Machine Learning for Systems

What is AlOps?

- Artificial Intelligence for IT Operations (AIOps): AIOps combines **big data** and **machine learning** to **automate IT operations processes**,
 including event correlation, anomaly detection and causality determination.
- The demands of today's digital economy—coupled with the **increasing complexity** of modern application architectures—have made the role of IT operations more challenging.
- In response, AI and machine learning have emerged as a means to relieve some of the **manual intervention** required.
- In a recent survey of more than 100 IT professionals, we found that the respondents overwhelmingly believe AIOps is the future of IT operations, with **increased automation and faster remediation** among the key benefits.

Proliferation of Monitoring Tools Makes Analytics Challenging

- The use of disparate monitoring tools makes it extremely difficult to obtain end-to-end visibility across the entire business service or application.
- 72% of IT organizations rely on up to nine different IT monitoring tools to support modern applications.
- AIOps will help "reduce false positives, build alert correlation and help in identifying root cause without having the tech go to multiple tools." –Arnab Mukhopadhyay, an ITSM professional at the Florida Department of Transportation

The Sheer Volume of Alerts Is Becoming Unmanageable

- According to the survey, 47% IT operators experience over 50,000 alerts on average per month.
- The top cited monitoring challenges are detecting the issue proactively (71%), collaboration across teams (70%) and alert correlation across all tools (54%).

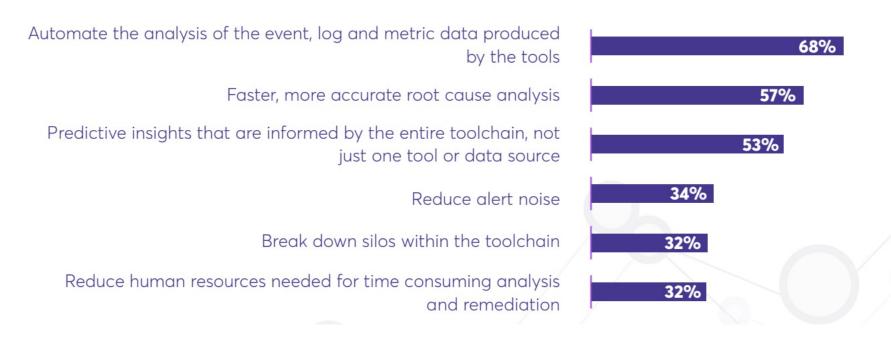
Delivering Superior User Experiences Requires Predictive Analytics

According to the survey, delivering superior user experience with
predictive analytics is among the top three most important business
outcomes, and as such, predictive analytics is the most sought-after AIOps
capability.



The Expected Benefits of AIOps are Enormous

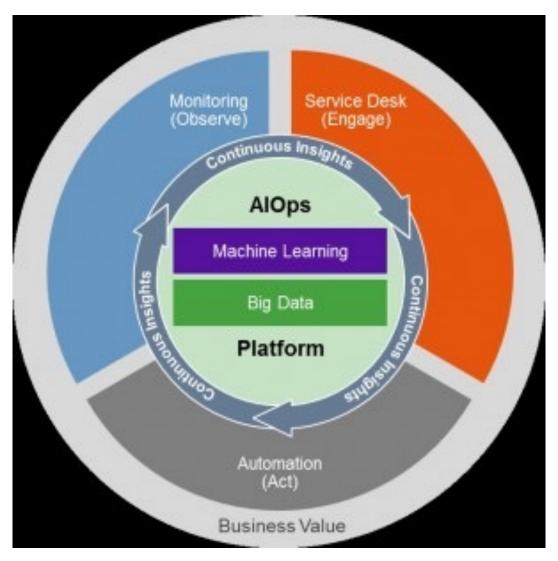
• 97% of IT professionals believe that AIOps will deliver actionable insights to help automate and enhance overall IT operations functions.



The Future of IT Operations Is AIOps

- According to Gartner, by 2023, 30% large enterprises will be using artificial intelligence for IT operations (AIOps) platforms and digital experience monitoring technology exclusively to monitor the nonlegacy segments of their IT estates, up from 2% in 2018.
- "With machine learning to analyze our data, we can proactively be alerted of potential issues, giving us time to react and resolve a larger issue before it happens." –Joe Scremba, system administrator, Gordon Food Service

AlOps



Machine Learning Prime

- Artificial Intelligence: computers perform tasks that normally require human intelligence
- Machine learning: using patterns in data to "learn" intelligence behaviors without being explicitly programmed.
 - One approach to Al
- Al vs. ML vs. AlOps:
 - ML is one approach to Al
 - AIOps refers to IP Operation tools that use ML

Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

- Supervised learning
 - Inputs: raw data + training labels
 - Examples: Is this image a dog or a cat?
- Unsupervised learning
 - Inputs: raw data only
 - Example: Group news articles by topics

Black-box vs. Open-box Machine learning

- Black-box machine learning: don't know the decision making process
- Open-box machine learning
 - Explainable: the logic is expressed in a format which can be understood
 - Editable: The logic can be edited so that you can incorporate human knowledge and experience
 - Previewable: you can preview the result against a historical dataset

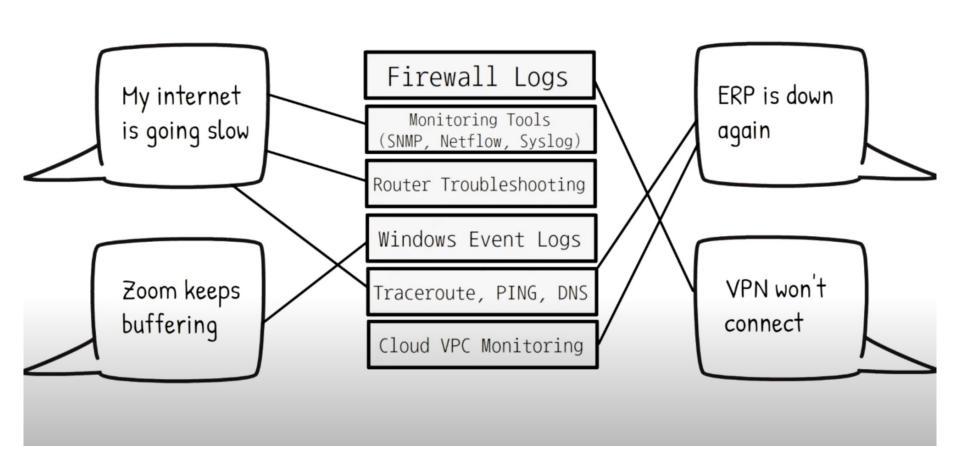
Types of Data

- Log data
- Wire data
- Metric data
- Alert data
- API data
- Ticket data
- ...

What's the Data Analyzed for?

- Automatic pattern discovery
- Root cause analysis
- Predictive Analysis
- Anomaly detection

Correlation with Issues and Data



Rule-based Technologies

- Select a a specific subset of your data to focus on
- Experts help determine how to process that data
- Translate expert process to rules
- Machine follow the rules
- Observe & refine rules to deal with exceptions, outliers, etc.

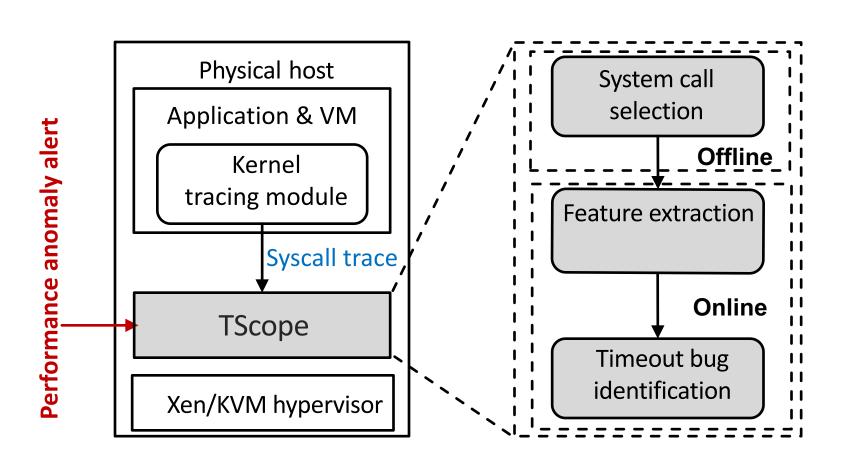
Machine Learning can Help

- Learns about your environment
- Handles the "known knowns" and the "unknown unknowns"
- Cost-effective and scale in real-time
- Autonomously respond 24*7*365
- When you use open-box machine learning, you are always in control

Whether AIOps can play well with you?

- Make sure your data source align with the desired outcome
- Does the solution work with a best-of-breed tools ecosystem?
- Where does the training data come from?
- Can you get insight from both streaming and historical data?
- Are ML decisions "open-box" or "black-box"?

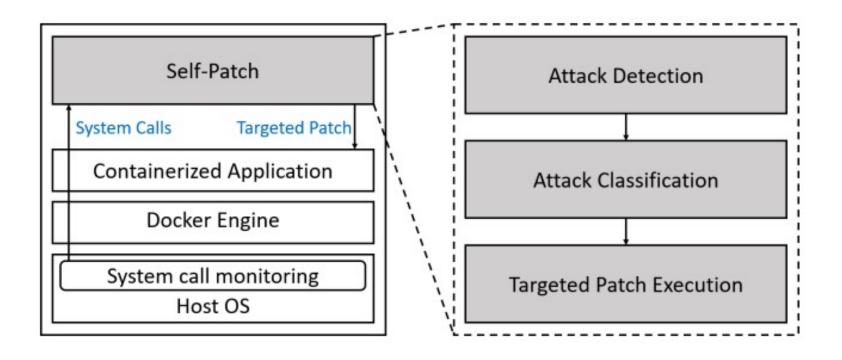
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- runtime timeout bug identification tool.
 - Combines timeout related feature selection and runtime anomaly detection to achieve higher precision.
 - does not require any application instrumentation for bug detection.
 - Evaluates over 19 performance bugs and identifies 18 of them.

Case Study – Docker Container Vulnerability Detection



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- **self-triggering** targeted patching framework.
 - The attack detection module monitors container runtime behaviors by analyzing system call traces via autoencoder neural network learning methods.
 - offline profiling to extract the vulnerability signature by extracting the top frequently used system calls after triggering the corresponding attack.
 - Evaluates over 31 CVEs and classifies 81% of them.

Case Study -- AlOps at IBM Watson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ph8p-eP9Y90

Case Study -- AlOps at MicroSoft

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0qEla88cXo

Summary

- AlOps is the future of IT operations
- Supervised and unsupervised learning in AIOps
- Play with AlOps
- Comparison between rule-based technologies and AlOps
- Case studies