

# SHARE in Pittsburgh – Session 15802

## Introduction to the Hardware Management Console UI and API

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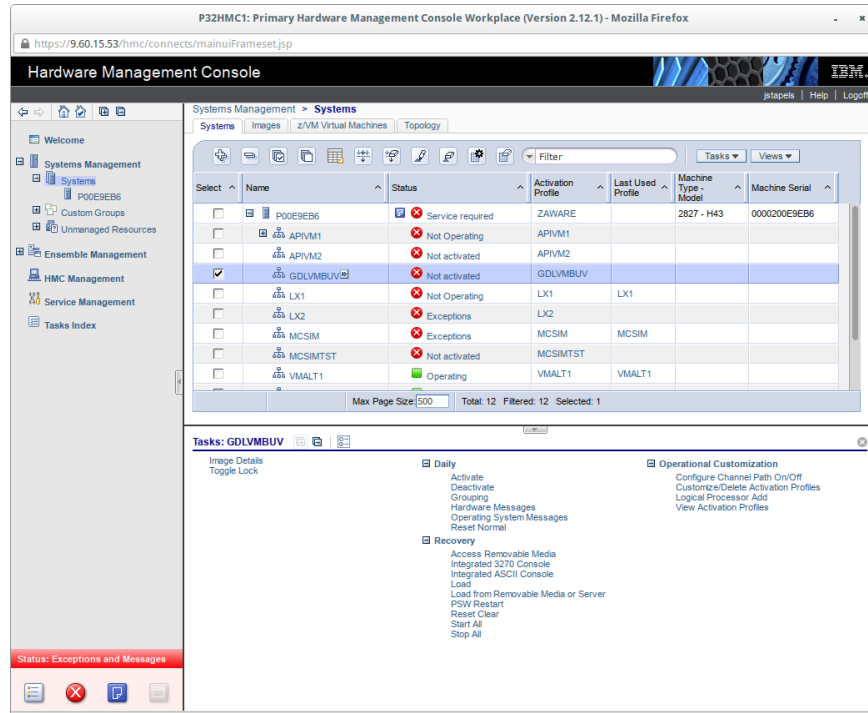
## Agenda

- HMC User Interface
  - Tree Style and Classic Style
  - Changing Layout Preferences
  - Animated Tours & Tutorials
  - Classic Style Layout
  - Tree Style Layout
  - Wizard / Details Tasks
- HMC Application Programmer Interfaces
  - Overview
  - CIM
  - SNMP
  - Web Services API

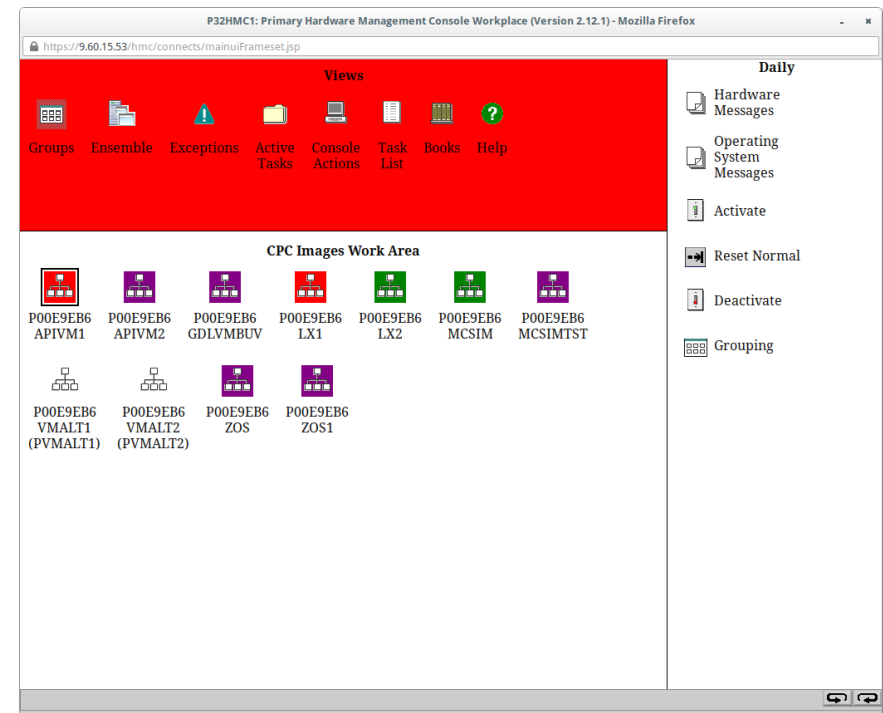
# HMC User Interface

## HMC User Interface – Default UI Style

### Tree Style (default)

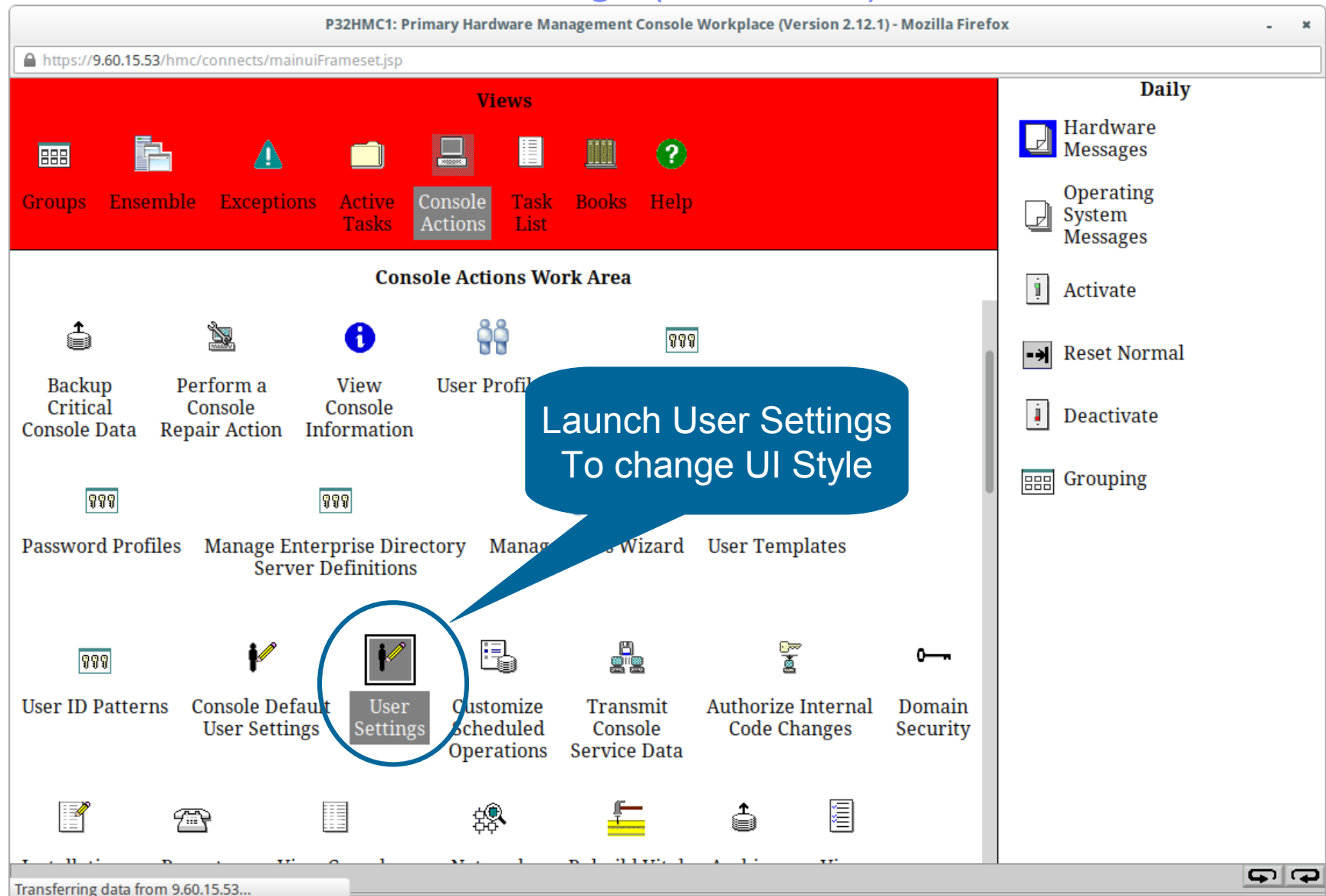


### Classic Style (optional)



- New users and new installs use Tree Style as default
- PEMODE and SERVICE Ids default to “Classic” style
- Upgrades will retain existing user preferences
- UI style change is immediate – no log off required

## HMC User Interface – User Settings (Classic UI)



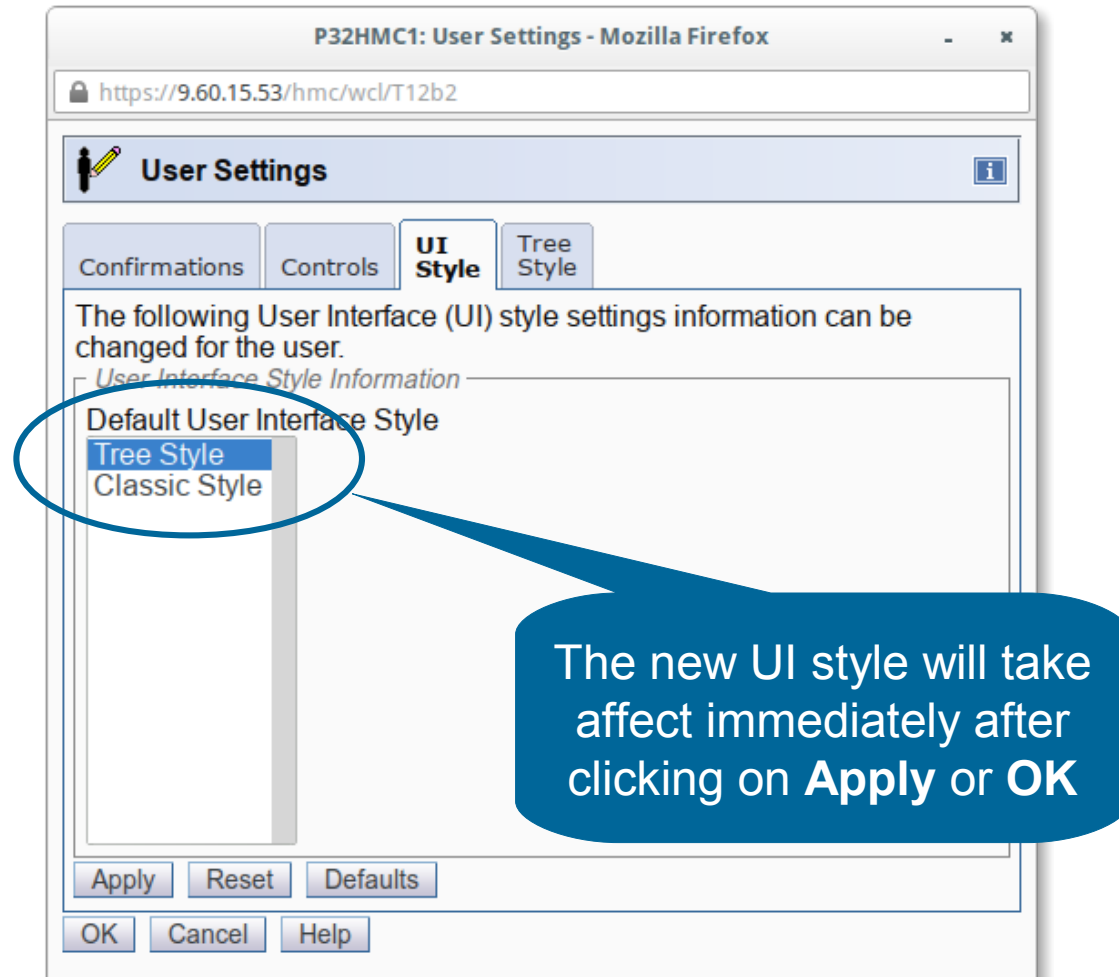
## HMC User Interface – User Settings (Tree UI)

**Launch User Settings To change UI Style**

**User Settings**  
Customize the appearance of the workplace

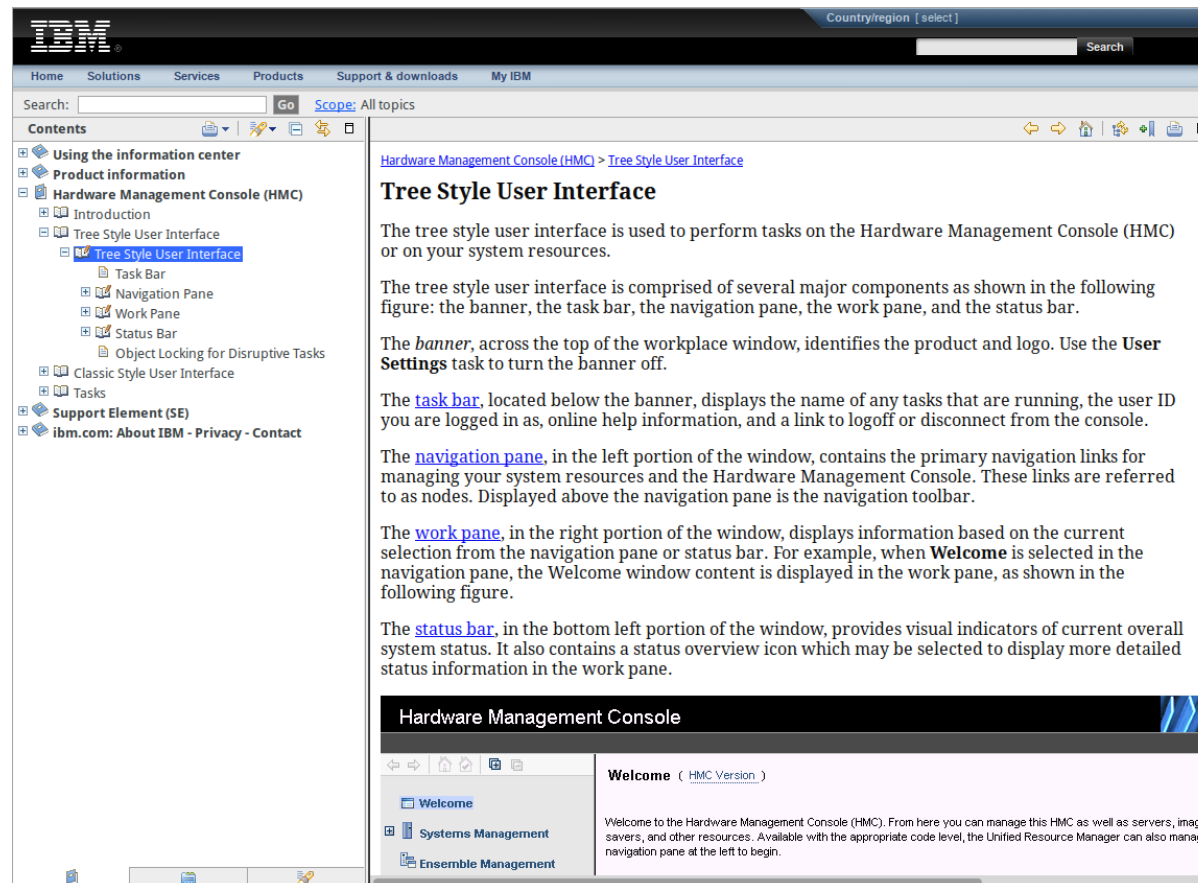
## HMC User Interface – User Settings (UI Style)

- Select **UI Style** tab and then choose the user interface style



## HMC User Interface – Getting Help

- Help can be found on IBM Information Center
  - <http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/hwmca/v2r12m1/index.jsp>





## HMC User Interface – Getting Help (cont.)

- Walkthroughs & tutorials can be found on IBM Resource Link
- <http://www.ibm.com/servers/resourcelink>

The screenshot shows the IBM Resource Link page for the course "Using the Hardware Management Console (HMC) Tree Style Interface versions 2.11.0, 2.11.1, and 2.12.0". The page includes a navigation menu on the left with options like Site search, Planning, Education, Library, Fixes, Problem solving, Services, Tools, Customer Initiated Upgrade, and Feedback. The main content area provides a welcome message, explains the two user interface styles (Tree Style and Classic Style), and lists the modules available for download. A table lists the modules with their titles, published dates, and links to play or download the SWF files.

Title	Published date/ Updated date	SWF file	ZIP file
<b>HMC User Interface</b>			
Selecting User Interface Styles	Published 10 November 2011	<a href="#">Play</a>	<a href="#">Download (0.94MB)</a>
<b>HMC Tree Style User Interface</b>			
Using the Tree Style User Interface	Published 10 November 2011	<a href="#">Play</a>	<a href="#">Download (0.34MB)</a>
Navigating the HMC	Published 10 November 2011	<a href="#">Play</a>	<a href="#">Download (1.14MB)</a>
<b>Managing System Resources</b>			
Launching Tasks	Published 10 November 2011	<a href="#">Play</a>	<a href="#">Download (1.09MB)</a>
Creating and Editing Custom Groups	Published 10 November 2011	<a href="#">Play</a>	<a href="#">Download (2.89MB)</a>
<b>Managing the HMC</b>			

https://www-304.ibm.com/servers/resourcelink/edu03010.nsf/pages/usingTheHMCTreeStyleInterface2.11.1/\$file/selecting\_user\_interface\_style\_20110517\_viewlet\_swf.html

## HMC User Interface – Classic Style Layout

The screenshot shows the HMC user interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The title bar reads "P32HMC1: Primary Hardware Management Console Workplace (Version 2.12.1) - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "https://9.60.15.53/hmc/connects/mainuiFrameset.jsp".

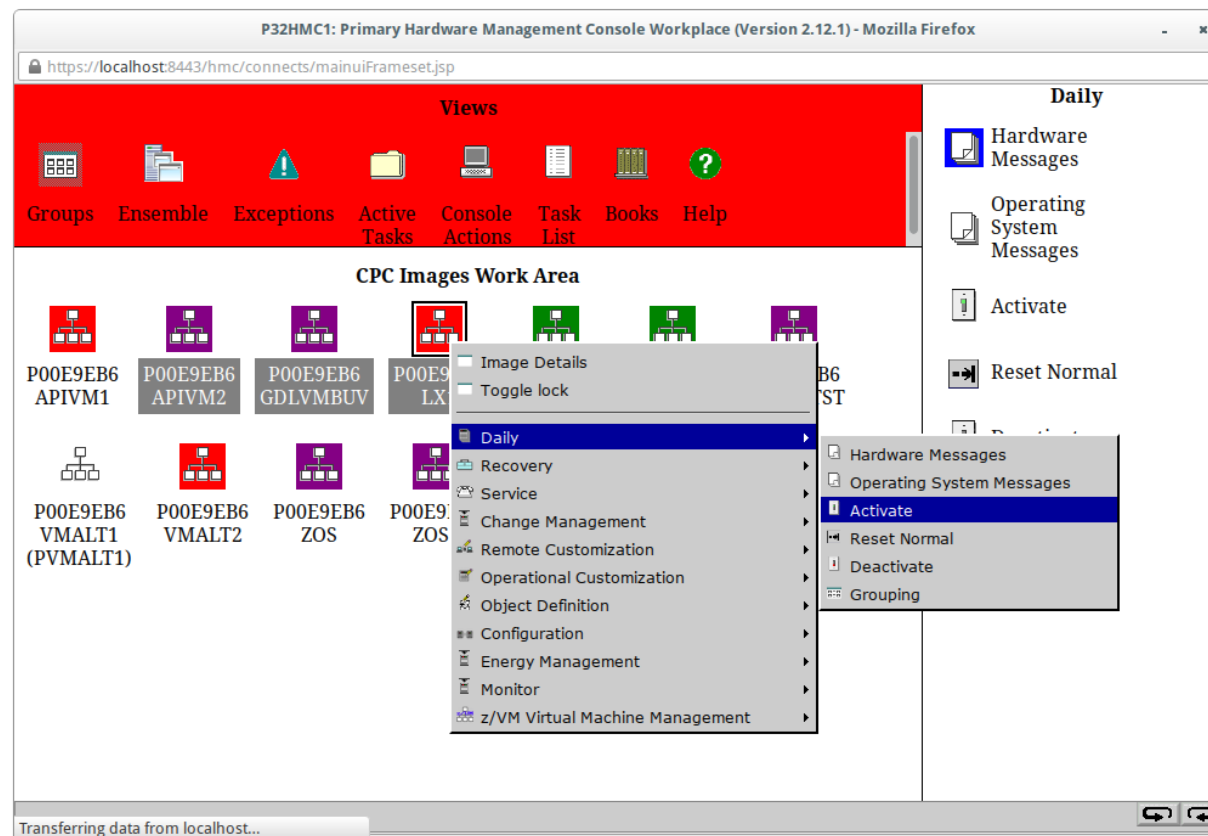
**View Navigation:** A red header bar contains icons and labels for "Groups", "Ensemble", "Exceptions", "Active Tasks", "Console Actions", "Task List", "Books", and "Help".

**Work Area:** The main content area is titled "CPC Images Work Area". It displays a grid of icons representing different CPC images, each with a label: "P00E9EB6 APIVM1", "P00E9EB6 APIVM2", "P00E9EB6 GDLVMBUV", "P00E9EB6 LX1", "P00E9EB6 LX2", "P00E9EB6 MCSIM", "P00E9EB6 MCSIMTST", "P00E9EB6 VMALT1 (PVMALT1)", "P00E9EB6 VMALT2 (PVMALT2)", "P00E9EB6 ZOS", and "P00E9EB6 ZOS1".


**Tasks:** A sidebar on the right contains a "Daily" section with icons and labels for "Hardware Messages", "Operating System Messages", "Activate", "Reset Normal", "Deactivate", and "Grouping".

## HMC User Interface – Classic Style Layout (cont.)

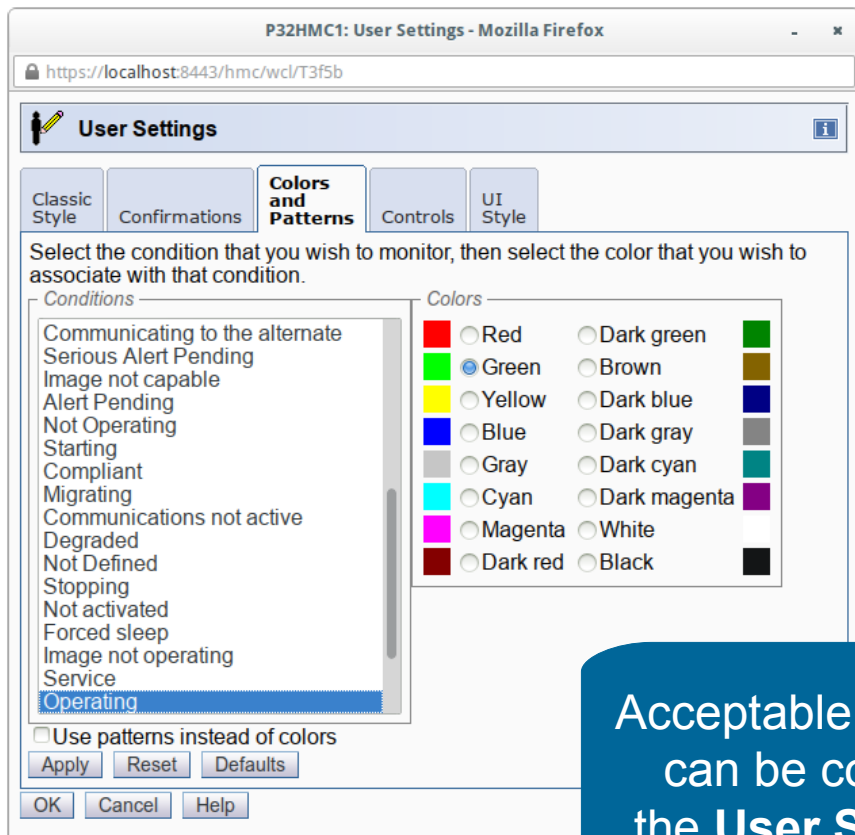
- Tasks can be launched against targets:
  - Through a right-click pop-up menu
  - Dragging and dropping on the task



## HMC User Interface – Classic Style Layout (cont.)

- Classic Style UI uses colors and patterns to identify statuses
- Configured in the **User Settings** task 

User  
Settings



P32HMC1: User Settings - Mozilla Firefox

https://localhost:8443/hmc/wcl/T3f5b

User Settings

Classic Style | Confirmations | **Colors and Patterns** | Controls | UI Style

Select the condition that you wish to monitor, then select the color that you wish to associate with that condition.

Conditions

- Communicating to the alternate
- Serious Alert Pending
- Image not capable
- Alert Pending
- Not Operating
- Starting
- Compliant
- Migrating
- Communications not active
- Degraded
- Not Defined
- Stopping
- Not activated
- Forced sleep
- Image not operating
- Service
- Operating**

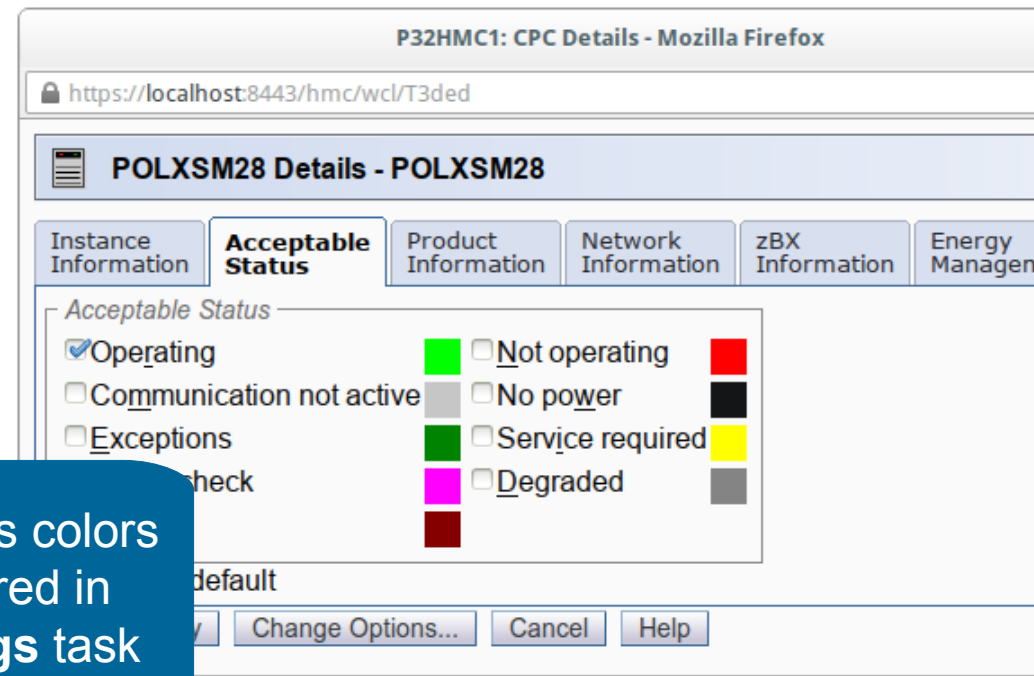
Colors

<input type="radio"/> Red	<input type="radio"/> Dark green	<input type="radio"/> Green
<input type="radio"/> Yellow	<input type="radio"/> Brown	<input type="radio"/> Blue
<input type="radio"/> Blue	<input type="radio"/> Dark blue	<input type="radio"/> Gray
<input type="radio"/> Gray	<input type="radio"/> Dark gray	<input type="radio"/> Dark cyan
<input type="radio"/> Cyan	<input type="radio"/> Dark cyan	<input type="radio"/> Dark magenta
<input type="radio"/> Magenta	<input type="radio"/> White	<input type="radio"/> Black
<input type="radio"/> Dark red	<input type="radio"/> Black	<input type="radio"/> Black

☐ Use patterns instead of colors

Apply Reset Defaults

OK Cancel Help



P32HMC1: CPC Details - Mozilla Firefox

https://localhost:8443/hmc/wcl/T3ded

POLXSM28 Details - POLXSM28

Instance Information | **Acceptable Status** | Product Information | Network Information | zBX Information | Energy Manager

Acceptable Status

- ☒ Operating
- ☐ Communication not active
- ☐ Exceptions

check

default

Change Options... Cancel Help

Acceptable Status colors  
can be configured in  
the **User Settings** task

# HMC User Interface – Tree Style Layout

## Task Bar

Hardware Management Console

Image Details | View Activation Profiles

Systems Management > Systems

Systems | Images | z/VM Virtual Machines | Topology

Select	Name	Status	Activation Profile	Last Used Profile	Machine Type - Model	Machine Serial
<input type="checkbox"/>	P00E9EB6	Service required	ZAWARE		2827 - H43	0000200E9EB6
<input type="checkbox"/>	APIVM1	Not Operating	APIVM1			
<input type="checkbox"/>	APIVM2	Not activated	APIVM2			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GDLVMBUV	Not activated	GDLVMBUV			
<input type="checkbox"/>	LX1	Not Operating	LX1	LX1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	LX2	Exceptions	LX2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCSIM	Exceptions	MCSIM	MCSIM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCSIMTST	Not activated	MCSIMTST			
<input type="checkbox"/>	VMALT1	Operating	VMALT1	VMALT1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	VMALT2	Operating	VMALT2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	ZOS	Not activated	ZOS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	ZOS1	Not activated	ZOS1			

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Tasks: GDLVMBUV

Image Details  
Toggle Lock

Daily  
Activate  
Deactivate  
Grouping  
Hardware Messages  
Operating System Messages  
Reset Normal  
Recovery

Operational Customization  
Configure Channel Path On/Off  
Customize/Delete Activation Profiles  
Logical Processor Add  
View Activation Profiles

Status: Exceptions and Messages

Work Pane

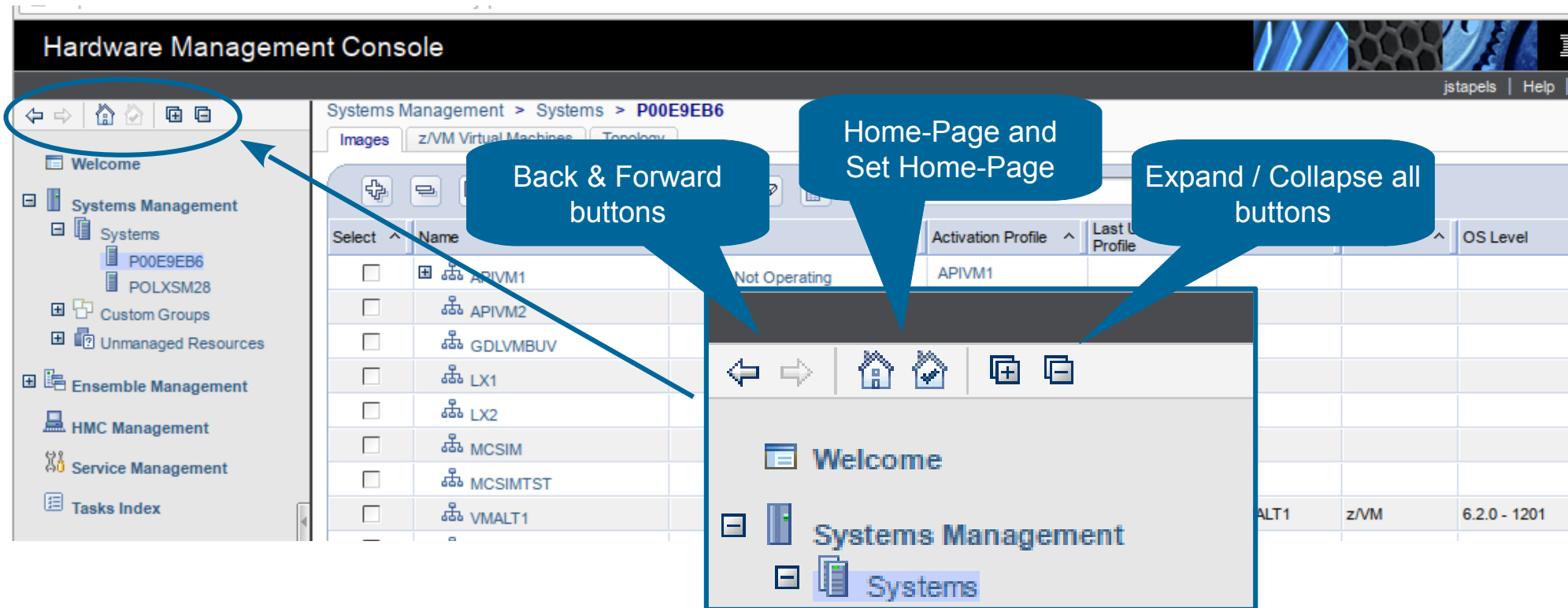
Tasks Pad

Navigation Area

Status Bar

## HMC User Interface – Navigation Area

- Allows quickly jumping between sections of the Tree UI
- Navigate between previous selections
- Set a homepage



## HMC User Interface – Work Pane

- Lists objects based on your current navigation area
- View properties and perform operations

Systems Management > **Systems**

Systems Images z/VM Virtual Machines Topology

Filter

Tasks Views

Sel...	Name	Status	Activation Profile	Last Used Profile	Machine Type - Model	Machine Serial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P00E9EB6	Service required	ZAWARE		2827 - H43	0000200E9EB6
<input type="checkbox"/>	APIVM1	Not Operating	APIVM1			
<input type="checkbox"/>	APIVM2	Not activated	APIVM2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	GDLVMBUV	Not activated	GDLVMBUV			
<input type="checkbox"/>	LX1	Not Operating	LX1	LX1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	LX2	Exceptions	LX2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCSIM	Exceptions	MCSIM	MCSIM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCSIMTST	Not activated	MCSIMTST			
<input type="checkbox"/>	VMALT1	Operating	VMALT1	VMALT1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	VMALT2	Not Operating	VMALT2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	ZOS	Not activated	ZOS			

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## HMC User Interface – Work Pane (cont.)

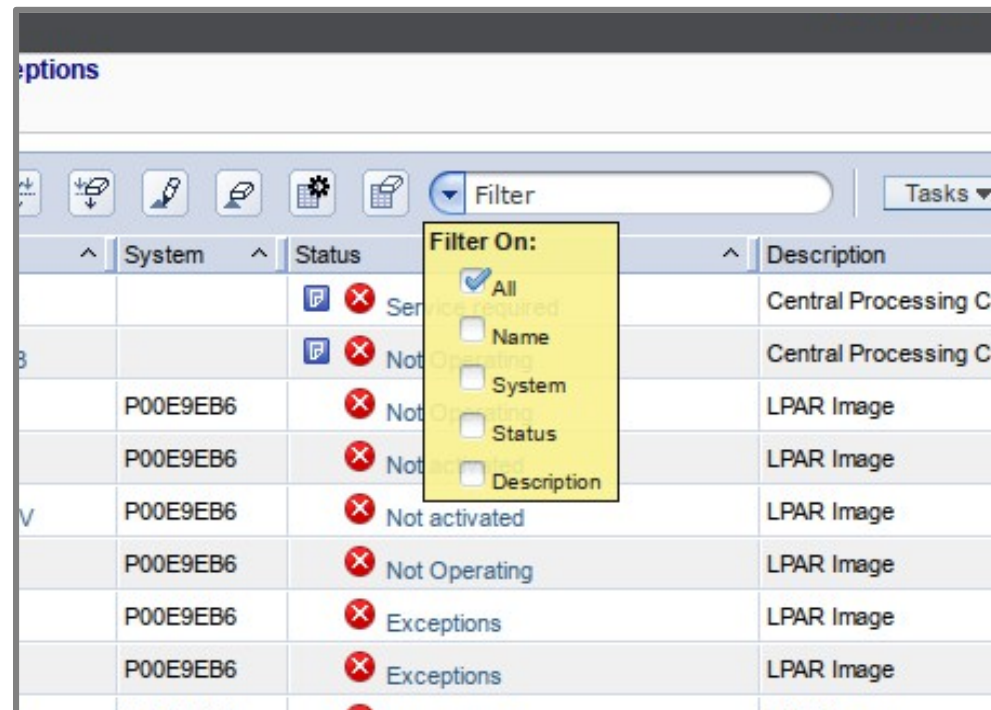
- (1) Expand / Collapse All
- (2) Select / Deselect All
- (3) Export Data
- (4) Configure / Clear Filtering
- (5) Edit / Clear Sorting
- (6) Display / Hide / Reset Columns
- (7) Filter on Specific Text





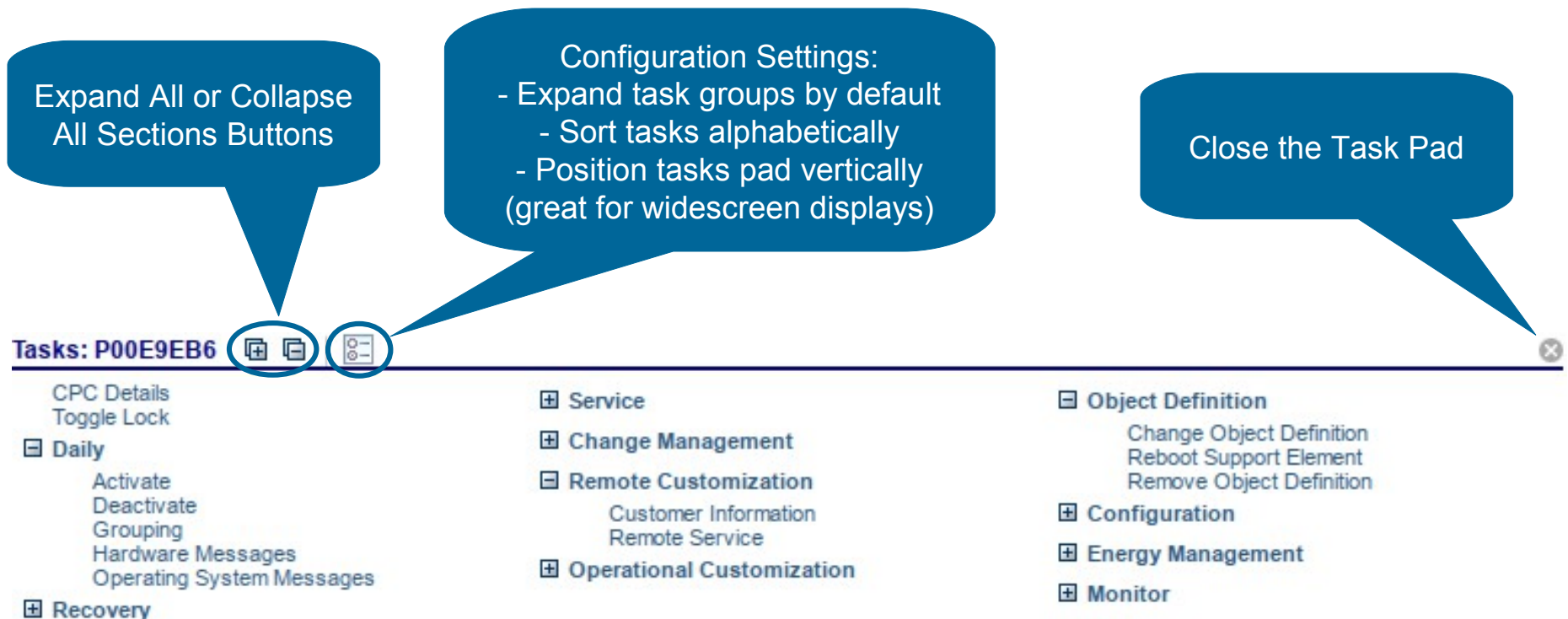
## HMC User Interface – Work Pane (cont.)

- When filtering, you can select criteria to search against:
  - All
  - Name
  - System
  - Status
  - Description



## HMC User Interface – Tasks Pad

- Displays valid actions based on the selected object(s)
- Automatically hides actions if the target(s) would be invalid



## HMC User Interface – Tasks Index

- Lists all available tasks making it easy to search for a specific task

Hardware Management Console

Tasks Index

Customize

Name	Permitted Objects	Count	Description
Create Welcome Text			Customize the greeting displayed before logging on
Customer Information	Servers	0	Customize customer information for selected CPCs
Customize/Delete Activation Profiles	Partitions, Servers		
Customize API Settings			
Customize Automatic Logon			
Customize Console Date/Time			
Customize Console Services			
Customize Customer Information		0	Customize the customer information for the console
Customize Network Settings		0	View current network information and change settings
Customize Network Settings	Blades	0	View current network information and change settings
Customize Outbound Connectivity		0	Customize remote support outbound connectivity for the
Customize Product Engineering Access		0	Customize Product Engineering access to the console
Customize Remote Service		1	Customize remote service settings for the console
Customize Scheduled Operations	Blades, Servers, Virtual Servers,	0	Customize schedule of automated console operations
Customize Scheduled Operations		0	Customize schedule of automated console operations
Customize Support Element Date/Time	Servers	0	Set time of day clocks of support elements for selected C
Customize User Controls		1	Define, customize and remove managed resource roles
Grouping	BladeCenters, Blades, Director/T	16	Customize groups with selected objects
Password Profiles		2	Create, customize, or verify the password rules assigne
Remote Service	Servers	0	Customize remote service information for selected CPCs
Save/Restore Customizable Console Data		0	Make or restore copy of console's customize data.
User Settings		11	Customize the appearance of the workplace

Total: 201 Filtered: 26

Status: Exceptions and Messages

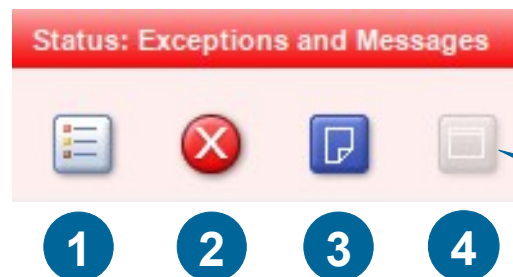
Transferring data from localhost...

Access from the Navigation Area

Filter On a Specific Keyword or Phrase

## HMC User Interface – Status Area

- At a glance view showing the status of your machines
- Quick jump to:
  - (1) Status Overview – Shows a summary of all affects objects
  - (2) Exceptions – List all objects with exceptions
  - (3) Hardware Messages – Lists all objects with hardware messages
  - (4) Operating System Messages – Lists all objects with OS Messages



## HMC User Interface – Status Area (cont.)



### Status Overview

To view details of exceptions and messages, click on the associated hyperlinks.



### Exceptions (16)

Systems: 2 Images: 10 z/Virtual Machines: 4



### Hardware Messages (3)

HMC: 1 Systems: 2



### Operating System Messages (0)

Clicking on a category takes you to a list of the affected objects



P32HMC1: Primary Hardware Management Console Workplace (Version 2.12.1) - Mozilla Firefox

https://localhost:8443/hmc/connects/mainuiFrameset.jsp

### Hardware Management Console

jstapels | Help | Logoff

Status Overview > Exceptions

Exceptions Topology

Filter

Select	Name	System	Status	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P00E9EB6		Service required	Central Processing Complex (CPC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	POLXSM28		Not Operating	Central Processing Complex (CPC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	APIVM1	P00E9EB6	Not Operating	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	APIVM2	P00E9EB6	Not activated	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	GDLVMBUV	P00E9EB6	Not activated	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	LX1	P00E9EB6	Not Operating	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	LX2	P00E9EB6	Exceptions	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCSIM	P00E9EB6	Exceptions	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCSIMTST	P00E9EB6	Not activated	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	VMALT2	P00E9EB6	Not Operating	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	ZOS	P00E9EB6	Not activated	LPAR Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	ZOS1	P00E9EB6	Not activated	LPAR Image

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Tasks: P00E9EB6

CPC Details  
Toggle Lock

Daily  
Recovery

Service  
Change Management  
Remote Customization  
Operational Customization

Object Definition  
Configuration  
Energy Management  
Monitor

Status: Exceptions and Messages

Transferring data from localhost...

## HMC User Interface – Wizard Tasks

- Wizard style tasks guide you step by step

New Element Group - hmccec121

✓ \* Welcome

\* Name

\* Objectives

\* Virtual Servers

\* Workloads

\* Summary

### Name Element Group

Enter a name, description, and category for the element group.

Name:  
DayElementGroup

Description:  
A test element group.

Category:

Back Next Finish Cancel Help

Completed and remaining steps are shown on left.

Uncommon options are default to standard values

## HMC User Interface – Details Tasks

- Details tasks show all available options on a single panel

**Element Group Details - JayElementGroup**

General  
Objectives  
Virtual Servers  
Workloads

**General**

\* Name:  
JayElementGroup

Description:  
A test element group.

Category:  
[Dropdown]

**Objectives**

**Virtual Servers**

**Workloads**

The element group is assigned to the following workloads.

Filter [x] [Icons]

Name	Policy Overrides	Category	Description
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OK Apply Cancel Help

A navigation bar allows quick jumping to the needed section

Fields are grouped into logical sections that can be expanded and collapsed as needed.

# HMC APIs



## HMC APIs – Overview

- Application Programmer Interfaces (APIs) are designed to provide an open set of interfaces and a workstation platform for system management application providers
  - They specify how you can write your own components to interact with an HMC and the objects it manages
- The HMC provides three types of APIs
  - Common Information Model (CIM) Management Interface
  - Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
  - Web Services API
- Enabling the APIs is done through the **Customize API Settings** task

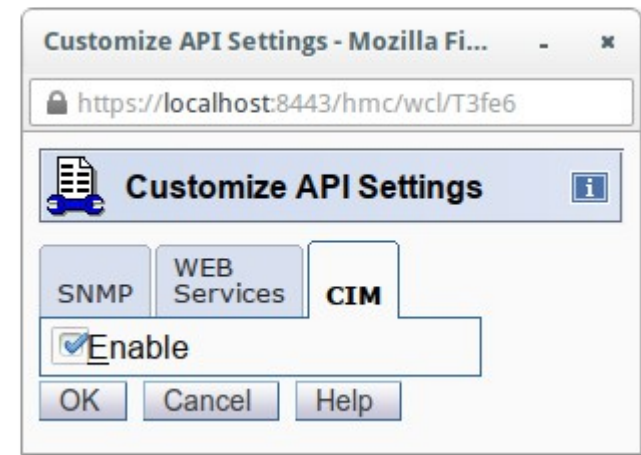


Customize API Settings

Customize the Application Programming Interface for the console

## HMC APIs – Using CIM

- Enable on the HMC
  - Launch the **Customize API Settings** task
  - Select the **CIM** tab
  - Check the **Enable** checkbox
- Configuring your CIM client
  - HMC only accepts SSL (HTTPS) client connections
  - Use the TCP/IP address of your HMC
  - CIM server listens for requests on TCP port 5989
  - Authenticate using the user name and password of an existing HMC user
  - Ensure user profile is configured to **Allow remote access via the web**
- Documentation available on **IBM Resource Link**:
  - SB10-7154-06 *System z Common Interface Model Management Interface*



## HMC APIs – Using SNMP

- Enable on the HMC

- Launch the **Customize API Settings** task
- Select **SNMP** tab and the **Enable** checkbox
- Enter in a community name and network
- Add an SNMP user and select an access type
- Enter the TCP/IP address of any SNMP trap servers (traps are sent to TCP port 162)

- Configuring your SNMP client

- The HMC uses the standard SNMP UDP/TCP port 161
- Authenticate using the configured community, user name and password

- Documentation available on **IBM Resource Link**

- SB10-7030-16: *System z Application Programming Interfaces*

The screenshot shows the 'Customize API Settings' window in Mozilla Firefox. The URL bar shows 'https://localhost:8443/hmc/wcl/T48aa'. The window has three tabs: 'SNMP', 'WEB Services', and 'CIM'. The 'SNMP' tab is selected. Inside the 'SNMP' tab, there is a checkbox labeled 'Enable' which is checked. Below it is a text field for 'SNMP agent parameters:'. There is a section for 'Community Names' with a table containing one entry: 'snmpClients' with address '9.60.92.1' and network mask '255.255.255.0', and access type 'write'. Below the table are buttons 'Add...', 'Change...', and 'Delete'. There is a section for 'SNMPv3 Users' with a table containing one entry: 'jstapels' with access type 'write'. Below the table are buttons 'Add...', 'Change...', and 'Delete'. There is a section for 'Event Notification Information' with a text field for 'Specify any additional locations where SNMP trap messages will be sent.' and a table with one entry: '9.60.92.168'. Below the table are buttons 'Add...', 'Change...', and 'Delete'. At the bottom of the window are buttons 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

Select	Name	Address	Network Mask / Prefix	Access Type
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	snmpClients	9.60.92.1	255.255.255.0	write

Select	User Name	Access Type
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	jstapels	write

Select	TCP/IP Address
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	9.60.92.168

## HMC APIs – Using Web Services API

### • Enable on the HMC

- Launch the **Customize API Settings** task
- Select the **WEB Services** tab
- Limit access based on IP as needed
- Enable access control by user name

### • Configuring your API client

- HMC accepts standard SSL encrypted (HTTPS) requests on TCP port 6794
- Authenticate using the user name and password
- Ensure user profile has been configured to **Allow access to management interfaces**

### • Documentation available on **IBM Resource Link**:

- SC27-2626-00a: *System z Hardware Management Console Web Services API*

Customize API Settings - Mozilla Firefox

https://localhost:8443/hmc/wcl/T3fe6

**Customize API Settings**

SNMP **WEB Services** CIM

☒ Enable

IP Address Access Control

☒ Allow all IP Addresses  
☐ IP Addresses  
 Select IP Address

Add Edit Remove

Access Control

Select	Name	Type	Maximum Sessions
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_20	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_21	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_3	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_4	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_5	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_6	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_7	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_8	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENSADMIN_9	User	1000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ENSOPERATOR	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	HMCBladesMove	User	1000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JSTAPELS	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPERATOR	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	SERVICE	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	SYSPROG	User	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	SYSPROG_0	User	1000
<input type="checkbox"/>	atest	User	1000
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OK Cancel Help

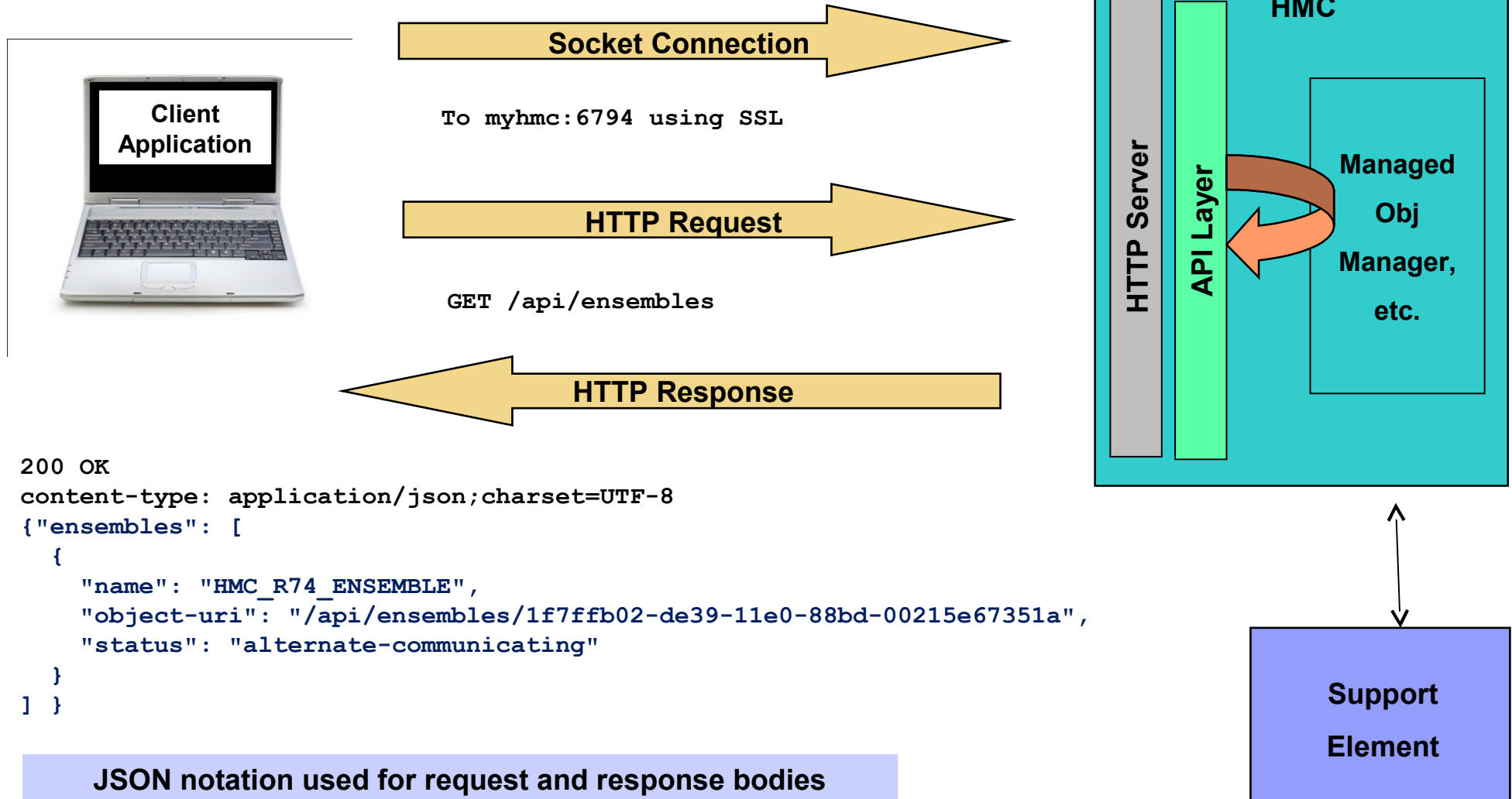
## HMC APIs – HMC Web Services API Characteristics

- HMC Web Services API is the latest API implementation
  - Includes existing SNMP/CIM function
  - This API is the focus for future evolution
  - Existing SNMP and CIM APIs remaining in place with their existing capabilities, may be extended on a case-by-case basis
- Design based on current industry design practices
  - Requests and responses structured as web services based on REST design patterns
  - Data is represented in Javascript Object Notation (JSON)
  - Status and property change notifications delivered via Java Messaging Services (JMS)
  - HMC provides an embedded JMS broker configured to support API specific use
- HTTP over TCP/IP Sockets is underlying network transport, SSL for connection security

## HMC APIs – What is a REST-oriented Web Service?

- REST = **R**epresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer
  - A style of software interface design
  - Simplifies client – server interactions
  - Introduced in 2000 by Roy Fielding (pHD dissertation)
  - Used widely in today's world wide web services
  - Based on HTTP protocol
- Fundamentals
  - All actions are against a specific resource
  - The resource instance is identified in the HTTP URI for the web service call
  - Type of operation on that resource is specified by using HTTP “method”
- Standard HTTP methods apply across all resources
  - GET – Collect information about a resource
  - POST – Create a new resource, perform other type of operation
  - PUT – Complete update of a resource (all properties)
  - DELETE – Delete a resource
- Generic Examples:
  - To get list of virtual servers: GET /api/virtual-servers
  - To get information about a virtual server: GET /api/virtual-servers/1234

## HMC APIs – Request Flow (Simplified Example)



## HMC APIs – Javascript Object Notation (JSON)

- Lightweight data interchange format for use between applications
- Much simpler than XML, but still expressive enough
- Used by Google, Yahoo, Web 2.0 applications etc.
- Syntax and tutorials available at [www.json.org](http://www.json.org)
- JSON parsers widely available (eg. At json.org)
- Becoming the standard notation used with REST-style APIs

```
{
  "cpcs": [
    {
      "name": "R34",
      "object-uri": "/api/cpcs/95780b76",
      "status": "service-required"
    },
    {
      "name": "R32",
      "object-uri": "/api/cpcs/37c6f8a9",
      "status": "operating"
    }
  ]
}
```

Diagram illustrating JSON syntax components:

- Object:** Sequence of Fields enclosed in {}
- Array:** Sequence of values or objects enclosed in []
- Field:** Name : value



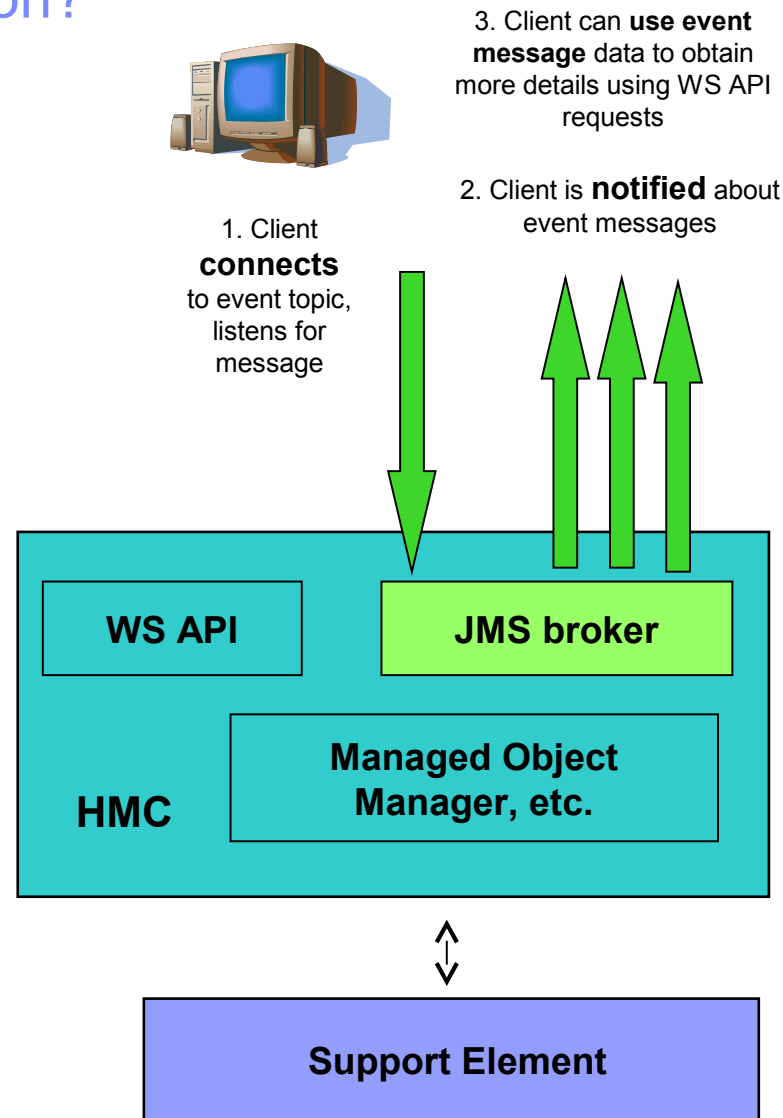
## HMC APIs – What is Asynchronous Notification?

- Asynchronous Notification

- WS APIs require remote client to repeatedly pull (poll) from HMC server to keep data current
- Asynchronous notification prevents need for constant polling from remote client.
- Allows HMC to push a notification to a remote client about events or state changes on the resource being managed by the HMC/SE e.g. a server is being deactivated

- JMS: Java Message Service

- Used for asynchronous notification
- JMS is an industry standard for messaging, based on J2EE
- HMC embeds Apache ActiveMQ as its JMS provider
- Non-Java clients can connect to broker as well, using STOMP protocol



## Client Programming Considerations

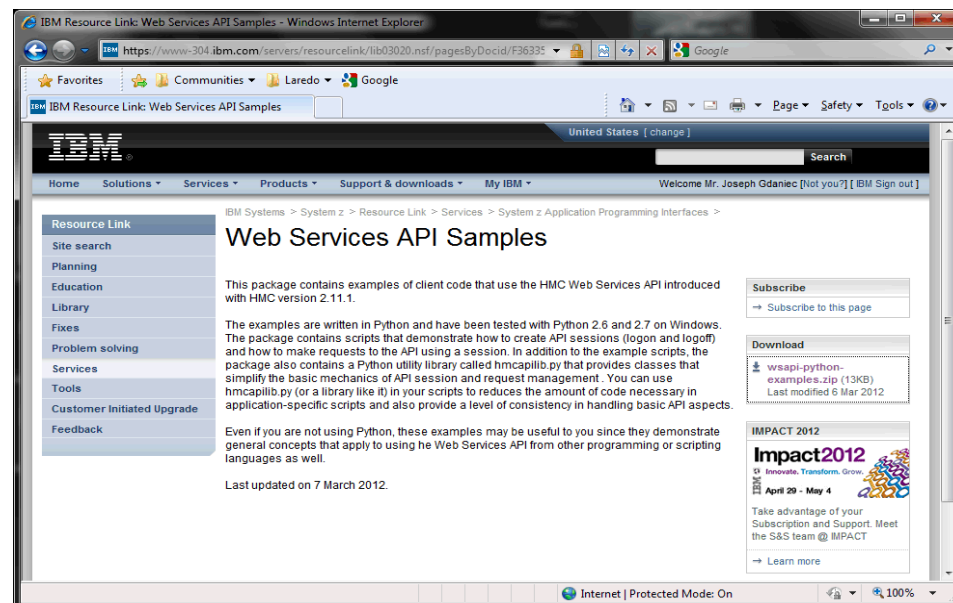
- Web Services API design is client platform and client programming language neutral
  - This is a key reason behind the choice of a HTTP/Web Services style
  - Client platform can be Windows, AIX, Linux, zLinux, Mac, or z/OS or...
  - Clients can be written in programming languages like C/C++ or Java, or scripting languages like Python, Perl, etc.
  - No need for install HMC-specific client-side libraries to use APIs
- In choosing a client language, look for the following either as built-ins or available via add-on libraries:
  - Support for HTTP
  - Support for SSL
  - Support for creating and parsing JSON documents
  - (Optionally) Support for JMS connections to ApacheMQ using either OpenWire or STOMP protocols (if asynchronous notification capabilities are to be used)
- Python is a very good choice because support for all of the above is readily available

## Getting Started with the API: Samples

- Python sample code is available on ResourceLink:  
<http://www.ibm.com/servers/resourcelink>

Then navigate:

Services / API / Web Services API Samples



- Package provides simple logon/logoff test script and a script that demonstrates how to create and delete a virtual server using the WS API
- Samples are based on a sample Python utility library (hmcapi.py) that demonstrates best practices in using the API
  - Handles repetitive aspects of making API requests: logon, logoff, converting to/from JSON, setting HTTP headers, etc.
  - Includes error checking and capturing of error status/reason on errors

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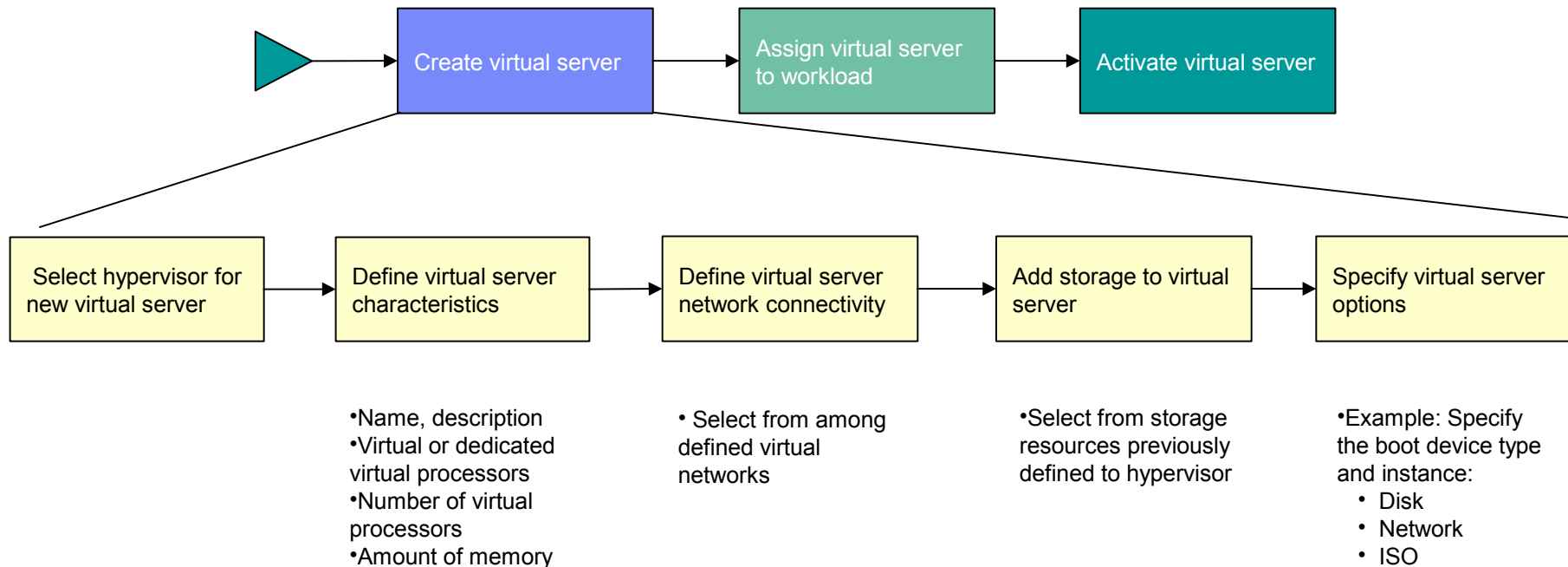
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# Backup API Slides



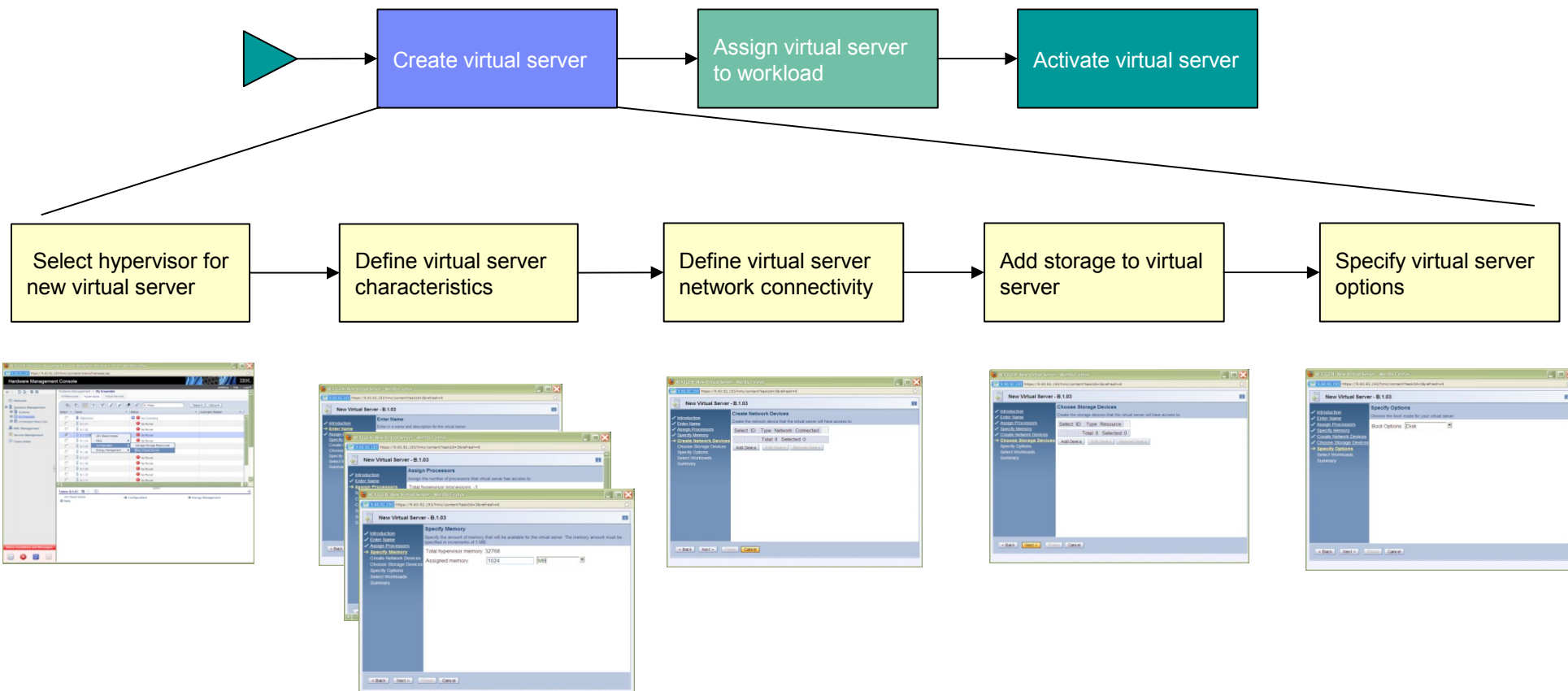
## HMC WS API and UI Provide Same Level of Function

- Example: Creating a Virtual Server on an IBM Blade
- Regardless of the interface used, this is accomplished through a series of steps:



## HMC WS API and UI Provide Same Level of Function (con't)

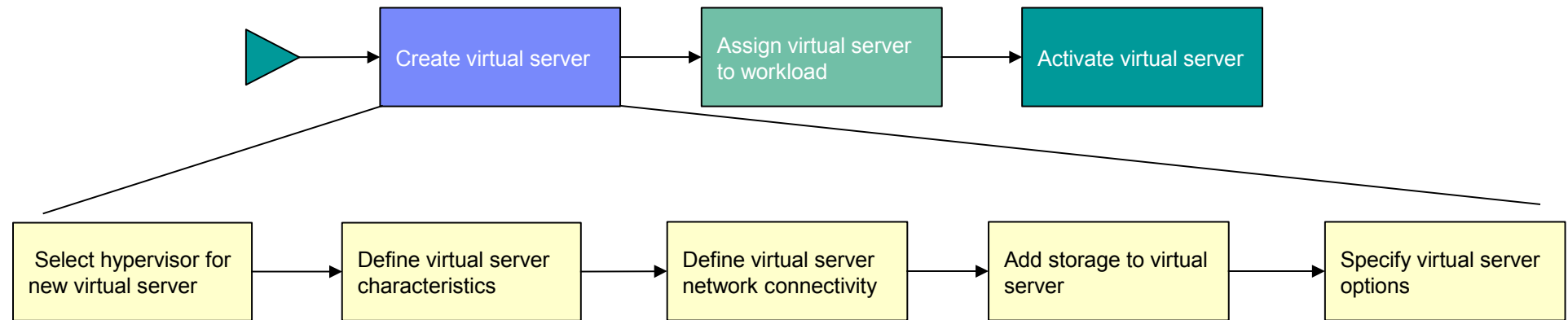
- HMC UI: Steps are accomplished using panels in a wizard-style task



## HMC WS API and UI Provide Same Level of Function (con't)

- WS API: Steps are accomplished by calling management primitives of the API

Note: Function names listed below are conceptual, not the actual API syntax



- Call List Hypervisors function to obtain a list of hypervisors

- <Invoking application selects desired hypervisor>

- Call Create Virt Server function specifying selected hypervisor as target and basic VS parameters to get base VS created


- Call List Virt Networks function to obtain current virtual networks
- <Select network>
- Call Add Virt Adapter function specifying new VS as target and virtual network parameters

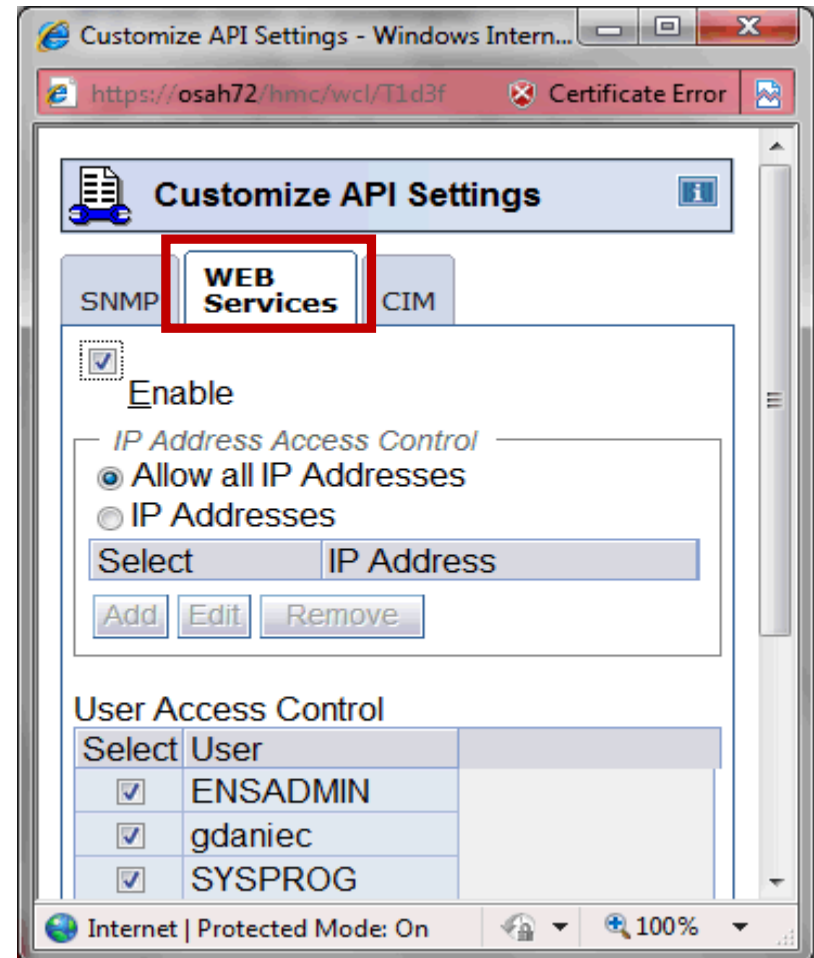
- Call List Stg Resources function to obtain list of available volumes
- <Select volume>
- Call Add Virt Disk function specifying new VS as target and selected storage resource

- <Select boot device>
- Call Update Virt Server function to set boot device

## Web Services API Enablement

- WS API is Disabled by default
- Overall On / Off switch and other configuration via a new tab in the existing Customize API Settings task
- API enablement is done separately from enabling remote browser access to HMC
- Installation can also optionally control the IP addresses from which API connections can be made
- When enabled HMC listens for API connections on a different TCP/IP


 Customize API Settings  
Customize the Application Programming Interface for the console



## Web Services API Access Control

- Connection to API requires authentication under an HMC application login identity
  - All connections to the API specify an HMC user name and password
  - HMC local or LDAP validation of user name and password supposed, same as UI
- New User Profile option controls whether an HMC user can use the API or not
- Individual requests are authorized using the HMC's authorization controls

- Requests always performed under an HMC user context

 **User Profiles**  
Manage your system users that log onto the Hardware Management Console

OSAH72: User Profiles - Windows Internet Explorer  
https://osah72/hmc/wcl/T1f21 Certificate Error

**User Properties**

**Timeout Values**

Session timeout minutes:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Verify timeout minutes:	<input type="text" value="15"/>
Idle timeout minutes:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Minimum time in minutes between password changes:	<input type="text" value="0"/>

**Invalid Login Attempt Values**

Maximum failed attempts before disable delay:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Disable delay in minutes:	<input type="text" value="0"/>

**Inactivity Values**

Disable for inactivity in days:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
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☐ Never disable for inactivity

**Disruptive Confirmations**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Require password for disruptive actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Require text input for disruptive actions

☐ Allow remote access via the web

☒ Allow access to management interfaces

Done Internet | Protected Mode: On 100%

## Getting Started with the API: Some Script Snippets (using Python)

- API is session-oriented: All requests are made in the context of an API session
- Basic pattern for an API client:
  1. Establish SSL socket connection with HMC
  2. Logon to open an API session
  3. Make requests using that API session
  4. Logoff to close the API session
- 1. Establish an SSL socket connection with the HMC:
- Python code snippets illustrating these steps follows...

```
# Connect to HMC at address <host> with 300 second request timeout
conn = httplib.HTTPSConnection(host, 6794, timeout=300)
conn.connect()
```

## Getting Started with the API: Some Script Snippets (using Python)...

### 2. Log on to the HMC to open an API session:

```
1 # Log on to HMC as <userid> with password <password>
logon_req = {"userid": userid, "password": password}
req_body = json.dumps(logon_req)
req_hdrs = {"Content-Type": "application/json"}
conn.request("POST", "/api/sessions", req_body, req_hdrs)

2 response = conn.getresponse()
if response.status != 204:
    # If the response provides a body, always read it.
    resp_body = response.read()
if response.status != 200:
    # Handle failure (eg. wrong password)
    raise Exception("Request failed (status: %d)" % response.status)

3 # Retrieve session id from response for later use
logon_resp = json.loads(resp_body)
session_id = logon_resp["api-session"]
```

## Getting Started with the API: Some Script Snippets (using Python)...

### 3. Make requests using the API session:

```
# Issue request for HMC's properties
# Use the session id for the session we just created
1 req_hdrs = {"X-API-Session": session_id}
  conn.request("GET", "/api/console", None, req_hdrs)

2 response = conn.getresponse()
  if response.status != 204:
    resp_body = response.read()
  if response.status != 200:
    raise Exception("Request failed (status: %d)" %
3 response.status)

# Convert result JSON into Python objects for processing
console_props = json.loads(resp_body)
print "HMC name is %s." % console_props["name"]
```



## Getting Started with the API: Some Script Snippets (using Python)...

4. Log off from the HMC to close the API session:

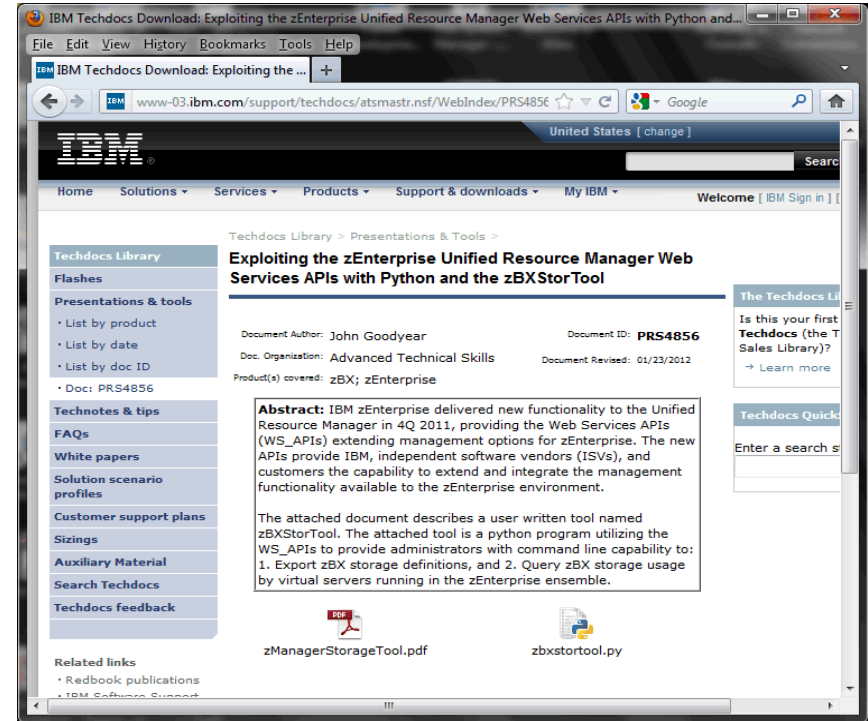
```
# Log off from HMC to free session resources
1 req_hdrs = {"X-API-Session": session_id}
  conn.request("DELETE", "/api/sessions/this-session", None, req_hdrs)

response = conn.getresponse()
2 if response.status != 204:
    resp_body = response.read()
  if response.status != 204:
    raise Exception("Request failed (status: %d)" % response.status)

# On success, no response to process from Logoff
```

## Usage Example: zBXStorTool

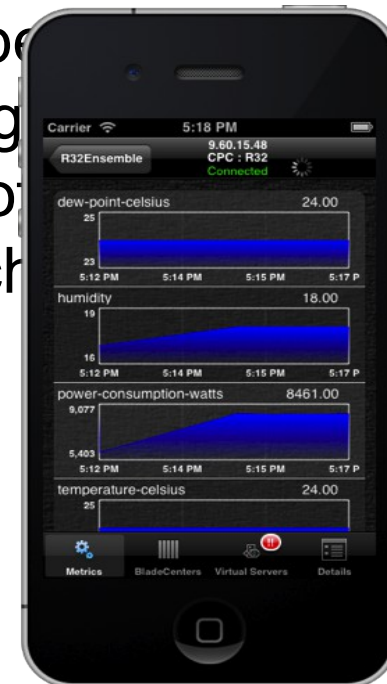
- Developed by John Goodyear of the IBM Washington Systems Center
- Provides functions that simplify storage administration for zEnterprise zBX:
  - Export storage definitions for entire ensemble or filtered by hypervisor
  - Show relationship between virtual servers and the storage resources they use
- Available from the Techdocs Library as document # PRS4856 : <http://www.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/WebIndex/PRS4856>
- Python script and whitepaper with client programming hints and tips



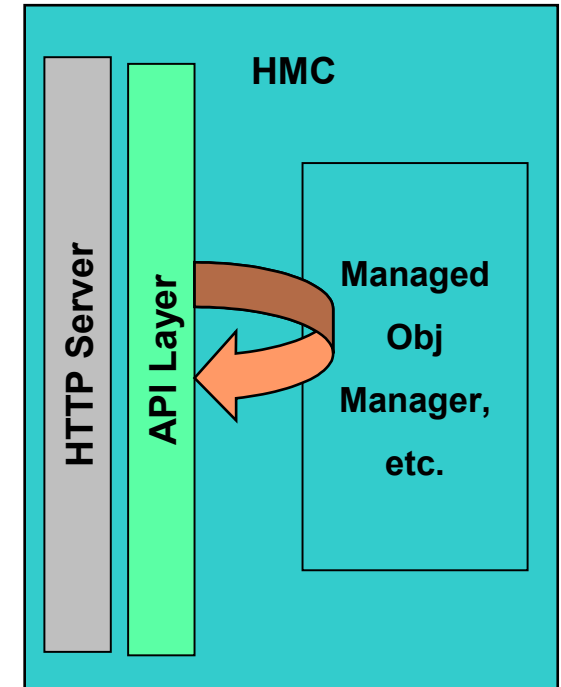
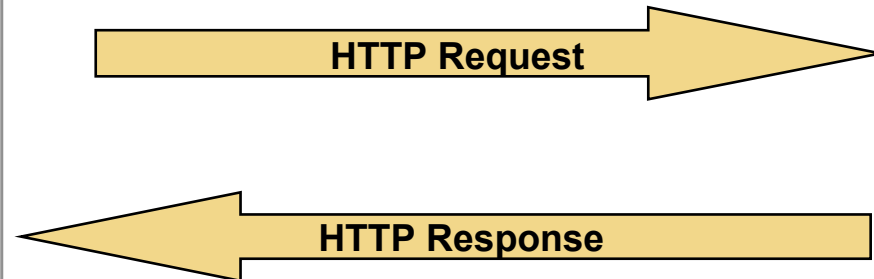
## UsageExample: System z Mobile Application Proof of Concept



- Proof of Concept Mobile Application for monitoring and controlling a zEnterprise system from a mobile device
- Allows people on the floor to get a subset of information about the machine



## Mobile Application Proof of Concept – Under the Hood



- Mobile device communicates directly with HMC using the new Web Services API. No intermediate management server needed.
- RESTful orientation of the API makes this easy to do using standard application capabilities on these types of devices

