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CHAPTER 1

Orbix–Actional Integration

Orbix provides support for integration with Actional SOA management products. This chapter explains the main components and concepts used in this integration.

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Introduction

Overview	Actional is an SOA management product that provides operational and business visibility, policy-based security, and control of services and business processes in a heterogeneous runtime environment. This section explains the main concepts and components used in the Orbix–Actional integration.
Orbix and Actional	Integration between Orbix and Actional enables Orbix applications to be monitored by Actional SOA management tools. For example, you can use Actional to perform discovery, monitoring, auditing, and reporting on Orbix applications. You can also correlate and track all messages through your SOA network to perform dependency mapping and root cause analysis.
	The Orbix–Actional integration is deployed on Orbix systems to enable reporting of management data back to the Actional server. The data reported back to Actional includes system administration metrics such as response time, fault location, auditing, and alerts based on policies and rules. The Orbix–Actional integration can be used with Orbix applications written in both Java and C++.
Actional SOA management	The main components in the Actional SOA management system are the Actional server, Actional agents, and Actional intermediaries.
	The Actional server is the central engine that correlates data received from Actional agents and distributes policies. The Actional agent collects data about service traffic from an application server and applies policies. The Actional intermediary acts as a proxy that brokers interaction between Web service applications and systems built on them.
	All Actional components are Java applications. The Actional server uses the Jetty application server by default, while its web console uses JSP and Adobe Flash.



Figure 1 shows a high-level overview of the main Actional components.

Figure 1: High-Level Actional Overview

Managed nodes	A node is defined as a system on the current network. A node with an Actional agent installed is referred to as an <i>instrumented node</i> or a <i>managed node</i> .
	The managed node uses Actional's interceptor API to send monitoring data to the Actional agent. On any managed node, one Actional agent and one or more interceptors must be running.
Actional server	The Actional server is a central management server that manages nodes containing an Actional agent. The Actional server correlates the data it receives from each of its agents, and distributes policies to those agents. It enables an administrator to analyze service network data and create system-wide policies.
	The Actional server hosts a database and pings Actional agents to obtain management data at configured time intervals. It analyzes the management data and displays it in a console—for example, the Actional Management Server Administration Console . This is a Web application deployed on Apache
	Tomcat, which provides runtime management and agent configuration. In
	addition, any alerts triggered at the Actional agent are sent immediately to the
	Actional server.

The default Actional server database is Apache Derby. Other supported databases include:

- PostgreSQL
- OpenEdge
- MSDE
- SQL Server
- Oracle
- DB2

By default, the Actional server uses port 4040 (for example, http://HostName:4040/lgserver/).

Actional agent	An Actional agent runs on each Orbix host that you wish to manage, and is used to provide instrumentation data back to the Actional server. The Actional agent includes two main components: an analyzer, and one or more interceptors. The analyser gathers and evaluates data such as records, statistics, and alerts. The interceptors collect data about service traffic from an application server, and apply policies to that traffic.
	Actional agents are provisioned from the Actional server to establish initial contact and send configuration to the Actional agent. There is one Actional agent per managed node. By default, the Actional agent uses port 4041 (for example, http://HostName:4041/lgagent/).
Actional intermediary	An Actional intermediary is an in-network service broker that includes an integrated Actional agent. It serves as a proxy for Web service applications, providing features such as security, bridging, and activity tracking. The Actional intermediary supports application servers such as WebLogic, WebSphere, JBoss, and Oracle.
Actional agent interceptor SDK	The Actional Agent Interceptor Software Development Kit (SDK) is an Actional-specific API used to create custom interceptors. These can be used to send management instrumentation data from an application to the Actional agent.

Actional SOA management tools

In this guide, Actional is the general term used to describe the Actional SOA management system in which all data is stored and viewed. This simplifies the architecture of Actional for the sake of this discussion.

Figure 2 shows an example of the Actional Management Server Administration Console. Managed nodes are displayed as blue boxes, and unmanaged nodes are displayed as grey boxes. The green arrows indicate the message flow through various nodes. Clicking on each of the nodes shows more in-depth information regarding the response time, alerts and warnings, and so on.



Figure 2: Actional Management Server Administration Console

NGSO mapping

When you click and drill down in the Actional **Path Explorer** view, the organization of the information displayed is *Node–Group–Service–Operation* (NGSO). In Orbix, this translates to *Host–Module–Interface–Operation*. Table 1 shows the mapping from Actional to Orbix.

Table 1:	NGSO Mapping
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Actional	Orbix
Node	Host
Group	Module
Service	Interface
Operation	Operation

Further information

For detailed information on all Actional features, see the Actional product documentation.

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Orbix–Actional Integration Architecture

Overview

This section shows a basic Actional architecture, simplified for the purposes of this discussion. It explains how Actional interceptors provide data to the Actional agent, and how the Actional server manifest is used to correlate the origin and business flow of a request.

It then shows the Orbix–Actional integration architecture, and explains how Orbix plug-ins and Orbix interceptors are used to configure integration with Actional.

Basic Actional architecture

Figure 3 shows a high-level overview of a basic Actional architecture from the perspective of a consumer and service provider.



Figure 3: Basic Actional Architecture

In the interaction shown in Figure 3, the Actional interceptors sit in the flow between the application logic and the consumers and providers of other services. They intercept all inbound and outbound calls, and feed information about those calls to the Actional agent as asynchronous events.

The Actional agent is responsible for processing the event stream from the interceptors, computing and storing aggregate statistics, executing policies, and communicating with the Actional server.

The Actional server manifest (LG_Header) is a token that is sent in the transport header of the message to each participant in a call. This token identifies the origin and business flow of a request. For more details, see "Actional server manifest" on page 21.

Actional interceptors

Actional interceptors sit in the flow at the edge of an application, intercepting all incoming and outgoing messages. An Actional interceptor is designed as a lightweight component that imposes minimal overhead on the application (typically less than 100 microseconds per call).



Figure 4: Actional Interceptors

The in	terceptor	must perfor	m the f	ollowing	tasks to	gain	the full	function	onality	of
the Ac	tional ser	ver:								

- 1. Extract an Actional server manifest (if any) from the incoming request document.
- 2. Insert an Actional server manifest into any outgoing request documents.
- 3. Transfer the interceptor context along the internal business flow, from the incoming interceptor, to any related outgoing interceptors.
- 4. Send the Actional agent an event for each incoming or outgoing document.

Actional server manifest

The Actional server sends an Actional server manifest (LG_Header) with a request document to provide information about the request's origin and the business flow that the request belongs to.

The Actional server manifest is used by the Actional server to correlate information it receives, from multiple agents, about interactions between different services. For this reason, the server manifest is sometimes referred to as a correlation ID.

The consumer and provider of the service must have an agreed mechanism (transport or protocol) for transferring the manifest. The following is an example LG_Header:

```
Interaction=CgJkcB+Y1N0ZyBABdysAAA==;
Locus=ApM1eYBGBAR4LFJ1VvHOdg==;
Flow=CgJkcB+Y1N0ZyBABdSsAAA==;
UpstreamOpID=FtfEJXM1nqJ0C995IBMkEQ==;
Path=7Qg2aVWCdwmP8gGebyLWYA==;
name=E_10-2-100-112-e0c7c3-110c80b4df0--7fdd-INITIATED;
CPTime=1171591682345;
FlowFields=MF1:1254;MF2:1589;
```

The main components in the server manifest are the Interaction, Locus, Flow, and UpstreamOpID. The other components are optional.

Orbix–Actional integration architecture	The Orbix–Actional integration is built using an extensible Orbix plug-in architecture. This means that Orbix–Actional integration can be enabled by adding a monitoring plug-in to your Orbix configuration. No code changes are necessary for Orbix client and server applications.
	Figure 5 shows an overview of the Orbix–Actional integration architecture from an Orbix client-server perspective. This builds on the architecture shown in Figure 3, with the addition of Orbix monitoring plug-in. In Figure 5, the CORBA GIOP message also includes the LG_Header in a GIOP service context. A GIOP service context is a general mechanism for including out-of-band data in a GIOP request or reply message. Service contexts in GIOP are analogous to headers in other protocols such as HTTP.
Orbix interceptors	In the Orbix-Actional integration, an Orbix plug-in for Actional must also be added to your Orbix client and server processes. These plugins are loaded into the process via a config variable.
	The Orbix monitoring plug-in is implemented using a propriety feature of Orbix 3.3.x called Filters and ServiceContext Handlers. This allows us to intercept the Request messages at various points in the lifecycle of sending/receiving of requests in the ORB. This enables high-level request processing to be performed.



Figure 5: Orbix-Actional Integration Architecture

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CHAPTER 2

Configuring Orbix for Actional Integration

This chapter explains the steps required to configure Orbix for integration with Actional SOA management products.

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Configuring Orbix Java Applications

Overview	This section explains how to configure Orbix Java applications for integration with Actional. It shows some examples from the Orbix Actional integration demo: OrbixInstallDir/demos/common/monitoring	
Update your Actional SDK	1.	must first update your Actional SDK JAR file as follows: In the Actional Agent Administration Console, select Getting Started Interceptor SDK (see Figure 6), and download the Windows (.zip) or UNIX (.tar) file. This includes the actional-sdk.jar, documentation, and samples. Replace the existing actional-sdk.jar in the following location with the
		version that you downloaded: OrbixInstallDir/lib



Figure 6: Actional Agent Administration Console

Configuring Actional Monitoring There are two configuration variables that control the monitoring plugin:

- Specify the monitoring plug-in
- Specify the Uplink.cfg folder.

Specifying the monitoring plug-in name

To tell the Orbix Java runtime to load the java monitoring plugin, add the following config variable to the OrbixWeb scope in your orbixweb3.cfg configuration file:

IT_ORB_INITIALISORS =
 "IE.Iona.OrbixWeb.Monitoring.MonitoringPI";

Specify the Uplink.cfg folder

If you install the Actional Agent's uplink.cfg into a non-default location this config variable may come in handy as it will set the com.actional.lg.interceptor.config system property. Else you need to add the property as -Dcom.actional.lg.interceptor.config=path-to-uplink-cfg> to the java command.

IT_ACTIONAL_LG_INTERCEPTOR = <path-to-uplink-cfg>

The OrbixWeb jar does not contain a manifest to pull in the monitoring.jar, so any java applications will need to modify their classpaths to ensure that both the monitoring.jar and actional-sdk.jar are present on the classpath. CHAPTER 2 | Configuring Orbix for Actional Integration

Configuring Orbix C++ applications

Overview		explains how to configure Orbix C++ application for integration I. It shows some examples from the Orbix Actional integration		
	OrbixInstallDir/demos/monitoring			
Setting your environment	No changes are necessary if the Actional Uplink.cfg configuration file is located in its default path:			
	UNIX	/var/opt/actional/LG.Interceptor		
	Windows	<pre>%systemroot%\system32\LG.Interceptor</pre>		
	On a 64-bit windows system, if the agent runs with a 32-bit java VM, then the default location is:			
	%systemroot%\SysWow64\LG.Interceptor, otherwise it is			
	<pre>%systemroot\system32\LG.Interceptor. The Uplink.cfg file is responsible for communication between the Actional interceptors and the analyzer in the Actional agent.</pre>			
	If the Uplink.cfg is not located in its default path, you must specify the path to this file as follows:			
	UNIX	export LG_INTERCEPTORCONFIG=PathToFile		
	Windows	set LG_INTERCEPTORCONFIG=PathToFile		
Configuring the Orbix monitoring plug-in	 You can configure the monitoring plug-in by editing the settings in your application configuration scope in your Orbix configuration file. This includes the following steps: Specify the monitoring plug-in Specify the monitoring log filter Specifying the monitoring plug-in			

You can tell Orbix to load the monitoring plugin by adding the following config variable to the Orbix scope:orbix3.cfg.

Orbix.IT ORB INITIALISORS = "it monitoring";

You can also set the configuration variable in the environment, for example:

- "Windows: set IT_ORB_INITIALISORS=it_monitoring & client.exe
- "Unix: IT ORB INITIALISORS=it monitoring ./client

Specifying the monitoring log filter

You can specify the following config variable and it will output various diagnostic information about the monitoring plugin, if you need more verbose information.:

Orbix.IT LOGGING FILTERS="monitoring";

This will create a logfile called monitoring.log in the current folder with all the logging from the plugin.

Troubleshooting Orbix

Overview

This section provides some tips to help troubleshoot your Orbix integration with Actional.

Ensure Actional Plugin is loaded

To verify that the Orbix monitoring plug-in is loaded and participating correctly.

C++

You can specify the IT_LOGGING_FILTERS config variable to ensure that the logging from the monitoring plug-in being outputted to the log file:

```
[17:42:16.080, pid: 20765 tid: -1424223984]: Client Interaction:
    url: Plugin/Tester
    Operation: find_name
    Group: Plugin
    Service: Tester
    HostName: jewel]
```

Also you can specify the environment variable IT_SHLIB_VERBOSE=1 in your environment, this will show a more verbose output of what the plug-in loader in Orbix is doing, or if it's loading the monitoring plugin.

	[IT_Shlib_Manager, thread 1] loading it_monitoring.				
	[IT_Shlib_Manager, thread 1] Attempting to load library:				
	 libit monitoring.3.3.gcc411.so.1				
	[IT Shlib Manager, thread 1] Located shlib:				
	/vob/orbix/targets orbix//lib/libit monitoring.3.3.gcc411.so.				
	1				
	[IT_Shlib_Manager, thread 1] About to load shlib:				
	<pre>/vob/orbix/targets_orbix//lib/libit_monitoring.3.3.gcc411.so.</pre>				
	1				
	[IT Shlib Manager, thread 1]				
/vob/orbix/targets orbix//lib/libit monitoring.3.3.gcc411.so.					
	1 seems to be compatible with the shared libraries already				
	loaded in this process.				
	[IT Shlib Manager, thread 1] Loading plugin:				
	/vob/orbix/targets orbix//lib/libit monitoring.3.3.gcc411.so.				
	1				

Java

You can turn on diagnostics as normal with the setDiagnostics config variable, a level of 128 or higher will output the monitoring plug-in's information.

```
[MonitoringGeneric:group: Monitoring Service: Server2
RepositoryID: Monitoring/Server2]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.setSelfAddr(10.2.2.141)]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.setPeerAddr(jewel)]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.setUrl(Monitoring/Server2)]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.setGroupName(Monitoring)]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.setService(Server2)]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.setOpName(get_command)]
[MonitoringGeneric:ClientInteraction.requestAnalyzed()]
```

CHAPTER 3

Configuring Actional for Orbix Integration

This chapter gives some basic guidelines on setting up Actional to run the Orbix Actional integration demo.

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Prerequisites

Overview	This section describes prerequisites for integration between Actional SOA management products and Orbix.
Actional products	 The following Actional products should be installed: Actional Management Server 8.0 (Actional server) Actional Flex Point 8.0 (Actional agent/intermediary) Alternatively, the following Actional products can be installed separately: Actional Point of Operational Visibility 8.0 (Actional agent) Actional Client Security Enforcement 8.0 (Actional intermediary)
Actional agents	You must ensure that Actional agents are set up on each Orbix host node that you wish to manage. The provisioning of Actional agents is performed using the Actional server. For some basic details, see "Configuring Actional for Orbix Integration" on page 35.
	For full details on how to set up Actional agents on managed nodes, see the Actional product documentation.
Further information	For information on installing Actional products, and the full range of platform and database versions supported by Actional, see the Actional product documentation.
	This Orbix integration with Actional supports the full range of operating systems and compilers supported by Orbix. For more details, see the Orbix Installation Guide.

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Configuring Actional

Overview	This section provides some basic configuration guidelines on Actional agent and server configuration.					
Actional agent configuration	No specific Actional agent configuration settings are required for integration with Orbix. For example, for the purposes of the Orbix–Actional integration demos, the Actional agent can be started with the default configuration settings.					
Actional server configuration	The following sample configuration steps describe how to set up the Actional server to run an simple Orbix–Actional demo:					
	1. Install the Actional server with typical installation options, and select the Apache Derby database.					
	2. Specify the following URL in your browser:					
	http://localhost:4040/lgserver					
	3. If this is a new installation click Start , and follow the new Actional server setup steps.					
	Otherwise, if the Actional server is already installed, perform the following steps:					
	i. In the Actional console Web interface, select the Configure radio button in the top left of the screen.					
	 Select the Platform tab. This displays the general configuration settings, as shown in Figure 7. 					



Figure 7: Actional Server Configuration Settings

Creating a managed node

To create a managed node for a simple Orbix demo, perform the following steps:

- 1. In the Actional **Configure** view menu bar, open the **Network** tab. This displays the **Network Nodes**.
- 2. Select Add. This displays Node Creation / Managing Agents.
- 3. Click Managed Node.

Configuring a new node

To configure a managed node for the demo, perform the following steps in the wizard:

Step 1: New Node - Identification

- 1. Specify the Name as agent1.
- 2. Specify the Display icon as Auto Discover.
- 3. Click Next.

Step 2: New Node - Management

- 1. Specify the Transport as HTTP/S.
- 2. Supply your Actional agent user name and password.
- 3. Ensure that **Override Agent Database** is checked.
- 4. Click Next.

Step 3: New Node - Agents

1. Specify the following URL:

http://HostName:4041/lgagent

You can specify a host name or an IP address in this URL.

- 2. Click Add. The agent URL is added.
- 3. Click Next.

Step 4: New Node - Endpoints

- 1. For Endpoints, add the hostname, fully qualified hostname, or IP address.
- 2. Click Next.

Step 5: New Node - Filters

- 1. Do not specify any filters for the demo.
- 2. Click Next.

Step 6: New Node - Trust Zone

- 1. Do not specify a trust zone for the demo.
- 2. Click Finish.

The newly created managed node now needs to be provisioned.

Provisioning a new node

To provision the new node to bring it under management, perform the following steps:

- 1. Select the **Configure** radio button at the top left of the screen.
- 2. Select the **Deployment** tab from the **Configure** menu bar.
- The Provisioning page is displayed, and agent1 is listed as not provisioned.
- 4. Select the agent1 check box.
- Click Provision. This displays a message when complete: Successfully provisioned.
- 6. Click the **Manage** radio button at the top left of the screen. You should see agent1 added to the **Network** view as shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8: Actional Server Provisioned Node

Further information

For more details on setting up and running Actional SOA management tools, see the Actional product documentation.

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Troubleshooting Actional

Overview	This section provides some tips to help troubleshoot your Actional integration with Orbix.								
Setting default polling	con	r demonstration purposes, to update the display in your Actional server asole more frequently, you can set the default polling to a shorter time span a lows:							
	1.	Select the Configure radio button at the top left of the screen.							
	2.	Select the Platform tab from the Configure menu bar.							
	3.	In Statistics Gathering on the right, select EDIT.							
	4.	Set the Server Collection Interval to 1 minute by using the drop down list.							
	5.	5. Set the Policy Evaluation Interval to 15 seconds.							
Ensuring events are reported to the Actional Agent	To ensure that Orbix monitoring events are being reported to your Actional agent, perform the following steps:								
	1.	Ensure your Actional agent is running, and added as a managed node in your Actional server.							
	2.	Verify that the agent generated the Uplink.cfg file in the directory specified during installation. If this file was not specified during the installation, it should be in the following default path (which should have write permission):							
		UNIX /var/opt/actional/LG.Interceptor							
		Windows %systemroot%\system32\LG.Interceptor							
	3.	Open your Actional agent console and login:							
		http://AgentHostName:Port/lgagent/							

- Specify the following URL to display the **Options** page shown in Figure 9: http://AgentHostName:Port/lgagent/admin/options.js
- 5. For Audit agent events, Click On.
- 6. Click Apply.

Actional Agent		🚯 Actional Agent Administration Console 🛛 🌲 root - Admin	n 😲 Help 🔻
	Options		
Getting Started	Feature	Value	
Configuration	Trace policy execution (what conditions evaluate to)	⊙ On C Off	
Event Log	Log Flight Data Recorder status	○ On ⊙ Off	
2 Documentation	Audit agent events	⊙ On O Off	
	Audit remote and local calls to APIs	○ on ⓒ Off	
	Audit SOAP APIs	C On ⓒ Off	
	Debug deployment	C On ⓒ Off	
	Audit config manager changes	NO_RECORD	
	Save configuration now	Save	
	Force garbage collect now	GC	
	Request a thread dump (can be retrieved with support.zip)	Thread Dump	
	Write an event log entry	Log Now ***********************************	
	Do an MD5 of a string	Compute Now	
	Resync provider keys before next call	Schedule resync	
	Filter debug messages (e.g. "com.actional.sql.") Only has effect if log level is set to DEBUG,		
	Product configuration	Show	
	HTTP session information	Show	
	Apply		

Figure 9: Actional Agent Options

Note: These settings are not persistent, and are reset when the Actional agent is restarted.

Viewing agent events

When **Audit agent events** is turned on, all external events coming from the Orbix monitoring plug-in can be reviewed in the Actional agent **Event Logs**, shown in Figure 10.



Figure 10: Actional Agent Event Logs

Figure 10 shows INCOMING, OUTGOING, REQUEST, and REPLY events reported from the monitoring plug-in. If these events are not reported, the path for the uplink.cfg may be incorrect, and the monitoring plug-in can not find the agent.

C++ applications

For C++ applications, verify that the LG_INTERCEPTORCONFIG environment variable is set correctly, and points to the directory where the agent has written the uplink.cfg file.

Java applications

For Java applications, verify that the com.actional.lg.interceptor.config property is passed on to the application correctly, and points to the directory where the agent has written the uplink.cfg file.

When incoming monitoring events are arriving at the agent, and the agent is configured correctly, you should see the calls displayed in the Actional server console **Network** view, as shown in Chapter 2.

Further information

For any problems with Actional agent configuration, please refer to the Actional product documentation.

CHAPTER 4

Managing Orbix Applications in Actional

This chapter shows examples of managing a simple Orbix application and Orbix domain services in Actional SOA management tools.

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Monitoring Orbix Applications

Overview

When your Orbix applications are configured for integration with Actional, they can be monitored using the Actional SOA management tools. No code changes are required for monitoring of Orbix applications.

For example, when you run the simple Orbix actional_demo, the Actional Management Server Administration Console displays the managed node that the demo is running on. Invocations are displayed as arrows flowing to and from managed components.

The Orbix monitoring demo illustrates the simple use of the ORB monitoring plug-in to report calls made between Orbix clients and servers to Actional. This demo is similar to demos/corba/orb/simple, and shows how to configure visibility of your application in Actional. For details on how to run this demo, see the README text files in the following directory:

OrbixInstallDir/demos/monitoring

Network view

The Actional network view displays the traffic between various components in your network environment. These include nodes, packages, services and operations.

Figure 11 shows the running Orbix actional_demo displayed in the Network tab of the Actional Management Server Administration Console. In this simple demo, the Network tab displays the Actional agent on the Orbix managed node that the demo is running on. This agent reports the monitoring data back to the Actional server. The single invocation is displayed as a green arrow flowing from the node and back to itself. In more complex examples with multiple nodes, the arrows flow between nodes.



Figure 11: Actional Server Network View

By default, the **Network** view shows traffic between nodes. There is only one node in this case. You can also select to show traffic between packages in the top left of the screen. Figure 12 shows the traffic between the Orbix client and server packages.



Figure 12: Traffic Between Packages

Path Explorer

Figure 13 shows the Orbix actional_demo displayed in the Path Explorer view of the Actional Management Server Administration Console.

To view this screen, double click on the managed node shown in Figure 11. Alternatively, click the **Display Path Explorer** button at the top right of the **Network** view.



Figure 13: Actional Server Path Explorer

The **Path Explorer** view displays the relationships between different components in more detail. For example, you can view the call chain between services and consumers. Summary statistics are also displayed for the selected component.

Statistics details

The **Statistics Details** pane on the right displays statistics gathered by the selected component. These include the number of incoming and outgoing calls, call time, call size, and so on. Alerts, faults and violations are also displayed.

For example, Figure 14 shows the **Statistics Details** displayed for a client request to a server, when the operation is selected in the **Path Explorer**.



Figure 14: Actional Server Statistics Details

Double clicking on a particular statistic in this view (for example, **Call Size**) displays a summary chart. For example, Figure 15 shows a **Call Time** summary chart for the consumer.



Figure 15: Actional Server Statistics Chart

Server manifest	The Actional server manifest (LG_Header) is a unique ID used by the Actional server to correlate information it receives from agents about interactions between different applications. For example, when you run the client application in the Orbix actional_demo, the following LG_Header is output on the command line:
	<pre>Interaction=CgIEAUD6LU2sLiQBBwAAAA==; Locus=4/LcwgqvldfxotEoegsSGg==; Flow=CgIEAUD6LU2sLiQBBgAAAA==; UpstreamOpID=xPnAfuwlTEV7QGYoGRBgYA==; CallerAddress=10.2.4.1;</pre>
Further information	For detailed information on using Actional SOA management tools, see the Actional product documentation.

Auditing Orbix Applications

Overview	This section shows some simple examples of auditing the Orbix actional_demo and Orbix domain services.
Actional policy groups	Policy groups are used by Actional server to apply a set of policies and rules to managed items on your network. Policies and rules can be used to raise alerts on certain failure reasons. For example, when an Orbix operation takes too long to return, or when a specified IDL exception or fault is raised.
	Figure 16 shows some example policy groups that have be defined in the Policies view. See configuring message fields section, for more detailed example on how to setup Policy Groups.

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Policies	Pol	icy Groups					
	Poli	cy Group List			ADD	DELETE	E DEACTIVATE
	polici	es and rules to managed	re defined on this server. Poli d items on this network. When ield will be a direct link to the	the latest revision of a polic	y group is no		
		<u>Name</u> ▼	Active Revision	Latest Revision	Type	Description	Ownership
		CORBAExceptions	1 (Initial Revision)	1 (Initial Revision)			release
		CORBARequests	1 (Initial Revision)	1 (Initial Revision)			release

Figure 16: Actional Policy Groups

Viewing audit logs

When you have defined policies for your network, you can use them to audit and monitor alerts on certain failure reasons (for example, when a specified IDL exception or fault is raised).

Figure 17 shows some example audit logs for the Orbix application in the Logs view.

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Event Logs									Display 👻
[Audit Logs	Audit Log Report						∢ ≪		EXPORT REFRESH
Application Logs	Date	Host Name	Service	Operation	Request ID	Call Status	Failure Reason	Response Time (ms)	Authenticated Security ID
	<u>09/14/2011 12:01:06</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>boris</u>	<u>farInc</u>	increment	<u>n/a</u>	SUCCEEDED	<u>n/a</u>	5	n/a
	<u>09/14/2011 12:01:04</u> PM	<u>boris</u>	<u>IT daemon</u>	<u>qetIIOPDetails</u>	<u>n/a</u>	SUCCEEDED	<u>n/a</u>	<u>185</u>	n/a
	<u>09/14/2011 12:01:04</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>boris</u>	IT daemon	<u>IT_PING</u>	<u>n/a</u>	SUCCEEDED	n/a	1	n/a
	09/14/2011 12:01:04 PM	<u>boris</u>	middleInc	<u>increment</u>	<u>n/a</u>	SUCCEEDED	n/a	2219	<u>n/a</u>
	09/14/2011 12:01:04 PM	<u>boris</u>	<u>Client</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	SUCCEEDED	n/a	2223	n/a

Figure 17: Audit Logs from instrumented application

			for the O	rbix appli	cation in F	igure 17.	1 5	C	-
ver	Alerts:	A 46	Stabilizers:	None active	Provisioning:	None required		🏨 release/Admin	Ortalp -

Figure 18 shows an example audit log record displayed on clicking on an entry

Logs	Audit Logs									
Event Logs	Audit Log Record 95 of 3	26	PREVIOUS (NEWER)	NEXT (OLDER)	BACK TO LIST					
[Audit Logs	Interaction ID:	CkEFDeIUvUeZYzIBAgAAAA==								
Application Logs	Date:	09/13/2011 12:23:04 PM								
	Host Name:	boris								
	Group:	Orbix								
	Group Revision:									
	Service:	IT_daemon								
	Operation:	getIIOPDetails								
	URL Path:	Orbix/IT_daemon								
	Request ID:									
	Request Size (bytes):	240								
	Request Data:									
	Request Attachments:	none								
	Request Message Fields:	none								
	Cell Status:	SUCCEEDED								
	Failure Reason:									
	Response Time (ms):	222								
	Reply Size (bytes):	30								
	Reply Data:									
	Reply Attachments:	none								
	Reply Message Fields:	none								
	Authenticated Security ID: Role:									

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Figure 18: Orbix Daemon call getIIOPDetails Audit Log Record

The Interaction ID displayed at the top of the screen is used by the Actional server to correlate information it receives, from multiple agents, about interactions between different services.

Figure 19 shows some example audit logs for Orbix configuration domain services in the **Logs** view. The Orbix service displayed in this example is the Orbix node daemon.

Audit Logs	Audit Logs												
												D	splay 👻
Audit Log Re	port						16 4		H	CONFIGURE	EXP	ORT	REFRESH
Date	Host Name	Service	Operation	Request ID	Call Status	Failure Reason				Respon Time (n			enticated rity ID
09/14/2011 06:09:29 AM	boris	farinc	increment	n/a	SUCCEEDED	n/a				2		n/a	
09/14/2011 06:09:27 AM	boris	IT_daemon	<u>getIIOPDetails</u>	n/a	SUCCEEDED	n/a				175		n/a	
09/14/2011 06:09:27 AM	boris	IT daemon	IT PING	n/a	SUCCEEDED	o/a				1		n/a	
09/14/2011 06:09:27 AM	boris	middleInc	increment	n/a	SUCCEEDED	<u>o/a</u>				2203		n/a	
09/14/2011 06:09:27 AM	boris	Client	n/a	n/a	SUCCEEDED	<u>n/a</u>				2206		n/a	
09/14/2011 06:09:25 AM	boris	IT daemon	<u>getIIOPDetails</u>	n/a	SUCCEEDED	o/a				175		n/a	

Figure 19: Audit Logs from application

Figure 20 shows an example audit log record displayed on clicking an entry for the farInc server in Figure 19.

Audit Logs	
Audit Log Record 1 of 47	0
Interaction ID:	CkEFDZw4c4CraDIBAwAAAA==
Date:	09/14/2011 12:01:06 PM
Host Name:	boris
Group:	Orbix
Group Revision:	
Service:	farInc
Operation:	increment
URL Path:	Orbix/farInc
Request ID:	
Request Size (bytes):	248
Request Data:	
Request Attachments:	none
Request Message Fields:	none
Call Status:	SUCCEEDED
Failure Reason:	
Response Time (ms):	5
Reply Size (bytes):	12
Reply Data:	
Reply Attachments:	none
Reply Message Fields:	none

Figure 20: Orbix server farInc's Log Record

Message Fields	Message fields are pieces of textual data that are reported, such as the TCP port.
	For C++ applications, only the remote port is actually reported.
	For Client C++ applications, this is the port to which the client is connected. This is also called the server port.
	For Server C++ applications this is the local port of the application, or the port where the server is listening on.
	For Java applications, both the clientport and serverport are reported, which means both the local and remote ports of both sides of client and server.
	Message fields are turned on by default and are immediately available once the Actional Management Server is configured to look for the message fields.
Configuring Actional to report Message Fields	The Actional Management Server console allows you to configure policies and alerts in configuration mode (click States tab, and on the Stabilizers page click the configuration page link).
	1. To create a Policy Group, click the Policies tab.
	2. Click Add to create a new policy group.
	3. Enter the Name, Type, and Description.
	4. Click FINISH .



Figure 21: Creating a Policy

Actional Managem	hent Server	Alerts: 🛕 5 Stabilizers: None active Provisionir	ng: 📕 2 🔶 3 🧟 🧟 root/Admin
Type here to search	ब 🔀 🔀	Platform Network	Business Processes Policies Fields Stabilizers Dimensions D
Policies	New Policy Grou	- Identification	PREVIOUS FINISH
	1 Identification		
	General Information Enter a name and (option	illy) a type and description for the current policy group. Fields marked with a	n asterisk (*) are required.
	Name:	Orbix3_Requests *	
	Туре:		
	Description:	Policy for monitoring requests, and for showing message fields	
			PREVIOUS FINISH

Figure 22: Creating a Policy Group

- 5. For creating a Rule Set, click the **Policies** tab, and click the name of the policy group to which you want to add a rule set.
- 6. In the **Rule Set** section, click **Add**.
- 7. Enter the Name and Description on the Rule Set Identification page.
- 8. Click OK.

Rule Sets			ADD DELETE
Rule sets applicable to this policy group:			
Name_	Туре	Description	
No data available			



Actional Managem	ient Server	Alerts: 🛕 5 Stabilizers: None active 🏾 Provisioning: 🗖 2 🔶 10	🔔 root/Admin 🛛 🤪 Help 🛩
Type here to search	a 🔀 🎽	Platform Network Business Processes Policies Fields Stabilizers	Dimensions Deployment
Policies	Orbix3_Requ	estRule • Rule Set - Identification	OK CANCEL
	General Informatio	n Inally) a description for the current rule set.	
	Name:	Orbix3_RequestRuleSet *	
	Description:	A ruleset for our policy for selecting Requests	
			OK CANCEL

Figure 24: Creating a RuleSet

9. After creating the Rule Set, click Add on the Rule Set Summary.

Policies	Status:					
	Successfully updated Rule	Set.				
	Policy Groups : test : Orbix3_Reg					
	Identification					
	Name:	Orbix3_Requests				
	Description:	Policy for monitoring requests, and for showing message fields				
	Туре:	Monitoring				
	Rules					ADD
	The following rules are part of the	is rule set. To create an additional rule click the Add button.				
	Conditions	Evaluates On	Audit	Notify	Custom	

Figure 25: Add Rule evaluation

10. On the New Monitoring Rule - Specify Evaluation page, select Always on Request, and click Next.



Figure 26: Creating a Rule, selecting a type of Rule

11. On the New Monitoring Rule - Condition Expression page, select The action will always be performed option, and click Next.

New Monitoring Rule - Condition Expression	PREVIOUS	NEXT	CANCEL
$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{0} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{Specify}} & \longrightarrow & \textcircled{0} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{Condition}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Condition}} & \longrightarrow & \textcircled{0} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{Evaluation}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Evaluation}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Behavior}} \end{array}$			
Condition Expression			
You can opt to execute the action specified by the current rule conditionally. You can select to always commit the specified action if a request is consid the rule, to never commit the specified action (useful for troubleshooting), or to perform the action only under certain conditions as indicated below.	ered within the	conditions o	of
The action will always be performed.			
The action will never be performed.			
The action will be performed as follows			
Select all that apply:			
When the consumer node matches the <u>criteria</u> . Except if the consumer node matches the <u>criteria</u> .			
When the XPath evaluation matches the <u>oriteria</u> . Except if the XPath evaluation matches the <u>oriteria</u> .			
When the message field matches the <u>oriteria</u> . Except if the message field matches the <u>oriteria</u> .			
When one of the URL parameters matches the <u>name-value pairs</u> . Except if one of the URL parameters matches the <u>name</u>			
When the specified stabilizer switch condition has been fulfilled. Except if the specified stabilizer switch condition has			
When the current request date/time falls within the specified date/time range. Except if the current request date/time falls within the		<u>time range</u> .	
When the <u>specified</u> reusable condition has been fulfilled.			
When the <u>specified</u> plug-in condition has been fulfilled. Except if the <u>specified</u> plug-in condition has been fulf	illed.		
	PREVIOUS	NEXT	CANCEL

Figure 27: Creating a Rule, selecting condition

 Any alerts or warnings need not to be setup, hence on the New Monitoring Rule - Define Alerting Behavior page, select None option, and click Next.



Figure 28: Creating a rule, specifying alerts

- 13. Do not specify any alerts to be shown.
- 14. Click Next Button. Select all items in the request to be audited, including the message fields (that are already defined). Ensure the last check box Audit Only if Alarm is Raised is not selected. If this is selected, the policy will not audit the calls unless an alarm/fault is raised.
- 15. Click **Next** until you get the **Finish** button on the screen. Clicking **Finish** button takes you to the **Policy Group** view.

Monitoring Rule - D	efine Audi	iting Beh	avior				0	CANC
Audit Specify the auditing parameter	ers for events t	hat cause rul	es to be trigge	ered.				
What to Audit:	V Au V Au V Au	dit Request B dit Attachmer dit Reply Bod dit Message F	its					
		Audit on Request	Audit on Reply	Message Field				
		1	V	CLIENTPORT				
		V	\checkmark	SERVERPORT				
	Au	New Mess dit Only if Ala			Add			
							0	CANCI

Figure 29: Creating a rule, and specifying message fields

- 16. Create a new policy, by clicking the Policy Group, and clicking **Add** on the **Policies** section.
- 17. Select the Policy that needs to be applied for all sites, and click Next.
- 18. On the **New Policy Configuration** page, select **Every message** option, and click **Next**.

Policies				ADD DELETE
Policies determine the a	application of a rule set to a specific location.			
Target -	Applies To	Rule Set	Rule Set Type	
No data available				

Figure 30: Creating a new Policy

New Policy - Provider	PREVIOUS	NEXT	CANCEL
$ \underbrace{\textcircled{()}_{\substack{\text{Where}\\ \text{Applied}}} \rightarrow \underset{\text{Rule Set}}{\textcircled{()}} $			
Select Policy Target Select the site at which this Policy should apply. Alternatively, you can choose 'All Sites'. Note: Consumer-side policies are currently disabled, thus only managed sites are shown. Go to the <u>General Configuration</u> page in order to enable thi	is option.		
Site matching Enable this option to match the policy on all managed nodes where the site appears. This is useful when the same service, operation, etc, appears on allows matching on nodes where the site has not yet been discovered.	multiple nodes.	It also	
All Managed Nodes:			
	PREVIOUS	NEXT	CANCEL

Figure 31: Creating a new policy, select sites for policy



Figure 32: Create a new Policy, selecting message type

Select the RuleSet that needs to be associated with this policy, and click OK.

Actional Managem	ent Server	Alerts: 🛕 5 🛛 Stabilizers:	None active 🛛 Provisioning: 📕 2 🔶 3		🔔 root/Admin 🛛 🤂	Help 👻
Type here to search	a		Platform Network Business Processes	Policies Fields Stabilizers	Dimensions Deploym	ient
Policies	/* • Policy - Rule Set				OK CAN	NCEL
	Select Rule Set Specify the rule set that this policy will use. Name -	Туре	Description			
	Orbix3_RequestRuleSet	Monitoring	A ruleset for our policy for selecting	ng Requests		
					OK CAN	NCEL

Figure 33: Create a new Policy, Selecting a ruleset for the policy

20. Once you are completed creating your policy, click **ACTIVATE THIS REVISION** which locks the policy and applies it to all sites. All the nodes in the network need to be re-provisioned.

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icies	Policy Groups : Orbix3_Request Orbix3_Request	ss I S (Initial Revision) ● Poli	cy Group	DO
	Overview			ACTIVATE THIS REVISION
	This is identification and revis	ion information for the current policy g	roup.	
	Name:	Orbix3_Requests		
	Type: Description:	Policy for monitoring requests, ar	d for chawing marcage fields	
	Revision:	1	iu iu silowing message neus	
	Revision Comment:	Initial Revision		
	Ownership:	root		
	Rule Sets			ADD DE
	Rule sets applicable to this po	liev group:		
	Name -	Type	Description	
	Orbix3 RequestRules			na Requests
				ADD DE
	Policies			ADD DE
		tion of a rule set to a specific location,	and establish the relationship between said location and	
		tion of a rule set to a specific location, Applies To	and establish the relationship between said location and <u>Rule Set</u>	
	Policies determine the applica			a dimension or business process.
	Policies determine the applica	Applies To	Rule Set	a dimension or business process. Rule Set Type
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Figure 34: Overview of the Policy Group

21. Once you complete re-provisioning, any new monitored calls are available in the Audit Logs. If you click on any of the new log entries, details of the message fields are displayed. To view the **Audit Logs**, click Stabilizers tab | Stabilizer Management page link | Audit Logs.

Audit Logs	
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Interaction ID:	BQD7yiOaSQyFycwzNQGJNoAK
Date:	01/31/2012 12:45:56.271 PM
Host Name:	vm-khallig.bedford.progress.com
Group:	Monitoring
Group Revision: Service:	- 71
	Grid
Operation:	_get_height
URL Path:	/Monitoring/Grid
Request ID: Request Size (bytes): Request Data:	
Request Attachments:	none
Request Message Fields:	Name Value SERVERPORT 2600 CLIENTPORT 65441
Call Status:	SUCCEEDED
Failure Reason:	
Response Time (ms):	1
Reply Data:	
Reply Attachments:	none
Reply Message Fields:	Name Value SERVERPORT 2600 CLIENTPORT 65441
Authenticated Security ID: Role:	
Flow ID:	CADNUkTsevVG1MwzNQGJNoAK
Chain ID:	BgDNUkTsevVG1MwzNQGJNoAK
Application Logs:	none

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