RightITnow ECM

Event Correlation Manager — The IT Operations Management Solution

Overview

RightITnow ECM (Event Correlation Manager) is a multi-source event correlation and IT operations management solution that aggregates, filters and correlates a high volume of infrastructure and application events into a streamlined number of actionable alerts in real-time. This enables IT operations staff to proactively detect, isolate and respond to infrastructure issues before they impact customers.

RightITnow ECM also automates the event management workflow and facilitates incident and problem management by bridging the gap between IT Operations and the Service Desk.

IT Operations Process Automation

Using event, entity and topology collection; correlation rules; and a library of configurable internal and external actions, RightITnow ECM makes it easy to automate IT operations processes. For example, with RightITnow ECM you can automatically escalate certain alerts to the Service Desk for incident (trouble ticket) creation. Or you could automate actions including running custom scripts to perform problem resolution – for example, rebooting a server or initiating a batch process. With RightITnow ECM, it's easy to streamline your existing IT Operations workflows by automating routine or repeated operator actions.

RightITnow ECM's workflow automation capabilities extend to integrations with other management systems. For example, RightITnow ECM can be configured for closed-loop removal of alerts when linked incidents or trouble tickets are 'closed' in the Service Desk. It can also communicate alert acknowledgement and closure to monitoring systems like SolarWinds Orion NPM. RightITnow ECM's bi-directional automation of the event-to-alert-to-incident process plays a key role in optimizing IT operations and streamlining costs.

And with RightITnow ECM's role-based administration of customer and infrastructure data, you can manage access to data and process elements, in line with your organizational compliance policies.

Key Features

Extensive IT Event Collection

RightITnow ECM supports event collection across a wide range of industry standard protocols and message formats including SNMP and Syslog that address most network devices, systems and application environments. In addition, ECM provides a SOAP/XML API and a REST API to inject any type of event stream into the system.

RightITnow ECM easily integrates with EMS's (Element Management Systems) and monitoring tools, enabling single platform consolidation of all infrastructure, application and business service events. Out-of-the-box integrations include monitoring solutions like SolarWinds Orion NPM, SCOM, Nagios, VMware vCenter and Amazon AWS CloudWatch.

Web 2.0 Interface and User Admin

RightITnow ECM's web interface is easy to use, configure, and administer. With its feature-rich UI and flexible controls, operators can customize views, displets and rules associated with categorizing, filtering, assigning or correlating alerts. No programming required.

Powerful Event Correlation and Analysis

RightITnow ECM's correlation mechanisms enable IT Operations staff to consolidate, manipulate and isolate alerts as well as determine follow-on actions. The system facilitates the creation of simple to advanced rules in an intuitive graphical environment.

- **Create Rule on the Fly** – Directly from the alert console, lets the operator create a rule based on the values on an incoming alert and automatically triggers a series of actions to remediate an issue on the fly, or set a rule to perform forward alert suppression – i.e. immediate alert-flooding prevention. This helps streamline IT operator consoles and put the focus on real critical situations.
- **Generic and Reverse X in Y** – Detecting events within a specific window that meet specified alert conditions, such as multiple spikes in CPU utilization on a server or the absence of a heartbeat event over a set number of counts.
- **Topology Based** – With the knowledge of device, system, interface, and port connectivity, inferring and suppressing downstream alerts. For example, when a network switch fails, all downstream alarms from connected devices are suppressed.
- **Custom Correlation** – Easily configurable advanced rules with multiple variables and conditions make it simple to track virtually any set of alert conditions within the IT infrastructure.

Management Dashboards

RightITnow ECM's dashboards make it easy to assess the efficiency of IT operations and plan for improvement. For example, productivity metrics could include the number of events, alerts and incidents that are consolidated, correlated or closed at an individual device, operator, service, or customer level. Process-oriented metrics could include the relative application of different correlation mechanisms across the alert spectrum; frequency of changes in alert severity levels; average time to close; and ratios of resolved alerts to escalated incidents across a business or service group. All metrics can be tracked in near real-time to effect immediate changes, or over time to measure and drive long-term operational improvements.

IT Management System Interoperability

RightITnow ECM integrates with all the major incident management systems, such as ServiceNow and BMC Service Desk. User authentication can also be delegated to Microsoft Active Directory or OpenLDAP to ensure a much faster and seamless deployment.

RightITnow ECM: How It Works

Step 1: Event Capture and Categorization

Raw events injected into the RightITnow ECM system are normalized and de-duplicated according to user-defined rules – dramatically reducing the overall signal-to-noise ratio. Events that turn into alerts are then automatically enriched with contextual information that includes entity (i.e. Configuration Item) attributes such as maintenance schedule, default owner, entity group and service tags, etc., all of which are critical to decision making and escalation in the following stages.

Step 2: Alert Correlation and Isolation

Once alerts have been created they are immediately displayed in the alert console and evaluated against all the correlation rules. In addition to a set of predefined rules provided by ECM, there is no limit to the number and complexity of the rules that an administrator can define and deploy, using the same graphical metaphor throughout the system. In addition to triggering rules on alert creation or modification, the correlation engine supports the execution of periodic rules on a user-defined interval.

Step 3: Remediation and Escalation

Once alerts are prioritized, correlated and displayed in the alert console, IT operations staff can initiate a variety of remedial actions and escalation processes. These include both automated and manual mechanisms.

Why RightITnow?

RightITnow ECM lowers your IT operations costs by reducing the volume of alerts and incidents your operations and Service Desk teams need to process.

Cost Effective and Easy to Use

RightITnow ECM's intuitive user interface combined with its real-time, centralized management deliver a dramatically lower cost of ownership compared to legacy event management systems. RightITnow ECM offers in one feature-packed product what legacy systems barely deliver in a convoluted suite of components.

More Productive

With RightITnow ECM, your IT Operations and Service Desk staff can stop wasting time firefighting and instead focus on a manageable number of service-impacting alerts.

Faster Problem Resolution

With ECM's contextual/enriched alerts, and linked incident/trouble ticket records, your IT Operations and Service Desk staff can solve problems faster. The contextual knowledge of underlying foundational events, correlation results and link-backs to performance data (say, from an original monitoring source) where applicable – all contribute to faster problem resolution.

Improved Service Level Delivery

Since RightITnow ECM captures all events from all sources at all times, problems relating to undetected or ‘silent failures’ are eliminated. As a result, customers and end users gain from increased availability and uptime and assured performance against service levels.

RightITnow ECM On-Premise: Supported Environments & Platforms

Hardware Requirements

A server with dual quad-core processors and 64GB of RAM.

Operating Systems

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 or later
- CentOS 6 or later
- Ubuntu 14.04 LTS or later
- Microsoft Windows 7/8/10 or Microsoft Windows Server 2008/2012/2016
- Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard) or later

Software Requirements (64-bit where possible)

- Oracle JRE/JDK 8 or Oracle JDK 11 LTS or OpenJDK 11
- MySQL Standard Edition 5.6 or 5.7 (or MySQL Cluster NDB 7.5.5+)

User Data Stores

RightITnow allows you to import and synchronize your user data from the following repositories:

- Microsoft Active Directory
- OpenLDAP

Event Sources

RightITnow accepts and processes events from the following sources:

- Amazon AWS CloudWatch, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Logging
- InfoVista
- ManageEngine APM
- Nagios, Nagios XI, Groundwork, Icinga & Naemon
- SCOM 2012 & 2016
- ServiceNow CMDB
- SNMP Traps
- SolarWinds Orion NPM & SAM

- Syslog
- VMware
- Zabbix
- Zenoss

To create your own event source you can use the SOAP API, and to integrate with other applications you can use the REST API.

Incident Management Systems

Automatically log incidents based on RightITnow Alerts on the following systems:

- Atlassian JIRA
- BMC Service Desk
- ManageEngine ServiceDesk Plus
- Salesforce Service Cloud
- Serena BSM
- ServiceNow
- Zendesk

To interface with another incident system, please inquire about the Incident Connector API.

RightITnow ECM Cloud

No prerequisites – just register and log in using your browser.

About RightITnow

RightITnow delivers real-time, cross-domain event correlation software that enables enterprises to optimize IT Operations processes so they can drive down costs, resolve problems faster and assure end-user services. It achieves this by automating the event-to-alert-to-incident life cycle and bridging the gap between the IT Operations center and the Service Desk – driving higher productivity and effectiveness.

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