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Ekinops Network Management Platform

The Multi-Protocol Service Network Manager

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Overview

Multi-Protocol Service Manager

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- Single Manager for all services and protocols
  - ⇨ Ethernet, SONET/SDH, Fiber Channel, etc.
- Full Redundant, Carrier Class, Scalable Network Management System
- Full Element Level and Service Level Fault, Configuration, Accounting, and Performance
  - ⇨ Detailed Network Element Inventory (M.3100)
- Robust Security and Authentification
- Element, Network, and Service Level Management
  - ⇨ Service Level Provisioning and Monitoring for all protocols

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Benefits of the Ekinops Solution

- Quick deterministic fault isolation based on graphical displays of circuits vs. alarms
- Quick identification of "Effected" customers enabled by
  - Circuit level alarm display
  - Ability to identify effected circuits in the event of an NE failure or facility failure
  - Correlation of circuits to customers
- Ability to figure out "Effected" circuits proactively before a planned network outage
- Proactive management of SLAs via SLA thresholding

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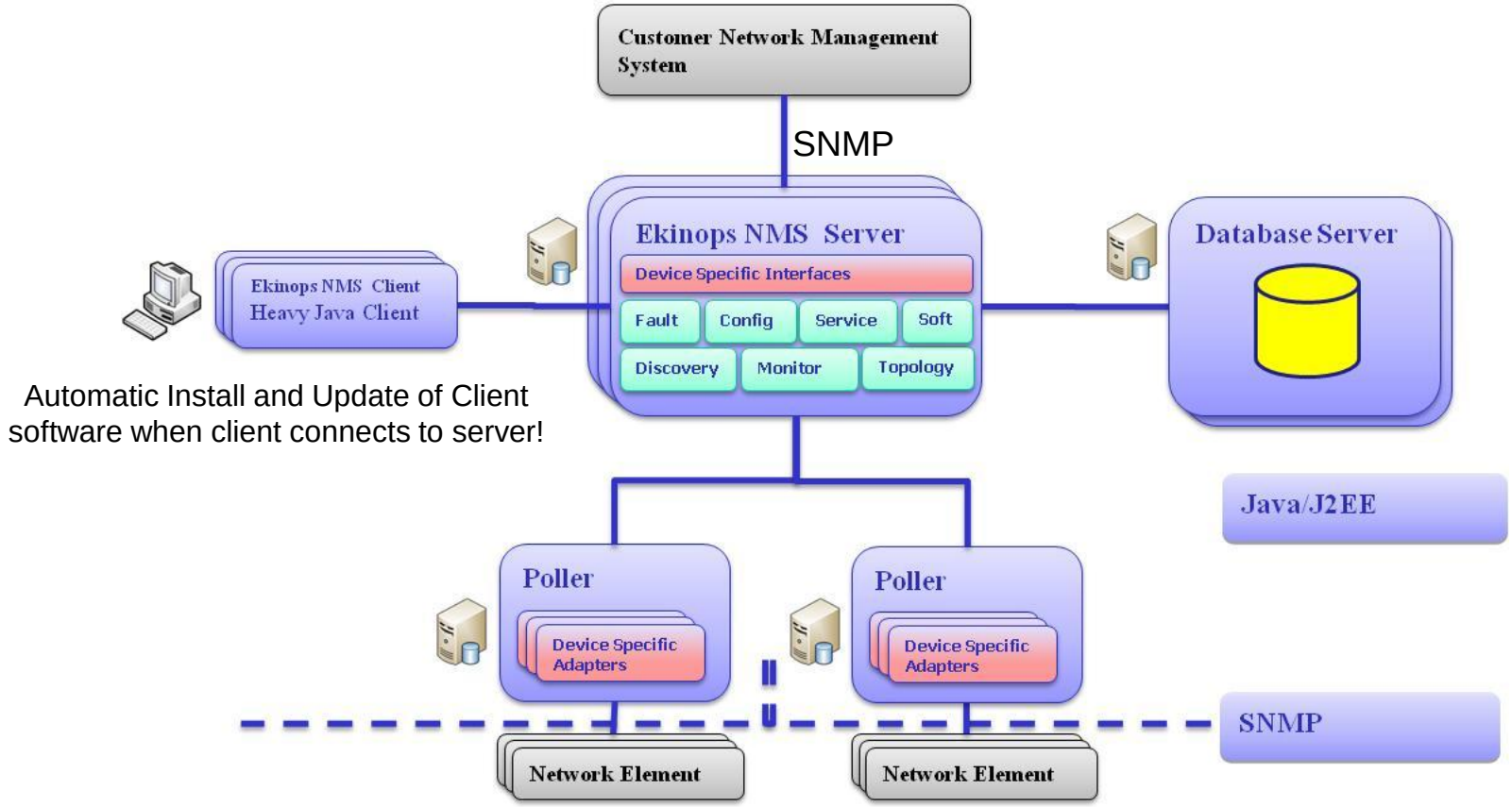
Architectural Overview



- Distribution of NE Pollers, Database, Clients, and Server for Scalability
- Windows and Linux Support for client and server
- Database Replication for hot stand-by system redundancy
- Robust Database support: MySQL, Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL

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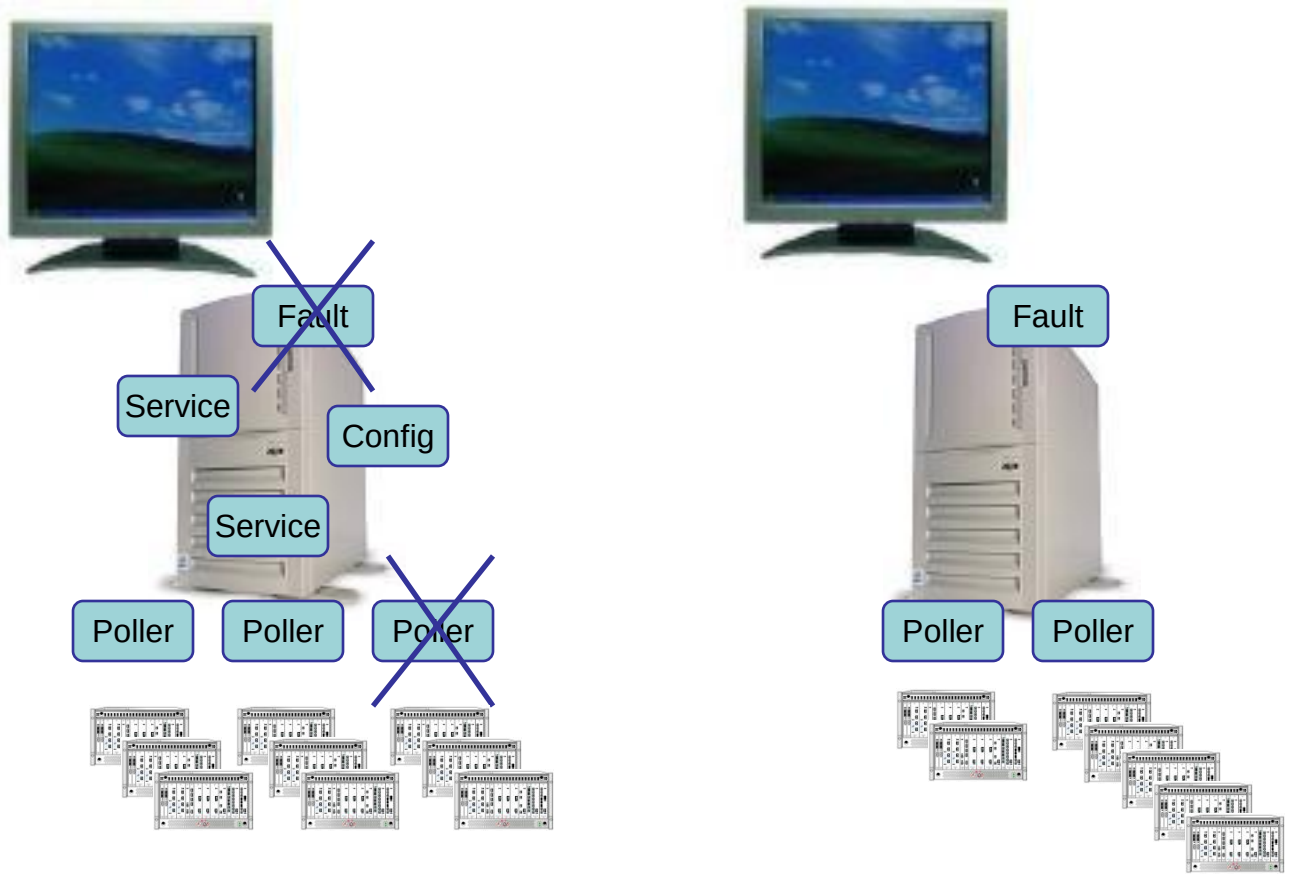
Server Clustering



- Pollers can be distributed for Performance
- Pollers take over for pollers that go down
- Server Processes that fail are restarted and moved to another server

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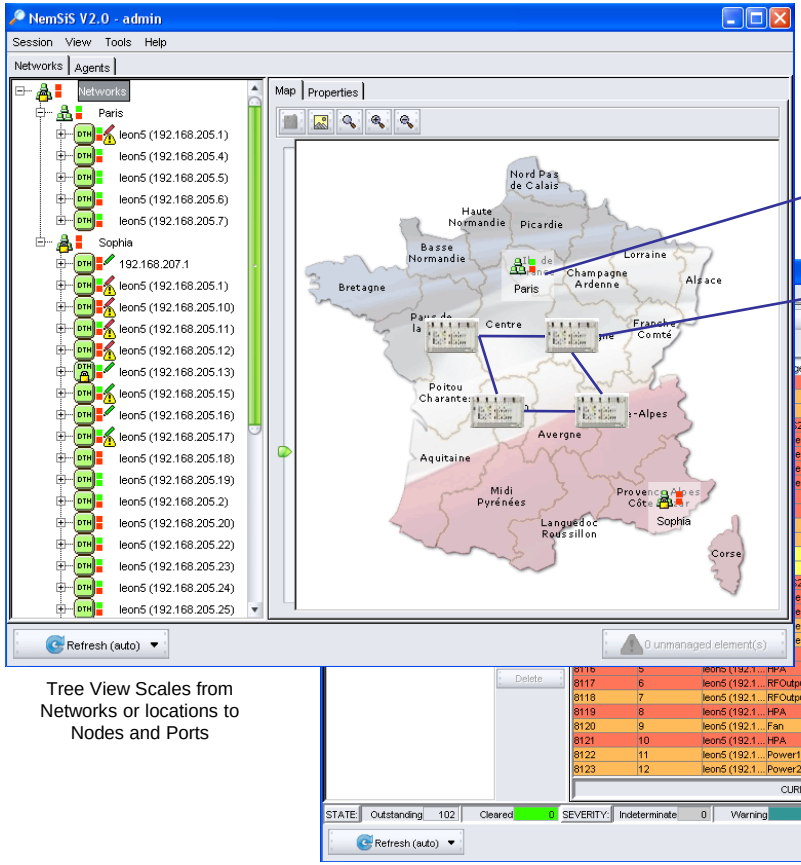
Alarms and Topology

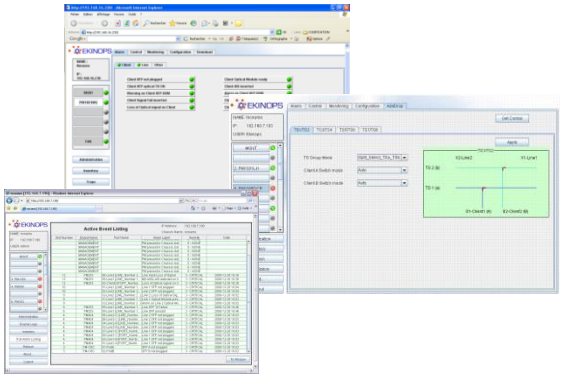


Tree View Scales from Networks or locations to Nodes and Ports

Containerization for Network Hierarchical Views

Graphical Face Plate Views

Drill down to Node Level Graphical Configuration and Monitoring



- Alarm Correlation for diagnostic Simplification
- Operator Acknowledgement for alarm tracking
- Of course, filtering and historical logging

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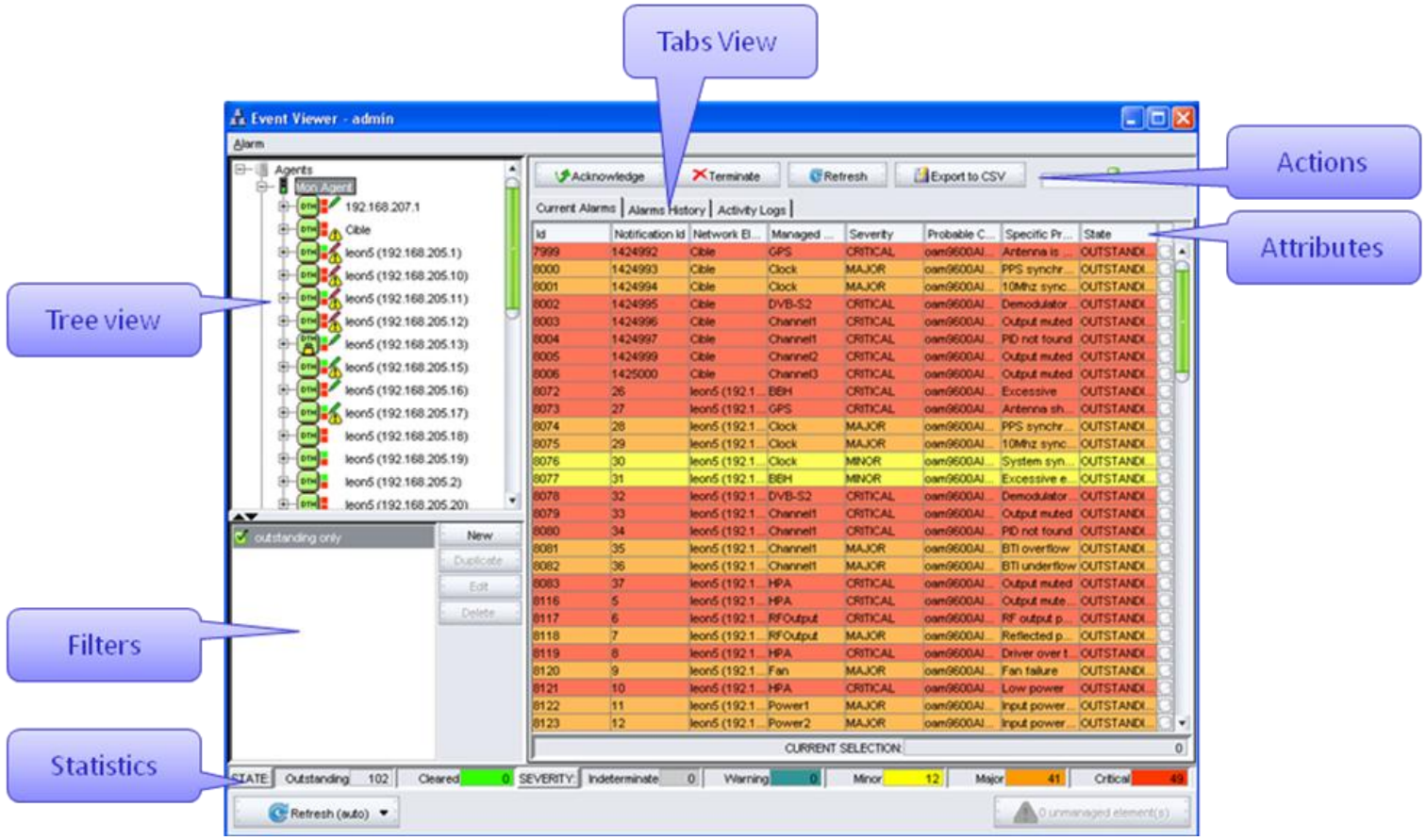
Alarm and Event Viewer



- Alarm and Event Viewer
- Flexible Filtering and Customization
- Single Line for Life Cycle of Alarm

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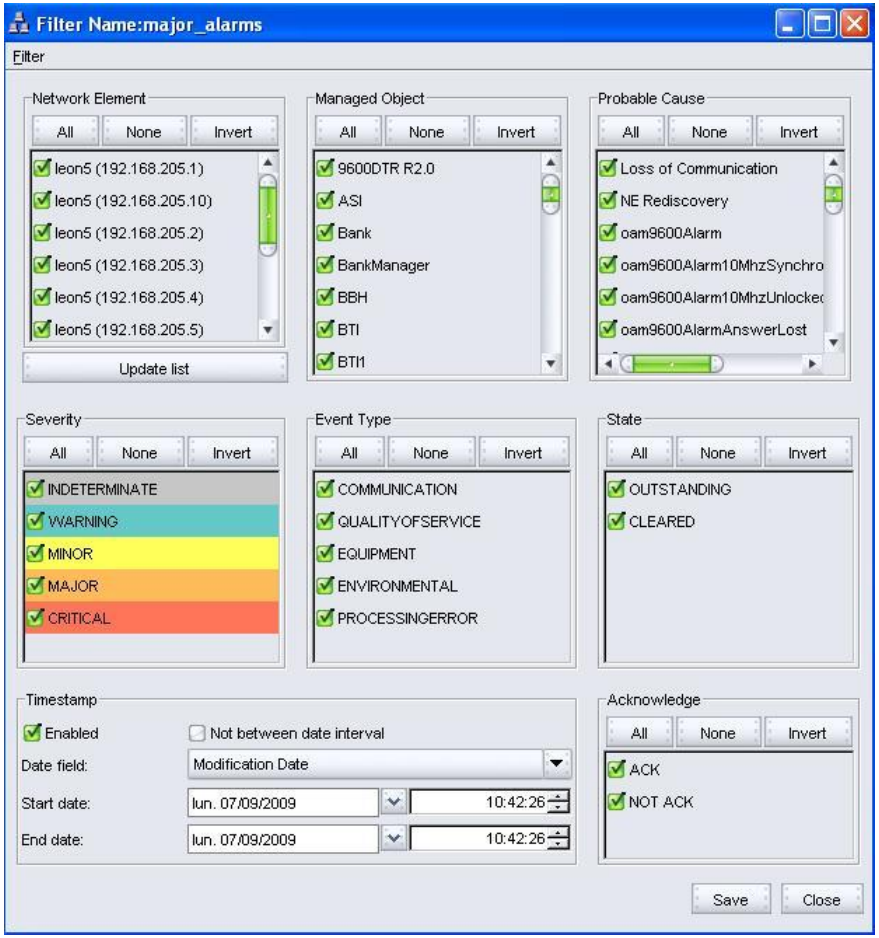
Robust Alarm Filtering

- **Alarm filtering by:**
  - network element
  - managed object
  - probable cause
  - severity
  - alarm type
  - alarm state
  - acknowledge state
  - timestamps



Alarm Filtering Dialog

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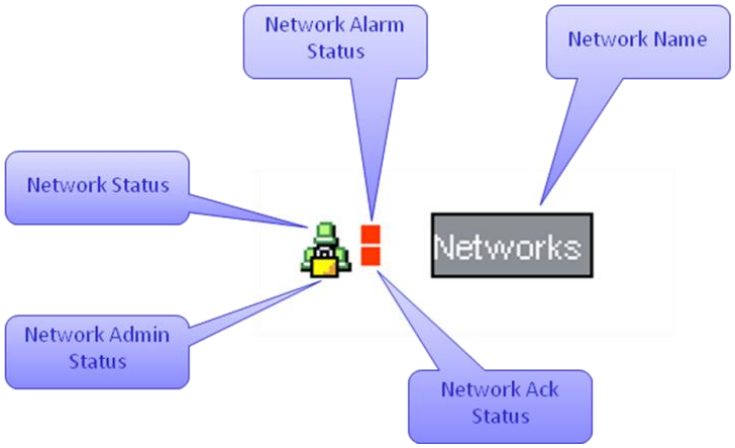
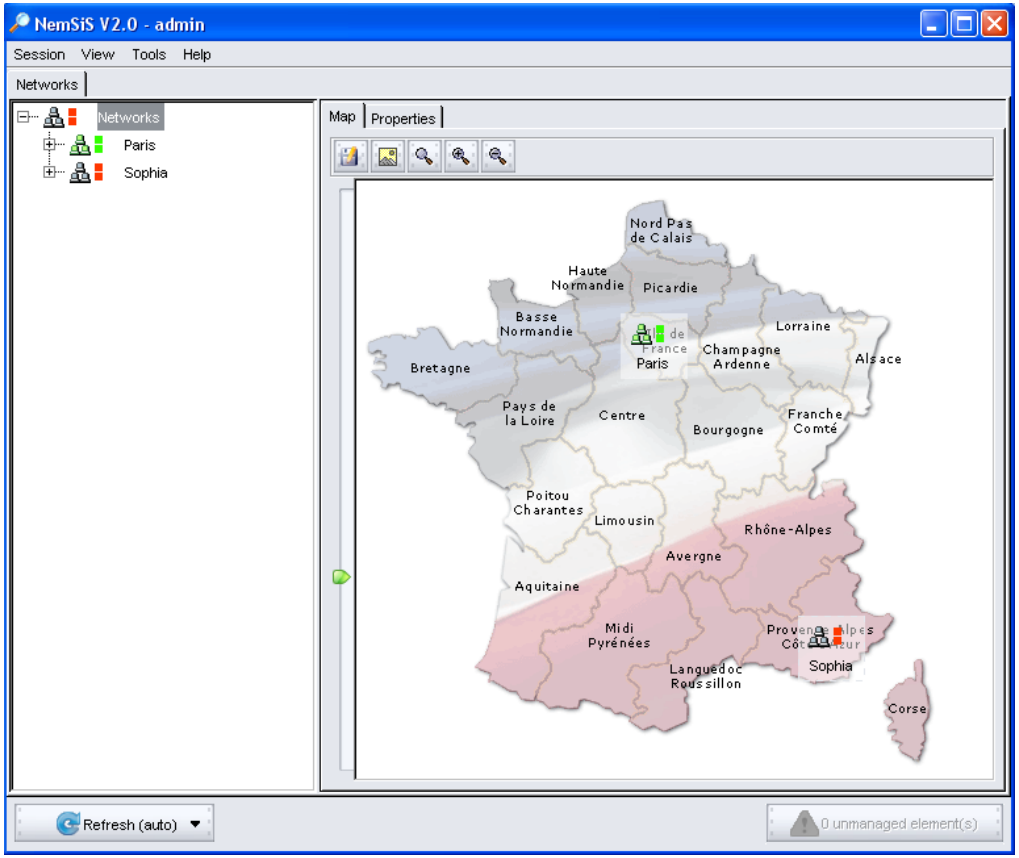
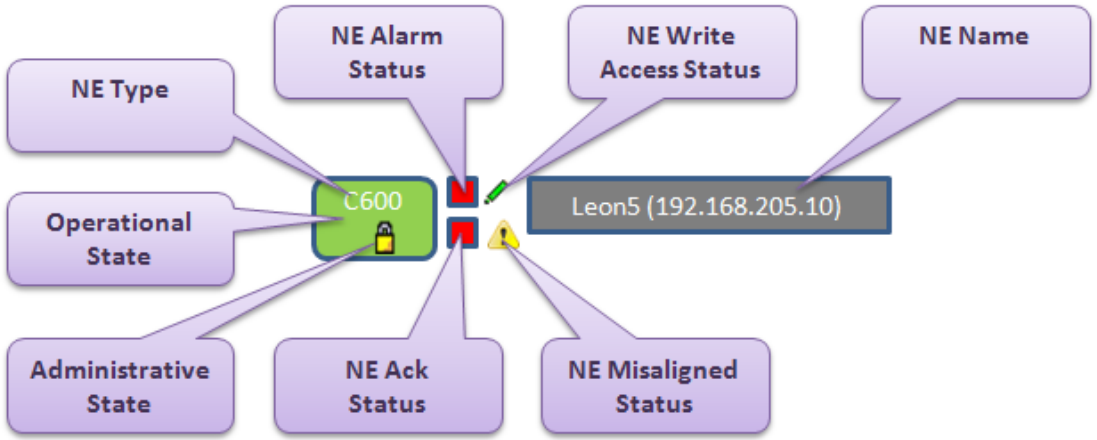
Network Topology View





- Management of Network Containers

Network Element Status Summary



- Network Element Summary View

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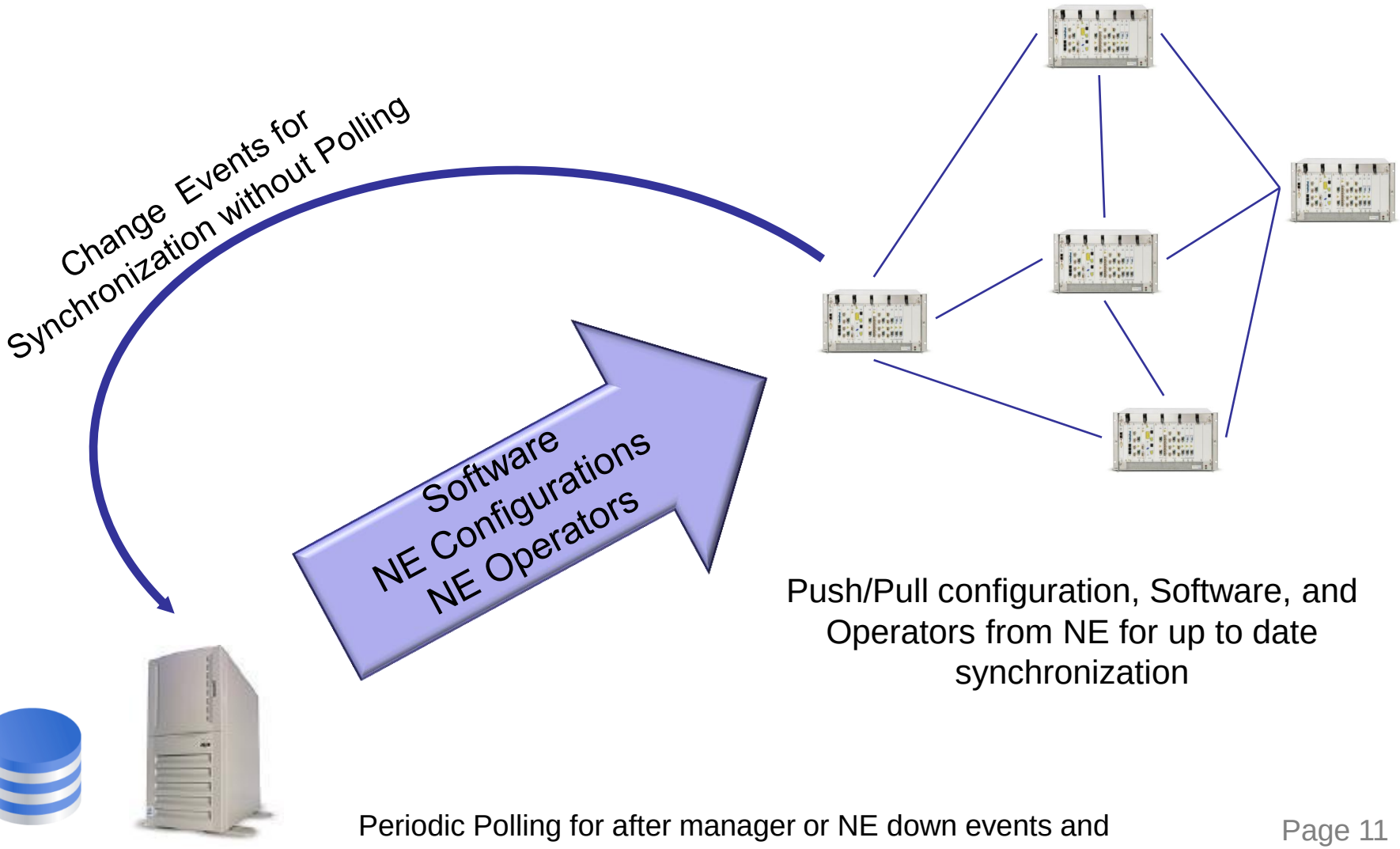
NE Configuration, Software, and Security Management



Push/Pull configuration, Software, and Operators from NE for up to date synchronization

Periodic Polling for after manager or NE down events and user customizable "synchronization check"

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NE Configuration Actions

- Read configuration
- Configuration Backup
- Configuration Restore
- Configuration Activation
- Read Misaligned Configurations
- Align configuration
  - NM master
  - NE master

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NE Software Actions

- NE Software Update
- Software Activation
- Manage Software Bank
- Switch to Previous
- Read Misaligned Software Packages
- Align Software
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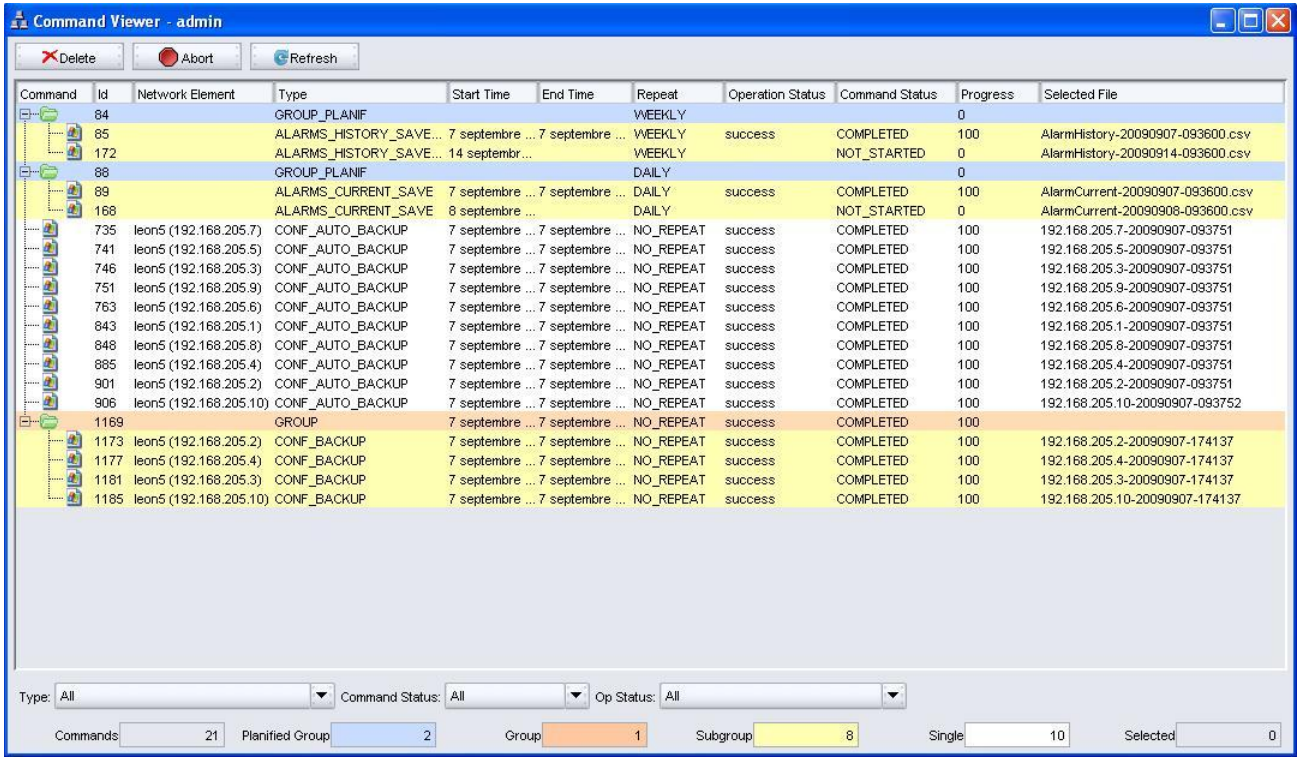
Tracking Configuration and Software Activities



- Software and Configuration Activity is tracked via Command viewer
- Commands can be for one or more network elements
- Commands can be issued immediately or queued to be issued at a later date/time
- Command status shown in hierarchy

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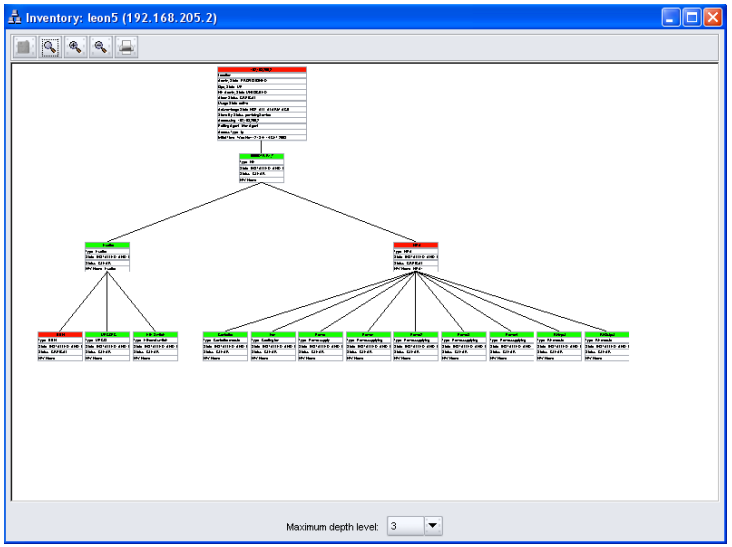
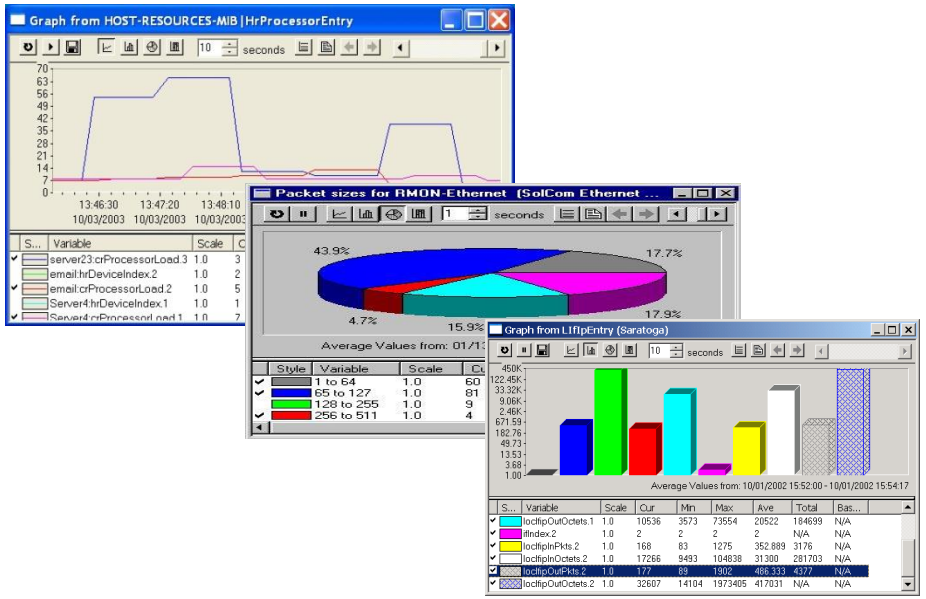
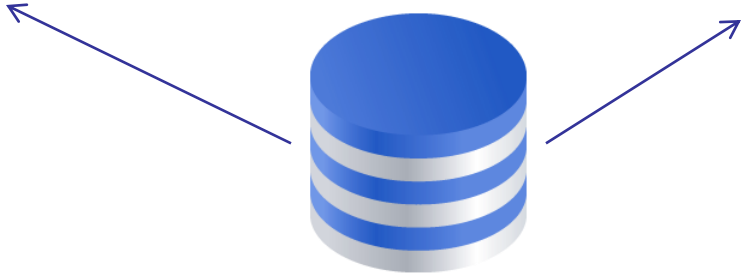
Inventory And Performance

M.3100 Equipment Browser





Standard SQL Reporting Tools



- Of course, inventory and performance data logged in SQL database and exportable… along with other statistics collected by the manager

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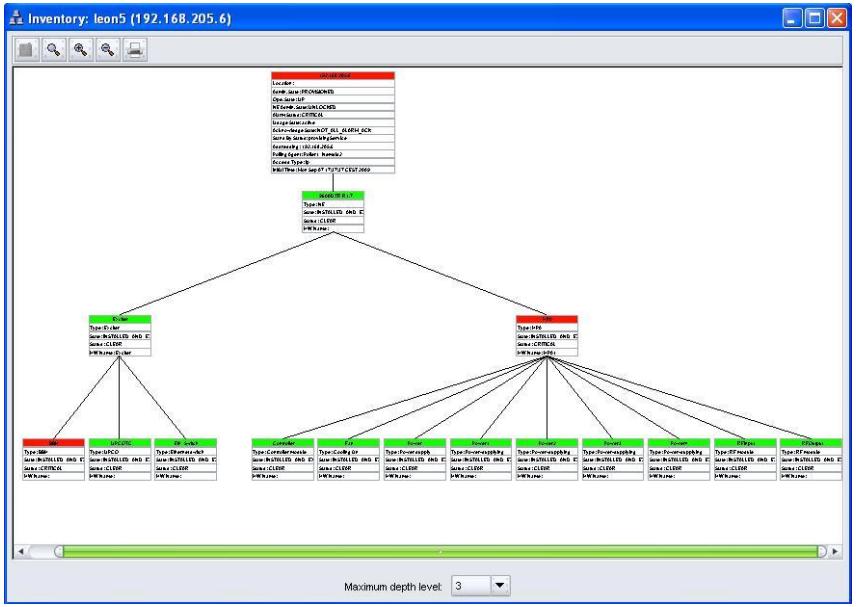
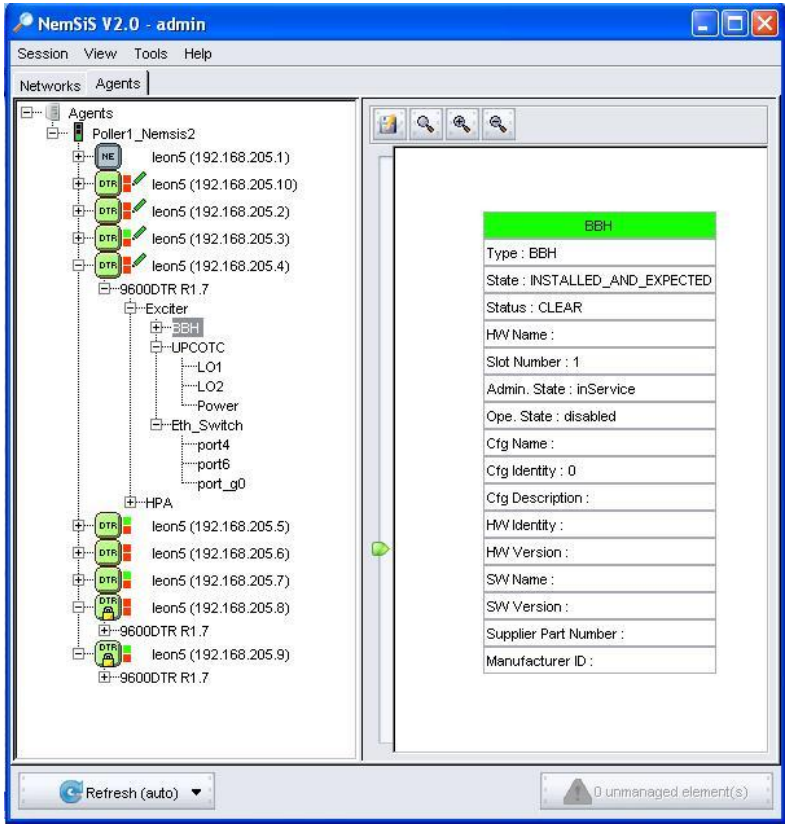
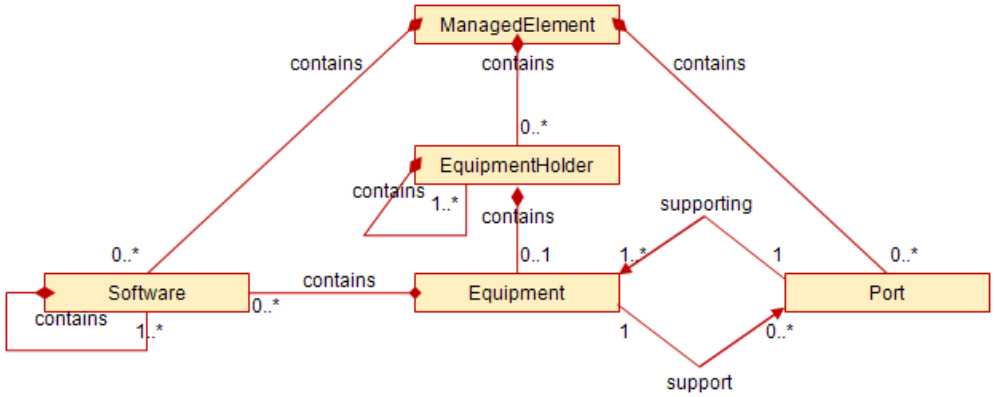
Inventory Views







- Inventory hierarchy based on M.3100 Model

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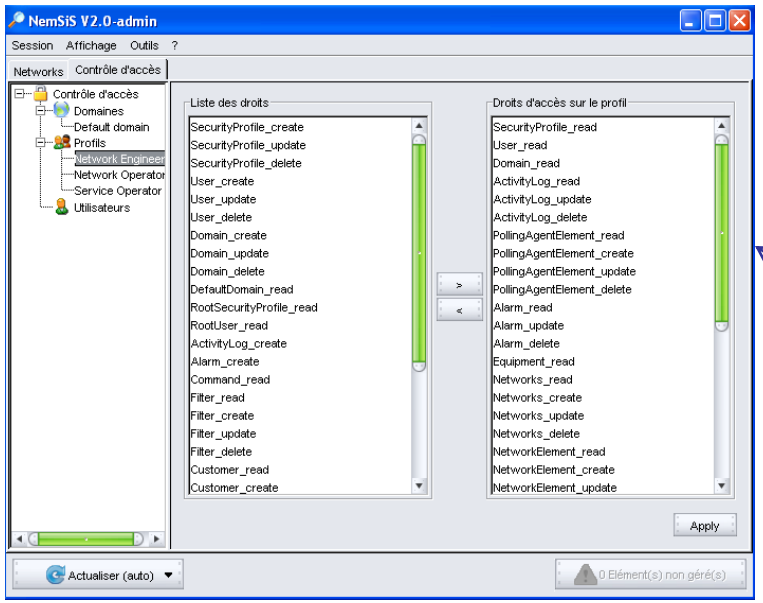
NMS Security



Security Menu

- Robust and Granular Feature Based Security Management
- Configuration Logs at the manager and the NE, NE Logs kept historically on manager

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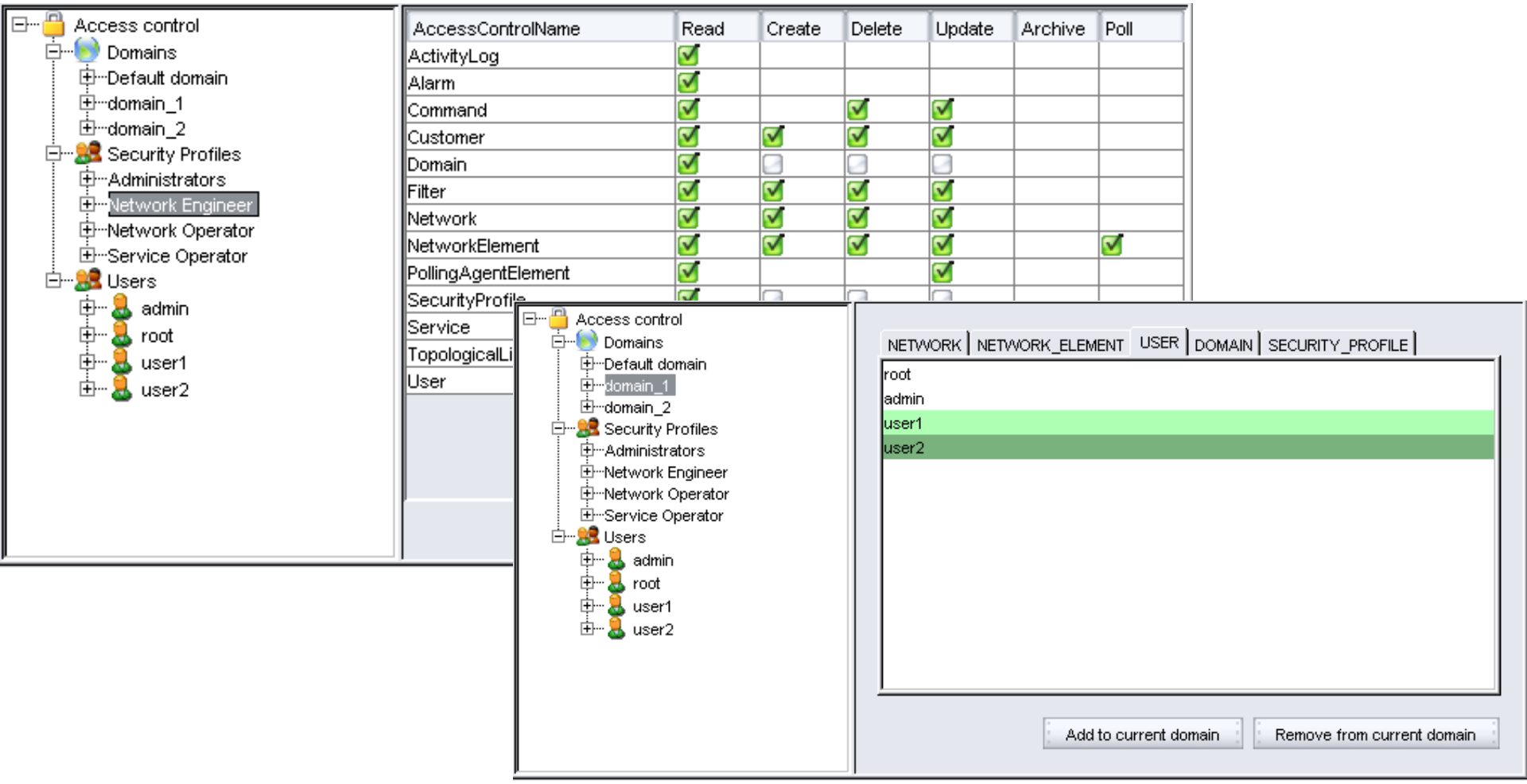
Operator Security



- Networks can be divided into domains and users assigned to domains
- Users can be assigned to domains, Distinct security profiles can be created for domains

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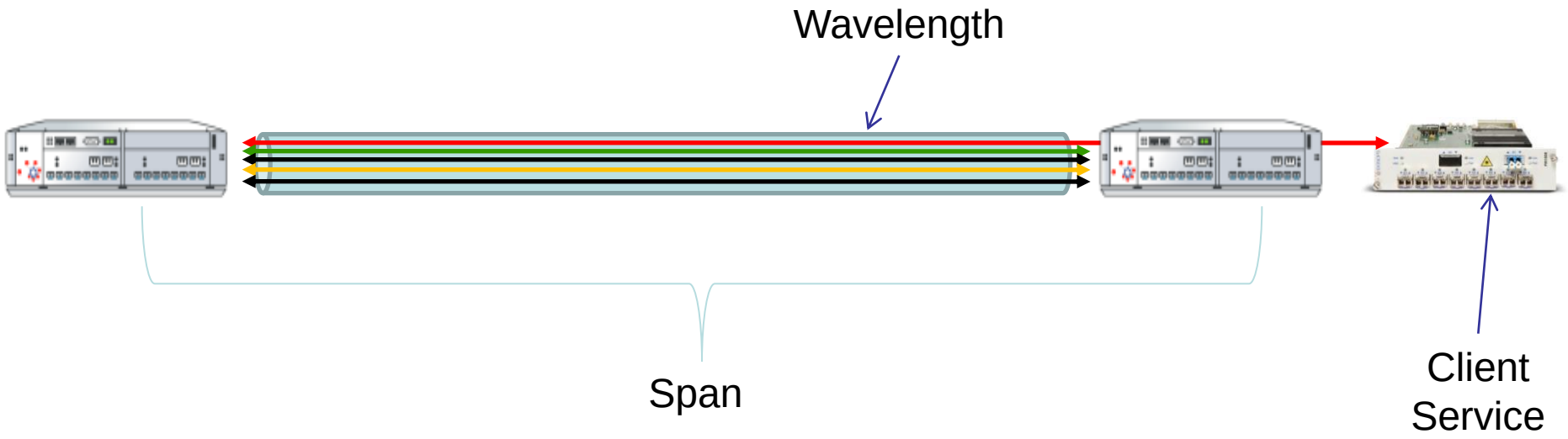
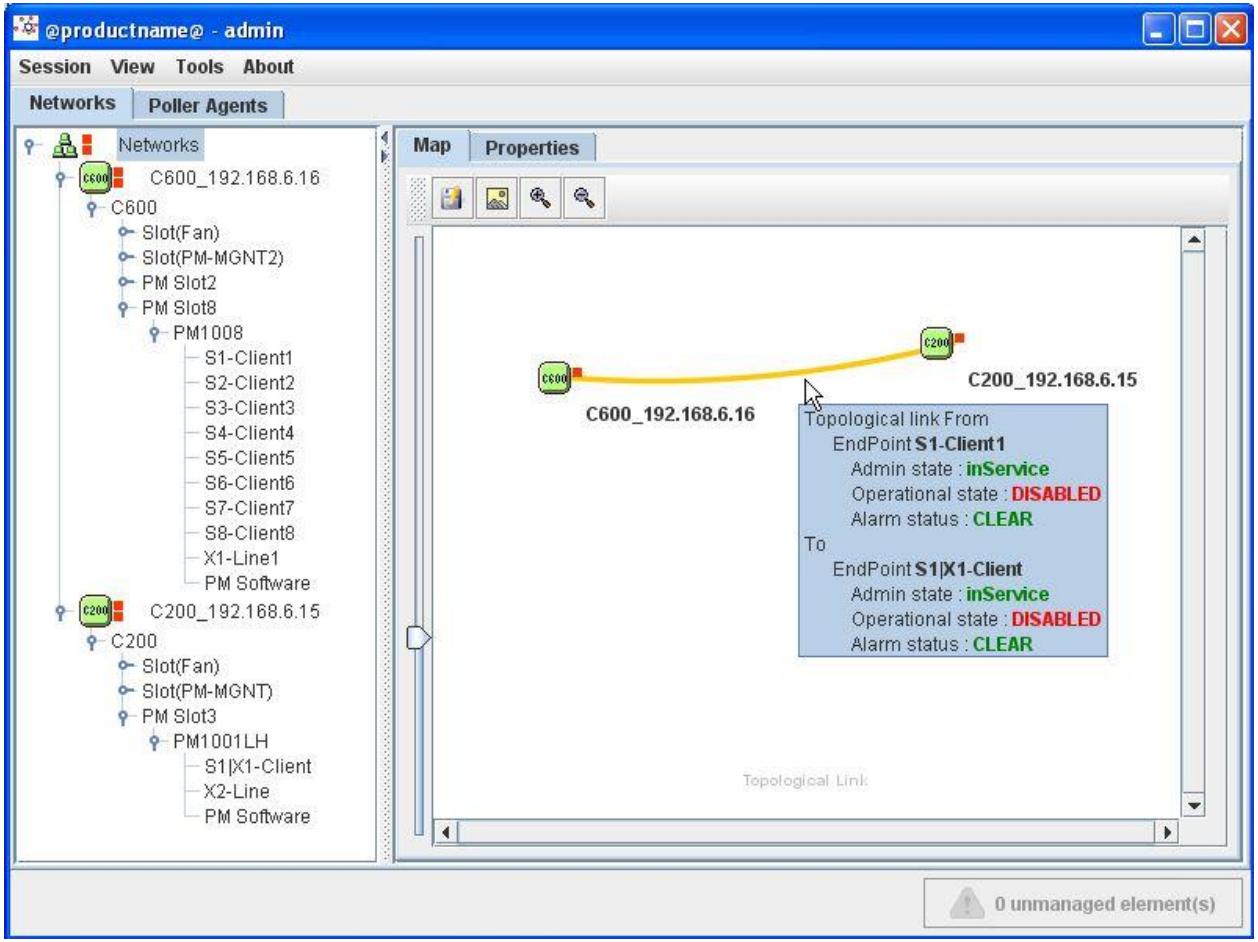
Service Level Management

- What is a service?
- Services are hierarchical



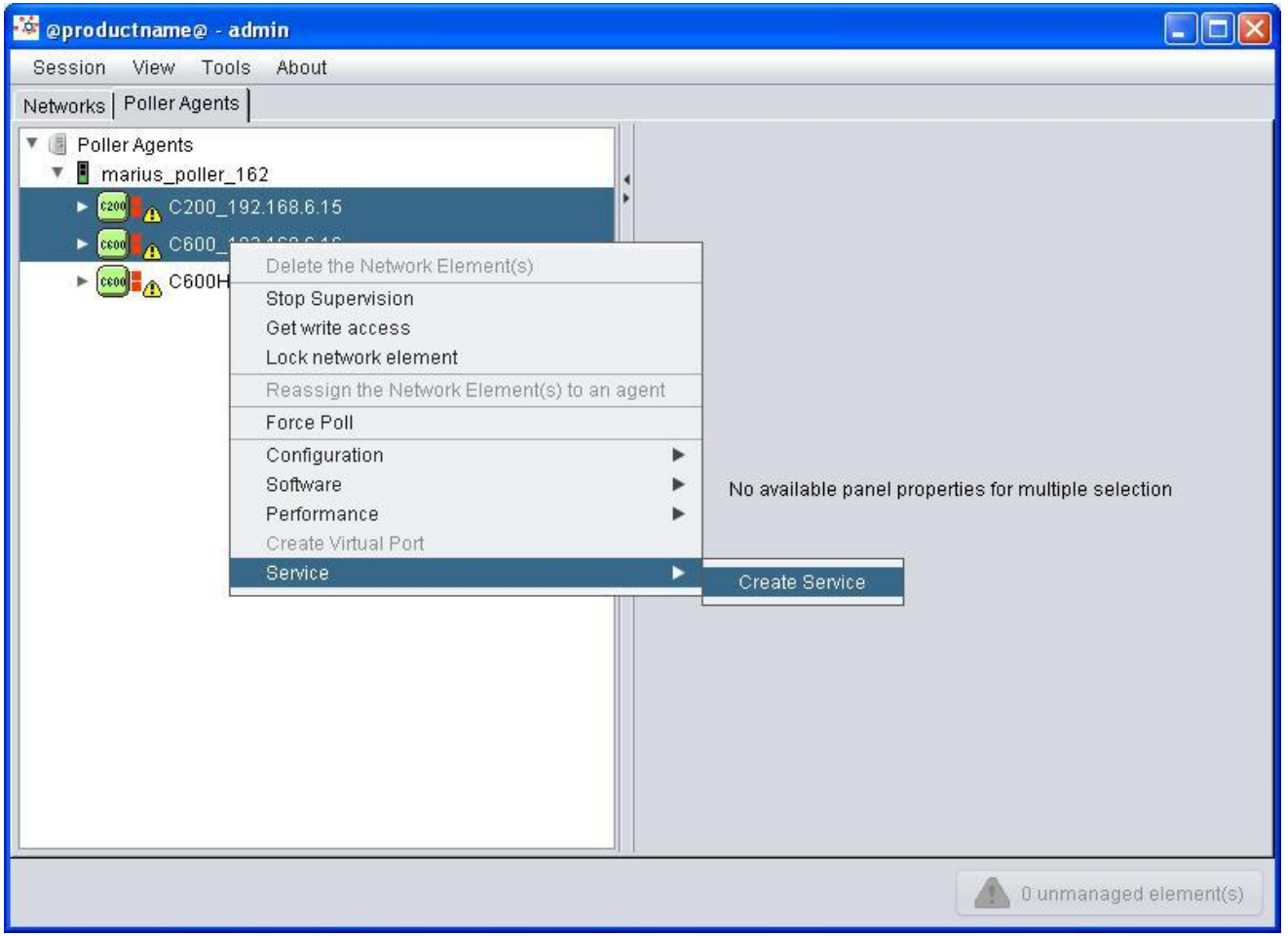
- Wavelengths traverse spans and client services ride wavelengths

Topological Links



- Topological Links are added with the service level management capability
  - Just like NEs, links have administrative, operational, and alarm status

Service Creation



- Click on 2 NEs that will service as end points

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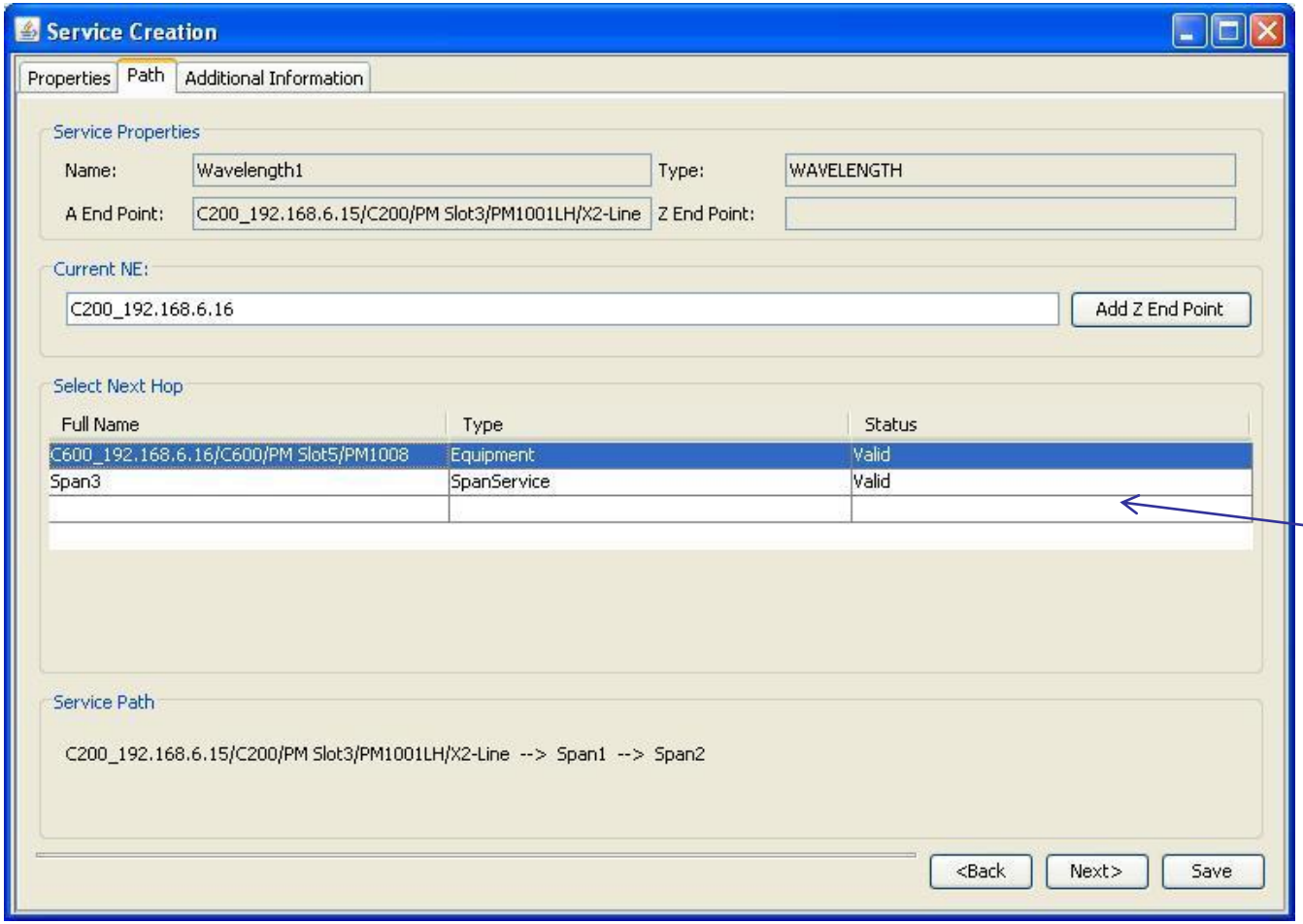

Possible Next Hops

- Creating the hops in between
- Once Wavelength services are created, we know where the client services are

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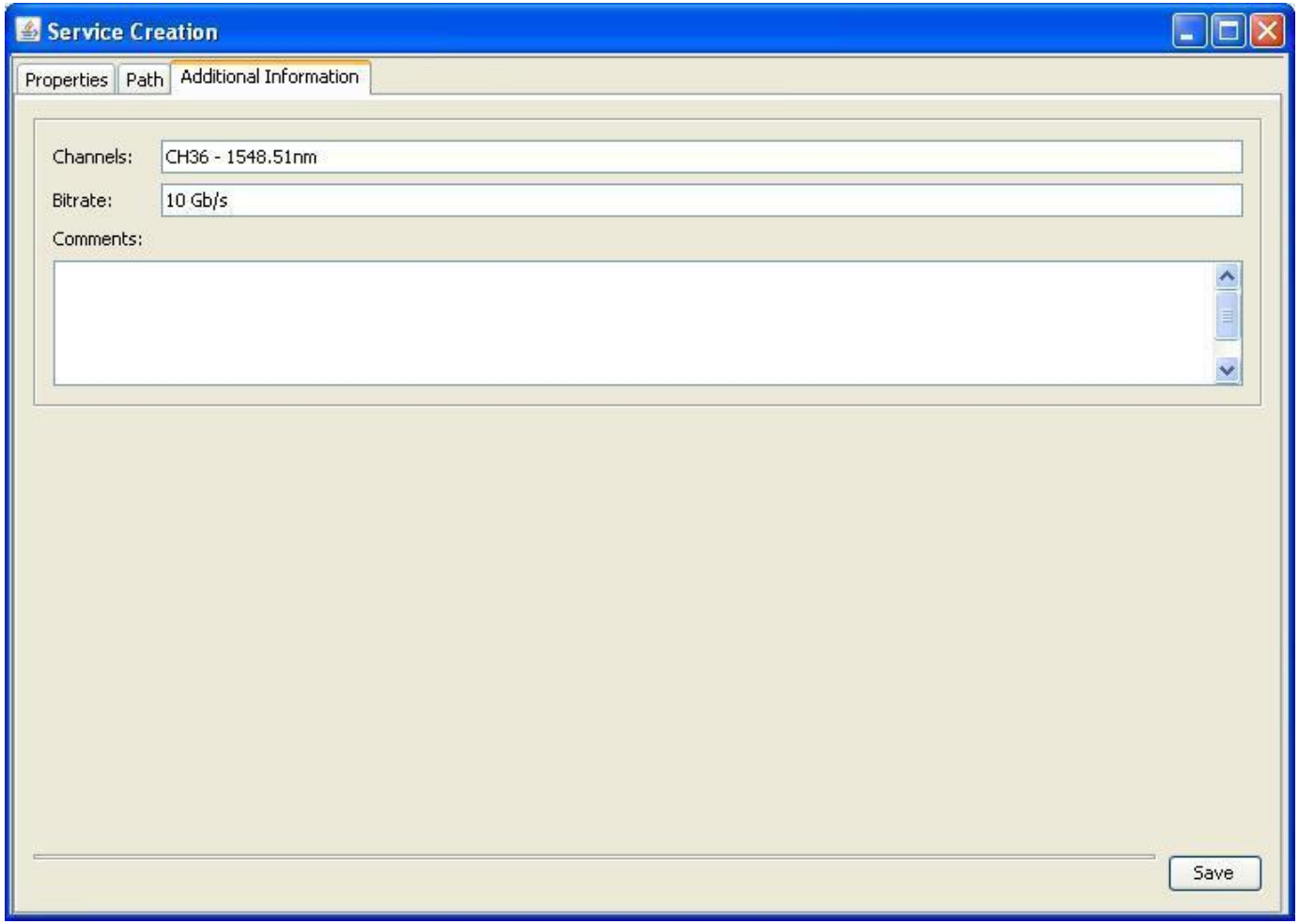
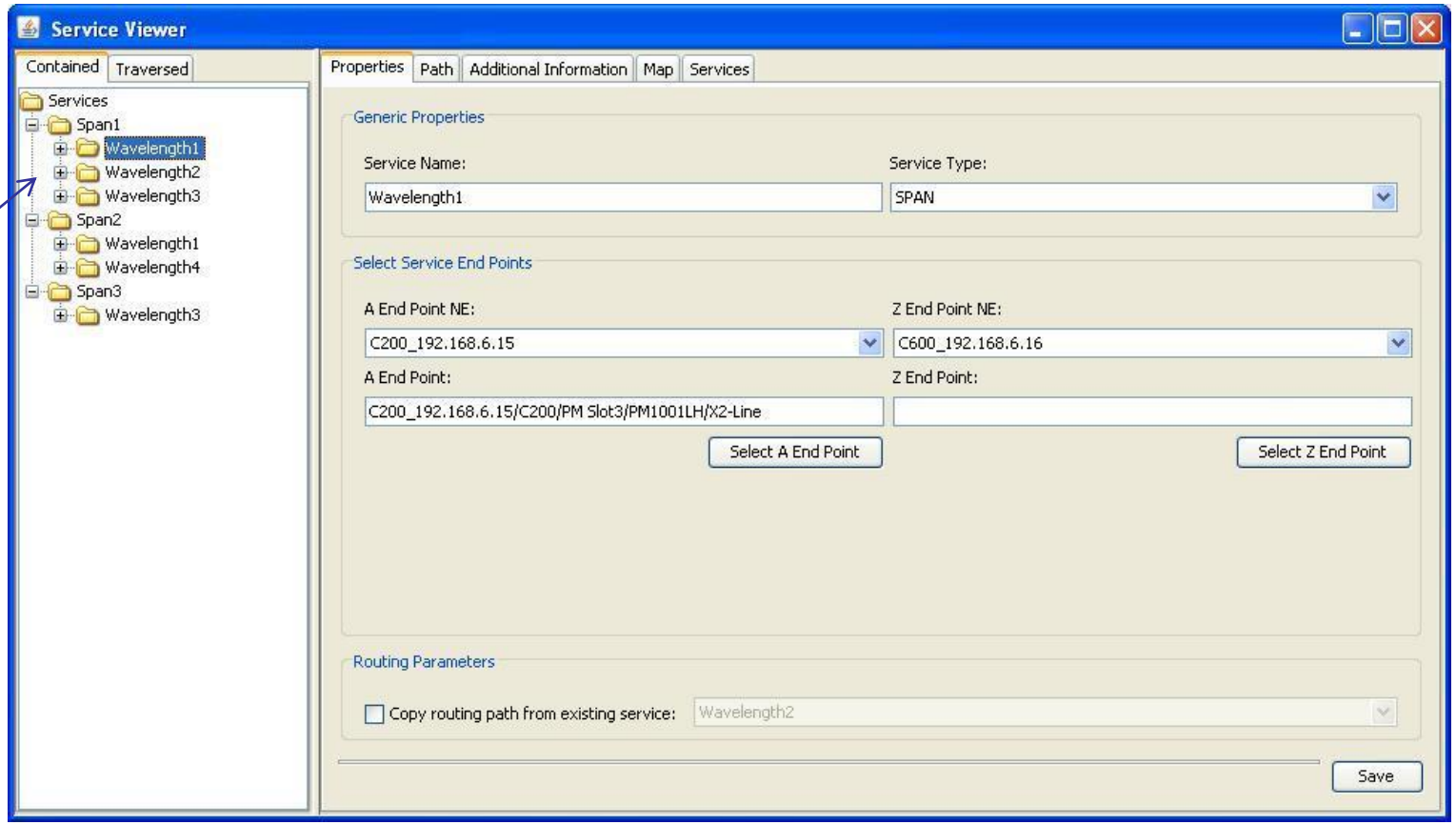


- Additional Information on the service varies based on service type

Monitoring, Displaying, Editing

Service Status Will be Reflected in Tree View



- Select the service to get status and other information
- The tree view can be inversed… client service, wavelength, span

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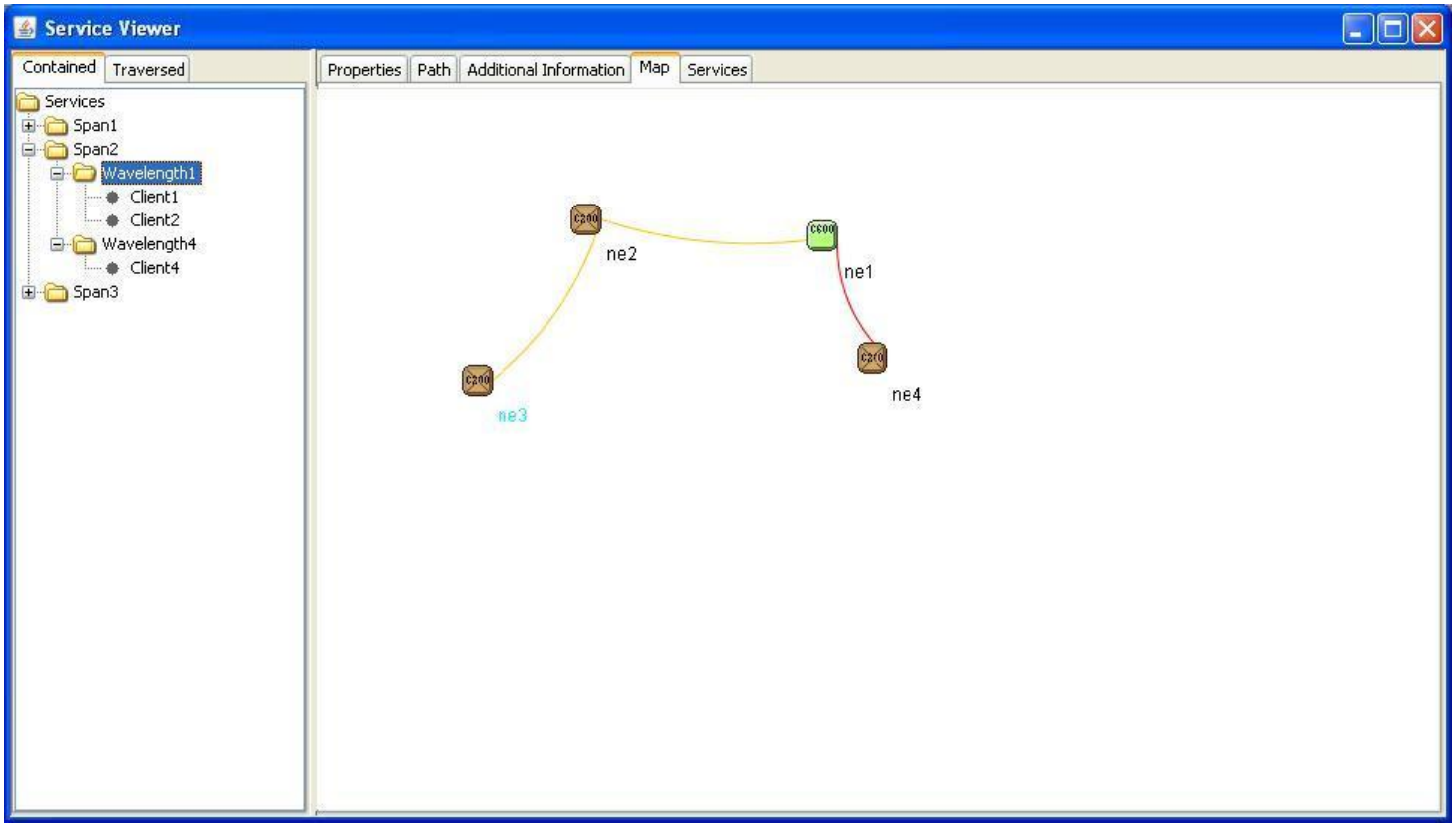

- Display Physical Path of Service
  - Links reflect status of servce
  - Clicking on the service in the tree view gets you to an alarm display filtered for that service

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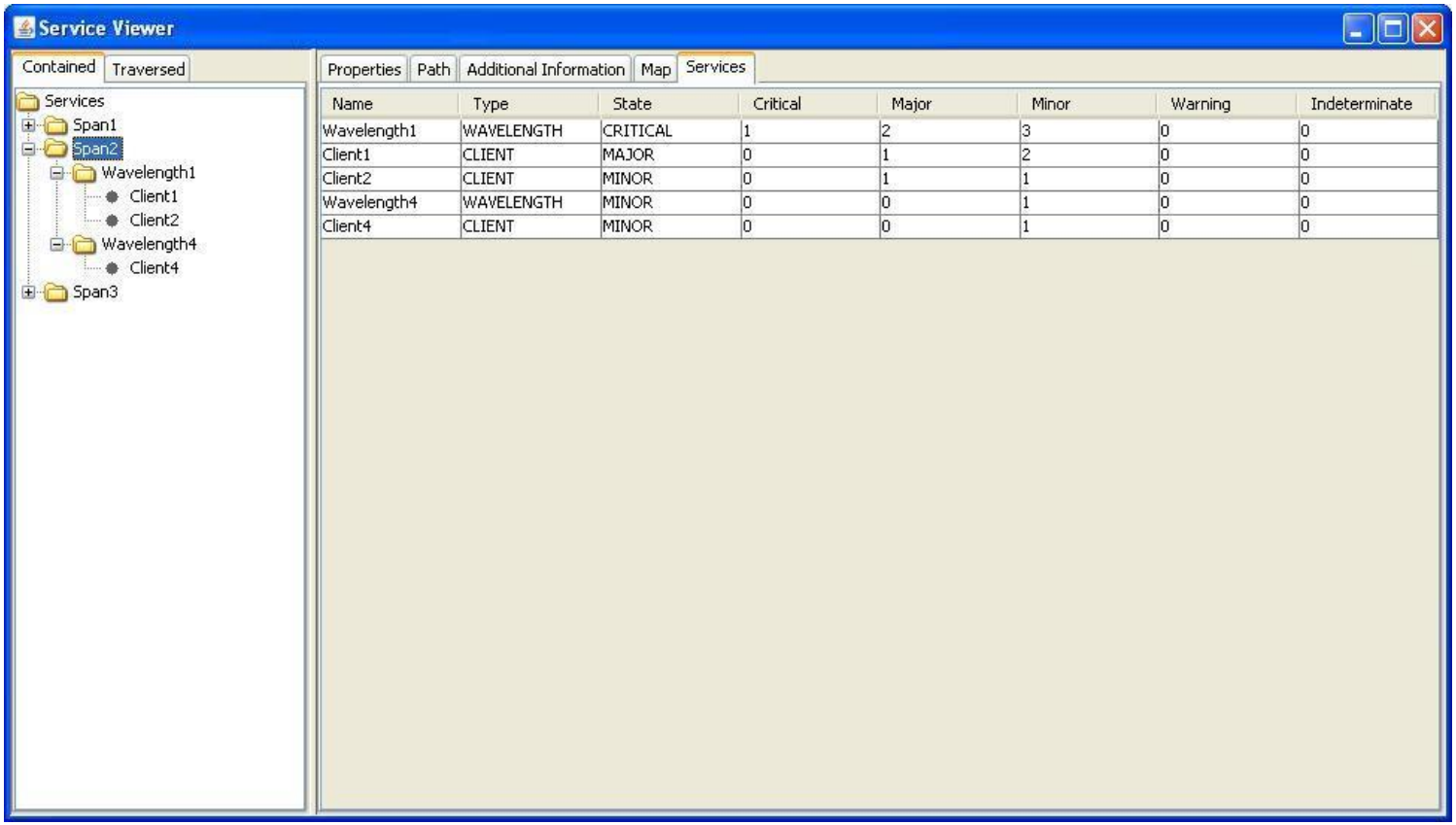

- Hierarchical view of services and status
  - ⇨ Click on a service on the left, all underlying services and status are shown on the right (Color will be added to reflect status)

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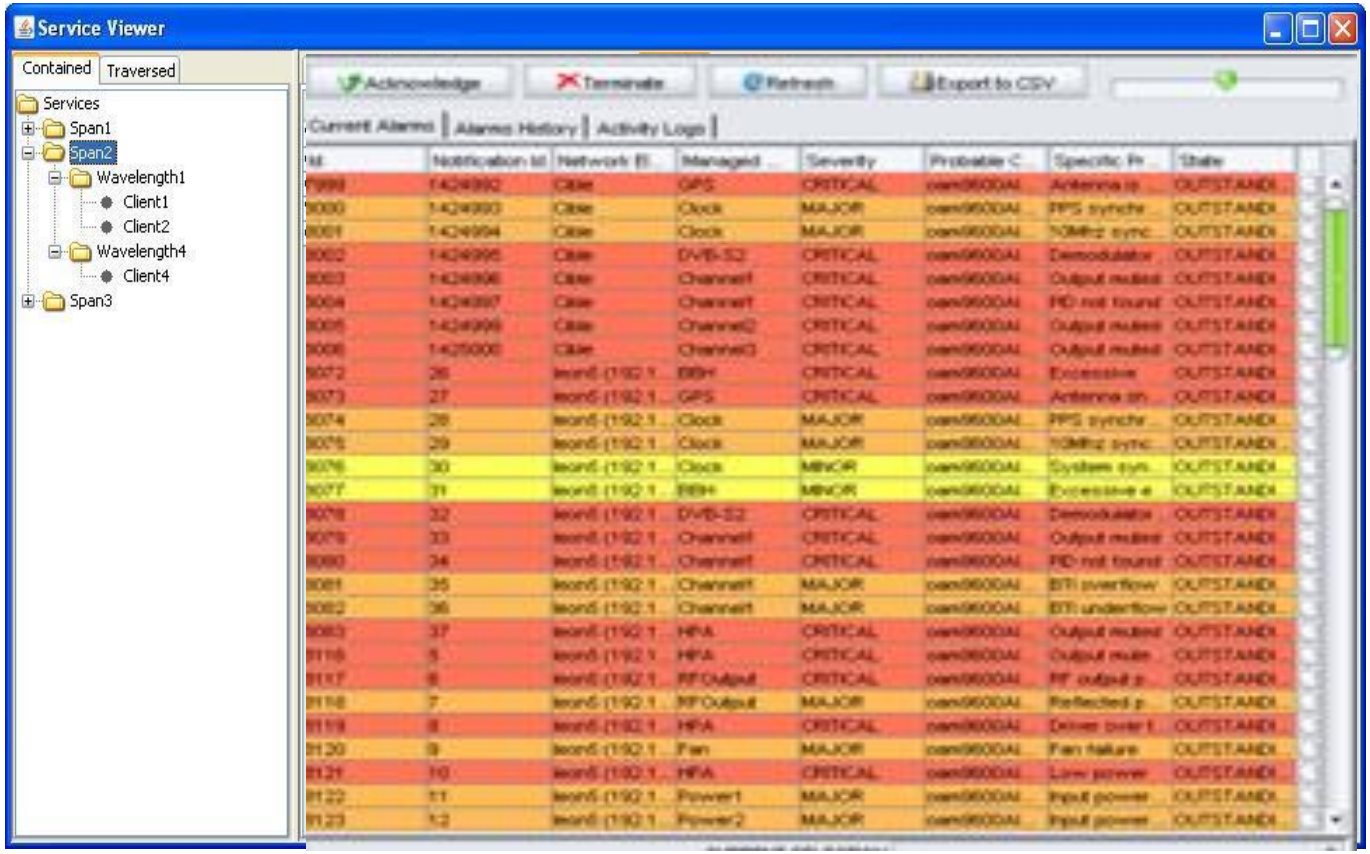
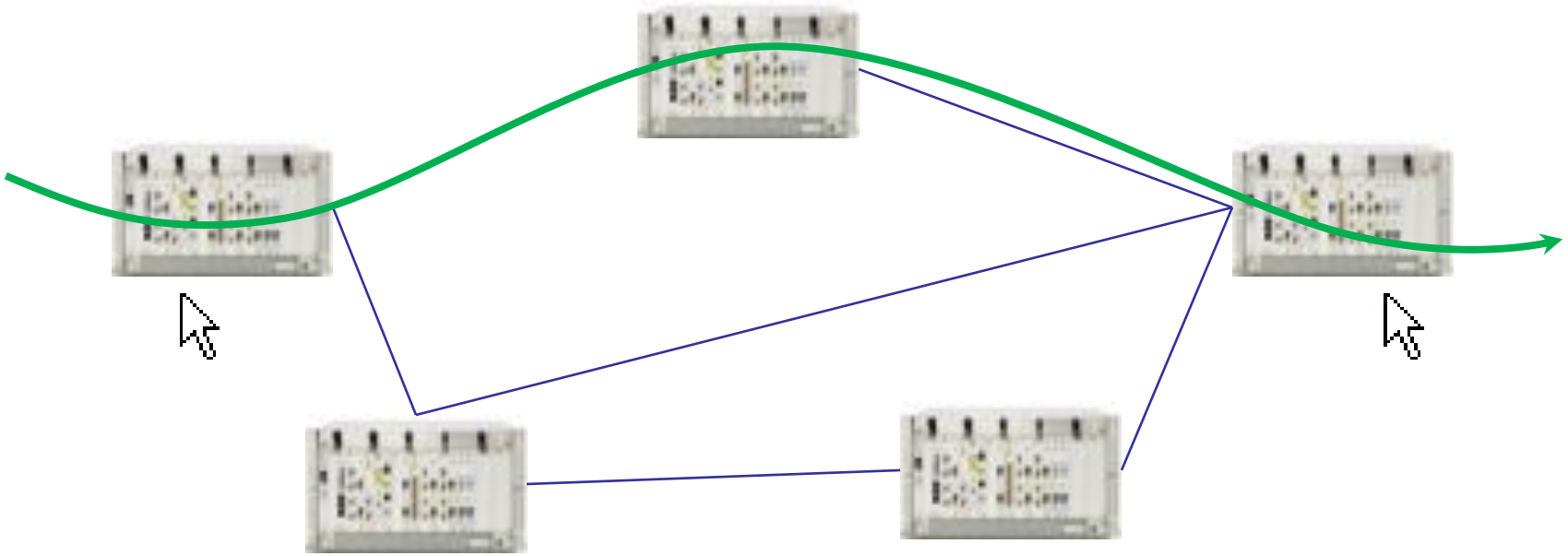


- Main Alarm Display will also have a service tree for quick and easy alarm to service correlation

End-To-End Provisioning



- End-To-End, Automatically Routed
  - Pick End Points Only
  - User similar dialogs to service creation dialogs
    - If service is provisioned using MPSN, it will automatically be created in the monitoring application
  - A list of possible routes will be displayed allowing the user to select

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