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# End-to-End Monitoring Unified Performance Dashboard (UPD)

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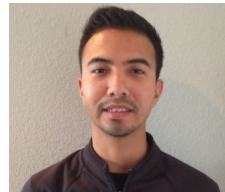
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- Global provider of advanced solutions that deliver timely, enabling information to where it is needed most for our military, intelligence, civilian, state and local, and commercial customers.
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- 16,000+ Employees, 50 states, 21 countries
- Headquarters in McLean, VA

# About Us

The End-to-End Monitoring team supports federal, state and local government programs, specializing in cyber and performance monitoring.

- Cal - 25 years in networking & monitoring, 5 years as cyber strategist and technologist; avid music collector, internet tech enthusiast and road warrior
- Rich – 27 years in fault-tolerant, high-volume computing; 3 years in continuous and end-to-end monitoring. 20-year Habitat for Humanity volunteer
- Michael – 8 years in .com engineering and advanced analytics; 4 years in continuous and end-to-end monitoring. Supporter of Central Texas Dachshund Rescue and member of Extra Life, an organization that raises money through gaming for Dell Children's Medical Center of Texas



# IT Challenges

## Complex IT Environment

- State-wide agency
- Large state-wide application, millions of transactions per day
- 11 Regions
- 1,100 Field sites
- Tens of thousands of users: case workers, CBOs and citizens
- Thousands of servers, network and infrastructure devices

## Data Difficulties

- Many disparate data sources, highly complex network environment
- Siloed information
- Hard to aggregate and correlate information in real time

## Availability Issues

- Impacts productivity within agency
- Disrupts delivery of public-facing citizen services

# Concept of Operations

## **Design and Integrate into existing data management platform**

- Splunk central event and log data aggregation point

## **Integrate and Interoperate**

- Current legacy application, network, infrastructure monitoring and systems management tools

## **Implement real-time dashboards for 3 key stakeholder groups**

- Executives – Business insight on citizen service delivery, customer activity
- Operations – Real-time KPI tracking with dynamic trending & prediction
- Technical – Device detail of endpoints, network, application & data center

## **3 Dashboards, each with 3 levels, 9 integrated dashboards total**

# UPD by the Numbers # 1

## Texas State Application

- 5M Transactions per day
- 165M Transactions per month
- .95 sec Transaction rate (avg)
- 5K Concurrent Users
- 20K Total Users

## Texas State Network

- 11 Regions
- 262 Cities
- 1,100 Field Sites
- 3 Dot Com Sites
- 815 Network Devices
- 1388 Network Device Interfaces
- 100 Servers
- 50+ Database Instances
- 15TB Data mart

# UPD by the Numbers # 2

## System Operation

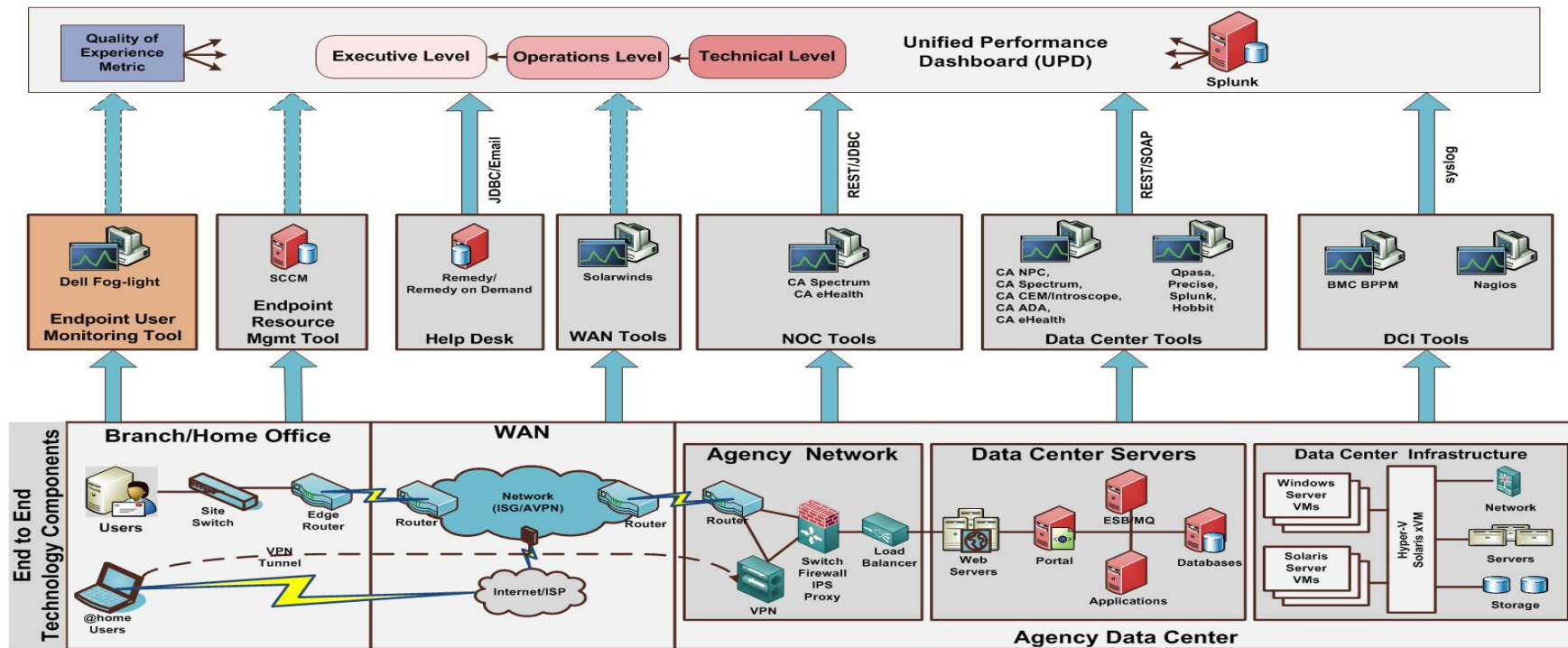
- 43 Identified KPIs
- 110 UPD Metrics
- 12 Integrated Performance Monitoring Tools
- 4 Planned by end of year
- 24 Operating Scripts
- Data Integration APIs: SOAP: 4, REST: 1, DB Connect: 3, UF: 3, Email: 1
- 110 Splunk Searches
- 9 Integrated dashboards
- 5-17 Minute dashboard refresh rates
- 850M Data indexed daily

## System Delivery

- Requirements Analysis: 90 Days
- System Design: 60 Days:
- Data Management: 30 Days
- System Development: 270 Days
- Total: 15 Months
- Agile development, weekly customer reviews

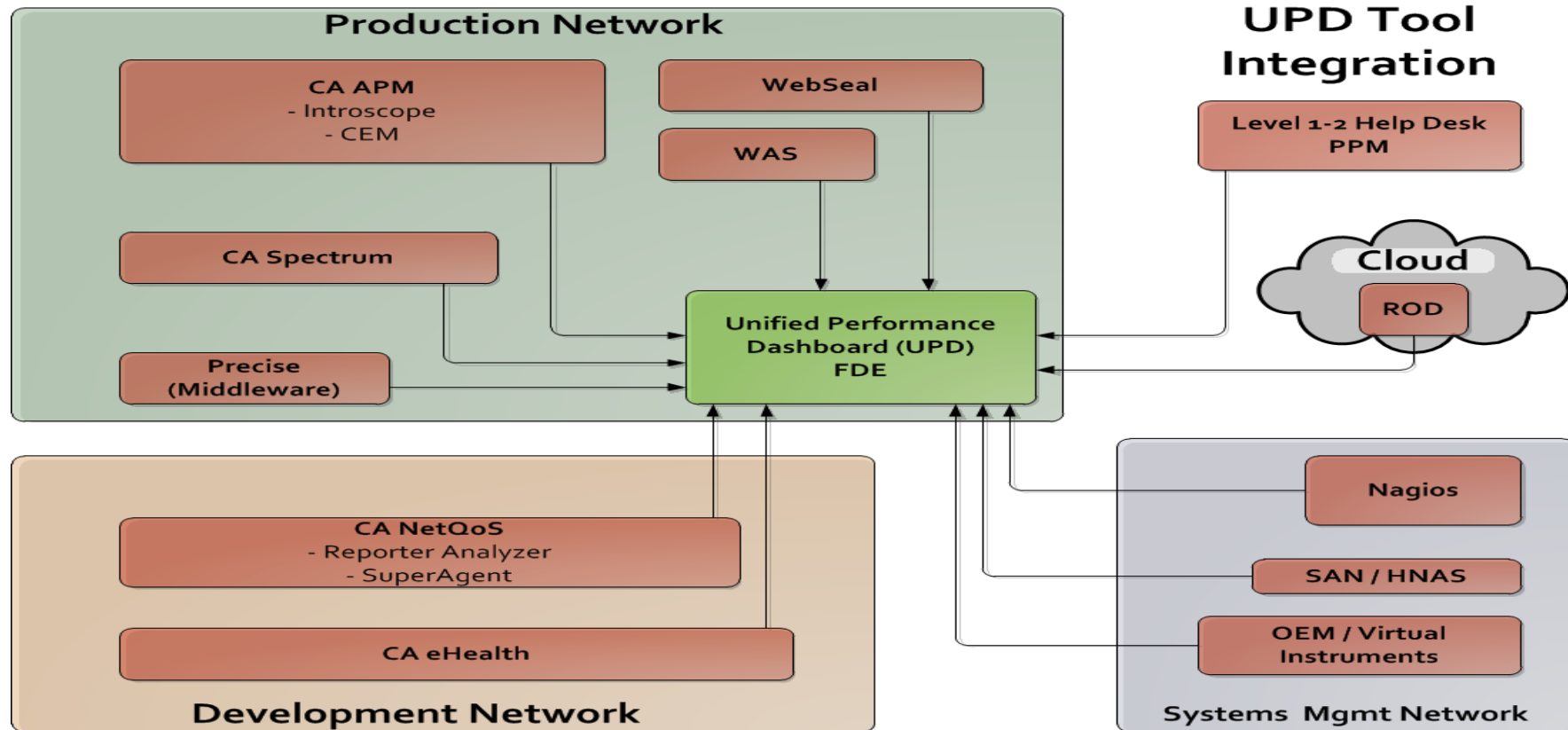


# High Level Architecture



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# Tool Integration Architecture



# UPD Ninja Weapons



## Advanced Visual Analytics

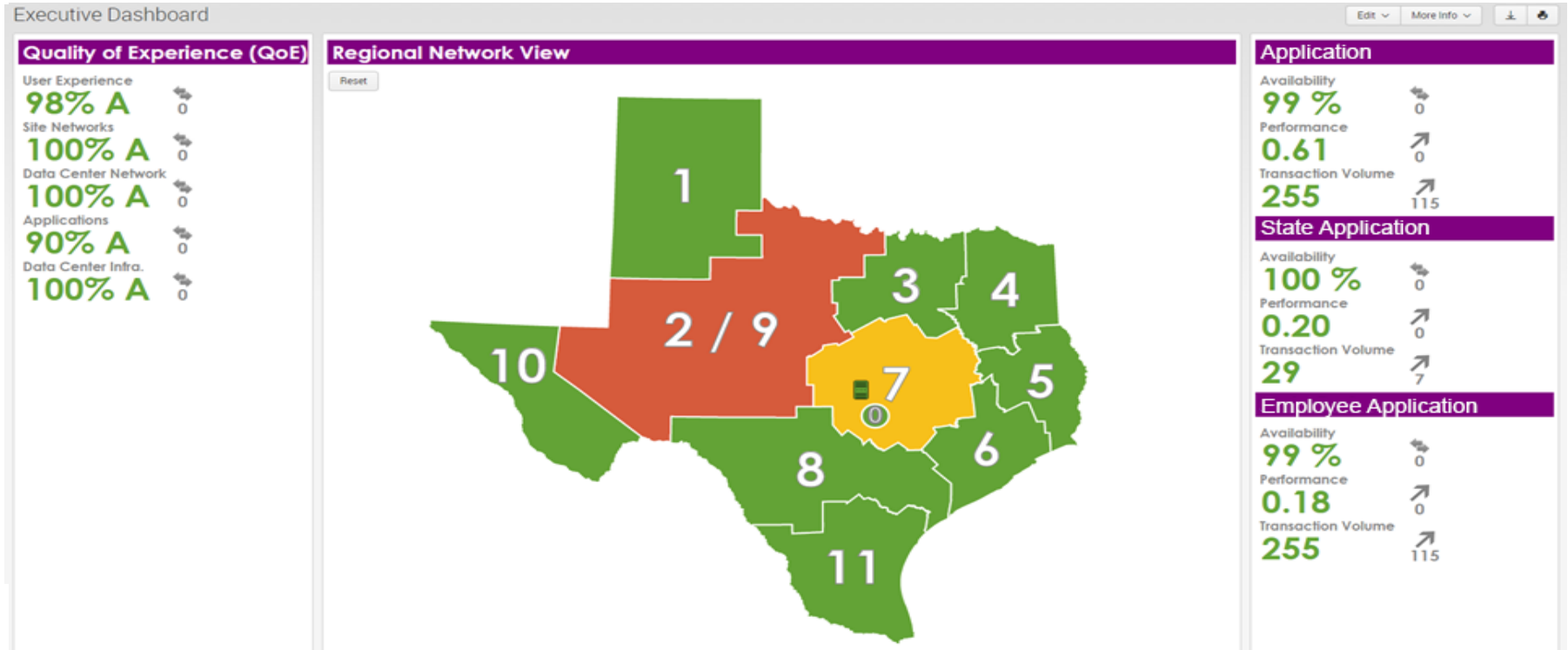
- **Acceptable Performance Range (APR)** – A chart based display of DCC based on our predictive analytics minute per minute
- **Enhanced Mapping** – Using real time data paired with predictive analytics we are able to display exact locations with unique critical metrics
- **Dynamic Color Coding (DCC)** – Display scheme of green, yellow and red based on predictive analytics
- **Interactive Calendar** – Clickable calendar with metric totals per day paired with critical daily metrics
- **Key Performance Indicator (KPI) with Trending** – A real time metric with DCC paired with a display comparing the current bucket of time to the previous per metric

## Predictive Analytics

- Combination of a real time metrics, time, historical baselines, local and seasonal level values, and different confidence interval parameters minute per minute uniquely 24/7 builds our predictive models for each of our metrics continuously

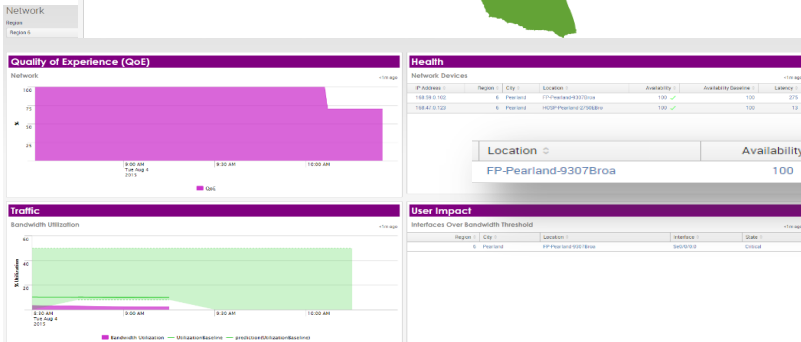
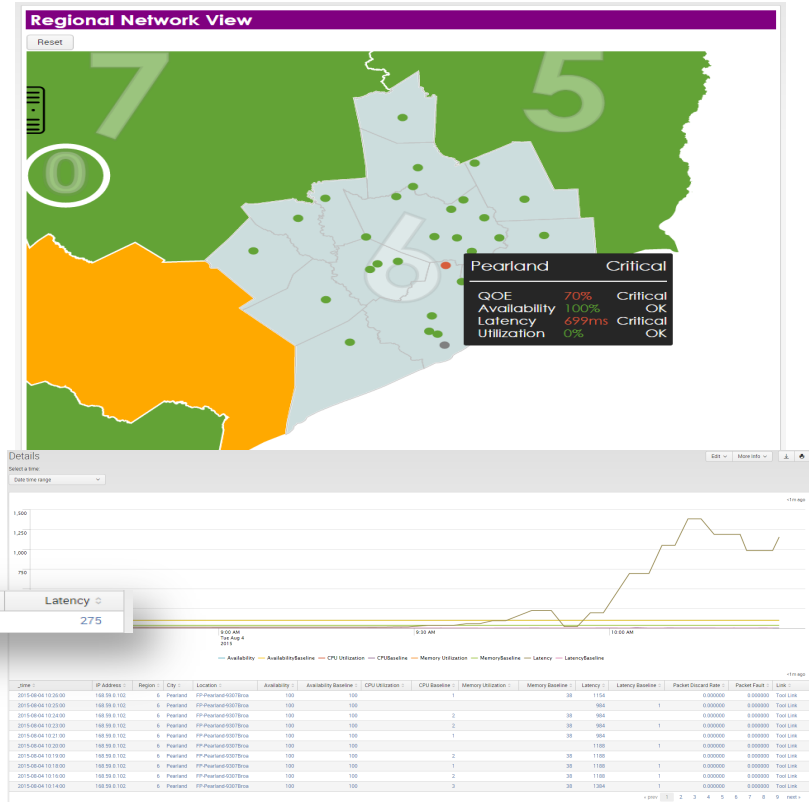
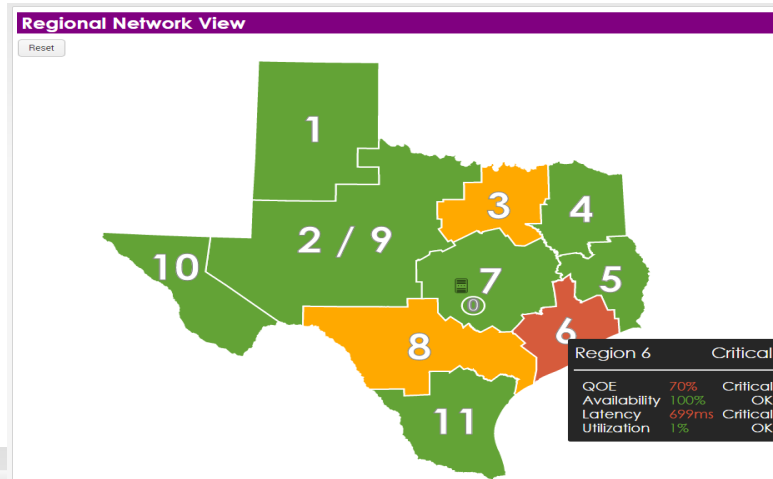
# Executive Performance Dashboard

KPI w/ Trending, Enhanced Mapping, DCC



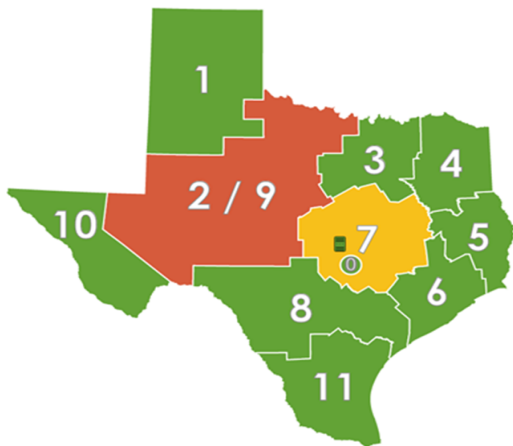
# Enhanced Mapping

Region, City, Location, Device



# Enhanced Mapping

- Texas counties and agency regions called for a custom map
- Mashup of US Census, Texas agency data
- Implemented using D3, JavaScript, CSS, Simple XML



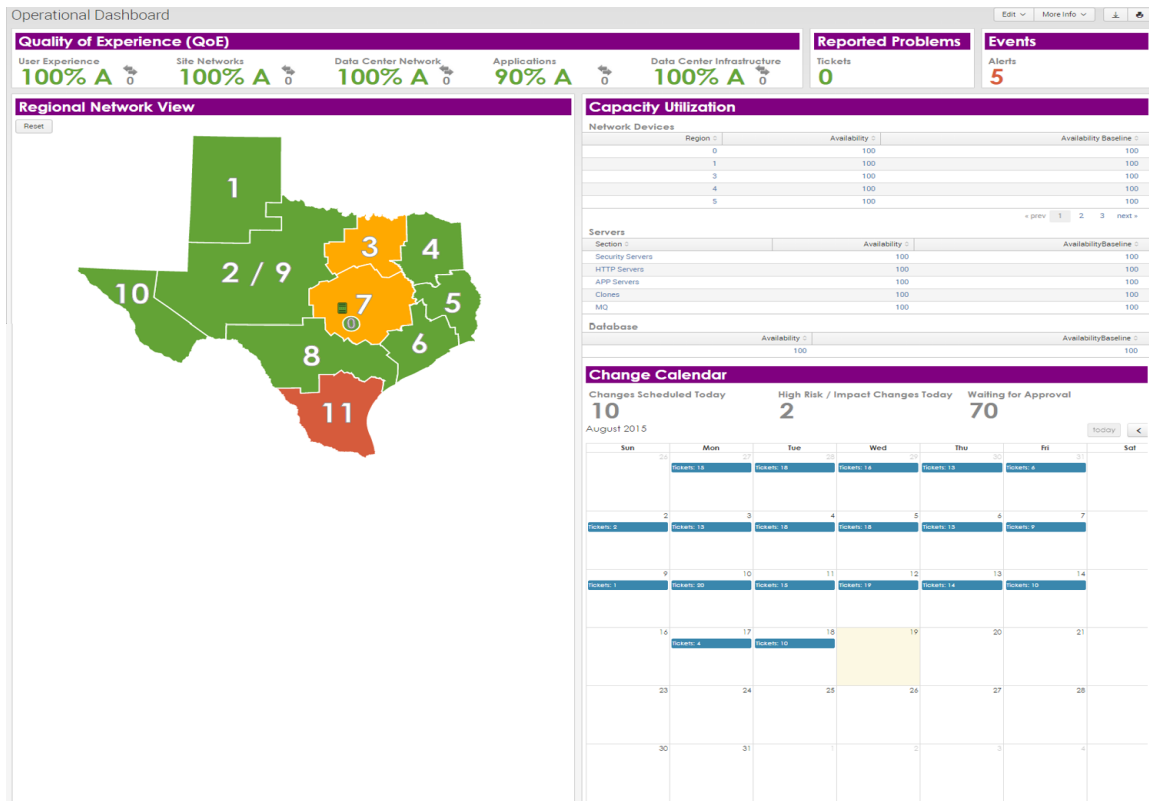
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# Operations Performance Dashboard

KPI w/ Trending, Enhanced Mapping, DCC, Interactive Calendar



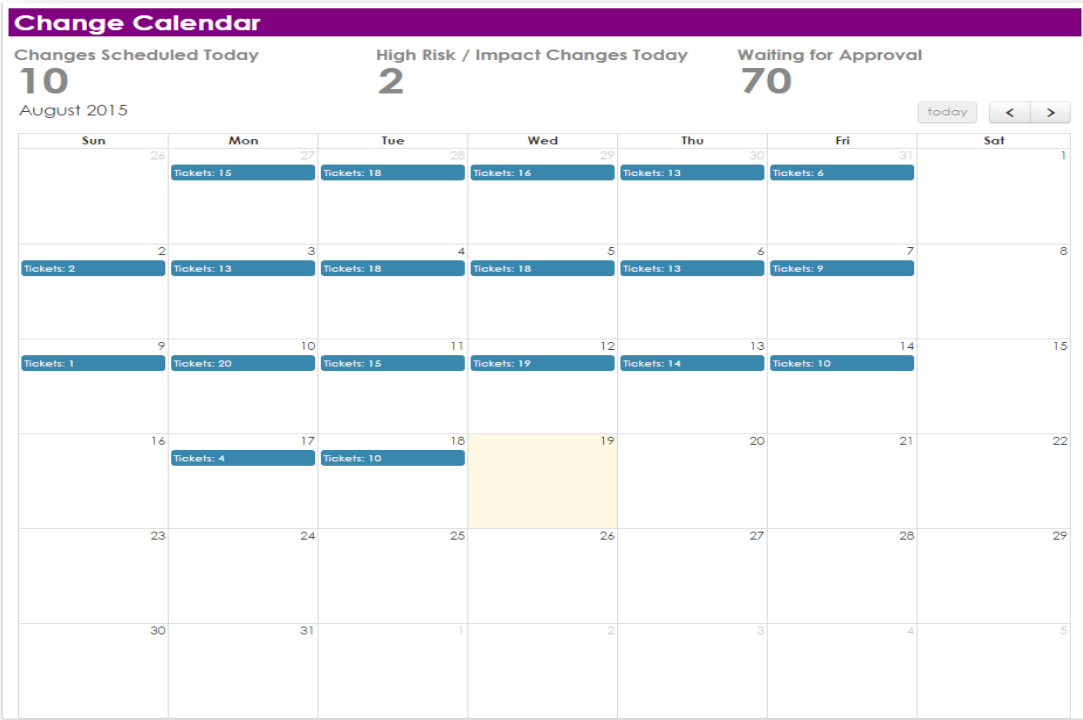
# Interactive Calendar



- Open source JavaScript
- Standard Splunk Search
- Simple XML Dashboard Code

Download code at [fullcalendar.io](http://fullcalendar.io)

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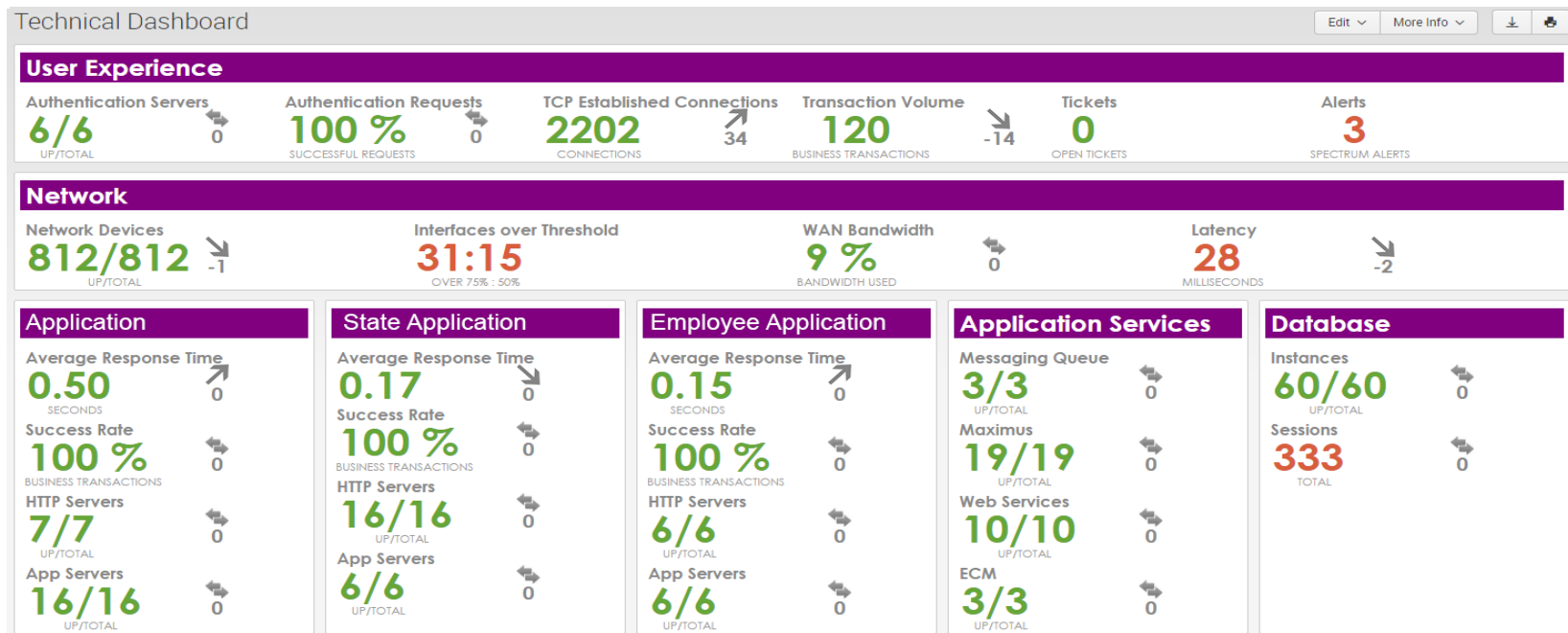


# Interactive Calendar

- Remedy On Demand (cloud) sends daily CSV as email attachment
- Scripted input uses Office365 REST API to read the attachment
- Splunk indexes scripted input into correct sourcetype/fields
- Sourcetype/fields are connected to automatic lookup tables
- JS and CSS files were updated to match our field names and “look and feel”
- A standard Splunk search is created and put into the simple xml
- Calendar click sends user to a Level 2 Change Calendar dashboard

# Technical Performance Dashboard

## KPI w/ Trending, DCC



# Ninja Skills for Tool Integration

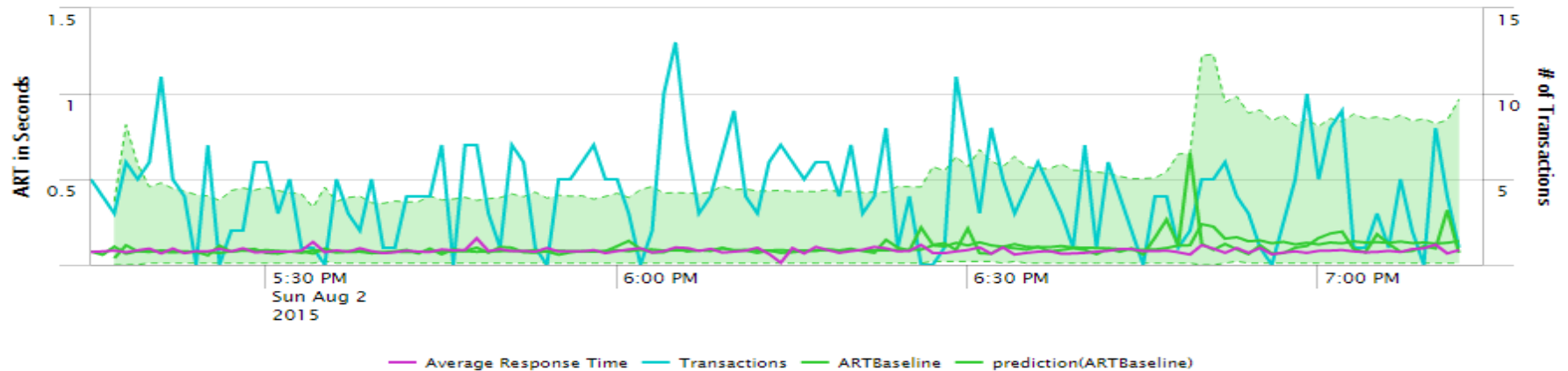


- Mostly scripted inputs
  - SOAP and REST queries
  - XML responses parsed and fields extracted by the script
  - Reduces indexed data by 50% saving customer licensing costs
- Email input
  - Office 365 has a very comprehensive REST interface
  - Can read messages and attachments
  - Script decodes CSV attachment and passes to indexer

# Acceptable Performance Range (APR)

## Experience

### Transactions and Average Response Time (ART)



- Based on our predictive analytics minute per minute.
- No static or predefined thresholds.
- A secondary metric can be added for context.

Primary Metric  
Primary Metric Baseline  
Primary Metric APR  
Secondary Metric

# Lessons Learned & Future Events

## Use separate apps for UI / inputs

- Easier updates
- UI app only on search heads; input scripts only on indexers

## Don't be afraid to DIY

- Sometimes there isn't an app for that
- Scripted inputs can filter and format data

## UI Design Considerations

- Design for multiple platforms (Mobile, TV, Desktop)
- Simple, clean, and flat design will make you stand out in a crowd
- Get continuous customer input throughout design and development process

## What's Next...

- Integrate additional network, infrastructure and system management tools
- Extend dashboard to monitor other development environments
- Build Cyber Dashboard for Data Center

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