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How to Configure HP Systems Insight Manager to Work with Non-HP Gear and What to Expect

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Agenda

- Industry standards for management that enable it to provide systems management for systems beyond those of HP
- Look at the standards and configuration of HP SIM
- Discuss what to expect when HP SIM is used with non-HP systems and storage



HP SIM Whitepaper

How to manage non-HP x86 Windows servers with HP SIM



Newly updated for HP SIM 5.0 SP5

Note: this is for a Windows-hosted HP SIM managing non-HP systems running Windows only

http://h20000.www2.hp.com/bc/docs/support/SupportManual/c00709449/c00709449.pdf
or access any HP SIM document / user guide / whitepaper from
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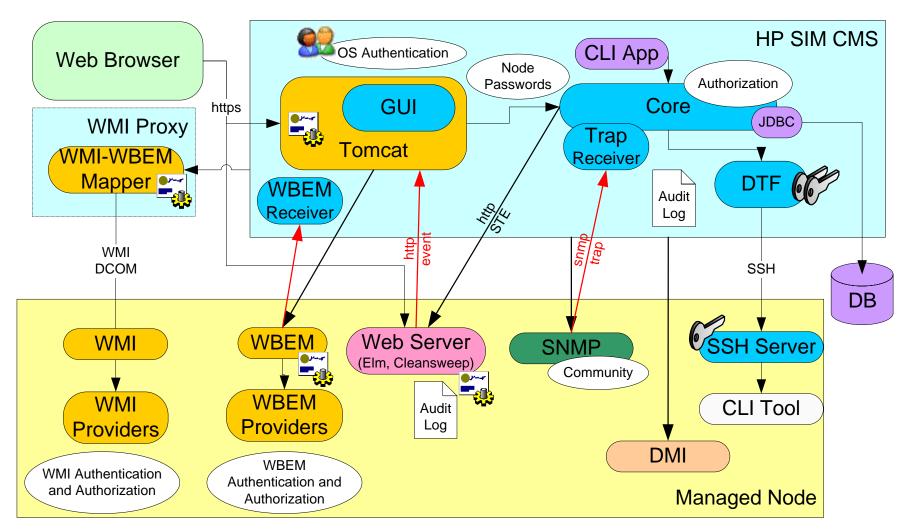


Insight Agents for non-HP gear

- ...don't exist
- Our philosophy is that the best agent for a system is from that system's maker
- Instrumenting and testing our agents on other systems would be time-consuming and always behind
- Why only Windows?
 - Not a lot of uptake for CIMOMs on Linux like OpenWBEM and OpenPegasus because of their large footprint
 - No real testing done with WBEM services for Solaris (SPARC) and AIX, but initial experience is that they weren't working



HP SIM Interfaces





Protocols used when managing non-HP

- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
 - Status polling (up/down)
 - Device identification
 - Events (SNMP traps)
- WBEM/WMI
 - Data collection from the WBEM CIMv2 namespace or the WMI namespace
- HTTP
 - Web server identification and link population



HP SIM usage of SNMP

- Prolignt servers
 - Status polling (ProLiant status array)
 - Data collection
 - Events (SNMP Traps)
- Integrity servers
 - Windows
 - Status polling
 - Data collection
 - Events (SNMP Traps)
 - Linux
 - Status polling
 - Data collection
 - Events (SNMP Traps)
 - HP-UX
 - Status polling
- Non-HP devices
 - Status polling (up/down)
 - Events (SNMP Traps)

HP SIM does
NOT use SNMP
to 'walk the MIB'



Security and SNMP

- Yes, it's true that SNMP is not secure and plain text community strings are passed
- But, if you've got people sniffing your corporate network, there are bigger problems than SNMP
- At any rate, SNMP is not recommended for use outside of a firewall on the Internet
- HP SIM does not use a 'write' community string for any operation
- You can use reasonable measures to secure SNMP
 - Respond to only specific hosts (SNMP layer)
 - Bind to a specific interface (Insight agent)



Identification process

- Like playing '20 questions...' with a device
 - Do you speak SNMP?
 - Are you a ProLiant server ?
 - Do you match one of my other identification rules ?>
 - Do you speak WBEM ?
 - XML encoded data in the CIMv2 namespace over HTTPS
 - Do you speak WMI ?
 - WMI namespace data over DCOM
 - Do you have HTTP or HTTPS services at any of the following ports?



Identification: System Type Manager

- In HP SIM, Options → Manage Systems Types
- STM enables you to customize the type and product name of third-party systems using rules based on responses to SNMP and DMI (Windows only) lists from systems on your network.
 - Manufacturers assign unique system object identifiers to their SNMP instrumented products.
 - System Type Manager (STM) enables you to customize identification by creating rules that map these system object identifiers to product categories and names of their choice.
 - HP Systems Insight Manager (HP SIM) discovers and applies information from the rule when an unknown system matches a rule that you specify.
 - Rules contains system object identifiers, and optionally, additional object identifier, that are compared with responses from a target system.
 - When a rule meets the comparison specification, the system is identified using information from the rule.
- NOTE: While STM operates independently of the MIB compile process, variable names will appear in STM for retrieval

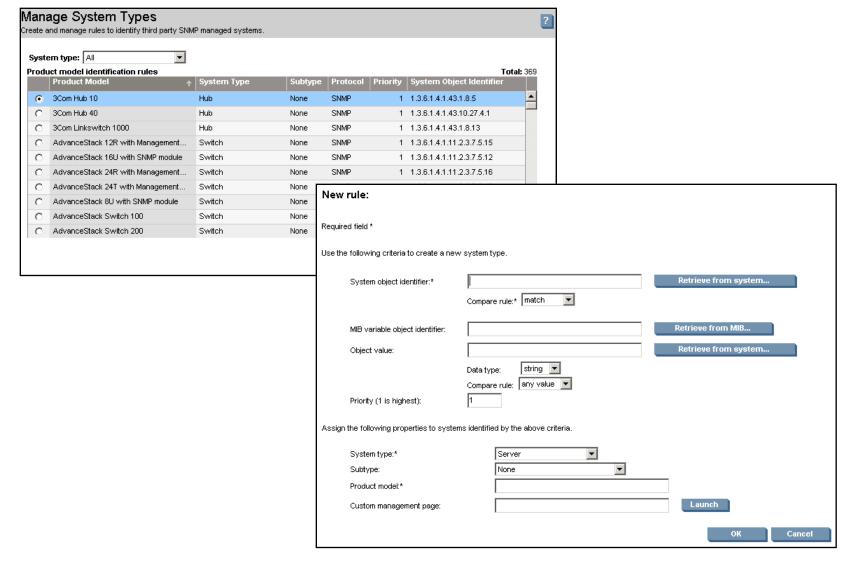


Identification: System Type Manager

- There are 27 system types including server, desktop, thin client, router, switch, storage, etc
- HP SIM comes with 369 pre-defined identification rules in System Type Manager
 - This includes types of 'Dell Server' and 'IBM Server'
 - With a little bit of work, and assuming the data is there, rules to identify individual models can be created
- Caution: a rule that is too generic can cause other rules to 'break'
- Recommendation: start out with a priority of '2'
- Remember that a product name of 'Unmanaged' means that a management protocol has not been identified and 'Unknown' means a management protocol has been identified but a rule doesn't apply for classification



Manage System Types





Events: SNMP Traps

- Successful translation of SNMP traps is done through the use of a Management Information Base (MIB)
- Since HP SIM only uses the MIB for event translation, only alert-related MIBs are necessary
- HP SIM utilizes only SNMP v1 trap information
- Compiling and registering the MIB is done with the command line utilities 'mcompile' and 'mxmib'
- HP SIM comes with more than 400 MIBs, although all of them are not compiled and registered
 - -Check the directory and use 'mxmib' to check on yours

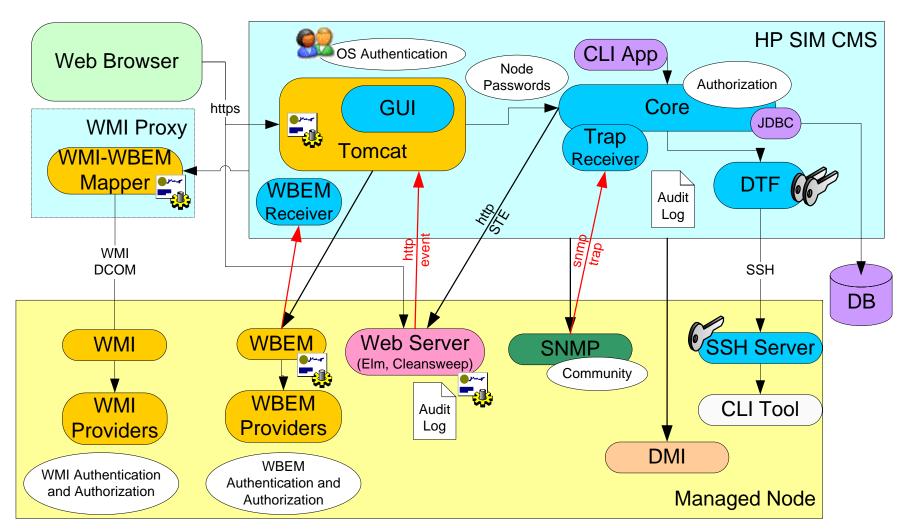


Troubleshooting SNMP

- Common mistakes are done when additional MIBs are specified in INCLUDE statements and are not found
- It is not uncommon for MIBs to have issues where the INCLUDE statement may not match the filename as it is in your directory (e.g. long filename truncated 8.3)
- Best always to copy MIBs into the HP SIM MIB directory before compiling and registering
- If a trap is being received at the HP SIM CMS but not appearing in the HP SIM Events collections, go to Options
 → Events → Event Filter Settings and enable 'Accept unregistered events'



HP SIM Interfaces





WBEM/WMI

- HP SIM speaks 'pure WBEM'
 - XML encoded data from the CIMv2 namespace over HTTPS
- WBEM is a secure protocol and has username/password authentication
 - Account used does NOT have to have administrator privileges
- WBEM is used to talk to HP-UX 11i systems and is also the mechanism used for storage (SMI-S)
- HP SIM uses the 'Pegasus WMI Mapper' to translate 'pure WBEM' to 'WMI'
- Since HP SIM only understands 'WBEM' the discovered protocols listing will <u>not</u> show 'WMI'



Pegasus WMI Mapper

- Essentially a 'black box'
- Make sure HP SIM knows where it is installed
- Previous bug where DNS name resolution was required has been fixed
- Troubleshooting
 - If there's one box that just isn't showing up with WMI, install the WMI Mapper on it and configure it into HP SIM and re-run identification
 - Make sure that WMI can travel the path between the target and the mapper; search microsoft.com for 'scriptomatic' which produces WMI scripts that can be modified to check communications
- More info: www.openpegasus.org

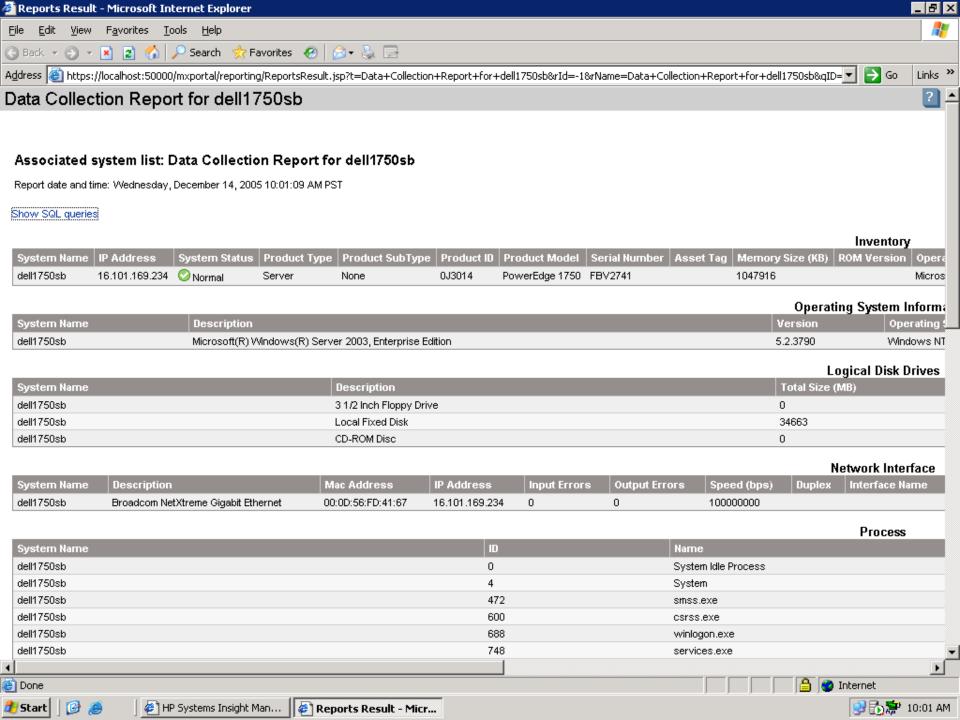


If WMI is not available (device) or not discovered (authorization)...

 ...only expect to see <u>extremely</u> basic information from the device:

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chickasaw																			
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WMI and DCOM error 10009

- HP SIM performs an 'Identification' process immediately after discovery and (by default) on a daily basis
- 'Identification' is like playing 20 questions with a device to find out what it can do
- With WBEM enabled and the WMI Mapper installed, each and every device will be asked if it supports WMI and will attempt to authenticate for each and every username/password combination it has
- Devices that don't support WMI (printers, routers, Linux servers, etc) or for which HP SIM doesn't have the proper credentials will result in a DCOM error 10009 on the CMS
- This can be <u>minimized</u> but not eliminated by not enabling WBEM on the Global Protocol Settings but instead by using it on a system by system basis



HTTP identification

- During identification, HP SIM runs through a set of UDP ports to see if HTTP services are running there and will create a link for that service if it matches
- The 'additionalWsDisc.props' file by default contains entries for IBM Director agent (port 411) and Dell OpenManage IT Server Administrator (port 1311)
- Several standard ports are checked such as port 80, but the list is user-definable in 'additionalWsDisc.props'
 - Found in:
 - C:\Program Files\HP\Systems Insight Manager\config\identification
- A companion README file documents the format
- Changes to the 'additionalWsDisc.props' file require the HP SIM service to be restarted

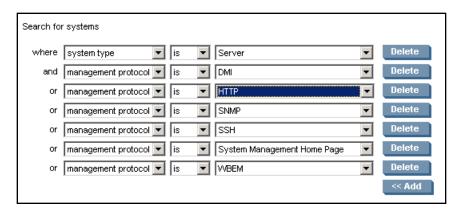


additionalWsDiscs_README.txt

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# Additional Web Server Discovery Properties - README file
# This file contains information about adding or removing additional web server ports used for discovery
 and identification. This is a guide to show the format of entries in the "additionalwsDisc.props" file.
# Entries in "additionalWsDisc.props" should be of the following format:
      Port=Description, Reserved, "true", "false", ClassName, Protocol
# where:
                  'Port': A number indicating the additional HTTP or HTTPS
                          port to be added into discovery.
           'Description': The description of the web server to be displayed in the
                         list of links on the device page if a title isn't found.
              'Reserved': Reserved - Set to a space. (*See example below.)
                  true : Reserved - Set to "true".
                 false: Reserved - Set to "false".
             'ClassName': The name of the HP Systems Insight Manager Java class
                          that does the processing for the additional
                          management processor port. This should be set to a space
                          except for HP Remote Insight Boards.
              'Protocol': The protocol on the port, either "http" or "https"
                         will default to "http" if not specified.
  The lines below are shown as an example. Any line beginning with a '#' symbol is commented out. To add
  additional HTTP ports for discovering HTTP servers (besides 80), create an entry like the line below but
  remove the comment symbol, set the desired port number and add the appropriate description and class name.
  The example below is intended to be used for discovering HP Remote Insight Boards at alternate HTTP ports
   (other than port 80). The class name shown (com.hp.mx.core.tools.identification.mgmtproc.MgmtProcessorParser)
  will identify any management processor found at the port specified.
#80=HP Remote Insight, ,true,false,com.hp.mx.core.tools.identification.mgmtproc.MgmtProcessorParser,http
  The example below shows the 'Reserved' field in use to search for a specific URL. Note that because this
  specific example uses port 80 which is the default HTTP port, the 'Description' field is generic to account for
  other web servers running on port 80 that might unexpectedly match this rule.
#80=Default Web Server, itassistant/ui/omaBaseFrame.htm, true, false, ,http
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Troubleshooting identification

Create a collection called 'Protocols' and customize the fields it displays

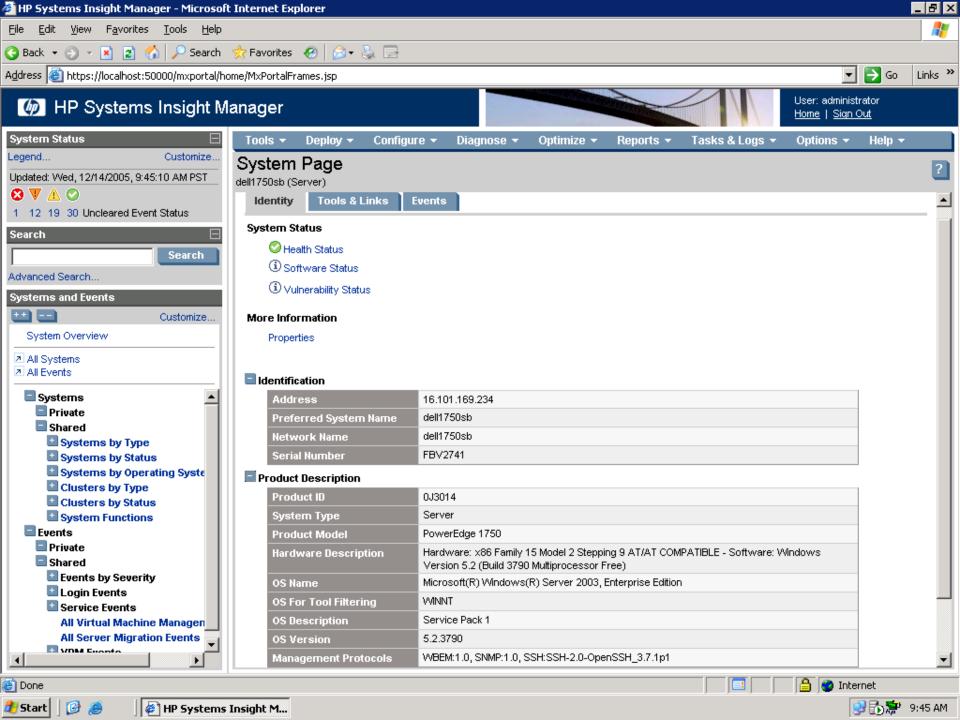




What to expect...

- For non-HP gear, HP SIM does <u>NOT</u>:
 - Map management processors (e.g. IBM Remote Supervisor Adapter, Dell Remote Access Controller) to their hosted server
 - Provide physical associations and visualization for blade servers
 - Perform secure task execution actions designed for the Insight agents (e.g. 'Replicate agent settings...', 'Set disk thresholds')
 - Provide Version Control to keep software and firmware up to date
 - -Get any more detail than is instrumented in WMI





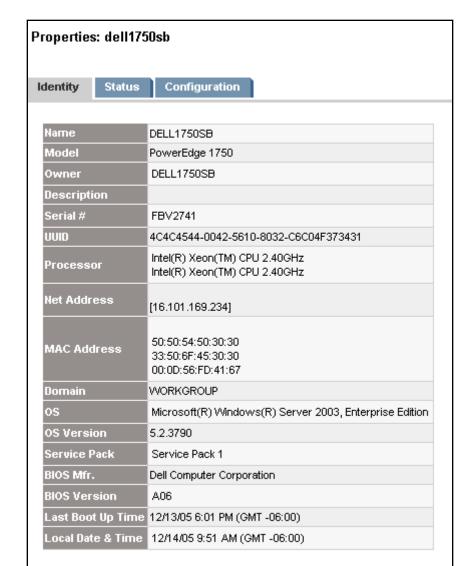
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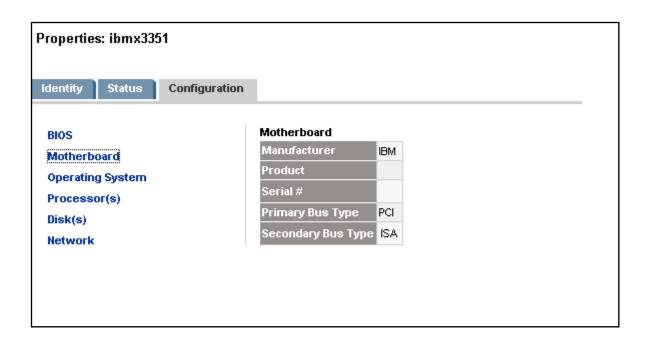
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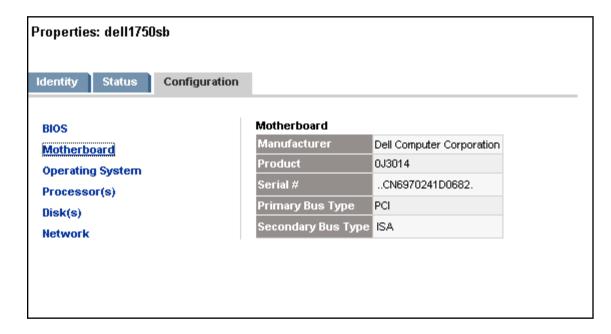
Status

Configuration

Name	IBMX3351				
Model	eserver xSeries 335 -[867671X]-				
Owner	Scott				
Description					
Serial #	KPWNT47				
UUID	54C17926-1DE2-11B2-BAFA-D496E17B4324				
Processor	Intel(R) Xeon(TM) CPU 2.60GHz Intel(R) Xeon(TM) CPU 2.60GHz				
Net Address	[16.101.169.237] [0.0.0.0]				
MAC Address	00:0D:60:1B:DC:5C 00:0D:60:1B:DC:5D 50:50:54:50:30:30 33:50:6F:45:30:30				
Domain	WORKGROUP				
os	Microsoft(R) Windows(R) Server 2003, Standard Edition				
OS Version	5.2.3790				
Service Pack	Service Pack 1				
BIOS Mfr.	ВМ				
BIOS Version	-[T2E134CUS-1.12]-				
Last Boot Up Time	11/21/05 1:14 PM (GMT -06:00)				
Local Date & Time	12/13/05 5:41 PM (GMT -06:00)				







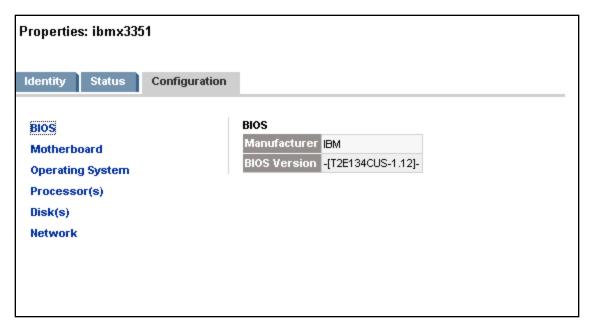
Beyond HP SIM... ProLiant Essentials and non-HP gear

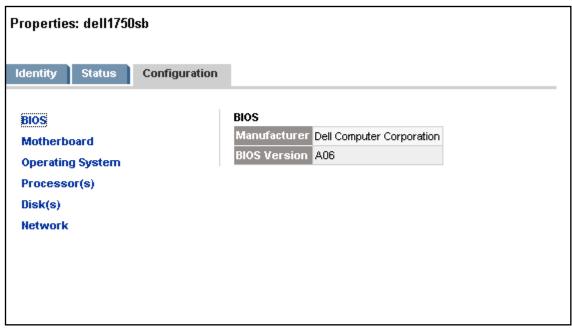
Packages with <u>no</u> hardware dependencies					
Vulnerability and Patch Management Pack	Functionality is identical				
Virtual Machine Management Pack	Functionality is identical				
Workload Management Pack	Functionality is identical				

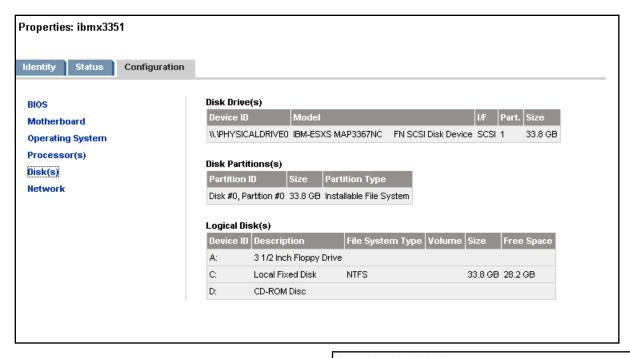
Packages with <u>caveats</u>						
Rapid Deployment Pack	HP ships the Altiris Deployment Server in its entirety without change. Other systems can be deployed with it using various techniques, but without HP customer assistance. HP does <u>NOT</u> sell RDP licenses for non-HP gear by contract with Altiris.					
Server Migration Pack (including P2ProLiant)	Any non-HP device can be a SOURCE machine					

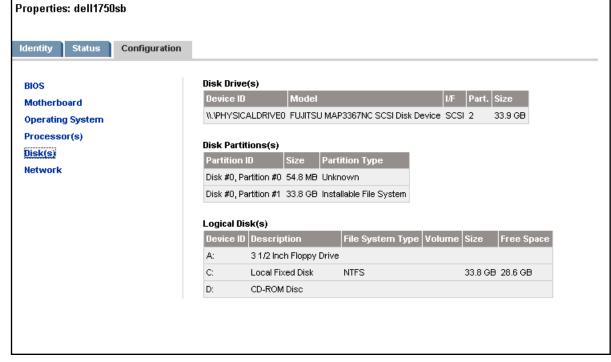
Packages with <u>no non-HP functionality</u>						
Performance Management Pack	Depends on the Insight agents for information					
Intelligent Networking Pack	Utilizes special hooks in HP NIC firmware					
Accelerated iSCSI Pack	Utilizes special hooks in HP NIC firmware					
HP Control Tower for HP BladeSystem	BladeSystem only					

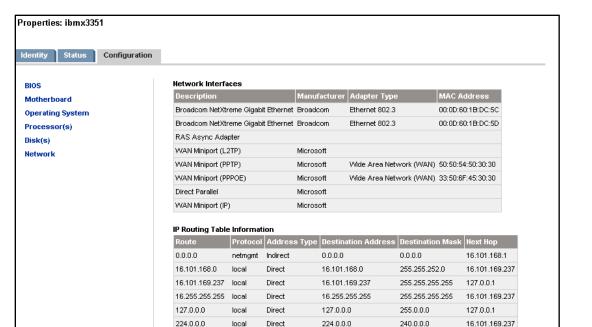












Direct

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255,255,255,255 local

255.255.255.255 local

BIOS
Motherboard
Operating System
Processor(s)
Disk(s)
Network

Properties: dell1750sb

Network Interfaces Manufacturer Adapter Type MAC Address RAS Async Adapter WAN Miniport (L2TP) Microsoft WAN Miniport (PPTP) Microsoft Wide Area Network (WAN) 50:50:54:50:30:30 Wide Area Network (VVAN) 33:50:6F:45:30:30 WAN Miniport (PPPOE) Microsoft Direct Parallel Microsoft WAN Miniport (IP) Microsoft Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet Broadcom Ethernet 802.3 00:0D:56:FD:41:67 Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet Broadcom

IP Routing Table Information

Route	Protocol	Address Type	Destination Address	Destination Mask	Next Hop
0.0.0.0	netmgmt	Indirect	0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0	16.101.168.1
16.101.168.0	local	Direct	16.101.168.0	255.255.252.0	16.101.169.234
16.101.169.234	local	Direct	16.101.169.234	255.255.255.255	127.0.0.1
16.255.255.255	local	Direct	16.255.255.255	255.255.255.255	16.101.169.234
127.0.0.0	local	Direct	127.0.0.0	255.0.0.0	127.0.0.1
224.0.0.0	local	Direct	224.0.0.0	240.0.0.0	16.101.169.234
255.255.255.255	local	Direct	255.255.255.255	255.255.255.255	16.101.169.234

