NOCturne - Storyboard

Entry for VAST 2013, Mini-Challenge 2: Situation Awareness Display Design



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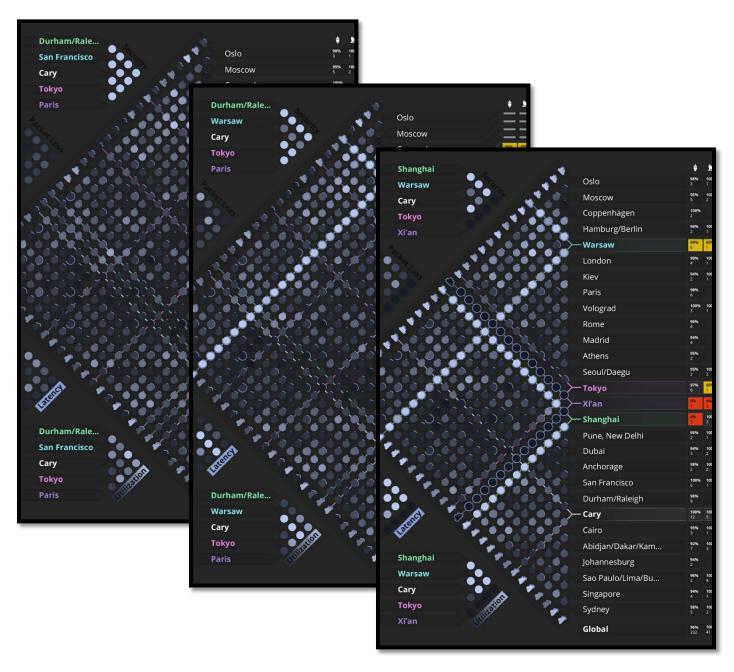
NOCturne setup

The NOCturne network operations monitor adjusts to particular business priorities and context in the following ways:

Location priorities

The NOCturne UI provides detailed metrics for locations that are most critical to the operation of the business, and recognizes that this may change based on the situation. As underlying context for selecting which locations to focus on a list of location priorities must be provided

In the first image, we see the top 5 cities that are important for the company during normal operations. However, Warsaw replaces San Francisco as soon as abnormal activity is detected there. Finally, Shanghai and Xian are added as soon as an earthquake event sends those offices in a critical state. Note that Cary, the world headquarters of BIG Enterprise, is always shown due to its critical business impact.



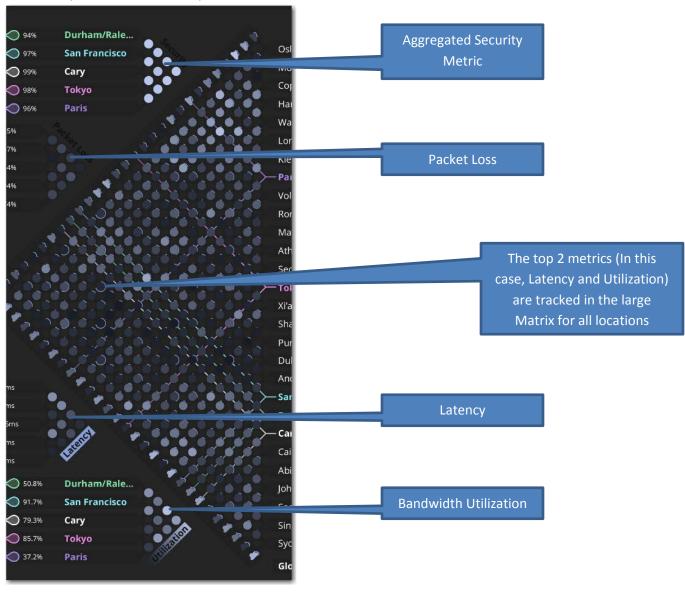
Tracked metrics

NOCturne presents the business metrics ordered based on the priority that they are given. This way more detail and visibility is provided for more critical metrics.

In the **Grid**, important business metrics are given columns after the columns for important network hardware and service health represented by icons:



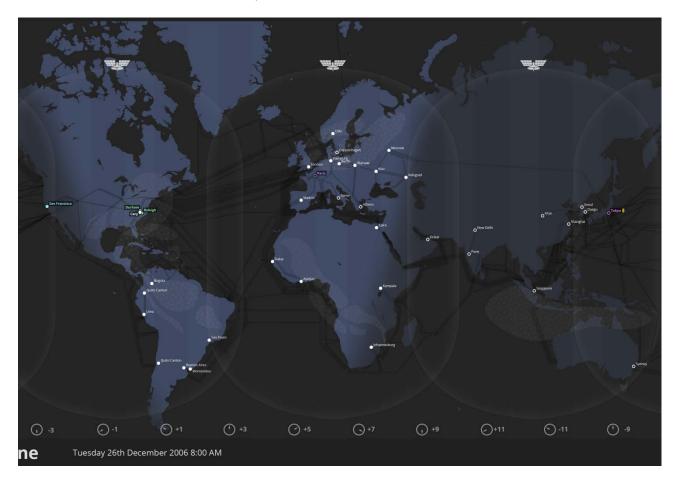
The top 4 measures for the business are tracked in the smaller **Matrices**. In the current scenario, they are Security, Packet Loss, Latency, and Bandwidth Utilization:



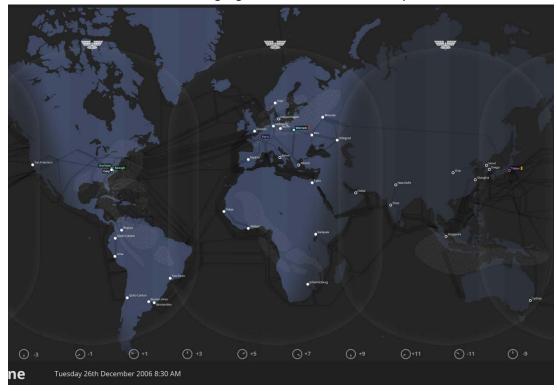
Information overlays on the Geomap

Overlays on the Geomap can be selected to reflect the factors that most affect business operation. This view shows:

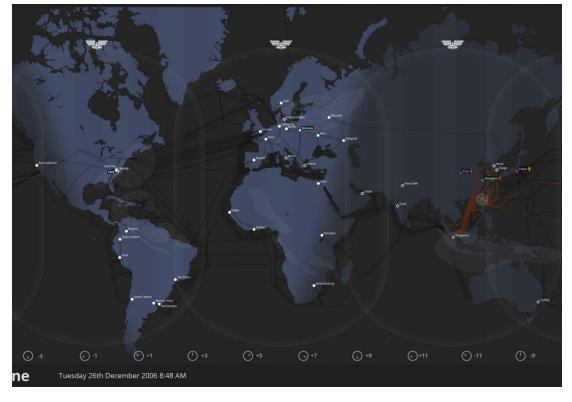
- 1. Locations
 - a. Global position of each location.
 - b. Status of locations that have reached alert level.
 - c. Whether an office is within business hours or not.
- 2. Connectivity and status of the land and undersea cables important for the business.
- 3. Day/night for the globe.
- 4. Current satellite coverage important for the business.
- 5. Weather patterns of significance.
- 6. Critical events such as an earthquake.



In this view the Warsaw office is highlighted as soon as the security metrics show abnormal readings:

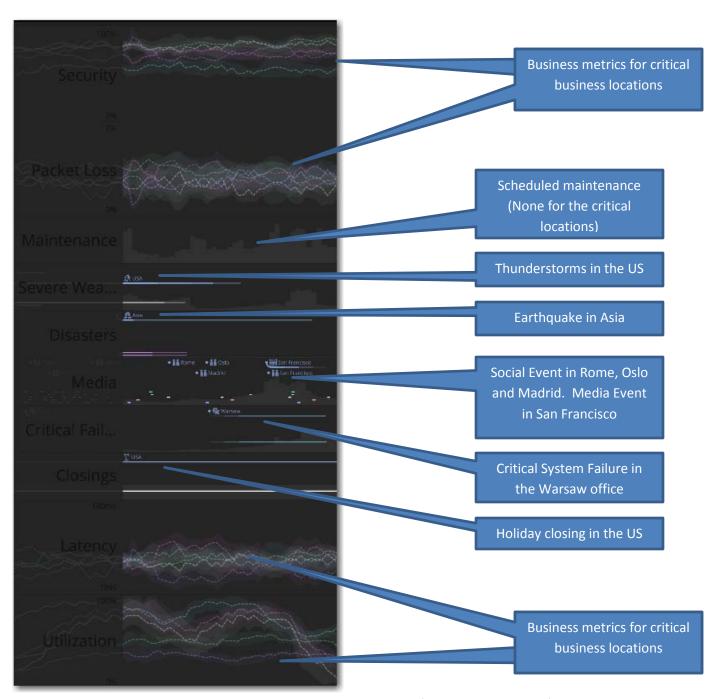


When the earthquake hits Taiwan, undersea and land cables are disrupted, and the Shanghai and Xian offices are highlighted as their performance and health metrics degrade:



Timeline

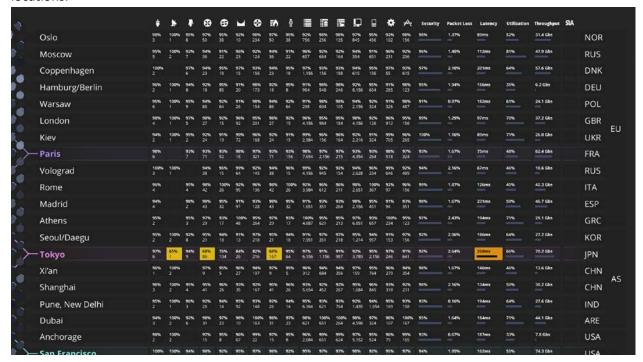
The **Timeline**, history and future, provides the NOC team with a consolidated view of all metrics, events, and business factors at a point in time. The combining of information into one UI from disparate sources, allows the team to quickly grasp the situation and make decisions.



The UI samples the events displayed in detail based on the priority of the and highlighted for the locations that are in focus at that point of time.

Displaying Detailed Topology

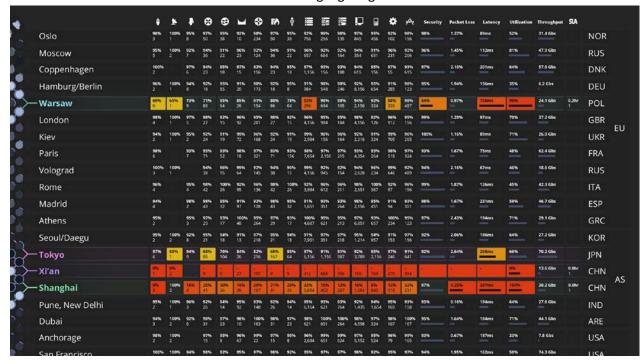
During normal operations, NOCturne displays performance, health and security metrics in rows for all locations.



As soon as NOCturne detects substantially abnormal system metrics for a certain location, and it is the only location experiencing severe issues, a detailed topology is automatically opened for that location. In this view Warsaw has a detailed topology displayed. As a result of this expansion some information for non-critical systems is compressed but still displayed to allow for continued monitoring:



In the case when multiple system failures are detected, (The denial of service in Warsaw, and Earthquake effects in Shanghai and Xian) the detail topology closes to show the grid rows with summarized metrics but this time with indicators highlighting the critical states.



Legend

Legend information can be accessed from workstations via applications linked to NOCturne. The legend provides reference for the data mappings and meaning of the various icons used in the display:

