

## Cyber Security and Using **OSIsoft to Become Compliant**

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# Northeast Utilities - Background

- Fortune 500 diversified energy company located in Connecticut with operations throughout the Northeast
- Serving customers Connecticut, Western Massachusetts, and New Hampshire



Electrical Distribution Service Areas

 Generation, Transmission / Distribution, and Natural Gas subsidiaries

#### **Northeast Utilities - Statistics**

- Service Territory
  - 11,000+ square miles
  - 2 million+ customers
- Transmission & Distribution
  - 3,000 miles of transmission lines
  - 32,000 miles of distribution lines
  - 513 substations



### **History with OSIsoft**

- EMS Upgrade & PI Project '03 / '04
  - Areva EMS system upgrade
    - CONVEX Control Center in Connecticut
    - PSNH Control Center in New Hampshire
    - 150 miles apart
  - Implement PI at each location to replace legacy historians, backfilling 5 years of data to new PI systems
  - Also implement PI for Transmission Business Unit "centralized" server
  - 150,000 licensed data streams amongst 3 servers

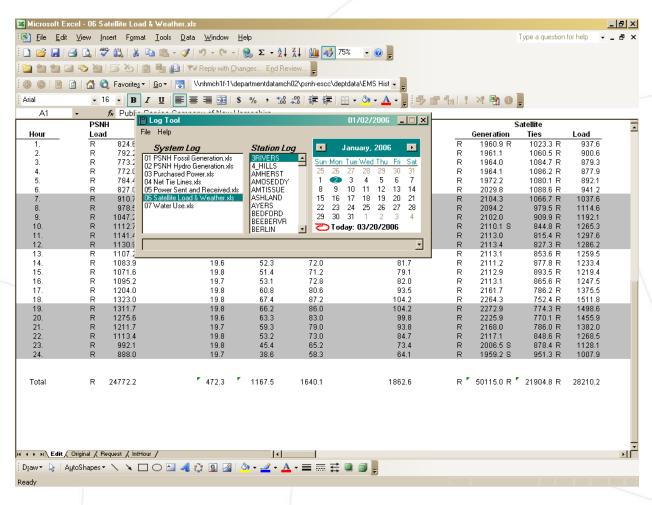


## Redundancy and Availability

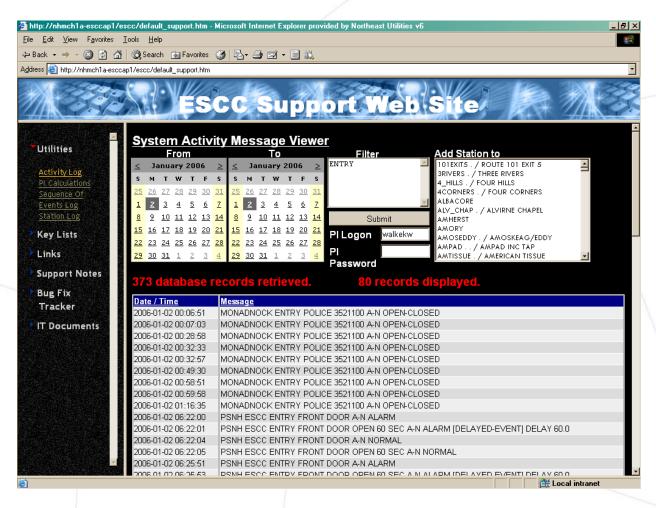
- EMS Redundancy is required for secure operations of the Bulk Power System
  - Both control centers have A&B Systems
- EMS System Availability Statistics are critical to the management of these systems
  - EMS Availability commitment is 99.9%
- Parallel PI servers and API nodes at each site



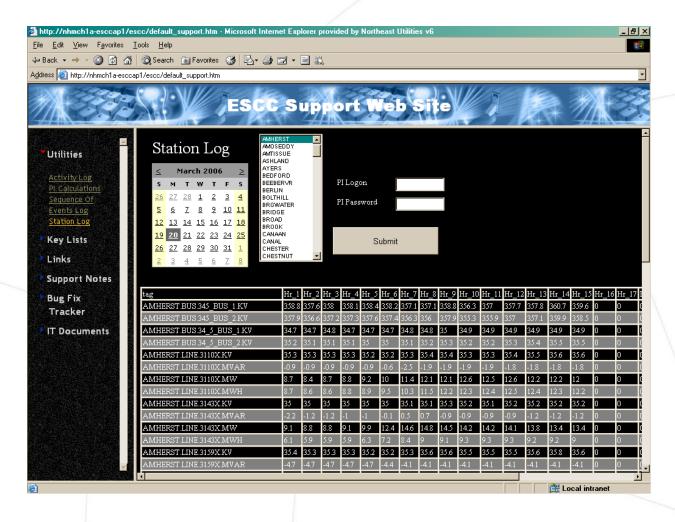
## PI in the Control Center – Log Tool



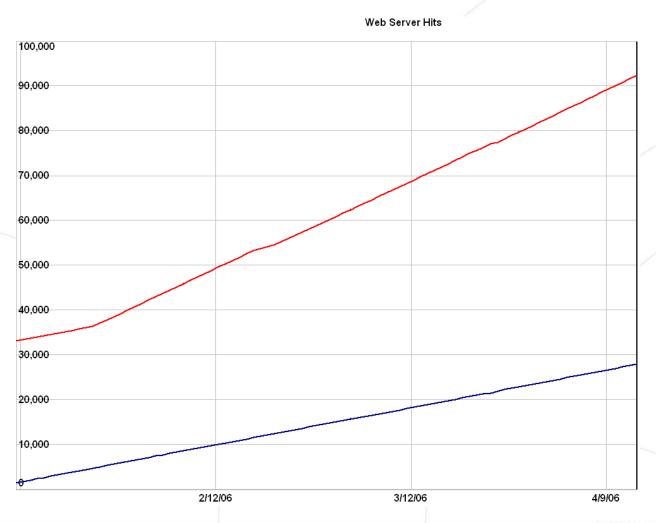
### PI in the Control Center – Activity



### PI in the Control Center – Station Log



#### **PSNH SCADA PI Statistics**



- All internal apps use web services and PI-OLEDB
- ~20k streams
  - Value & Status
  - Alarm &Event
  - SOE, using
    PI BatchFile
    auto creates
    tags as
    needed

#### Who is NERC?

- North American Electric Reliability Council
  - Sets standards for the reliable operation and planning of the bulk electric system
  - Monitors, assesses, and enforces compliance with reliability standards
  - Reliability standards compliance is *currently* voluntary, but the Energy Policy Act of 2005 will change that soon enough...

### **NERC 1300 Cyber Security Standards**

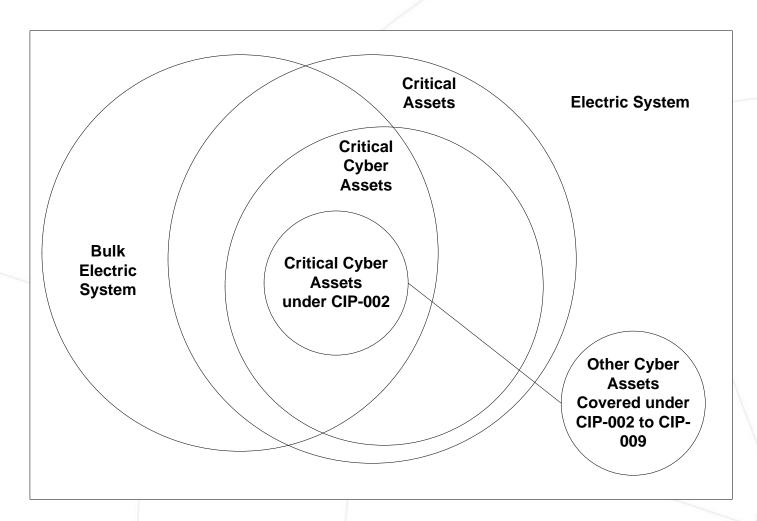
- 41 core "requirements" divided into 8 categories
  - ~3 can benefit through this implementation
  - ~8 must be considered for this system to be compliant
- Effective 1-June-2006
  - Compliance assessment begins in 3Q2007
  - Begin Work, Substantially Compliant, Compliant, and Auditably Compliant
  - Many requirements do not need to be "AC" until 3Q2010



#### **Critical Infrastructure Protection**

CIP#	Title / Scope	Req's		
002	Critical Cyber Asset Identification			
003	Security Management Controls	6		
004	4 Personnel and Training			
005	Electronic Security	5		
006	Physical Security	6		
007	Systems Security Management	9		
008	Incident Reporting / Response Planning	2		
009	Recovery Plans	5		

#### **Assets Under NERC 1300**



### **NU Cyber Security Initiative**

- Kicked off it's Cyber Security Compliance Project Team in January 2006
  - Executive Sponsor
  - Oversight Committee
  - Program Manager
  - Critical Asset and Critical Cyber Asset Identification Teams
- Completed CIP-002 Requirements
- Kicking off CIP-003 to CIP-009 compliance teams September 2006



## IT Monitor Project Objectives

- Provide situational awareness of PSNH ESCC infrastructure health
  - Network equipment, servers, desktops, RTU's
- Support SCADA availability reporting
- Easy navigation through the information
- Tag and display templates to simplify ongoing maintenance

# **Project Challenges**

- IT vs. the world
  - Access to "their" equipment
- Security Integrity
  - Monitoring it without degrading it
- Actionable Information
  - You can't watch everything all the time

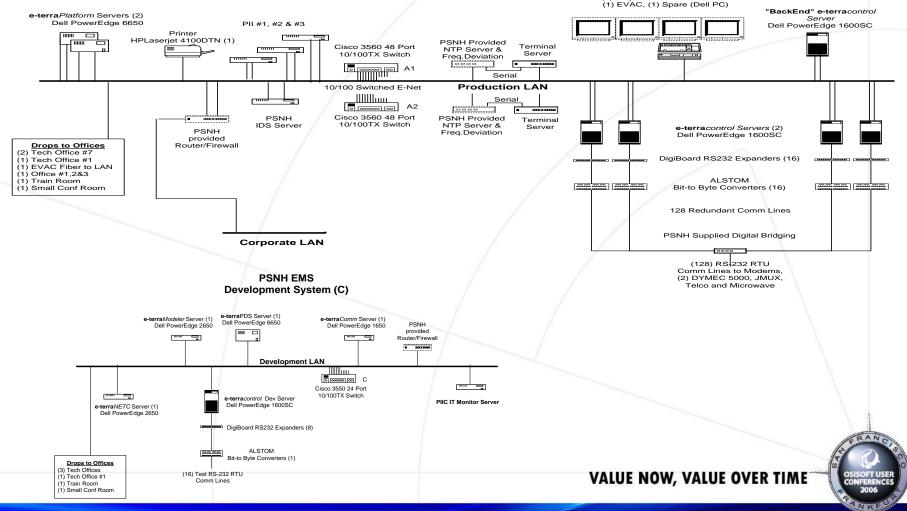


#### **SCADA Architecture**



Production System (A/B)

e-terraBrowser Consoles (9) (5) Dispatch SCADA Consoles



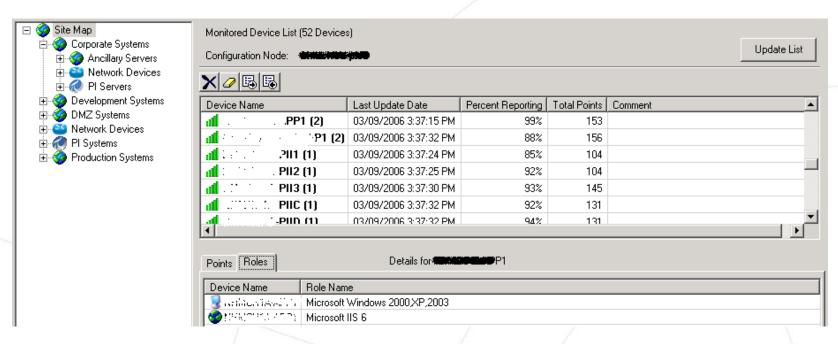
#### **Industrial Data Center Architecture**

- 1 PI Server
  - On the business LAN with the EMS PI servers
  - Also serves as API node for business LAN
- 3 API Nodes
  - Control Center Network
  - Development Network
  - DMZ Network
- ~ 6,000 data streams of IT information

# IT Monitor Interfaces Being Used

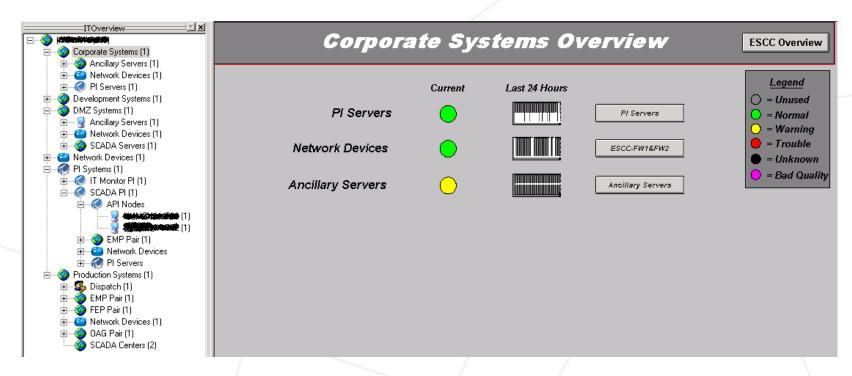
- Performance Monitor
  - A single instance on each API node monitoring all computers on that network
- SNMP
  - "Managed" network devices and computers that don't support PerfMon
- Ping
  - Simple, periodic, heartbeat metric
- TCP Response
  - Application connectivity for Web, FTP, PI, and IP Terminal Servers
- Windows EventLog
  - Security audit events and critical system messages

## IT Organizer



- Part of the MCN Health Monitor and IT Monitor
  - Integrated into PI-SMT
- Simplifies and centralizes IT Monitor configuration
  - Tag and ProcessBook Display templates
  - Provides "Role" association capability

#### ProcessBook and IT Overview



 Links displays to network elements, greatly simplifying navigation and access to contextual information

### RtAnalytics Adds Value

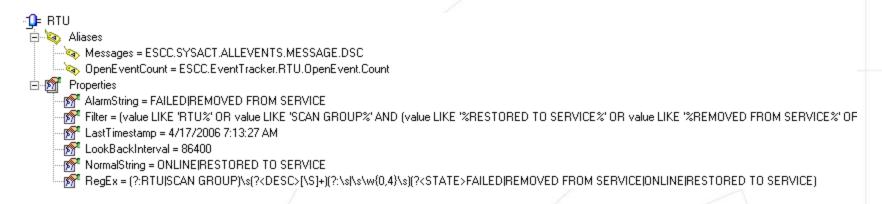
- Monitor RTU Communication Link Status
  - We ACE'd it!
  - Created a calculation that generates batches for every service interruption
- Create Actionable Information
  - Analysis Framework does the work
  - Red, Yellow, Green it's that easy



## **Advanced Computing Engine**

- ACE calculation that uses PI-OLEDB provider
  - Parse EMS SysAct messages in PI string tag
  - Open / Close batches based on trigger messages
- Allows at-a-glance identification of what communications errors currently exist
- Enables analysis and reporting of overall comm. system availability, worst offenders, most intermittent, etc.

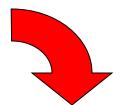
## PI ACE Context Configuration

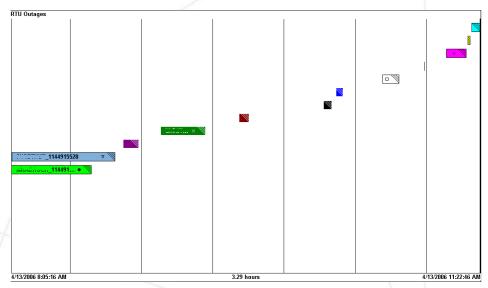


- Currently 7 contexts parsing messages
- Properties define regular expressions for message parsing, SQL 'where clause' filters, and start-up recovery information

# **Communication Outages Batches**

13-Apr-06 08:05:16 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK C000 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:05:16 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK X336 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:05:28 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK X317 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:05:28 SCAN GROUP CHESTNUT X317 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:05:40 SCAN GROUP CHESTNUT X300 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:05:41 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK X300 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:05:41 RTU MNADNOCK FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:06:26 SCAN GROUP CHESTNUT C000 FAILED SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK C000 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:07:13 13-Apr-06 08:07:14 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK X336 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:07:16 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK X300 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:07:16 SCAN GROUP CHESTNUT X300 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:07:49 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK X317 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:07:49 RTU MNADNOCK FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:07:49 SCAN GROUP CHESTNUT X317 FAILED SCAN GROUP CHESTNUT C000 FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:08:05 13-Apr-06 08:08:05 RTU CHESTNUT FAILED 13-Apr-06 08:39:01 SCAN GROUP MNADNOCK C000 ONLINE

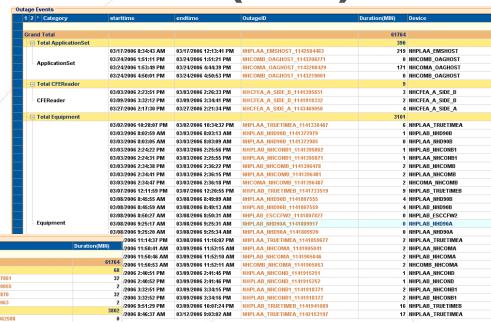






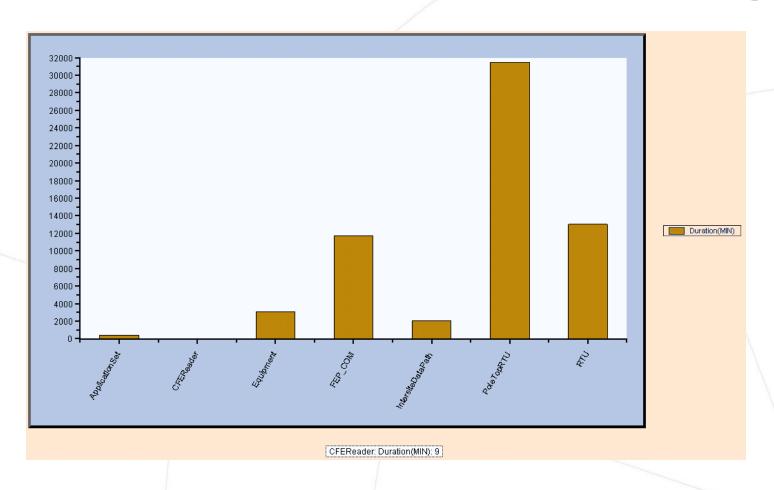
### Accelerated InfoQuest (AIQ)

- Interactive OLAP Tool
- Flexible analysis of underlying PI data





# **Accelerated InfoQuest Charting**



#### **Analysis Framework to the Rescue!**

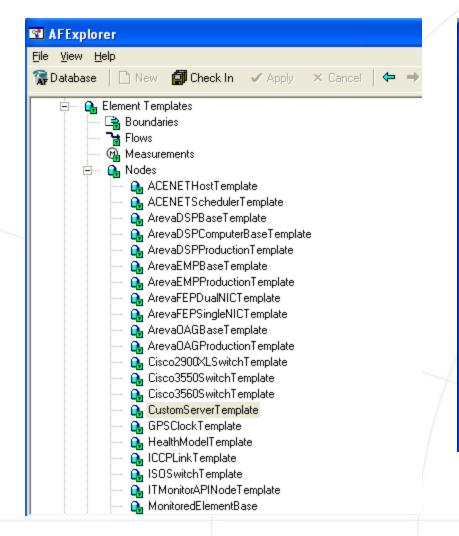
- AF turns the IT Monitor "instrumentation" data into actionable information!
- Models are used to define dependent relationships and logical groupings
- Every computer process, network device, communication link, and PI subsystem is monitored and has a "Health Rating" tag
- Our custom analysis plug-in calculates a simple "Normal", "Warning", "Trouble" health rating
- Maintenance is simple configuration no coding!

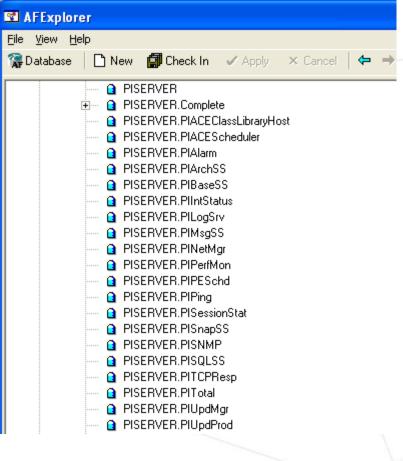
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## The Building Blocks of AF

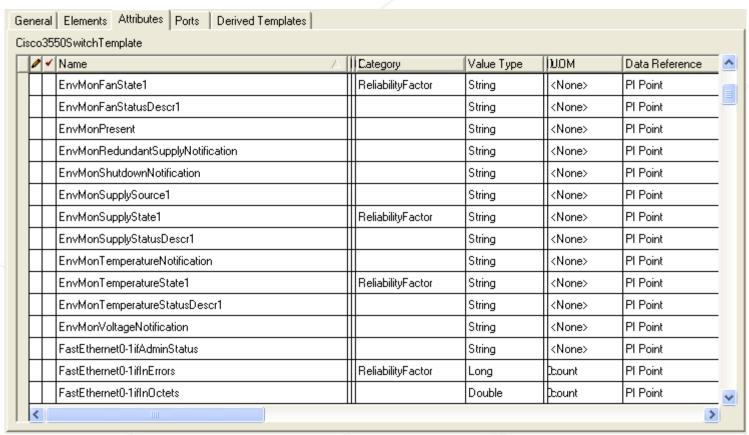
- We defined 45 "Element Templates"
  - Each template is meant to describe a specific device type or process
  - Templates contain "Attributes" which can reference PI Points, Data Tables, or an AF Formula.
  - Attributes support automatic PI Point creation when new elements are created, which meets a core project objective
  - Templates implement "inheritance"
- Virtually every tag in the IT Monitor PI system is mapped to an attribute of an element

### **AF Templates and Elements**





# **Element Attributes and Categories**



 Analyzed PI values can interpolated or standard PI summary types (avg, total, min, max, delta, stdev)

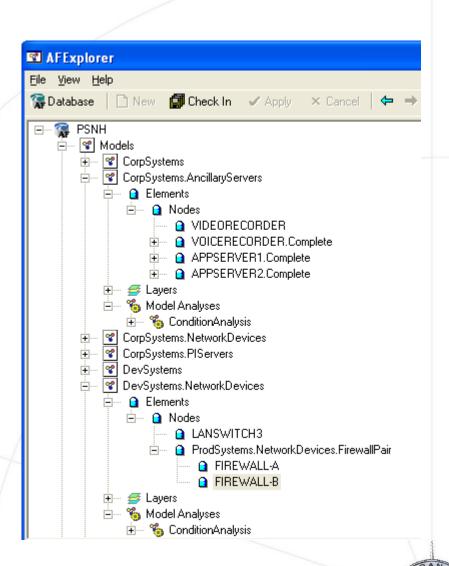
## Health Rating Limits Table

- Simple table to define the warning and trouble limits for each monitored attribute
- Allows the use of generic or specific matching for each element's attributes

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lealth Rating Limits												
	Model	Element	Template	Attribute	TroubleBelowLimit	WarningBelowLimit	WarningAboveLimit	TroubleAboveLimit 🛆	WarningStates	TroubleStates	DataAgeLimit	
				APPSETDISABLED	0	0	0	0		True	0	
Γ				InterfaceStatus	0	0	0	0		NOT RECEIVING DATA	0	
				PAIRAPPSETSTATUS	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	
				CompressionRatio	0.05	0.1	0.9	0.95			0	
ſ				OverflowQueueCount	-0.1	-0.1	1	2			0	
ſ				GPSSatMaxSigStrength	-0.1	-0.1	1	2			0	
ľ				FEPPairHealthRating	-0.1	-0.1	2	3			0	
ľ				PingLatency	-0.1	-0.1	3	4			0	

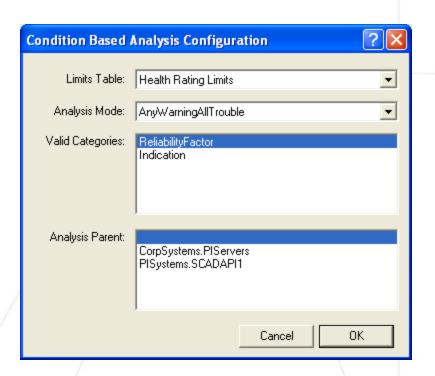
#### **AF Models**

- Over 50 "Models"
- The health of EVERY element and model is calculated once per minute
  - Each unique element is only calculated once
- It takes less than 9 seconds to analyze everything
- Excellent integration with ProcessBook!



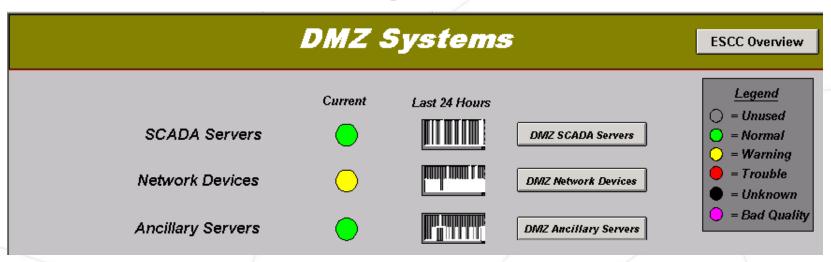
## **Analysis Plug-In Configuration**

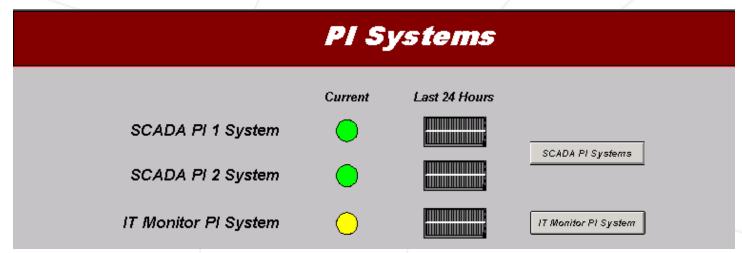
- Analysis Mode
  - Best Case
  - Worst Case
  - Any Warning All Trouble
  - All Trouble
- Valid Categories
  - Allows selection attribute categories
- Analysis Parent
  - Defines which parent model will control execution





### **Health Monitoring Overview Screens**





### What About Compliance?

- NU's approach was two fold
  - Meet current requirements to provide strong EMS Availability Reporting to meet ISO-NE requirements
  - Develop a solid baseline Critical Cyber Asset Monitoring System to be used within our control centers and with the ability to expand to field critical cyber assets.

#### **Lessons Learned**

- As always, standards and conventions are critical
- Use empirical evidence to enlist support
- NERC 1300 is like ISO 9000 or FDA Validation
  - Define a corporate standard, follow that standard, and make sure that you can prove that you followed it
- Compliance is a constantly moving target, so your system must be able to easily adapt with little effort

#### The Path Forward

- More SNMP, SysLog, and NetFlow data
- CONVEX Control Center
- Enhancements to AF Model and Analysis



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