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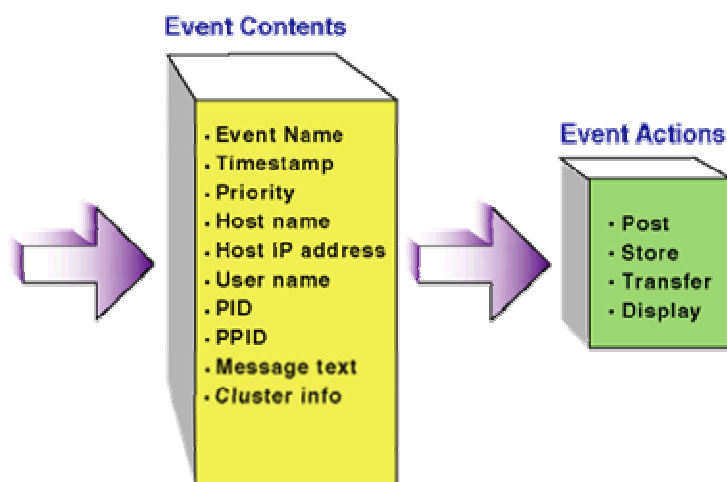
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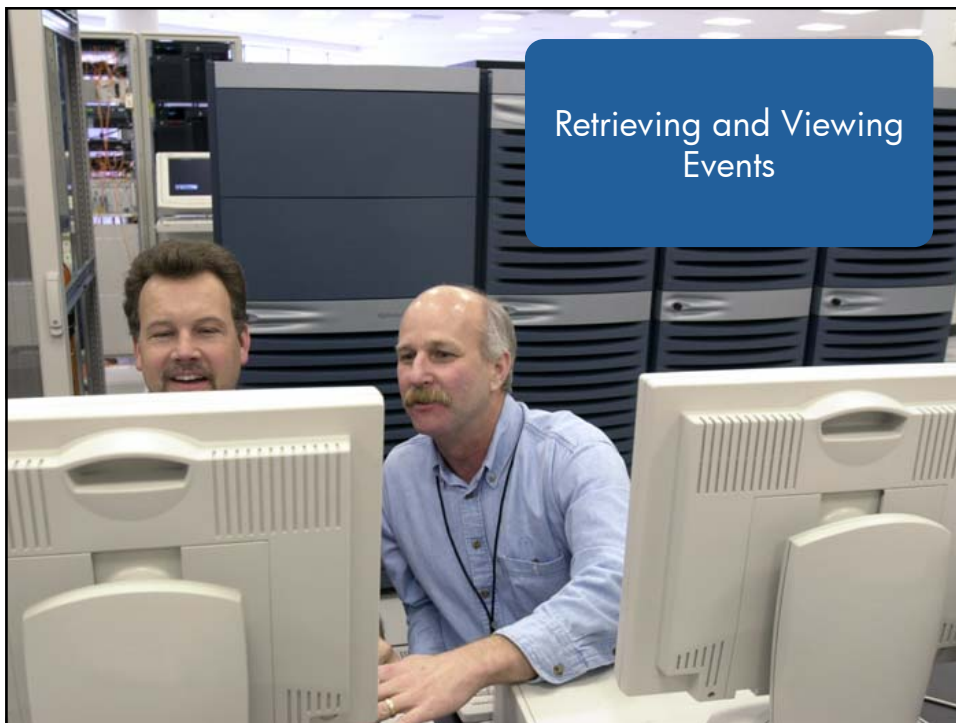
EVM Features




- EVM provides a single point of event information supplementing rather than replacing the traditional UNIX log files
 - Full set of command-line utilities that you can use to post and handle events
 - Integration of a graphical event viewer with the SysMan application suite
 - Events can be selected or filtered
 - Support for all event channels, including syslog and binlog
 - Configurable notification on occurrence of specific events

Event Model

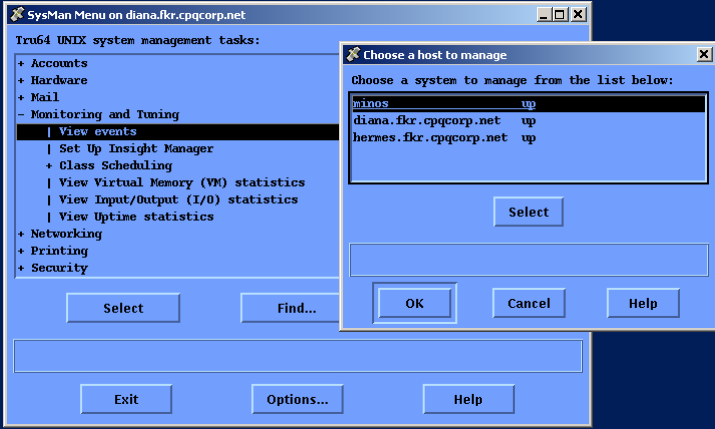




Using the SysMan Event Viewer




```
# sysman &
```

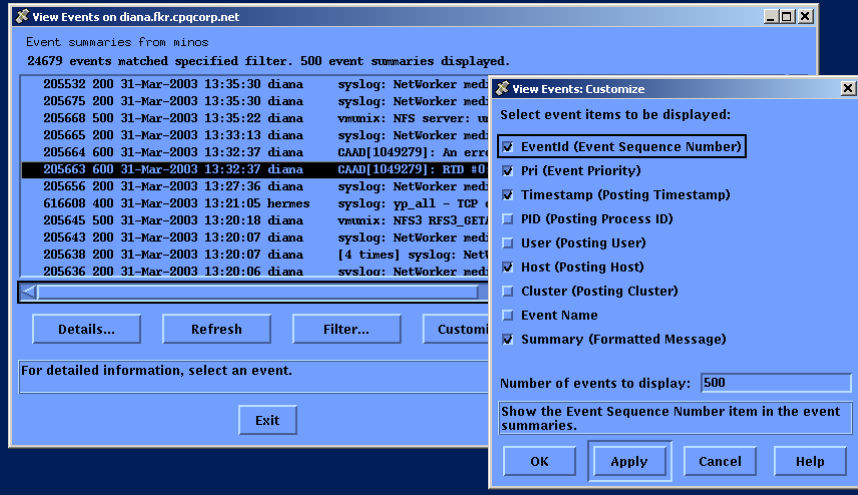


The screenshot shows the SysMan GUI with a menu titled 'Tru64 UNIX system management tasks:'. The 'Monitoring and Tuning' section is expanded, and 'View events' is selected. A dialog box titled 'Choose a host to manage' is open, displaying a list of hosts: 'm3nos up', 'diana.fkr.cpqcorp.net up', and 'hermes.fkr.cpqcorp.net up'. The 'Select' button is highlighted.

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The screenshot shows the 'View Events on diana.fkr.cpqcorp.net' window. It displays a list of event summaries with columns for ID, time, host, and message. A 'View Events: Customize' dialog box is open, allowing users to select which fields to display in the event summaries. The 'EventId (Event Sequence Number)' field is checked and highlighted. Other checked fields include 'Pri (Event Priority)', 'Timestamp (Posting Timestamp)', and 'Summary (Formatted Message)'. The 'Number of events to display' is set to 500.

Event summaries from minos
24679 events matched specified filter. 500 event summaries displayed.

205532	200	31-Mar-2003 13:35:30	diana	syslog: NetWorker medi
205675	200	31-Mar-2003 13:35:30	diana	syslog: NetWorker medi
205668	500	31-Mar-2003 13:35:22	diana	vmunix: NFS server: u
205665	200	31-Mar-2003 13:33:13	diana	syslog: NetWorker medi
205664	600	31-Mar-2003 13:32:37	diana	CAAD[1049279]: An err
205663	600	31-Mar-2003 13:32:37	diana	CAAD[1049279]: RID #0
205656	200	31-Mar-2003 13:27:36	diana	syslog: NetWorker medi
616608	400	31-Mar-2003 13:21:05	hermes	syslog: yp_all - TCP
205645	500	31-Mar-2003 13:20:18	diana	vmunix: NFS3 RFS3_GET
205643	200	31-Mar-2003 13:20:07	diana	syslog: NetWorker medi
205638	200	31-Mar-2003 13:20:07	diana	[4 times] syslog: Net
205636	200	31-Mar-2003 13:20:06	diana	svslog: NetWorker medi

View Events: Customize

Select event items to be displayed:

- EventId (Event Sequence Number)
- Pri (Event Priority)
- Timestamp (Posting Timestamp)
- PID (Posting Process ID)
- User (Posting User)
- Host (Posting Host)
- Cluster (Posting Cluster)
- Event Name
- Summary (Formatted Message)


Number of events to display: 500

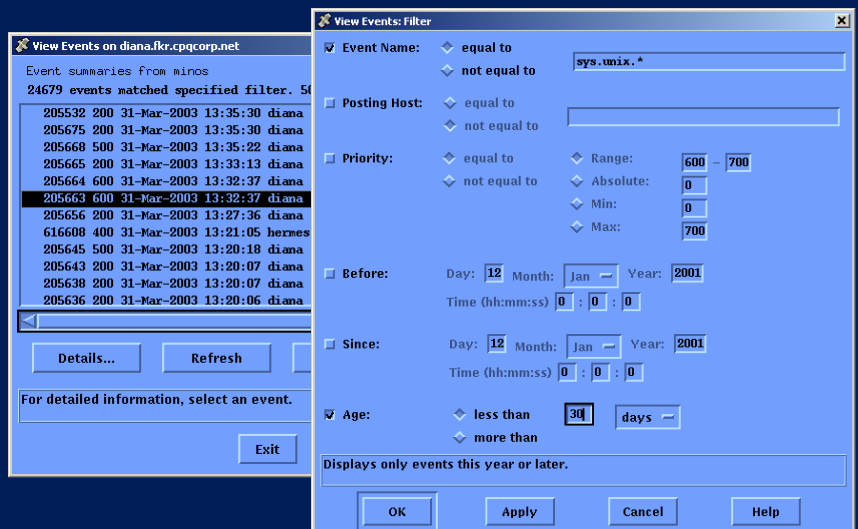
Show the Event Sequence Number item in the event summaries.

OK Apply Cancel Help

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The screenshot shows the 'View Events on diana.fkr.cpqcorp.net' window with the same event list as above. A 'View Events: Filter' dialog box is open, allowing users to filter events based on various criteria. The 'Event Name' filter is set to 'equal to sys.unix.*'. The 'Priority' filter is set to 'Range: 600 - 700'. The 'Age' filter is set to 'less than 30 days'. The 'Displays only events this year or later.' checkbox is checked.

View Events on diana.fkr.cpqcorp.net

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View Events: Filter

- Event Name: equal to
- Posting Host: equal to
- Priority: Range: -
- Before: Day: Month: Year:
- Since: Day: Month: Year:
- Age: less than days

Displays only events this year or later.

OK Apply Cancel Help

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Using the SysMan Event Viewer



The screenshot shows the 'View Events on diana.fkr.cpqcorp.net' window. A list of events is displayed with columns for ID, time, and host. A dialog box titled 'View Events: Sort Event Summaries' is open, showing a list of sort keys: EventId (Event Sequence Number), Pri (Event Priority), Timestamp (Posting Timestamp), Host (Posting Host), and Summary (Formatted Message). The 'Timestamp (Posting Timestamp)' option is selected. Below the list, there are radio buttons for 'Ascending' and 'Descending' sort order, and a text field to 'Select an item to serve as the sort key.' Buttons for 'OK', 'Apply', 'Cancel', and 'Help' are at the bottom of the dialog.

Using the SysMan Event Viewer



The screenshot shows the 'View Events: Details of Event with Id = 205663' window. The main pane displays the following information:
 Syslog event
 EVM event name: sys.unix.syslog.daemon
 Syslog daemon events are posted by system daemons to alert the administrator to an unusual condition. The user name field usually indicates which daemon posted the event. The text of the message indicates the reason for the event.
 Formatted Message:
 CAAD[1049279]: RTD #0: Action Script /var/cluster/caa/script/networker.scr(check) timed out! (timeout=600)
 Event Data Items:
 Event Name : sys.unix.syslog.daemon
 Priority : 600
 PID : 1049152
 PPID : 1048577
 Navigation buttons include 'Next Event', 'Previous Event', 'First Event', and 'Last Event'. Other buttons at the bottom include 'OK', 'Save...', 'Print...', and 'Help'.

EVM Command-Line Utilities



- `evmget` Retrieves stored events
 - `evmshow` Accepts one or more EVM events and outputs them in the requested format
 - `evmsort` Reads a stream of events and sorts them according to supplied criteria
 - `evmwatch` Outputs specified events as they arrive
 - `evmpost` Accepts a file or stream of text event sources and posts them to the EVM daemon for distribution
- most common command sequence for event retrieval
`evmget | evmsort | evmshow`

Retrieving Stored Events: `evmget`



```
evmget [ -A [-t show-template]
        [-s sort-spec] ]
        [-f filter-string]
        [-C channel-list]
```

`-f filter_expr` Outputs only events that match the `filter_expr`

```
# evmget -f "[ priority >= 600 ]"
```

EVM event filters



- A specification of a set of interesting events
- Format: " [keyword expr]"

- Possible values for keyword are:

```
Name
Priority (from 0 to 700)
Timestamp
Age
BEFore
SINce
Event_ID
...
```

Complex EVM event filters



- A complex filter is composed of two or more simple filters
- Event filters can be direct or indirect

```
@filename:filtername
```

- Examples

```
"[name sys.unix.binlog] & [pri >= 500]"
```

```
"[name sys.unix.syslog] and
[time 2003:4:9:*:*:*:*]"
```

```
"@sys:advfs"
```

the filter named advfs contained in a filter file named sys or sys.evf in /usr/share/evm/filters

Displaying Events Using evmshow



- `evmshow` accepts one or more EVM events and outputs them in the requested format

```
# evmshow [[-d | -D | -x ]
           [-t show-template]
           [-T timespec] | -r]
           [-c config-file]
           [-f filter-expr] [-F]
           [-k skip-count] [-n show-count]
           [filename | -]
```

EVM show template



- a string that may contain event data item specifiers of the form `@item_name[%width]`
 - `@timestamp`
 - `@priority`
 - `@name`
 - `@@` (the event's formatted text)
 - E.g. "`@timestamp` [`@priority`] `@name` `@@"`"
- `EVM_SHOW_TEMPLATE` environment variable

Sorting Events Using evmsort



- Reads a stream of events and sorts them according to supplied criteria

```
evmsort [-s sort-spec]
        [-A [-t show-template]]
        [filename | -]
```

- The sort order can be specified by supplying a `sort_spec`

```
@key_item[+|-] [ :@key_item[+|-] ]
```

`key_item` is the name of any EVM standard data item

Using the -A Option to Simplify the Command String



- most common command sequence for event retrieval
`evmget | evmsort | evmshow`

```
# evmget -A
```

automatically pipes the output to other EVM commands

```
# evmget -f '[pri >= 600]' | evmsort -s \
  "priority-:timestamp+" | evmshow | more
```

```
# evmget -A -f '[pri >= 600]' -s \
  "priority-:timestamp+" | more
```

Monitoring Events Using evmwatch



```
# evmwatch
```

Outputs specified events as they arrive

```
evmwatch [-A] [-f filter_expr]
[-t show_template]
```

```
# evmwatch -i | \
  evmshow -t "@name @priority @"
```

Posting Message Events Using evmpost

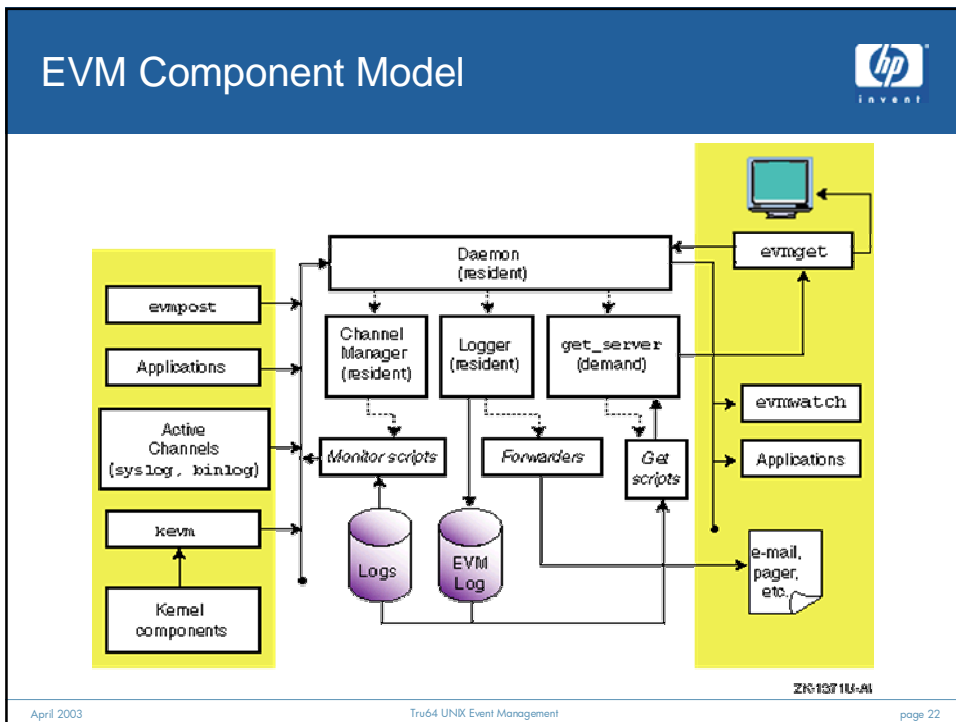
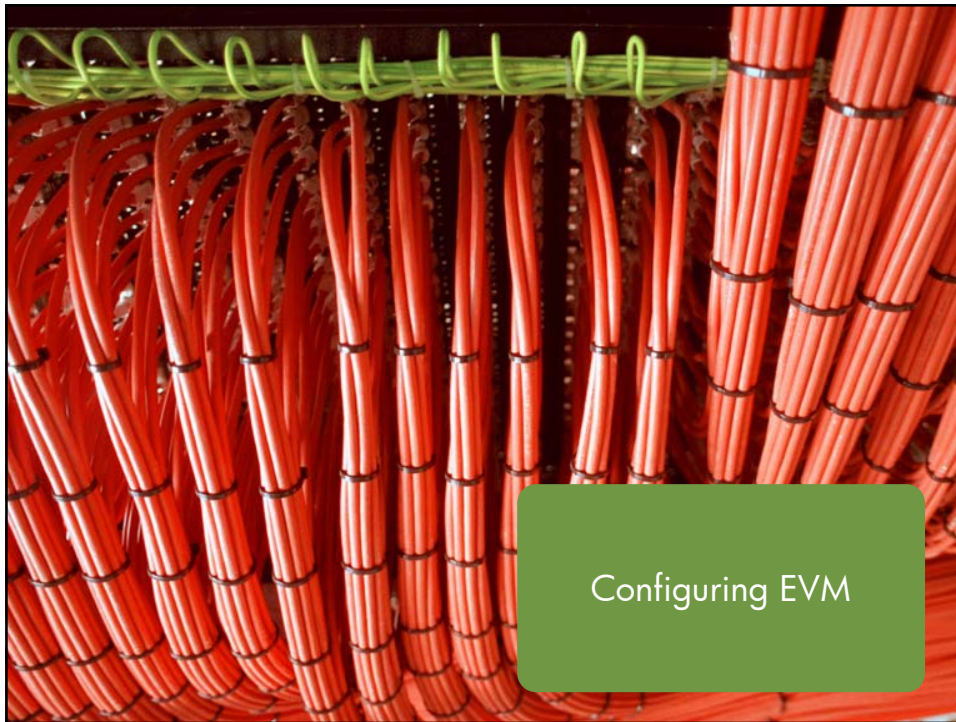


```
# evmpost
```

Accepts a file or stream of text event sources and posts them to the EVM daemon for distribution

```
# evmpost [ -f <file> | - ]
```

```
# echo 'event {name ... }' | evmpost
```



The EVM daemon



- The primary component of EVM
 - Starts the logger
 - Starts the channel manager
 - Receives events from posters and distributes them to subscribers
- Default configuration file [/etc/evmdaemon.conf](#)

The Channel Manager



- Runs channel monitor scripts and cleanup scripts
- For each channel a selection of functions may be defined
 - `fn_get` invoked by `evmget_srv`
 - `fn_details` used by `evmshow -d`
 - `fn_explain` used by `evmshow -x`
 - `fn_monitor` monitors the status of a channel
 - `fn_cleanup` archives or purges logs
 - `mon_period` monitor period
- Configuration file [/etc/evmchannel.conf](#)

The Logger



- Runs as a resident process
- Subscribes to a selected set of events
 - Stores them in managed log files for later retrieval
 - Writes high-priority events to the system console
 - Forwards selected events (e.g. sends mail to the system administrator when high-priority events occur)
- configuration file [/etc/evmlogger.conf](#)

Forwarding Events



- Specific events can trigger any user defined action (e.g. alarms, scripts, ...)
- „forward“ statement in the evm logger configuration
- Should be placed in /var/evm/adm/config/logger
- Example:
trigger a script if NIFF detects a NW interface failure
- [netrain.conf](#)

EVM System Files



- `/var/evm/evmlog` event logs
 `evmlog.yyyymmdd[_nn]`
- System-supplied definition files:
 - `/usr/share/evm/channels`
 - `/usr/share/evm/filters`
 - `/usr/share/evm/templates`
- Installation of new definition files:
 - `/var/evm/adm/templates`
 - `/var/evm/adm/channels`
 - `/var/evm/adm/filters`
- Secondary logger configuration files
 `/var/evm/adm/config/logger`

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Define a new Event



- Create a template file to define the new event(s)
 - The syntax of a template file is identical to the syntax used to post an event
- Save the template file in `/var/evm/adm/templates` (create subdirectories if necessary)
- Instruct the EVM daemon to reload its configuration
- Verify template registration by using the `evmwatch -i`
- You can now post your new event(s) and retrieve it from storage

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