

# What to Consider When Selecting an IPM Tool

## Questions to Ask

## Uses

	Maintenance and Management	Strategic Planning	Cloud Migration	Data Center Migration	Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures
<b>Resource Requirements</b>					
Does the IPM tool require a full time employee to run it?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Will the IPM tool cause any performance or capability problems due to excessive monitoring?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Comprehensive Oversight (broad and deep)</b>					
Is the IPM tool inclusive of servers, storage, SAN and applications?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does the IPM tool allow you to monitor multiple brands?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does it monitor the environment 24/7/365?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does it offer a high degree of granularity to avoid skewed data?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Are you able to keep historical data as long as you like?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Can you drill deeply to determine root causes?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Can you monitor cloud, hybrid and on-premises environments?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Ease of Use</b>					
Does it enable you to set thresholds for easy monitoring and prevention of business disruptions?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does it include visually appealing dashboards that provide key insights at-a-glance?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Do the dashboards distill the most critical information?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does the company offer services to support you?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Data Precision</b>					
Is the data granular enough that you can avoid skewed data that can mislead you?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Advanced Analytics for Planning</b>					
Can you tag and group assets from part of your IT environment virtually for analyses?			✓	✓	✓
Can you execute "what if?" scenarios without exporting data to a spreadsheet?			✓	✓	✓

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