A Brief History of AlOps



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In the beginning, there was monitoring ...

...and it was good (enough)

IT Ops always included monitoring

It was 24x7, but 'Batch' vs 'Online'

Monitoring data wasn't all that different

Messages, metrics, traces, and logs

'Engineers' carried screwdrivers

Resources were scarce, static, costly

No DevOps – we all sat together!



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Distributed systems added complexity

The first 'shadow IT' brought new IT Operations paradigms, controls, frameworks

All in silos, no T-shaped people

'IT Operations Management' (ITOM)

 batch scheduling, content management, resource management, capacity planning, financial planning ...

IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL) and IT Service Management (ITSM)

- Problem/Incident Management, Capacity Planning, Configuration Management, Service Management ...
- APM simulated 'observability'
- NPM sniffing and inspecting traffic



Then, there was ITOA (and the other AlOps)

AlOps was ITOA before it was the other AlOps before it was today's AlOps

ITOA

... gathering, processing, analyzing and interpreting data from various IT operations sources to guide decisions and predict potential issues

- TechTarget

(the other) AlOps

... multiple layers that address data collection, storage, analytical engines and visualization.

- Gartner (2017)



Which brings us to ...





"AlOps combines big data and machine learning to automate IT operations processes, including event correlation, anomaly detection and causality determination."

-Gartner

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Take IT Ops 'Big Data' Sources

AIOps utilizes the data that is managed and stored in DataOps



e.g. Anomaly Detection



- Alerts triggered automatically by anomalous activity
- Incident responders can see across all silos to find a quicker MTTR



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e.g. Dynamic Thresholding



- Thresholds adapt in real time
- Trend and alert on anomalous behavior
- Prevent service degradation



e.g. Event Clustering



- Detect and highlight the events that matter
- Prioritize events that need action taken



e.g. Intelligent Alerting



- Advanced problem detection increases alert fidelity
- Automatically identify and alert on risky service behavior



e.g. Predictive Analytics



- Predict outages and anomalies before they occur
- Predict demand for new products and features



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Train Machine Learning Models



Operationalize

your model

Turning AlOps Data Into Doing

Integrate and Activate Other Tools and Processes e.g.

- ITSM tool integration
 - Automatically open, update, close tickets
 - Interrogate CMDB for diags, 'known knowns'
- Automation integration
 - Execute discrete tasks to aid investigation
 - Collect more data, execute diagnostics
- Orchestration integration
 - Identify and execute complex remediation
 - Trigger ITPA, RPA, CM, or SOAR processes
- Collaborative Incident Response
 - Correlate and analyze data across tools
 - Identify responders and share diagnostics

Home > Incident #234422



And that's AlOps!

Using big data and machine learning to provide continuous insights that improve the speed, agility, accuracy, and efficiency of IT Operations processes, including:

- Monitoring and Alerting
- ITSM and Service Desk
- Automation & Orchestration

... and more!



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