

# Build a Leading Observability Practice

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# What is Digital Resilience?

## STRATEGY

Digital resilience

**MONITORING**

**OBSERVABILITY**

# What is Observability?

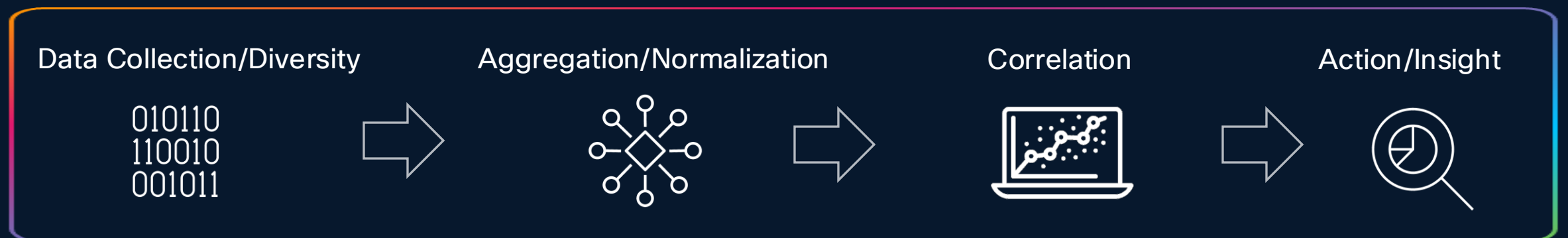
*Observability is the ability to understand and assess the internal state, performance, and health of a **technology system** by analyzing the data it produces externally, such as logs, metrics, and traces.*

*Control Theory - Rudolf E Ka'Iman, 1959-1960*

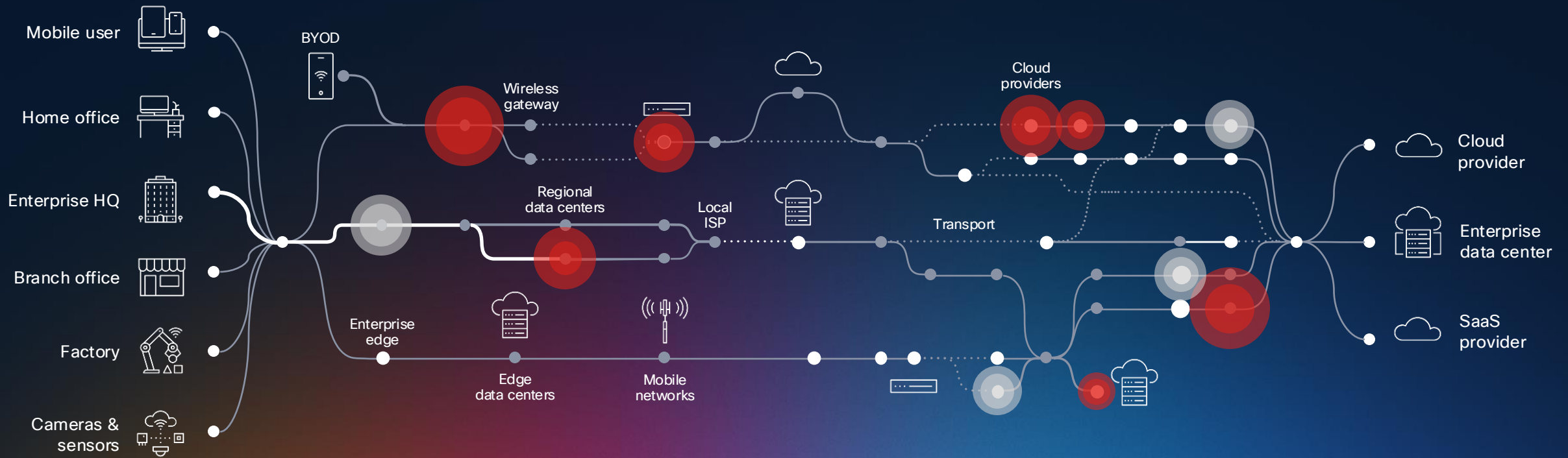
# What Is Observability's Role?

Feature	Monitoring	Observability
Focus	Known issues	Unknown and complex issues
Approach	Reactive	Proactive + Exploratory
Goal	Detect failures	Understand system behavior
Question it answers	"Is it working?"	"Why is it behaving this way?"

## What Really Matters?

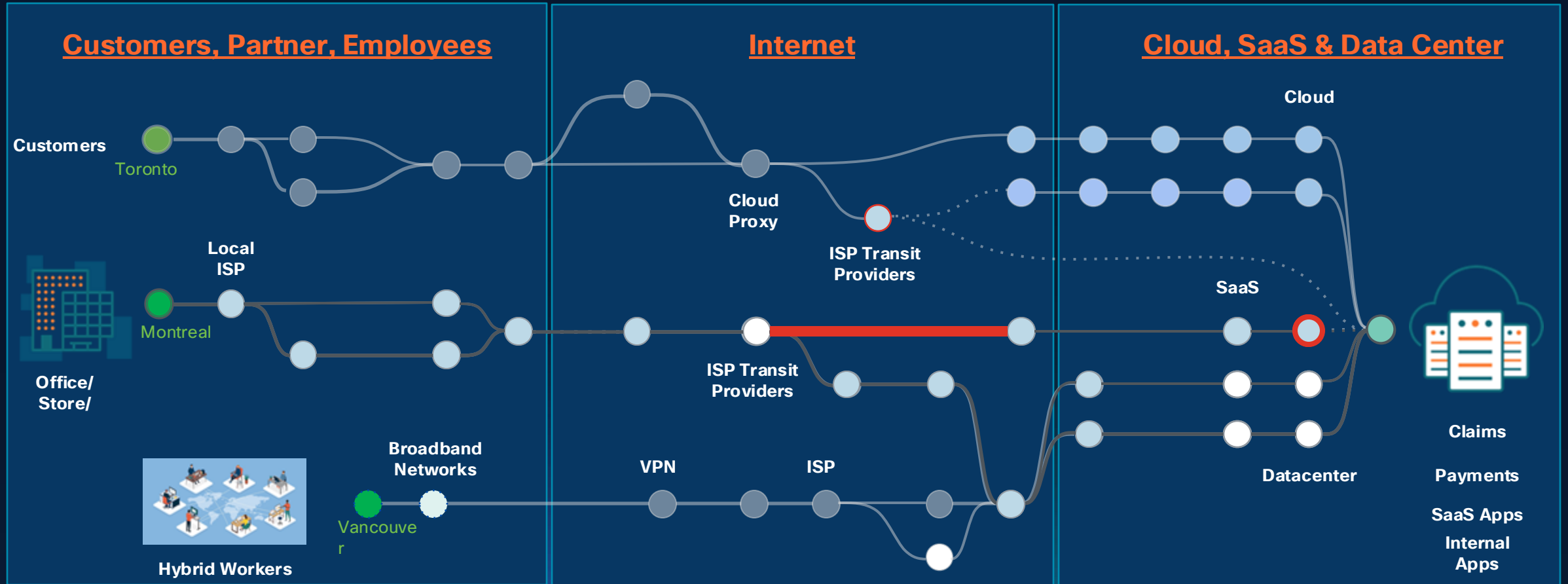


# The Technology System Now Spans Owned and Unowned Environments



Silos of people, tools and data increase complexity | AI-powered workflows introduce new demands

# Challenges Digital Resilience Strategies Solve



1000+ Points of Presence around the world  
Leverage investments in Cisco solutions

Visibility into owned and unowned networks  
Understand the impact of macro outages

Extends visibility into the Cloud and SaaS  
provider networks

# Prevent Issues Before They Affect Customers, Remediate Rapidly, and Adapt to New Opportunities

## Digital Resilience

### Security

Gain comprehensive threat prevention, detection, investigation, and response for organizations of any size and security maturity

### Observability

Prevent downtime and optimize experiences with visibility and insights across end-to-end services, including owned and unowned environments

### Assurance

Enable seamless end-to-end connectivity across cloud, internet and enterprise networks to assure the delivery of applications and services

# From Reactive to Proactive Starts With Intelligence



## Baseline and detect

Monitor end-to-end digital experience from critical vantage points

## See across environments

Troubleshoot mission-critical apps and infrastructure



## Localize and diagnose

Visualize, localize, and diagnose across every network segment

## Guided insights

Prioritize issues based on business impact



## Mitigate and remediate

Closed-loop actions across digital domains and teams

## Proactive response

Prevent outages & accelerate MTTR with guided root cause analysis



## Predict and optimize

Forecast disruptions, optimize path, and plan connectivity and migrations

## Unified workflows

Standardize observability practices across teams

# The Unified Advantage

Observability



Assurance

Unified visibility across network, infrastructure, and applications with business context

End-to-end visibility into all networks and services that affect app performance and delivery

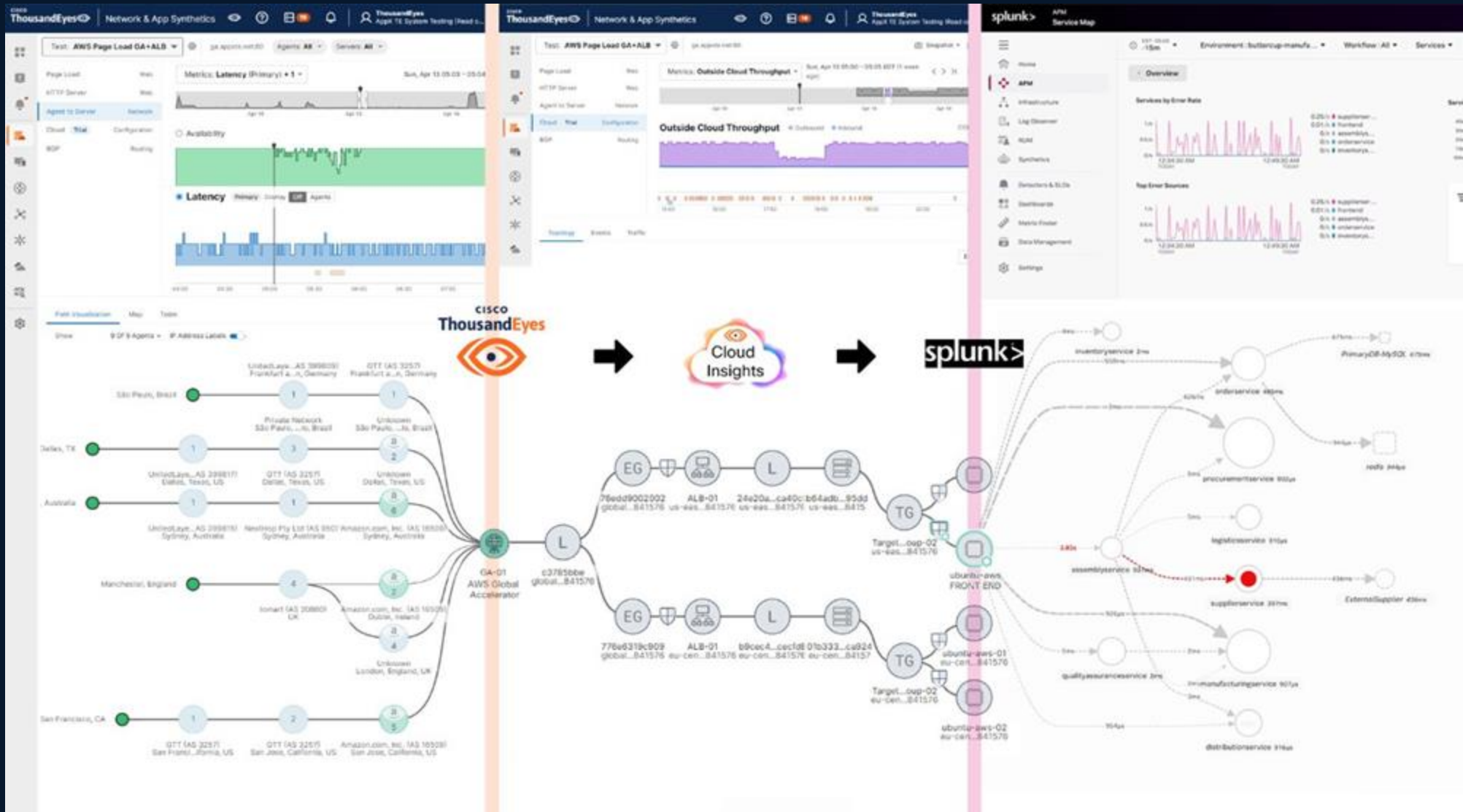


APPLICATION | NETWORK | INFRASTRUCTURE | CLOUD



*BUILT-IN DATA AND PRODUCT INTEGRATION ACROSS CISCO NETWORKING, SECURITY, AND COLLABORATION*

# End to End Visibility (Really)



# How It Works

## CLOUD AGENT



- 400+ ThousandEyes maintained POPs
- Global scale
- T1/2 DCs, Cloud and Broadband providers
- Outside-in visibility
- Public facing sites and APIs
- Customer experience

## ENTERPRISE AGENT

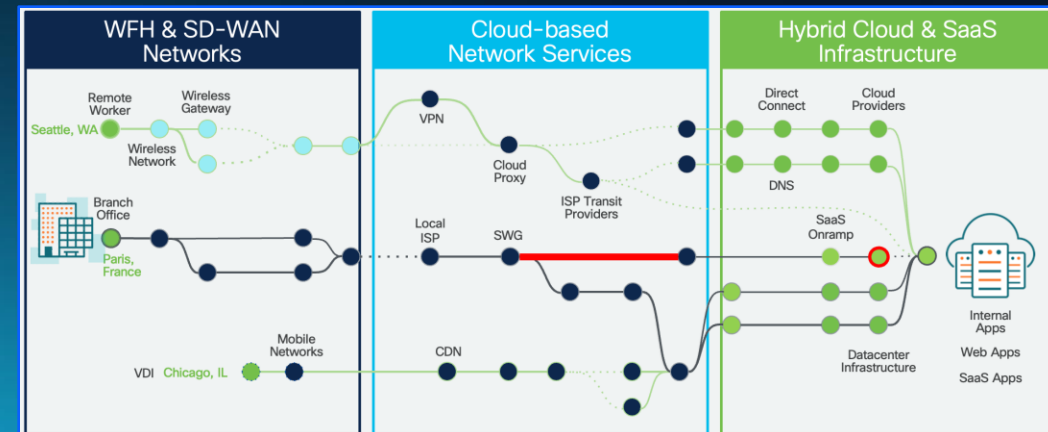
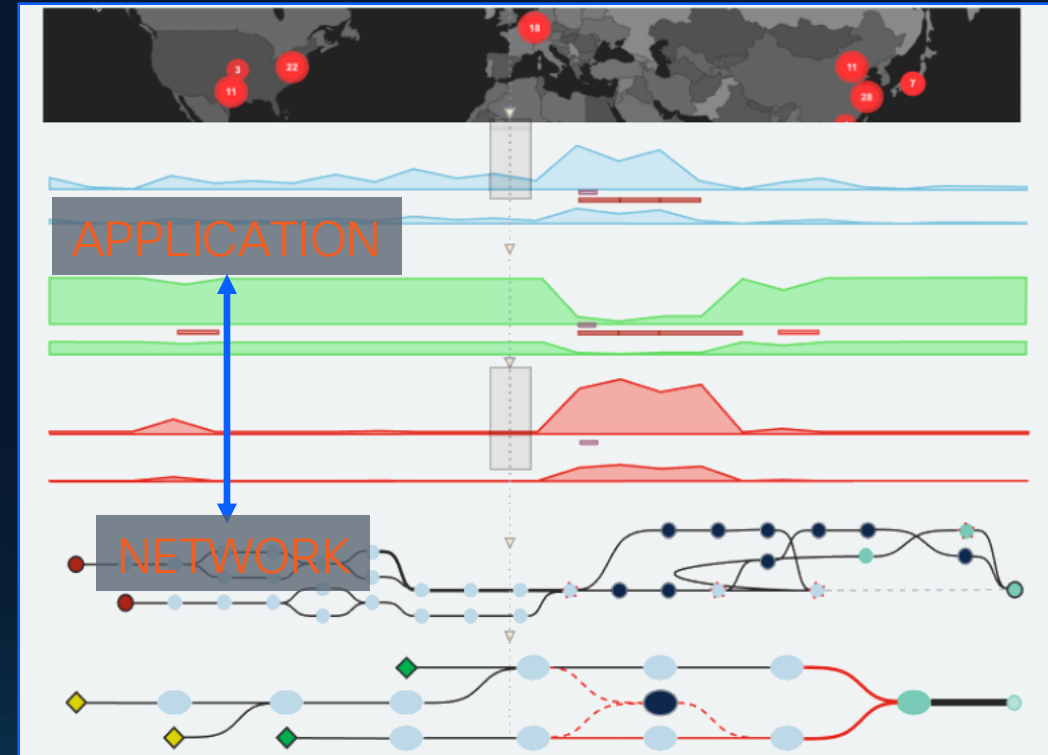


- Deployed in YOUR environment
- DCs, sites, offices, branches, stores...
- VMs, Servers, Containers, Cisco HW
- Inside-out, inside-inside
- Internal apps, SaaS, network
- Employee / network experience

## ENDPOINT AGENT

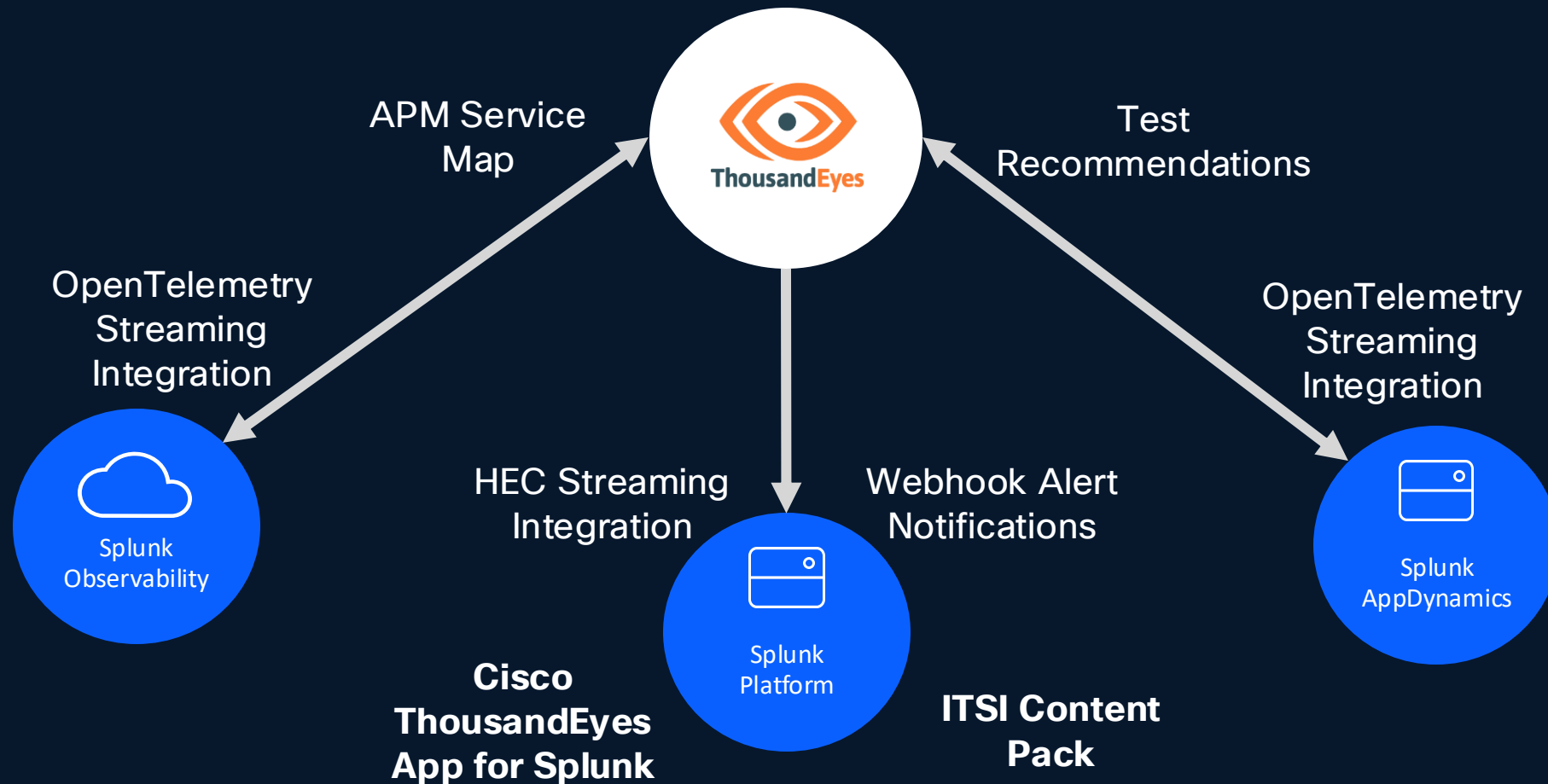
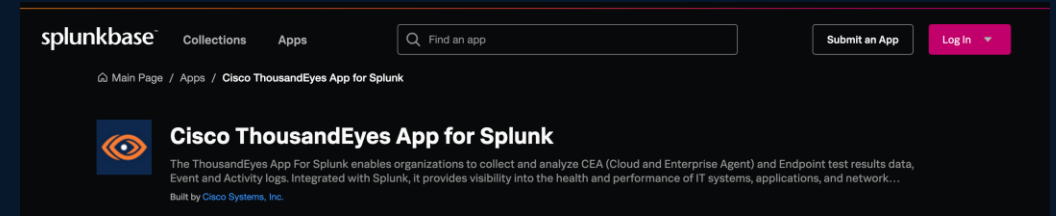


- Deployed on your employees' devices
- Home, office, anywhere...
- Laptops, RoomOS, Secure Access, Mobile
- Last mile visibility
- Internal/external apps, SaaS, network
- Wi-fi, VPN, ISP, any app



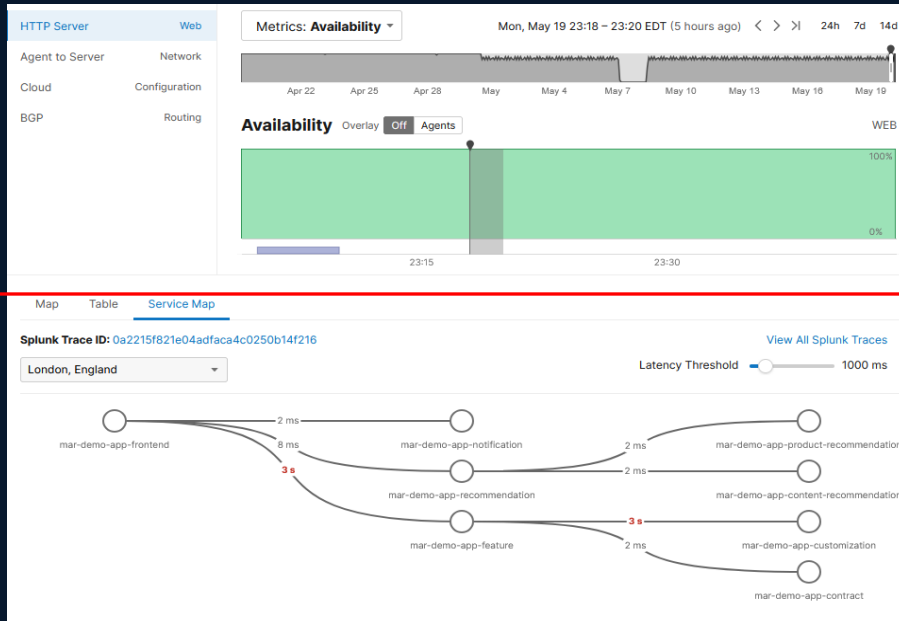
# Splunk + ThousandEyes

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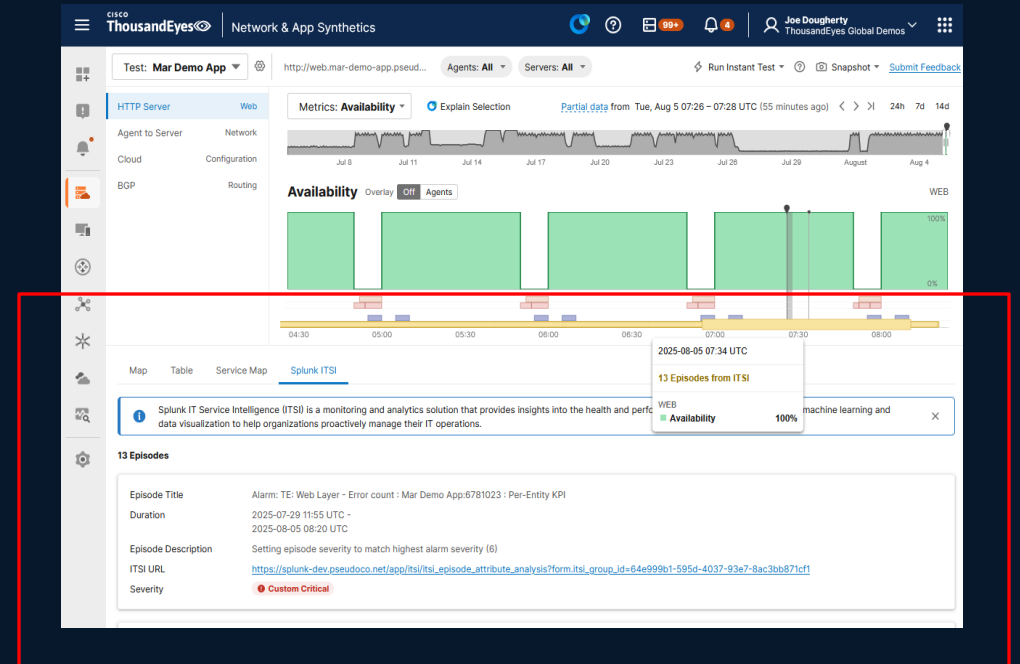


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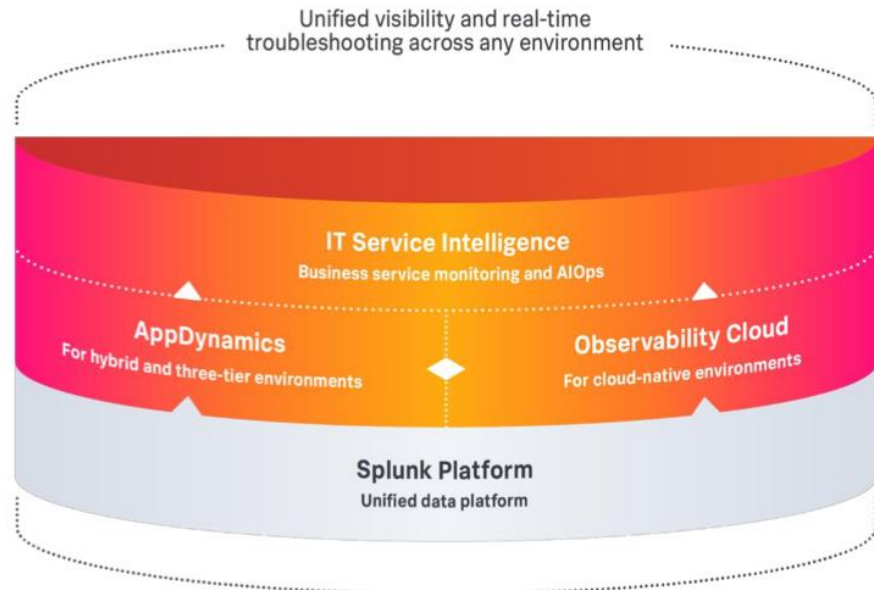
*Splunk Service Dependency Map in ThousandEyes*



*Splunk ITSI Event Context data in ThousandEyes*

# Splunk Observability with ThousandEyes

Enhancing Observability with Assurance through a big data source

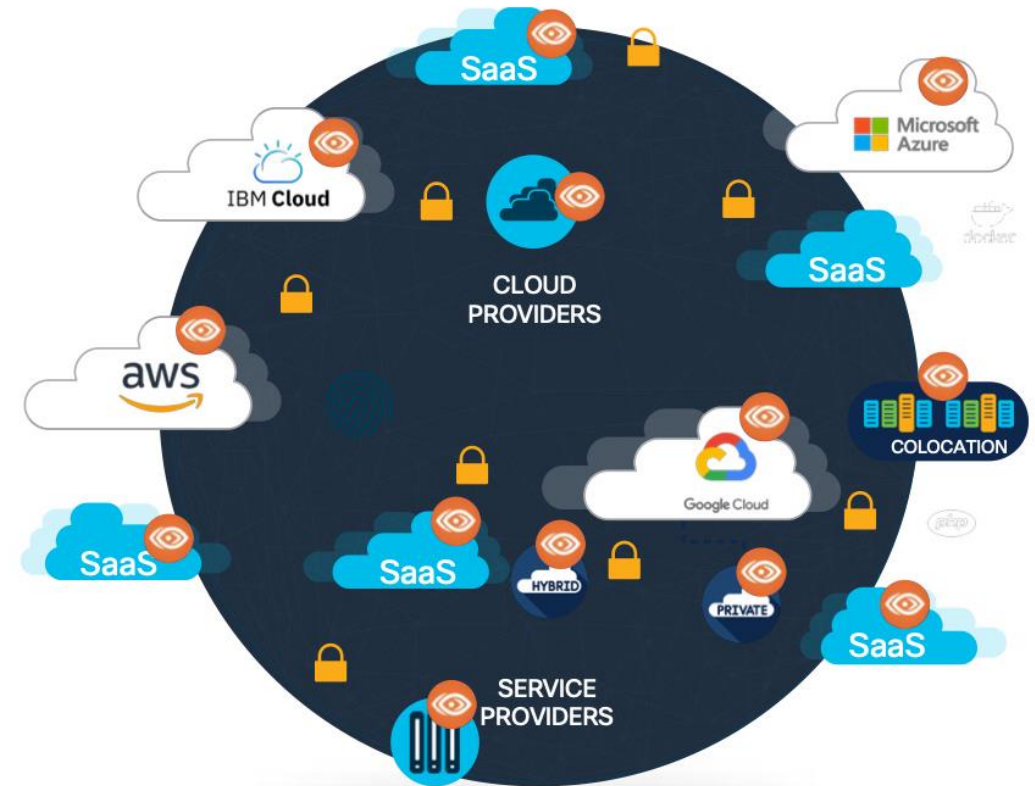
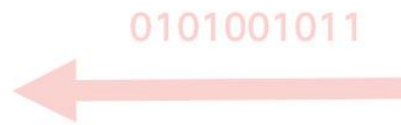


Recognized industry leadership in observability

Unified metrics, events, logs, and traces

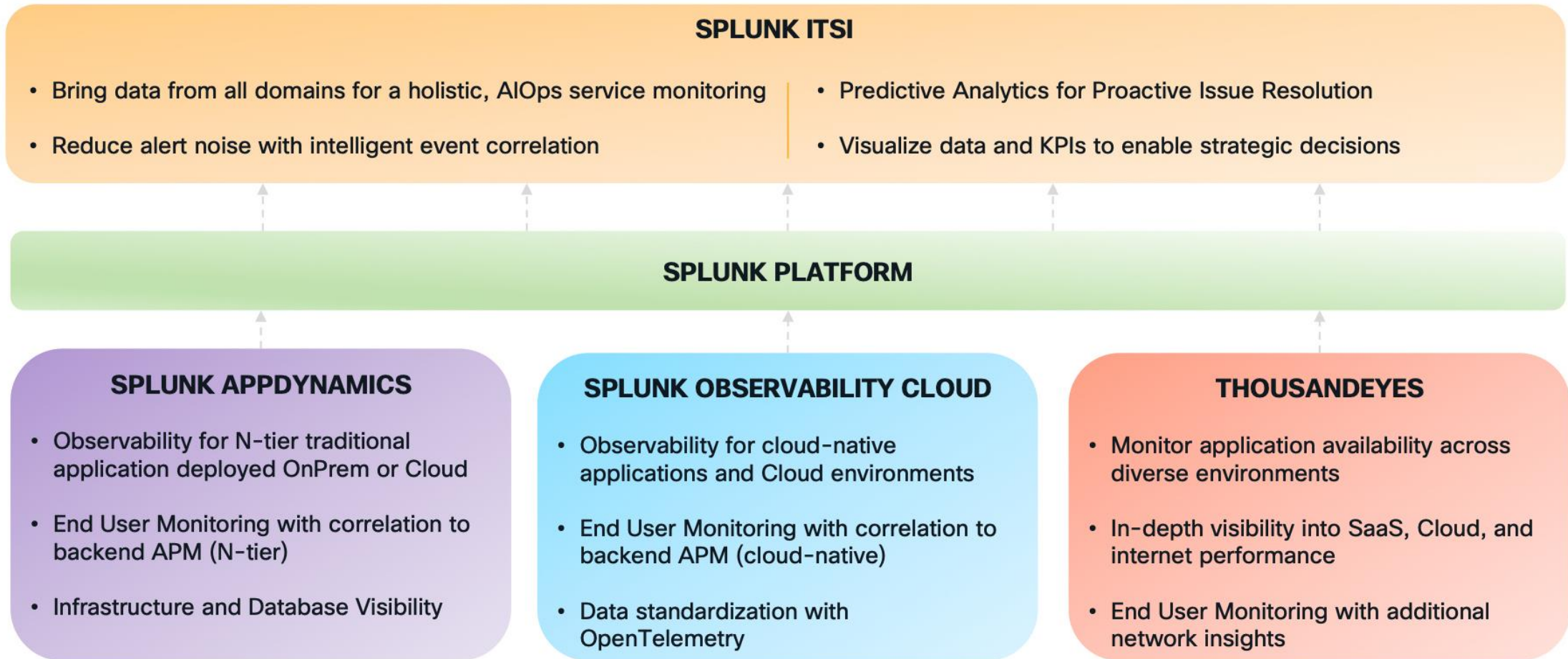
AI guidance to quickly spot unknowns and root causes

OpenTelemetry native and leading contributor



# Splunk Observability with ThousandEyes

Choosing the right solution for your business needs





# IT Service Intelligence: Top-Down Business Visibility

Correlate business performance with underlying services & telemetry, across Splunk & 3rd Party monitoring

The screenshot displays the Splunk IT Service Intelligence (ITSI) interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'splunk>enterprise', 'Apps', and user settings. The main header shows 'Colonial Pipeline' with various filter options like 'Filter services', 'Filter by tags', and 'Minimum Severity'. A service tree diagram is visible, showing a hierarchy from 'Colonial Pipeline' down to various services like 'Commerce Backend', 'Synthetic Checks', and 'Nom2Cash'. A blue callout box highlights the 'Business Service Layer' (Revenue Generation Source, Customer Impact Context, Key Indicator). On the right, a 'Nom2Cash Payment Service' KPI dashboard is shown with a line graph and a table of 12 KPIs. A yellow callout box on the right side of the dashboard lists monitoring tools: Splunk Cloud, Splunk Observability, AppDynamics, ThousandEyes, Cisco Networking TA, and 3rd Party Monitoring.

**Business Service Layer**  
(Revenue Generation Source, Customer Impact Context, Key Indicator)

**Operation Service Layer**  
(Primary Operations & Processes)

**App Layer**  
(Telemetry, Monitoring Tools)

**Infra / Network Layer**  
(Telemetry, Monitoring Tools)

Severity	KPI Name	Value
Critical	APM: Rate	
Critical	RUM: Interaction Count	
Normal	APM: Duration	
Normal	APM: Error Count	
Normal	RUM: Duration Average	
Normal	RUM: Error Rate	
Normal	SIM: Network Errors	
Normal	SIM: Pod Restarts	
Unknown	SIM: Memory Utilization	
Unknown	SIM: Network I/O	

**Monitor of Monitors**

- Splunk Cloud
- Splunk Observability
- AppDynamics
- ThousandEyes
- Cisco Networking TA
- 3rd Party Monitoring

# Introducing

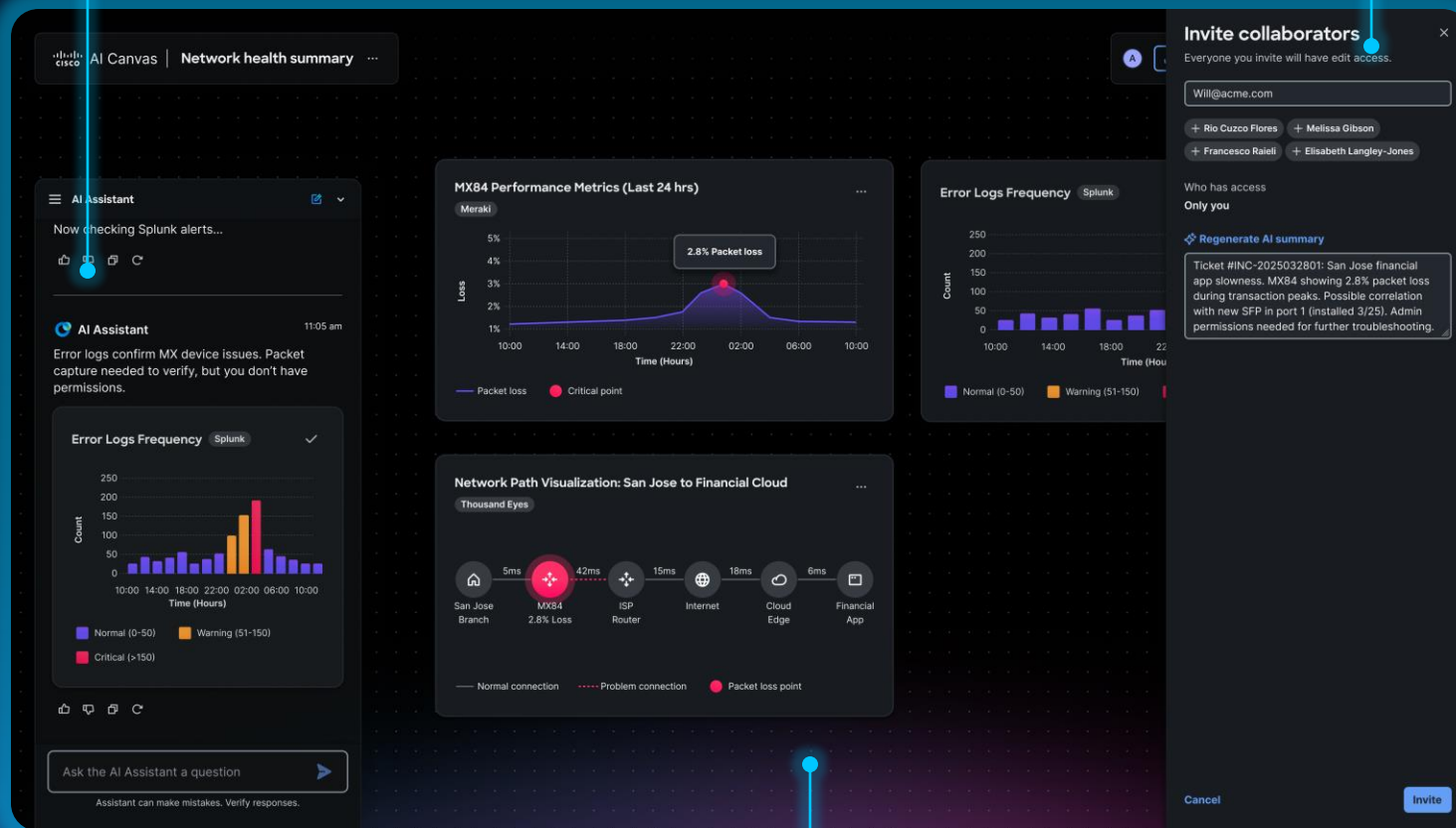
# Cisco AI Canvas

A reimagined user interface for human/agent interaction

- Collaboration across multiple users (NetOps, SecOps and execs)
- Built on the intelligence of the Deep Network Model
- Troubleshooting and execution across multiple domains

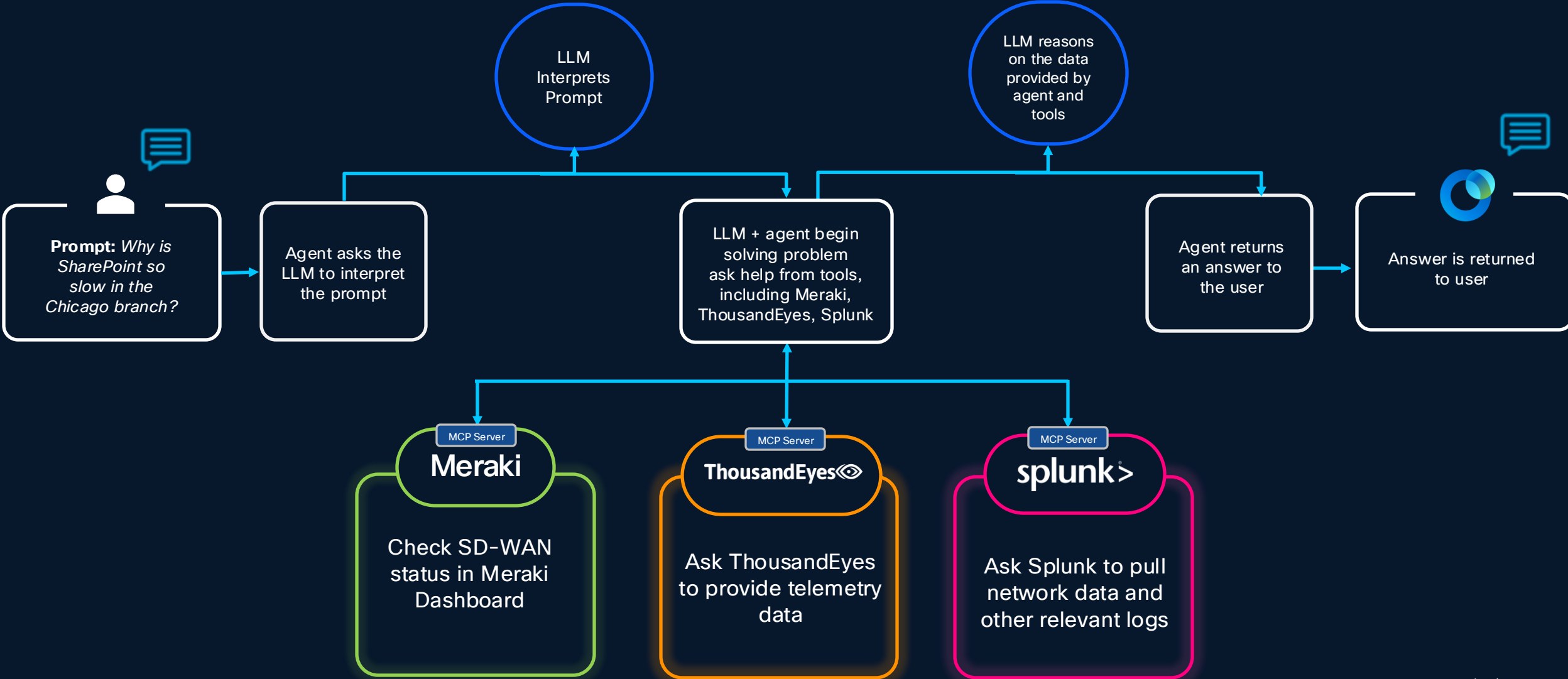
AI Assistant

Users



Shared Workspace

# An AgenticOps Example



# Built-In Assurance Built-On Resilience

## LAN/WAN



Cisco Networking  
Embedded Agents

Increase end-to-end  
visibility leveraging  
investments in Cisco  
networking hardware

## SSE/SASE



Cisco Secure Access  
Experience Insights

Gain insights to quickly  
resolve user impacting  
issues

## Collaboration



Leverage Cisco Devices &  
Phones to optimize user  
experiences anywhere they  
choose to work

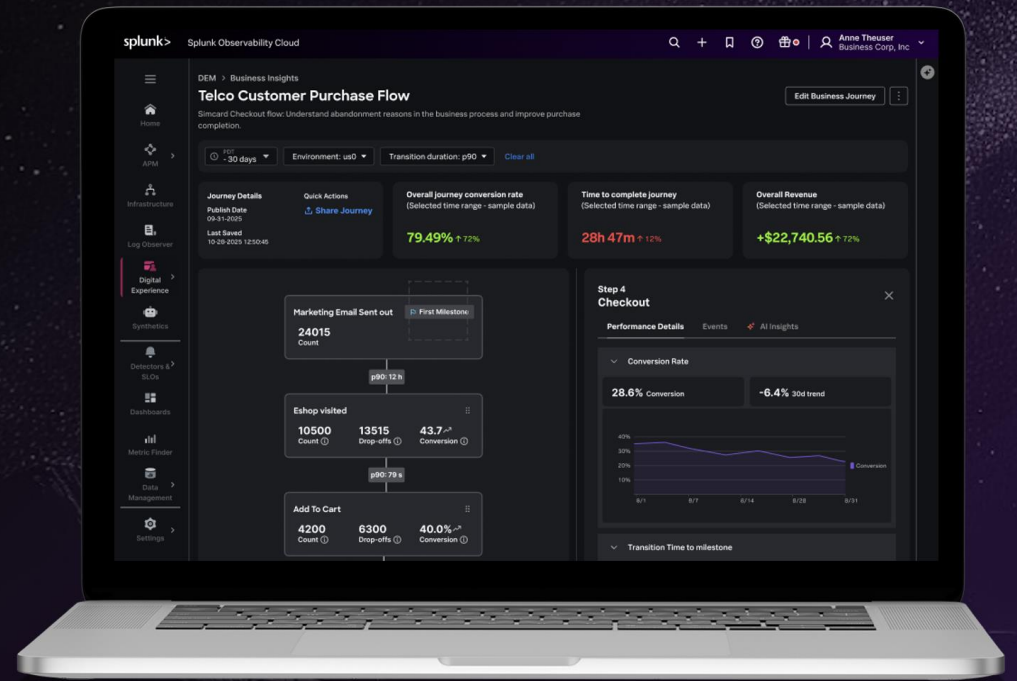
## Observability



Extend visibility into  
owned and unowned  
networks to assure  
resilient experiences

# Deeper business context to prioritize what matters

- From an executive dashboard down to the line of code
- Curated journeys to monitor critical business processes
- KPI-based monitoring to improve service health
- High-cardinality and custom metrics without penalties
- Gain complete understanding across every environment



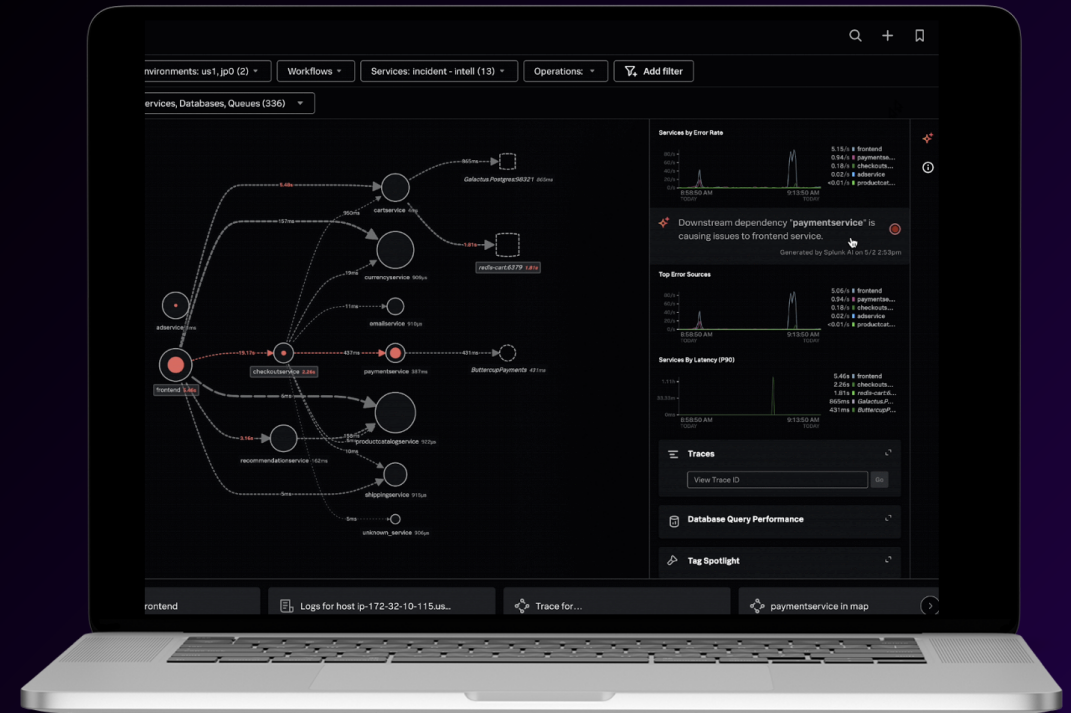
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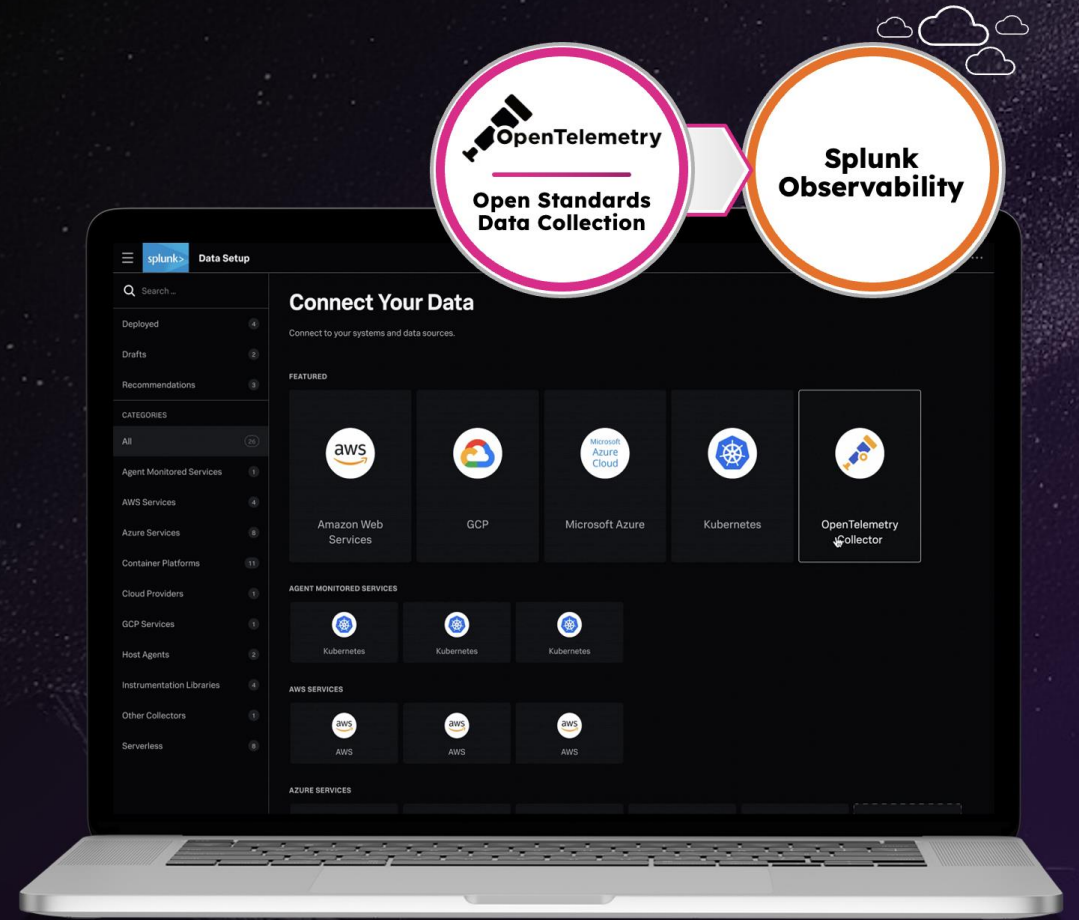
# Earlier detection & faster investigation of business-impacting issues

- Process & analyze telemetry data at massive scale
- AI-powered detection & root cause determination to focus on issues that matters most
- Reduce noise by correlating related alerts from any source



# Predictable pricing and control over your data and costs

- Collect data in any format using standards teams agree on
- Control costs via native telemetry pipeline management and federation
- Flexible contracts and predictable billing that scales with you



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Thank you





## ↑ Paymentservice - High Error Rate

Detection time: Thu 2 Apr 2026 11:18:40 EDT

Resolve



Rule "Paymentservice - High Error Rate" triggered at Thu, 2 Apr 2026 15:18:40 GMT.

Signal value for in online-boutique-us is out of bounds

Signal details:

{sf\_environment=online-boutique-us, sf\_service=paymentservice}

Teams: Buttercup Response.

Incident ID **HE48K1YA0AE** [View Cleared event](#)

### Detector information

## Analysis | AI-generated

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### Suspected root causes

SERVICE

#### Paymentservice High Error Rate due to Authentication Issues

Start action plan

The paymentservice in the online-boutique-us environment experienced a high error rate of 71.4% (5 errors out of 7 total requests) during the anomalous period. All errors were root cause errors, indicating

Infrastructure (1)

Logs (1)

