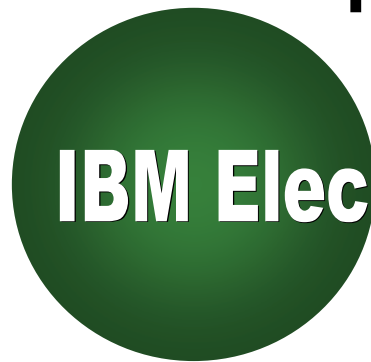


IBM Electronic Services



Powered By



IBM Electronic Service Agent™

Service automation for your IBM system

Regina A Moliff
Power Systems Client Care
rmoliff@us.ibm.com

Agenda

- **IBM Electronic Services overview**
- IBM Electronic Service Agent™
- IBM Electronic Services tools suite
- Question & Answer
- Bonus Section:
 - Sample Installations



IBM Electronic Services Overview

IBM Electronic Services is comprised of two separate, but complementary, elements.

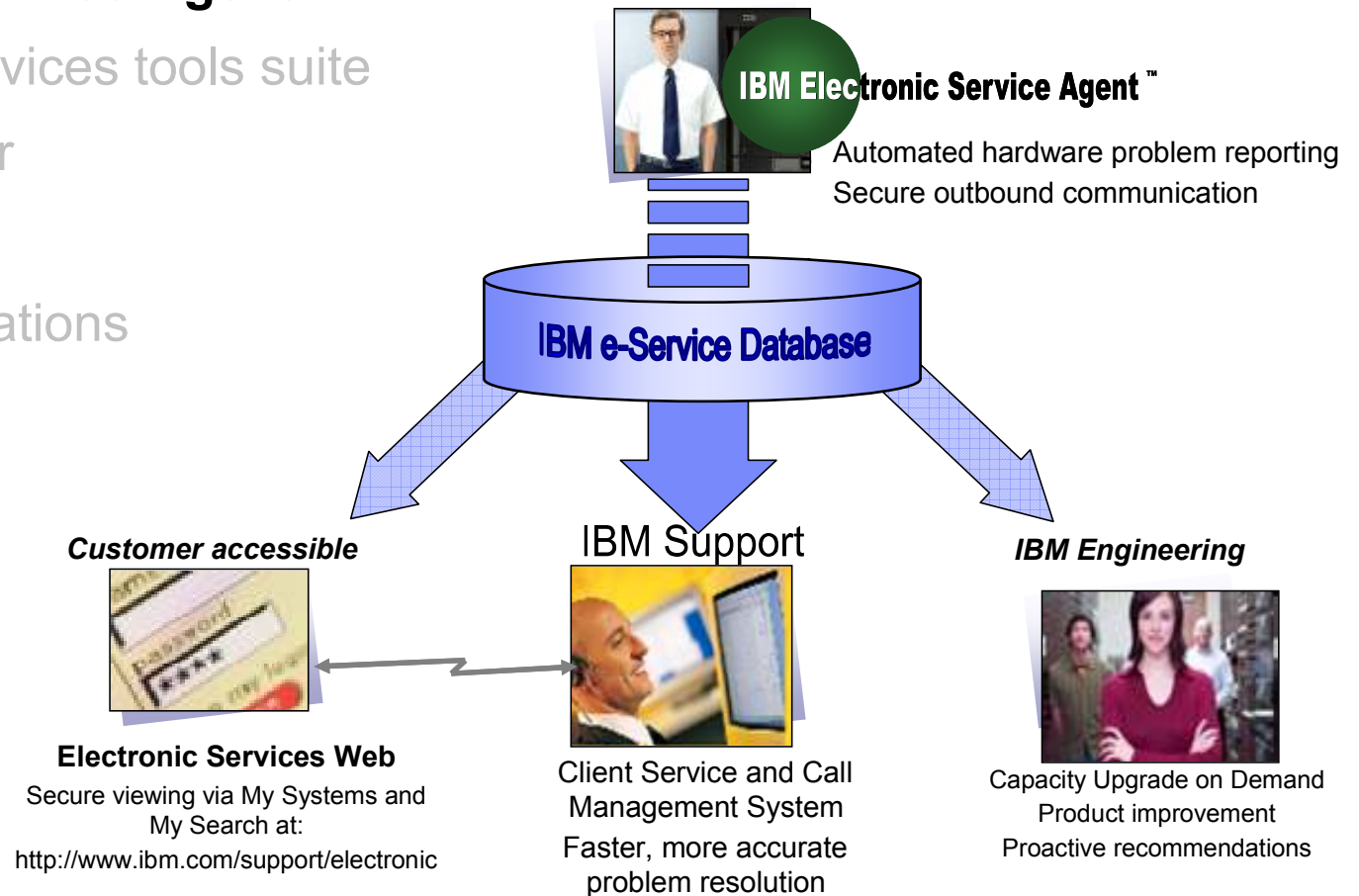
IBM Electronic Service Agent™ and IBM Electronic Services web portal

- IBM Electronic Service Agent™
 - No-additional-charge software that resides on your IBM
 - 24 x 7 System Monitoring
 - Reports H/W error logs and performance information
 - Automatic H/W problem submission
 - Tracks system inventory
 - Automated Microcode PTF downloads
 - IBM CSR access to data whilst diagnosing problems
- IBM Electronic Services web
 - A single entry point for hardware and software support
 - 24-hour access to customized IT information
 - Access to web-delivered Premium Services
 - The ability to submit a hardware and/or software problem electronically
 - The ability to research technical problems
 - The ability to view Electronic Service Agent™ information
 - More efficient IT operations.



Agenda

- IBM Electronic Services overview
- **IBM Electronic Service Agent™**
- IBM Electronic Services tools suite
- Question & Answer
- Bonus Section:
 - Sample Installations



IBM Electronic Service Agent™

Electronic Service Agent: secure tool resides on client systems and automatically reports problems to IBM Support. Also transmits system information to IBM upon installation and as the environment changes.

IBM Support Center: analyzes problem details and inventory information and creates an action plan. If an onsite service call is required, the engineer will arrive with the necessary parts to quickly resolve the issue.

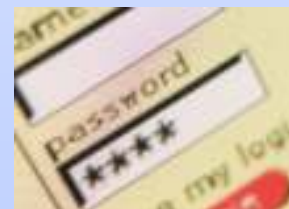
Client: Using the IBM ID entered during activation, clients can view and search system information in the secure “My Search” section of the Electronic Services Web site at:
<http://www.ibm.com/support/electronic>



**Reports errors
and system
inventory**



**Superior
support and
service**



**Client can view
systems data
online**

Why? IBM Electronic Service Agent™

High availability

- Automatic: Secure, 24x7 proactive monitoring; downtime avoidance
- Fast: less personnel time gathering information and reporting problems

Easy to use

- No-charge tool. Integrated in **HMC**, **AIX®**, **i5/OS®**; download for other OS
- Supports all IBM Systems (**x i p z**); **BladeCenter®**; **DS8000™**; **NSeries**

Secure routing

- Outbound only; Secure data transmission and storage
- Intelligent: knowledge base filtering, routes problems to the experts

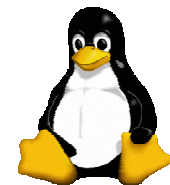
Accurate fixes

- Faster on-site response with parts, location, and problem info known before arrival
- Solutions not requiring parts are handled remotely, eliminating travel

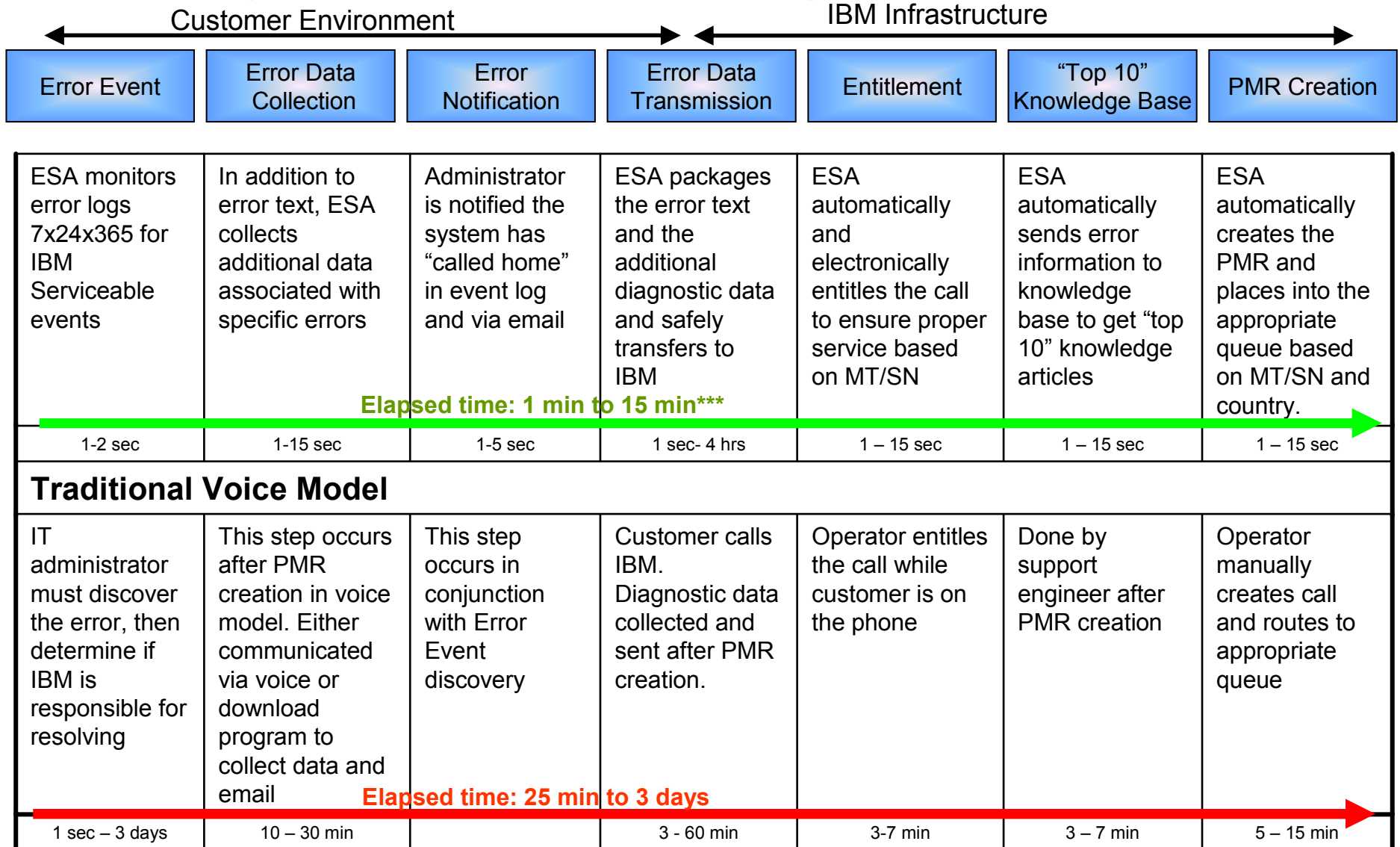
Additional client tools

- Enables Electronic Services tools suite that provides targeted and accelerated support ibm.com/support/electronic

HMC



Service Agent Problem Reporting Process Flow



*** dial connection speeds are starting to impact customers – effort to move to broadband started

IBM Electronic Service Agent™ benefits to customers

Proactive Support

- IBM warns me of potential problems **before** they cause unplanned downtime
- When I call IBM, I no longer hear, “we’ve seen that before”

Benefits:

Less unplanned downtime means higher availability

Customized Web Experience

- IBM’s web site only shows me information relevant to the systems I have installed

Benefits:

Less time spent reading through data not relevant to me and more time finding what I need

Reactive Support

- IBM responds faster to my system problems and solves them faster

Benefits:

Faster access to key IBM resources
Faster problem resolution means higher availability

Client Self Assist

- I have access to knowledge and Intellectual capital based on systems I have installed

Benefits:

I can solve problems on my own because IBM’s tools know what I have installed

Current Initiatives

IBM Electronic Service Agent

Continued 2008 focus on security, acceptance, usability

- Complimentary IBM installation/activation with high-end POWER6™ machines
- ESA on HMC install wizard improvements
- Updated HMC security & connectivity whitepaper
- ESA integrated with AIX 5.3 TL6 and AIX 6.1
- Business Partners communications
- Documentation updates
- Improved Electronic Services website



Electronic Service Agent Components



■ Hardware problem reporting

- Indicates and prevents hardware errors by early detection of potential problems and automatically calls IBM Service when necessary.
- Once inside IBM, a problem error data is run through TSKBS and knowledge articles are appended to the PMR.

■ System service information

- Collects and electronically sends system information to IBM to provide improved service.
- The categories of information collected are:
 - Customer contact information
 - System utilization
 - Performance
 - System failure logs
 - Feature codes
 - Part numbers, serial numbers
 - Part locations
 - Software inventory
 - Operating system applications
 - Program temporary fix (PTF)
 - Maintenance levels
 - Configuration values

System inventory information is stored in a **secure** database which is protected behind IBM firewalls.

System inventory information is treated as **confidential** information. It is viewable only by the Client and IBM.

Client's Business Applications or Business-Data are never collected or transmitted.

Connectivity & Security

- **Internet SSL**

Standalone p and HMC 5.2.0 and later

- **Internet SSL (with Proxy)**

Standalone p and HMC 6.1.0 and later

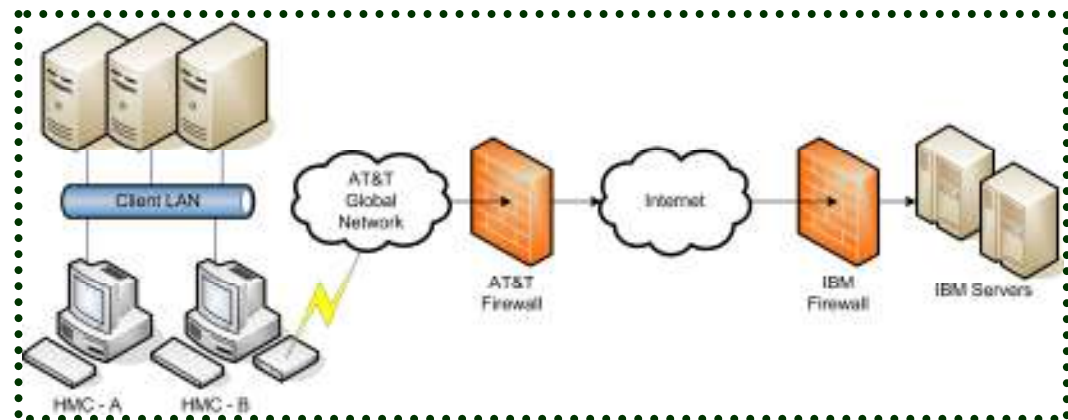
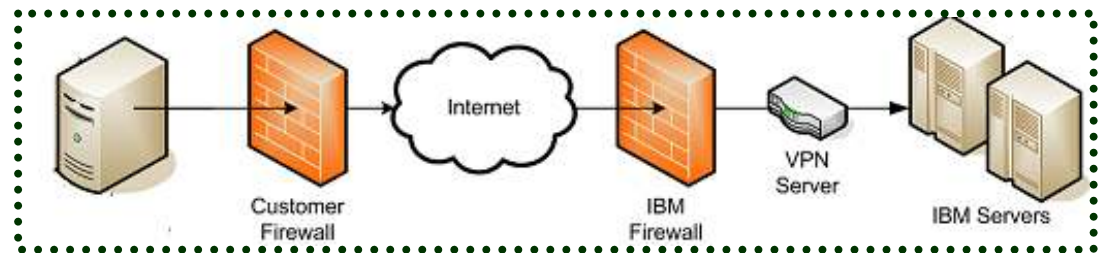
- **Internet VPN**

Standalone p and HMC

- **Modem**


Standalone p and HMC

- Standalone servers or partitions can be connected directly and/or with the HMC
- The HMC can use an internet connection to connect to IBM. Communications are handled through TCP sockets and use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) to encrypt the data.
- The HMC can also be enabled to connect to the internet through a proxy server.



Agenda

- IBM Electronic Services overview
- IBM Electronic Service Agent™
- **IBM Electronic Services tools suite**
- Question & Answer
- Bonus Section:
 - Sample Installations



Electronic Service Agent is the foundation of IBM's Electronic Services tools and resources. Clients with service agreements and ESA can leverage the inventory, monitoring and self-help resources "on-demand" while ensuring that IBM has the correct data to quickly and correctly respond to hardware issues.

Why IBM Electronic Services Web Portal

- Entry point to IBM support and service functions
- Single point to get access to:
 - View your installed inventory data – from anywhere regardless of systems status
 - Advanced Search integrating your inventory data collected by Service Agent
 - Be notified of issues that could impact or be of interest to you
 - pending support
 - Product end of service
 - Contract expirations
 - Compare installed fixes against all available fixes
 - Submit/Manage a Service Request – ALL products to anywhere from anywhere
 - Access other Premium Services
- Remote Sharing/Control and Chat
- Displays content/capabilities available in selected country
 - 82 Countries – 22 languages
 - Facilitate international countries
- Easy education of all function provided by “Site Tours”



Portal Home Page

- Entry point for Electronic Services
- Linked from IBM.COM pages
- Primary focus on explaining IBM Electronic Services
- Rotating verbiage next to picture highlighting major functions of IBM Electronic Services
 - Direct link to highlighted function
- Right Hand side provides modules on each of the major areas
- www.ibm.com/support/electronic

The screenshot shows the IBM Electronic Services web portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Products, Services & industry solutions, Support & downloads, and My account. Below this is a search bar and a 'Support & Downloads' dropdown menu. The main content area is titled 'IBM Electronic Services' and includes a video player with the text: 'Welcome to the United States Electronic Services. Did you ever wish when you searched for fixes you could reduce the number of results by up to 90% simply by checking a box? Now you can! Experience My Search with Inventory now!'. Below the video are three tabs: 'Learn about IBM Electronic Services', 'What's new?', and 'Important offerings'. The text below these tabs states: 'IBM Electronic Services comprises of two separate but complementary elements: The IBM Electronic Services Web Portal and IBM Electronic Service Agent.' Below this is a section for 'IBM Electronic Services web highlights:' with a bulleted list of benefits. This is followed by a section for 'IBM Electronic Service Agent™ highlights:' with another bulleted list. At the bottom, there are links to download 'IBM Electronic Services Overview (4.6 MB)' and 'Electronic Service Agents (1.3 MB)'. The right-hand sidebar contains two modules: 'Impact 2008' with a registration link and 'Energy Efficiency' with a link to learn more.

My Search using ESA inventory data



Search terms	ibm.com/support, all document types	ibm.com/support, Doctype = Troubleshooting/PTF or APAR	My Search using inventory, Doctype = Troubleshooting/PTF or APAR and eliminate installed PTFs	Improvement %
OS/400 websphere security servlets	558	2	1	50%
os/400 performance printer v5r3m0	174	57	4	93%
os/400 tcp/ip telnet performance v5r3m0	76	23	6	74%
atm times out	1,024	109	40	63%

My Search using inventory data

- By checking two boxes you can filter the search using your system inventory – installed products, OS type and release, and installed fixes.
- This search goes against IBM’s robust database of technical support information. Finding what you need and ignoring the rest is what My Search is designed to provide.
- The search results are reduced to the items that are relevant to your system and installed inventory – often up to 90%!
- Benefit**

- **Significantly reduce time searching for solutions**
- **No need to understand IBM “lingo”**
 - **Ex**
- **Faster problem resolution**
- **Reduce downtime**

Product Tour: https://www-304.ibm.com/jct03004c/support/electronic/resources/onex_premium_search_viewlet_swf.html

My Systems

IBM Electronic Services

Welcome John Speacht

Your prior sign in was: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 12:58 AM GMT.

View reports for systems that use IBM Electronic Service Agent to transmit information to IBM.

Identified systems	Status	Type	Serial	Model	Group	Name for system	Company	Inventory received	Performance received	
<input type="checkbox"/> P8001B7D		2064	514E9FD	TSPROD	102	System_p_2Series	TSDCSL H LU FRAN CE INW	IBM TSOCL	November 20, 2006 16:27:17	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P8001N4H		9406	10-A20EE	L	370	System_j_1Series	ESVCA003	IBM ESVC	January 22, 2006 12:47:10	January 22, 2006 12:48:08
<input type="checkbox"/> P8000W6E		8676	78MVG63	0	61X	System_k	R0x225-1 02	IBM	August 30, 2006 09:15:22	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P8001SLA		9076	94439	9	330	System_p_	servcp06	-	January 18, 2006 17:17:27	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P8001IA2		7026	011D4A11 F	0	880	System_p_	eService Test	IBM Corporation - Rochester MN	July 09, 2006 04:00:19	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P8001ZWS		7043	104FA0F	0	130	System_p_2Series	polord1	-	April 26, 2006 10:07:29	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P8001OYX		8646	23A1787	0	21X	System_k	H0CX230	IBM	March 21, 2006 18:57:30	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P80021R2		8843	KPOW34E	0	41U	System_m	R2H320-3	IBM	August 30, 2006 05:16:03	-
<input type="checkbox"/> P80015H4		2373	99AHWAC	0	8UQ	System_k	IBM-NIH9 10094QL	IBM TSOCL	January 06, 2005 00:00:01	-

My Systems

- This function provides you with easy access to your installed inventory using information collected from your systems using IBM Electronic Service Agent.
- The reports on My Systems include your installed hardware, software, maintenance and configuration values.
- Using My Systems you can display and compare the inventory on all your systems, print reports with customized headings and share your inventory with other users that you authorize including Partners
- **Benefits:**
 - Eliminate need to manually document and track products and fixes
 - Latest inventory transmitted
 - Most accurate inventory available
 - Improved Systems Management
 - Compare fixes / configurations
 - Have soft and/or hardcopy of reports

Product Tour: https://www-304.ibm.com/jct03004c/support/electronic/resources/my_systems_may2005_viewlet_swf.html

Open service requests



Open service requests

- The one place in IBM you can go to be able to submit a service request on any product anywhere

- Select the country where the system resides that requires service
- Select hardware or software
- Select the product or type area for service
- You will be directed to the right place to manage your service requests.

Benefits:

- **One SINGLE place to initiate a service request on any product**
- **Ability to submit a Service Request across country boundaries**

All worldwide software customers with an active IBM Passport Advantage software support contract can use ESR.

Product Tour: https://www-304.ibm.com/jct03004c/support/electronic/resources/upr_navigation_esc_v32005_viewlet.swf.html

My Notifications

This page allows you to retrieve messages by topic or that are sent directly to you.

My Recommendations				
Delete	Priority	Description	Category	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		Welcome to the Prototype Portal More		11/17/11
<input type="checkbox"/>		Nous suggérons de prêter attention au groupe de PTFs qui est down level sur vos systèmes (5/01441) More	Maintenance	10/15/07
<input type="checkbox"/>		Achtung! der electronic Service Agent hat die Kommunikation gestoppt More	Maintenance	10/15/07
<input type="checkbox"/>		Vérifier le bas niveau d'Operating System sur vos systèmes More	Maintenance	10/16/07
<input type="checkbox"/>		My Search - give it a try! More		10/16/07
Delete				More

Subscription services also provides technical information for IT professionals who maintain Power Systems. As support bulletins are released, you receive email containing links to the bulletins. Clients can select one or more operating systems, topics and categories.

My Notifications

- Notifications to review HIPER, PE, backlevel code and consider installing the new version.
- Based on installed product levels and fixes (ESA software inventory)
- Notifications are prioritized and categorized
- Web delivery of recommendations – plus user can edit profile to provide email address by category
- **Benefits:**
 - True proactive support
 - Support relevant to them, not all customers
 - Based on your installed inventory and knowledge we have of you
 - prevent outages/Improve uptime

Subscription Services: <http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/subscriptions/pqvcmj>

Performance Management (PM)



- PM for System p Servers is an automated service that helps you plan for and manage the growth and performance of your system. This offering provides:
 - Performance and capacity utilization reports and graphs providing key system / partition level data on demand
 - “PM” data integration with the **IBM Systems Workload Estimator** to size: future requirements, growth possibilities, server consolidations, or the impact of adding new workloads, new operating systems and LPARs, etc
- Two levels of service
 - No charge: Summary level reports updated monthly. Requirement to be under warranty or on IBM hardware maintenance
 - Nominal charge: Full service detailed reports (30+ reports) many updated daily, customer access collected data to ‘redraw the graphs’ to time period desired and available as stand alone service offering or as part of Enhanced Technical Support offering.
- How it works: PM uses automated data collection, data management, data transmission to IBM providing performance and capacity graph/reports on the Internet

Product Tour: http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/p/support/pm/pdf/pm_tour.pdf

PM for System p: Executive Summary Service Complementary Reports

- The executive summary service is a no additional charge service that is easy to implement for both servers and LPARs
- It provides Internet access to 2 easy-to-read reports that allow for quick evaluation of the status of multiple IBM System p servers within the organization. The reports identify:
 - Current resource constraints
 - Marginal conditions that could lead to a constraint
- Platform Performance Report
 - Provides a high level review of the status of servers using colored icons to indicate whether a resource is acceptable (green check), marginal (yellow triangle), or critical (red box).
- Server Trend Report
 - Provides a 6 month historical view of the utilization for Process, Memory, and Disk.
 - The actual utilizations are shown along with a colored icon indicating the status of the resource.

Platform Performance Report

Platform Performance						
Enterprise: My Enterprise		Rules in Effect: Performance			Sub Client ID 1: All	
Sub Client ID 2: All		Customer: Our Company			Frequency: Monthly	
Shift: All		OS: All			Period: July, 2006	
▲ Server	OS	Status	Processor	Memory	Disk	Attributes
					Disk Utilization	
mypserver20	Linux	⚠	✓	✓	⚠	-
mypserverak	Linux	⚠	✓	✓	⚠	-
mypserver27	Linux	⚠	✓	✓	⚠	-
mypserverac	AIX	⚠	⚠	✓	✓	-
mypserver22	AIX	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
mypserveras	AIX	⚠	⚠	✓	✓	-
mypserver26	AIX	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
mypserversp	AIX	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
mypserver10	AIX	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
mypservertv	AIX	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
mypserverw0	AIX	✓	✓	✓	✓	-

Server Trend Report

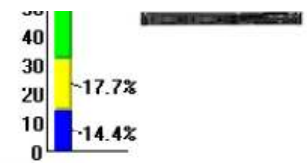
Server Trend Report												
Enterprise: My Enterprise			Rules in Effect: Performance				Customer: My Company				Sub Client ID 1: All	
Sub Client ID 2: All			OS: All Unix				Frequency: Monthly					
Shift: All			Period: ◀ August, 2006									
▲ <u>Server</u>	<u>OS</u>	Processor % Average			Mem Average %			DASD % Used				
		<u>Jun 2005</u>	<u>Jul 2005</u>	<u>Aug 2005</u>	<u>Jun 2005</u>	<u>Jul 2005</u>	<u>Aug 2005</u>	<u>Jun 2005</u>	<u>Jul 2005</u>	<u>Aug 2005</u>		
mypserver20	AIX	-	6.04% ✓	8.64% ✓	-	84.37%	88.38%	-	65.95% ✓	67.02% ✓		
mypserverak	AIX	-	3.26% ✓	6.44% ✓	-	58.89%	85.68%	-	43.11% ✓	43.89% ✓		
mypserver27	AIX	-	8.31% ✓	11.82% ✓	-	98.22%	98.05%	-	75.11% ✓	75.89% ✓		
mypserverac	AIX	-	1.62% ✓	4.31% ✓	-	94.57%	95.24%	-	68.30% ✓	69.01% ✓		
mypserver22	AIX	-	0.15% ✓	0.09% ✓	-	23.30%	24.05%	-	70.53% ✓	70.53% ✓		
mypserveras	AIX	-	0.34% ✓	0.17% ✓	-	24.12%	24.87%	-	70.53% ✓	70.53% ✓		
mypserver26	AIX	-	0.18% ✓	0.41% ✓	-	24.14%	24.88%	-	80.41% ✓	80.40% ✓		
mypserversp	AIX	-	0.19% ✓	0.42% ✓	-	51.40%	52.08%	-	80.41% ✓	80.40% ✓		
mypserver10	AIX	-	0.04% ✓	0.11% ✓	-	23.89%	25.09%	-	73.97% ✓	73.96% ✓		
mypserverty	AIX	-	0.16% ✓	0.28% ✓	-	25.19%	26.11%	-	73.97% ✓	73.96% ✓		
mypserverw0	AIX	-	32.18% ✓	38.70% ✓	-	98.68%	98.67%	-	81.86% ✓	81.97% ✓		
mypservervb	AIX	-	67.63% ✓	31.85% ✓	-	97.23%	96.42%	-	79.62% ✓	79.82% ✓		
mypserverww	AIX	23.85% ✓	23.75% ✓	21.58% ✓	97.65%	97.49%	98.22%	81.80% ✓	93.13% ⚠	93.48% ⚠		
mypserverdb	AIX	-	19.45% ✓	26.83% ✓	-	98.71%	98.57%	-	82.59% ✓	82.97% ✓		
mypserver03	AIX	-	1.56% ✓	5.14% ✓	-	88.78%	86.44%	-	56.04% ✓	82.86% ✓		
mypserver15	AIX	-	0.76% ✓	2.17% ✓	-	98.32%	98.64%	-	91.96% ⚠	92.47% ⚠		
mypserverpl	AIX	60.38% ✓	86.17% ✓	14.86% ✓	97.92%	98.58%	98.37%	65.55% ✓	73.72% ✓	72.78% ✓		

Enterprise View & WLE (workload estimator) w/ESA Data

Server Information Page

PM for System p provides you with cross enterprise management of your servers through the Server Information Page. The user can view the summary usage statistics for multiple servers of LPARS and easily determine which systems need further investigation.

Server Information		Management																			
Server Information for MySystemiandp																					
<input type="button" value="Add Server"/> <input type="button" value="Remove Server"/> <input type="button" value="Size Next Upgrade"/> <input type="button" value="Sign out"/>																					
System 1											System p										
Actions	Company Name	IC	Serial Number	LPAR	Model	Shift Number	Operating System	Centrall	Server Name	Last Transaction Date	Number of CPUs	Peak Total CPU	CPU Mon- the to Constraint	Average Total CPU	Interactive CPU DS only	Batch or User CPU	Run Q Limit AIX	Memory Usage AIX	Disks	File System Usage AIX	
	My_Co	10ABCDE	5	570	1	AIX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Test	2007-04-30	12.0	2.37		2.58	0.28		24570.0	80.41		22.83	88.87	
	My_Co	10ABCDE	4	570	1	AIX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Delivery	2008-02-21	16.0	12.28		32.83	10.46		15310.0	17.17		18.12	84.00	
	My_Co	10ABCDE	2	570	1	AIX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Devnet	2008-01-22	16.0	15.21		15.25	12.45		15940.0	19.13		66.43	30.04	



Model/Feature:	p5-505-9115	9.13	1500	2
Number of Systems:	1			
rPerf:	9.13			
Cores:	2			
CPU Utilization:	32.1 %			
Operating System:	refer to LPAR detail			
Memory (MB):	31,746 of 32,000			
Disk Drives (arms):	0 of 4			

Growth Solution



Model/Feature:	p5-570-9117	22.26	1900	4-16
Number of Systems:	1			
rPerf:	22.26 (for 4.0 cores)			
Cores:	4 cores of 4-16			
CPU Utilization:	16.6 %			
Operating System:	refer to LPAR detail			
Memory (MB):	32,625 of 128,000			
Disk Drives (arms):	0 of 264			
	82 of 40,580			
	Yes, Dedicated or Shared			
	1900 MHz			

Example server consolidation through integration of PM for System p data with the IBM Systems Workload Estimator.

The PM data from 2 smaller systems was 'passed' to WLE to size a new two LPAR configuration with the workloads running in separate LPARs. The workload growth rate is based on the historical PM data.

Immediate Solution: This represents a hardware configuration that will handle the workload from the 2 systems and be within good performance guidelines.

Growth Solution: This represents the configuration that would be required at the end of the specified growth interval (default 12).

Reference Materials

- **2008 HMC Communications Security whitepaper:** "Reference Guide" section of <http://www.ibm.com/support/electronic> or directly at <http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/best/home.html>
- **HMC Best Practices:** <http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/best/home.html>
- **2007/2008 eTools Brochure:** https://www-304.ibm.com/jct03004c/support/electronic/resources/2007_2008-final_etool_brochure.pdf
- **Product information, downloads, userguides and whitepapers:** <http://www.ibm.com/support/electronic>
- **Transaction/connection security whitepaper:** https://www-304.ibm.com/jct03004c/support/electronic/resources/2006_sa_transactionsecurity_v1.pdf
- **Additional whitepapers are available at:** <http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/support/unixservers/bestpractices.html>
- **Redbook - IBM Electronic Services: Support for Business in an On Demand World** <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246323.html?Open>

Agenda

- IBM Electronic Services overview
- IBM Electronic Service Agent™
- IBM Electronic Services tools suite
- **Question & Answer**
- Bonus Section:
 - Sample Installations



Agenda

- IBM Electronic Services overview
- IBM Electronic Service Agent™
- IBM Electronic Services tools suite
- Question & Answer
- **Bonus Section:**
 - **Sample Installations**



Setup samples

Environments supported

- Electronic Service Agent for HMC-managed Power™ Systems servers
 - HMC managing POWER5™ and POWER6 processor-based systems
 - HMC managing POWER4™ processor-based systems
- Electronic Service Agent for non-HMC-managed Power Systems servers
 - ESA v6 for AIX 5.3 TL6+, AIX 6.1+
 - ESA v3.3 for AIX 4.3.3 TL11+, AIX 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

Notes:

- For HMC controlled environments, ESA must be activated on the HMC for hardware error reporting.
- For system inventory reporting, Resource Management and Control (RMC) must be configured to the partition.
- Activation of ESA on the partitions will send back OS-specific and software inventory data.
- For non-HMC controlled systems, activating ESA on the AIX or Linux® system will send back hardware errors, hardware inventory, *and* OS-specific and software inventory information.
- To obtain an IBM ID for use on many IBM Web sites including to view and use Service Agent inventory, go to: <https://www.ibm.com/account/profile/us?page=req>

Setting up **Electronic Service Agent™** on HMC v7

Note:

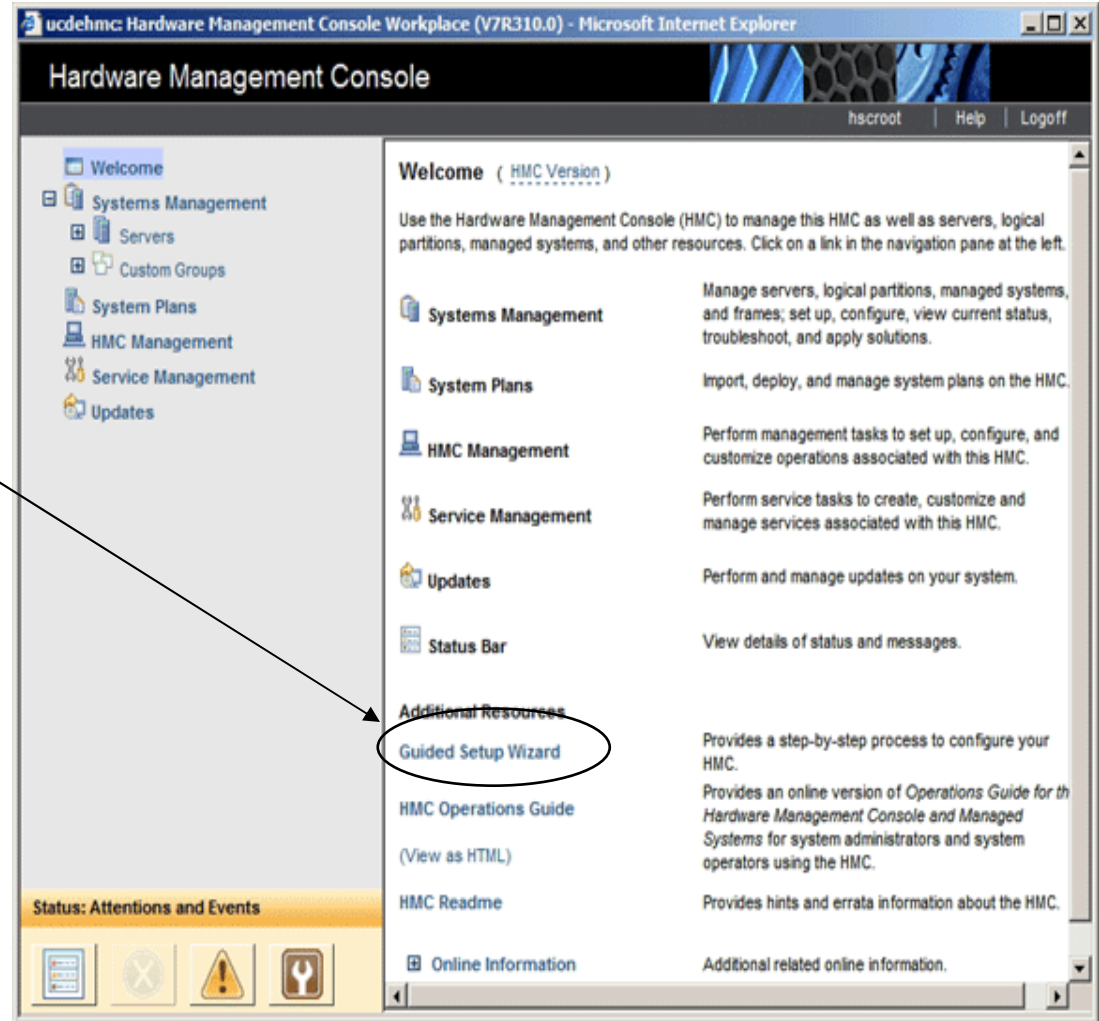
For HMC controlled environments, ESA **must** be activated on the HMC for hardware error reporting. For system inventory reporting, **RMC** must be configured to the partition. Additional activation of ESA on the partitions will send back OS-specific and software inventory data.

For **non**-HMC controlled systems, activating ESA on the AIX system will send back hardware errors, hardware inventory, **and** OS-specific and software inventory information.

Electronic Service Agent for HMC V7 supporting Power Systems POWER5 & POWER6

Activating Electronic Service Agent for hardware problem reporting

- Log in to the HMC interface and click the Guided Setup wizard.
- The wizard enables automatic hardware problem reporting for all AIX and Linux partitions managed by the HMC (i5/OS partitions use unique call home connectivity)



Electronic Service Agent for HMC V7 supporting Power Systems POWER5 & POWER6

Configuring hardware inventory submittal

- Select Service Management on the HMC Menu
- Select Transmit Service Information
- Screen is pre-populated with default settings. Press OK to confirm settings and enable periodic transmittal.

The screenshot displays the Hardware Management Console (HMC) interface. The title bar reads "Hardware Management Console". On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: Welcome, Systems Management, System Plans, HMC Management, Service Management (highlighted), and Updates. The main content area is titled "Service Management (HMC Version)" and contains a list of functions with their descriptions:

- Create Serviceable Event * Create a serviceable event to report a problem
- Manage Serviceable Events * View, report, repair, or close serviceable events
- Load Serviceable Events * Load or reload serviceable events from an XML file
- Manage Remote Connections * View, prioritize, hold, or cancel call-home connections
- Manage Remote Support Requests * View or cancel call-home requests submitted by this HMC
- Format Media * Format a DVD, diskette, or high speed memory key
- Manage Dumps * Copy, call-home, and delete dumps
- Transmit Service Information** * Schedule transmissions or offload service information for your service provider

Below this section is a "Connectivity" section with the following items:

- Manage Systems Call-Home * Control whether call-home requests may be created for the HMC or a managed system
- Manage Outbound Connectivity * Configure call-home connections between the HMC and your service provider
- Manage Inbound Connectivity * Initiate temporary access to the HMC or managed systems for your service provider
- Manage Customer Information * View and change administrator, system, and account information
- Authorize User * Authorize an IBM ID to access service information using the Electronic Services Web site
- Manage Serviceable Event Notification * Configure information to enable customer notification when serviceable events occur
- Manage Connection Monitoring * Configure timers to detect outages and monitor connections for selected machines
- Manage POWER4 Service Agent * Enable and configure Service Agent Connection Manager for POWER4 systems
- Call-Home Setup Wizard * Guided Setup Wizard to set up call-home for your system

Electronic Service Agent for HMC V7 supporting Power Systems POWER 5 & POWER6

Hardware Management Console

Service Management (HMC Version)

- Create Serviceable Event: Create a serviceable event to report a problem
- Manage Serviceable Events: View, report, repair, or close serviceable events
- Load Serviceable Events: Load or reload serviceable events from an XML file
- Manage Remote Connections: View, prioritize, hold, or cancel call-home connections
- Manage Remote Support Requests: View or cancel call-home requests submitted by this HMC
- Format Media: Format a DVD, diskette, or high speed memory key
- Manage Dumps: Copy, call-home, and delete dumps
- Transmit Service Information: Schedule transmissions or offload service information for your service provider

Connectivity

- Manage Systems Call-Home: Control whether call-home requests may be created for the HMC or a managed system
- Manage Outbound Connectivity: Configure call-home connections between the HMC and your service provider
- Manage Inbound Connectivity: Initiate temporary access to the HMC or managed systems for your service provider
- Manage Customer Information: View and change administrator, system, and account information
- Authorize User: Authorize an IBM ID to access service information using the Electronic Services Web site**
- Manage Serviceable Event Notification: Configure information to enable customer notification when serviceable events occur
- Manage Connection Monitoring: Configure timers to detect outages
- Manage POWER4 Service Agent: Enable and configure Service Agent
- Call-Home Setup Wizard: Guided Setup Wizard to set up call-home

Add IBM ID

- Select Service Management, on HMC Menu
- Select Authorize User, under Connectivity
- Complete the field(s) with at least one IBM ID
- Press 'OK'

Authorize User

IBM provides customized web tools and functions that use information collected by IBM Electronic Service Agent. The access to these functions is managed by an association between your IBM IDs and the Electronic Service Agent information from your systems. The association is made using this panel. To obtain an IBM ID, which is used by many IBM web sites, go to <https://www.ibm.com/account/profile>.

Provide the IBM IDs to be associated with information sent by Electronic Service Agent.

Authorize users

IBM ID 1 *

IBM ID 2 (optional)

To view and use the customized web tools and functions, go to IBM Electronic Services at <http://www.ibm.com/support/electronic>.

OK Cancel Help

*Setting up **Electronic Service Agent™** v6 integrated with AIX 6.1, AIX 5.3 TL6 and later*

Note:

For HMC controlled environments, ESA **must** be activated on the HMC for hardware error reporting. For system inventory reporting, **RMC** must be configured to the partition. Additional activation of ESA on the partitions will send back OS-specific and software inventory data.

For **non**-HMC controlled systems, activating ESA on the AIX system will send back hardware errors, hardware inventory, **and** OS-specific and software inventory information.

Accessing the Electronic Service Agent Main Screen in AIX



Electronic Service Agent relevant filesets

```
bos.esagent          6.1.0.0  COMMITTED Electronic Service Agent
bos.ecc_client.rte   5.3.0.70  COMMITTED Electronic Customer Care
Java5.sdk            5.0.0.100 COMMITTED Java SDK 32-bit
```

```
# smit esa_main
```

*to access main
screen, type command
"smit esa_main"*

Configuring Electronic Service Agent™

AIX L



- *Simplified, 1-step process*

Electronic Service Agent

Move cursor to desired item and press Enter

Configure Electronic Service Agent

Configure Service Connectivity

Start Electronic Service Agent

Stop Electronic Service Agent

Configuring Electronic Service Agent



enter required contact information and press Enter

Configure Electronic Service Agent

Type or select values in entry fields.
Press Enter AFTER making all desired changes.

	[Entry Fields]
* Company name	[IBM Corp.]
* Name of the contact person	[Kent Eastley]
* Telephone number of the contact person	[512-838-8636]
* Email address (myuserid@mycompany.com)	[eastley@us.ibm.com]
* Country or region of contact person	United States
* Telephone number where the system is located	[512-838-8636]
* Country or region where the system is located	United States
IBM ID	[kent@email.com]
Operational setting	
* Port number on which to receive connections	[5024]

for web user interface

Electronic Service Agent Activated!



- *Verifies connectivity by sending “heartbeat” to IBM via Internet connection*

```
Command: OK      stdout: yes      stderr: no
```

```
Before command completion, additional instructions may appear below.
```

```
Performing Connectivity Test ... SUCCESS
```

```
0513-071 The IBM.ESAGENT Subsystem has been added.
```

```
0513-059 The IBM.ESAGENT Subsystem has been started. Subsystem PID is 401548
```

Setup and registration is complete!

ESA v6 Web User Interface



View and administer:

- *Service request status*
- *Problem information*
- *Settings*
- *Logs*
- *Automated inventory collection/submission*
- *On demand collection/submission*