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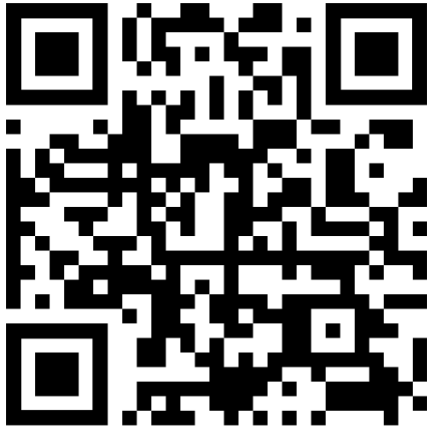
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# AI in Observability

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- AI capabilities embedded in our observability products
- Generative AI
- MLOps Observability
- AIOps

# Predictive AI and Generative AI

## Predictive AI

Maturity in 2017

*Prediction, Recommendation*

Predictive AI focuses on analyzing existing data that can be used **for predictions and automation**

## Generative AI

Maturity in 2022

*Creation, Reinvention*

Generative AI focuses on learning a representation of artifacts from data and using it to **generate original artifacts** based on predicted sequences of information from a given prompt

# Predictive AI is based on analyzing data



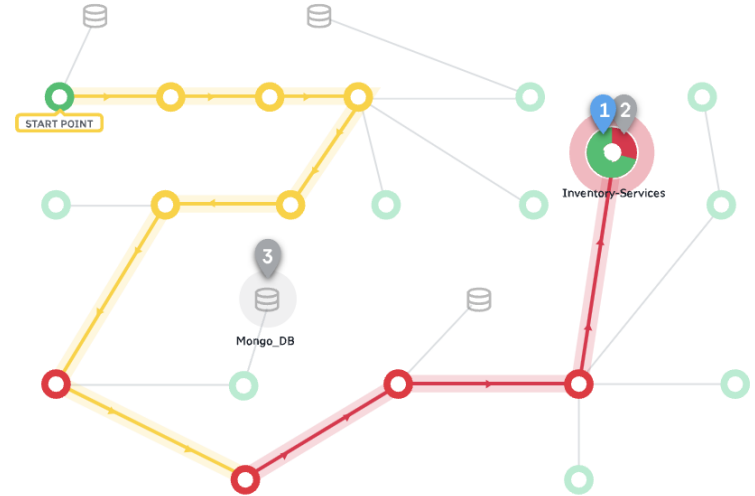
Analyze performance data across application topologies



Analyze metrics across full stack



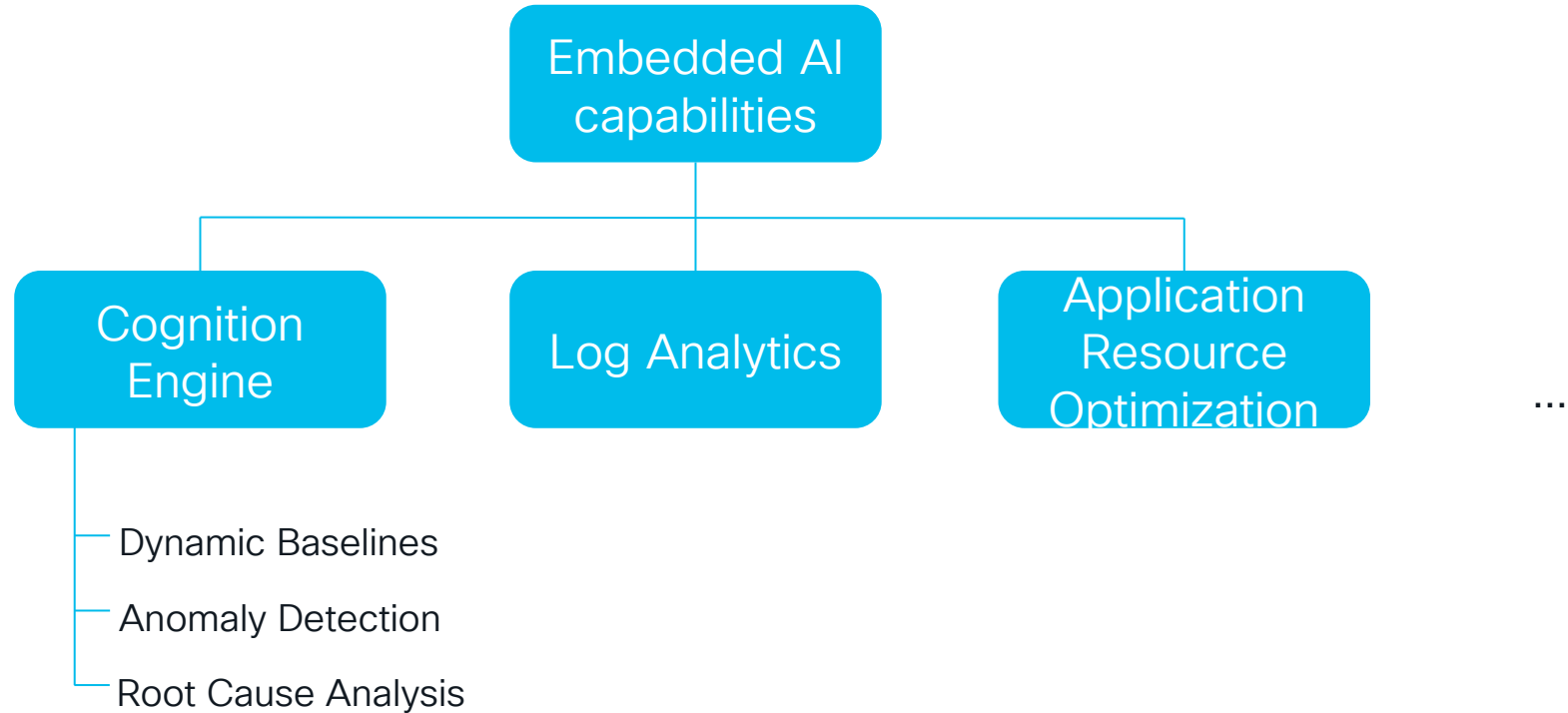
Apply machine learning algorithms to learn patterns and what is “normal”



AI capabilities  
embedded in  
our observability  
products



# Embedded AI capabilities





# Summary of embedded AI capabilities

## Dynamic Baselines

Baseline applications normal behavior every hour and account for seasonality

## Anomaly Detection

Detect issues across the full-stack using anomaly algorithm

## Root Cause Analysis

Accelerate troubleshooting using RCA and contextual insights

## Log Analytics

Quickly detect outliers and patterns in large volumes of logs

## Application Resource Optimization

Run continuous AI/ML experiments on workloads to optimize them

# Dynamic Baselines



## Adaptive thresholds

Baselines application's normal behavior every hour using rolling time window



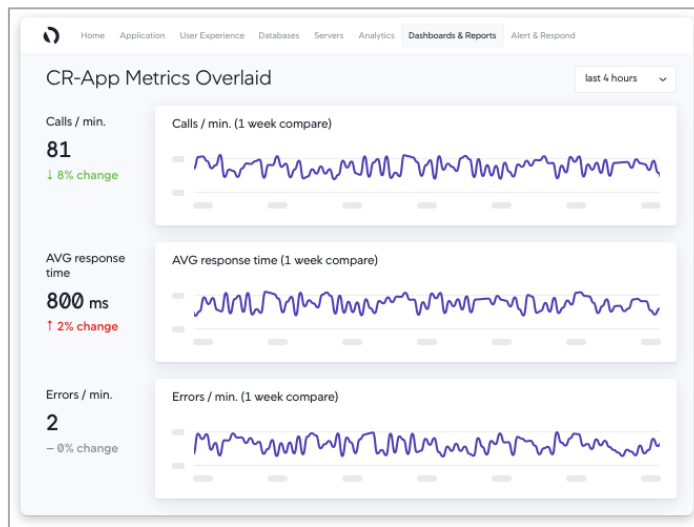
## Seasonality

Accounts for daily, weekly, monthly seasonality patterns



## Fully configurable

Configure parameters for each metric individually, combine it with threshold-based health rules to meet your use case



The 'Critical Condition' configuration interface shows the following setup:

- Condition 1**: If **Slow** (Value) of **Average Response Time (ms)** is **> Baseline** (Weekly Trend - Last 3 months) by **4** (Baseline Standard Deviation(s)).
- Condition 2**: If **Busy** (Value) of **Calls per Minute** is **> Specific Value** (10000).

# Anomaly Detection



## Detect Anomalies

Detect app issues without config



## Minimize false alerts

Robust algorithms which include outlier removal, seasonality detection to minimize false alerts



## Detect Anomalous transactions

Automatically detect issues in BTs

Critical Condition [Copy from Warning Condition](#)

If **All** of the following conditions are met: [+ Add Condition](#)

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Anomaly Detection **ERetail-Pass2** [last 2 weeks](#) [Configure Anomaly Detection](#)

☒ ON [How it Works](#) [Read Documentation](#)

The list below shows Model Training status for each Business Transaction. [Showing 13 of 13](#)

Business Transaction	Status
/r/AddToCart	✓ Ready
/r/Checkout	✓ Ready
/r/Login	✓ Ready
/r/Logout	✓ Ready

# Anomaly Detection Compared to Health Rules

	Anomaly Detection	Health Rules
Normal vs. abnormal	Uses machine learning to detect normal ranges of key business transaction metrics and deviations	Apply logical conditions to one or more metrics
Configuration	No configuration except to limit anomaly alerting	Create health rules as needed beyond default rules
Event	Anomaly = series of anomaly events	Violation = series of health rules
Entity coverage	Business transactions, Services*, Kubernetes*, AWS services* (EC2, ELB)	Any entity

\* Cisco Observability Platform only

# Root Cause Analysis



## Automated Root Cause Analysis

Automated root cause analysis for BT anomalies



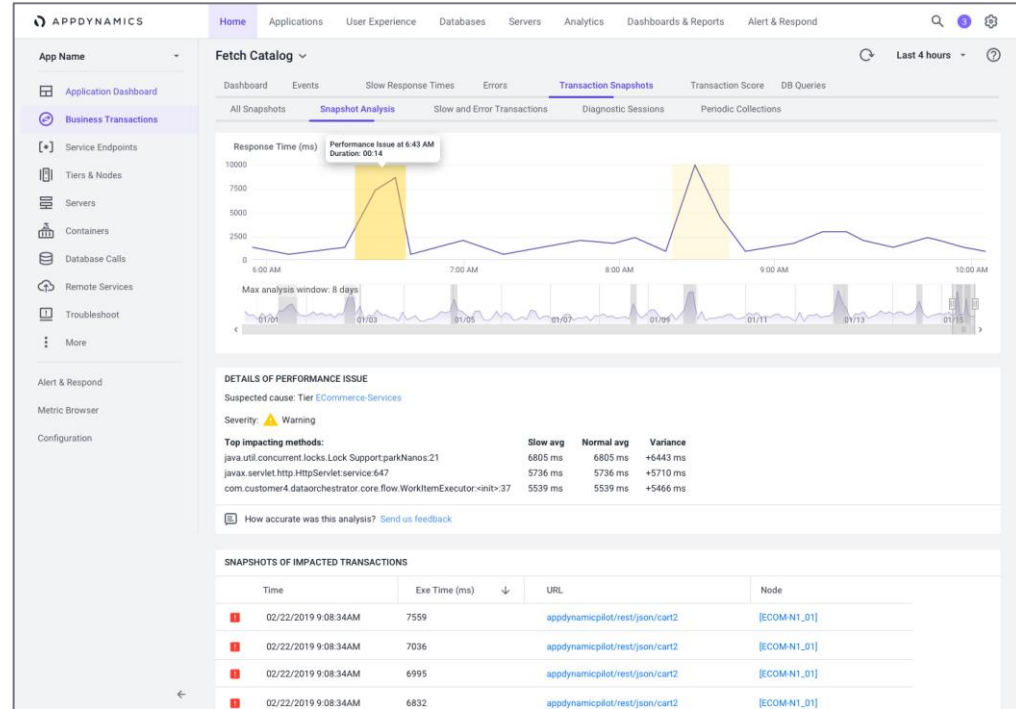
## Automated Transaction Diagnostics

Identify anomalous transactions, and suspected causes (slow methods, databases, service calls)



## Suspected Causes

Identify suspected causes using graph traversal algorithm



# Log Analytics

## Common challenges with analyzing logs

- Volume
- Unstructured format
- Knowing original purpose of a log
- Keeping up with frequently updated log statements

# Log Analytics in Cisco Cloud Observability

## Typical format of a log

- Timestamp
- Log level: TRACE, DEBUG, INFO, WARN, ERROR, FATAL
- Log content

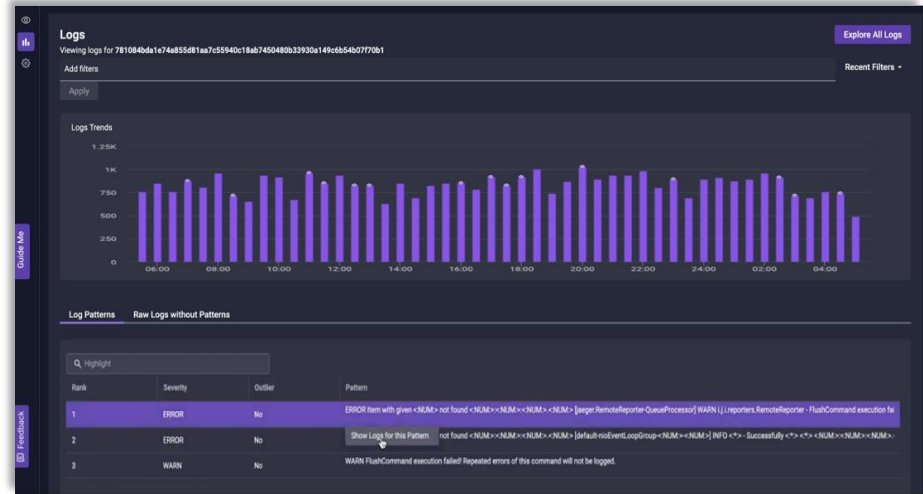
Key Capabilities in Log Analytics	Benefit
Auto-detect and rank log signature changes	Reduce MTTI
Detect anomalous signatures <i>Metrics related to patterns are learnt and used for anomaly detection</i>	Early indication of anomalous signatures and trends
Signature based alerts	Proactive notification; mitigate manual effort

# Log Analytics in Cisco Cloud Observability



## Log Pattern Detection

Identify unusual patterns quickly without manually analyzing large volume of logs



## What Cisco Cloud Observability does:

Pattern Miner

Event metrics  
represented as  
time series

Compute pattern  
impact score

Rank patterns

Drilldown: Show  
representative  
logs



# Application Resource Optimization



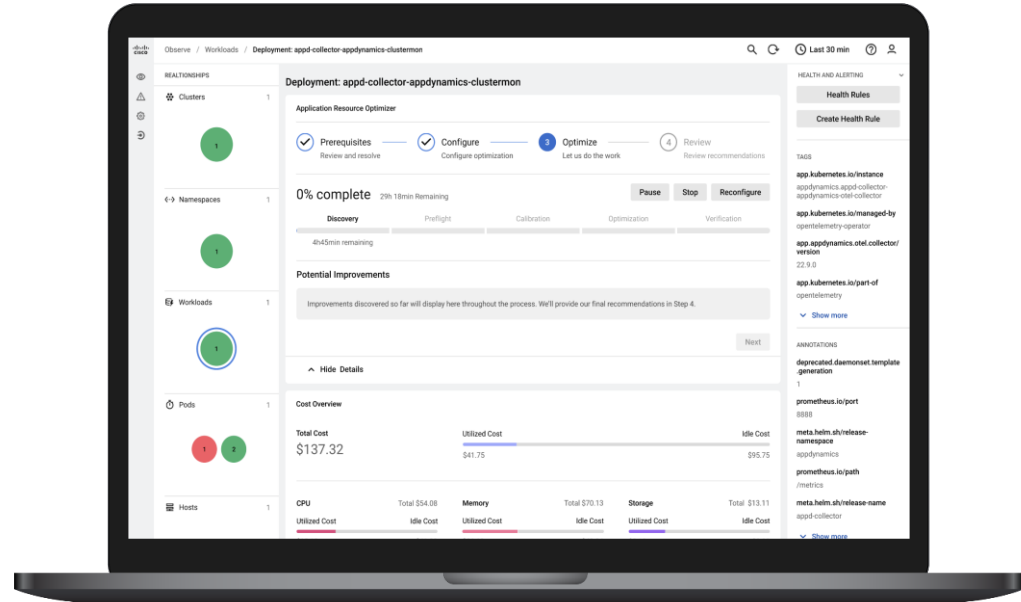
Provide deeper insights into a Kubernetes workload and provide visibility into the workload's resource utilization



Analyze and optimize application workloads to maximize resource usage and reduce excessive cloud spend by running continuous AI/ML experiments on workloads



Provide recommendations to optimize workloads and bring costs down, from optimal, lower latency or lower cost perspective



# Generative AI



# Generative AI

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**Large Language Model (LLM) Monitoring**  
Understand cost and compliance of OpenAI calls in your applications

SHIPPING  
NOW

**Natural Language Interface**  
Prompt interface in English for troubleshooting

New!

COMING  
SOON

**AI Assistant**  
Accelerate root cause identification

# Large Language Model (LLM) Monitoring

## Policy guideline compliance

Determine whether OpenAI calls made by your application are in line with your organization's policy guidelines

## Cost analysis

Calculate the cost incurred by calls from your OpenAI-powered application

## Response time tracking

Monitor the average response time for OpenAI calls

## Token usage per call

Track the number of tokens used per call to understand the resource requirements of your application

## A/B testing

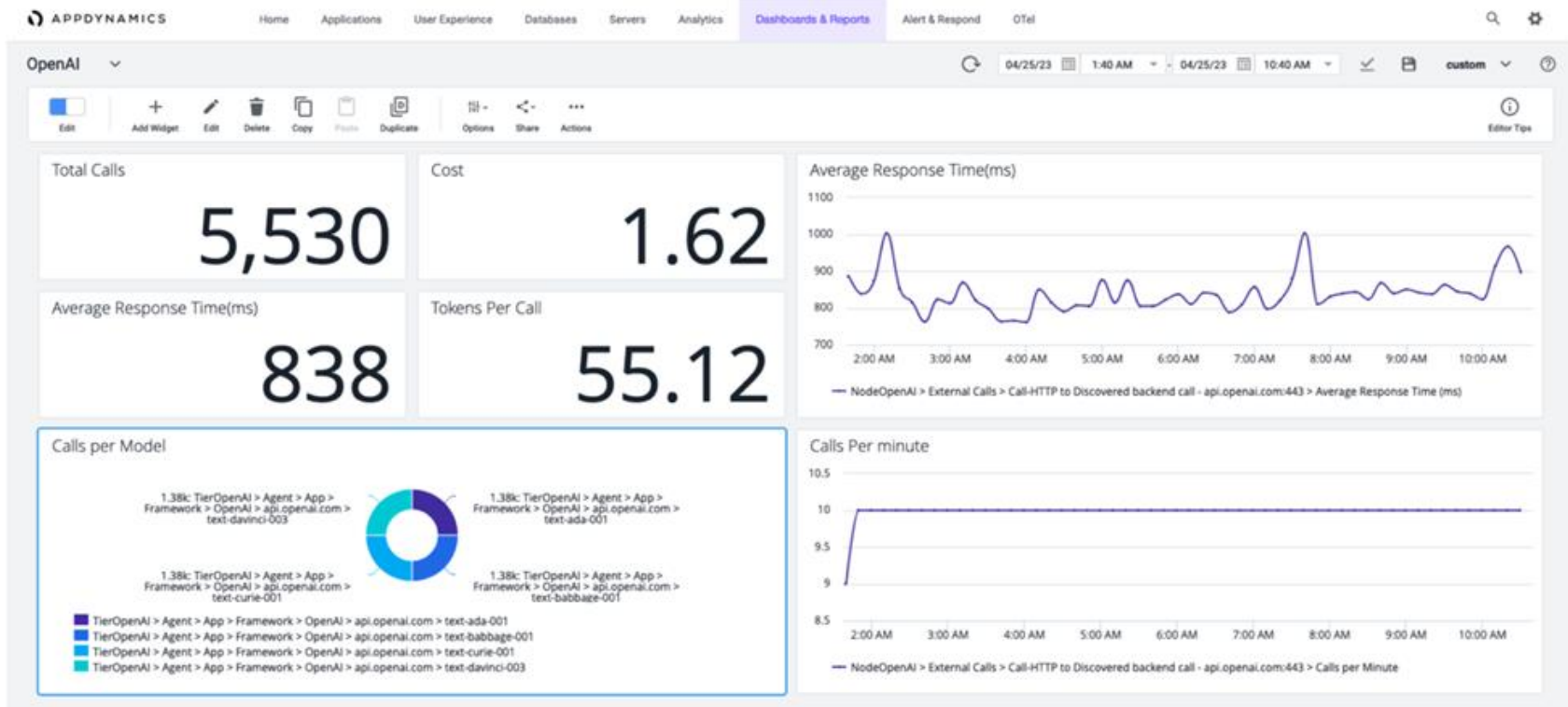
Conduct A/B testing between different versions of your application as LLM capabilities evolve between versions

## Supported LLM Models

GPT-3, GPT-3.5, GPT-4

# LLM Monitoring: OpenAI Dashboard

Available on Cisco AppDynamics SaaS



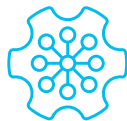
# Introducing Natural Language Interface

Available now on Cisco Observability Platform



## Solution

- Troubleshooting with natural language interface
- Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) and LLM
- Responsible AI with built-in guardrails



## Key capabilities

- Translate natural language to Universal Query Language



## Benefits

- Empowers empowering tier-1 staff to handle advanced tasks
- Eliminates the need for precise syntax

# Natural Language Interface

## Business Transactions (3)

Ask me

UQL **Natural Language**

Show business transactions that are active and health status is good

Apply

Try "Show Business Transactions"

with critical alerts

with parent relationships with bad health starting from highest avg response time

with recent critical logs

[Regenerate](#)

Health	Business risk ↓	Name	Originating service	ART (ms)	Calls/min	Errors/min
✓	970	Checkout	frontend	0.56	0.44	0.23
✓	420	User management	frontend	1.56	0.05	–
✓	230	Cart	frontend	0.21	0.24	–

# What happens in the background

## Natural Language Interface on Cisco Observability Platform

### Offline Flow

FSO Entity Definitions,  
UQL Grammar



Text Snippets



Embedding

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110010  
0110

Vector database



### Online Flow



Show Error  
Logs for  
MyFinApp

Question  
embedding

0110  
110010  
0110

Semantic  
search

0110  
110010  
0110

Error Logs  
Displayed



Generate UQL



LLM Lookup



Ranked results



# Natural Language Interface Demo

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# AI Assistant

## Knowledge Store

Organized repository for analysis, best practices, and decision-making.

## Tools

Ability to use tools for collecting, grounding and analyzing data.

## Decision making

Choosing the right course of action from various alternatives based on data, tools, and processes.

## Metacognition

Ability to understand its own thoughts to optimize your problem-solving strategies.


## Planning & Prioritization

Organizing tasks to create a strategic approach to manage and accomplish goals efficiently.





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# AI Assistant Demo


 Observability Platform


Cisco Cloud Observability


 Overview

 Dashboards

 Observe

 Explore

 Alerts

 Configure

Cisco AI Assistant

+ New conversation

Today

☐ What policies do I have that are i...

☐ Does my policy allow or block tr...


☐ How are uncategorized URLs ha...

Yesterday

☐ How can I set up my browser for...

☐ What policies are assigned to th...


☐ What policies have critical login in



What do you want to ask today?

Choose from a suggestion below or use the text field to ask a question. I have limitations and won't always get it right, but your feedback will help me improve.

Ask the Cisco AI Assistant a question



The Cisco AI Assistant may display inaccurate information. Make sure to verify the responses. [View our FAQs](#) to learn more.

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# Model Observability: MLOps



# What are you doing about the explosion in AI?

Chatbots, LLM, AI Assistants, GenAI, Predictive AI...

**AI Observability** is needed, including...

*ML Ops Definition: a set of practices that automate and simplify machine learning (ML) workflows and deployments*

**ēVOLUTION** **DataRobot**

# MLOps by Evolution - Powered by DataRobot

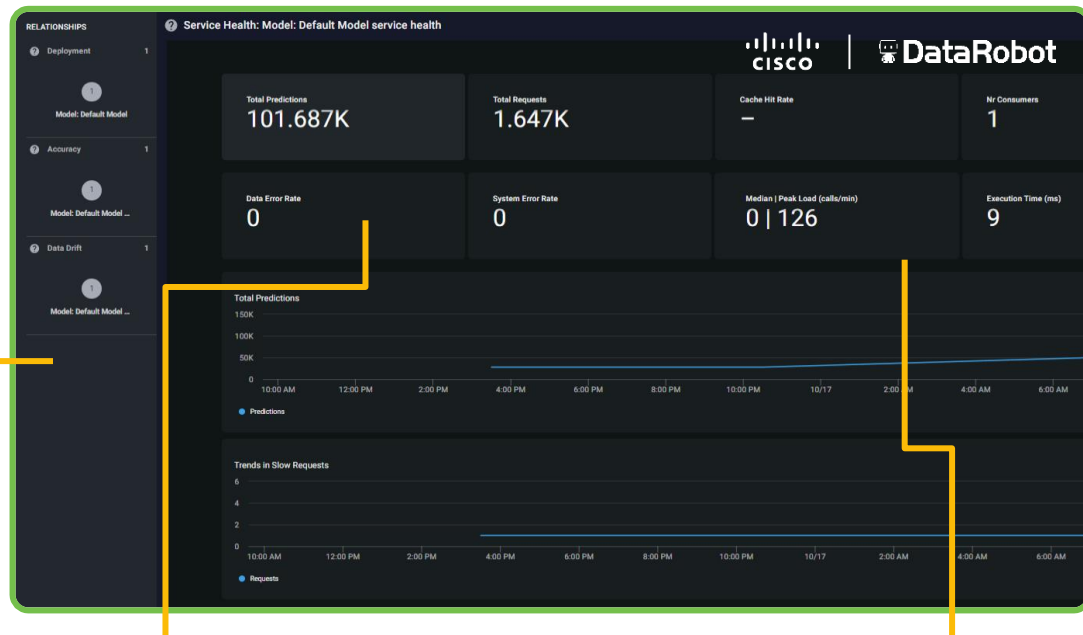
**Purpose:** enables AI Observability =  
Monitoring & Governance of AI  
across the enterprise's software & AI  
applications

**Model Health Metrics Monitored:**

**Service Health:** Monitors operational  
efficiency and error occurrences.

**Data Drift:** Tracks differences between  
incoming and training data.

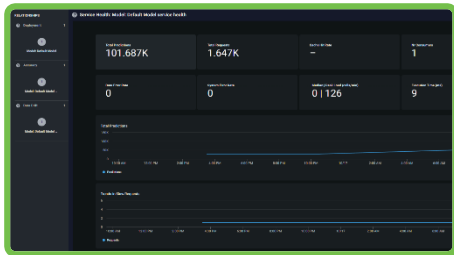
**Accuracy:** Compares predictions  
against actual outcomes.



**Prediction volume & error  
rates:** understand across  
all AI platforms

**Real-time AI Observability  
insights:** into AI system  
governance, performance, and  
health

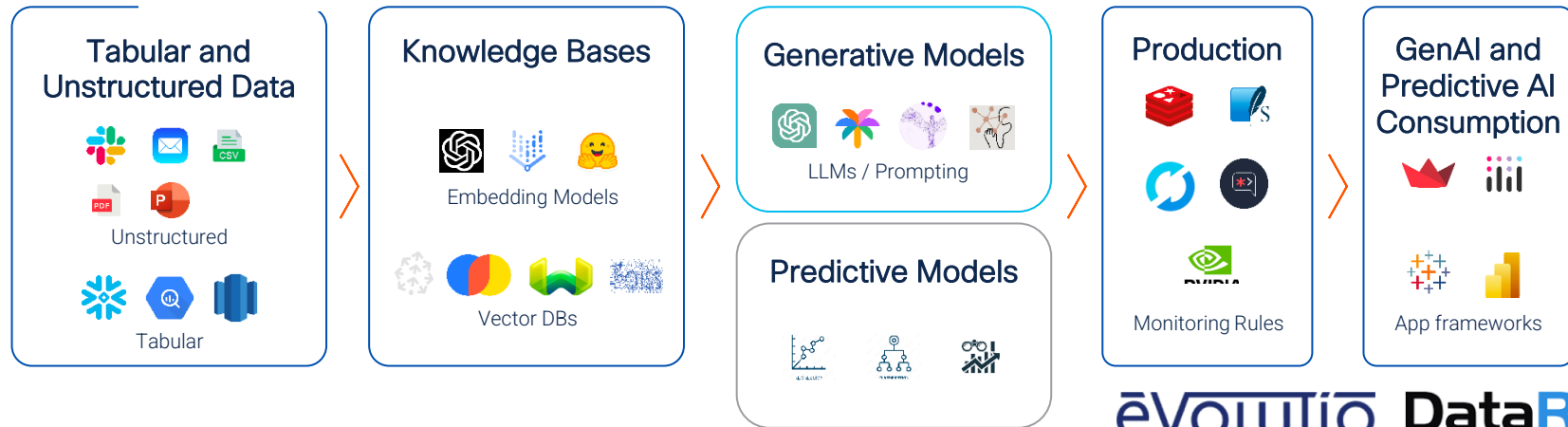
# Benefits



- 1. Comprehensive Monitoring:** Real-time insights into AI system performance and health.
- 2. Enhanced Governance:** Ensuring ethical, transparent, and compliant AI operations.
- 3. DataRobot Edge:** Advanced analytics for predictive and proactive AI management.



## DataRobot to Monitor and Govern AI



# AIOps



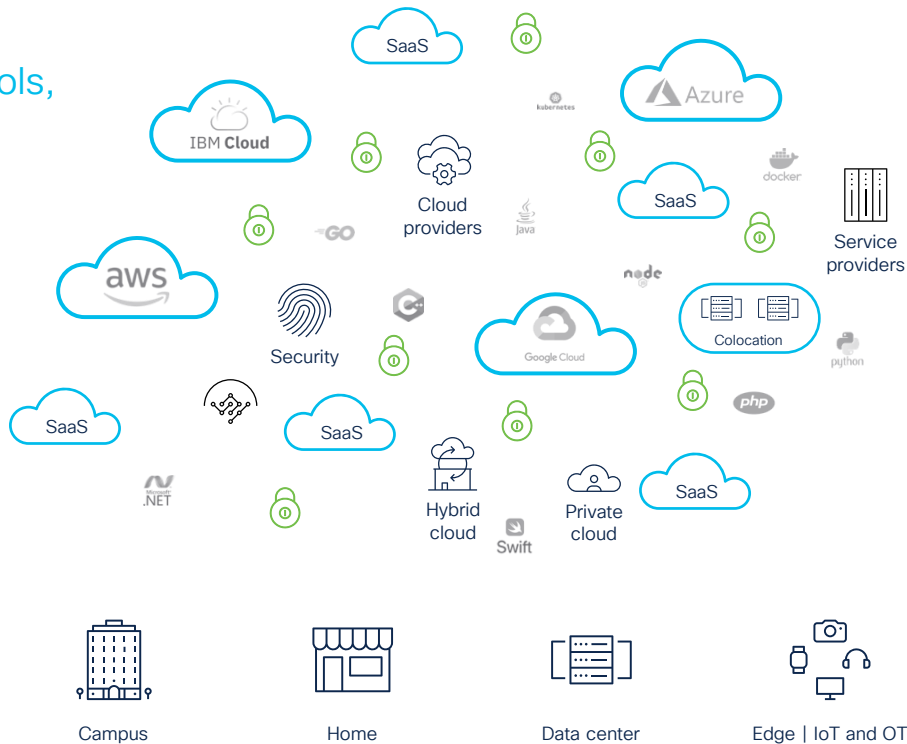


# Need for AIOps

Apps are being built and deployed in complex environments

Multiple monitoring tools,  
incomplete visibility

A single incident causes  
multiple alerts



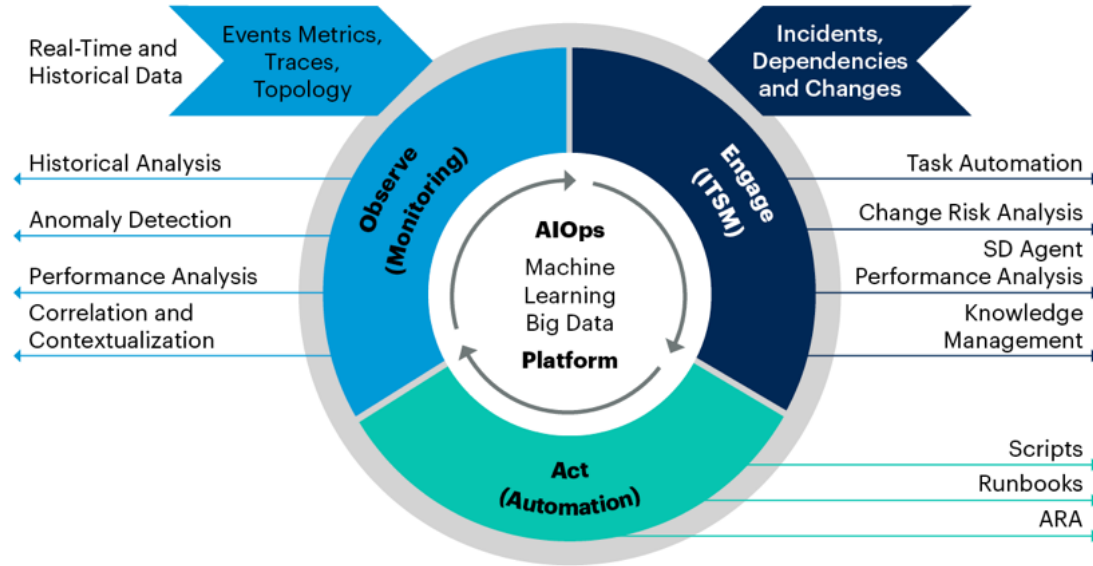
Fragmented topology  
and changes

Desire to move from  
reactive to proactive ITOps

Limited business context

# Key Components of an AIOps Platform

## AIOps Platform Enabling Continuous Insights Across IT Operations Monitoring (ITOM)



Source: Gartner  
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Gartner

# Introducing AIOps on Cisco Observability Platform



## Unified view

Single pane of glass view of multi-vendor assets across the organization



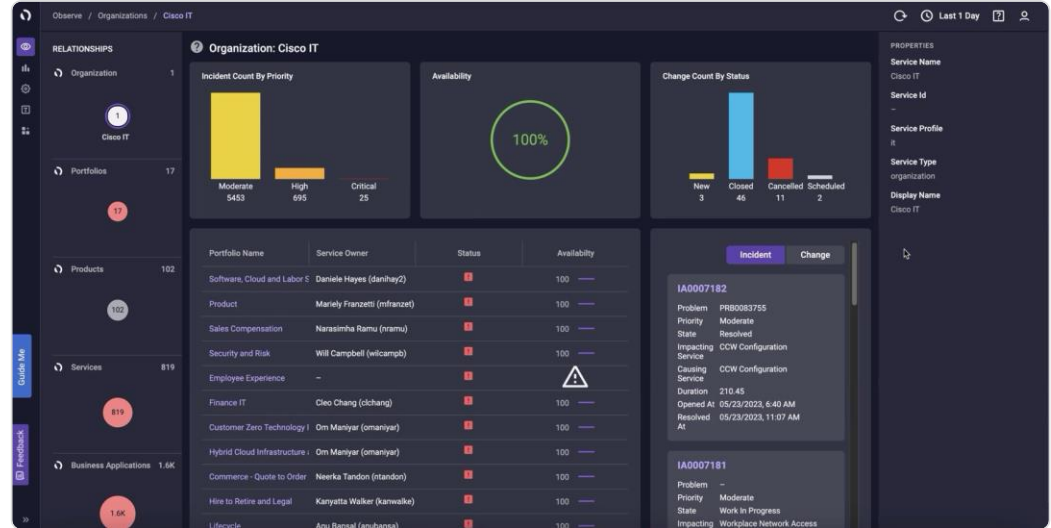
## Business health

Application and infrastructure health in context of business



## Cross-domain insights

Event and alert correlation using time and topology



# AIOps is not new, so what is the big deal?

## Key differentiators for Cisco AIOps App

Capability	AIOps on Cisco Observability Platform	Standalone AIOps
Data sources	Pre-packaged collectors for Cisco infrastructure	Development of custom collectors required
Supported data types	Alerts, events, metrics, logs*	Alerts, events, metrics (limited)
Alerting	Dynamic thresholds-based alerting on metrics and events	Alerting thresholds are set by tools feeding standalone AIOps tools
Anomaly detection	Multiple ML anomaly-detection approaches (metrics, logs)	Limited to the alerts created by source monitoring tools

\*Logs: Roadmap

# Key Capabilities

Theme	Supported today	Coming soon
Integrations (Data sources)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco: AppDynamics SaaS, Thousand Eyes, DNA Center</li> <li>• Others: VMware, Zabbix</li> <li>• ServiceNow: ITSM, ITOM, CMDB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco: Intersights, Meraki, MDS Switches</li> <li>• Others: EMC, NetApp, ScienceLogic</li> <li>• Topology: VMWare</li> <li>• CI/CD tools: Jenkins</li> </ul>
Observe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Health and availability</li> <li>• Business health and Availability</li> <li>• Incidents, Problems, Changes, CIs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Component health</li> </ul>
Troubleshoot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entity Pages: Alerts, Events, Metrics</li> <li>• Relationship map</li> <li>• Command Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Related alerts, events</li> <li>• Related incidents, ci changes etc.</li> </ul>
Intelligent Insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event/Alert enrichment</li> <li>• Alert Intelligence: deduplication, filtering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events and Alerts correlation</li> <li>• Incident Correlation</li> </ul>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User triggered actions: Service Now, Pager Duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User triggered actions: WebEx, Teams, Slack</li> <li>• Situation Rooms (PagerDuty/Slack/WebEx)</li> <li>• Workflow Automation (Script, Runbook)</li> </ul>

# AIOps Demo



# Takeaways

- Embedded AI capabilities
  - Cognition Engine
  - Log Analytics
  - Application Resource Optimization
- Observe LLM usage for costs and compliance
- ML innovations from partners in Cisco Observability Platform
- Natural Language Interface speeds troubleshooting
- AIOps: unified view for business health, cross-domain insights

# Related Sessions

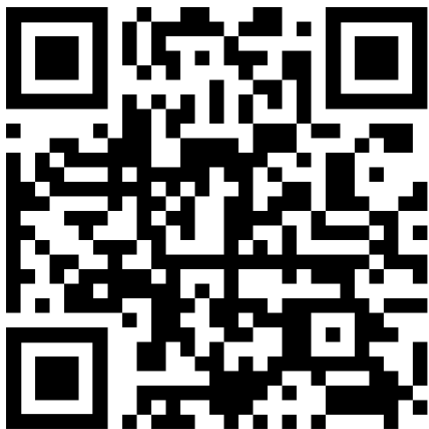
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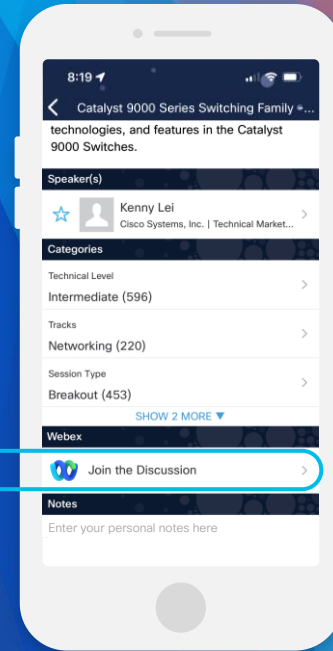
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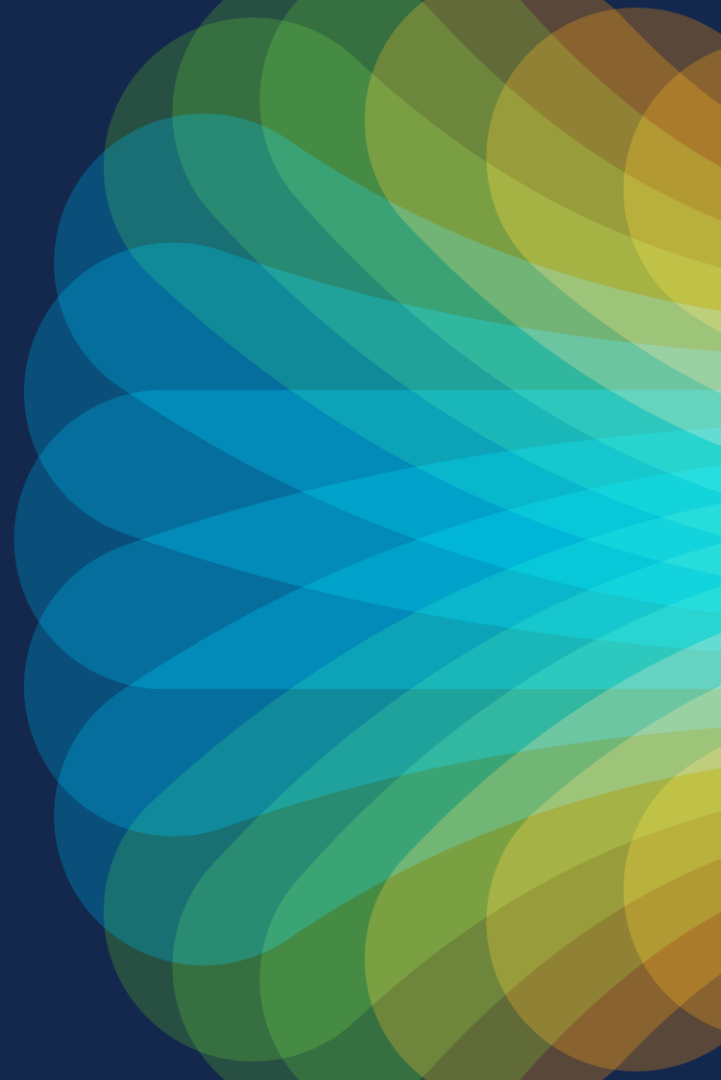
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