Oracle Summer Project

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Team at Oracle

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Introduction

 Introduction – Worked at Oracle, Lexington Tower, Bangalore from 9th May – 27th June 2008



Understanding Summer Project

- Overview of Enterprise Manager as a product
- Understanding the Projects
- Understanding the common use cases
- Set Design Process
- Set Design Goals

Project 1. Large Screen Display

Problem Statement :

System Management Products are often viewed on a projected displays in a control room. The UI needs of these displays is different from that of the display as seen on a monitor.

The aim of this project is to **propose a set of guidelines** for projection-based display systems and optimize the EM 11g UI based on these guidelines.

Reference images of projected display









Project 1. Large Screen Display - Need

Design Process Followed:

1. Understand the need of projected display -

- It is a **Common Reference**. A single source of a truth.
- To help make decisions
- To help organize a system
- It provides a direction
- It provides a focus
- It helps in collaboration
- To avoid confusion

Project 1. Large Screen Display- Issues

Design Process Followed:

1. Understand the need of projected display

2. Find issues in a projected display through User Tests

- Identified User Profile
- Recruited users according to User Profiles
- Created a script for User Test
- Made a Task sheet
- Created a test environment

Project 1. Large Screen Display- Issues

Design Process Followed:

- 1. Understand the need of projected display
- 2. Find issues in a projected display through User Tests
- 3. New findings through User test analysis
 - a) Functional Test
 - **b)** Subjective Test

Project 1. Large Screen Display- Issues

3. New findings through User test analysis

a) Functional Test -

Gave a fictional scenario and persona to the user and gave tasks to perform to find issues in the large screen display in system management product.

b) Subjective Test -

Showed them images randomly and asked the users to match the images with keywords like elegance, futuristic, decent, fresh, contemporary etc..

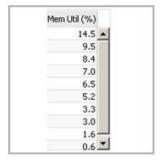
Project 1. Large Screen Display- Guidelines

- We looked at issues of projected display with help of following points:
- Functional Issues
- Visual Issues

and prepared a set of guidelines based on the issues found.

• 1.Functional Issues for Projected Display

Projected Display is a non-interactive display, Elements who's functions for being interactive can not be used, following are the examples:







scroll bar

mouse over

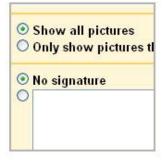
drop down

tabs



text selection



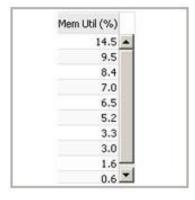




input

buttons check box

Scroll Bar



Scroll bar is used when information is more than the space reserved.

Problem Statement:

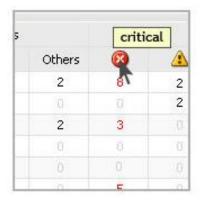
How to display the information when scroll bar cannot be used?

Proposed Solutions:

Auto-scroll (Distributing the information in space)

Slide show within the reserved space (Distributing the information in time)

Mouse over



Mouse over displays name/label of icons which are not shown upfront.

Problem Statement:

How to display the information when mouse over cannot be used?

Proposed Solutions:

Add label to the icons Provide legend

Drop down



Drop down is used to give users options.

Problem Statement:

How to display the information when the drop down cannot be used?

Proposed Solutions:

Viewer is not given control to switch the information, hence this option is not applicable for projected display

Tabs



Tab is used when information is divided into multiple sections.

Problem Statement:

If there are multiple tabs and user is interested in specific tabs to be projected, how can we address this scenario?

Proposed Solutions:

The user can specify the particular tabs to be projected and those can run in a slide show.

Text selection



Text selection is used when the text is to be copied or deleted or it is used to guide eyes while reading

Problem Statement:

How to help user to guide his eyes while reading

Proposed Solutions:

Copying text is not applicable for projected display

Paragraph should be avoided in a projected display.

The maximum length of a textual line should be 65 characters

Button



Button is used to either to give feedback(enter, ok) or to activate new function(login, search)

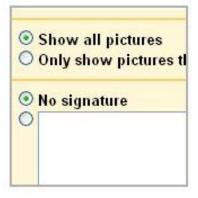
Problem Statement:

The user cannot use button when information is projected

Proposed Solutions:

Giving feedback or activating new function can be done in desktop view and these tasks should be hidden when projected

Check Box



Check Box is used when one single option have to be selected out of many options

Problem Statement:

The user cannot use Check Box when information is projected

Proposed Solutions:

Selecting an option can be done in desktop view and these tasks should be hidden when projected

Input



input is used when user has to type data in the given space

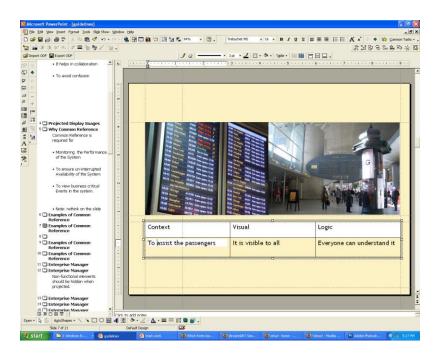
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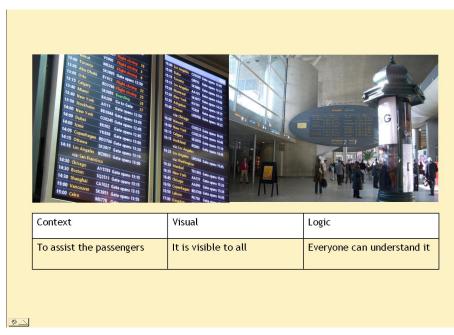
The user cannot use Input function when information is projected

Proposed Solutions:

Writing text is not applicable for projected display

Tool for creating Projected Display





Normal screen

Slide show screen

Power point is a tool dedicated to create presentations for projected display and it can be used as a reference for the Projected Display in System Management Products.

There are two aspects of Creating a Projected Display

- Creating the Display
- Viewing the Display

Tool for creating Projected Display



Desktop View

Projected View

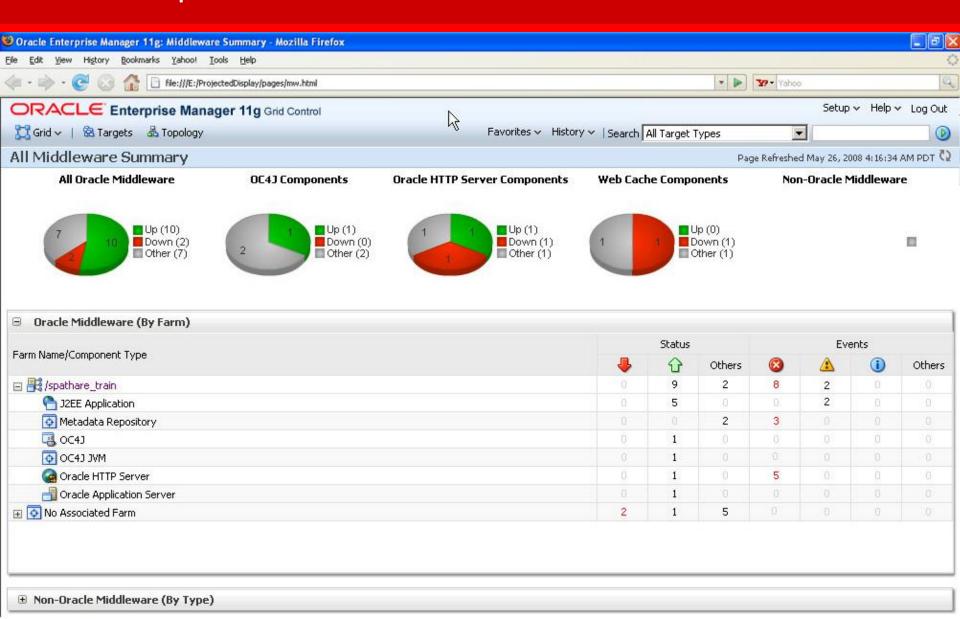
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Presentation



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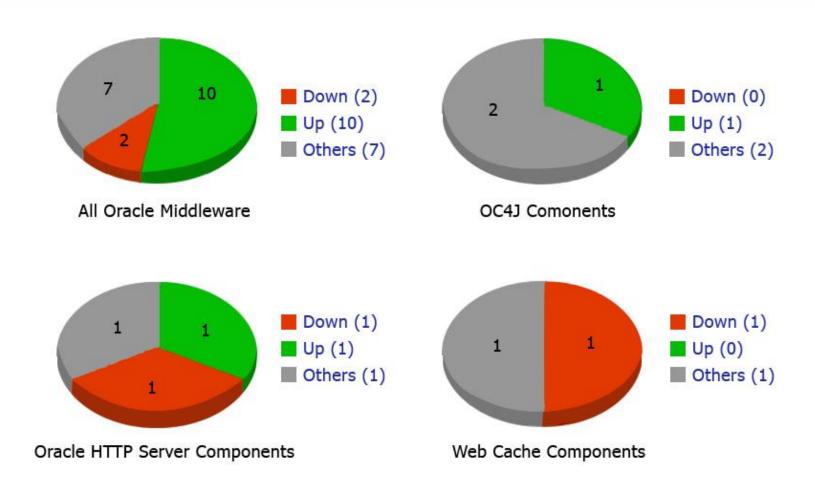
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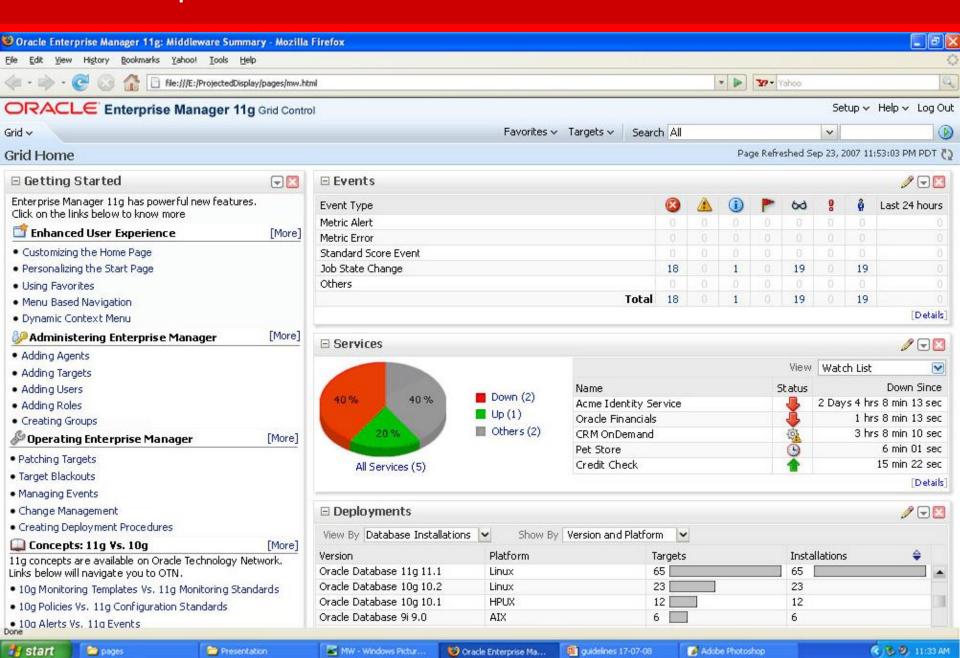
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Desktop View



Projected View

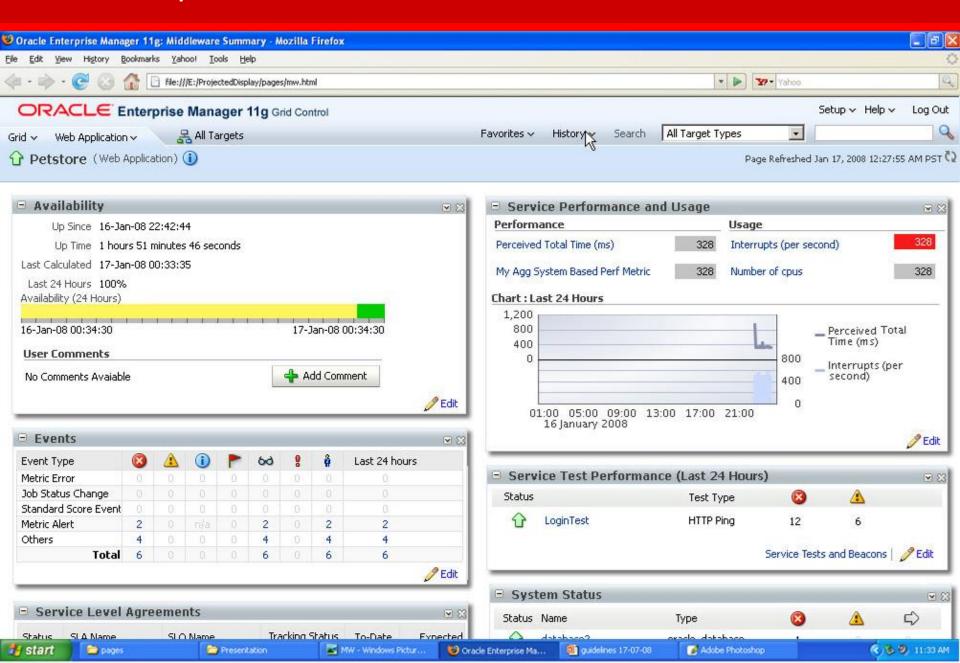
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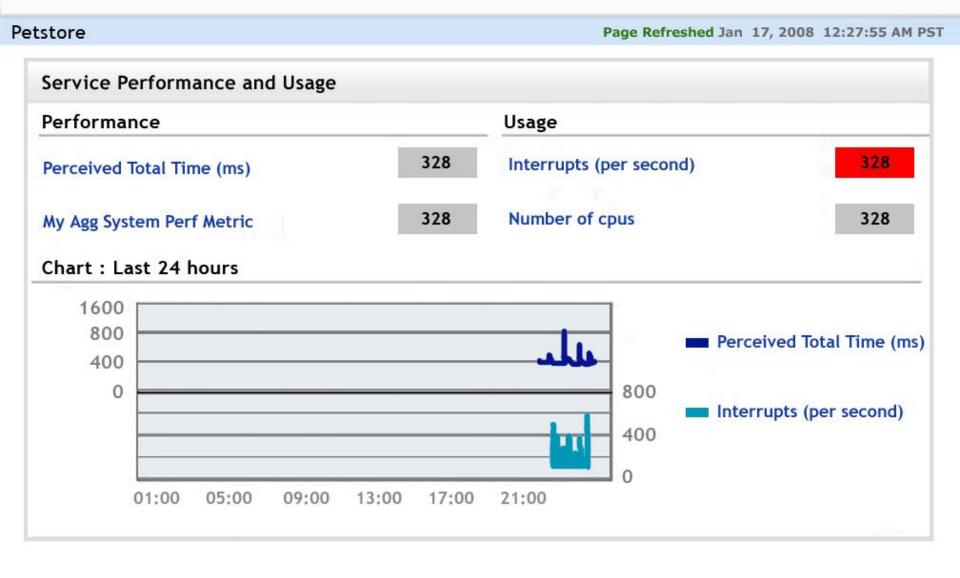
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Desktop View



Projected View



2. Visual Issues for Projected display

Projected Display is a low contrast display Visual decisions which are valid for a desktop are not valid for a Projected Display

Luminosity difference to match the desktop display

Colors

Gradients

Font

Line

Layout

Proposed solutions for Visual Issues: Luminosity

Luminosity difference to match the desktop display

Desktop Projected Luminosity for the desktop (Emitting) is different from projected (Reflecting) display

Problem Statement:

The screen designed for desktop will have more Luminosity when projected. Hence the black will not appear proper black.

Proposed Solutions:

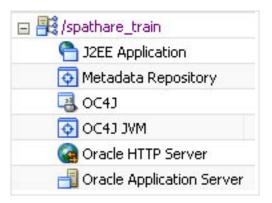
5-10 % decrease in Luminosity for projected display is recommended to match the Desktop view.

This value also depends on the ambient light and screen color.

Proposed solutions for Visual Issues: Luminosity

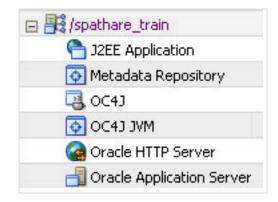
Luminosity difference to match the desktop display (example)

Desktop



Luminosity - 100%

Projected



Luminosity - 95%

Proposed solutions for Visual Issues : Colors

Colors

With the study carried out we reached at the conclusion that for reading a display, luminosity difference between background color and font color should be of minimum 70 % for good readability

Projected display is reflective in nature and there is a reduced luminosity difference and this difference is further reduced due to ambient light.

While switching on to the projected mode the luminosity difference should be maintained to 70 %. This can be achieved by calculating the Hexa-decimal values corresponding to 70 %

Proposed solutions for Visual Issues : Colors

Data

		Brightness	Color			
Foreground	Background	Difference	Difference	L1 (Lab)	L2 (Lab)	L2-L1
#000000	#49D6F9	175.831	536	0	79	79
#000000	#FFB7FF	212.736	693	0	83	83
#000000	#FFE300	209.494	482	0	90	90
#000000	#B2FF00	202.907	433	0	92	92
#000000	#00E3FF	162.319	482	0	82	82
#000000	#D7D1FF	216.038	679	0	85	85
#000000	#FFFF7B	239.952	633	0	98	98
#000000	#FFCCFF	225.063	714	0	88	88
#FFFFFF	#1856B9	176.252	470	100	38	62
#FFFFFF	#000059	244.853	676	100	5	95
#FFFFFF	#004EAA	189.834	517	100	34	66
#FFFFFF	#5E4232	182.452	555	100	31	69
#FFFFFF	#274F9D	179.067	490	100	34	66
#FFFFFF	#746401	161.502	548	100	43	57
#FFFFFF	#284F6E	184.127	536	100	32	68
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#FFFFFF	#A03500	176.049	552	100	39	61
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#EEEEEE	#882C1F	167.974	503	94	33	61
#EEEEEE	#306600	163.774	564	94	38	56
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Proposed solutions for Visual Issues : Gradient

Gradient

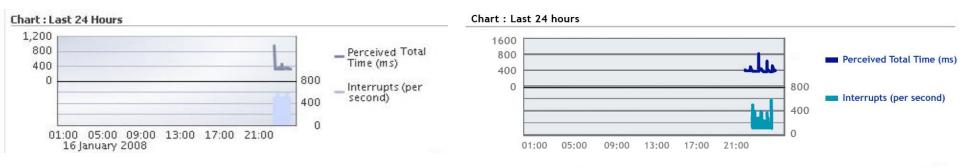
Gradients for desktop is different from projected view

Problem Statement:

User is not able to get the information effectively due to gradients usage in background

Proposed Solutions:

Gradients not to be used for projected display



Desktop

Projected

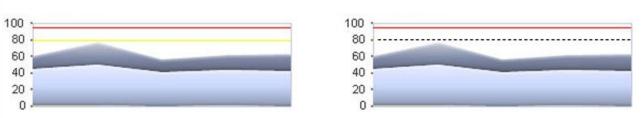
Proposed solutions for Visual Issues : Font

FONTS	White		Light	Grey	Mid Grey	
	Desktop	Projected	Desktop	Projected	Desktop	Projected
Arial	10	12	10	12	10	13
Verdana	10	13	9	13	9	13
Trebuchet MS	11	14	10	14	10	13
Tahoma	10	13	10	14	12	15
Times New Roman	11	15	11	15	12	14
Georgia	9	11	9	12	10	13
Ms San Serif	10	15	11	15	11	13

Proposed solutions for Visual Issues : Line

Color of the line	1pt line on Desktop	Minimum line thickness required on projected display
60% black		1.10 pt
50% black		1.15 pt
40% black		1.25 pt
30% black		1.5 pt
20% black		1.5 pt
10% black		2.0 pt
	Colors with high lumi	nosity
Problem statement	When the line color is of high luminosity (eg. improve the visibilty of the line.	yellow) increasing the line thickness does not

Problem Solution



The line can be replaced with a black dotted line with minimum thickness of 1pt.

Proposed solutions for Visual Issues: Layout

Layout

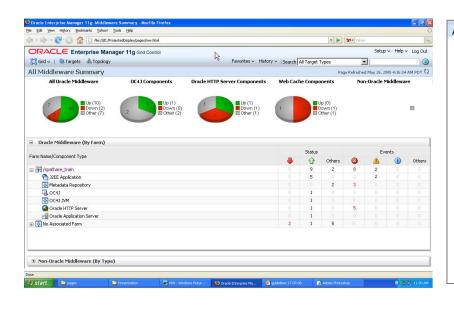
Layouts for desktop cannot be kept same for projected view

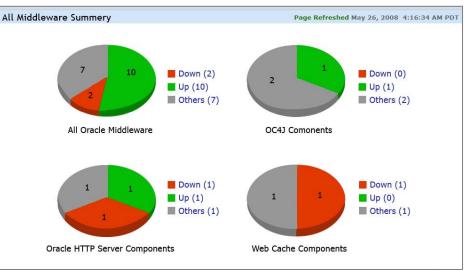
Problem Statement:

Information is not arranged effectively to utilize space provided when projected

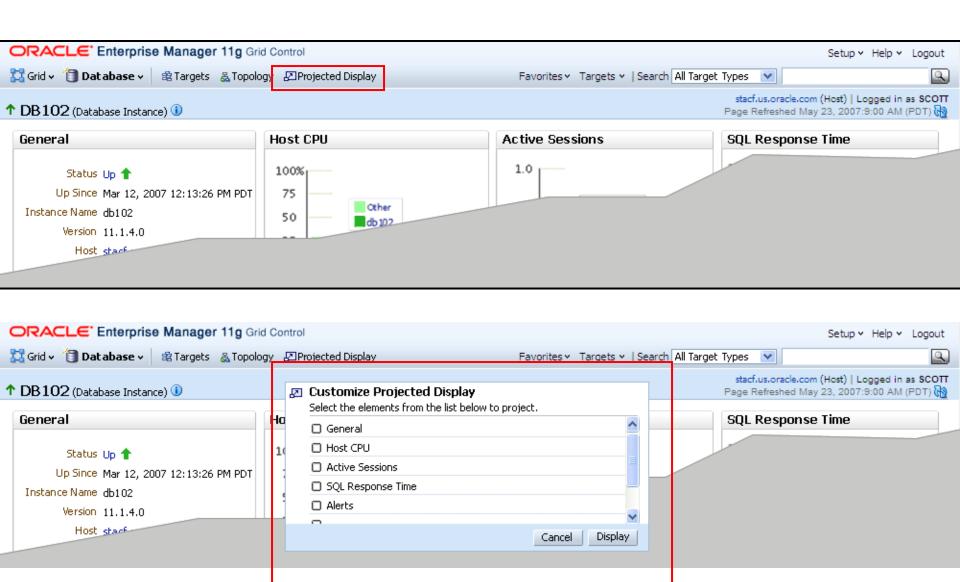
Proposed Solutions:

The elements should reposition themselves to use the 4x3 space in the best possible manner

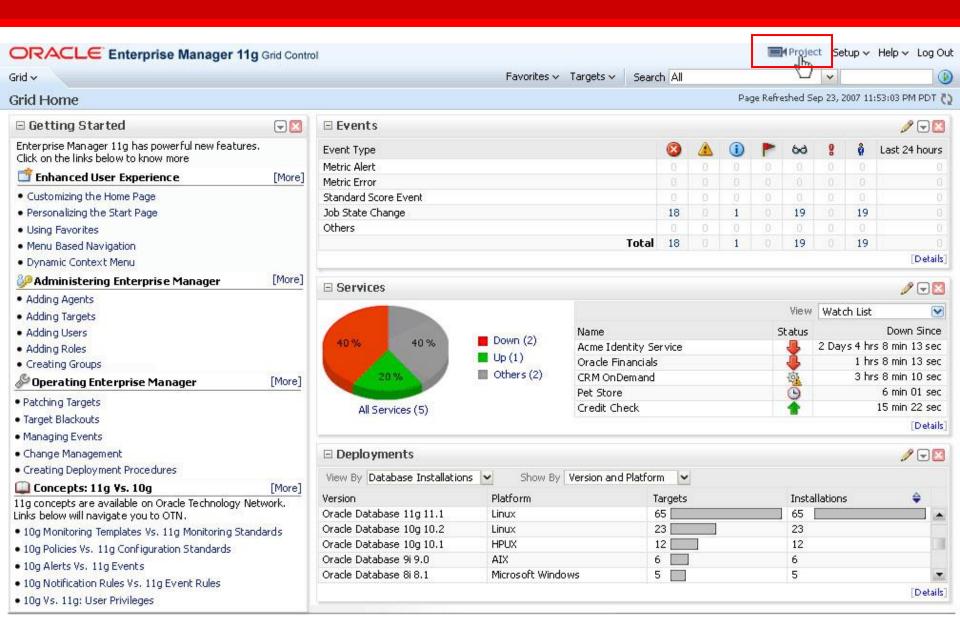




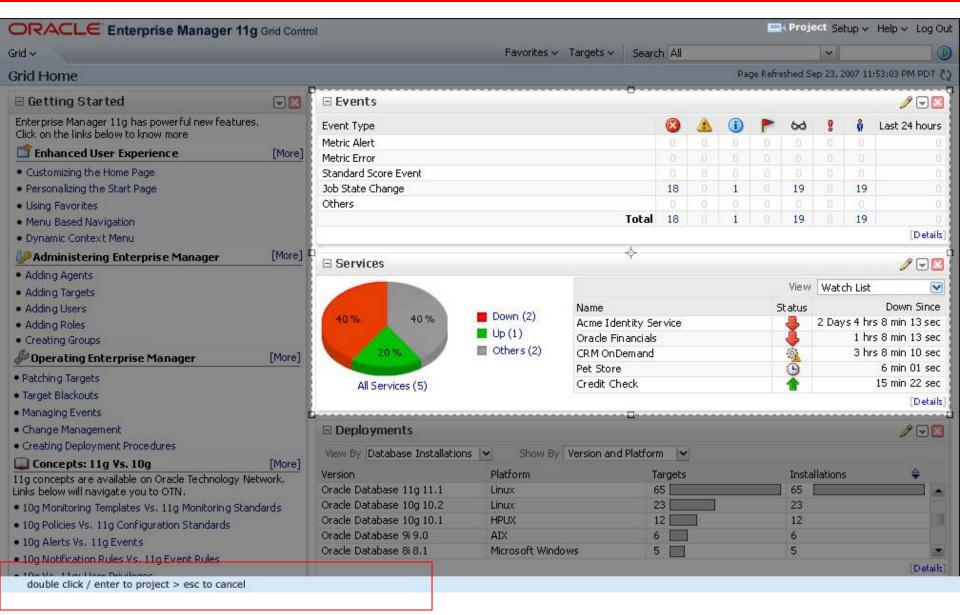
Invoking the Projected Mode through <u>Button/Tab</u>



Invoking the Projected Mode through Area selection

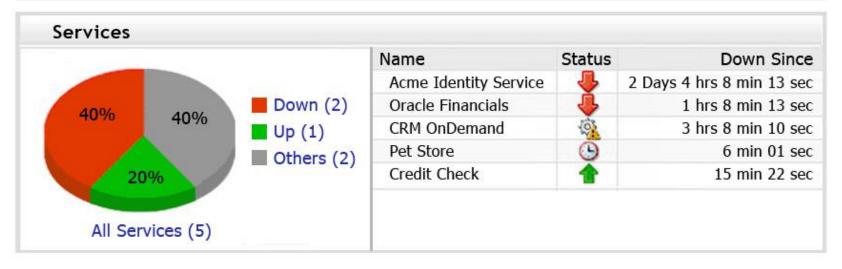


Invoking the Projected Mode through Area selection

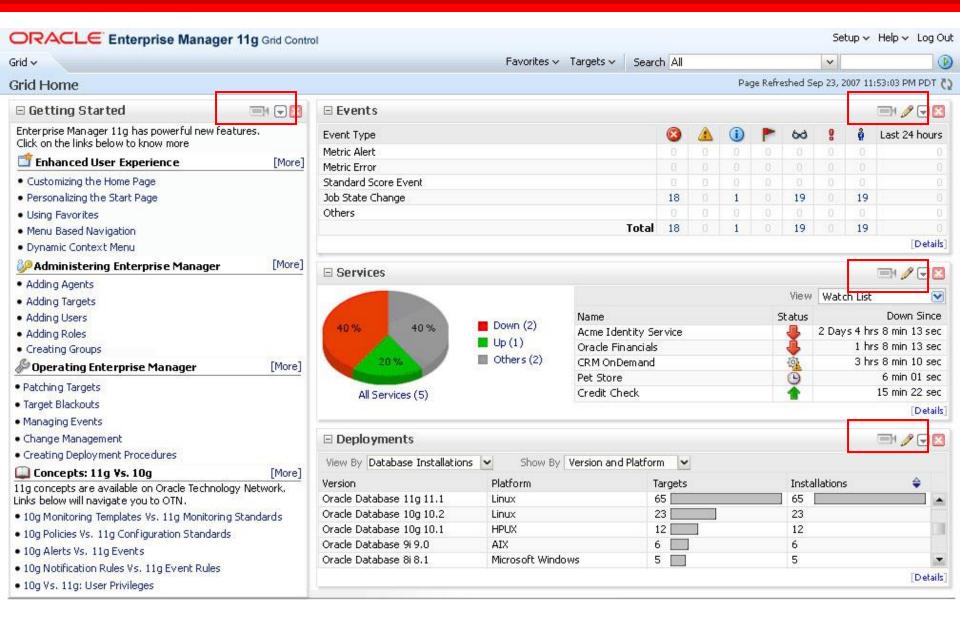


Invoking the Projected Mode through <u>Area selection</u>

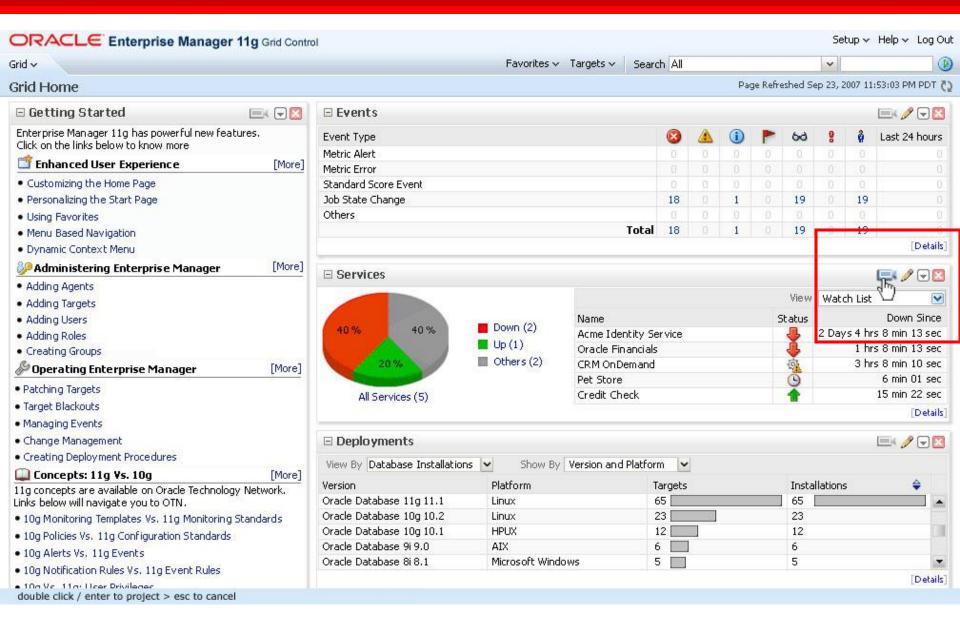
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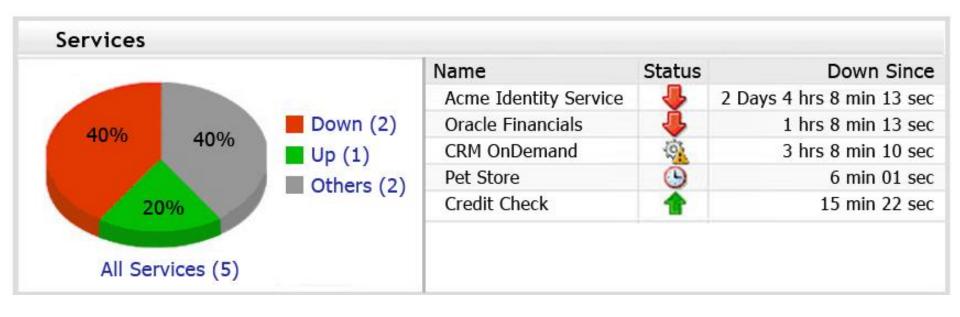
Invoking the Projected Mode through <u>Individual icon</u>



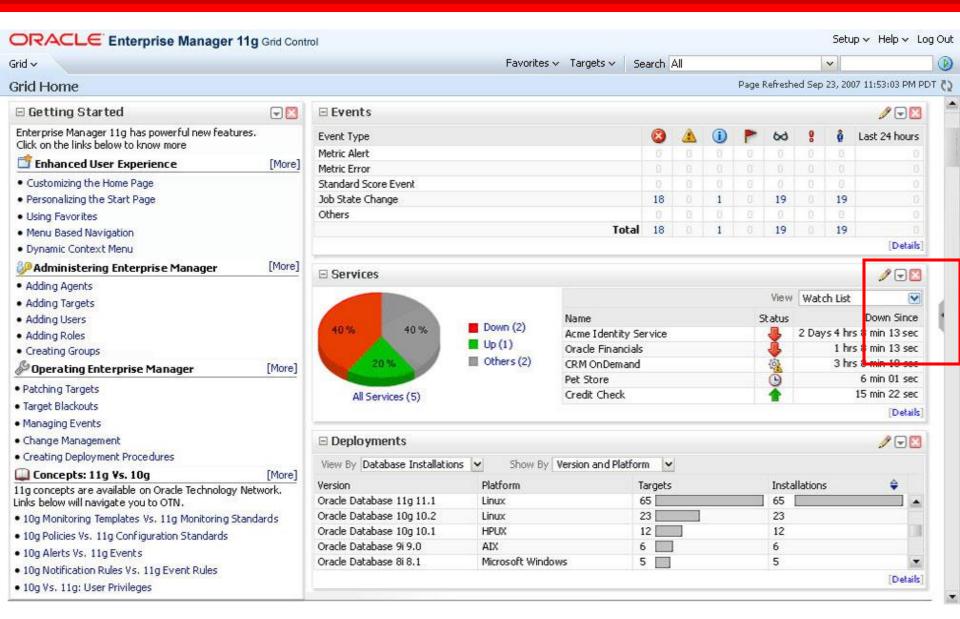
Invoking the Projected Mode through <u>Individual icon</u>



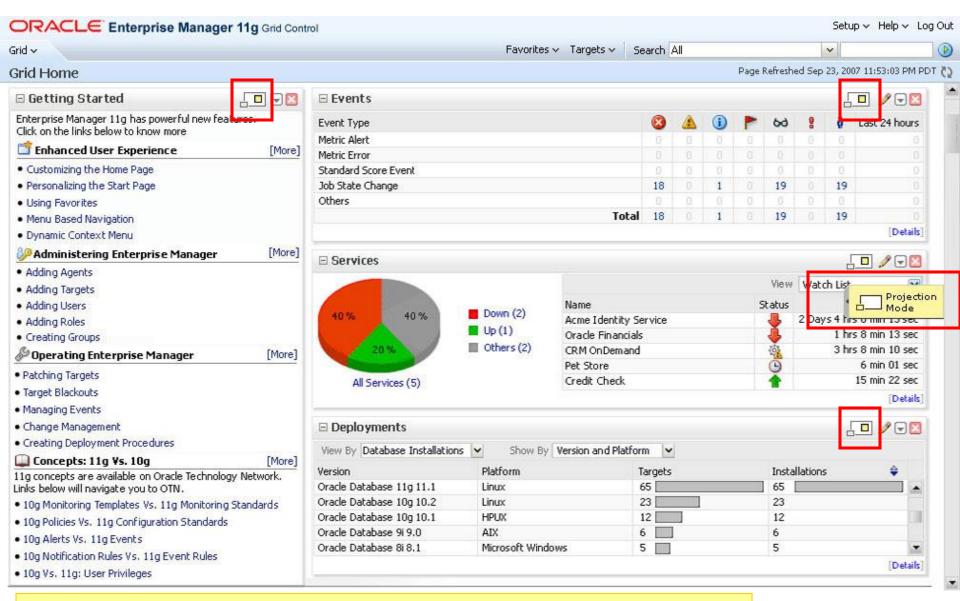
• Invoking the Projected Mode through Individual icon



Invoking the Projected Mode through Check box



Invoking the Projected Mode through Check box



The Projection Icons for individual Regions will appear when the Projection Mode is clicked.

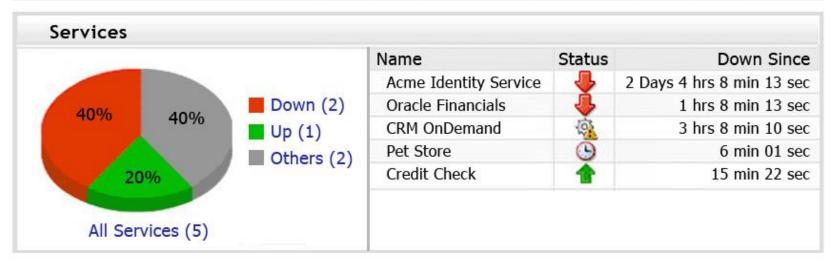
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Invoking the Projected Mode through <u>Check box</u>

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Framework Suggestions

Objects (Regions, Charts, Sub headers) on the screen should be taggable to "Projectable"

Projectable elements CSS will modify based on the Color, Luminosity differences found in the study.

Projected display will be a full screen display. Even the browser will not be visible.

The elements will reposition themselves to use the 4x3 space in the best possible manner.

Project 1. Large Screen Display- Conclusion

- Created a presentation listing issues and mentioning guidelines
- Presented the final set of guidelines to the head of Design team.
- Included few changes in the set of guidelines.

Project 2. Animation Semantics

Problem Statement :

A typical System Management product is **not very interesting** to work with. It is possible to make the user-experience richer and more intuitive by the use of **meaningful animation**.

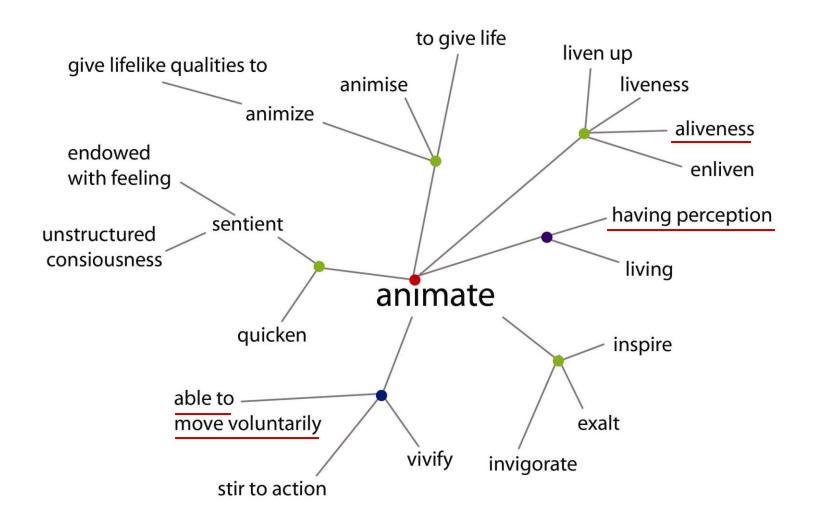
This project explores the various meanings of animation and attempts to evolve an interaction which enhances the user-experience **in context** of the "Use Case".

What does Animate mean in context of the SMP user

"Animate" for an System Management Product User means that the UI should

- Add recall value
 - judgement
 - ownership
- Enhance experience
 - learnability
 - structure
- Make actions faster
 - tasks simpler

Exploring Animation - Brainstorming



What represents "Animate"

Having Perception - Understands, Communicates in commonly understood language.

Ability to move voluntarily- Makes Logical Decision, Responds to a situation based on Experience.

Aliveness - Proactive Communication.

Concept 1 (Scenario)

Adam is a system administrator and he wants to perform a simple task of viewing logs for his host "stapkcf.us.oracle.com".

He finds it really time consuming to use the User Interface to navigate to the task at hand. Often he wishes that this option was available up-front in one of the menus, rather than in the Administration > Log under the Host.

Concept 1 (Need)

Animate: Having perception Understands, Communicates in commonly understood language.

User Needs in Context of SMP

- Perform the tasks fast

Easy Navigation

Easy to learn

Reduce time lost performing repetitive tasks

Concept 1 (The Solution)

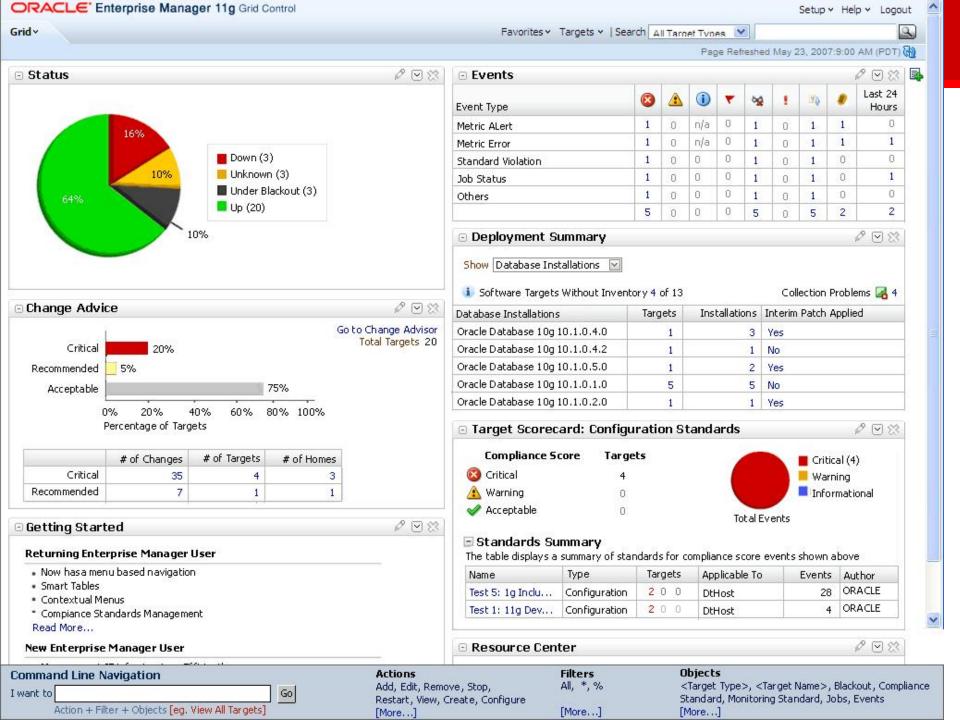
The user should be empowered to access the SMP features upfront. User knows exactly what they are looking for unlike a casual browser.

A rigid GUI forces the user to spend time understanding the information architecture. The structure comes in the way of a users task.

It would be really useful if somehow the user can access any feature in EM without having to understand the GUI Logic and structure.

This can be achieved by using a language which both the user and the interface are comfortable with. A Command Line Interface along with the GUI appears to be an ideal solution. This will make the user feel in control as well.

EM as a virtual space without forced boundaries.



Concept 2 (Scenario)

Adam is a System Administrator in System Appliances Limited and he is in-charge of the business-critical "Time and Attendance Module" of his department. His job is to make sure that this service is always up and running.

In order to make sure that this service is always up, he needs to keep navigating between pages based on his monitoring needs.

Sometimes he wishes that the software was intelligent enough to navigate him to the screens which are most important to him.

Concept 2 (Need)

Ability to move voluntarily: Makes Logical Decision, Responds to a situation based on Experience.

User Needs in Context of SMP

- Perform the tasks fast

Easy Navigation

Easy to learn

Reduce time lost performing repetitive tasks

Concept 2 (The Solution)

As a Physical Space.

The targets can be treated as physical entities in space and the frame of focus will shift to the targets based on the business logic built in. If there is a target which is business critical and is down, then the frame of focus should shift on to this target automatically.

This is a monitor and diagnose model. The user will be navigated to the targets which require there immediate attention.



Concept 3 (Scenario)

Adam is a System Administrator in System Appliances Limited and he takes care of multiple IT needs of the organization. Apart from his usual activities he is required to make sure that the Business Critical Servers are up and running.

His usual activities through the day are

- 1: Check mails to see if there are any service requests.
- 2: Communicate with the employees in the organization over the chat to respond to there needs.
- 3: Schedule Meetings using calendar.

He logs on to Enterprise Manager once in a while to make sure that the targets he is responsible for are performing well and are available.

He sometimes wishes that the targets were proactive like the staff in his organization and could communicate with him on the messenger.

This will eliminate the efforts of periodic monitoring.

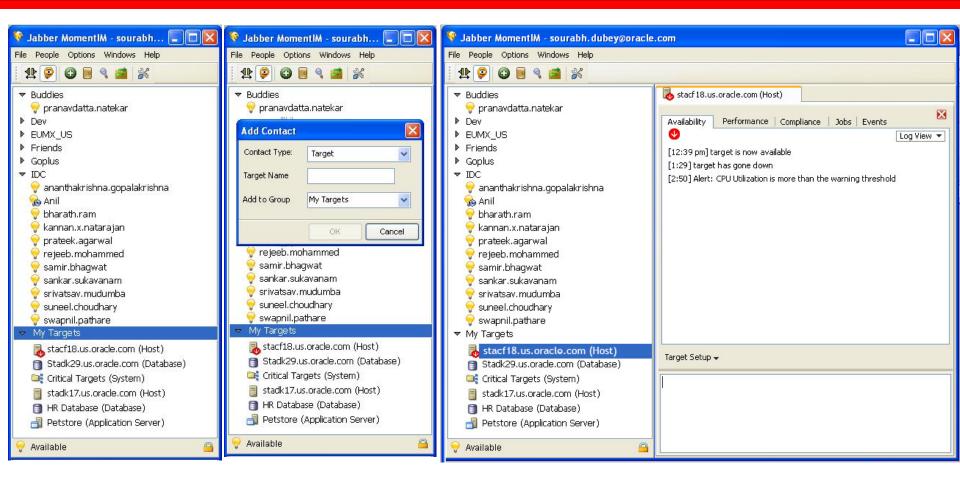
Concept 3 (Solution)

Targets act like real people.

They will proactively ping the administrator in case of an emergency or a critical situation. This will save a lot of time for the administrator. Typically an administrator is busy performing multiple tasks and it is logical to approach the administrator using a software which he commonly uses.

The administrator should be able to communicate to the target in easy to understand CLI (as proposed in concept 1)

Concept 3 (Conceptual Interaction)



Concept 4 (Scenario)

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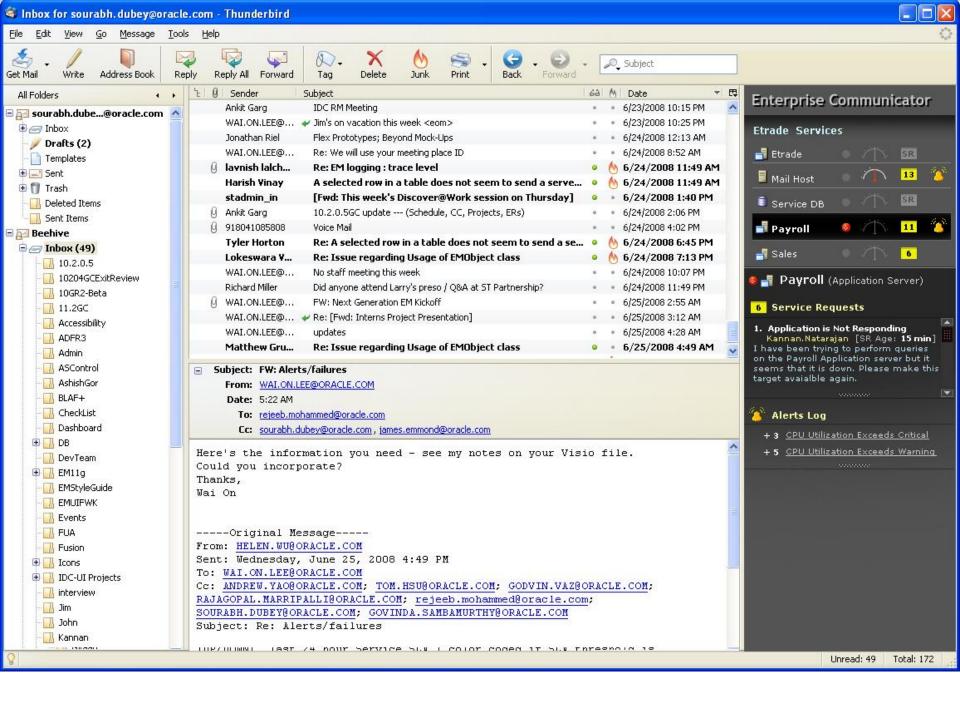
His usual activities through the day are

1: Check mails to see if there are any service requests.

He logs on to Enterprise Manager once in a while to make sure that the targets he is responsible for are performing well and are available.

He sometimes wishes that the information about the SRs and the targets was available without logging on to the Enterprise Manager.

This will save precious time for him.



Concept 5 (Scenario)

Adam is a System Administrator in System Appliances Limited and he is in-charge of the IT infrastructure of his organization. His job includes keeping an eye on all the 9 hosts, on which multiple targets are deployed.

He regularly visits the Hosts dashboard page to see the status of all the hosts in a single glance. It takes some time for him to understand the overall health of the system.

Sometimes he wishes that he was able to monitor the system in a single glance and did not have to spend too much time analyzing the charts and the textual information. He wishes if monitoring the infrastructure was more intuitive.

Concept 5 (Need)

Liveness: Appear alive and can displays different signs of life such as movement, energy.

User Needs in Context of SMP

- Understand the information easily Save time on analyzing the data.

Easy to learn

Reduce time spent on monitoring by making it more effective

Concept 5 (The Solution)

As a Natural System.

Enterprise IT Infrastructure is like any other ecosystem which exists around us. There are certain characteristics of a healthy system which are apparent by just looking at it and without analyzing.

We are using a metaphor of a Fish Aquarium to represent the IT infrastructure. The fishes in the aquarium represents different targets.

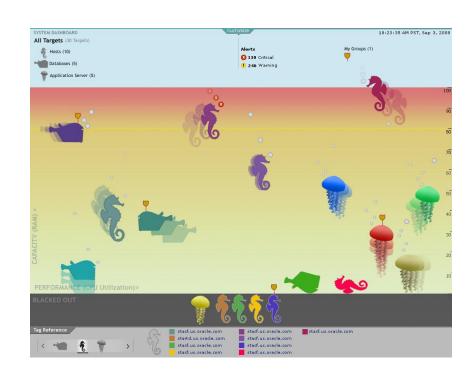
There are three basic things which are monitored in any system

Capacity

Performance

Availability

This unique interface captures
these three parameters.
User can put different metrics
for capacity, performance and
availability based on the relevance
to the target. For example a host
performance will be measured by
Capacity (RAM) and Performance
(CPU Utilization) and Status for Availability



Project 2. Animation Semantics - Conclusion

- Created a presentation providing concepts and ideas
- Presented the concepts and ideas to the head of Design team.

Overall Feedback

- The Large Screen Display guidelines will be implemented in the next release of EM product.
- The Animation Semantics will be used for the futuristic approach for the EM product.

