Software Defined Monitoring: Keeping Monitoring and Management in Synch with Dynamic Networks and Infrastructures

Description: Changes are a constant in IT, and most changes bring with them new challenges for maintaining sufficiently complete monitoring to reasonably assure performance and security of applications and services. New initiatives such as Cloud, virtualization, mobility, and BYOD all add new layers of complexity, variability, and barriers to the visibility required for adequate monitoring. Another example is the recent advent of programmable, Software-Defined Networking (SDN), which promises the potential for networks that are more business-aligned and application-aware than ever before possible. In order to achieve the full potential of any new IT initiative, operational monitoring and management tools, technologies, and practices must also evolve. Increasingly critical packet monitoring fabrics are no exception, and will need to adapt as well. This EMA paper examines the impact that such changes, and SDN in particular, have on monitoring, the requirements for making sure operational visibility and control can keep pace, and the visibility fabric solution approach offered by Gigamon to address the needs.

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