CA Automation Point™

Key Features

• Consolidated Sessions Automation of z/OS, VAX, Tandem, VM, and VSE consoles
• Alert Management to prioritize into event into a centralize dashboard
• Notification policy for problem escalation through user-definable methods
• Synchronous automation of processes to increase operational efficiencies and reduce total cost of ownership
• Remote viewing of system events and notification policy through client, web, and mobile interfaces

At a Glance

CA Automation Point™ is a Windows based event monitoring, system automation and staff notification component of the CA OPS/MVS® solution. It monitors mainframe systems, distributed systems and devices throughout your enterprise; enabling event correlation among the many varied systems within your corporate computing environment. Additionally, rules and scripting capabilities enable you to consolidate events and automate the systems from consolidated source. It also contains an Alert Management interface to manage critical events that require human decision making and intervention and escalate them with a policy-based notification component.

Business Challenge

With cross-system platform management being the industry norm today, a system operator needs to be able to efficiently monitor and react to events originating in the distributed and/or the mainframe system. CA Automation Point provides tools to automate cross-platform management and to define and enforce data center policies across the enterprise, enabling you to resolve most problems with minimal human interaction. This helps increase the efficiency of IT operations and enables you to redirect human capital toward value-added activities. CA Automation Point can assist you to manage risk, costs, improve service, align IT processes with business needs, and move you a step closer to realizing a fully autonomic computing environment.

Solution Overview

CA Automation Point helps improve productivity by providing console consolidation for sessions connected to remote systems including: z/OS MCS consoles, VTAM and CA Remote Console, iSeries (AS/S400), Telnet, SSH, UNIX and Linux. Since all such sessions can be viewed and managed remotely, CA Automation Point can be used to implement a true automated data center limiting human resource requirements, thus helping to reduce overhead cost outlay.

Built in Alert Manager functionality allows for critical events to be displayed, tracked, and assigned to appropriate responsible users. Coupling this with Notification Manager allows events to be escalated using predefined process and procedures helping to reduce the events mean time to resolution.

With its ability to initiate and automate an IPL/IML process, CA Automation Point can help reduce the system downtime of your business-critical systems. It can also facilitate failover from your site’s primary systems to backup systems in a disaster recovery situation, reducing business critical downtime that could affect a company’s immediate revenue stream.
Critical Differentiators

CA Automation Point is an outboard automation product used to consolidate consoles into a single location, perform automation across various platforms, interact with the Hardware Management Console (HMC) and provide problem escalation within the smallest to the largest and most complex data centers.

- **Correlate and consolidate events and coordinate** action across mainframe, distributed systems, and non-IT devices.
- **Facilitate automation** of the IPL process and HMC interactions.
- **Get remote access** to sessions, including mainframe consoles, enabling personnel access regardless of proximity to physical hardware.
- **Multiple users** can access the same session while still maintaining individualized security privileges.
- **Alert Management** enables users to view and respond to events in a web base interface
- **Notification policy** is configured on a user level. It enables the end user to set preferred method of communication (paging, email, GUI, message to host, or phone call) based on time of day.
- **RESTful Web Services** enables third-party products to remotely request CA Automation Point services and receive data back.

Support Environment


Please reference the Installation Guide for specific requirements for service packs, editions, and 32-bit versus 64-bit support.

Related Products/Solutions

- CA OPS/MVS® Event Management and Automation

For more information, please visit [ca.com/us/opscenter/ca-automation-point.aspx](ca.com/us/opscenter/ca-automation-point.aspx).