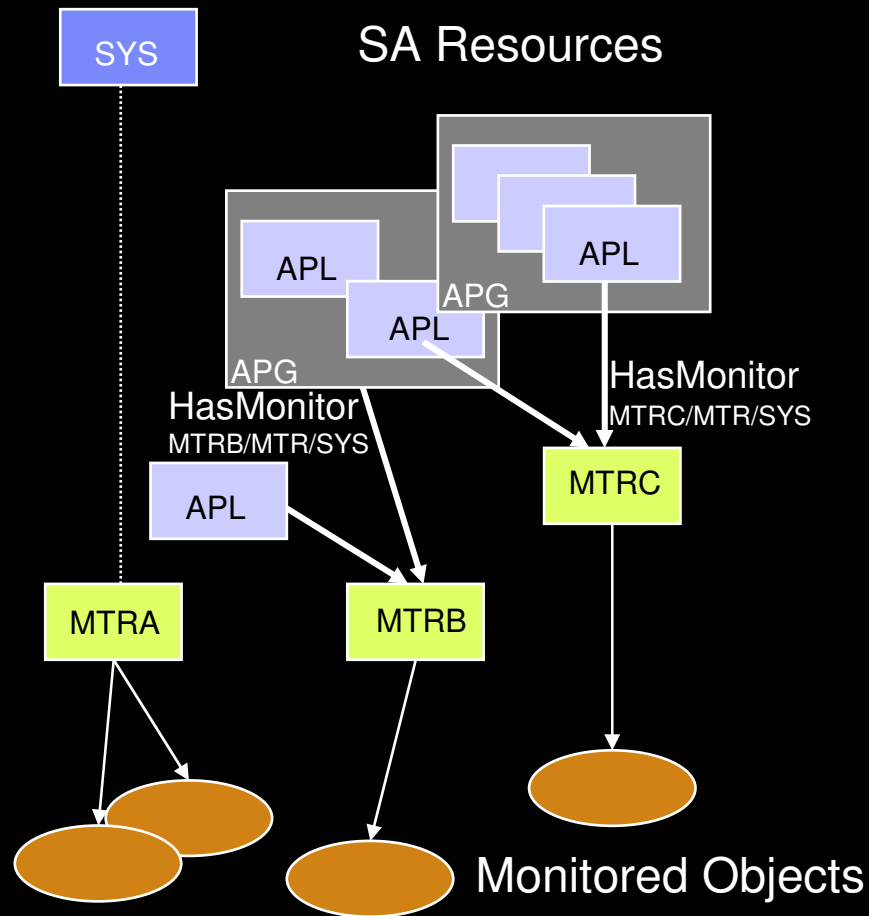
- **Resource in the automation policy**
Name: *monitor/MTR/system*
- **Obtains and holds health state of the object it monitors (job, device, file system, etc.)**
- **Typically associated with an application (APL) or application group (APG)**
- **Health state**
 - Obtained either periodically or based on an event
 - Propagated to associated APL and APG

Health States



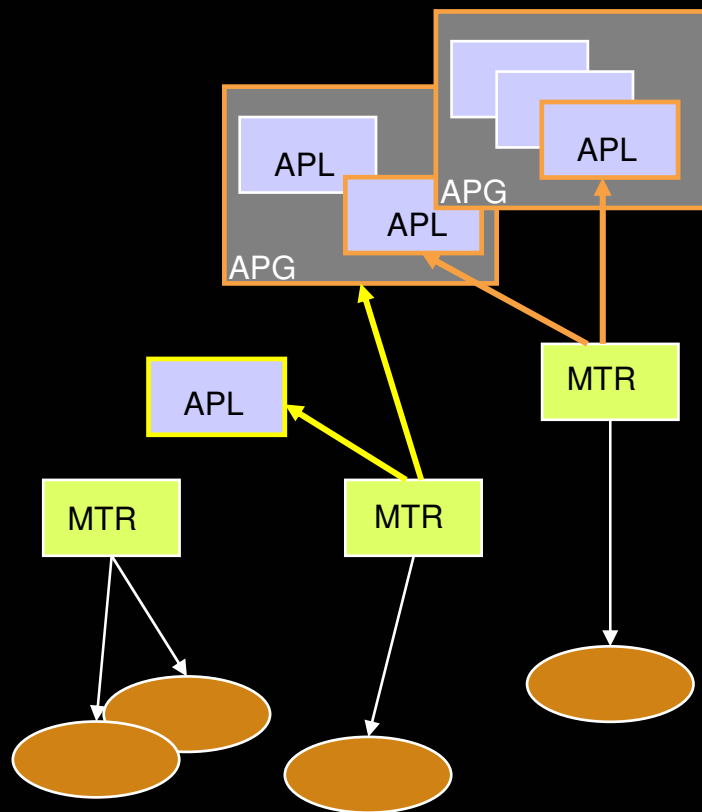
- **The MTR determines an health state based on its observations**
 - 5 regular health states: NORMAL, WARNING, MINOR, CRITICAL, and FATAL
 - UNKNOWN: health state has not yet been determined
 - FAILED: MTR failed and will be rescheduled
 - BROKEN: MTR failed and monitoring stopped
- **The health state is tracked by the automation manager**
- **The automation manager**
 - Propagates the health state to resources related to the MTR
 - Computes an accumulated health state
 - Triggers actions, if specified in the automation policy based on individual health state

HasMonitor Relationship



- **MTR is connected from APL or APG via *HasMonitor* relationship**
- **One MTR can be connected to zero or more APLs/APGs**
- **One APL/APG can have zero or more MTRs connected**
- **MTRs cannot be members of APGs and cannot have other MTRs**

Health Status Accumulation



- **Health states are accumulated by the automation manager**
 - Over all MTRs
 - Over all group members
 - Over multiple group nesting levels, if required
- **General rule: most severe health state counts**
- **Health status is 'N/A' for APLs or APGs without MTR**

Health Status Impact on Compound Resource Status

- The compound status is the result of the aggregation of the other 5 resource states managed by the automation manager
- A compound status **PROBLEM** propagated to an **APG** can trigger automation manager decisions for **MOVE** and **SERVER** groups

Compound Status



Health Status



Active Monitor Resource

- **An active MTR runs periodically according to interval specified in customization dialog**
- **Health state is determined based on periodic monitoring of the monitored object(s)**
- **Simple example: Test of network connection to some TCP/IP host**

```
/* REXX */  
parse arg ipHost  
Rc_Normal = 3  
Rc_Fatal = 7  
  
If CNMEPING('-q' ipHost) = 1 then  
  |rc = Rc_Normal  
else  
  |rc = Rc_Fatal  
  
return |rc
```

Passive Monitor Resource

- An MTR is passive if no interval is specified in the customization dialog
- A passive MTR determines health state based on events coming from/on behalf of the monitored object(s) → messages
- Health state must be updated in response to such messages using the generic command **INGMON**
 - Via MESSAGES/USER DATA, an INGMON invocation is generated automatically in the automation table (see example below)
- **Simple example: MTR JES2MON is monitoring \$HASP9202 issued by JES2**
 - Meaning: Potential JES2 main task loop
 - NetView automation table snippets created automatically based on policy definition:

New with
SA z/OS V3.1

```
NetView AT condition. . . . .
MSGID = '$HASP9202'

NetView AT action 1 . . . . .
EXEC(CMD('INGMON JES2MON STATUS=CRITICAL') ROUTE(ONE %AOFOPJESOPER%))
```

Recovery Activities

- **MTR definitions can hold commands that are executed once**
 - When the health state changes (no health state specified)
 - When the health state changes to the specified value
- **If there are multiple commands for one health status, the commands are executed in the sequence specified**
- **Example: Dynamic server group management**

```
Healthstate      Automated Function/'*'
Command Text
CRITICAL
INGGROUP IMSREGS ACTION=ADJUST AVTGT=3 OUTMODE=LINE

NORMAL
INGGROUP IMSREGS ACTION=ADJUST AVTGT=1 OUTMODE=LINE
```

Operating MTRs from NCCF

- **INGLIST lists all resources including health state (scroll right)**

```

INGKYST0          SA z/OS - Command Dialogs          Line 1      of 5
Domain ID   = IPUN9          ----- INGLIST -----          Date = 03/23/05
Operator ID = BHOL          Sysplex = SYSPLEX1          Time = 08:44:09
CMD: A Update      B Start      C Stop      D INGRELS      E INGVOTE      F INGINFO
      G Members      H DISPTRG      I INGSCHED      J INGGROUP      M DISPMTR      / scroll
CMD Name          Type System      Compound      Desired      Observed      Nature
-----
_  APLGROUP        APG  AOC9          SATISFACTORY  AVAILABLE      AVAILABLE      BASIC
M  APLMON1         MTR  AOC9          SATISFACTORY  AVAILABLE      AVAILABLE
_  APLMON2         MTR  AOC9          SATISFACTORY  AVAILABLE      AVAILABLE
  
```

- **DISPMTR displays detailed information about a monitor and the reason for the current health state**

```

INGKYM00          SA z/OS - Command Dialogs          Line 1      of 1
Domain ID   = IPUN9          ----- DISPMTR -----          Date = 03/23/05
Operator ID = BHOL          Sysplex = AOC9PLEX          Time = 08:40:38

CMD: A Reset      B Start      C Stop      D Details      E INGVOTE      F INGINFO      I INGSCHED

CMD Monitor      System      Status      Health      Last monitored
-----
_  APLMON1        AOC9        ACTIVE      NORMAL      2005-03-23 08:40:10
  
```

Monitoring MTRs from the TEP

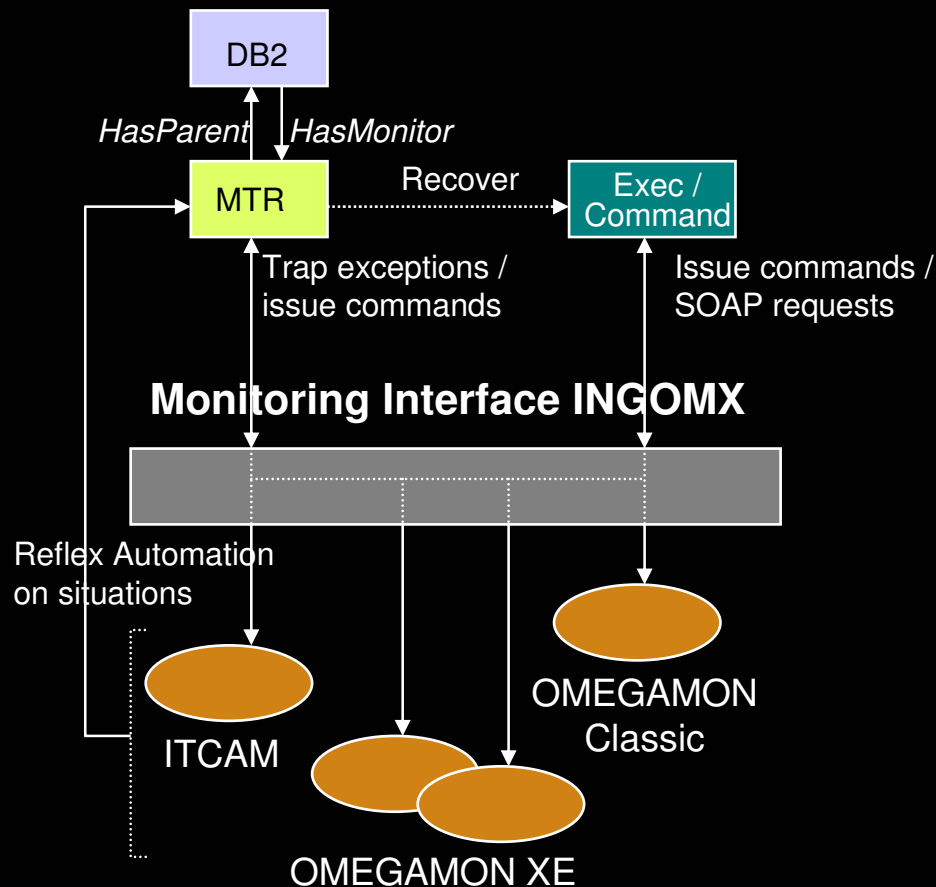
The screenshot displays the Tivoli Enterprise Portal interface. On the left, a tree view shows the system hierarchy for 'KEYA', including 'MVS Operating System' and 'System Automation for z/OS'. The main area features a 'Health Status Summary' bar chart for 'KEYAPLEX:JHSAPLEX:SA'. The chart shows the following counts: HS Unknown (5), HS Normal (3), HS Warning (1), HS Minor (1), HS Critical (1), and HS Fatal (0). Below the chart is a 'Monitor Resources' table with the following data:

Monitor Name	System Name	Status	Health	Last Monitored	Status Message
JES2MON	KEYA	Active	Unknown	03/29/07 08:23:07	Monitor started
MARANDOM	KEYA	Active	Critical	04/04/07 14:01:01	
MBRANDOM	KEYA	Active	Normal	04/04/07 14:01:18	
Link to Monitor Resource Details		Broken	Unknown	04/04/07 12:33:12	Could not invoke monitor command
		Broken	Unknown	03/29/07 08:23:07	Could not invoke monitor command
JESZMON	KEYB	Active	Unknown	04/04/07 13:29:24	Monitor started
MARANDOM	KEYB	Active	Warning	04/04/07 14:01:31	NONE
MBRANDOM	KEYB	Active	Normal	04/04/07 14:01:28	NONE
MYBROKEN	KEYB	Broken	Unknown	04/04/07 13:29:23	Could not invoke monitor command
MYRANDOM	KEYB	Active	Normal	04/04/07 13:59:26	NONE

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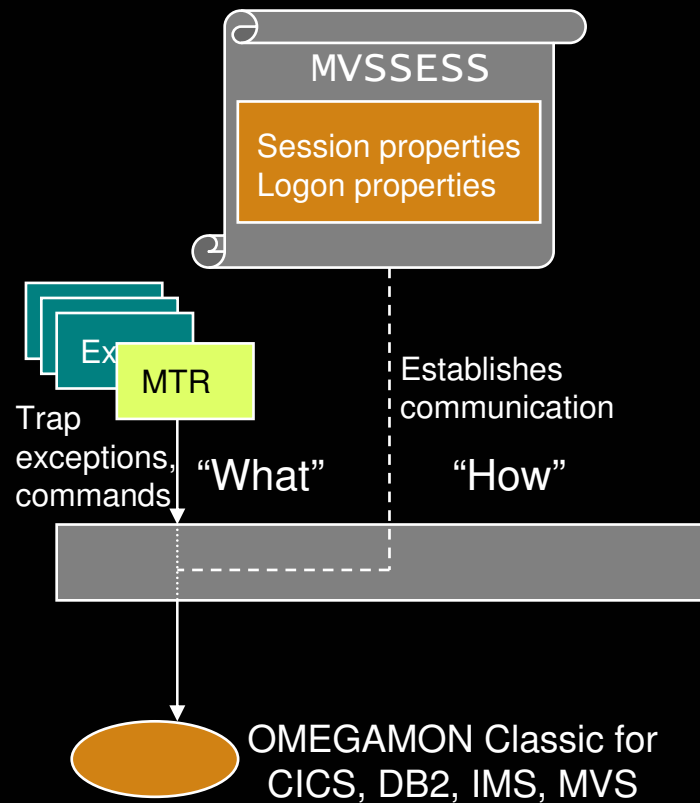
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SA / Tivoli Monitoring Interoperation – Value



- **Use of performance and availability information for application automation**
 - More facts, more accurate decisions
 - Source: IBM Tivoli Monitoring products
- **Provides interface to communicate with IBM Tivoli Monitoring products to**
 - Obtain and filter installation-defined exceptional conditions
 - Request detailed performance and availability data
- **Provides enhanced Monitor Resource concept to**
 - Monitor „interesting“ set of exceptions / situations
 - Set application health state based on existence of such exceptions
 - React and resolve exceptional conditions

SA OMEGAMON Classic Sessions



- **OMEGAMON sessions are defined as policy items in the network policy (NTW)**
- **A definition consists of**
 - Session attributes to identify and control a VTAM session
 - User attributes to enable logon
- **Sessions may be shared among multiple operators**
 - Automation operators, for example running Monitor Resource commands
 - Human operators
- **Sessions are established automatically when needed**
- **Separate automation operators are reserved to control one or more sessions**

OMEGAMON Session Management

- **INGSESS is the operator command to manage OMEGAMON sessions**
 - Start sessions manually to test connection and authorization
 - Stop sessions to do maintenance
 - Show additional session attributes, e.g. logon data, timeout, statistics

```

INGKYSS0                SA z/OS - Command Dialogs          Line 1      of 8
Domain ID   = IPUN9      ----- INGSESS -----          Date = 03/23/05
Operator ID = BHOL      System   = AOC9                    Time  = 08:08:56

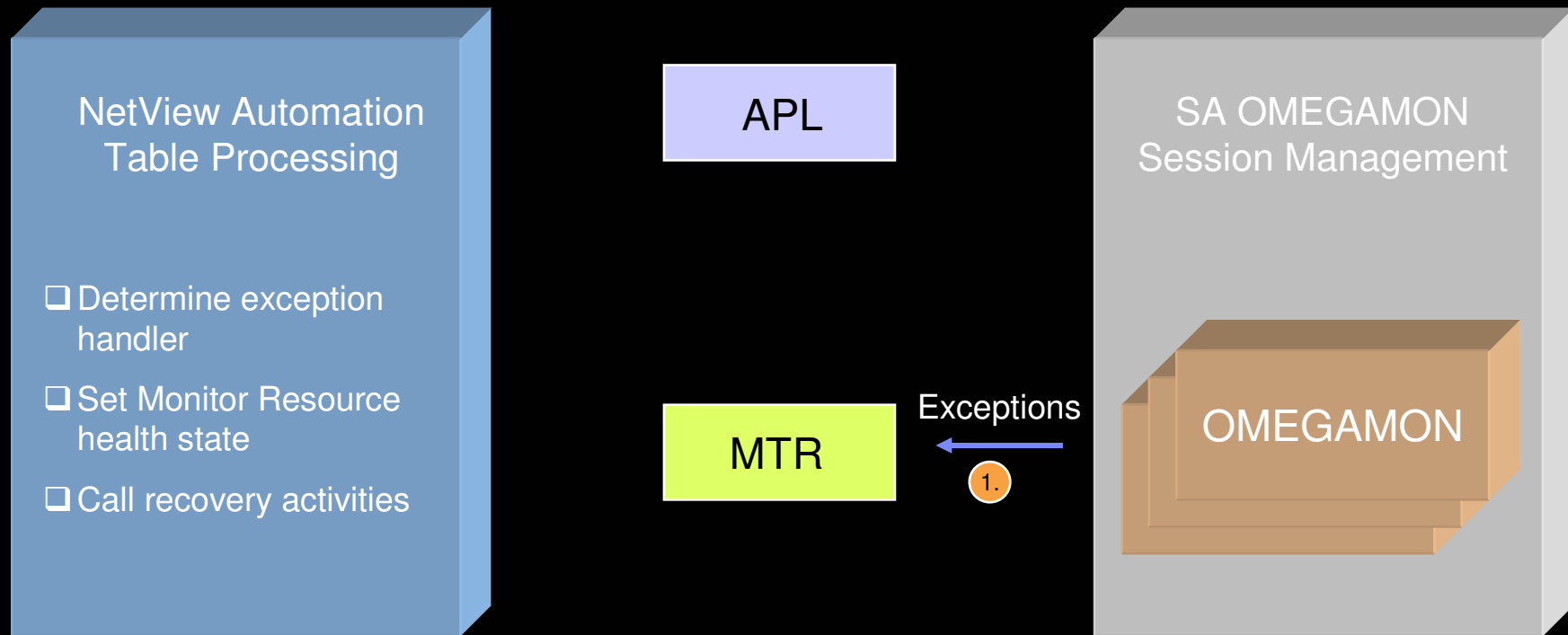
CMD:  B Start session  C Stop session  D Details

CMD Session      System      Type      Status      Appl-id      User id      SessOper
-----
_  CICKY41        OMIICICS   AOC9      ACTIVE      IPSPOC0      SAOM         AOFSES01
_  DB2SGG4        OMIIDB2    AOC9      INACTIVE    IPSPD2C      SAOM         AOFSES02
_  DB2SG14        OMIIDB2    AOC9      MAINT       IPSPD2C      SAOM         AOFSES03
_  IMS742CR       OMIIIMS    AOC9      INACTIVE    IPSPOI0      SAOM         AOFSES01
_  OMSY4MVS       OMIIMVS    AOC9      AUTHFAIL    IPSPM2RC     SAOM         AOFSES02

Command ==>
PF1=Help    PF2=End      PF3=Return   PF6=Ro11
              PF9=Refresh  PF12=Retrieve
  
```

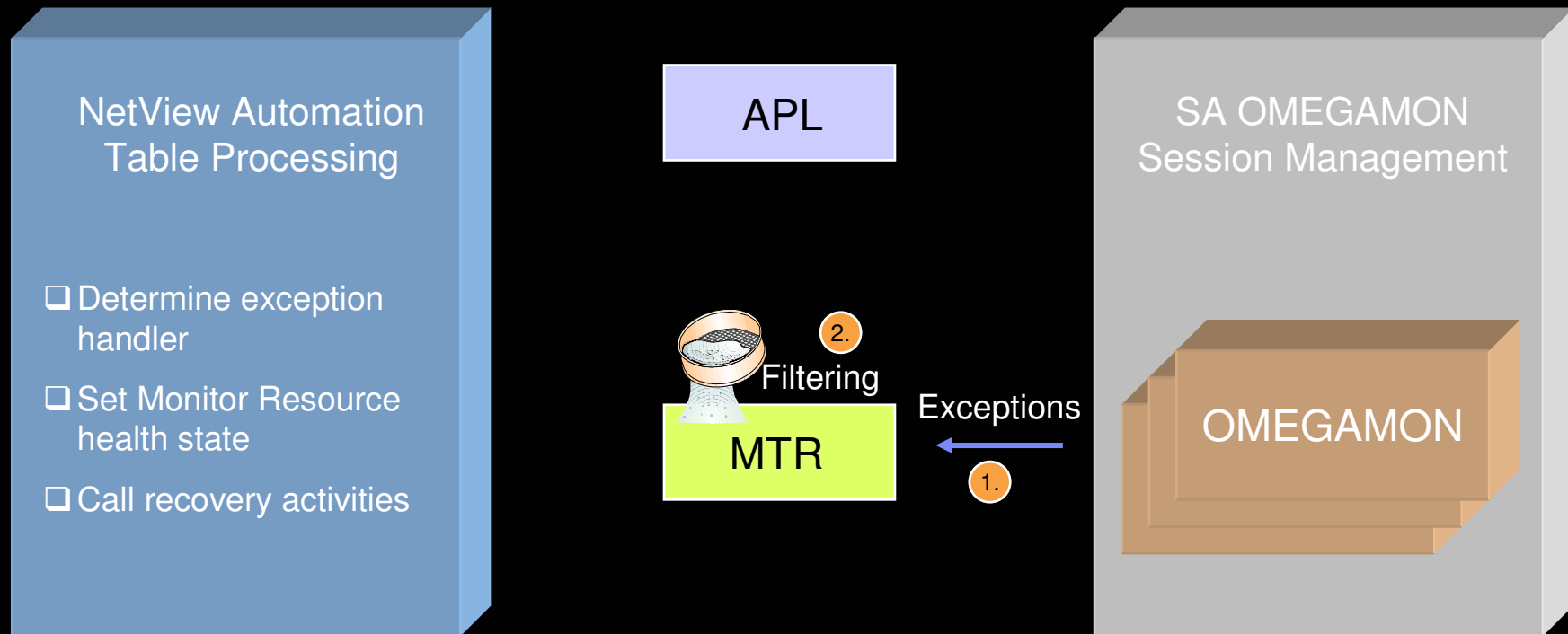
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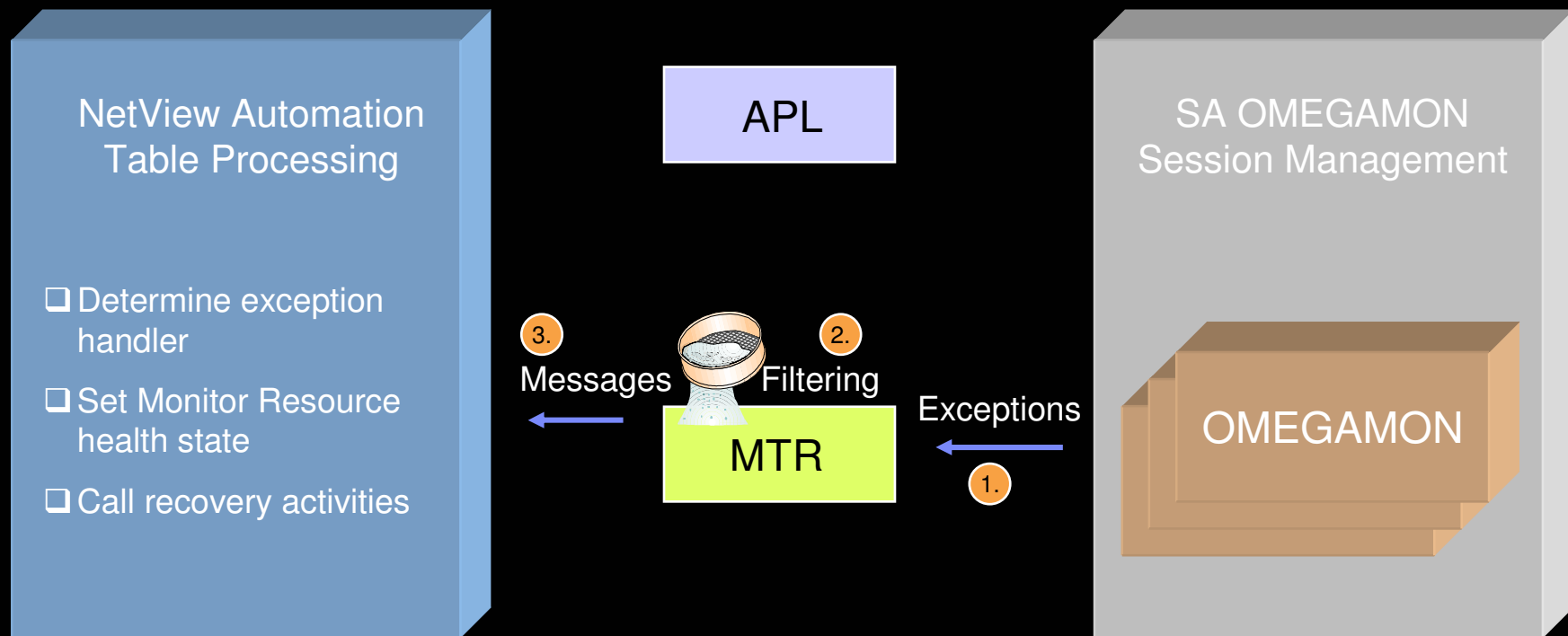
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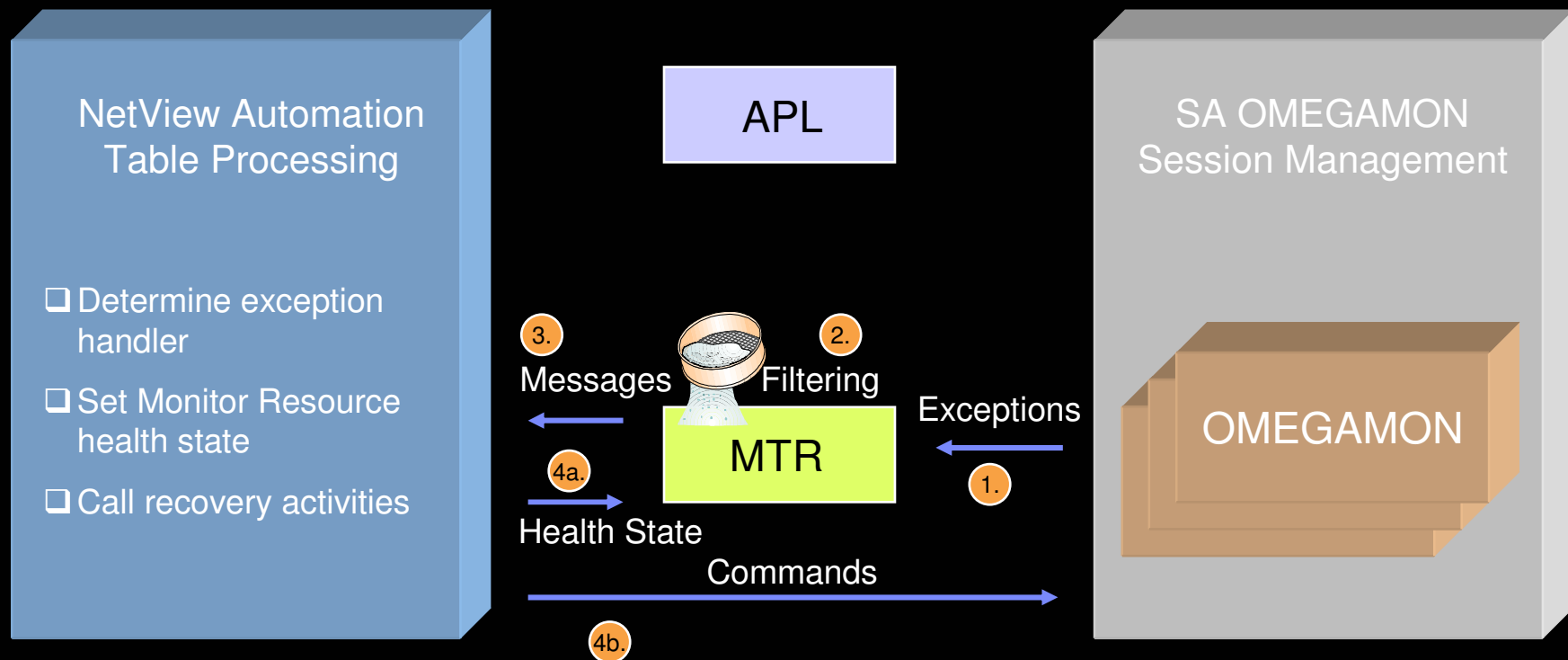
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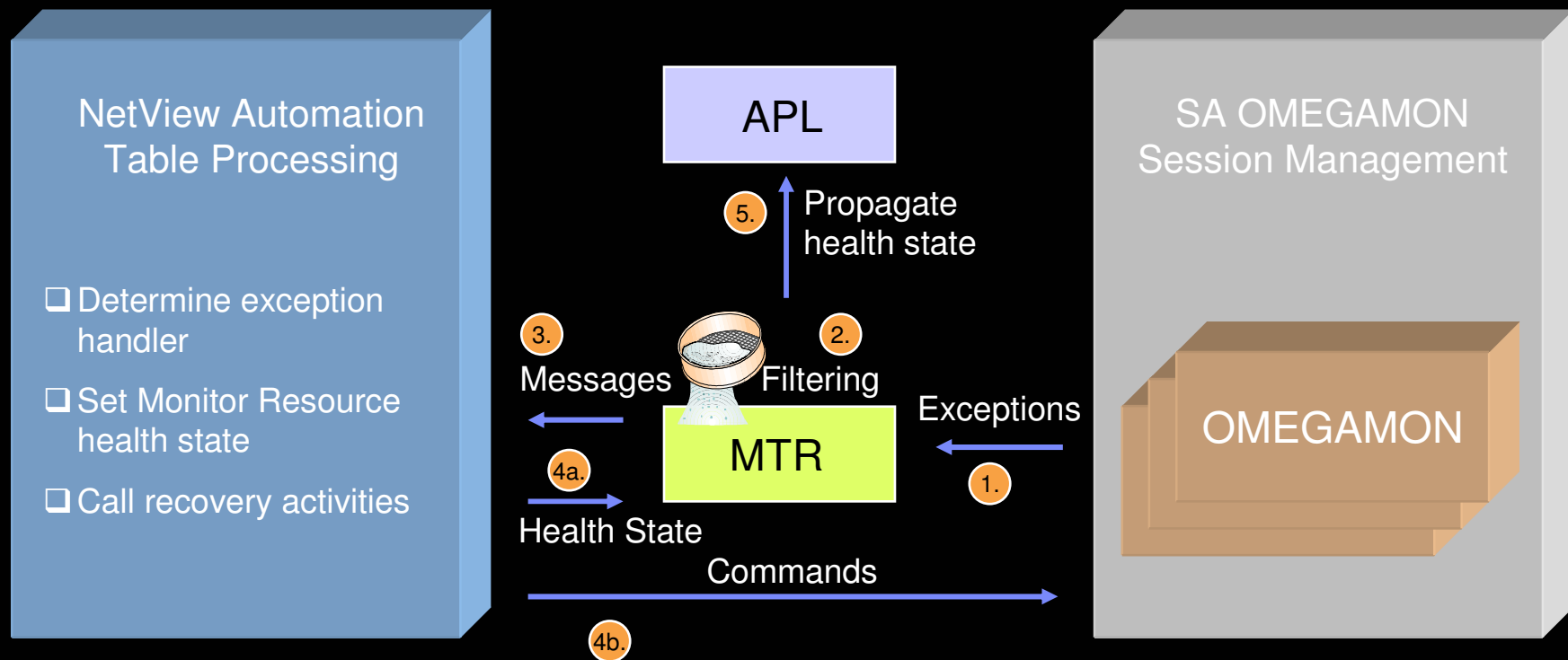
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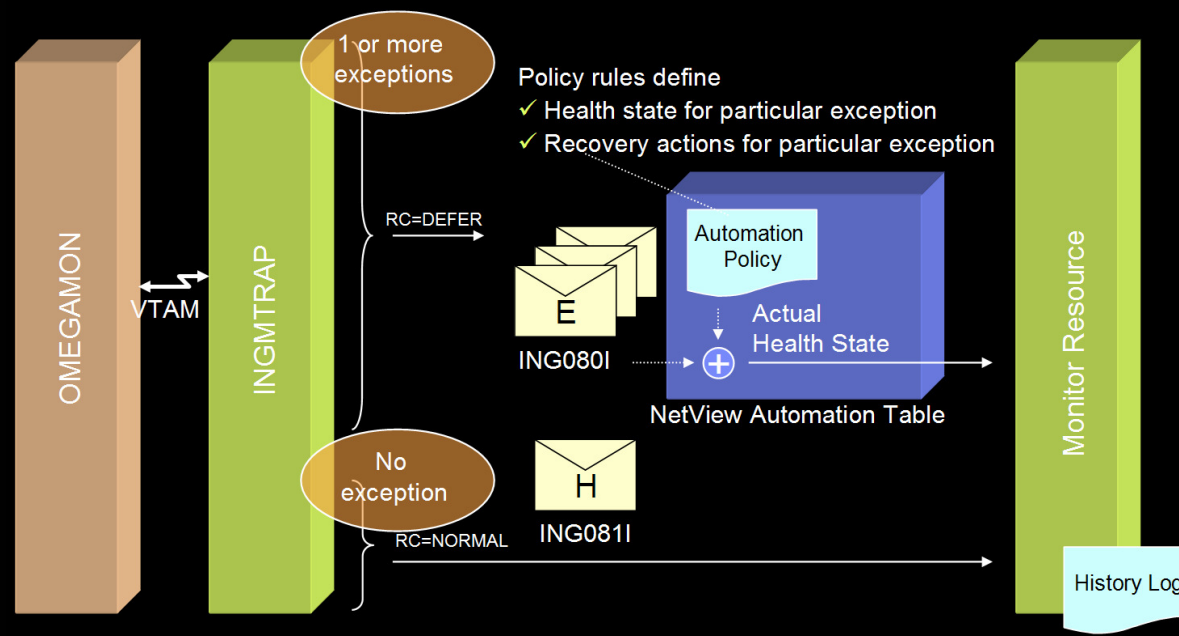
- **Command INGOMX serves as interface between operators and a particular OMEGAMON session**
- **Possible interactions**
 - Call OMEGAMON exception analysis and find interesting exceptions
 - Enter one or more OMEGAMON commands, for example to collect additional performance information or to remove a bottleneck, for example:

```
INGOMX EX,NAME=omsy4mvs,CMD=csaa
```

CSAA	SUMMARY					
+						
+		System				
+		Maximum	Pre-CSAA	Orphan	Usage	
+		-----	-----	-----	-----	0__2__4__6__8__100
+	CSA	3264K	1287K	0	1287K 39.4%	----->
+	ECSA	307336K	76925K	0	76925K 25.0%	---->
+	SQA	1672K	604K	0	604K 36.1%	----->
+	ESQA	144892K	22834K	0	22834K 15.8%	-->

SA z/OS OMEGAMON Classic API (2 of 2)

- **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
- **From an exception to a health status:**



Exception-Monitoring using System Automation for z/OS

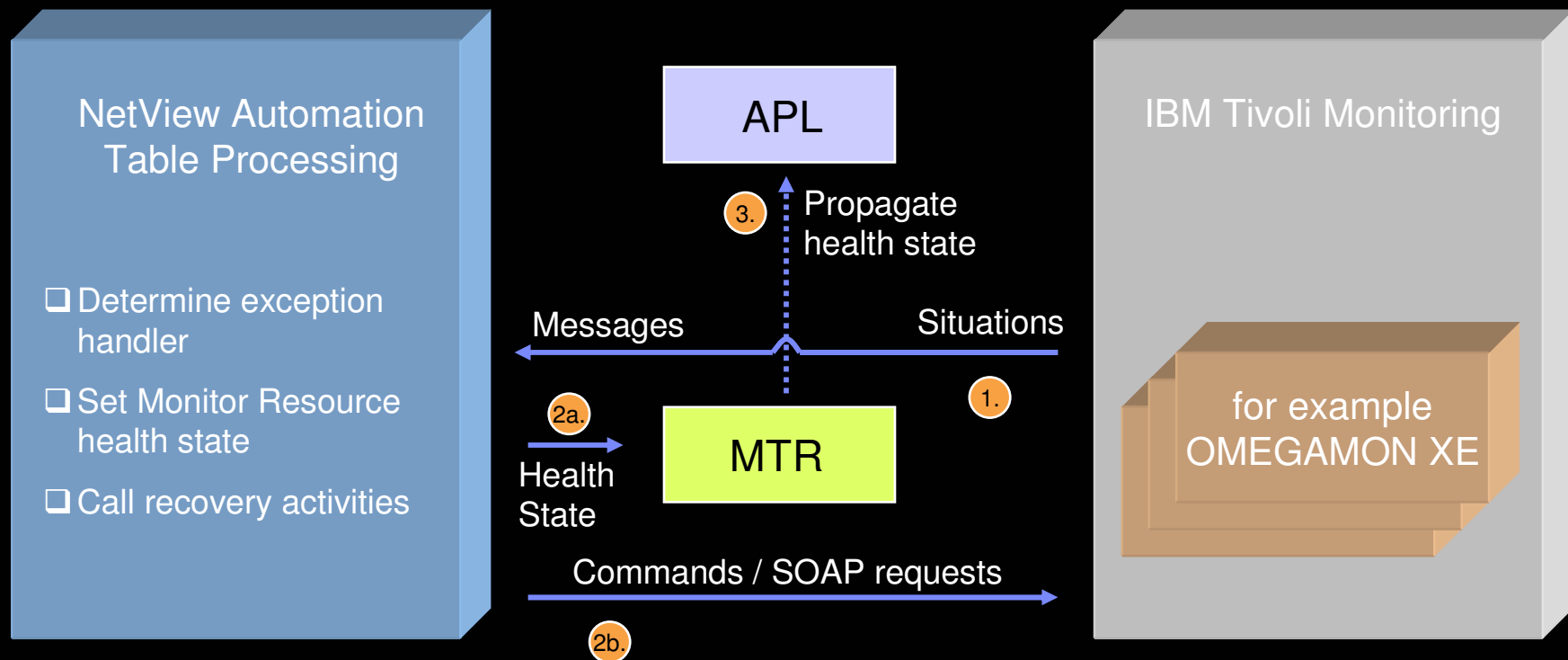
- **Define a Monitor Resource that periodically issues INGMTRAP, e.g.**
INGMTRAP NAME=omsy4mvs ,XTYPE=XCSA
- **Define an exception entry within the MESSAGES/USER DATA policy for the Monitor Resource, e.g.**

Action	Message ID	Cmd	Rep	Code	User	Auto	Ovr
	Description + XCSA						*

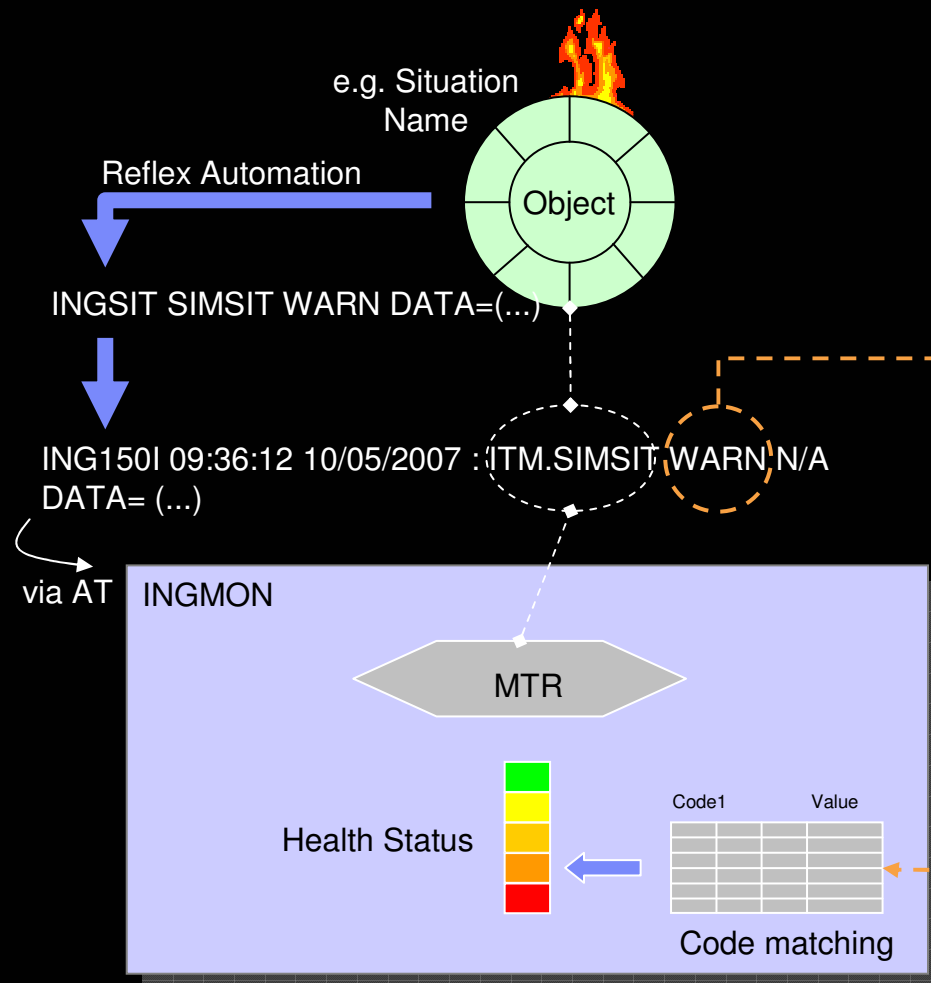
- **When exception trips, a message like below is generated**
ING080I MYMON/MTR/KEY4 OMSY4MVS OMIIMVS + XCSA warning: Allocated CSA = 44% (1428K out of 3264K)
- **Characteristics**
 - Each time monitor command is executed, exception analysis is done
 - Within the automation policy you can also set a health state and define a series of commands for escalation or define different sets of commands depending on exception text
 - Exception handling can be disabled while recovery is in progress

Enhanced Exception Monitoring Architecture for Situations

- **Passive MTR is informed when situation is true**
- **Health state processing and recovery will be driven via the NetView automation table created out of the SA policy**



Mapping a Situation to a Monitor Resource



Revised Monitor Resource concept

- Binding to a monitored object
- Optional binding to a job name

Revised health monitoring

- Based on passive MTRs
- ING150I correlates situation to a particular monitored object
- Via Automation Table, System Automation finds appropriate MTR(s) based on monitored object
- Health status can be set using CODE1 in MESSAGES/USER DATA policy
- Recovery commands can be issued based on VALUE that results from code matching

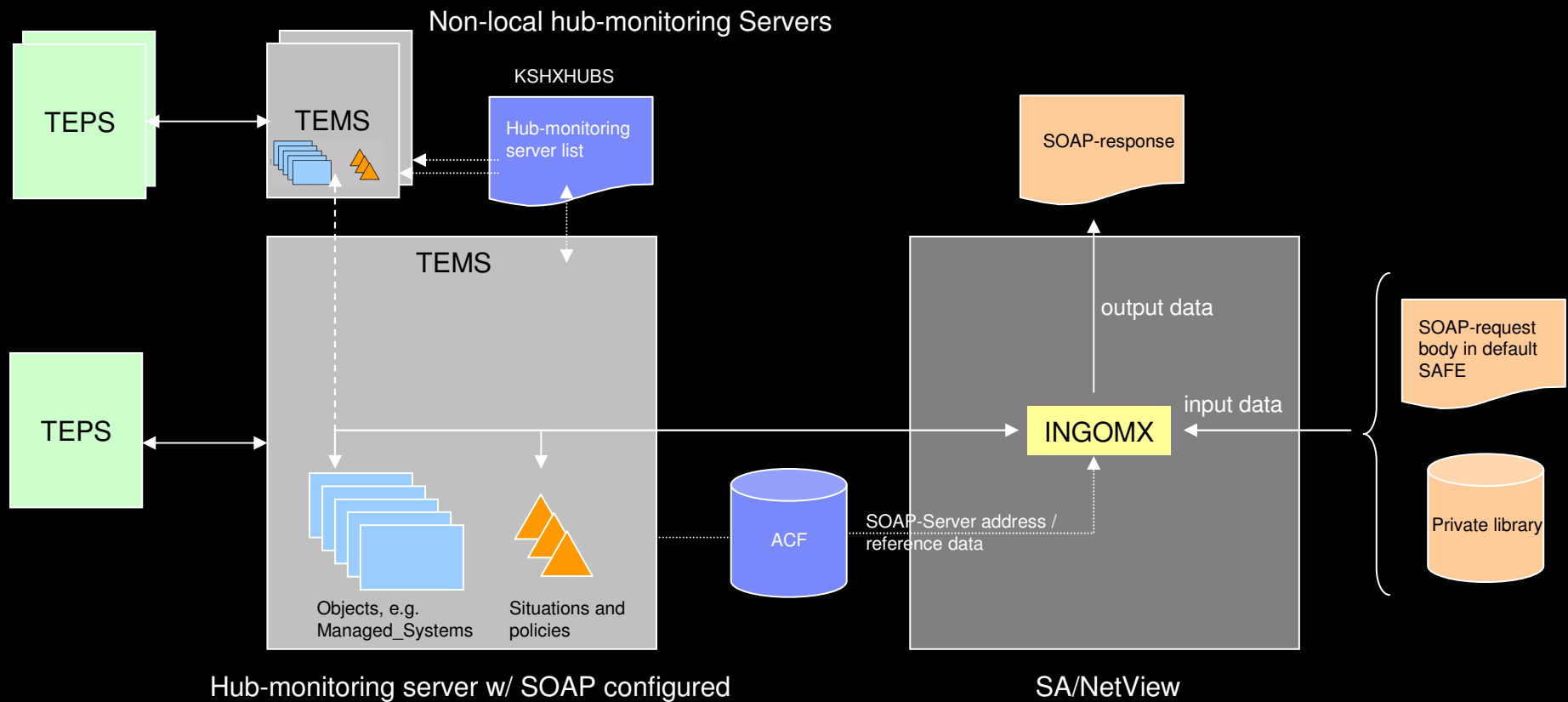
ITM SOAP-Requests on z/OS

Example: Get address spaces starting with NET and list their name, ASID, and CPU usage

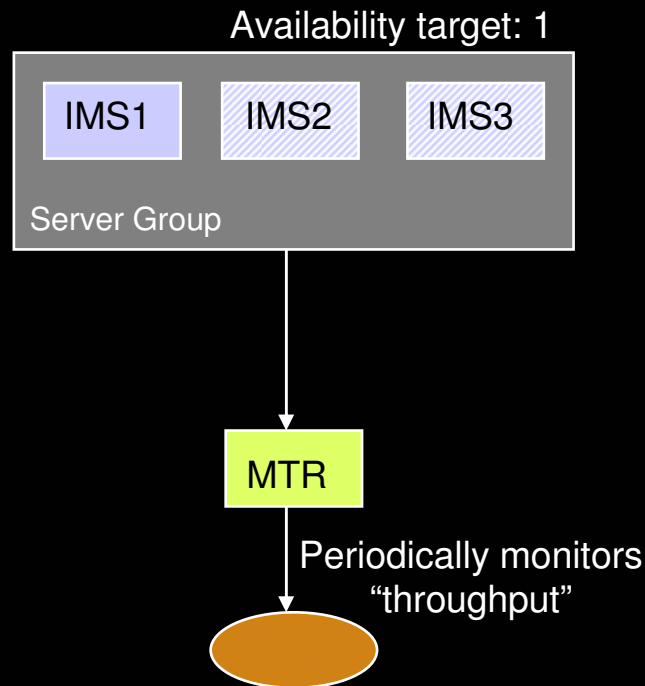
```
<CT_Get>  
  <userid>sysadmin</userid>  
  <password></password>  
  <object>Address_Space_CPU_Utilization</object>  
  <attribute>Job_Name</attribute>  
  <attribute>ASID</attribute>  
  <attribute>TCB_Percent</attribute>  
  <afilter>Job_Name;LIKE;NET*</afilter>  
</CT_Get>
```

- **Start / stop situation or policy**
 - CT_ACTIVATE
 - CT_DEACTIVATE
- **Handle situations**
 - CT_ACKNOWLEDGE
 - CT_RESET
 - CT_RESURFACE
- **Notification into ITM platform**
 - CT_ALERT
 - CT_WTO
- **Retrieve tables and attributes**
 - CT_GET
- **Miscellaneous services**
 - CT_EXECUTE
 - CT_REDIRECT

Managed Systems Accessible Through SOAP

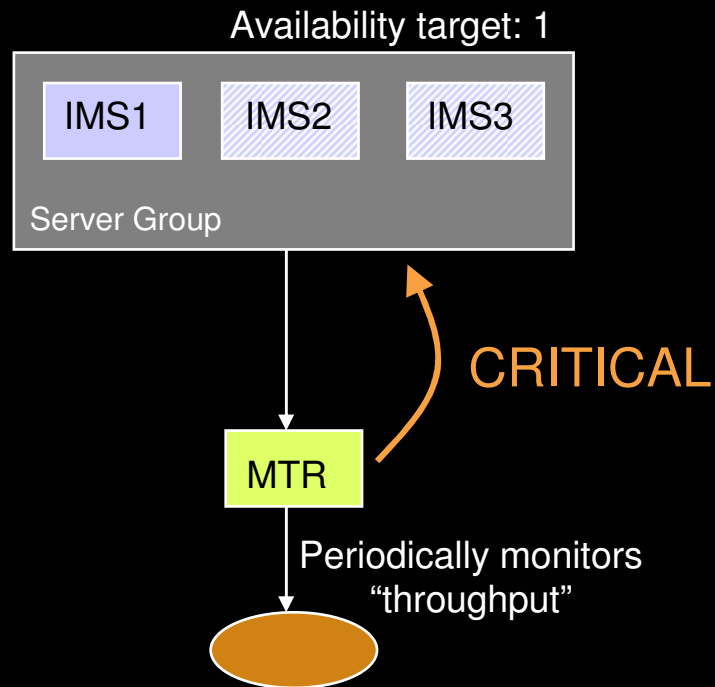


Sample Scenario: Application Provisioning



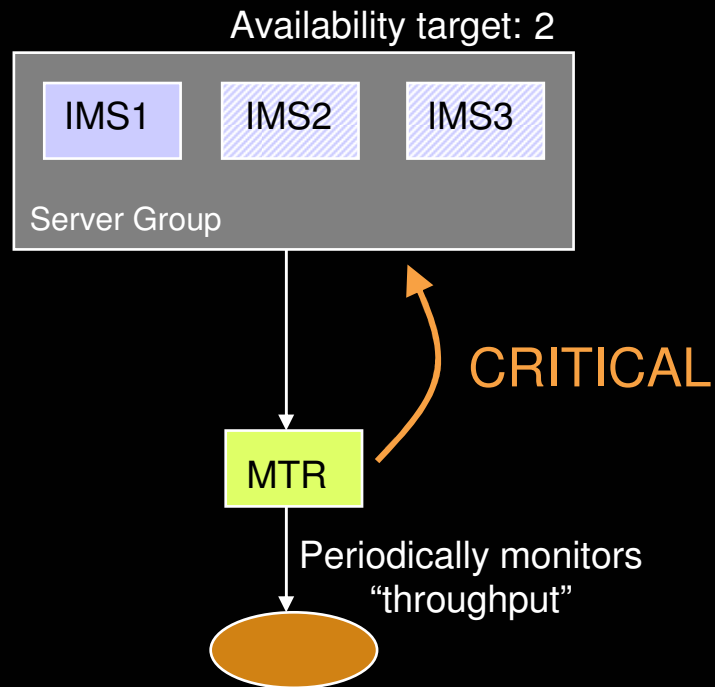
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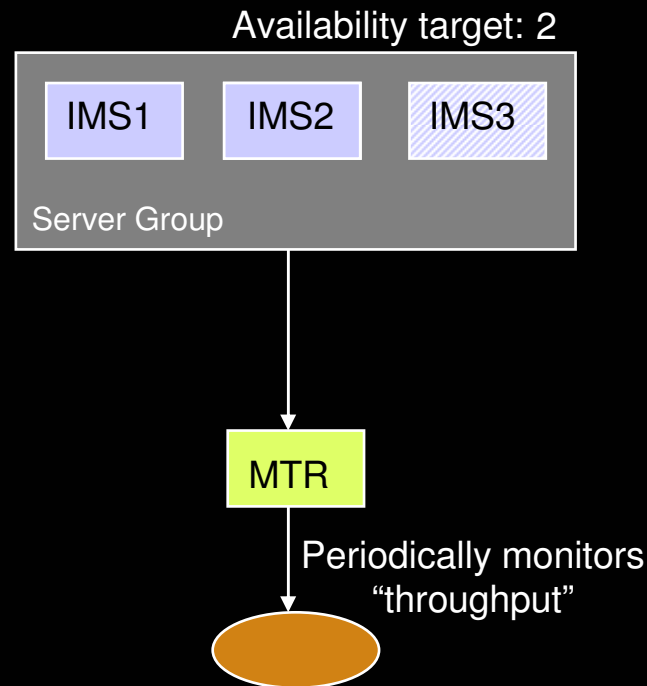
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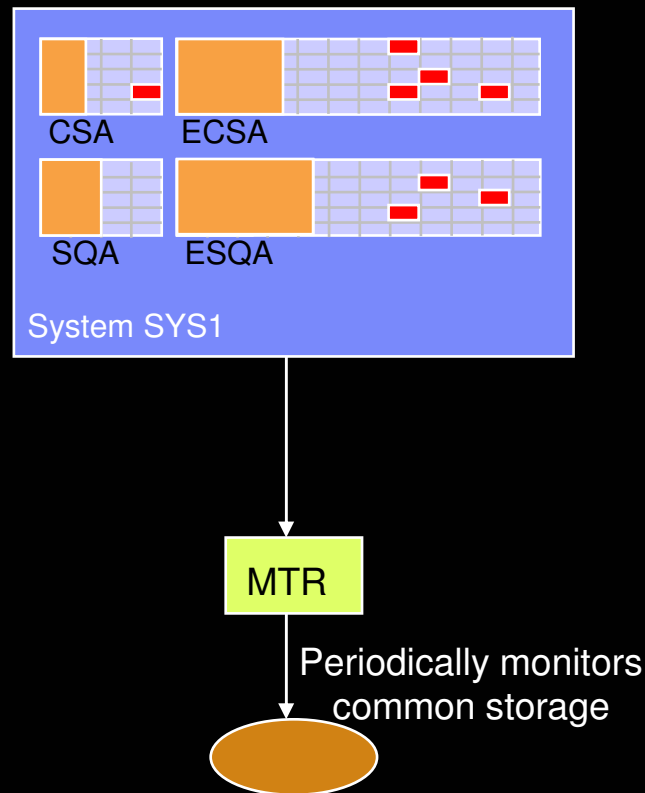
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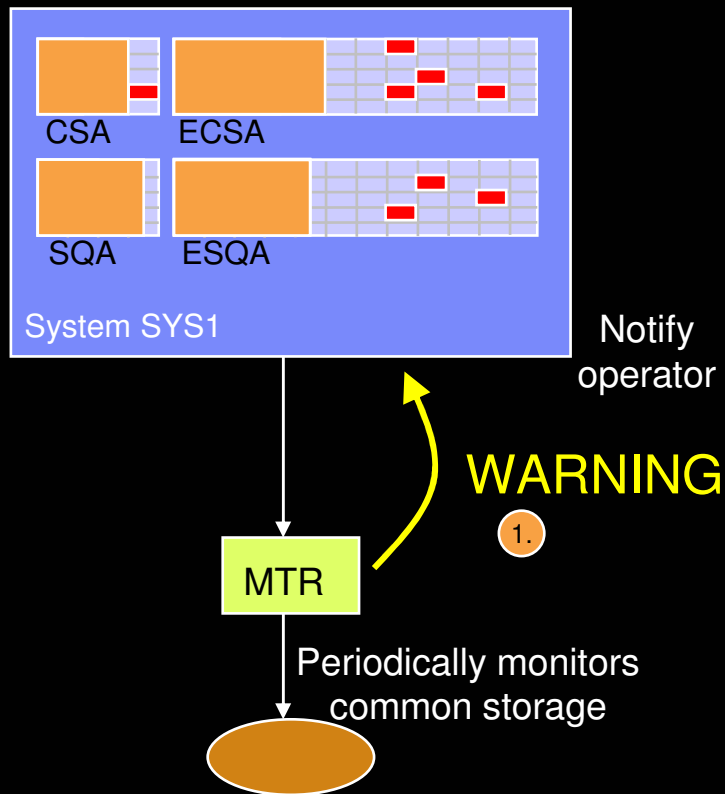
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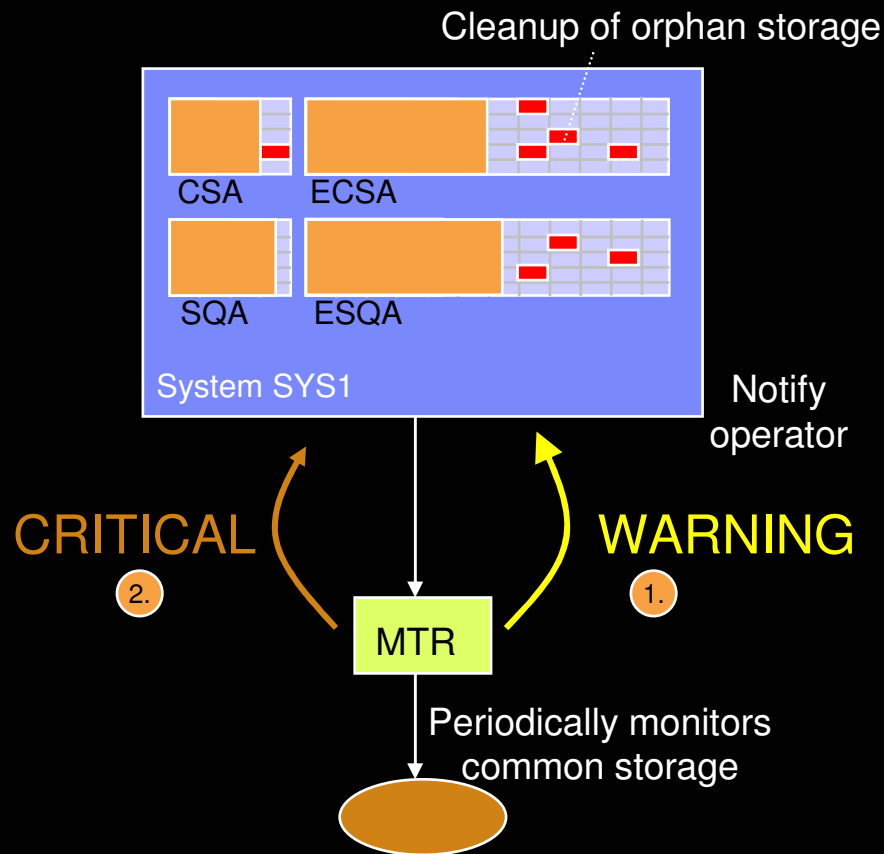
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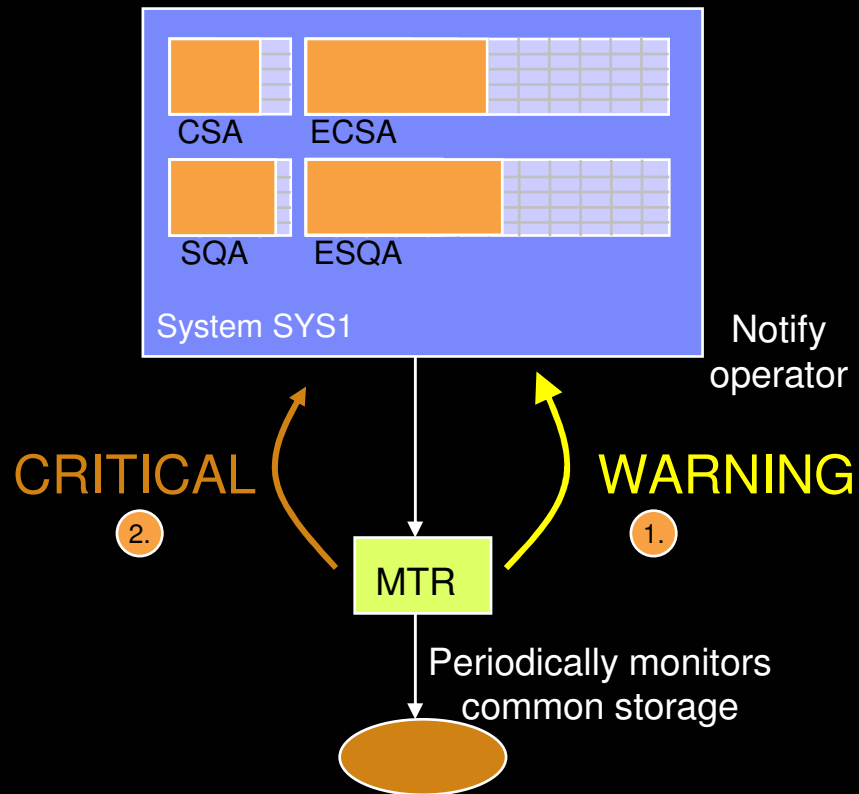
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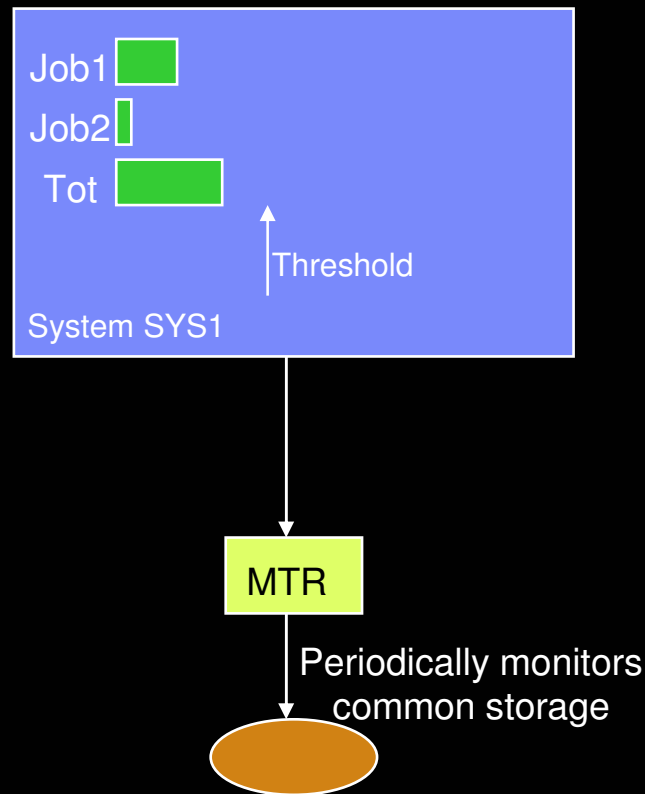
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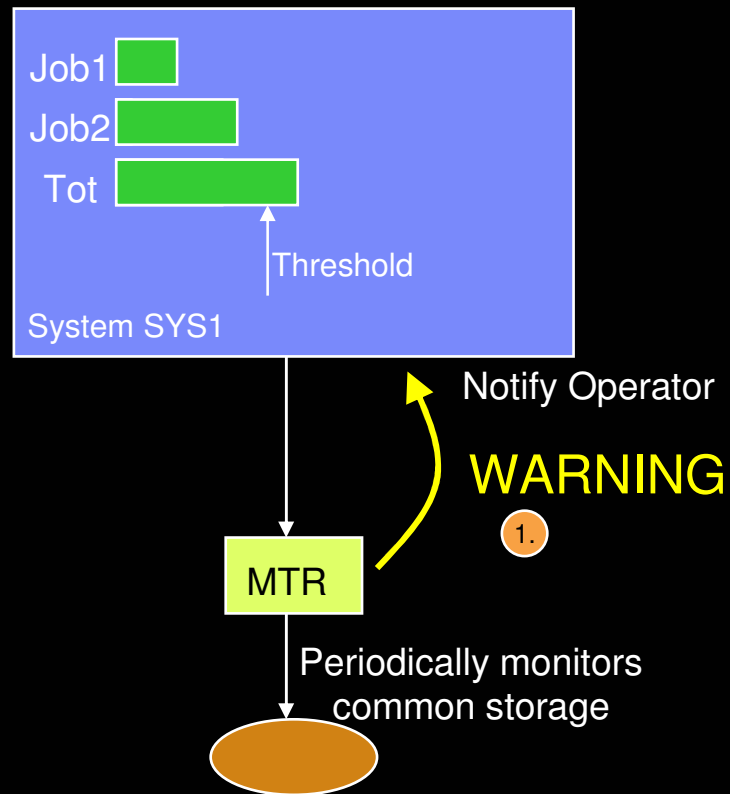
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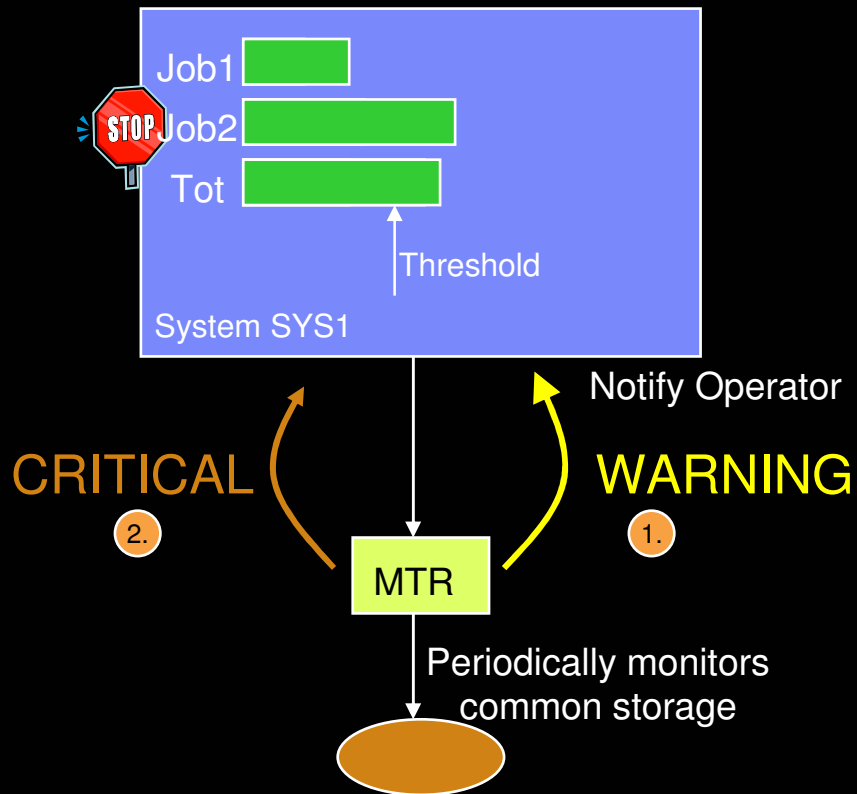


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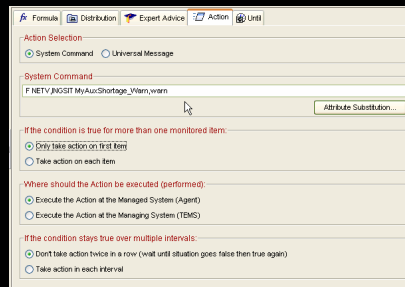
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Other Scenarios: Auxiliary Storage Shortage Recovery

Sarah defines Reflex Automation for *Auxiliary Storage Shortage* situation

1.



3. SA adds another Page Dataset in response to the *Auxiliary Storage Shortage* situation

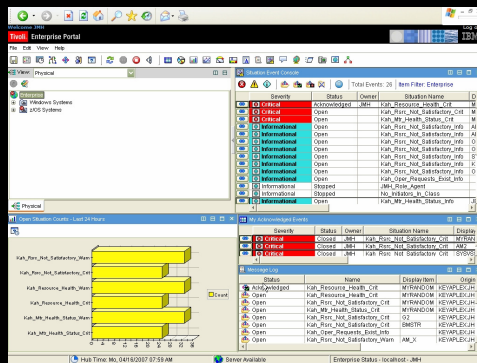


2. *Auxiliary Storage Shortage* situation becomes true



4.

SA acknowledges the situation via SOAP



6.

SA closes the situation via SOAP if issue was resolved or resurfaces the situation again to ask for operator intervention



5.

SA monitors Auxiliary Storage space for a while, e.g. via SOAP or console commands

Other Scenarios *(cont.)*

- **Monitoring CICS connections to other CICS, DB2 and/or IMS**
 - Automatic start of missing connection
- **Monitoring transient CICS queues**
 - Increase priority of the update transaction for faster unload of queue
- **DB2, MQ archive log management**
 - Assistance to increase archive logs
- **Enqueue monitoring**
 - Automatic cancel of job holding enqueue resource for too long
 - Automatic detection of transactions holding CICS-enqueue
- ...

Agenda

- **Motivation**
- **Resource/Exception Monitoring**
- **Monitor Resources**
- **Health-based Automation**
- ▶ **Summary**

Summary

- **IBM System Automation for z/OS is tightly integrated with OMEGAMON and other IBM Tivoli Monitoring products**
 - Today, System Automation provides access to OMEGAMON classic monitors for CICS, DB2, IMS, and MVS for exception and health monitoring
 - Soon, System Automation for z/OS V3.2 allows you to access performance and availability data from any Tivoli Monitoring product and to trigger automation on behalf of situations
 - System Automation enables health-based application automation based on Tivoli Monitoring data

- **Understanding the application health can lead to**
 - Higher availability
 - Higher efficiency
 - Improved IT service management

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- SA z/OS V3.1 Customizing and Programming (SC33-8260)
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■ White Papers

- IBM Tivoli System Automation for z/OS V2.3:
A Primer to Monitor Resources
- Performance Driven Automation with OMEGAMON and System Automation for z/OS

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