

## Enterprise monitoring

How Principal takes monitoring into the future to face new technologies, environments and users

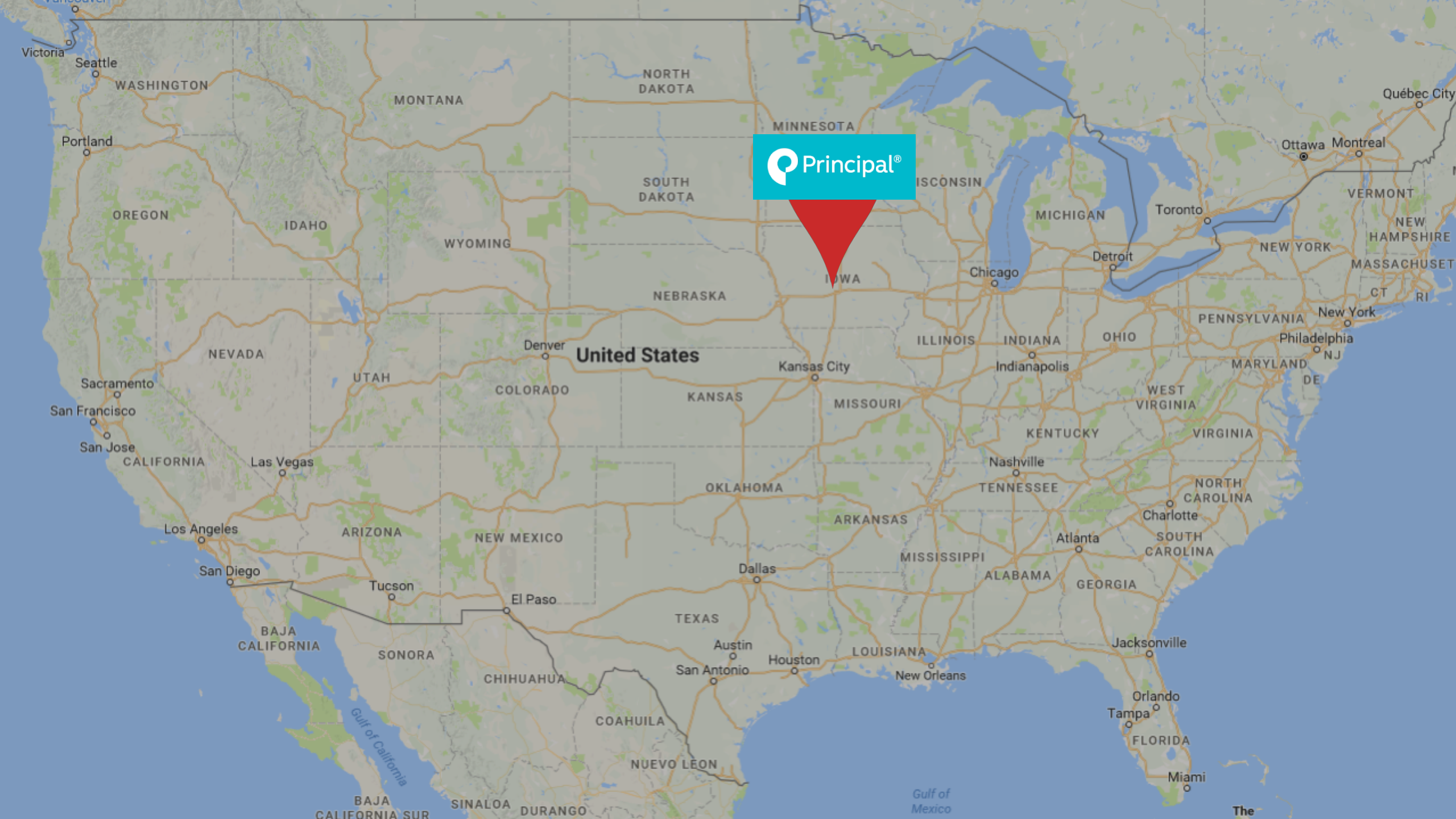


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# 4 Questions:

- Where are we today?
- How we got the plan?
- Our drivers:
  - Facing new technology
  - Facing new environments
  - Facing new users
- With all the variables – where are we heading?



# ABOUT US.





# Who we are

- Founded in 1879 as an insurance company.
- Today, we're a member of the FORTUNE 500® and a global investment management leader.
- Publicly traded as PFG on NASDAQ
- \$655.5 billion in Assets
- 100 Best Places to Work in IT - Computerworld
- More than 14,000 employees worldwide
- Business Units:
  - Retirement and Income Solutions
  - Principal Global Investors
  - Principal International (Principal Chile – Implementing AppMon)
  - U.S. Insurance Solutions





## A little about me:

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- Team Leader for the DevOps Performance team within the Retirement Income Solutions organization
- Measuring front to back performance and availability from the customer point of view
- Working across the enterprise to support the Dynatrace AppMon environment and to advance APM practices/culture across all of Principal.



# WHERE ARE WE TODAY?



# Dynatrace AppMon 7.0

- Dynatrace AppMon customer since January 2016
- 2017 Dynatrace AppMon Stats:
  - 1,000+ Agents
  - 1,100+ Application Definitions
  - 100 Million UEM Visits
  - 500 Million+ User Actions
  - 10 Billion+ PurePaths
- 2017 Dynatrace AppMon advancement:
  - Upgrade to AppMon 7.0 – Introduced the Web Client to our users
  - Shift Left - Implemented AppMon monitoring for application integration tests
  - Instrumented AppMon agents for Java processing on z/OS
  - Export PureLytics stream for deeper analysis

# Dynatrace AppMon 7.0

## ■ Realization of the value AppMon provides:

- 2 Years of Experience with AppMon
- Clear visibility into all layers of our application environments
- Ability to understand when performance impacts are happening
- Quickly identify where and why problems are occurring
- Evaluating and improving performance during the development phase
- Ease of use – Usage extends beyond our Power Users.

## ■ Challenges we've faced:

- Single profile shared across organization
- Shared infrastructure
- Scaling on-prem AppMon to maintain availability and reliability
- Rich Client users can impact AppMon's availability
  - The Web Client has helped prevent this

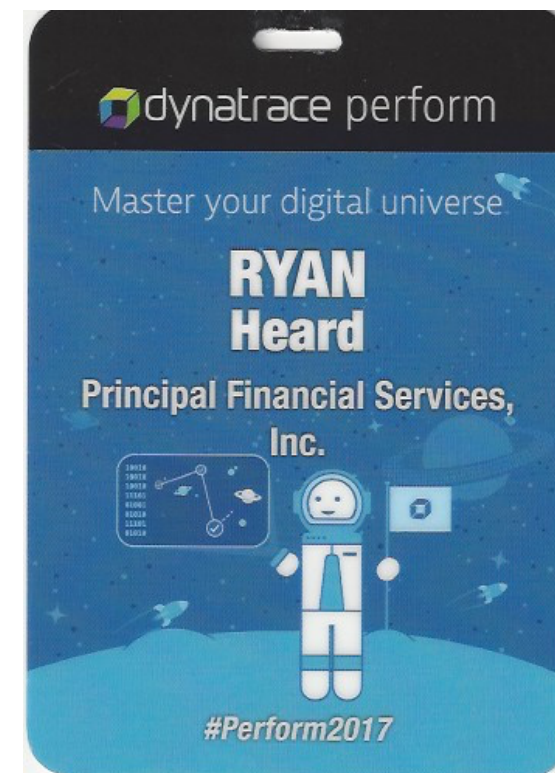
# HOW WE GOT THE PLAN





# Perform 2017 - AppMon meet Dynatrace

- PERFORM 2017 (Our Rookie Year)
  - First exposure to Dynatrace, and that it was a different product than AppMon
  - Opportunity to hear and gain an understanding of Dynatrace and the difference in features.
  - Networking with customers using Dynatrace
  - Speaking with Dynatrace professionals



# The Flight back to Des Moines

## More questions than answers

- Why would we choose to use Dynatrace over AppMon
- What are real differences between AppMon and Dynatrace
- What are the licensing differences and how does the OneAgent work
- How do you transition to Dynatrace
- What is the impact on our community of users

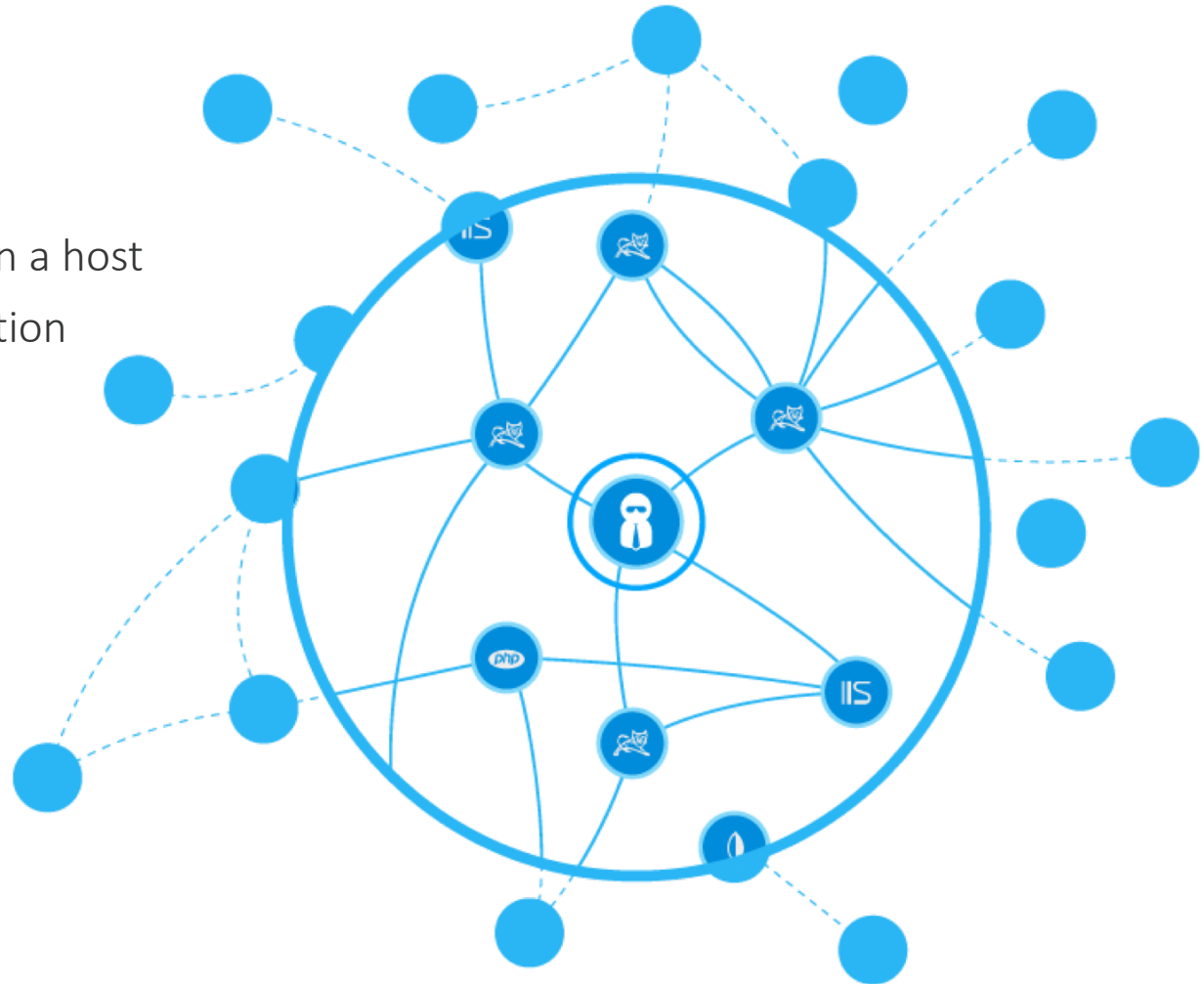
# Features that stood out

## ■ OneAgent

- The ease of support with a 1 time install on a host
- Technology/Language agnostic auto detection
- Auto detection of applications
- But... how does it really work?

## ■ Machine Learning/AI

- Davis
- Auto issue discovery
- Self-Healing



# Seeking more information

- Learning more
  - Dynatrace Documentation
  - Dynatrace community
- Leveraging our account representatives:
  - Answers to our questions
  - Demo that is relevant to our environment
  - Important to have someone familiar with our environment and challenges

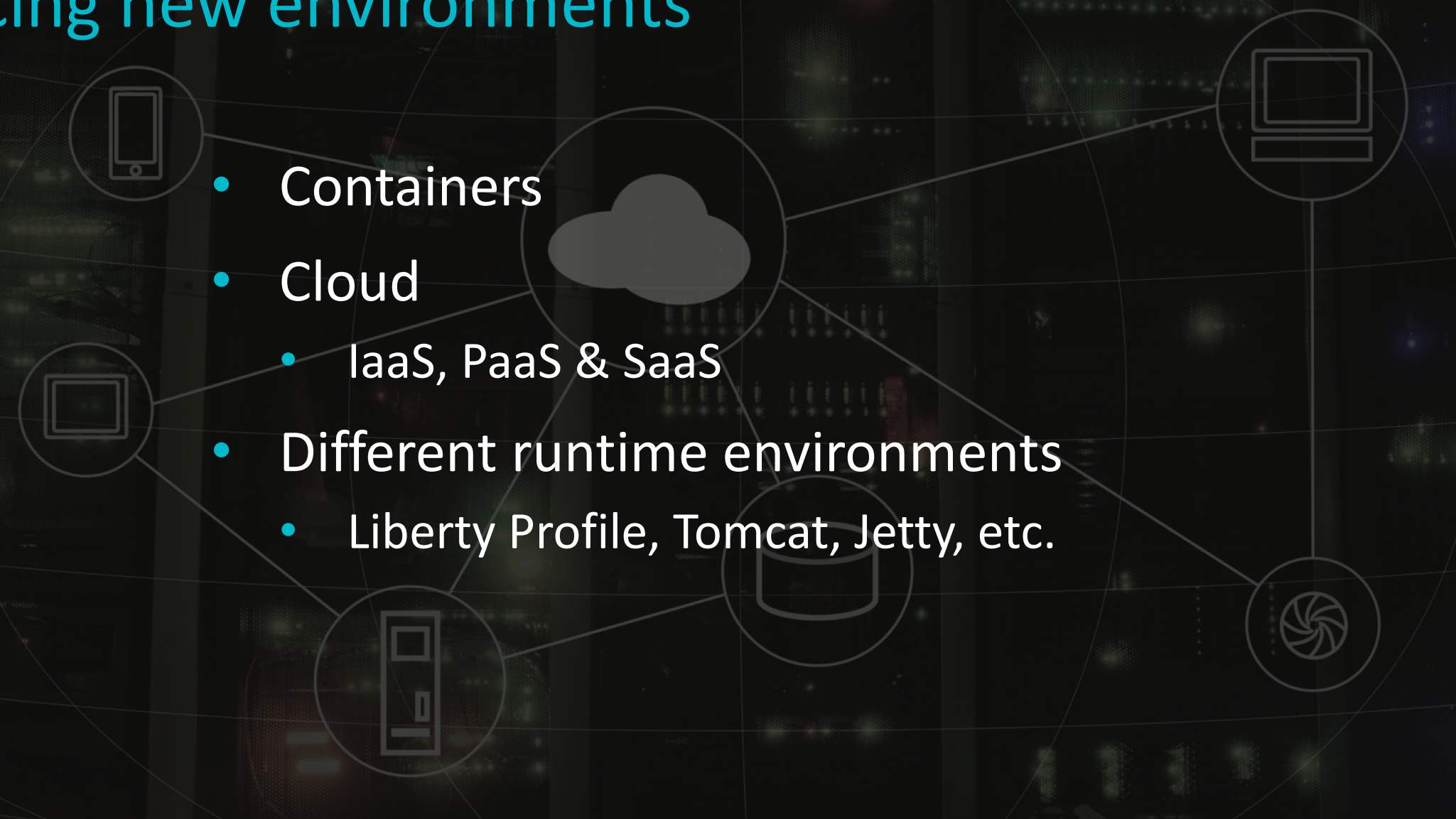


# OUR DRIVERS





# Facing new environments

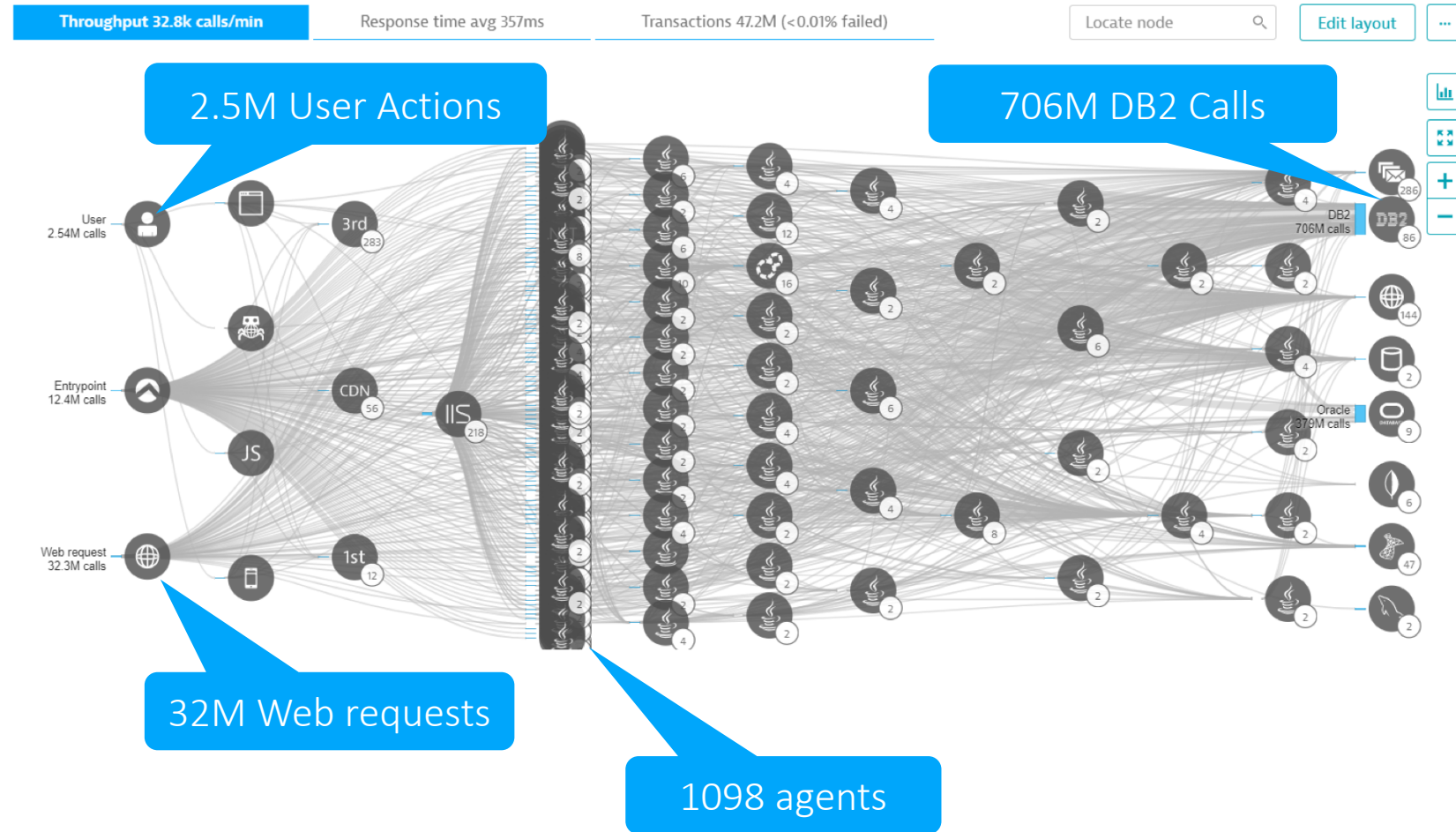
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- Containers
  - Cloud
    - IaaS, PaaS & SaaS
  - Different runtime environments
    - Liberty Profile, Tomcat, Jetty, etc.



# Facing new technology

- Microservices
- REST APIs
- CDN
- Technology integrations
- Tooling integrations

## 30 Minute Overview



Applications

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Services

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Processes

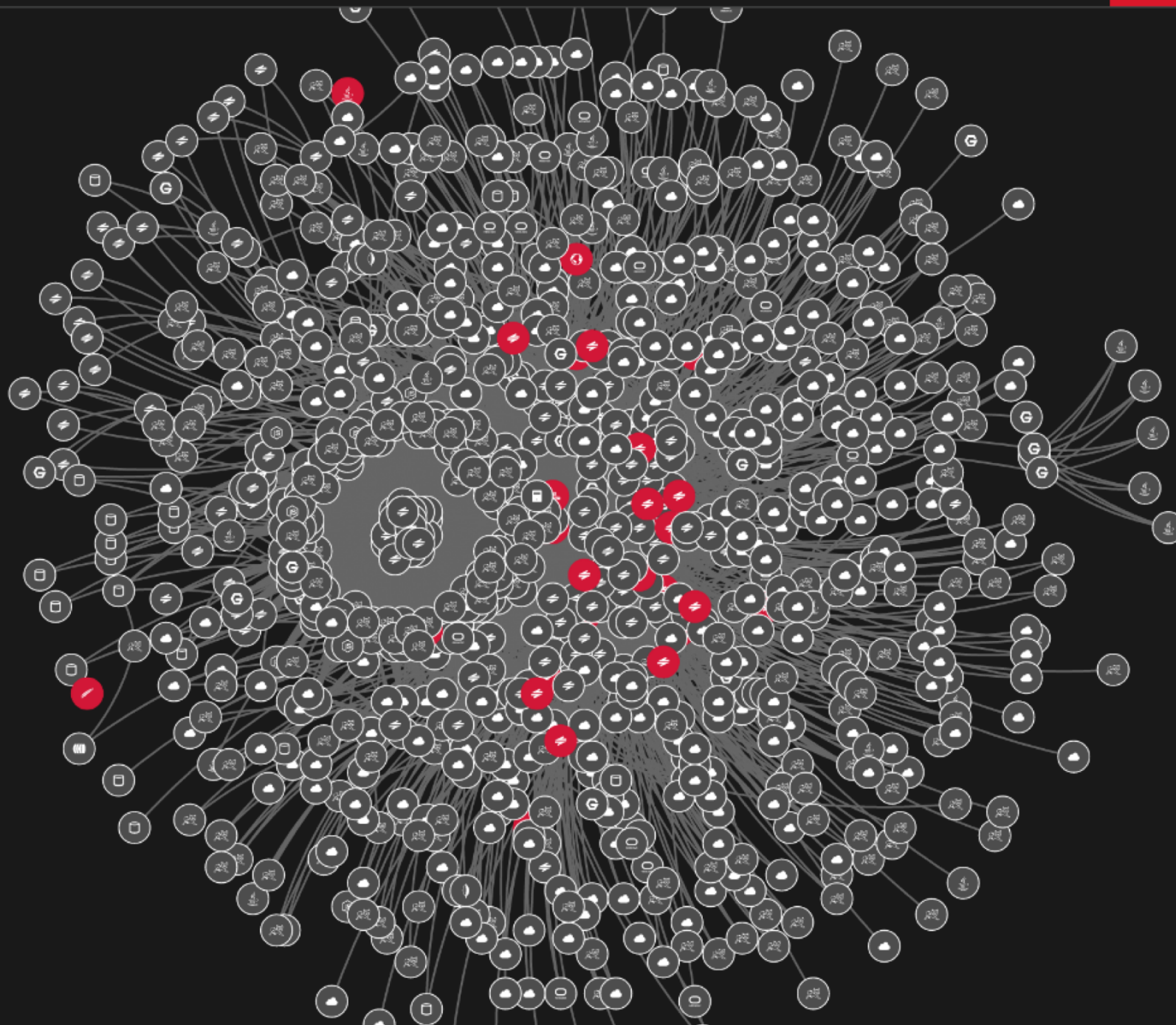
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Hosts

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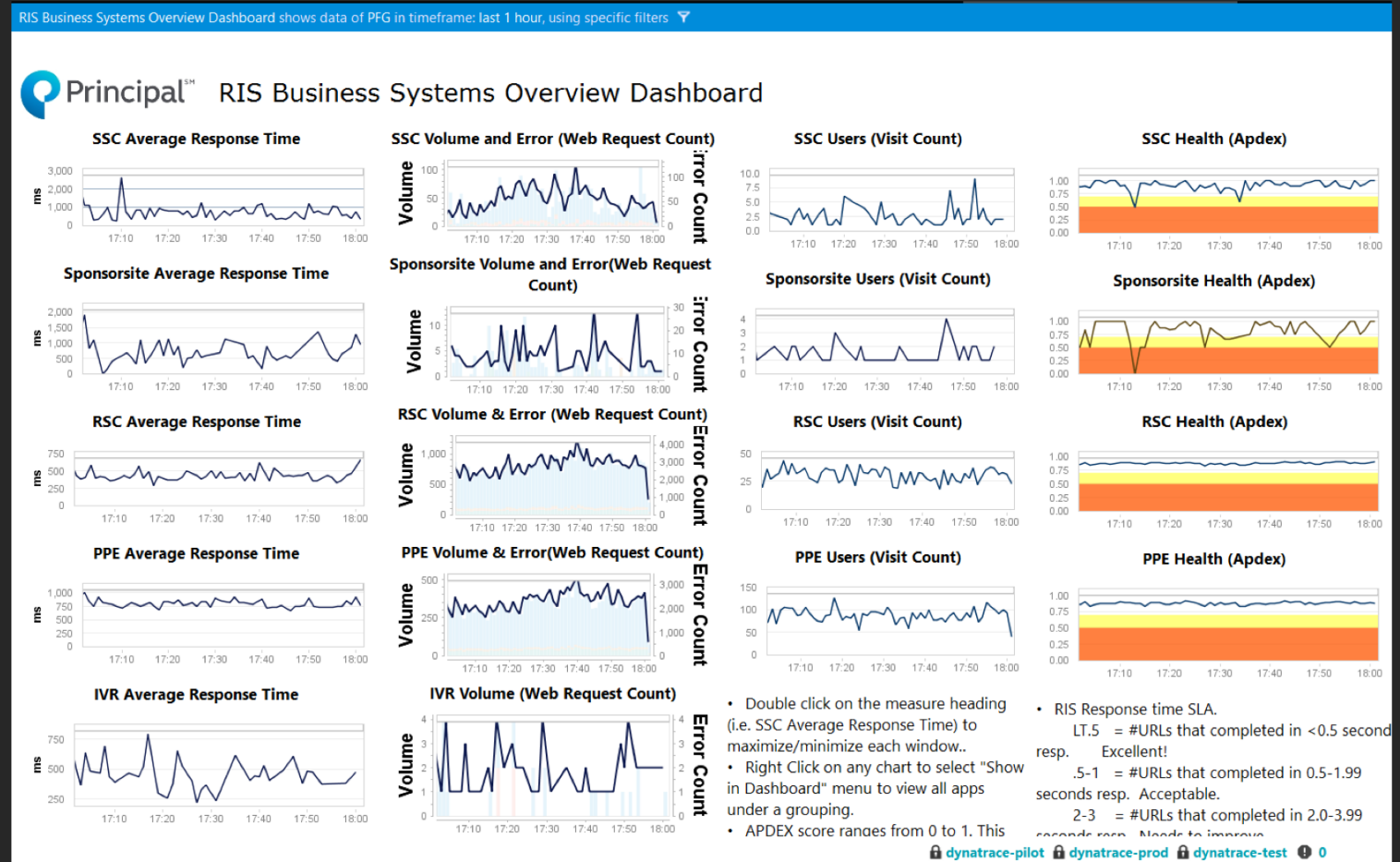
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# Facing New Users

- Continuing to drive APM culture across the organization.
- Performance monitoring/evaluation in CI/CD
- Need for better business level views
- Expanding visibility into the Integrated Operations Center
- Result – Continued expansion of the number of Dynatrace users



# WHERE ARE WE HEADING?



# Before we can get started

- Choosing the right initial applications to start with
- Internal Information Security Assessments
- ■ Working with Dynatrace account contacts to assess licensing for OneAgent



# Plan Moving Forward

- Get comfortable with the environment and the SaaS solution
- Identifying where/when to use Dynatrace vs. AppMon
  - What are the benefits and gaps with each
- Develop the plan to transition existing application from AppMon to Dynatrace
  - Custom measures
  - Dashboards
  - Incidents/Notifications
  - Historical Performance Data
- Providing the training and education for the switch

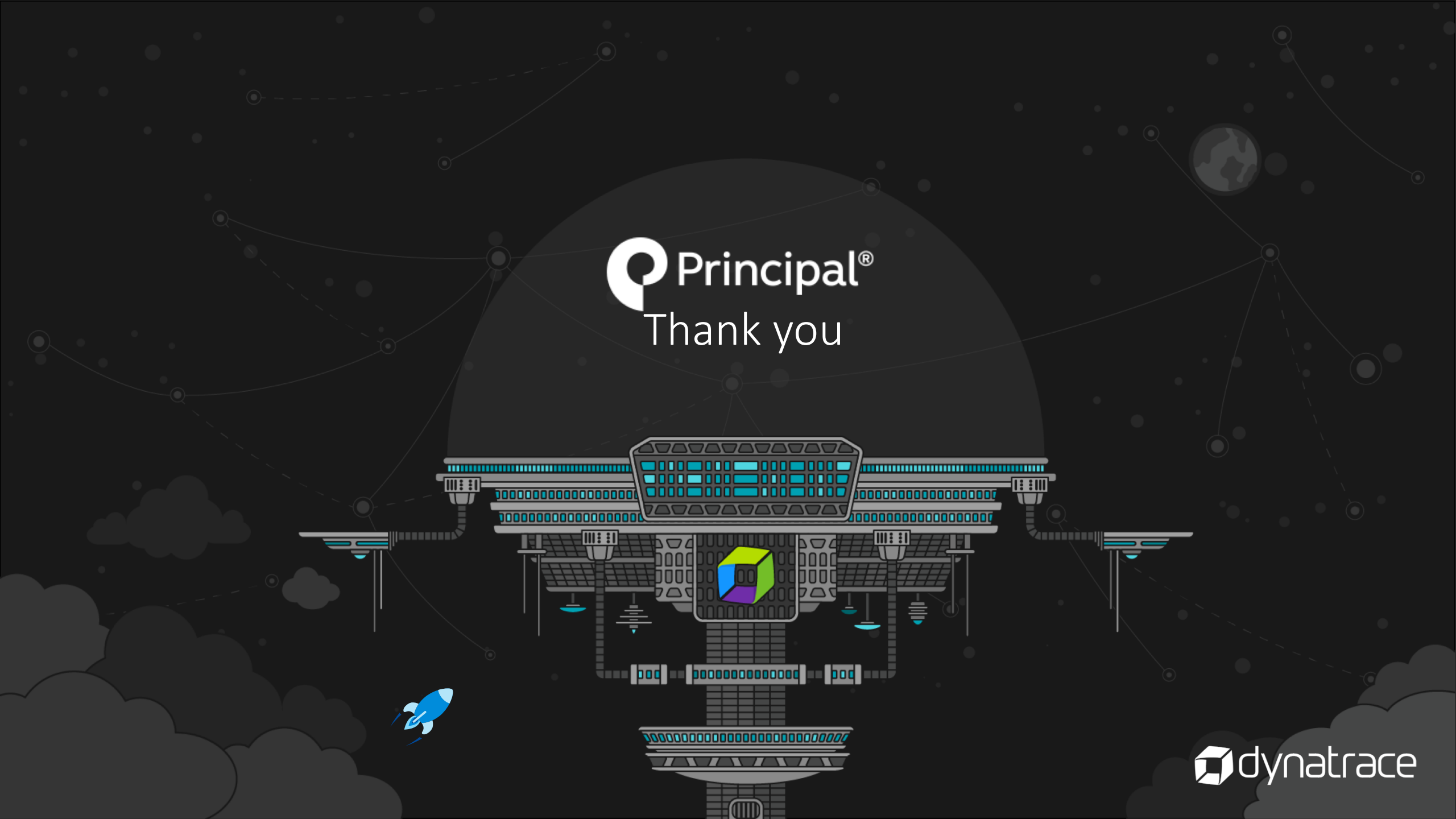







# Why is now the right time?

- In 2016 AppMon gave the deep dive PurePath visibility we needed
  - Many of the features we relied on in AppMon have since been migrated into Dynatrace
- New technologies – rapidly changing environments
- Ease of maintenance
- AI/Machine Learning, Automation, Davis
- Recent announcement of the AppMon → Dynatrace integration



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Thank you