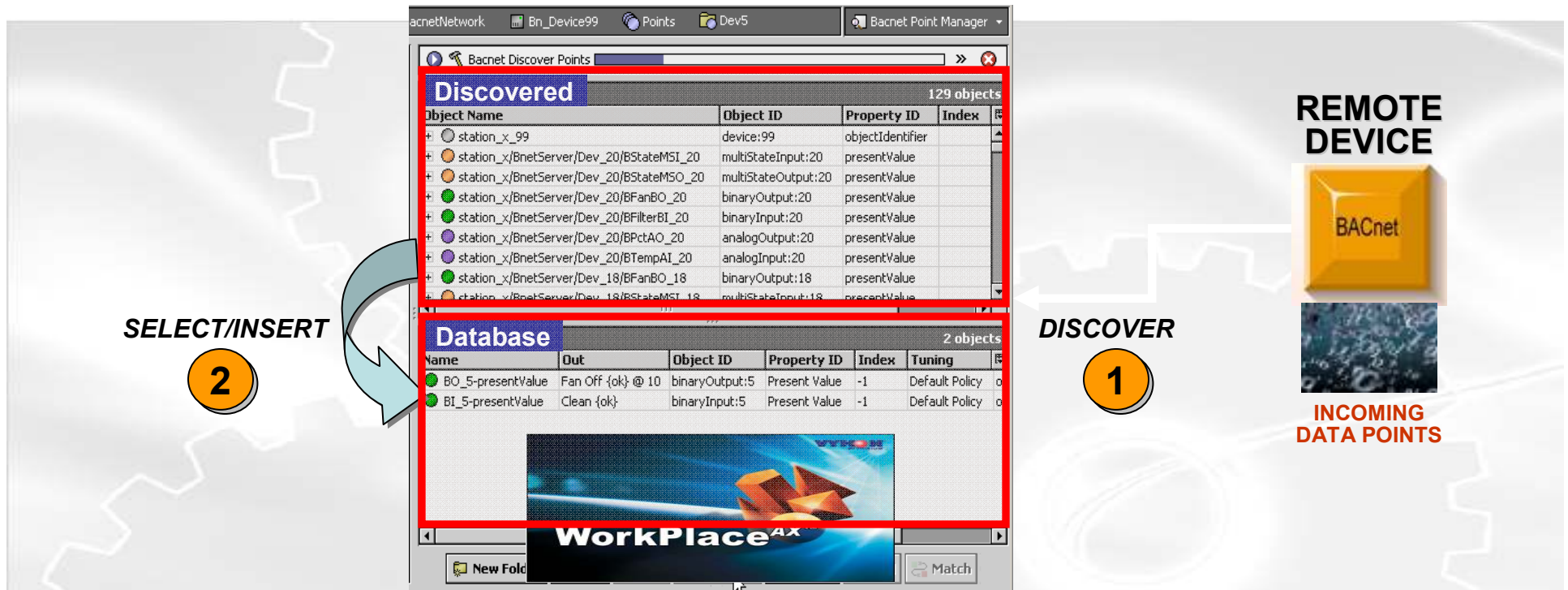# QUIK-REVIEW: The Discovery Process

How does Niagara learn which data points exist in any given smart device? The easiest way is through a process called "Discovery."

SELECT/INSERT
2

DISCOVER
1

REMOTE DEVICE

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INCOMING DATA POINTS

Then, you select WHICH data points you want to place into the Niagara database to use for designing your system.

Discover allows you to find data items that are defined using a driver's framework.

Online "**device learns**" are possible using the Device Manager for many drivers. Whenever available, this method is the easiest way to accurately add device components to the station database.

Most device learns in Niagara^AX^ are a two-step process where you first:

- Discover device candidates for inclusion in the station database.
- Select and Add from those candidates, creating device components in the network.