

# CA Automation Point



## At a Glance

CA Automation Point is an event monitoring, system automation and staff notification application. It monitors mainframe systems, distributed systems and devices throughout your enterprise, enabling event correlation among the many varied systems that constitute your corporate computing environment. Rules and scripting capabilities enable you to automate the systems that you monitor. CA Automation Point also provides a policy-based notification component that enables you to automatically notify key staff members about critical events that require human decision making and intervention.

### Key Benefits/Results

- **Console consolidation** of z/OS, JES3, VAX, Tandem, VM and VSE consoles
- **Notification policy** for problem escalation via 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 via client, web and mobile interfaces.

### Key Features

- **Dynamic sessions.** CA Automation Point enables you to define, delete or change a session's configuration without requiring a product recycle.
- **Web Services API.** Web Services can be used by customers to perform operations on notifications, on host sessions being monitored and on messages within those sessions.
- **Manage up to 64 sessions.** The consolidation of more systems into a server helps reduce software and human resource investment.
- **Single sign-on.** Remote viewing is authenticated via Active Directory.
- **Session layouts.** Users of the desktop and remote viewer can save the current layout of session windows. Users can switch between layouts and share saved layouts with other users.
- **Import/export facility.** This solution provides the ability to backup existing configuration setting as a backup or to load into a new server.

## Business Challenges

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.

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.

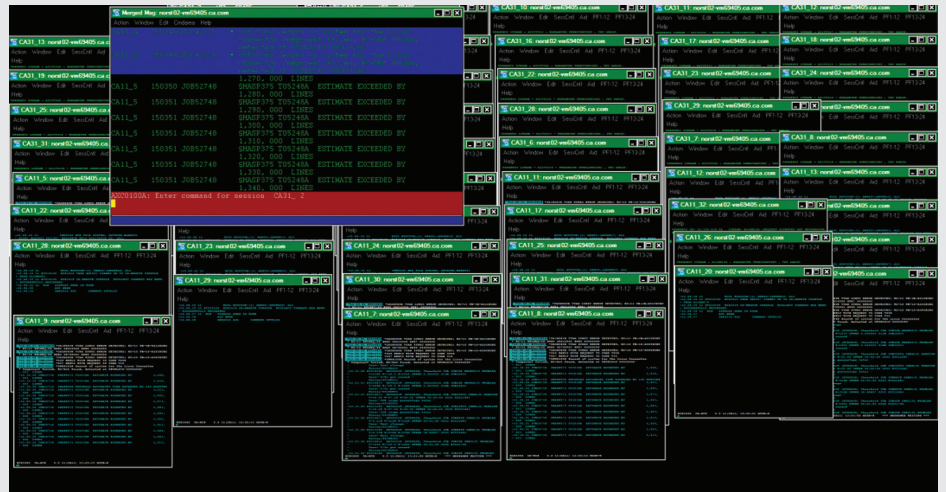
## Critical Differentiators

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.
- **Mobile interface** enables users to view and respond to problem notifications.
- **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.

**Automation Point Desktop** – Displaying Merged Message Window, which consolidates messages from consoles into a single view, and several active console sessions



## Related Products/Solutions

- CA OPS/MVS® Event Management and Automation

## Supported Environments

- Server supports Microsoft Windows Server 2003, 2008 and 2012.
- Client also supports Microsoft Windows Vista, 7, 8 and 8.1.
- Database supports Microsoft SQL Server 2005, 2008 and 2012.

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

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

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