

Operations @ Scale

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The Challenge: Operating a Cloud-Scale Service

Monitoring Today

Volume & Velocity: scale of data, rate of data

1,000,000s of requests per second, 10,000s of servers & network elements,
100s of services, multiple data centers, multiple layers, PBs of data

Variety & Veracity: multiple sources & forms of data, uncertainty & noise

Logs, app metrics, HW telemetry, network (sflow/netflow), complaints

Multiple systems, owners & admins (app, server, storage, net)

Multiple paths, alternative systems – built for failure HA approach

Operations Today

Can show what is happening, what has happened

Collect all data, search, visualize, alert based on static thresholds

But... too much Information, too much hands on, too much expertise

Lots of dashboards, reports, and alerts

Hard to understand, opaque, requires interdisciplinary DevOps skills

Important problems take too long to solve or are overlooked

Trends and imminent problems are not detected before service is affected

Why it happened

Diagnostic tools
Contextual data
Focus

Visualization

Topology view
First Person View
Application flows

Anomaly detection

Automatic monitoring
Smart, real-time alerts
Dynamic thresholds

Cognitive

Business value
Insights to system behavior
Relationships between metrics

What may happen

Predictions, forecasts
Models, risks, priorities
Implications

What can I do

Prescriptive, informed decisions
Proactively minimize problems
Remedies, avoidance, adaptations

CogNETive Toolset

Adaptive probes

PCA & clustering

Robust adaptive filtering

Skydive

Time series

Network analytics

Machine learning



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Computing as a Service

Cloud Architectures and Networking