



Enterprise Monitoring (EM) for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) Ground System (GS)

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- Correlate Multiple System Metrics to Isolate a Problem

Future Enhancements Leveraging EM Capabilities

- Alerts from an Air-gapped System
- Further Consolidation and Visualization of Log Data
- Expand Traffic Flow Analysis



DMSP Mission

- Collect and disseminate through all levels of conflict, consistent with the survivability of the supported elements – global visible and infrared cloud cover imagery in support of worldwide Department of Defense (DoD) operations and high-priority programs
- Data is gathered continuously by the sensor payload onboard the satellite, transmitted in real-time to provide the direct readout of local area environmental data to components of the United States
- 557th Air Force Weather Wing (AFWA) is assigned Tactical Control (TACON) of the DMSP per DoD directive. They establish data requirements and approve distribution of the meteorological information to the various authorized users

DMSP Command, Control and Communications (C3) Segment

- Operations centers at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Satellite Operations Control Center (SOCC) at the Suitland, Maryland and the Environmental Satellite Operations Center (ESOC) at Schriever AFB, Colorado
- Data acquisition at NOAA's Fairbanks Command and Data Acquisition Station (FCDAS) in Fairbanks Alaska, the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's (NASA) McMurdo Ground Station in Antarctica, and the Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN) Remote Tracking Stations (RTSs)

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DMSP Architecture





The legacy DMSP ground system was developed in the 1980s

- The design and technology at that time did not provide much of a monitoring and remote maintenance capability
 - Many ground system problems were discovered in real time or after the fact, which led to a reactive sustainment posture and failed contacts
 - Post forensics on ground system failures required many man hours to analyze numerous pieces of information and logs to determine the cause of failure
 - Problem isolation often involved multiple engineers and disciplines
- Component and subsystems upgrades authorized by Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) Remote Sensing Systems (RSS) over the past five years provided the IT-centric infrastructure for EM
 - EM provided the tools and capabilities to help the ground system remain viable and sustainable until mission end of life



- Provide enterprise monitoring capability to monitor DMSP components and applications at critical locations improving situational awareness
 - Empower engineers to tailor requests for information based on needs
 - Allow for proactive maintenance activities that increase availability
 - EM implemented at two locations following the current ground system operational concept where two Satellite Operation Centers, SOCC and ESOC, are utilized to support the mission
 - Focus placed on monitoring two critical and recently modernized subsystems
 - Mission Planning and Scheduling Subsystem (MPSS)
 - Telemetry and Commanding Subsystem (TCS)

Core monitoring capabilities added for DMSP component and applications

- System health/performance monitoring (storage, memory, processes)
- Fault management (identification and alerts)
- Event log monitoring and centralized security logging
- Resource usage and trend analysis
- Actively monitor server/network device and application availability
- Analyze Local Area Network (LAN)/Wide Area Network (WAN) traffic flow and automate network change and configuration management

Pre-EM Situational Awareness and Monitoring



- Situational awareness before EM was only available to the operators from different views on their console
- The console display is limited and doesn't provide enterprise view

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Pre-EM Situational Awareness and Monitoring

Antiquated monitoring utilities used on an individual machine basis







Manually viewing multiple log files on a per device basis

Switch syslog:

<190>Nov 19 11:34:18: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled <190>Nov 19 11:34:25: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP CPU receiving excessive Management traffic: rx is suspended <190>Nov 19 11:34:29: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled <190>Nov 19 11:34:35: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP CPU receiving excessive Management traffic: rx is suspended <190>Nov 19 11:34:39: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled <190>Nov 19 11:34:46: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP CPU receiving excessive Management traffic: rx is suspended <190>Nov 19 11:34:54: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled <190>Nov 19 11:35:09: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 3 times<190>Nov 19 11:35:39: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 4 times<190>Nov 19 11:36:11: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 7 times<190>Nov 19 11:36:54: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 9 times<190>Nov 19 11:38:11: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 5 times<190>Nov 19 11:39:28: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 12 times<190>Nov 19 11:40:38: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic: will be rate controlled - repeated 6 times<190>Nov 19 11:41:42: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 6 times<190>Nov 19 11:43:13: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 7 times<190>Nov 19 11:44:15: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 9 times<190>Nov 19 11:45:20: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 3 times<190>Nov 19 11:46:21: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 12 times<190>Nov 19 11:47:28: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 6 times<190>Nov 19 11:48:30: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 12 times<190>Nov 19 11:49:38: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 12 times<190>Nov 19 11:50:46: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 9 times<190>Nov 19 11:51:54: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 11 times<190>Nov 19 11:53:01: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 14 times<190>Nov 19 11:54:07: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled - repeated 15 times<190>Nov 19 11:54:36: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP CPU receiving excessive Management traffic: rx is suspended <190>Nov 19 11:54:37: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled <190>Nov 19 11:54:37: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:2 %KERN-6-INT: CP CPU receiving excessive Management traffic: rx is suspended <190>Nov 19 11:54:39: DMSPP-SWSTR07: %S3124:1 %KERN-6-INT: CP Mgmt port receiving excessive traffic; will be rate controlled



MPSS Move to Modern Virtual Infrastructure

Old MPSS



New MPSS





TCS Move to Modern Virtual Infrastructure

Old TCS Physical OpenVMS Servers **DEC** Alpha **DEC** Alpha



New TCS

TCS Layered Technology Stack













TCS Subsystem Top Level View





MPSS Storage Monitoring – Prevented Operational Outage

Summary

- EM showed MPSS Datastore/Storage Area Network (SAN) volume was approaching capacity
- Engineers began planning for a configuration change to increase capacity
- Before the change could be made, EM showed one MPSS management server went down
- Engineers performed emergency change to increase capacity and restore the management server
- No operational servers were affected

MPSS SAN Volume Approaching Capacity Limit



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MPSS Management Server Down





MPSS SAN Volume Capacity Increased





No Operational Servers Affected



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Active Monitor Availability

↔ MPSS → 🏥 09/23/2018 12:00 AM - 09/29/2018 12:00 AM →

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 DMSPD-SVSQL04	SQL Server Service	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPD-SVSQL04	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 dmspd-wkmpss02.mpss.local	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 dmspd-wkmpss02.mpss.local	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-APSTR01	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-MPSSESX01	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-MPSSESX02	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-SVCTR01	Ping	89.463%	0%	0%	10.537%	
 DMSPP-SVDC02	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-SVDC03	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-SVSQL01	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-SVSQL01	SQL Server Service	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-SVSQL02	SQL Server Service	100%	0%	0%	0%	
 DMSPP-SVSQL02	Ping	100%	0%	0%	0%	2



Summary

- EM showed multiple short duration down events on primary communications circuit between SOCs
- Engineers informed Government comm representative
- Ticket opened with Defense Information System Agency (DISA)
- EM performance monitoring started showing a steady increase in errors on the line which triggered engineers to start planning for a failover to backup comm lines
- Quick failover to backup comm once error rates were causing instability
- EM allowed for proactive planning to occur and rapid failover to backup comm path

Primary Comm Circuit Outages





Primary Comm Errors – Trending Up







Summary

- Engineering notified of TCS instability at primary SOC
- Operations failed over to backup SOC due to slow or no response to their local TCS
- EM reported multiple items of interest for this event
 - Primary comm between SOCs had been flapping up/down
 - Primary SOC OpenVMS TCS server (PTCS02) reported 100% CPU utilization
 - Virtual Host where PTCS02 was running reported CPU spikes to100%
- Software engineers verified PTCS02 processes were trying to use all of their CPU resources causing the CPU spikes
- Operations failed over to backup comm, restarted PTCS02 software and the system stabilized



Primary Comm Flapping Up/Down

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TCS Virtual Host CPU Utilization





✓ 20 of 20 CPU(s) selected

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Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2687W v3 @ 3.10GHz (6)	10.4%	1%	100%
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2687W v3 @ 3.10GHz (8)	9.4%	1%	96%
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2687W v3 @ 3.10GHz (4)	8.8%	1%	84%
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2687W v3 @ 3.10GHz (0)	8%	2%	46%
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Alerts from an air-gapped system

- Utilize existing secure one-way gateways
- Allow critical logs and alerts to be sent to engineers via text and/or email

Further consolidation and visualization of log data

- Streamline log analysis process
- Consolidate any and all logs from DMSP systems
- Expand traffic flow analysis

External Notifications from Air-gapped GS



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Further Consolidation and Visualization of Critical Logs

 Data Quality Monitor (DQM) Logs – Error Counts by Spacecraft ID and DQM (weekly)



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Expand Traffic Flow Analysis







- Adding EM Capabilities to the DMSP GS allows for proactive monitoring and maintenance and improved mission situational awareness
 - Problem isolation and resolution has become much more efficient
 - Performance and utilization of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solutions can now be monitored to proactively fix issues before they become critical
 - EM capabilities are now in place to expand further into the ground system and provide a level of monitoring that has never been present
 - Both engineers and operators, contractor and Government, now have a comprehensive dashboard to provide situational awareness of the DMSP ground system